

# The Momentum of March!

# Board of Trustees Report

By David Campbell, Trustee Chairperson

By **Irené Waldman, 1st Vice President**



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Dear Members and Friends,

It has only been a month since our last newsletter but for some reason I feel like the pace of life is picking up. More vaccines are being administered, with more than 1.6 Million people in Scotland having received their first dose. (Remembering that the country has a population of 5.45 Million, these figures are fabulous). There are over 64 Million people in the USA who have now received one or more vaccine doses. Such incredible movement on both sides of the Atlantic.

Our festivity for **International Women's Day** this year was fun, and I celebrated the wonderful Scottish women who pioneered science—Williamina Fleming (astronomer), Victoria Drummond (marine engineer), Maria Gordon (geologist) and Elizabeth Blackwell (botanist). I am confident that there are many incredible women whose names are yet to be revealed that are helping pave the way to a safe future with the current vaccine developments all over the world.

The The Speaker Series Session that we hosted with **Russell Dalglish** (Chair of the Scottish Business Network) on Scottish Industries and how the pandemic is affecting the country in general was a very enlightening discussion. I am delighted to announce that **Dr Siobhan Jordan**, who is a bit of a marriage

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Dear St. Andrew's Society:

I share the following with you in anticipation of our upcoming trustees' March meeting on Sunday 3/14...

Perhaps the most important item this month will be to continue with a good review of the draft **2021 budget**—and moving forward in anticipation toward adoption at this Sunday's meeting. The second draft of the budget was circulated on March 3rd—with an invitation for review and input of trustees and officers. So far, there has been only positive feedback—without any stated concerns or suggestions for change.

Regarding Property Manager **Hill & Co**—I received update from Grace earlier this week—she reports that all is well with the firehouse and our new tenants...except for one issue regarding heating—which Grace will be following up on with longstanding general contractor Hetherington. Grace also reports that Hill & Co's software transition is in progress—which should be an overall net improvement, including allowing for easier and earlier access to our financials, and critically so regarding the generation of reports related to our monthly meeting cycle.

Relatedly, we are working through some issues with our **book-keeping** regarding timing and processing of reports. So this too is a work in progress, and I hope to be able to report process improvements in this regard within the next month or two.

With these financial reporting limitations in mind—our cash positions are solid, and Treasurer Richard Robertson and I will report out in greater detail during our member meeting Monday 3/15.

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## 1st VP Message

maker between Scottish academia and struggling businesses will be our featured speaker on March 24. As you can imagine, many businesses have been forced to think very differently to survive and academia support is becoming a life saver literally for many Scottish businesses. Dr Jordan will be sharing some innovative stories on Scotland's businesses.

**T**echnology is changing the way in how we live life, sometimes it is hard to remember what it was like before. We have **Zoom, WebEx, Alexa, Spotify, Venmo** and so much more. Venmo is a person-to-person money transfer application (which I love). It is strange to see people moving money the traditional way through bank branches. In fact, I saw an old lady go into the bank the other day and she handed her card over to the teller and asked to withdraw \$10. The teller responded and said that for small cash withdrawals, she would need to use the ATM. The old lady was quite taken aback at the abrupt response, and so she responded by asking the teller to withdraw all of her money instead. \$500,000?! The teller was getting frustrated as the line was getting longer at this point. "We don't have \$500,000 in cash to give you"... "So how much can you give me?" the old lady responded. "\$30,000 is the limit" the teller responded. The old lady took a moment to collect her thoughts and then responded by asking to withdraw \$30,000. The clock ticked, people stared, the line grew even longer, the teller went away again and counted every \$20 bill and handed the old lady her \$3,000..."Will that be all?" the teller asked with a lot of gusto and frustration. "No", said the old lady. "I would like to now deposit \$2,990, thank you!" The morale being that while our lives are changing with technology, we must remember to bring everyone with us and have patience! I could not resist that one as we Scot's love money jokes!

Back in January, some may remember our incredible Burns Supper. The Society was asked to participate in the world's largest study of Burns Suppers, conducted by **Dr Paul Malgrati** (Glasgow University). Did you know that



**Dr Paul Malgrati (Glasgow University)**

Burns is celebrated in the USA more than any other country in the world? In early April, we will be hearing from Dr Malgrati on his latest research, and we will find out how our event compared to many others around the world. This is going to be a fun and fascinating time, so please do join if you can.

