



AWCCS Newsletter

American Women's Club of Central Scotland



Hi!

Welcome to our bi monthly electronic newsletter. **You will receive it through your email as a pdf file you may wish to save it and the calendar on your desktop to view.** *There are now some live links to information, other websites, and to club forms and payments.* If you would like to submit an article or info for our newsletter, please send it to newsletter@awccs.org by the 15th of the preceding month..

Thank you! - Susannah Stout, Newsletter Editor

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Submissions are welcome and should be sent to newsletter@awccs.org by the 15th of January. Please accompany submissions with images if you have any! Contact the Editor by phone or email for details. Late submissions may not be included. Although material may be edited for clarity or space, contributions should be submitted ready for print. Next issue shall be published for February March 2017. AWCCS reserves the right to refuse any ad and cannot be held responsible for loss or damages incurred as a result of transactions stemming from any advert.

Newsletter Editor Susannah Stout

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*Remember to check the website for the latest updates: www.awccs.org
You will need to register in order to log in to the Members Only Section.*

*If you've got a favourite activity and would like others to join, please let
Nancy Lynner know at president@awccs.org and we will start
a Special Interest Group for you.*

2016 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

President's Message

Dear Members,

The Board is working on improving communications. Our Newsletter will move to being distributed to your IN box 5 times per year. Our Editor, Susannah Stout, after 10 years as Editor, needs to reduce the number of newsletters. The publication dates of the newsletter are included in a chart. (Thank you, Susannah, for your long service to AWCCS.)

Mid Month Emails will continue to arrive, and will now include our club advertisers links. These mid month reminders will become more important, since the newsletter is now published 5 times a year. Special editions of these member emails are easy to arrange if time sensitive news occurs. Just contact our Website manager, Joyce Halsan at websitemanager@awccs.org.

If you are one of those who writes articles for both of these publications, the following charts share the deadlines, as well as the email address you're to use for sending.

Are these two club publications working for you? We do have at least 1 member who is not able to receive emails, and she receives the newsletter on paper. We'll continue to make sure she hears about all our activities. If you know of any other member who needs paper news, let us know.

The club's flagship event is **Thanksgiving**, and you should all have received a printed invitation in October, including a form to return with your dietary requests, seating requests, and especially the names of your guests. Make sure we have those details so on-the-day your experience will be smooth. There will be live banjo music, a silent auction, and perhaps there will be some live auction items—we shall see what we receive.

If you have something or some experience you could donate to the auction, contact one of the co-chairs: Jana Livermore, Donna Nodson or Maureen Hakes at thanksgiving2016@awccs.org

Plan on bidding for the items! Last year we raised the most from any single event—nearly £1400.00, which went to last year's Scottish charity Move-On. This year, our charity will be the charity selected by all FAWCO member clubs including ourselves, and it' will be announced at the March 2017 FAWCO conference in Mumbai, so all we know is that it will be under the umbrella of EDUCATION. As a FAWCO club, we support their on-going charities, as well as supporting a Scottish local charity, as we did last year.

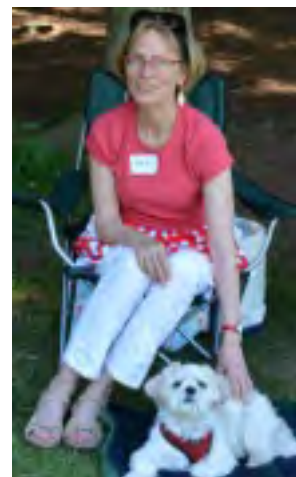
We are again doing a food drive, so please bring canned goods to donate.

Besides FAWCO, there is another terrific organization called American Citizens Abroad (ACA) and you can find helpful articles and information on their website.

We have a **November Birthday Bash on Thursday 10th November** at Whigham's Wine Cellars, 6:00–8:00, and again in early December on **Thursday 8th December** at the Sheraton Hotel's One Square Bar, 6:00–8:00. Remember to RSVP.

See you at Thanksgiving!

Nancy Lynner,
President AWCCS



Thanksgiving Dinner 2016!

Planning for this year's Thanksgiving dinner is well underway and several reservations have already been made by our AWCCS members as well as non-members, too. Tables are filling but there is still plenty of room, so if you'd like to register your family and friends to attend this wonderful fundraising dinner event, don't delay! Complete and mail your registration form today!

