



Calgary Claver

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has now been six months since I was elected President of the Calgary Burns Club, and I wish to thank the entire Club for supporting me throughout the first half of my term. We have already kicked off the 2023/2024 year with several excellent meetings - I hope all of you are able to continue to attend, as we have a great selection of entertainment lined up for the rest of the year.

The board is hard at work on a number of initiatives. The first one you will likely see is nametags for our spouses and significant others. This was suggested to us by one of the members who pointed out that while we see each other regularly, our partners only meet up once or twice a year. As someone who is bad with names on a good day, I felt this would be very helpful!

You can also expect to see recommendations from the Legacy Committee brought forward to the membership. I am personally very hopeful that we will soon be able to replace and rededicate the plaque that was stolen from the Robert the Bruce statue at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

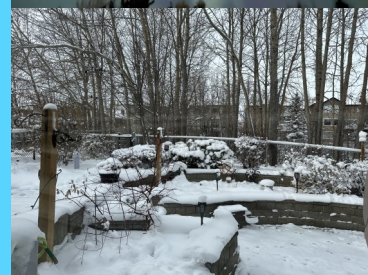
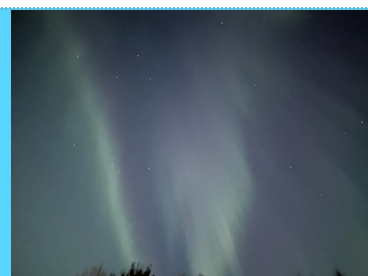
Plans are well underway for our regular events - St. Andrew's Night and the Big Night in January. I hope each and every member will be able to join me to celebrate on those occasions. The 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents will have their own reports for you on the following pages.

Here's to another year of celebrating camaraderie and the works of Robert Burns!

I will leave you with a selection from my favourite of his poems:

A Prince can mak a belted knight,
A marquis, duke, an' a' that!
But an honest man's aboon his might –
Guid faith, he mauna fa' that!
For a' that, an' a' that,
Their dignities, an' a' that,
The pith o' Sense an' pride o' Worth
Are higher rank than a' that.

Rob Pinkerton
President, Calgary Burns Club



1. Aurora Borealis Fort McMurray Sep. 2023
2. Winter in Calgary Oct. 2023
3. Burns Statue Dumfries

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RBWF PRESIDENT'S VISIT (JAMIE OSBORNE)



**The Calgary Burns Club Singers
Entertaining the Guests**



**RBWF President Neil
McNair**



**Neil and Audrey
Receiving Their White
Hats**

The time was 2:45pm on October 23rd, and I was sitting in the cell phone parking of the Calgary International Airport when I noticed the first snowflakes of the year start to come down. That is when I got the text from Neil and Audrey saying "Plane has landed". Right away I thought, "Thanks a lot, you brought that snow with you!". I of course had a good laugh with them with this as I took them on a once-in-a-lifetime experience, driving rush hour on Deerfoot during the very first snowfall of the year! Seriously, how many visitors to Calgary can say they have experienced this? After some bumper to bumper, a few honks, some four-letter words, and one fingered waves (kidding of course, I restrained myself while I had the company in my car) we finally made it to the hotel, where we sat down for a coffee and chatted briefly.

On the evening of October 24th the Club hosted Neil McNair and his lovely wife Audrey for the meet-and-greet of the RBWF President. Although the weather was not very good, and not all were able to attend, we still had a decent turn out of members and spouses, and the evening programs ran on time. We started the evening with some cocktails and socializing, with Neil and Audrey mingling and introducing themselves to members. Everybody had a bite to eat, and once all were seated with some hors d'oeuvres, I gave an introduction to Neil and his wife. Neil then came up and gave a brief but informative talk about the RBWF and some projects currently in the works. He also asked that people come talk to him and let him know what they think is working or not working in the Burns community, as he would like to see if he could help promote or resolve these ideas and concerns.

After another outstanding performance by the Calgary Burns Club Singers, led by Ron Pratt, of 3 Burns songs, Duncan Gray, Ae Fond Kiss, and Hey Johnnie Cope, we made our 2 guests of honour, Honorary Calgarians. Elaine Baumann was unable to be with us this evening, but no stranger to the Club, Liz McLeod (daughter of one of our earlier members Bob Young) stepped in to give the Oath and present them with their white hats! This ended the formal part of the evening, but continued on with some camaraderie. All in all, our guests had a wonderful time meeting the Club and it's members, and I know the same with our members meeting Neil and Audrey.

Jamie Osborne

1st Vice President

BURNS WORLD (TONY GRACE)

The Calgary Burns Club started off the new season with two very successful meetings in September and October. At the first one Henry Cairney was presented with his Life Membership certificate, something which was not possible at the AGM in May due to his absence. Also at the September meeting we welcomed a new member – Dayle West.

In addition to the regular monthly meetings of the Club, we will be celebrating St. Andrews on November 30th at the Delta South Hotel. It promises to be an enjoyable evening and members are encouraged to get their ticket requests in soon.

The main event of our year takes place on Friday January 26th 2024, when we remember and celebrate our bard, Robert Burns. A significant change this year makes the evening open to all – and we will be welcoming ladies who have an interest in Burns as well as enjoying a Scottish evening. Because of this, tickets may be in greater demand than recently, so again, members please get your requests in soon. The event is being held at a new venue – The Hotel Arts on 12th Avenue SW and is limited to 400 guests.

The Club hosted the Robert Burns Association of North America (RBANA), annual Conference in May and judging by comments from departing attendees was much enjoyed and successful. For a full report see the Tattler Spring 2023 edition. Next year's RBANA Conference will be hosted by the South Jersey Celtic Society in Mount Holly, New Jersey, from May 3rd – 5th, 2024.

The Robert Burns World Federation (RBWF), held its annual Conference in Dumfries again in September, with Rob Pinkerton, Ron Pratt, and Tony Grace from Calgary in attendance with their wives. The weather cooperated and made the event especially pleasant. Highlights of the event included performances by the winners of the schools' Burns competitions which were held in the Dumfries Theatre Royal – a thrill for them as well as us. For those of a different inclination there were tours of the local Annandale Distillery! The 2024 Conference will be held in Irvine on September 13th – 15th, 2024. Irvine of course is yet another town well steeped in Burns lore and the Club there has its own museum which holds many items of Burns memorabilia including some of his manuscripts.

More information is available through their respective websites:-
www.rbwf.org.uk and www.rbana.com.

RBANA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (PAUL KENNEDY)



Greetings and warm wishes to The Calgary Burns Club and thank you for allowing me a few lines in your newsletter, The Claver.