And of course, Alex, our 2nd Vice President will be running the **Whisky Wednesdays** if you are looking for a taste of Scotland and as always, please do follow us on Facebook to get more info about what we are doing and how you can get involved. Kristy has also started an [Instagram page](#) for us, so find us there too and be in awe at the wonderful photos she posts!

We have come so far, and I am deeply proud of our Society for keeping safe, staying connected and overall helping each other through the last year. It has not been easy. While we don't know about the Games in September or other events, I will endeavor to keep you posted on any changes!

As always, please reach out to me directly if you feel like a chat. I am always open and willing to have a conversation with you.

Best Wishes,

**Irené Waldman**

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# Trustees Report

Thanks to all for a good turnout on our monthly financial call (Thursday 3/11) with **UBS Portfolio Manager Keith Seibert** (Jean, Jaeame, Iain, Fred, Richard, Irené, and myself all attended). Keith followed up promptly with an emailed call summary and specific recommendations for our further consideration. Similarly more detail to be provided at our upcoming member meeting.

In a letter posted in February, the **SF Department of Elections** wrote to thank our St Andrew's Society for the facility use of our firehouse as polling precinct #7312—which served 163 voters on the historic Election Day that was November 3rd!

I followed up earlier this week with our **National Trust for Historic Preservation** key contact—Easement Program Director Raina Regan. She informed me that a contractor of theirs visited the firehouse a few weeks back for an exterior only site visit...and that they will update us with their report and findings as soon as processed.

As we enter our scholarship season under **Kitty Lenhart's** leadership and the good work of our **Board of Student Assistance**—I'm reminded of the importance of the financial support that we render to students and universities, both here in the States and abroad in Scotland...and much the same could be said of our commitment to our Board or Relief's work; to our cultural programs & offerings, and to the mutual support of our Scottish sister societies.

In closing, I mention as just one example—**UC Berkeley's Institute of European Studies (IES)**, and a program offering of theirs via Zoom on February 24th—of which we were named cosponsors: **Covid-19, Brexit and the Debate on Scottish Independence**. In the context of Cal Berkeley's Big Give on March 11th, Program Director Jeroen Dewulf wrote to us recently: "Thanks for your support...We are proud to include the St. Andrew's Society among our partner institutions" (<https://ies.berkeley.edu/partners>).

This recognition—that there are work and thanks enough to go around—grounds me in what we do and why we do it.

So, thanks for your membership, participation, and your confidence in our mutual support of our St Andrew's Society of San Francisco!

Sincerely,

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From The Bard — Jek Cunningham

## "Royal Controversy"



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In Britain, Monarchs can choose any name they wish for their official title. When Elizabeth came to the throne in 1952, there was controversy over the choice of regnal name and number. In Scotland the title Elizabeth II caused an uproar, as there had never been an Elizabeth. Because of this, new Royal Mail post boxes with the initials E II R were blown up by protesters. As a result, post boxes in Scotland now bear only a crown, but no royal initials.

John MacCormick, Rector of Glasgow University, raised an action in the Scottish courts claiming the title Elizabeth II was a breach of the 1707 Act of Union. After a lengthy legal debate, the case was dismissed and an appeal to the highest court in the land was also lost.



**Photo of the Month** The grey partridge, also known as the English partridge, is a gamebird in the pheasant family. The scientific name is the Latin for "partridge," and is itself derived from Ancient Greek perdx. It is strictly a ground bird, never likely to be found in pear trees! — Caroline Trotter Photography

# Mid-year Comments from Student Assistance Scholarship Recipients

By **Kitty Lenhart**, Chairperson, Board of Student Assistance

Academic Year 2020-2021

**Emily Bailey** – University of St. Andrews

Hello,

*Thanks for checking in—it is nice to hear from y'all! Please forgive me for my incredibly tardy reply; I have been overwhelmed with work lately, but my lateness here is inexcusable.*

*My year has been progressing satisfactorily and more or less according to my aspirations. During this past busy semester I had four classes and I passed all of them with Distinction. I aim to make the same marks in my three classes this next semester and hopefully on my dissertation this summer as well. Excitingly, I'm planning on writing my dissertation on a work of Scottish literature: Robert Henryson's *Orpheus and Eurydice*. This past semester was busy not only from class but from completing applications for further postgraduate study; I have become quite attached to the University of St Andrews and hope to stay on for a PhD beginning in September.*

