

Dear members

Somehow life seems to get in the way of these newsletters, however, here is a short summer one to keep you all updated on our activities.

We had a very successful AGM at the end of May with a small celebration of our 110 anniversary at



the end of it. A new Constitution was approved allowing us greater flexibility of membership of the Association, and also adding a bit of future proofing should we ever have to disband the Association. Social events have been very successful in the past year with many interesting activities, including guided tours by members; of the recently re-opened section of the National Gallery for Scotland and Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh.

The dinner provided by the students in April on the Great Gatsby theme went down a storm and was declared by many as being the best one yet. Several members got into the swing of things coming in correct dress for the era.

Our regular coffee get togethers are in abeyance over the summer but will restart in September so watch out for those e-mails giving the details. A couple of very interesting visits are on the cards so don't miss out on that. We also hope to try out some evening get-togethers as well for those who are still working during the day.



At Madras Lodge we have done some more refurbishment, including new carpets/flooring in both the house and loft and this will continue next year during our annual shut down week called Clean It- Fix It. All volunteer assistance gratefully received. Major repairs to some of the roof were done as a matter of urgency and we will continue to invest in this infrastructure work when

finances allow to maintain the fabric of the buildings.



Sadly we still do not have a bookings officer so I am continuing in that role currently. The investment of using the booking company's automated messaging service has paid dividends in terms of making the role easier. We still have some availability over the summer months and although we normally prefer a full

weeks booking, if you would like a short stay of 3 days or more, do go onto the site and see if there are dates free.

<https://sites.google.com/site/madraslodge/online-bookings>



Wishing you all a relaxing summer season.

Lindesay (President)

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