I have been quite busy since I last wrote you in March of this year. Since then, RBANA along with the South Jersey Celtic Society (SJCS) hosted Alan Beck (then President, RBWF), his wife Polly, and Grace and Elliot McKelvie to our little town of Mount Holly, New Jersey. Alan was in town for the 25th Annual Tartan Day Parade held on April 15th, 2023 in New York City. During his trip, he, his wife Polly, and Grace & Elliot McKelvie spent three days in Mount Holly hosted by RBANA President Paul Kennedy, SJCS President John Adams and several members of the RBANA and SJCS.

As many of you know, I was very fortunate to have visited you in your beautiful city for the AGM in May. I was accompanied by the President of the South Jersey Celtic Society (SJCS), Mr. John Adams. What a wonderful time we both had over those few days. The Calgary Burns Club has set the bar pretty high for future AGMs, and the SJCS is working hard to meet the challenge. South Jersey is very excited to host next years AGM and Conference and hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. The AGM, which will be May 3 – 5, 2024, will be right here in historic Mount Holly, New Jersey. Mount Holly is less than 30 Miles from Philadelphia, less than 60 miles from Atlantic City, and just under 80 miles from New York City, so plan to stay a few days if you can. We have a lot scheduled for the weekend including historic walking tours of Mount Holly, a Pub Crawl, Distillery visit and tour, Afternoon Tea, the traditional Golf Tournament and other activities. Keep an eye out for the registration forms coming shortly.

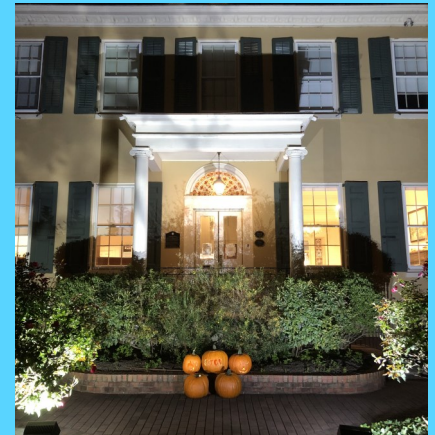
October 28th had the SJCS hosting “A Burns and Celtic Halloween” featuring, of course, Tam O’Shanter. Two of our members presented a slide presentation accompanying a reading of Burns’ most famous poem to slides depicting the various scenes in the story. We also provided a few other presentations on the history of Halloween (Samhain), and a reading of an article first printed in The Pennsylvania Gazette, October 22, 1730, and reportedly written by Ben Franklin. A good time was had by all and a decision was made to make this an annual event.

I know most of you are preparing for St. Andrew’s Day celebrations, and your own upcoming Burns’ Suppers. I, myself, will be attending the Winnipeg Burns Supper in January (Brrrr).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in at the next AGM. If you have not already registered, please consider doing so. I know this will be an event to remember.

Paul Kennedy

President, RBANA



The carved pumpkins outside the Mount Holly Lyceum



Board members of SJCS carving the Pumpkins

RBWF CONFERENCE (IAN MCINTYRE)

Dumfries welcomed the Conference back this year on the back of a highly successful 2022 Conference held in the town.

Around 100 delegates enjoyed unseasonably warm and sunny weather which enhanced the experience of the town in which Burns lived and died. The venue for the Conference was the Cairndale Hotel, an imposing Victorian building within a short distance of the Town Centre and more importantly, of the Burns Quarter.

A number of delegates arrived on the Thursday evening and after dinner, the customary lighthearted but fiercely competitive quiz took place. We welcomed delegates from the USA, Canada, Australia, Portugal, Ghana, Northern Ireland, and all over Scotland. The Annual General Meeting took place on the Friday afternoon, the second year that this has been done. The change of day seems to have been a popular decision, allowing delegates all day on Saturday to enjoy the Burns experience. Neil McNair was elected as President for 2023/24, Peter Pringle Senior Vice President and Jean Abdulrahim, a longstanding and active member of the RBWF, Junior Vice President. Jean was elected without opposition and is a highly regarded and respected Burnsian. Jean's is a very popular appointment with the membership.

Delegates were treated to an extravaganza of the very best of the Burns experience in Dumfries. Bobby Jess returned with his highly popular and enjoyable walking tour of the Burns Quarter in Dumfries. On a tour which took about 90 minutes, Bobby guided the delegates through the significant site of Burns interest. Included in his tour were visits to the Burns statue, Burns House, the Globe Inn, St. Michaels Church and graveyard and the Mausoleum. An extensive tour of the Theatre Royal was made available by the Guild of Players who own the theatre. The theatre is the oldest working theatre in Scotland, having opened in 1792. Burns had a huge interest in the Theatre Royal and attended and performed several pieces there. These included "A Scots Prologue" and the ground breaking "Rights of Woman" which he wrote for Louise Fontenelle.

The theatre which at one stage could seat 1,000 people has gone under several redevelopments over the years and was extensively remodeled in 2015. Many of the original architectural features, including the exterior of the building remain intact. A highlight of the tour of the theatre was the performance of several young local Burnsians which received a standing ovation.

Professor David Purdie, a distinguished academic, writer and author, delivered a lecture on Saturday afternoon "A Rosebud in Winter" This was based on the events of the winter of 1787 when Burns was incapacitated with a serious ankle injury in Edinburgh. Twelve year old Jenny Cruickshank, a harpsichordist collaborated with Burns on several songs. In return, Burns dedicated a song to her, "Rosebud". Our sponsors, Annandale Distillery once again put on a tour of the distillery at Annan which was enjoyed by our delegates who were not members of the temperance movement! The Gala Dinner on Saturday night saw Neil MacNair and the Vice Presidents receive their chains and outgoing President, Alan Beck, his Past President's medal. A ceilidh followed dinner with music and song from the popular Wille McRobert and John Caskie. The weekend wound up with Sunday worship in Burs Kirk, St. Michaels. The service was led by Rev. Graham Finch, President of Kirkcudbright Burns Club and Vice President of Dumfries and Galloway Burns Association. Wreaths were laid at Burns' Mausoleum, with a lament being played by Pipe Major Callum Watson. Conference 2024 will be held in Irvine, Ayrshire.

Ian McIntyre

Past President RBWF

FIRST VP REPORT (JAMIE OSBORNE)

On June 3rd, 2023 we hosted our Annual BBQ at the Elboya-Brittania Community Hall. We had a fantastic turnout with over 50 members, spouses, and guests in attendance. I want to give a big thank you to Rob Pinkerton and Carrie Kitchen for the help behind the bar, as well as Colin & Janet Pinkerton for supplying us with the Tea and Coffee. I would also like to thank of course, the Singers and Ron Pratt for another superb performance! With the great attendance, the Club saw a small surplus from the event. Thank you to all the Members and their guests for coming out!

January 26th, 2024 the Calgary Burns Club will be hosting their 48th Annual Burns Night at Hotel Arts. They have been great to work with and are excited to have us there. We are currently underway with the program for the evening and looking forward to a fantastic night at the new venue. If you have not done so, please get your ticket order forms in ASAP as we are expecting a SELL OUT event of 400 Ladies and Gentlemen. Ticket Forms were released to the Members on October 11th, and to the Guests on November 1st, 2023.