*Sadly, I am unable to be in Scotland for the current Candlemas term; after returning home for Christmas break and then receiving the news about the tightened lockdowns abroad, I made the decision to stay in place at home. That has been a difficult adjustment since virtual learning is not my preferred method of education, but I recognize the necessity of it at the moment and am coping well with the arrangement. Dealing with COVID this past semester was difficult as well, but in a different way, as I adjusted to life in another country and culture in the midst of the pandemic -- thankfully, the university has been handling the situation well in my opinion, prioritizing getting students into the classroom if at all possible, so I had the majority of my classes in university buildings.*

*The funding graciously provided by y'all's society has been such an immense blessing as I consider the many challenges of attending graduate school. With the added burden of the pandemic, there have simply been numerous anxieties in my situation over the past year (as with most people this year!), so I could not possibly be more grateful for the way that this scholarship has relieved some of my financial burden. It has freed my mind to work harder and better, truly with more focus. By lessening my debt in obtaining my master's degree, it has also encouraged me to continue on in the pursuit of a doctoral degree in English literature.*

*I am quite sorry to have missed the Burns night meeting, but I would love to join any other society meetings since they are virtual at present. Please convey my deepest thanks to any and all members of the society for the gift of this scholarship, as it truly has facilitated my studies.*

*Many blessings to you and yours,  
Emily Bailey*

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**Aiden Sanchez** – University of Strathclyde

*So far, COVID has made this year an admittedly difficult time, however, I have been extremely blessed to still have been able to travel abroad and begin my studies at the University of Strathclyde this last autumn. Luckily, I have passed all my exams and am very excited to see what my second term has in store for me. In the 4 months that I had been in Glasgow I not only got to experience my very first semester of college in an amazing new city, I also got to see many beautiful sights like Loch Lomond, the Glasgow Necropolis, and the whole of George Square lit up for the holidays.*

*It was certainly a big change and I faced a bit of a learning curve in both my education as well as figuring out how exactly one is supposed to live on their own, but with such generous funding as well as the unwavering support of both my family and my community, I have been able to navigate this new and exciting chapter of my life. With every new and exciting chapter however, there are oftentimes challenges that must be overcome. In my case, I had to contend with constantly shifting guidelines and lockdowns.*

*Due to both constantly shifting COVID numbers as well as the encroaching holiday season, lockdowns came and went every couple*

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weeks and official guidelines tended to change very quickly. It was then up to me to figure out exactly what to do in the face of an ever changing and chaotic couple of months. I decided to essentially buckle down and get my work done while taking small trips in between lockdowns. It was a challenge at first to try and keep myself busy in lockdown, but I've since found value in spending time with myself and finding ways to pass the time while alone. I've picked up gardening, I go on walks around the east end fairly often, and I read more than I ever found myself reading before college. All in all, while I certainly faced some stumbling blocks, I would say that my experience in Glasgow has benefited me and has helped in making me a more rounded person.

Personally, I hadn't been very familiar with Robert Burns prior to coming to Scotland. However, once I had arrived in Scotland, I encountered this poem on the wall of a restaurant that I had frequented before lockdown:

“Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it,  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
And sae the Lord be thankit.”

This was my first encounter with Robert Burns' poetry, but as I read more, I realized that Robert Burns had written many other poems that I had read and loved but hadn't realized he had written such as “A Red, Red Rose” and “Auld Lang Syne”. If his work is still distributed, read, and loved by kids my age, it can no doubt be said that his work is both compelling and meaningful.

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**Chloe Reilly** – University of St. Andrews

Hi Kitty,

Thanks so much for reaching out to me! I chose to defer the start of my MSc at the University of St Andrews until September of 2021 and the Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco graciously agreed to defer my scholarship and award it to me for the 2021-2022 academic year. Since deciding to defer, I have been working at the Pinniped Cognition and Sensory Systems Laboratory at the University of California, Santa Cruz and working towards the publication of work from my senior thesis project.

I am very grateful to the Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco for supporting my pursuit of a masters of science and my plan to study the Scottish wildcat, an endangered species that is endemic to Scotland. Their decision to defer my scholarship means that I have a higher likelihood of being able to attend classes in person and being able to conduct my own fieldwork. I am also hopeful that I will be able to connect with my family members in Dundee, Linlithgow, and Kinross, if the Covid-19 situation is more under control by the time I am beginning my MSc at the University of St Andrews.

