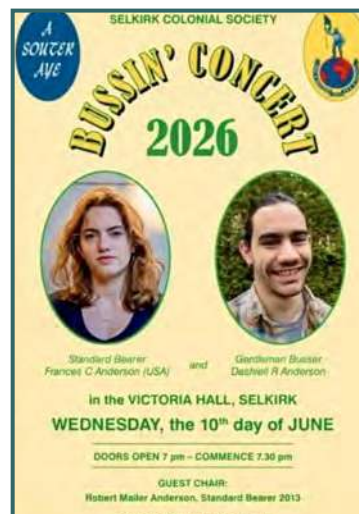


Selkirk Colonial Society - 2026 Newsletter



"Souters aye return to Selkirk when the roses bloom again."



Selkirk Colonial Society - MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As they say in the movies – “that’s a wrap”, and Common Riding 2026 has been and gone. And for the Society, it was certainly one to remember. Our first lady Standard Bearer, excellent weather, great attendances at all of our functions, our own commemorative gin, and overall, a highly successful year.

Once again, I am delighted to send greetings from Selkirk to all our exiles, in “a’ the airts”, and I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

Over the last year the Society was saddened to learn of the loss of Brian Pellow, an exile, living in Australia. Brian was a staunch supporter of the Society and returned many times to meet up with friends at the Common Riding.

Turning to this year’s Common Riding, our Standard Bearer was Frances Anderson, great-great grand-daughter of Robert Anderson (Honolulu Bob) and daughter of Robert Mailer Anderson, Standard Bearers from 1913 and 2013 respectively. A mere 45 years after the Society decreed that there was no bar to a lady Standard Bearer, Frances became the first, and didn’t she do well? She owned the casting and did herself proud. Brother Dashiell in turn became our first Gentleman Busser and he thrived in his role providing great support to Frances. And naturally, the Americans came to cheer on Frances. Dad Robert, Mum Nicola, sister Lucinda, along with many others. The weather was perfect and the Society members and exiles joined Frances as she carried the Flag on Friday 12th June.

Our Common Riding events were successful and very well attended. The Concert was chaired by Robert Anderson, CSB 2013 and father of Frances. The Reception, upstairs, was once again, a full house, and members and exiles enjoyed an excellent night, with plenty of chat between old and new friends. After the formalities on Friday the Society retired to the Victoria Hall for their Foy, and a grand time was had by all. We even served cocktails courtesy of the Anderson family. A few sore heads on the Saturday, I suspect. And that was it for another year. As a Society we are overwhelmed to welcome each year so many exiles, visitors and friends to our various events.

Financially, we are able to report that all our events “washed their face” and we made a good profit over the Common Riding despite ever-increasing costs. Fortunately, with large attendances, donations for the cost of flowers, top table drinks, printing, etc, and some cash donations from members and exiles, we are financially secure. The sales of books, badges and CDs always add to our funds. This year our Treasurer, Catriona, introduced Common Riding armbands and these sold in large numbers via a local shop, Farmers market and the Concert. The local gin distillers introduced a Colonial Society commemorative gin, with each sale generating a contribution to the Society. Sales were above expectation and the producer is happy to handle overseas orders.

It would be remiss of me not to mention our two anniversary Standard Bearers. In 1976 (50 years ago) Donald Waldie was our main man along with Sally Waldie as Lady Busser. And celebrating 60 years, Lewis Brydon was our CSB with Anita Hogarth (Craig) as his Lady Busser. Presentations were made at the Reception to celebrate their anniversaries.

We continue to make financial donations to local organisations and our social evening in the Autumn has been so successful that it has now turned into an annual event. This year we return to Tibbies for gin tasting and food.

And finally, looking to 2027, we have already chosen the Standard Bearer and although at this time the name is not being announced, I can confirm that it will be Australia to the fore. I hope to welcome many of you to Selkirk next year to support the Standard Bearer and meet with family and friends.

With my very best wishes from Selkirk.

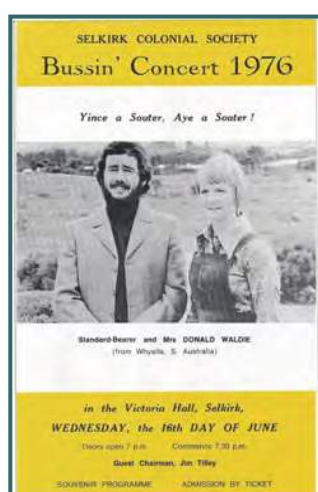
Ian Clapperton, Chairman

Selkirk Colonial Society - ANNIVERSARIES



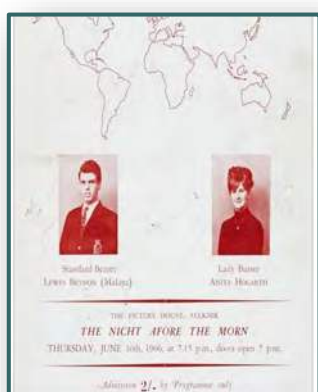
25th Anniversary

Colonial Standard Bearer Mark Screen
and Lady Busser Jane Screen, AUSTRALIA



50th Anniversary

Colonial Standard Bearer Donald Waldie and
Lady Busser Sally Waldie, AUSTRALIA.



60th Anniversary

Colonial Standard Bearer Lewis Brydon and
Lady Busser Anita Hogarth (Craig), MALAYSIA.

Selkirk Colonial Society - 2026 BUSSIN OF THE COLOURS



Colonial Standard Bearer Frances Anderson, Gentleman Busser Dashiell Anderson and Chairman Ian Clapperton perform the Bussin' of the Colours for 2026.