Jamie Osborne

1st VP CBC



Group Photo at the Saturday Evening Dinner in the Cairndale Hotel



Ron Pratt addressing the guests.



CBC President Rob Pinkerton at Burns' Mausoleum

SECOND VP REPORT (STEVEN CAMPBELL)

Saint Andrew's Night!

Initial plans for our St. Andrew's Dinner were planned for Canyon Meadow Golf Club and due to renovations therein, we pivoted to reconsider both the Hotel Arts and the Delta South. I believed there would be value in considering the Hotel Arts in contrast to the Delta, but after exhausting the negotiations, it became clear it was not economically feasible for our expectedly small group. Decidedly, we booked the Delta South where we anticipate a turnout of 60-70 for the Thursday night in November.

Steven Campbell
2nd VP Calgary Burns Club

CBC SINGERS (RON PRATT)

We were delighted to do our bit at the RBANA Conference in May and this was followed by two community venues later in the month. And in June we again participated in the annual Water Valley Celtic Festival.

During Stampede week we provided some entertainment to an AHS Facility and then attended two more venues in August.

The summer break was welcome to all and Saturday morning practices resumed at the Danish Canadian Club in Mid-October.

Ron Pratt

CBC COMMUNICATIONS (BRIAN CUMMING)

In May 2023, I took over as Communications Convenor from Trekker Armstrong. I would like to thank Trekker for assisting me with the handover. He had a detailed plan which made the transition much easier for me. I have big shoes to fill. There have been a few initial hiccups, as I was using Outlook as my email program and some of the email addresses in the Membership list needed to be updated.

On August 31, 2023, I suffered a near lightning strike which destroyed my computer and router among many other electronic devices. This resulted in having to use a Surface 4 as my only method to communicate with the membership until the last week of September. Thanks to all members for your patience during this incident and as I get accustomed to my new role with the Club.

Trekker and I met in on September 24, 2023 and at his suggestion I updated the membership lists and created a Calgary Burns Club distribution list on our Club Gmail account (calgaryburnsclub@gmail.com).

Our Gmail account can be accessed by the Communications Convenor worldwide and will simplify handover to future Communication Convenors.

Please ensure that your membership information is current and correct and inform me of any changes promptly to ensure you do not miss any important communications.

We continue to receive regular information from the Robert Burns World Federation (RBWF) and Robert Burns Association of North America (RBANA) which I will forward, along with other Club business and announcements via the CBC distribution list.

Brian Cumming (October 2023) Communications Convenor

BURNS SONG

Lady Onlie, Honest Lucky (1787)

A' The lads o' Thorniebank,
When they gae to the shore o' Bucky,
They'll step in an' tak a pint
Wi' Lady Onlie, honest Lucky.

Chorus.-Lady Onlie, honest Lucky,
Brews gude ale at shore o' Bucky;
I wish her sale for her gude ale,
The best on a' the shore o' Bucky.

Her house sae bien, her curch sae clean
I wat she is a daintie chuckie;
And cheery blinks the ingle-gleed
O' Lady Onlie, honest Lucky!
Lady Onlie, &c.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023/2024

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President: Rob Pinkerton
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2nd VP: Steven Campbell
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Director At Large: Hugh McFadzean
Director At Large: Henry Cairney

Ex-Officio

Communications: Brian Cumming
Entertainment: Henry Cairney
Steward: Don Humphreys
Website: Paul Armstrong

FUTURE EVENTS

**St Andrews Event Dinner November 30th
2023**
**Calgary Burns Club Supper January 26th
2024**

LETHBRIDGE JOLLY BEGGARS (BRIAN CUMMING)

I attended the 8th Annual Lethbridge Jolly Beggars dinner on Saturday September 30, 2023. The event was held at Country Kitchen Catering. Mike Duffy organized the event and was the Master of Ceremonies. Mike is a big Monty Python fan, and the Chieftain O' the Nicht was King Arthur from Monty Python and Holy Grail being told why the Lethbridge Jolly Beggars did not have a Chieftain.

The event started traditionally on Friday night with a curry nosh at the Mango Tree Restaurant, followed by a whisky tasting at the hotel and music practice with the Calgary Burns Club Singer (myself) and six Lethbridge and Medicine Hat cronies.

On Saturday night there were 29 cronies in attendance including CBC president Rob Pinkerton. All participants were given song sheets, and all sang along to Bring On the Whisky, Killicrankie, and Barrett's Privateers. Don Girling from Medicine Hat piped in the haggis and Bill Halley recited Address to A Haggis.

I was honoured to do as Mike put it, a "Wee Bit of An Immortal Memory"

One of the featured whiskies at the World-Famous Jolly Beggar's Whisky Bar was 30-year-old XOD Xtra Old Particular Teaninich. The bottle was number 19 of only 200 filled. Drams were \$45 each and all who had one, enjoyed it.

Melissa Stolte was Poosie Nancie, with Gwen Chadsey and Amanda O'Keeffe as the whisky bar Lassies.

As usual the food was delicious, the entertainment varied and great and the camaraderie thoroughly enjoyed.

Brian Cumming

MEDICINE HAT JOLLY BEGGARS (BRIAN CUMMING)

On October 27, 2023, I picked up RBWF president Neil McNair in Calgary and we drove three and a half hours down to Medicine Hat. Neil was the Chieftain O' the Nicht for the 14th annual Medicine Hat Jolly Beggars Banquet.

On Friday night we made our way to the world-famous Montgomery Burns Club Pub, in Ken Montgomery's basement, where the evening started with the induction of the new Medicine Hat executive, President Rob Cowan, and Vice President John Campbell, Past President Andy Cowan, Gaird and Chaplain Mathew Hill and Secretary/Treasurer Ken Montgomery. Ken is also a past president of both Medicine Hat and RBANA.

Also in attendance were new Edmonton Burns Club president Doug Matheson, and past presidents Keith Robinson and Scott Montgomery along with Medicine Hat immediate past president Andy Cowan, past president Bill Cocks, and Mike Duffy from Lethbridge who is also a Medicine Hat past president. Haggis pizza and honey brushed salmon accompanied an evening of entertainment by cronies from Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Edmonton, and Calgary. We met the New Medicine Hat Poosie Nancy, Mel Hullah, who kept our gLassies filled from Ken Montgomery's ample whisky selection. Thanks to Ken McMillan, Keith Robinson and Neil who assisted me in performing Halloween, a long tongue twisting Burns poem. My apologies to those who had to listen to all 28 stanzas.

On Saturday, out of town cronies Keith Robinson, Neil McNair, Mike Duffy, Naill Toey (Calgary) and I, carved 11 pumpkins for the event. We had an hour and a half to complete this very messy task before our room was given up to a children's birthday party. Only Mike cut himself. Twice!