All the best,  
Chloe Reilly

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**Calum Lacy** – University of Edinburgh

Hello and Happy New Year,

My year has been going well, considering the circumstances. I've been living in Edinburgh, and being so far removed from home and from the immediate support (emotional and financial) of my family during this pandemic has been quite stressful. The grant given by the St Andrews Society has definitely helped in that regard, as it's definitely eased some of the worry of paying tuition costs this year, so thank you very much for that. In regards to the grant, I was also wondering if I would have to reapply for it again for the following year? I'm happy to do so, as the grant has been very helpful for my continuing studies in Edinburgh.

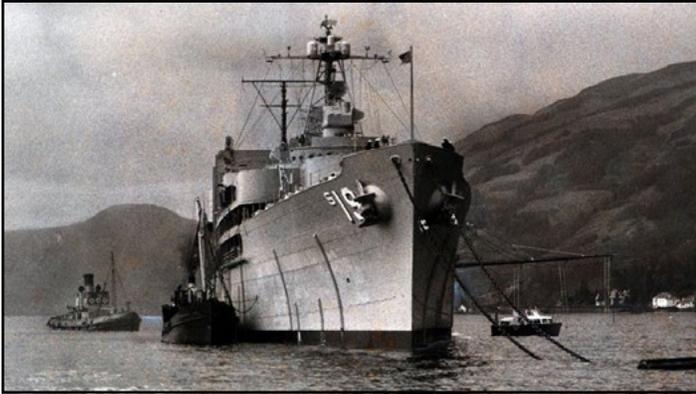
As for Robert Burns, perhaps the classic “Auld Lang Syne” is at it's most poignant now since it was written. It's been so long since I've had the simple pleasure of sitting with a group of classmates to work and laugh together, or bonding with my friends at the pub, just like how I'm sure everyone misses the day-to-day interactions we all used to take for granted. Little moments, like laughing with a friend or meeting someone new, used to feel so pleasantly mundane and yet now feel like a magical memory of the past. Burns reminder that we should treasure the friends of the past is more important now than ever, as when we all come back together when this is over I think we'll all want to share “a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.”

Thanks,  
Calum Lacy

# How US nuclear missiles found a base in Scotland

By Craig Williams  
BBC Scotland

Published 2 March



USS Proteus at anchor in the Holy Loch in 1961 (photo: © Alamy)

Dunoon was no stranger to submarines and their crews by the time the first Americans arrived there in March 1961 but establishing a US base in Scotland was still a controversial move.

The Argyll town sits at the mouth of the Holy Loch on the east side of the Cowal peninsula. The loch opens straight out into the Clyde and a combination of deep waters, natural shelter, and easy access to the open sea, had already ensured it was a strategically important spot when war broke out in 1939.

The Royal Navy based submarines there throughout World War Two, carrying out operations across the Atlantic.

But the US base would be something completely different.

By the early 1960s both the USA and USSR were increasing the size of their nuclear arsenals.

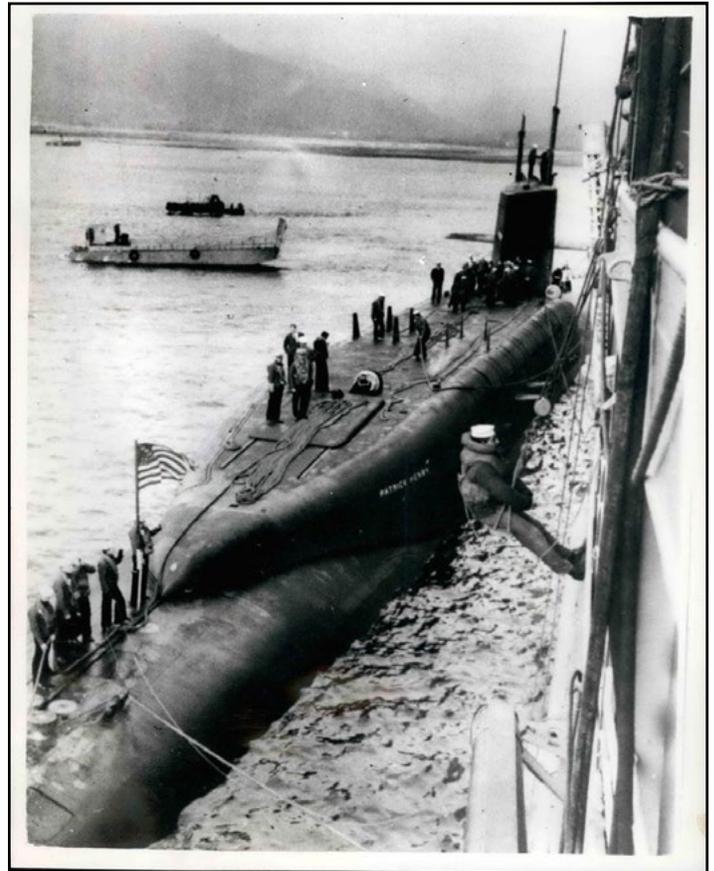
The Americans developed the submarine-launched Polaris nuclear missile system but needed a base for their fleet in Europe.

