



## A New Year and A New Committee

Welcome to the first Saltire for 2021. Last year was a year that most of us want to forget and never see the likes of again. Despite the unpredictability of the first six months, we managed to finish the year on a high with both the St Andrew's Day Ball and the Burns Supper, enjoyed by a sizable number, and a Whisky Tasting Night between both events.

In February 2021 we said 'mar sin leat' or 'goodbye' to the 2020 committee and 'Fáilte' to the 2021 committee at our Annual General Meeting held in the Irish Club, Subiaco.

Douglas (chieftain), Margaret (secretary), Jenny (committee) and Sheona (committee) all decided not to seek re-election and stood down. The Society members and friends would like to thank them all for the work they put into the committee that made 2020 an enjoyable year for our members. Their efforts were appreciated by all.



The outgoing 2020 committee

The election of the 2021 committee was a less tense affair than last year. Most positions were filled through nominations received by the secretary well in advance of the AGM, thanks to the hard work of the outgoing committee who canvassed for committee members for over three months. Only one position on the committee needed to be discharged on the night.



The incoming 2021 committee

The new committee for 2021 is:

- Chieftain: Reggie McNeill
- Vice Chieftain: Mark Wimshurst
- Secretary: Ann Kennish
- Treasurer: Eoin Kennedy
- Immediate Past Chieftain: Douglas Melville
- Committee member: Tom McAlister
- Committee member: Darian Ferguson
- Committee member: Kelly Brown
- Committee member: Alka Jain
- Committee member: Jacqui Ure
- Committee member: Christopher Heaven

After a few years away from the committee we welcome back Ann, Darian and Jacqui and give a warm welcome to our new committee members Kelly, Alka and Christopher.

We would like to thank the Irish Club for the use of their facilities on the night. Food and drink were enjoyed by many members who attended the AGM. Since connecting with the Irish Club last year, we have been warmly welcomed by both their committee and members who have supported us in every way possible. We will be working with the Irish Club again this year to extend the relationship and to identify opportunities we can offer our members.

# Congratulations to Cameron

## Award of Honorary Life Membership



Cameron with Ken and Douglas - two of the Chieftains he served under

At the end of the AGM Douglas announced that, on the recommendations of the 2020 committee, Cameron Dickson was to be recognised with honorary life membership of the St Andrew Society. Douglas presented Cameron with an engraved quach, or friendship cup, (complete with a wee dram) saying that it was his great privilege to make this award and noting that Cameron had contributed as an enthusiastic member of the Committee over many years, and has brought joy, humour, and fun to the Society. Past Chieftain Ken Suttie shared memories of his time on the Committee with Cameron and thanked him for everything he has done for the Society. Cameron served as secretary, treasurer, and committee member under Ken and as a committee member under Douglas.

## Membership

### Renewal of Membership Reminder

A timely reminder that this is the most beneficial time of the year to renew your membership or become a member of the Society for the first time. Membership is a yearly subscription which runs from AGM to AGM and is only \$30. You will get discount if you attend any of the three main functions throughout the year and end up 'in pocket' by the time the next AGM comes around To renew your membership click [here](#) and for new membership click [here](#).

## Events

### 2021 – 2022 Calendar year

The new committee are already planning our events for the next 12 months and the first event will be the Chieftain's Ceilidh. Details will be posted on our website, Facebook and via Mailchimp very soon.

Together with the main events we will be discussing at committee other events we could organise for our members plus friends, who may not be members but, do enjoy a night out doing something different. With overseas travel not looking likely until the latter part of this year or maybe next year, we have an opportunity to do something extra.

So far, the following events and dates have been confirmed

Chieftain's Ceilidh Dance Practice: 27<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May. Both at the Irish Club at 7.30pm. See website

**Chieftain' Ceilidh:** 8<sup>th</sup> May. Yokine Bowling Club at 6.30pm. See website for details

St Andrew Day Ball Dance Practice: These will be in the Irish Club. See website for dates and time

**St Andrew Day Ball:** 27<sup>th</sup> November. Pan Pacific Hotel. See website for details

Burns Supper Dance Practice: 11<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> January. Both at the Irish Club at 7.30pm.

**Burns Supper:** 25<sup>th</sup> January. Pan Pacific Hotel. See website for details.

One of our commitments this year will be to work with the Irish Club to see what other opportunities there may be to encourage members and friends to come along, have a meal, have a drink, and just socialise – maybe listening to some music. For those that want to dance or maybe learn new dances, we do have use of the dance floor every Tuesday night should we need it. Will keep you posted.

## Scottish Stramash Perth

It is worth mentioning an article Richard included in the Spring 2020 edition of The Saltire regarding Scottish Stramash Perth. You do not have to play a musical instrument to go along to their events. A few of us went to the Seasonal Brewing Company in Maylands at the end of December for a Hogmanay night and again at the end of January for a Burns celebration. They played several Scottish and Irish reels and jigs which we were able to dance to. We enjoyed dancing the likes of the Dashing White Sergeant, the Eightsome Reel and the Canadian Barn Dance. They very much appreciated audience participation which adds a bit of fun to the night. They usually play from 7.00pm until 9.00pm and you can go early, have a meal, and enjoy the night.

They play at the Seasonal Brewing Club on the last Wednesday of every month and at the Irish Club on either the second or third Thursday of the month. Worth going along to listen and maybe have a jig or reel.

If you want more information see

Facebook: Scottish Stramash

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## House of Tartan



The House of Tartan which started business in Perth back in 1995 has been under the proud ownership of Heather and Jim Anderson since 2007. Heather and Jim sold the business in late 2019 to Greg and Jennifer McAdam who have over 20 years' experience in supplying kilts and accessories.

The society have always had a connection with the House of Tartan through Heather and Jim and wish to continue that connection through Greg and Jennifer. Whether it be a wedding, a Ball, or any other Scottish event click [here](#) to view their website

## World Whisky Day



Do not forget, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 is World Whisky Day. Why not get together with a group of friends and raise a dram to celebrate the water of life

I look forward to seeing you at the Chieftain's Ceilidh and the dance classes.  
Wishing all a great time at both

Sláinte

**Reggie McNeill**  
**Chieftain**  
**St Andrew Society of W.A.**