Edinburgh & Lothian Souters - MEDALLION PRESENTATION



Each year the Edinburgh & Lothian Souters Society presents the Royal Burgh Standard Bearer with the Edinburgh Souters medallion. Dave Young and Susan Robertson represented the Society at this years Bussin Concert. Royal Burgh Standard Bearer Sam Coltherd received his medallion from Susan Robertson.

Edinburgh & Lothian Souters - GROUP PHOTOGRAPH



It was a pleasure to have members of the Edinburgh & Lothian Souters Society in attendance at the 2026 Colonial Bussin Concert.

Selkirk Colonial Society – OVERSEAS RECEPTION



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Selkirk Colonial Society - GENTLEMAN BUSSER MEDALLION



Ms. Catriona Heatlie, Colonial Society Treasurer, presented Gentleman Busser Dashiell Anderson with his Gentleman Busser Medallion.

Selkirk Colonial Society - WALTER WALDIE MEMORIAL MEDALLION



Ms. Poppy Waldie presented CSB 2026 Frances Anderson with the Walter Waldie Memorial medallion.

Selkirk Colonial Society - COMMON RIDING MORNING



Selkirk Colonial Society - CASTING



Colonial Standard Bearer Frances Anderson proudly casts the golden banner
on Common Riding morning



Selkirk Colonial Society Foy - "HANDS ACROSS THE SEA"



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Selkirk Colonial Society—MR. DONALD WALDIE, 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Society was delighted to honour 1976 Colonial Standard Bearer Mr. Donald Waldie on his 50th Anniversary as Colonial Standard Bearer.

The 1976 Bussin Concert was held in the Victoria Hall on June 16th, and the Chairman was Jim Tilley.

Donald returned to Selkirk along with his wife Sally, as his Lady Bussier from Whyalla, S. Australia, to represent the Society, and cast the flag.

Although Donald was unable to travel from Adelaide to join us for this year's gathering, we were pleased that his son Marcus was, and he accepted a commemorative plaque on his father's behalf, which was presented by Faulkner and Jean Grieve. The plaque has now made its journey home to Adelaide, where it has been proudly presented to Donald.

Donald's contribution to the Society is reflected, not only in his year as Colonial Standard Bearer, but also through the Walter Waldie Memorial medallion, a cherished tradition presented annually to each Colonial Standard Bearer.

Congratulations Donald and Sally on your Golden Anniversary and thank you for your lasting contribution to the Society. It continues to be deeply appreciated.



Selkirk Colonial Society – A LOOK BACK OVER THE DECADES

1926

George Muir, MALAYSIA. The flag was bussed by Mrs. G. Muir. (no programme photo)

1936

William Lamb, CANADA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Mrs. W. Lamb.

1946

T. Baptie, SOUTH AFRICA. The flag was bussed by Miss Jeta Lawson.

1956

John O. Currie, NEW ZEALAND. The flag was bussed by Mrs. M. Lockie.

1966

Lewis Brydon, MALAYSIA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Miss Anita Hogarth. (Craig)

1976

Donald Waldie, AUSTRALIA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Mrs. Sally Waldie.

1986

Tom Purves, CANADA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Mrs. Donna Purves.

1996

Bill Rathie, INDONESIA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Ibu Yani.

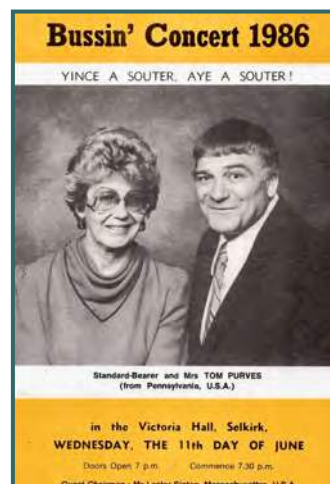
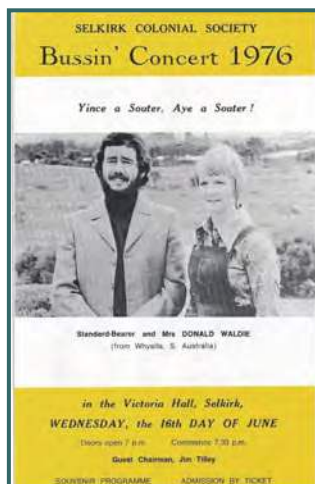
2006

Gerald Beggs, CANADA. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Heather Henderson. (Beggs)

2016

Ernie Lamza, MONACO. The flag was bussed by Lady Busser Helen Lamza.

Selkirk Colonial Society - A LOOK BACK OVER THE DECADES



Selkirk Colonial Society - Local Members Evening Out

Local members enjoyed an evening out at Tibbies on September 24th. A good time was had by all.



Selkirk Colonial Society - Frances Anderson REFLECTIONS

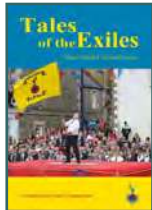
My experience as the 2026 Colonial Standard Bearer is not something I will forget. I had an amazing time, and everyone was so kind and welcoming. I am very proud that I got to follow in the footsteps of my Dad and my great-great Grandfather. It meant a lot to me to get to be the first female Colonial Standard Bearer, and I hope I set a good example and encouraged future women to apply. I would like to thank Ian for organizing everything and making sure everything ran smoothly and I can't wait to come back to the Common Riding!

Selkirk Colonial Society - MERCHANDISE



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. CD stock is very low, and as such remaining CD’S are on sale for £2.50 while stock lasts.

Our second edition Society book “More Tales of the Exiles” is available for £7.50



The Colonial Society gin is available for purchase at Selkirk Distillers.

***Merchandise is available for purchase @ Scott's Selkirk,
Peony Rose Café, The General Store, and Selkirk Distillers while quantities last.***

Selkirk Colonial Society - THANKS

The Society would like to 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 via Messenger.

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