If you are unable to attend the Thanksgiving dinner this year but would like to participate in helping raise funds for the charity selected by the FAWCO member clubs, please consider donating an item for our silent auction. Contact Jana Livermore at thanksgiving2016@awccs.jdilivermore9717@comcast.net with questions or if you need more information. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING 2016

AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF CENTRAL SCOTLAND

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

WALDORF ASTORIA EDINBURGH - THE CALEDONIAN
PRINCES STREET, EH1 2AB

SUNDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER

2.00 PM ARRIVAL

1 GLASS OF WINE OR FRUIT JUICE, COMPLIMENTARY

2.30PM SEATING

MENU:

ROAST TURKEY WITH GRAVY
STUFFING, ROAST POTATOES
SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE, GREEN BEANS
ROASTED VEGETABLES
CRANBERRY SAUCE
PUMPKIN PIE
TEA AND COFFEE

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CHARITY BASKET SILENT AUCTION!
PROCEEDS FOR AWCCS SCOTTISH CHARITY FOR 2016-17
TO BE ANNOUNCED

TICKET INFORMATION

ADULTS - AWCCS MEMBERS & FAMILY: £34 PER PERSON / NON-MEMBERS: £38 PER PERSON
CHILDREN - 3-14 YEARS OLD: £15 PER PERSON / UNDER 3: FREE (NO MEAL PROVIDED)

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY 18TH NOVEMBER
SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS

GUESTS ARE ASKED TO BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF CENTRAL SCOTLAND
OR TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

WWW.AWCCS.ORG

Charity Live Auction Prize kindly offered by Joyce Halsan and Bill Waugh for our Annual AWCCS Thanksgiving Dinner Auction.

Do you have something you may wish to offer to our auction? If so, please let our Thanksgiving team know via our event email address thanksgiving2016@awccs.org



A FIVE COURSE DINNER FOR FOUR

AT THE HOME OF JOYCE HALSAN AND BILL WAUGH

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN DOING THIS LAST YEAR THAT WE WANT TO DO IT AGAIN.

Enjoy a FIVE course dinner for FOUR at our wee flat in Portobello by the Sea.

Relax and enjoy being waited on

- Wine and appetisers to begin in the lounge,
- Move on to the dining room for starters, soup and main course, and
- Finish with dessert choices back in comfy seats in the lounge.
- And, of course, tea and coffee as well as a wee dram.



MENU ITEMS TO BE DECIDED UPON WITH THE WINNERS. DATE AND TIME ALSO TO BE ARRANGED, BUT PLEASE USE BY 31 MARCH 2017.



Joyce and Bill at last year's dinner

The proceeds collected for this dinner will be directed towards the support of our representative to attend the Fawco Annual Conference, this year in Mumbai. Fawco is our Parent Organisation which is our main liaison to the U.S. news pertinent to Americans living overseas.

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Glamis Castle Revisited

Twenty two AWCCS members and their families traveled back into history on the first Saturday in October. As the Haggis & Highland Explorer coach departed for Glamis Castle in Angus, our long-standing member, Karen MacCormick, Blue Badge Guide, regaled the group with stories and facts from all eras of Scottish history, including the Picts, the Romans, the Jacobites and those family names from Shakespeare's MacBeth. She also shared facts about the geology and agricultural history. (Thank you, Karen, for donating your time and services to the club again.)



Many years ago, the AWCCS took a similar trip to Glamis Castle, and at the AGM last June, member Heather Anderson reminisced about that past trip. All the members thought we should revisit Glamis. The drive included views of low, wide valleys, hills, and rich farm land, a drive through the entry grounds of Scone Castle, encounters with several rainbows over the Scottish strawberry fields, and finally into the stately grounds of Glamis Castle.



The Glamis tour guide shared hundreds of years of history, including details of the lives of the family, friends, British royalty, architects and gardeners, chefs and servants... and the current ghosts of Glamis.

The paintings, the furniture, and the artefacts from the family –those lavish surroundings demanded more time than the tour guide allowed. This castle has a deep value to share with the public. And that

is only the interior, because the Glamis grounds and gardens are vast and varied. There is a ground level museum which few found time to view. The gift shop got lots of business. The light and not-so-light rain did not keep everyone from touring the gardens. After all, dwellers of Scotland learn to dress for rain.

Because AWCCS booked as a group of more than 20, a private dining room was set aside for the luncheon. The menu was a delicious lentil and vegetable soup, four types of sandwiches, and hot drinks.

