

Selkirk Colonial Society - 2021 Newsletter



Ex RBS Gary Guthrie & Peter Scott

Golden Jubilee Royal Burgh Standard Bearer Peter Scott laid a wreath at the Flodden Memorial in Selkirk. He was accompanied by Ex Standard Bearers Chairman, Gary Guthrie, Ex Standard Bearers Secretary, David Mitchell and Ex Standard Bearers Treasurer, Graham Pittman.

Each Ex-Standard Bearer laid small floral tributes in their own time with their families, and on behalf of association members unable to return home.

(social distancing protocols were followed.)



Selkirk Colonial Society - MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings from Selkirk to our exiles, in "aw the airts." I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

Another year and still no Common Riding, but things are underway and plans in place for 2022.

The Society hadn't had any proper local member's meeting for over 18 months and by the time this newsletter is sent to you all (that's Ya'll for our Texas friends) we will have had two in a month, so you can see that the local members here are enthusiastic about the prospect of a Common Riding in 2022 and are planning to that end.



Let's hope that it happens, and we can all meet in the Flodden Memorial Garden for a group photo on the Wednesday night of Common Riding week and then after the Bussin' Concert, up the stairs for a gid blether wi' auld and new freends.

May/June this year saw all the flag associations invited to participate, along with some of our wonderful musicians, in recording Selkirk Common Riding's Virtual Concert, which was aired on what would have been the Nicht afore the Morn. All association Chairs, Deacons etc were recorded at various locations around Selkirk, for the Colonial Society, this was done at the Flodden 500 Memorial Garden with a lovely back drop of cherry trees in the Parish Church grounds.

Hopefully many of you had the chance to watch this, and in doing so it brought back fond memories of Common Ridings gone by.

The High Street and Market Square are looking great with several new retail shops for you to utilise on your next visit and, for those lovely, long, hot summer days we now have an Ice Cream shop.

Enjoy the newsletter which has been produced by Jane Graham along with pictures from Grant Kinghorn; the Society is extremely grateful to them both for their commitment to ensuring we keep you informed.

I sincerely hope we can keep planning for 2022 and hope to see as many of you as possible in June 2022.

With our very best wishes from Selkirk.

Jim Bunyan, Chairman

Selkirk Colonial Society - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the September 23rd, 2021 Society Annual General meeting Andy Moyes stood down as Secretary and Lindsay Cockburn stood down as Treasurer.

Martin Murray was appointed as Treasurer and Elana Lawrie was appointed as Secretary.

The Society thanks both Andy and Lindsay for their dedicated and continued support.

Selkirk Common Riding Trust - STATEMENT FROM PROVOST KEITH MILLER

Fellow Souters, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls.

As Provost of Selkirk Common Riding Trust it is my pleasant duty to announce that the Selkirk Marches have been successfully reared for this year 2021, and our Burgh Lands have been reported to me as, "Intact and in Good Order."

We appointed two Burleymen to carry out this important duty, and they were our Chief Mounted Stewards, Stuart Coltherd and James Cheyne. They were chosen in recognition of the sterling work they do each year, training the Standard Bearer and Attendants to ride with the flag and also ensuring that the Riding of the Marches takes place in a safe, timely and dignified manner.

James carried with him the riding crop which was presented to Standard Bearer Murray Dickson in 1921. I'm sure this was much appreciated by the Cleghorn family.

We had all hoped for a full Common Riding this year but it was not to be, however, our ancient traditions have once again been upheld and the duties of Selkirk Common Riding Trust discharged for 2021.

Enjoy whatever you do this weekend and SURELY everything will be back to normal next year.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.
"Up Wi' The Souters"

Keith Miller
Provost.



Selkirk Colonial Society – A LOOK BACK OVER THE DECADES

1911

John Johnson, CANADA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Chrissie Williamson.

1921 (no photo)

William Downie, CANADA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Douglas Ballantyne.

1931

George Robertson, KENYA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Margaret Douglas.

1941

WWII

1951

William Douglas, AUSTRALIA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Netty Stark.

1961

Robert Currie, TRINIDAD. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Sybil Currie.

1971

James Turnbull, USA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Alexandra Turnbull.

1981

Lester Sinton, USA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Nancy Sinton.

1991

Rodney Kemp, AUSTRALIA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Heather Kemp.