The USA and Britain struck a deal which brought the missiles to the Clyde and over the course of the next decade the Americans would take over the Holy Loch while the Royal Navy built up its own base a few miles away at Faslane on the Gare Loch.

On 3 March 1961, the submarine tender USS Proteus sailed up Holy Loch to establish the US base.

The giant ship, a veteran of the war in the Pacific, acted as a support vessel for the ballistic missile submarines, its crew dedicated to the maintenance of the underwater fleet.

The Proteus had a crew of 980 officers and men and up to 500 dependent families came with them. They would be based at the loch while the submarine crews flew in and out for tours of duty.



The American Polaris submarine 'Patrick Henry' arrived in the Holy Loch, and tied up alongside the depot ship 'Proteus' (photo: © Alamy)

The US submarines brought the first Polaris missiles into British waters and from the start their presence was controversial.



Anti-Polaris demonstrators carried out sustained protests at the US base (photo: © Alamy)

The day after the Proteus arrived, 1,000 protesters marched along the loch.

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# Nuclear Missiles

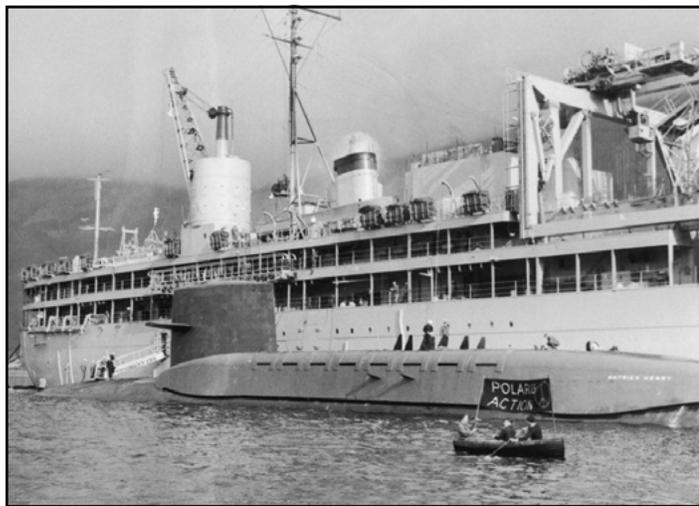
**I**sabel Lindsay was a founding member of Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (SCND) and one of those who protested.

She said: “The Holy Loch base brought a great surge of activity. An immediate coalition was formed with SCND, trade unions, sections of the Labour Party and of the churches, and it included the—at that time very small—SNP.

“This was a watershed moment both for the anti-nuclear movement in Scotland but, in retrospect, also for the broader political direction of change.”



**Gerry Pursley, from Kentucky, married local girl Linda Jones in 1963**



**On the day the Polaris submarine arrived at Holy Loch protesters took to the water to demonstrate against it** (photo: © Alamy)

Active and sustained protests, including marches and sit-ins, continued throughout the base’s history.

The submarines brought the Holy Loch into the world of global politics but it also fundamentally changed Dunoon and its people.

By 1961, the town’s glory days as a seaside resort were on the wane. The influx of hundreds of American sailors and their families was both a culture shock and a much-needed boost to the economy.

Gerry Pursley was a 23-year-old from Kentucky when he came to the base in March 1962. Within three months he met 18-year-old local girl Linda Jones. They were married the following Valentine’s Day.

“A lot of the guys met local ladies and got married,” Gerry said. “People were getting married before I got here. Some were getting married in 1961.”

In fact, between 1961 and 1971, a third of registered local marriages were between non-US women and US Navy personnel. These romances were accompanied by tensions between local men and the sailors.