The Medicine Hat Jolly Beggars was held at the Medicine Hat Golf and Country Club, Twelve new cronies were inducted. Jennifer Brown, MHBC's vocalist, and newly returned to Medicine Hat, started a varied program of Burns' works by multiple talented performers, interspersed with a sumptuous seven course meal including rack of lamb.

New whisky bar Lassies, Taralyn Musfelt and Shelby Pavlovic, who dressed as witches for the Halloween theme, kept all well hydrated.

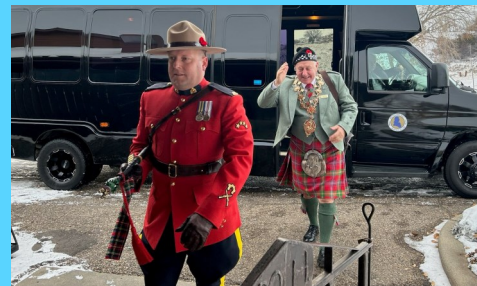
The featured whisky at the "World-Famous Jolly Beggar's Whisky Bar" was Talisker Special Release 2023.

CBC President Rob Pinkerton and I represented the Calgary Burns Club at this year's Jolly Beggars. Kudos to those who organized and executed the event. It was first class, as always.

Brian Cumming



Lethbridge Jolly Beggars



**RBWF President Neil McNair
arriving with escort.**



**Poosie Nancy and the girls
pouring the Atholl Brose**



MHBC President Rab Cowan

VETERANS FOOD BANKS (HENRY CAIRNEY)

As we near remembrance day, lets not forget the Veterans organizations in our city and we urge you to assist in whatever way you can. I will let them explain their organizations below.

Henry Cairney



The Veterans Association Food Bank was created in August 2018 following the abrupt closure of the Royal Canadian Legion's Veteran food bank. The loss of this support system was felt by many in the Veteran community.

Marie Blackburn, a former employee of the now-closed food bank and Veteran family member, saw the loss felt by the Veterans she had come to know throughout her time at the previous food bank. The risk of hunger, homelessness and isolation was too great for those Veterans left without a support system. Marie let that be her driving force. Something had to be done to replace the void left by the closure of the Veteran food bank.

Founding the Veterans Association Food Bank was the first step towards rectifying to closure of an essential service to Veterans and filling the gap. Consulting with the Veteran community was integral to address all other challenges and gaps in support faced by Canadian Veterans. This became a pillar initiative within the Organization – Veterans Helping Veterans.

The initiative, Veterans Helping Veterans, helps develop programs best suited to the support of fellow Veterans and Veteran families. We all want to get to a better place. A place of security, camaraderie, empathy and purpose – together.

Today, we are expanding our facility, networking into new communities, growing our programs and reaching out to more Veterans than we thought possible. Our tremendous growth and success in providing assistance to nearly 500 individual Veterans and Veteran families is thanks to our donors, hardworking staff, volunteers, and Association Members.



The Veterans Food Bank of Alberta exist for the sole purpose of helping our forgotten veterans in any way needed.

Founder, Allan Reid, values community service and has volunteered hundreds of hours for many charities in and around Calgary, including the Magic of Christmas, Street Lights, and the Calgary Toyrun. Now, he's overjoyed to be spearheading this new endeavor.

We strive to restore dignity to all who use our service and assistance is not pre-defined. Clients are able to shop for themselves to ensure they receive exactly what they need and enough to cover 10-14 days of food for their situation.

We are supported by caring individuals and businesses in our community and the surrounding area. We also appreciate the involvement of many educational institutions who are consistently holding food drives.

Want to host your own food drive? Call to coordinate 403-277-8387

Monetary donations are collected in the form of single or monthly contributions via our website or at the warehouse. You can support Calgary Veterans Services Society with food and other donations that are collected at the warehouse, or from our donation boxes located across the city. For closest drop point please call 403-277-8387.



STUART CHALMERS

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Club member and Past President Stuart Chalmers. Stuart joined the Calgary Burns Club in 1983 and has been a valuable contributor to the Club over the years, having served as Treasurer and was President of the Club in 1991. The article is Stuart's life story in his own words.

Henry Cairney

THE EARLY YEARS

I was born in Clarkston, Glasgow in 1949 to my parents Chick and Dot. My father and his three brothers served in WW2, my father in the Royal Artillery and his brothers as fighter pilots in the RAF. All three survived six years of the war.

In 1951, my parents and I took the ten-pound Pommy Special and sailed to Australia. After 5 years in beautiful Perth, we returned to Glasgow as my mum was homesick for her family (and I guess the rain and damp!). I grew up in the south side of Glasgow in Giffnock, Merrylee and Newton Mearns. Sadly, I never had any siblings. I did however have a dog and lots of marbles!

On reaching 11, I started at Kelvinside Academy, located in Glasgow's west end. The same year, my father was bequeathed some property in North Berwick, a charming seaside town south of Edinburgh. We spent many weekends and holidays in that town and enjoyed fishing and golfing enjoying the ice cream!

My teenage years were spent in Newton Mearns, hanging out at Broom Church Youth Fellowship and Whitecraigs Tennis Club. My band the Beat System never made it to Number One! Rugby, and golf were my school sports, with rugby dominating. I was pipe major of school cadet pipe band which was fun. Mind you travelling through Glasgow dressed as a highland soldier drew the usual wise crack comments! After school, I made a last minute career change and instead of going to medical school, I decided on a career in accounting I joined French & Cowan, a small local accounting firm as an articling student (slave labour 225 UK pounds my first year annual salary!

Post school, I played rugby for Kelvinside Academicals and qualified as Chartered Accountant. I then joined Coopers & Lybrand in Glasgow with the hope of spending two years abroad somewhere I fancied Paris but that wasn't to be. I married Anne Stirling on August 27, 1976. It was the last arranged marriage in Scotland as our parents grew up together as kids! On deciding Canada would be fun, I transferred to the Calgary office of Coopers and Lybrand, and we landed there in September 1976.

CALGARY AND FAMILY

Calgary has been a great place to live and bring up a family. We have 4 married kids, Claire, David, Peter and Andrew. Apart from Peter who lives in London, UK, the other kids live very close to us. We have five grandchildren, two are in London and three in Calgary. Before retiring to Victoria in 2015, we had lived in Lakeview for over 30 years.

We returned to Calgary in 2019 as my daughter contracted breast cancer and we moved to Woodbine to be close to her and her family. After getting all clear in the fall of 2022, her cancer metastasized last December. She is currently responding to treatment as well as can be expected.