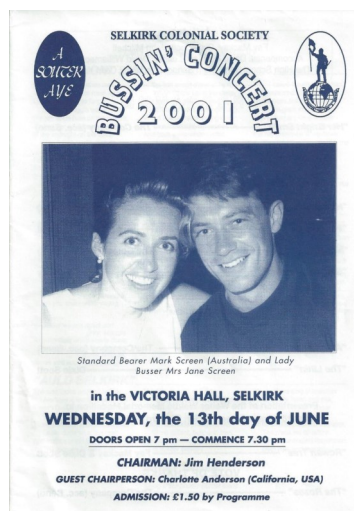
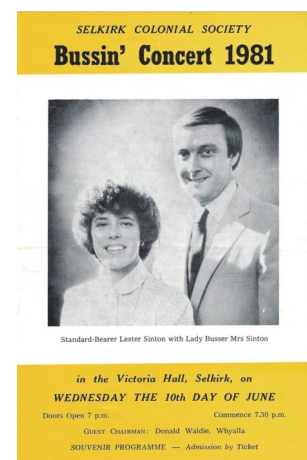
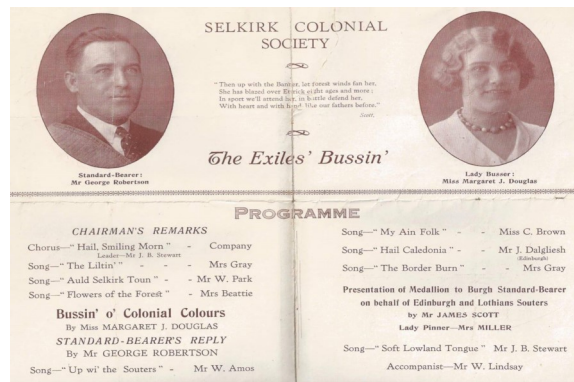
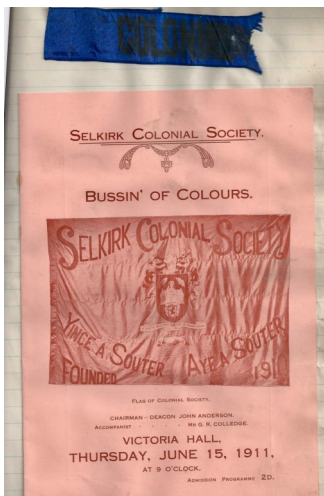
2001

Mark Screen, AUSTRALIA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Jane Screen.

2011

Bobby Murray, AUSTRALIA. His flag was busser by Lady Busser Sarah Murray.

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Selkirk Colonial Society - ANNIVERSARIES

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY
Bussin' Concert 1971



Mr and Mrs James Turnbull from U.S.A.

in the Victoria Hall, Selkirk, on
WEDNESDAY THE 16th DAY OF JUNE

Doors Open 7 p.m. Commence 7.30 p.m.

GUEST CHAIRMAN : Mr D. G. ROBERTSON, Director of Education.

ADMISSION BY TICKET — Programme Gratis

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

A SOUTHERN AVE

BUSSIN' CONCERT 1996




Standard Bearer Bill Rathie and Lady Busser Ibu Yani.

in the VICTORIA HALL, SELKIRK
WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of JUNE

DOORS OPEN 7 pm — COMMENCE 7.30 pm

GUEST CHAIRMAN
Brian Nixon - Madagascar

ADMISSION: £1 by Programme

25th Anniversary

Colonial Standard Bearer Bill Rathie and Lady Busser Ibu Yani, INDONESIA.

50th Anniversary

Colonial Standard Bearer James Turnbull and Lady Busser Alexandra Turnbull, USA.

Selkirk Colonial Society - JAMES TURNBULL, GOLDEN JUBILEE STANDARD BEARER

Selkirk Colonial Society

A short message from
Golden Jubilee Colonial Standard Bearer James Turnbull.

Here are some thoughts on my term as Colonial SB, I would like to begin by mentioning the efforts and the support of Jackie Harper who made all things possible when I was Colonial Standard Bearer.

The two big challenges on my coming home after 16 years away were how I would I look to other Souters, and how would I sound? As I wasn't doing the cowboy hat routine or the big cigar. I figured the beard was acceptable. So the look might be O.K.