Karen and the coach driver took a return route through Dundee, including a view of the construction site of Victoria & Albert Museum of Design, to be opening in 2018. Everyone agreed that an AWCCS Coach trip to Dundee to see that new museum will become a future trip for the club. Thank you, Tara Scott, for organizing this terrific trip through ***Haggis & Highland Explorer tours***.



AWCCS COMMUNICATIONS 2016-2017

Chart for AWCCS NEWSLETTER publication date and deadline for content

We will have five newsletters per year.

Issue Publishing Date	Deadline for Content	EMAIL it to:	Subject Heading
September-October	August 5 th	sus.stout@yahoo.co.uk	"NEWSLETTER"
Nov-Dec-Jan WINTER	October 15 th	sus.stout@yahoo.co.uk	"NEWSLETTER"
February-March	January 15 th	sus.stout@yahoo.co.uk	"NEWSLETTER"
April-May	March 15 th	sus.stout@yahoo.co.uk	"NEWSLETTER"
Jun-July-Aug SUMMER	May 15 th	sus.stout@yahoo.co.uk	"NEWSLETTER"

AWCCS MID-MONTH REMINDER EMAIL publication date and deadline for content

Advertisers will be linked into each mid month reminder.

EMAIL Publishing Date To be on or about the 15 th , but not before	Deadline for Content	EMAIL it to	Subject Heading
September 15 th	Sept 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"
October 15	Oct 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"
November 15	Nov 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"
December 15	Dec 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"
January 15	Jan 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"
February 15	Feb 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"
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July 15	July 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"
August 15	Aug 10	websitemanager@awccs.org	"MID MONTH EMAIL"

SPECIAL ISSUES of club emails with time-sensitive news can easily be arranged by contacting Joyce.

WEBSITE NEWS by Joyce Halsan

I thought you might be interested in what pages in our website are most popular and visited frequently. The most visited is Number 1, but all 22 of these pages get a healthy number of 'hits.' Our Advertisers are in our top 22, we are so pleased that our site is working for them. Fawco (our parent organisation) is also a very popular section. Most of the other pages have to do with keeping Americans informed of issues important to them, presented by our voting coordinator, Dale Finlayson, Fawco , and the U.S. Consulate office.

The Main site OPEN TO ALL (<http://www.awccs.org>):

TOP 22 HITS on the AWCCS Website: These are the pages that are receiving the greatest number of visitors from highest number to lowest (out of 110 pages).

1. Charity Work
2. Contact AWCCS
3. Traveling with your Pet outside the UK
4. U.S. Consulate General, Edinburgh
5. Join Us
6. History of the Club
7. News for Americans Abroad
8. Purpose of Club
9. Redwood Bistro
10. Membership
11. Thank You (Alias: thank you) Response to PayPal activity.
12. The Nomads Tent
13. FAWCO News
14. Ambassador for FAWCO
15. Going Home Soon? FAWCO
16. FAWCO'S Target Charity: Free theGirls
17. What do you have that Americans Overseas would want? Category: Advertise with Us
18. Prices for our Advertisers—Category: Advertise with Us
19. Terms and Conditions—Category: Advertise with Us
20. Skyco International Food Club
21. Home
22. Lupe Pinto Deli

Members Using the Website MEMBERS ONLY: (<http://www.awccs.org/index.php/member-s-home-page>)

(1). Percent of members we have reached through our website using our website database, mailing list, receiving the Newsletters and Announcements: 100%

and

(2). Members who have logged in to Members' Only Page: 73% (Let's Increase that to 100%!)

Important to note that the top four pages that were visited (below) are all written by our own members (Member Articles). Does that encourage you to write an article that we can publish in our Newsletter and Website? Also, did you know we have a Recipe section? (<http://www.awccs.org/index.php/member->

s-home-page/recipes) Quite a few of you do, obviously. We are always happy to include your favourite recipe in our page. Our Photo Gallery is another popular page, and we are always looking for members who would like to contribute to that page.

Top 22 Hits on the Members Only Section (only registered members):

Traveling with your Pet outside the UK (Member Article)

AWCCS Meets Scottish Colourists (Member Article)

When The Path to A Good Education Is Too Rugged (Member Article)

Education for Global Citizenship (Member Article)

Miso Soup (Recipe)

Fife Friday Dinner Club

Happy Birthday

Letter From the President

Ultimate Chocolate Truffle Cookie (Recipe)

Activities and Coordinators

Thanksgiving 2016

Texas BBQ Beans (Recipe)

Books, Beverages and Banter Glasgow

Why Renew your Membership?