Apart from a short time working as a CFO, I worked in the CA profession all my life. This included running my own practice with a fellow Scot (Colin White, deceased) and being a partner at two international accounting firms. I really enjoyed the people contact and the international travel. The Scottish Government appointed me a Global Scot to help facilitate trade between Scotland and Canada (and fund my annual side trips to Glasgow!).

Apart from raising 4 children, Anne worked at the TD bank and as medical office assistant. She was a great support to me throughout my career (and still is!).

I joined the Calgary Burns Club in 1982 and was appointed president in 1991. I was treasurer at some earliest point and of course was subsequently recycled! It's been wonderful seeing how the Club has developed locally and internationally.

I also belong to the Stampede Gyro Club, a men's friendship Club which I enjoy very much. I was introduced to the Victoria Gyro Club when we first moved there. Apart from Gyro, I am currently not involved in any other boards. I help my oldest son with his Historic Building Preservation business. I have served on several not-for-profit boards over the years which has been rewarding and fun.

Due to chronic back issues, I don't play golf anymore. Instead, I bike, walk Max and go to the gym. As I enter my golden years, staying healthy (which has been an issue in the past year) enjoying my family and friends and doing some travelling are all important to me.



Family Photo at Andrew's Wedding: Stuart, Anne, Andrew, Claire, David and Peter



The School Golf Team



Kelvinside v Glasgow High



The Grandkids (Roen, Torren and McCoy (The Real One!))

THE CBC WEBSITE (PAUL ARMSTRONG)

The Calgary Burns Club website continues to be a vehicle by which Club Members can stay up to date with current events in the Club and the public can access information regarding Robert Burns and Club hosted events. The traffic has been understandably low during the summer but will ramp up as we approach Burns Season.

As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions for content and improvement of the site.

Dr. C. P. Armstrong, Webmaster

MEMBERSHIP NEWS (PAUL KANE)

The outgoing 2022/23 Board was pleased to award Past President Henry Cairney with Life Membership for his many past and ongoing contributions to the success of the Club.

Past President Derek Larg accepted the Board's offer of Honorary Membership.

Charlie Malone due to personal circumstances, has moved to Vancouver Island and has transferred from an Ordinary Member to an Associate Member (Non-Resident).

Past President Bill MacLachlan resigned as a member; we are sorry to lose him but wish him all the best for the future.

The Club was very sad to hear the passing of long time Club member Bill Gardner (Honorary Member). Bill's Celebration of Life was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. We send our condolences to all Bill's family and friends. In honour of Bill's long association with the Calgary Burns Club his name has been added to the Club's In Memoriam page on the website.

We welcomed 2 new members, John Easton and Dayle West and we look forward to their future contributions to the success of the Club.

The membership stands at:

- 13 Life Members
- 31 Ordinary Members
- 2 Honorary Member
- 11 Associate Members — 4 resident and 7 non-resident

Total of 58 Members.

Paul Kane

Past President — October 2023

BILL GARDNER OBITUARY (BRIAN CUMMING)

William (Bill) Gardner passed away peacefully on the 19 th of October 2023. Bill was born on the 12 th of August 1930 in Edinburgh Scotland to Esther and William. He was the elder brother to his sisters Sally and Ina. He married his true love Moira, in December 1957, and welcomed the first of his eight children the following year. A move to Canada followed in September of 1967.

Bill never forgot his Scottish roots. He spent many years with the Black Watch mentoring cadets. Burns' dinners will never be the same without his "ode to the haggis". He was also a member of the Calgary Burns' Club Singers. He proudly sang with them at the Edinburgh Tattoo. In true Bill fashion he also volunteered as a White Hatter at the Calgary International Airport.

I think that if asked what his legacy was he would have answered FAMILY; Karen, David, Paul, Peter, Gail, John, Iain and Tracey, his many grandchildren and many more great grandchildren, too many to list. He was a role model to all.



New Member John Easton



New Member Dayle West



Bill Gardner

THE CARNIE GROUP (JIM MCLAUGHLIN)

Burns Extempore

A Grace Before Dinner (1791)

O thou who kindly dost provide
For every creature's want!
We bless Thee, God of Nature wide,
For all Thy goodness lent:
And if it please Thee, Heavenly Guide,
May never worse be sent;
But, whether granted, or denied,
Lord, bless us with content. Amen!

Burns Extempore

A Grace After Dinner (1791)

O thou, in whom we live and move-
Who made the sea and shore;
Thy goodness constantly we prove,
And grateful would adore;
And, if it please Thee, Power above!
Still grant us, with such store,
The friend we trust, the fair we love-
And we desire no more. Amen!



THE FIRST PNEUMATIC TYRE (JOHN BOYD DUNLOP)

SCOTTISH FACT!

Notable Scottish inventions include the method of **logarithms** (1614), **tarmac** (1820) and the **pneumatic tyre** (1887).

Burns and Love

For more than two hundred years, Robert Burns has been renowned, and often rebuked, for the conduct in his relations with the 'fair enslavers' he embraced over the course of his short life, as well as his apparent carelessness in fathering so many unplanned bairnies. But how would he have responded to such expressions of disapproval? One can surmise that he may not have been especially repentant, but perhaps even rather pleased with his romantic adventures. So let's give voice to what may reflect his feelings on the topic.

I'd like to share some thoughts on love in just a few brief lines,
Of doggerel an' crambo-clink - to you that means wee rhymes;
I have no moral to impart, save what you all must know,
We get what's coming in this life and reap whate'er we sow.

And so it was for Robert Burns, auld Scotia's favourite son,
Ye ken he loved the lassies weel, I'll rhyme some here for fun.
His first amour, young 'Handsome Nell', he nary may hae kissed?
That may be so, but we all know, few chances he'd have missed.

At Lochlie Farm while scarce a man, he first became obsessed.
With Betsy Paton, a servant lass, of winning charms possessed;
And truth to tell, as we know well, wi' her he got his fairin',
Some right guid times ahint the barn....an' "dear-bought Bess", his bairn.

The family moved to Mossgiel Farm, near bonnie Mauchline town,
An' bonnie were the lassies there, whase names I'll here set down;
There's six o' them he praised in rhyme, Helen Miller he thought "fine",
Jean Smith had "wit", Beth Miller "braw", Jean Markland was "divine".

That leaves just two that I will name, Miss Morton was a "beauty",
But Armour was "the jewel" for him, by Jean he did his duty;
By that I mean he pledged his troth, but not, ye ken, ower quick,
He took his time to play the field, of which he had his pick.

Ah bonnie Jean, a poet's dream, sae jimp, sae bright an' gay;
Rab courted her, an' treasured her, an' cowped her in the hay.
But seldom does true love run true, it falters and it spins,
They argy-bargied oftentimes, tho' still she bore him twins.

A rift developed and our Bard left Jean to pine an' rue,
While he felt free tae cast around, and graze in pastures new.
His heart with Highland Mary's soon, conjoined as one the twain,
Which may have led, as some have said, to a wee miscarried wean.