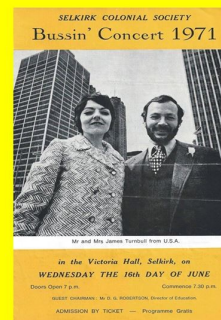
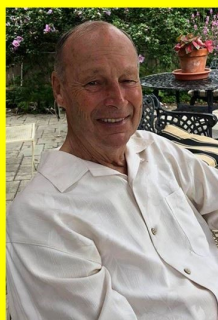
That left the speech. I then spent time with my Roden relatives in Detroit, that would be Wullie and Jean, Phil and Rose.

I told them about the forthcoming honour,
and told them to talk to me only in
the broadest Selkirk accents thy could remember.
They did... and for weeks.

"Our hearts, aye for hame. And nae music sae sweet, as the soft Lowland tongue, o' the Border.: On the day we reached Selkirk, I was talking to a darning I had known in the Cope. After 15 minutes of animated conversation, she said, "Ee ken, Jim. Eeve been goan a' that time, and ee havnae changed a bit."

Success. Bring on the Common Riding

James



Selkirk Colonial Society - MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS

On sending out the link to the Virtual Concert to our exiles I received some messages which I thought I would share. Tonight we would have been enjoying our annual bussin and reception, we can only hope that 2022 allows us to all meet up, for you all to make the long or short pilgrimage back to our Ancient Royal Burgh and celebrate our customs once more, until then please enjoy the many things being shared on social media, stay healthy and safe, Jim Bunyan, Society Chairman

Thank You Jim looking forward to it. Best wishes to all in Selkirk. Following on Facebook and Youtube. Love tae the family, had a blether wi your mum last week.
Yours Aye, Jessie Imrie.NZ.

Thanks, Jim. Appreciate the info and looking forward to it. Mind you I would rather be over there 😊.

Very best regards,
John Graham

Sending our greetings to all our friends in Selkirk on this week of virtual Common Riding. Wishing all the best to everyone!

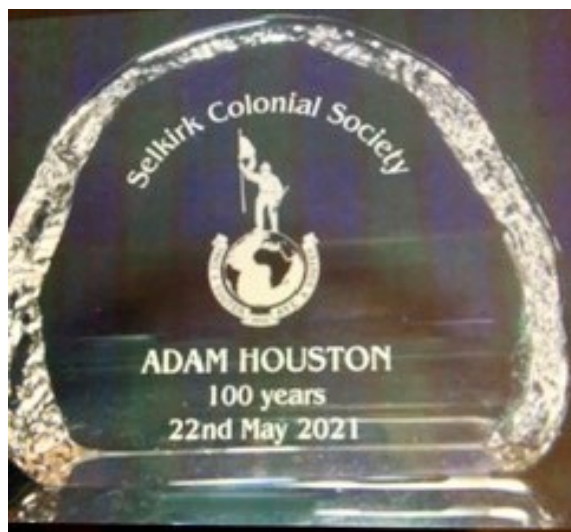
Yours aye,
Gwen and Jack Hunnicutt
Georgetown, Texas, USA

Hi Jim, thanks for your note, let's hope! Been marvellous having the ability to be enjoying and remembering the CR via technology!!!
Until the next time -?
Trust everything is fine in the auld toon.
Cheers, Donald W, SA

Morning Jim,
Will be tuned in.
Fingers crossed for next year
Stay safe
David Hislop, France



Selkirk Colonial Society - MR. ADAM HOUSTON



Our dear friend and dedicated supporter of the Colonial Society Mr. Adam Houston celebrated his 100th birthday in May.

Adam was also finally presented with his medals for service in WWII as a signalman with the Royal Corps of Signals 80th Anti Tank unit. Adam was sent to the Far East for the Malaya campaign and was taken prisoner after the fall of Singapore to Japan. From there he was sent to Taiwan where he worked as a slave in a Copper Mine. Post war he worked at a few jobs in Scotland before emigrating to Canada in November 1956. In Canada he joined the Postal Service where he worked until his retirement in 1981.

Adam is a keen Common Riding enthusiast and is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Selkirk Colonial Society. To mark his 100th Birthday the Society presented Adam with an engraved crystal.



