

Blethers Newsletter

October 2008



Stewart Chisholm, President of the Guernsey Scottish Association

Dear Members

Autumn is nearly upon us and St Andrew's night beckons. This will be the first major function I will attend as President of the Guernsey Scottish Association and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fiona Naftel (our previous president) for her help, advice and support, when I was Vice-president. She worked very hard for the GSA, especially during the 50th anniversary celebrations, and gave us 2 wonderfully enjoyable years. She was always cheery and brought a fantastic positive attitude to our Committee meetings. I miss her on the Committee.

I am fortunate, however, to have retained many of the previous committee for further service: Kenny Lloyd, as Vice-President, Grant Howitt as Membership Secretary, Stuart Hardie as Secretary, Jacqui Sallis as Editor

of Blethers, and Katherine Adam as Dancing Representative. I also welcome Angus Kemp who has taken over as Treasurer.

My wife, Susan, and I have lived on Guernsey for almost 9 years now, having moved from our home in the Highlands, Maryburgh, by Dingwall (approximately 16 miles north of Inverness for those not familiar with the area). We are blessed with 3 children, Magnus, Cuillin and Sorcha who are all Guernsey born. We came to the island as Susan, who is from Germany, had done some locums at the hospital many years ago, and had told me of the fond memories she had of the island. We are settled here, and I enjoy my work as a Senior Mental Health Practitioner in the Child and Adolescent Service. As a family we enjoy ski-ing, walking and cycling, although I can't keep up with Susan, who recently cycled from London to Paris for charity. Beach life is also good fun.

It would be my hope to continue to develop the links, as Scots, that we have with Guernsey, whilst retaining our own cultural heritage and sharing it with the islanders.

After St Andrew's, Burn's Night is another great occasion to look

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forward to, and we hope to have some interesting variations on the theme courtesy of Stuart Hardie. We also hope, during 2009 and 2010, to bring some bands and singers down from Scotland for some informal Ceilidh nights.

In the immediate future is the St Andrew's Ball. David Thompson will give the address.

I wish everyone all the best for the remainder of 2008 and look forward to meeting you all this year and next. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions re the GSA or, in fact, any ideas for future events.

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Stewart Chisholm

Dates for your Diary:

- **St Andrew's Ball at Beau Sejour, 28 November 2008.**
This is a brilliant social evening – good food, good company and lots of fun!
- **Burns' Night at Beau Sejour, 23 January 2009.** This is the 250th Anniversary of Rabbie's birth – don't miss it!

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The Association has a variety of gifts for sale that could make excellent Christmas presents.

- Crystal glasses
- Silk ties
- GSA polo shirts

Please contact a committee member for further details.

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Your Committee:

Stewart Chisholm, Kenny Lloyd, Stuart Hardie, Angus Kemp, Grant Howitt, Katherine Adam and Jacqui Sallis

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Guernsey Scottish Committee is in undermanned at the moment and so we are looking to recruit at least two more members.

This is your Association and if you have any good ideas or you would simply like to help out, please do not hesitate – get in touch!!

So, if you are interested please contact Stewart Chisholm or any of the other committee members.

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