

Selkirk Colonial Society - 2022 Newsletter



“Souters aye return to Selkirk when the roses bloom again.”



Selkirk Colonial Society - MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Finally...it happened!

Selkirk Common Riding was given the green-light. It would turn out to be one that was anything but business as usual, my 3rd year as Chairman but only my first Common Riding and, with a few 'curve-balls' thrown in, our Society did good!

After a long wait David Hislop was appointed Selkirk Colonial Society Standard Bearer for 2022. David and Kay arrived with lots of time to spare, and were able to be at many functions ahead of the big week. David was also able to attend most of the casting practices plus a few extra one-on-ones thrown in for good measure, they would prove to be invaluable on the day.

Our Standard Bearer and Lady Busser represented the Society with great pride, and have made lifelong friends, as well as rekindling old friendships. They both struggled with our multi-seasons-in-one-day, Scottish climate, and poor Kay, much to David's delight, looked at one point like being voiceless, but she rallied, and both carried out their duties impeccably.

Covid still played its hand in proceedings as our Provost succumbed to it early in Common Riding week, and members of the Trust were "parachuted" in at the last minute to enable events to go ahead. Our Trust Representative and Junior Baillie, Andy Moyes replaced the Provost at our Bussin Concert.

We also had to put together a brand-new team to provide entertainment, sadly some of the old stalwarts had either passed on, or had decided to call it a day, after dedicating a lifetime of support to various Association events. Thankfully, Ex Langholm Cornet Henry Jeffrey became our Accompanist with Flag Applicant, Thomas Wilmott joining him to sing, supported by Ian Wilson, and St Joseph's Community School Choir, they gave it their all.

Silver Jubilee Colonial Standard Bearer Marcus Waldie assumed the role of Guest Chair, and was joined by a bumper crowd of returning exiles who all enjoyed a great evening.

Our Foy, as well as other Common Riding functions saw an onslaught of Covid cases around town; but thankfully we all managed to get through it unsullied and untarnished!

As the world continues to become a smaller place thanks to improving digital communication, we continue to see interest from overseas and locals alike via different social media platforms, some easy and some not so, however, we do have some subject matter experts within our Society that are working away even from 'a the airts' these days to help improve things.

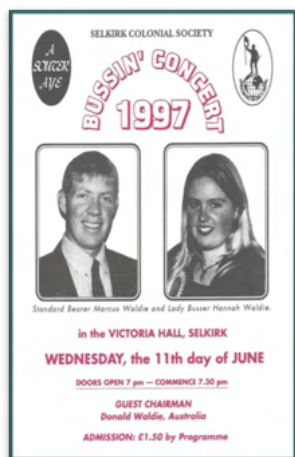
I'd like to thank you all for your continued support, we are simply the custodians of our Society for the future and must continue to pull together to push things forward and work as a team.

Best wishes to you all and please keep in touch via email/Facebook.

Jim Bunyan, Chairman.



Selkirk Colonial Society - ANNIVERSARIES



25th Anniversary

Colonial Standard Bearer Marcus Waldie,
and Lady Busser Hannah Waldie, AUSTRALIA



50th Anniversary

Colonial Standard Bearer Ron Rutherford,
and Lady Busser Julie Heath, NEW ZEALAND.

Selkirk Colonial Society - CONDOLENCES

It is with much sadness that the Society shares the passing of the following members.

Local Society member Janice Hogg. Janice spent several years living in Greece before finally returning to live in her beloved Selkirk.

Danica Lamza, USA. Danica was the 2005 Lady Busser, bussing her husband Robert's flag.

Adam Houston, Canada. Adam's good friend Gerald Beggs shared with us that, "Adam quietly supported the Colonial Society for many years, giving annual donations, producing the Common Riding Song CD's, as well as donating the Centenary 1910-2010 pin badges for the Society to sell." "He was indeed a warm and wonderful man."

Our thoughts are with the families.



Selkirk Colonial Society - COLONIAL STANDARD BEARER DAVID HISLOP

I was invited to put some of my experiences of my time as Colonial Standard Bearer for 2022 in writing. A picture says a thousand words... so instead of two pages of script I have decided to cover this by showing some photos of my time in "office."