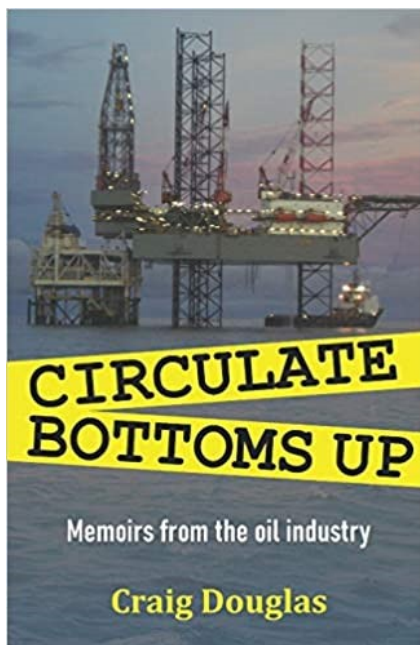
Selkirk Colonial Society – CSB 1997 MARCUS WALDIE



1997 Colonial Standard Bearer Marcus Waldie raised spirits in his community by piping from his St. Kilda rooftop.



Selkirk Colonial Society - CSB 1999 CRAIG DOUGLAS



1999 Colonial Standard Bearer Craig Douglas took time during the pandemic to pen his story as an oil industry safety expert writing, Circulate - Bottoms Up.

Selkirk Colonial Society - 2021 REUNIONS



Colonial Lady Busser Dorothy Bjorklund (1960) reunited with her cousin George Thomson in Selkirk.



Colonial Standard Bearers Gerald Beggs (1973 & 2006), John Graham (2010), Lady Busser Heather Beggs (2006) and Jane Graham reunited in Selkirk.

Selkirk Flute Band - APPRECIATION OF SERVICE



90 years service to Selkirk Flute Band rewarded.

Douglas Squance made presentations to his wife Moira for 50 years in Selkirk Flute Band and to his son, Ex Royal Burgh Standard Bearer Steven Squance for 40 years in the Band.

A great service to the band and a fantastic achievement; well done to you both.

Royal British Legion 100th Anniversary - WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Mr. Bill Ainslie laid a wreath at the Selkirk War Memorial at 11:00 am on June 18, 2021 to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion.



Selkirk Flodden 500 Association - WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



Mr. Jake Wheelans laid a wreath at the Selkirk Flodden Garden on September 9, 2021 marking the 508th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden.

The Flodden Garden is maintained by the Selkirk Flodden 500 Association. The garden is located on the grounds of the Victoria Hall.

Coldstream Flodden 1513 Club - FLODDEN FIELD COMMEMORATIONS

Golden Jubilee Ex-RBS Peter Scott laid a wreath on behalf of Selkirk at the Coldstream Flodden 1513 Club commemoration ceremony on September 9, 2021. The ceremony marked the 508th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden.

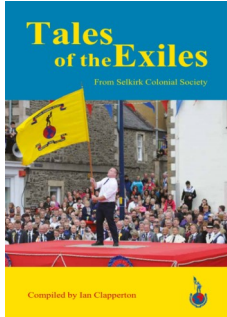


Selkirk Colonial Society - CONGRATULATIONS TO SELKIRK INCORPORATION OF HAMMERMAN

The Colonial Society congratulates the Incorporation of Hammerman on the grand opening of the Hammerman Hall on August 14, 2021. The Hammerman Hall was officially opened by Life Member, Mr. Campbell Bunyan and, Mrs. Esther Newlands. Colonial Society Chairman Jim Bunyan was the piper at the event.

Selkirk Colonial Society - SCENES FROM SELKIRK

Selkirk Colonial Society - CD & BOOK SALES



You can still listen to the music and songs of the Common Riding by buying the Colonial Society CD with 27 recordings covering the “Nicht Afore the Morn” through to the “Liltin” at the casting. The songs are from weel kent local artistes and the music from the Selkirk Flute, Pipe and Silver Bands. The CD price is £9.00.

Why not combine the music with our own book, Tales of the Exiles, telling the story of our Society from it's inception to the present. As well as our history, the book contains many tales of Souter's who have made new lives overseas, some written by Selkirk High School pupils. The book price is £6.50.



If you buy both together, the sale price will be £14.00. The proceeds enable the Society to continue to support local good causes.

Anyone interested in making a purchase should message the Society to arrange payment and delivery/post. Local deliveries will be made by the Society, free of charge.

Selkirk Colonial Society - THANKS

The Society would like acknowledge and thank Grant Kinghorn for providing the photos for our newsletter.

www.grantkinghornpics.co.uk



Selkirk Colonial Society - FACEBOOK



The Society Facebook page continues to be popular with 500+- members and guests following our page around the world; keeping up to date on Society business and of course the main event, the Common Riding. If you would like to submit photos or an article to the Facebook page please email vjanegraham@hotmail.com or contact Jane Graham via Facebook messenger.

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