Mair tragedy was soon to strike, his darling Mary died,
And while he grieved, his manliness could not be long denied;
For then a wondrous sight upon his brief horizon rose,
A beauteous thing, a shapely thing, 'twas Agnes McLehose.

Clarinda was her nom-de-plume, or Nancy in his verses;
He longed for her abiding love, and earnest warm embraces.
But months flew past, and he, downcast, at length could plainly see,
This haughty temptress of his dreams, wad ne'er his mistress be.

His pledge of love in Ae Fond Kiss, so hauntingly forlorn,
Failed to warm a heart made cold by a life of cruelty borne.
They parted when his Nancy sailed to far Jamaica's shore;
She soon returned, but she and Burns would meet again no more.

Nancy's steadfast fortitude was cause for Burns, meanwhile,
To salve his need for comfort wi' a lass he did beguile;
Nancy's maid, poor Jenny Clow, he somehow did induce
To sacrifice her virtue for another wee papoose.

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THE CARNIE GROUP (JIM MCLAUGHLIN)

Robert and his once true love both sought to mend the breach
That caused their disaffection and the hurt once nursed by each.
'Twas destined that the poet's fate should join again with Jean's,
And nine months later, more or less, aince mair produced twa weans.

At last wi' Jean he tied the knot, and lived in wedded bliss,
But Jean kenn'd weel a lusty lad needs mair than ae fond kiss;
He loved his Jean, his bonnie Jean, but Rab was ay for sharin',
And hence his gift tae Annie Park....that's right, her ain wee bairn.

Jean Lorimer was yet one more who held our Bard in thrall,
Inspiring many poems and songs, full twenty-four in all.
Nae bonnie bairns were destined to result from this affair,
A blessing to our fecund Bard, who'd ne'er have wished for mair.

I near forgot May Cameron, but here I'll gi'e her mention,
A country lass who early on attracted Rab's attention;
In Spring a young man's fancy turns to Nature and to lovin',
That Spring young May bore Nature's fruit - a wee bun in the oven.

I've named a few, but scarce them a', the list is muckle lang,
But judge him not, 'twas not his faut, his drives were ower strang;
An' 'fore ye side wi' them wha claim his character was marred,
That passion stirred the genius that was our Immortal Bard.

Jim McLaughlin, for the Bob Carnie Group

CHRISTMAS IN ALBERTA (JIM LITTLE)

Christmas in Alberta

(to the tune of 'Springtime in the Rockies')

When its Christmas in Alberta, its beauty's at its best,
The spirit of the province shines, the spirit of the west
For people have the energy and kindest hearts of all
With honesty and faith and hope and charity for all

When its Christmas in the Rocky Mountains, rivers cease to flow
And people come from round the world to ski the virgin snow
From dawn to dusk, the mountains ring, with skiers 'bon esprits'
Then soaking in a sulphur spring, before the 'apres ski'

When its Christmastime in Calgary, the warm Chinook winds blow
And bring respite from winter chill with the melting of the snow
While in the east the prairies shimmer, soft in the pale moonlight
And west the Rocky Mountains' peaks glow pink in the dawning light

When its Christmastime in Edmonton all blanketed with white
Sleighrides by the river, children's faces shining bright
There's skiing in the valley, there's skating in the park
And symphony and ballet, Candy Cane Lane after dark

When its Christmas in McMurray and its 35 below
Aurora Borealis sets the midnight sky aglow
And Moslem, Hindu, Christian, Sikh - and Atheist and Jew
Wish each other merry Christmas saying "All the best to you."

When its Christmas in Alberta, its beauty's at its best,
The spirit of the province shines, the spirit of the west
For the people here have hearts as big as the clear blue sky above
With honesty and character and peace and joy and love

With faith and hope and charity, and pea - ce and joy - y, and love - ve

BURNS SONG

John Anderson, My Jo (1789)

John Anderson, my jo, John,
When we were first acquent;
Your locks were like the raven,
Your bonie brow was brent;
But now your brow is beld, John,
Your locks are like the snaw;
But blessings on your frosty pow,
John Anderson, my jo.

John Anderson, my jo, John,
We clamb the hill thegither;
And mony a cantie day, John,
We've had wi' ane anither:
Now we maun totter down, John,
And hand in hand we'll go,
And sleep thegither at the foot,
John Anderson, my jo.



CHRISTMAS IN ALBERTA

THE BURNS SUPPER (TREKKER ARMSTRONG)

Ingredients to a Successful Burns Supper

BURNS SUPPERS have been in existence now for over some 200 years. The first Burns Supper occurred just 5 years after his death, on the 21st of July 1801. Nine men held the first Burns Supper in the Burns Cottage itself and they agreed to meet each year. The Reverend Hamilton Paul organized the celebration and is attributed to establishing the key elements that make up the supper to this day:

- Address to a Haggis
- The Toast to the Immortal Memory
- Good friends, food and drink
- Recitation and celebration of the work of Robert Burns

Burns Suppers are celebrated all over the world, on every continent and just about every country. Since the first Burns Supper was held, the number of people celebrating Scotland's National Poet has continued to grow and grow. Celebrated on, or about, the Bard's birthday. Burns Suppers range from formal gatherings to uproariously informal dinners. Most Burns Suppers fall in the middle of this range, and adhere, more or less, to the time honoured form established by Reverend Hamilton Paul.

Burns' recognition increased after his death, and Burns Suppers became popular tradition spreading quickly across Scotland. A group of Ayrshire merchants in Greenock held the first Burns Club Supper on 29th of January 1802. Later his birth date was discovered to be the 25th January and thereafter this date was used. And the Burns Clubs grew.

This growth wasn't constrained to only Scotland. The Scottish diaspora who ventured off to foreign countries took their heritage and traditions with them, including Burns Suppers. This tradition to annually celebrate the bonds of friendship and poetry caught imaginations globally, expanding to areas as far and diverse as Australia, Russia, and China.

The Calgary Burns Club will be hosting a Burns Supper on the evening of Friday January 26, 2024 at the "Hotel Arts" in Calgary. This is a member and invited guest only event. Check our Club website www.calgaryburnsclub.com for further details.

There are numerous publications on hosting a Burns Supper and we encourage you to refer to those for insightful detail. Here is a Burns Supper high level guide for your consideration.

BURNS SUPPER ELEMENTS

- National Anthem(s) [Formal Supper]
- Grace [often the Selkirk Grace]
- Soup and Starters
- Haggis Parade [Formal Supper]
- Address to the Haggis
- Main Course
- Dessert
- Speeches are usually interspersed with recitations and songs
- Loyal Toast
- The Immortal Memory
- Toast to the Lassies
- Reply to the Toast to the Lassies
- Other Toast(s) [Optional]
- Auld Lang Syne

ADDRESS TO THE HAGGIS

After the "Soup and Starters", the Haggis is set at the table. At a formal Burns Supper the Haggis is carried into the room, usually preceded by a piper. Whether piped in or placed at the table, the address "To a Haggis" is recited often by a special guest. This is one of Burns's best known poems and can be found on social media channels such as YouTube.