**Gerry and Linda returned to Dunoon and brought up four children there**

Linda Pursley said: “There was some jealousy, you’d hear people say ‘She’s got herself a sailor’ but most of the time there was no problem.

“The Americans warmed to Dunoon. A lot of them were from small towns and they felt at home here.”

Gerry’s naval posting took the Pursleys back to the USA for much of the 1960s but they returned to Dunoon in 1971, bringing up their four children there. Gerry worked as an engineer for the navy and then opened a repair business in the town.

“Gerry was always very popular because he was the only one who knew how to fix an American washing machine,” Linda said.



**Phil Ambagtsheer was originally stationed at Holy Loch in 1980 and now lives nearby**

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# Nuclear Missiles

Another who stayed is Phil Ambagtsheer. Originally stationed at the Holy Loch in 1980, Phil immediately felt at home in Scotland.

“I’m from northern European extraction. I’m kind of gingery and I came from Los Angeles and my skin peeled all the time from the sun. When I got to the Holy Loch I acclimatised quickly.”

Phil was a submariner, so flew in and out for tours of duty without living off the base.

“Over the years we came and went all the time but we managed to sample the town,” he said. “A haggis supper from the chippy was a must-have experience. People used to dare one another to do it but I had one and never looked back.

“All that spicy oatmeal and all crispy on the outside. And the chips. I loved it.”

An average of 3,500–4,000 Americans were attached to the Holy Loch at any one time but that did not always mean a lot of money went into the local community.

While many stayed in rented family homes or as lodgers in Dunoon, the majority stayed on the tender ship. The base also had its own services including a shop and bank.

Dunoon was said to have the biggest local taxi fleet in the UK and driving a cab was a good living, according to Phil Ambagtsheer.

“When I first came if you were traveling into Dunoon the ride cost about 85p and we would pull a fiver out. The driver would say it was too much but we would give them it anyway.

“They always ended us saying ‘Suit yourself, mate.’”

The end of the US presence at Holy Loch became inevitable with the Cold War coming to a close. When the Soviet Union collapsed, the decision was taken to shut the base. The last ship left in March 1992.

Historian Trevor Royle wrote about the base in his book on the Cold War in Scotland, ‘Facing The Bear’. He believes the Holy



**The end of the US presence at Holy Loch became inevitable with the end of the Cold War** (photo: © Alamy)

Loch was a vital part of Nato’s defence strategy.

He said: “The base at Holy Loch was operational for 31 years and in that time its boats never fired a shot in anger. The Cold War peace held despite the constant threat of nuclear Armageddon.

“In 1992 very few local people were sorry to see them go, but the three decades of their presence left an indelible footprint. The submariners had forged links with the community which were both social and economic and long outlasted the ‘American Years.’”

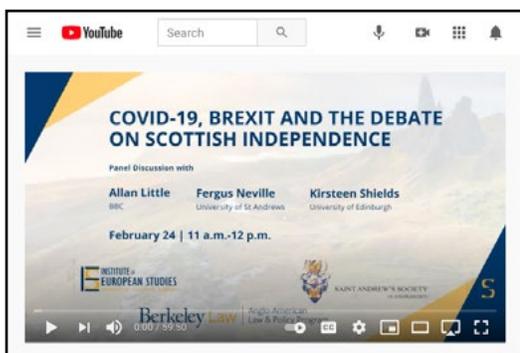
Dozens of US navy veterans still live in the area. They meet to chart the history of the base online, and talk to local schools.

Gerry Pursley said: “I think it’s a great part of the history of Dunoon. And I think really that you would find every sailor who served here enjoyed Scotland.”

Phil Ambagtsheer, now 59, lives in nearby Inellan, overlooking the Clyde.

“The Scots people were generally just welcoming and gracious. You experienced that and you liked it and you returned it.

“I’m just lucky I got to come back.”



## Covid-19, Brexit and the Debate on Scottish Independence

A panel discussion with Allan Little, BBC Foreign Correspondent; Kirsteen Shields, Lecturer, Global Academy of Agriculture & Food Security, University of Edinburgh; Fergus Neville, Lecturer in Organisational Studies, School of Management, University of St Andrews.