"The full "Team" after Thornfield Casting Practice."



"Our son Jordan doing his bit carrying the flag up from the Toll"



"The walk into the Market Place before the Casting."

Selkirk Colonial Society - COLONIAL STANDARD BEARER DAVID HISLOP



"The Cast."

I can only echo what my predecessors have said about their experiences and reiterate that it was one of the most memorable experiences of my life, and the memories will last a lifetime.

In total, Kay and I were in Selkirk for 4 weeks. Our original plan was to do some touring in between the dates of the various events and functions but we soon realized that we wanted to spend every minute in Selkirk entering into the full spirit of the Common Riding with little or no distraction, and enjoyed every moment.

What was particularly memorable was that whenever we were "doon the toon" many people stopped and talked to us. We were able to meet with many of my old school friends from Philphaugh, and the High School to reminisce about the old days.

My parents were "weel kent" in Selkirk and a number of their old friends made a point of supporting us at the casting practices and dinners.

All of this made the Common Riding a wholly unforgettable experience for us.

David and Kay Hislop, CSB & LB 2022



"2022 Standard Bearers and Lady Bussers at the Ball."

Photo by Stephen Shafto Photography.

Selkirk Colonial Society - 2022 BUSSIN OF THE COLOURS



Colonial Standard Bearer David Hislop, Lady Busser Kay Hislop, and Chairman Jim Bunyan performing the Bussin of the Colours for 2022.



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2022 Colonial Standard Bearer and Lady Busser David and Kay Hislop, France.



Selkirk Colonial Society - BUSSIN CONCERT ARTISTES



Edinburgh & Lothian Souters - MEDALLION PRESENTATION



Edinburgh & Lothian Souters Society representatives Ms. May Stark, and Mr. Steven Squance attended the 2022 Colonial Bussin Concert.

As is tradition, each year the Society presents the Royal Burgh Standard Bearer with the Edinburgh Souters medallion.

Royal Burgh Standard Bearer Adam Nichol received his medallion from Ms. May Stark.

Selkirk Colonial Society - OVERSEAS RECEPTION



Selkirk Colonial Society - WALTER WALDIE MEMORIAL MEDALLION



On behalf of the Waldie family, Ms. Hannah Waldie, Lady Busser 1997 presented CSB David Hislop with the Walter Waldie Memorial medallion.

The Waldie Family in fine tune at the Overseas Reception.

Selkirk Colonial Society - MR. JAMES TURNBULL, 50TH ANNIVERSARY



The Society was very pleased to have Mr. James Turnbull, Colonial Standard Bearer 1971 in attendance at the Bussin Concert and Reception. James travelled from the USA with a large contingent of his family.

2022 Colonial Standard Bearer David Hislop presented James with a memento on behalf of the Society recognizing his 50th Anniversary (1971), albeit one year late as a result of the pandemic.

Congratulations to a truly lovely gentleman.



Selkirk Colonial Society – OVERSEAS RECEPTION



2022 Standard Bearers in fine tune!



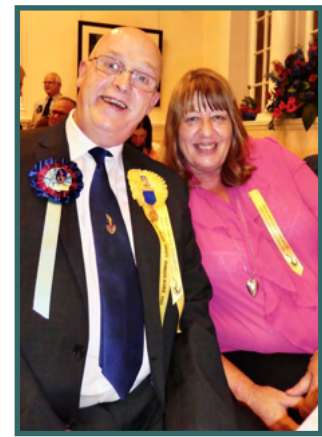
A full house in attendance!



Local Colonial Society members
Peter and Anne Henderson.



Colonial SB & Lady Busser 2010
John Graham and Eva Michael.



Colonial SB 2003 Lindsay Cockburn
and Pamela Rayner.



Best Friends, and
Colonial Standard
Bearers, Lindsay
Cockburn, 2003 &
John Graham, 2010.



Lady Busser 2006 Heather Beggs, and
Colonial Society Secretary Elana Lawrie.