**CBC The National Anthems
2023**
(Sung by the Calgary Burns Club Singers)



CBC Haggis Parade 2023
(Colin Pinkerton, Steven Campbell and Hugh McFadzean)



**CBC Address To A Haggis
2023**
(Jim McLaughlin Club Bard)



**CBC The Immortal Memory
2023**
(Delivered by Ian McIntyre Past President RBWF)

THE BURNS SUPPER (CONTINUED)

Following the meal there are commonly three speeches being:

- The Immortal Memory : discussing an aspect of Robert's life.
- Toast to the Lassies : usually with humour and wit.
- If the Supper is attended by ladies, then a response is given by a lady.

The speeches are usually interspersed with recitations and songs.

THE IMMORTAL MEMORY

The Immortal Memory is a speech and is the most important part of the supper. A special guest must address the assembly speaking about an aspect concerning Robert Burns. This can involve a resume of his life, or a chosen theme, revolving around the man Robert Burns, his work, loves, interests and life. The speech should give a reason why Robert Burns should remain immortal.

At the end of the Immortal Memory, everyone stands to toast 'the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns' and this is where the title of the speech comes from.

THE TOAST TO LASSIES

The Toast to the Lassies is nearly always delivered by a male. The Toast is usually humorous and can include non-complimentary ideas regarding the fairer sex. However, it is essential that it must conclude by praising the Lassies, speaking of love and perhaps remembrances.

REPLY TO THE TOAST TO THE LASSIES

The reply is normally given by a female. Again, humour is expected, giving a chance to respond to the initial Toast to the Lassies, without fear of response. In this respect, the lady has the last word.

The evening should conclude with everyone joining in singing 'Auld Lang Syne'

--- INGREDIENTS ---

BILL O'FARE

- Soup and Starters [Cock-a-Leekie Soup | Smoked Salmon]
- Haggis wi' a' the Honours [mashed tatties – potatoes, and neeps - turnips] often served with Whisky
- The Main Course [Fish, Lamb or Beef]
- Sweets and Puddings [Scotch Trifle, red fruits with Drambuie, Atholl Brose]
- Cheese [with oatcakes]

DRINKS

- Aperitifs
- Wines
- Whisky

SPEECHES

- Loyal Toast
- The Immortal Memory [celebration of the genius, life and works of Robert Burns]
- Toast to the Lassies [nearly always delivered by a male]
- Reply to the Toast to the Lassies
- Others [Toast to Absent Friends]

POSSIBLE BURNS RECITATION

- A Man's a Man for A' That
- To a Mouse
- Holy Willie's Prayer
- Tam o' Shanter

POPULAR SONGS

- My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose
- Ae Fond Kiss
- Flow Gently Sweet Afton
- O, Were I on Parnassus Hill

Trekker Armstrong



**CBC Bill O' Fare Starter
2023
(Smoked Salmon)**



**CBC Bill O' Fare Desert
2023
(Scotch Trifle)**



**CBC Commemorative Glass
2023
(With a Wee Dram)**



**CBC Auld Lang Syne 2023
(With The Top Table)**



The Tree Lined Route to Home
(Photo courtesy of Google Maps)

BURNS POEM

Duncan Davison (1788)

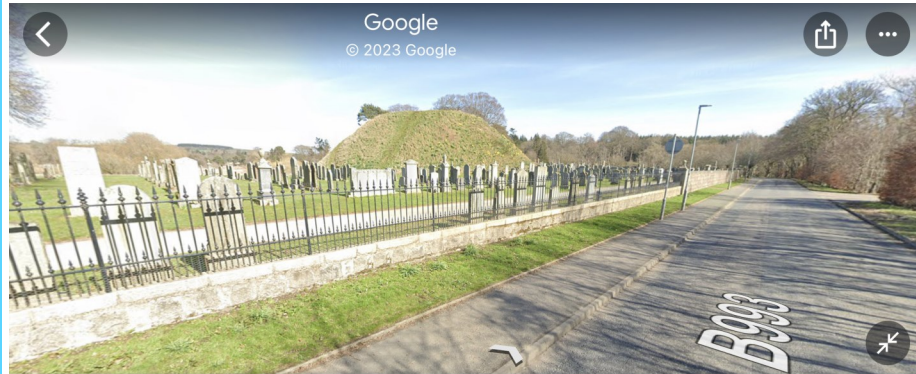
There was a lass, they ca'd her Meg,
And she held o'er the moors to spin;
There was a lad that follow'd her,
They ca'd him Duncan Davison.
The moor was dreigh, and Meg was skeigh,
Her favour Duncan could na win;
For wi' the rock she wad him knock,
And aye she shook the temper-pin.

As o'er the moor they lightly foor,
A burn was clear, a glen was green,
Upon the banks they eas'd their shanks,
And aye she set the wheel between:
But Duncan swoor a haly aith,
That Meg should be a bride the morn;
Then Meg took up her spinning-graith,
And flang them a' out o'er the burn.

We will big a wee, wee house,
And we will live like king and queen;
Sae blythe and merry's we will be,
When ye set by the wheel at e'en.
A man may drink, and no be drunk;
A man may fight, and no be slain;
A man may kiss a bonie lass,
And aye be welcome back again!

THE SCARY WALK HOME (HENRY CAIRNEY)

Being close to Halloween, I would like to share a personal poem. In 1992 myself, Shona, my family and I were living in a small village called Keithhall, near Inverurie. One evening at the end of October, we decided to go into the town for a meal at the Butchers Pub, and when we finished we tried unsuccessfully to get a taxi home, we decided to walk from the town out to our house which was about an hours walk. There was no sidewalk and we had to pass the cemetery, a bridge over the river Urie, which was in full spate and roaring. Trees lined the route and the wind was howling. There the scene is set. I wrote this poem the day after the journey!



The Cemetery En-Route to Home
(Photo courtesy of Google Maps)

A guid nicht at Butchers we had, ane wiz guid, and ane wiz bad,
Tae walk hame most wid think us mad, but aff we geed,
The nicht wiz dark and ne'er we had, car, cab or steed.

We left the toon at a brisk pace, waukin' along the road tae face,
Fower miles o' darkened trees that grace, a scary wauk,
Hide oor thochts o' the graveyard place, we made loud talk.

The leaves that rustle in the trees, mak us weak around the knees,
Yer body almost wants tae freeze, but no roond here,
Mair mettle in yer stride it gees, this added fear.

Tae wander still what'er ye find, but in the dark we almost whined,
Cause bravery's jeest no yer kind, when yer alone.
Auld Inverurie's way behind, nae turnin' noo you've cast yer stone.