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=mVmu\\_bd64v8](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=mVmu_bd64v8)



# The Lions' Gate



**The Lions' Gate is an imaginative, urban, permaculture habitat based at Edinburgh Napier University's Merchiston Campus providing – garden, allotment, outdoor laboratory, venue, performance, re-wilding, and relaxation space.**

The onset of the pandemic has highlighted the immediate need for outdoor places that inspire and protect. Here, students, staff, local and international communities can safely;

- > Explore the environmental concerns of our age
- > Reconnect with nature for restorative health
- > Research sustainability and climate change
- > Investigate the a/effects of digital technology on the environment
- > Share knowledge
- > Have fun

For more details see our [gardens](#) and [resources](#) pages.

In a nutshell, **The Lions' Gate** is an inclusive sustainability gardens project that seeks to create the right conditions for people to empower themselves.

Please visit The Lions' Gate at:

<https://blogs.napier.ac.uk/thelionsgate/>



## Redding Bagpipe Competition

From **Fred Rutledge**, SAS-SF Trustee and member of the SASSF foundation.

**D**ue to unprecedented and overwhelming registration, the Redding Bagpipe Competition had added two additional, world-class pipers to our impressive list of Judges for the Saturday, March 6th, 2021 competition.



**Alex Gandy** has been piping since he was ten, receiving instruction primarily from his father, Bruce, and more recently his Godfather, Colin MacLellan. He is one of three people to win the Former Winner's MSR at Inverness from outside of Scotland, the other two being Bruce Gandy and Jack Lee. His jig credentials include winning the jigs at Oban twice. As a member of Field Marshal Montgomery he helped the band take 6 major prizes, including a World Championship in 2007 and a 2nd place at the Worlds in 2008. He currently is Pipe Major of the Grade 1, 78th Highlanders, Halifax Citadel Pipe Band based out of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Andrew Lee** has been piping with Simon Fraser University since the Fall of 2005. During his time with the band he has won the World Pipe Band Championships twice (2008 and 2009). Prior to joining SFU he was a member of the Robert Malcolm Memorial juvenile pipe band where he won three Juvenile World Pipe Band Championships. He has also won many solo prizes throughout North America and Scotland including the US Silver Medal, US Gold Medal twice and BC Pipers Cairn for Open Piobaireachd.

For complete bagpipe competition results visit: <https://wuspbanb.org/2021/03/10/redding-unofficial-results-3/>



# Navigating Businesses Through Change in a Pandemic

Learn how Scottish industries are recreating themselves with the help of University technologies and knowledge.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 (12:00 PM to 1:00PM PDT)  
(FREE EVENT – Sign up Required)

## About this Event

Many Scottish businesses have needed to recreate their business strategy and start again in order to survive (especially through the pandemic).



**Dr Siobhán Jordan**

We are delighted to speak with Dr Siobhán Jordan, the founding Director of Interface, an organization set up to operate a central access point for industries to collaborate with world leading knowledge, expertise, specialist facilities and technologies within Scotland's universities, research institutes and colleges. Informed by the needs of industry she has forged impactful and profitable collaborations across all industry sectors.

Learn about the development and management of unique and impactful programs designed to enhance innovation in industries. Through effective collaboration between Universities and industry, the commercialization of academic research, leadership and strategic development is pioneering new developments and lending a much needed support to businesses at large in Scotland.

Siobhán has a wealth of experience in the worlds of business and academia and is a member of the Scotland Can Do Business Innovation Forum, Chemical Sciences Scotland Leadership Group and the Board of Colleges Development Network.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scottish-academia-meets-business-to-innovate-and-build-profit-tickets-144585534225>



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## Burns in the Modern Global World

### How Robert Burns is remembered globally

Thursday, April 1, 2021 (12:00 PM to 1:00PM PDT)

*(FREE EVENT – Sign up Required)*

### About this Event

The Saint Andrew's Society is delighted to present Dr Paul Malgrati and his latest research on Robert Burns.

Dr Malgrati is a Research Assistant at the Centre for Robert Burns Studies (University of Glasgow, Scotland), working on past and present aspects of the Burns Supper phenomenon. In 2020, his Ph.D. thesis, focused on Burns's political legacy, and it won the prestigious Ross Roy Medal for that year's best thesis in Scottish literature.

In his humorous and jovial presentation, Dr Malgrati will be discussing how Robert Burns has been remembered from the time of his death to the present day, in addition to a brief exploration of the international history (and legacy) of Burns statues and artefacts all over the world. Many of them reside in the United States! We will also be reviewing Dr Malgrati's Interactive World Map of Burns Supper ... Do you remember where you were for Burns Supper this year?! Bringing more than 140 countries together, this map is the most detailed depiction of contemporary Burns Suppers anywhere in the world.