Selkirk Colonial Society - COMMON RIDING DAY



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Selkirk Colonial Society Foy - "HANDS ACROSS THE SEA"



Colonial Standard Bearers

Martin Murray Qatar 2017, Alisdair Piercy Canada 2018, Lindsay Cockburn Holland 2003,
Gerald Beggs Canada 1973 & 2006, David Hislop France 2022, Donald Waldie Australia 1976,
Marcus Waldie Australia 1997, John Graham Canada 2010, Jim Bunyan USA 2007, Bobby Murray Australia 2011.



Returning exiles, Society members, friends and family enjoyed a great afternoon at the Colonial Foy; a visit from Royal Burgh Standard Bearer Adam Nichol and his Attendants along with some excellent community singing highlighted the afternoon!

Selkirk Colonial Society Foy - "HANDS ACROSS THE SEA"



Selkirk Colonial Society – A LOOK BACK OVER THE DECADES

1912

James Hislop, CANADA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Miss. Hislop.

1922

William Palmer, CANADA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Isa Weir.

1932

Tom C. Scott, SOUTH AFRICA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Cissie Linton.

1942 WWII

1952

R. E. Waugh, NEW ZEALAND. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser M. Galbraith.

1962

Andrew Sinton, USA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Cathie Sinton.

1972

Ron Rutherford, NEW ZEALAND. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Julie Heath.

1982

Drew Imrie, NEW ZEALAND. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Sandra Currie.

1992

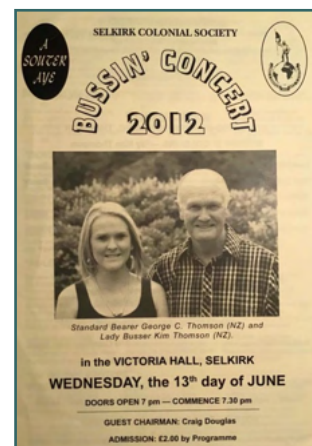
Trevor Walters, AUSTRALIA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Andree Walters.

2002

Keith Williamson, USA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Angela Williamson.

2012

George Thomson, NEW ZEALAND. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Kim Thomson.



In Memoriam - HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Selkirk Colonial Society members around the globe shared in the sorrow of the nation following the announcement from Buckingham Palace on September 8.

Her selfless and immense contribution to public life will live long in memory.



Selkirk Ex Standard Bearers Association Chairman Scott Tomlinson laid a wreath on the Flodden Memorial in tribute to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II which was followed by members of the Association placing individual tributes.

Selkirk Flodden 500 Association - WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



Flodden 500 Chairman Jake Wheelans laid a wreath in the Flodden garden on the eve of the 509th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden.

Selkirk Ex Standard Bearers - CHARITY RIDE-OUT



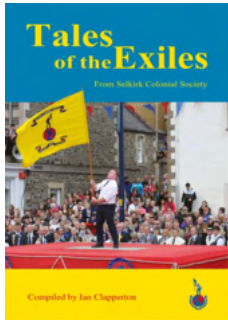
The Ex Standard Bearers Charity Rideout was held in September, in memory of Ex Standard Bearer Ross Thomson, and in aid of the BGH ICU Unit.

Selkirk Merchant Company - JAMES OLIVER MEMORIAL AWARD



Sheila Lockie was presented with the James Oliver Memorial Award for 2022 by Selkirk Merchant Company Master Viv Ross at their Annual Winter Function on Friday, November 11.

Selkirk Colonial Society - CD & BOOK SALES



You can still enjoy the music of the Common Riding by purchasing 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 with music from the Selkirk Flute, Pipe and Silver Bands.

Why not combine the music with our own book, Tales of the Exiles, which tells the story of our Society from it's inception to the present.

The CD is now £7.50 and the Tales of the Exiles book is £6.00 or you can purchase both locally for £13.00 from, The Book Store, Selkirk Post Office, Scott's Selkirk, Peony Rose Coffee Shop, and Colin Turnbull's.

Mail orders can be arranged for £15.00 by emailing selkirkcolonialsecretary@gmail.com

CD and Book sale proceeds enable the Society to continue their support of local good causes.



Selkirk Colonial Society - THANKS

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

www.grantkinghornpics.co.uk



Selkirk Colonial Society - FACEBOOK



The Society Facebook page continues to be popular with 600+- 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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