When your imagination runs, the scary thoughts arnae little ones,
Ghosts and witches all ower the gruns, near the graves there,
Misty images waft the duns, this isnae fair.

But with resolve we charge sae strong, were we singing a verse, or song,
We thocht some others came along, but wirnae sure,
The misty visions seemed tae throng, and us tae lure.

Oor footsteps clattered oan sae fast, we thocht oor herts just widnae last,
Were followed wae the demons massed, wha'ed help us noo,
The problems in oor heeds sae vast, jeest wisnae true.

We reached the brig the road tae bend, the church behind oor minds tae mend,
But darker still the nicht will send, tae mak ye stumble,
Ye only wish this walk wid end, without a rumble.

The brae's ahead and all is calm, ye've stopped reciting tae yer mam,
The sweat's noo dried intae yer palm, yer safe ye feel,
The ane beside ye's like a lamb, just lost her heel.

THE SCARY WALK HOME (CONTINUED)

The darkened skies are like a wrath, nae need for wisemen wae the math,
And doon it cam along oor path, the blasted storm,
Jist like we'ed baith cam oot a bath, bit no as warm.

Baith drookit noo tae oor bare skin, ah smacked a branch wae ma left shin,
Wur heeds are burlin' in a spin, whit's mair tae come,
She fell again it wiz a sin, an' hurt her bum.

Up in a tree there came a howl, but thankfully its jeest an owl,
There's somethin' in the field at prowl, ah nudge her "see",
The face beside me gies a scowl, it wiznae me.

Clippity clop is Shona's gait, but still a mile and that's no great,
This has become a nightmare date, we baith assumed,
O and whit will become ma fate, ah think ahm doomed.

Then at last we see oor licht, whit a glorious bonny sicht,
We drive tae end this awful nicht, and end this game,
The key we turn wae a' oor micht, at last wur hame.

Henry Cairney © October 1992

THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN (HENRY CAIRNEY)

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

By A.D. 43, the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the 400 years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain.

The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple, and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of bobbing for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

Source: The History Channel



Tam O' Shanter

Robert Burns Epic Poem.



Halloween Fun For All



Halloween Trivia

Did you know? One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween.

BURNS WORDSEARCH 6 (HENRY CAIRNEY)

FUTURE SPEAKERS

2024 Club Member Gordon McCulloch
2025 Ronnie O'Byrne
2026 T.B.A.



SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

SCOTTISH FACT!

Famous names from Scottish literature include: Sir Walter Scott, Lord Byron and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

OLD SCOTS PROVERB

“A nod's as guid as a wink tae a blind horse”

Roughly translated means:

No matter how hard you try, some people aren't going to pick up on your subtle hints and signals. So sometimes, being direct and to the point is best.

IN THE NEXT EDITON

1) Profile of **Ron Pratt**

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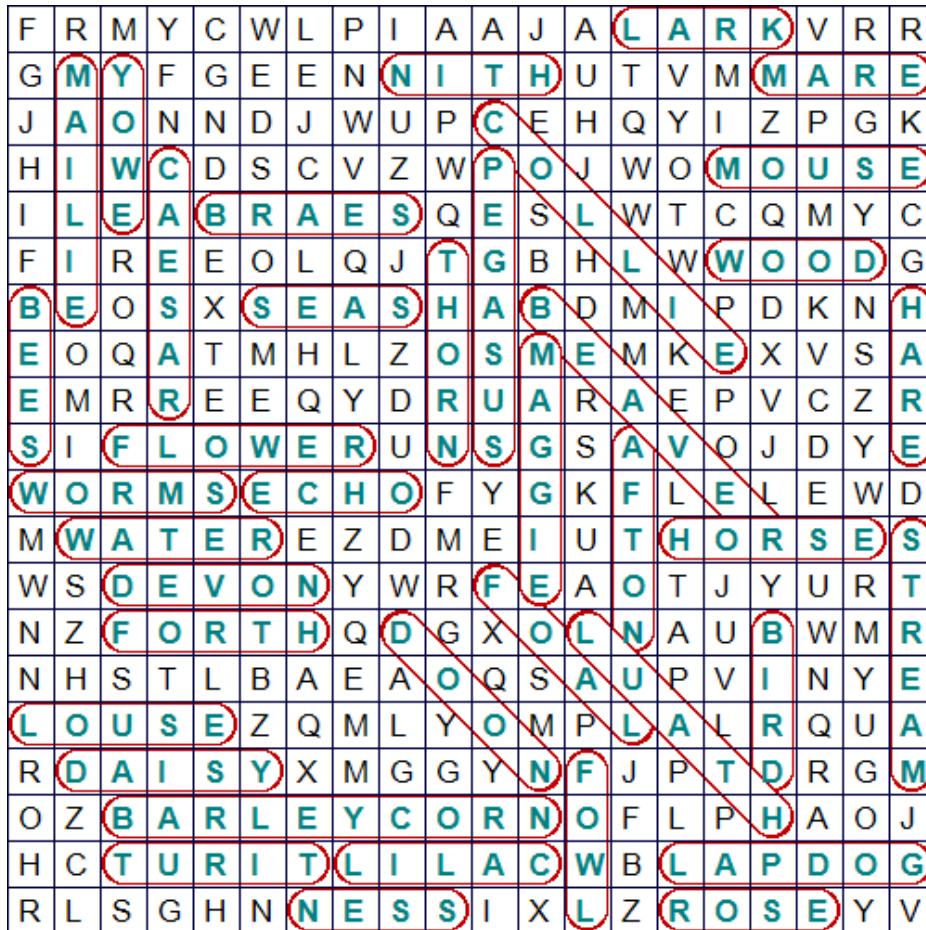
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Burns and Nature

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Barleycorn	Forth	Ness
Beaver	Fowl	Nith
Bees	Hare	Pegasus
Bird	Horse	Rose
Braes	Lapdog	Seas
Caesar	Lark	Stream
Collie	Lilac	Thorn
Daisy	Luath	Turit
Devon	Louse	Wood
Doon	Maggie	Water
Echo	Mailie	Worms
Flower	Mare	Yowe

BURNS WORDSEARCH 6 (SOLUTION)



Some Halloween Humour

I got so sick of trick-or-treaters on Halloween night that I finally turned off all the lights and pretended I wasn't home.

Forget the ships! My lighthouse, my rules!

I'm not saying my son is ugly...

But on Halloween he went to tell the neighbors to turn down their TV and they gave him some candy.

I stopped by grandmother's house and I'm so impressed. She had all the Halloween decorations out. There were cobwebs everywhere and bugs in the windows, along with a skeleton on her couch.

She's 89 and always does a great job, but there was no answer when I knocked. I guess I'll stop by again in a few months...if I have time.



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