Outside of scholarship, Paul writes and publishes poetry in the Scots language, a collection of which was selected in 2021 for Scotland's Edwin Morgan Poetry Award.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/burns-in-the-modern-global-world-tickets-144590795963>



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# University of Edinburgh Short Courses

**Booking for Short Courses, starting in April 2021, is now open...**

...and they're delighted to be offering an exciting range of courses in Term 3, all of which will be taught online, by experienced University of Edinburgh tutors.

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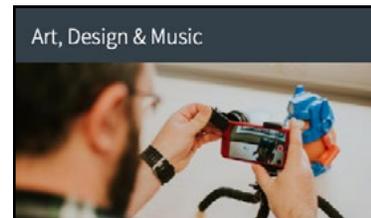
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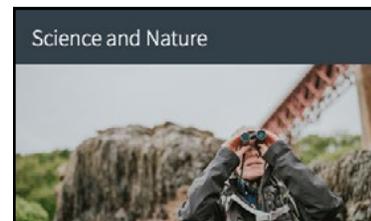
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The St. Andrew's Society Of San Francisco in collaboration with The Whisky Shop of San Francisco presents the March '21 edition of "Whisky Wednesdays."

### Whisky Production

April 14th, 2021

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

This month we will be highlighting the difference in whisky production as a basic introduction to the different styles of whisky.

Whisky Wednesdays tickets are priced at **\$50 for members and, \$75 for non-members**

(limit one per household)

Deadline to purchase tickets is

**April 4th, 2021**

Each ticket holder will receive five curated Scotch whiskies (50ml per tasting) highlighting the regions of Scotland, which will then be presented during our monthly tasting event from the comfort of your home.



For more information go to:

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## Join Us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube!

Ever want to know what is happening with the Society in the next month, or even year? Join us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube where you can connect with other Members, see what we are talking about through the month and connect with a wee piece of Scotland! Our social media pages holds lots of information about upcoming events, what people are saying and how you can get involved if you wish!

Click on the links below or type these addresses into your browser.



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You can also search for the Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco on Facebook and select "FOLLOW." You will then receive our latest news in your Facebook feed!

It's easy and will help you stay connected with us during this challenging time. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Best wishes, Irené (1st Vice President).



## Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
<b>2021</b>		
Mon. Mar. 15 (7:30 PM)	Member Meeting (Virtual Open Day)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Mar. 24 (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)	Navigating Businesses Through Change in a Pandemic	via ZOOM Video Conference
TBD	Tartan Day Scottish Faire at Ardenwood	Fremont, CA
Thurs. Apr. 11 (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)	Burns in the Modern Global World	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Apr. 14 (7:00 PM – 8:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays (The Whisky Shop)	via ZOOM Video Conference
TBD	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration	NPS – Martinez, CA
Mon. Apr. 19	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. May 12 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays (Rory Glasgow: Benriach Single Malt Distillery)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. May 17	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Jun. 9 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays (The Whisky Shop)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Jun. 21	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Jul. 14 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays Rory Glasgow: Glenglassaugh Single Malt Distillery	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Jul. 19	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
Wed. Aug. 11 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Aug. 16	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Caledonian Club's 155th Highland Games &amp; Gathering</b>	<b>Pleasanton, CA</b>
Wed. Sept. 8 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Sept. 20	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Oct. 13 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Oct. 18	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Nov. 10 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Nov. 15	Member Meeting	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Dec. 8 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Dec. 20	No Meeting due to December 31st. Hogmanay Celebration	
<b>Fri. Dec. 31</b>	<b>Hogmanay Celebration</b>	<b>via ZOOM Video Conference</b>
<b>2022</b>		
Mon. Jan. 17	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Jan. 12 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference
<b>Sat. Jan. 29 (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM)</b>	<b>160th Annual Robert Burns Supper</b>	<b>via ZOOM Video Conference</b>
Wed. Feb. 9 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference
Mon. Feb. 23 (7:30 PM)	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	via ZOOM Video Conference
Wed. Mar. 10 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Whisky Wednesdays	via ZOOM Video Conference

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Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 P.M. Light supper served before the meeting. (Free valet parking is provided for members' meetings. MUNI: one block east of Hyde St. cable car).

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