



On the optimistic note that Spring has arrived, welcome to the Spring newsletter.

Firstly a huge thank you to all who came and assisted at the Clean it, Fix it week at Madras Lodge this week. We had several marvellous days of sunshine and a cheerful and hard working group of members who did amazing work getting the property ready for this year. It can safely be said that every nook and cranny has been washed, dusted and refreshed including the garage. 3 stalwart husbands did a miraculous job tidying in there – photos below. This has meant it is now

a really functional, clean, tidy space allowing



easy use of the pool table, along with storage of games,



jigsaws, DVD's and other accoutrements. A personal joy was the chance to clean and wash the windows in there, and de-cobweb all areas which I

have been dying to do since I became President (must be the nurse education at QMU!)



The arrival of a new recycling storage unit ,made by a local company in Haddington, with the signage from a piece of timber found in the garage and done by GB, means that one no longer has to get into the garage to do recycling, and this along with special recycling bags in both properties should promote reduced use of the green bin, which is now only collected every 3 weeks. We did not decorate this year, focussing on getting a very thorough spring clean done, and all



heating, gas, electrical checks completed as well. Chimney stack repairs are commencing in a week, as one of the chimney's harling is falling off and needs replaced. At the same time all roof repairs (which are minor) will be undertaken.

Now some important dates for your diaries:

Firstly **The great 150 celebration get-together on 27th September 2025**

Come and join us at a buffet lunch to celebrate of 150 years of QMU hosted by QMU Association, in conjunction with Alumni office. **We aim to have 150 people attending**

and the event is open to all. This includes staff, previous staff, alumni, academic court members etc; you do not need to be a member of the association to come.

Why not make it **a reunion event** for your cohort of friends, or catch up with colleagues. Tables seat up to 10 people, so you can book a full table or just some spaces at a table, or even come on your own and meet other interesting people. Please inform as many of your QMU friends and contacts as you can about the event. We have over 1000 members in the Association but only 265 e-mail addresses so get on the phone, social media etc to spread the word.

Date: Saturday 27th September

Where: The Princess Suite, Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place EH3 6QE

Time: 12.30 onwards for drinks reception

Price: £35 per person plus private bar.

Further details regarding booking will follow shortly.

The AGM will be held on 6 June 2025 at QMU and as always we would encourage you to consider joining us on the committee – it's not onerous and we keep it informal so do consider it. Our social secretary is standing down from that role, maybe this is your strength! The booking officer role for Madras is still vacant, again it's not onerous since we instigated automated mailing and quite easy to keep on top of. (I can attest to that as I am still currently doing the job)

Finally our **next coffee get-together is on April 8th** at the Royal Scots Club in Abercromby Place, from 10.30am. We meet in the lounge area and sometimes if we are there for a long time some of us have lunch too! No need to let anyone know you are coming, it's very relaxed and flexible.

One of our members has become a botanical artist since retirement and is exhibiting in the following exhibition –

The whole world botanical art exhibition is streamed on-line with artists from countries around the globe contributing.

We hope you all have a lovely spring and can get into the open air for walks, gardening , swimming or whatever you enjoy most. Remember Madras lodge is available to book for short breaks, longer holidays, writing retreats and reunion weekends

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

Best wishes on behalf of the committee : Lindesay