Mardi Gras, Photo Gallery

Thanksgiving 2014, Photo Gallery

Apple Pudding (Recipe)

Flaming Bananas (Recipe)

Coffee Plus in Edinburgh

A Decade of AWCCS, Photo Gallery

Chocolate Cake (Recipe)

Brownie in a mug (Recipe)

Questions? Need your Login details? Ask: websitemanager@awccs.org.

Please Log In to your members only section to see the latest news and changes in events. Download your Membership Directory, current Newsletter, current calendar, Resource Book, Renewal Form, By-Laws and others.

A new Membership Directory will be available with updated information soon. You will need to log in to our Members Only site to download it. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP DOING THIS. I can send you a new password if you need it. Just let me know. websitemanager@awccs.org

Thanks for your membership and for your support to the club.

News from American Citizens Abroad (ACA)- a reminder--

ACA members are now able to become members of the State Department Federal Credit Union and open a US-based US dollar denominated bank account. This might be useful if you have found trouble opening/maintaining a US bank account due to no longer having a US residence or a US mailing address.

Many ex-patriots do have this trouble. Our own American Women's Club of Central Scotland website, www.awccs.org has a link to the ACA website.

You can find this information at this web address-- <https://www.americansabroad.org/sdfcu-account/>
Dues to join American Citizens Abroad are \$70.00, or \$55.00 for seniors. Also, you can google American Citizens Abroad.

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Original Cake Pan Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups King Arthur Unbleached All-Purpose Flour or Organic All-Purpose Flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup Dutch-process cocoa or natural cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon espresso powder, optional
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon vinegar, cider or white
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup cold water

Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F. Lightly grease an 8" square or 9" round pan that's at least 2" deep.
If you don't have a 2"-deep pan in either of those sizes, use a 9" square pan.
2. **Traditional method:** Measure all the dry ingredients into the prepared pan. Blend the ingredients together thoroughly with a fork or whisk and scoop out three holes, or indentations. Pour the vanilla into the first hole, the vinegar into the second, and the vegetable oil into the third. Take the cup of water and pour it directly over everything in the pan. Stir all the ingredients together with your fork until well blended.
3. **Updated method:** Whisk the dry ingredients together in a medium-sized bowl. Whisk the vanilla, vinegar, vegetable oil, and water in a separate bowl. Pour the wet ingredients into the bowl of dry ingredients, stirring until thoroughly combined. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.
4. Bake the cake for 30 to 35 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, or with a few moist crumbs clinging to it.
5. Serve the cake right from the pan; warm from the oven, it's wonderful with a big glass of milk.
6. Or, once cool, frost the cake with this simple chocolate frosting: Heat 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips with 1/2 cup half & half until the chips melt. Stir until smooth, and pour/spread over the cake. For a non-dairy icing, substitute 1/3 cup cold brewed coffee (or water) for the half & half.
7. Yield: about 16 servings.

A recipe to appeal to everyone with a sweet tooth! Perfect for sundaes!

HOT FUDGE SAUCE

yield: A heaping 2 cups

prep time: 5 minutes

cook time: 10 minutes

total time: 15 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

2/3 cup heavy cream

½ cup Lyle's Golden Syrup, or light corn syrup

1/3 cup dark brown sugar

¼ cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder

¼ teaspoon sea salt

6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped, divided in half

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, bring the cream, syrup, brown sugar, cocoa powder, salt and half of the chocolate to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low or low (enough to maintain a low simmer), and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Remove from the heat and stir in the remaining chocolate, the butter, and the vanilla extract, stirring until smooth. Let cool for 20 to 30 minutes before using (it will thicken as it cools). Store in a jar or airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. To reheat, microwave for 30 seconds to 1 minute until it's pourable but still thick.





Californian Chef Patron & AWCCS Member,
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gray for a wee bit of California sunshine at Redwood
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For more details visit:

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AWCCS Final Budget Report 2015 July 1 to 2016 June 30

	Income	Expenses	Total
Balance Forward 2014-2015	£1,055.85		£1,055.85
Membership	£1,353.79		£1,353.79
Advertising	£209.93		£209.93
Charity Income	£1,467.23	-£1,562.53	-£95.30
Social	£370.60	-£658.30	-£287.70
Newsletters		-£8.14	-£8.14
Thanksgiving	£2,105.15	-£2,285.02	-£179.87
FAWCO Dues and Website		-£298.42	-£298.42
FAWCO Conference Expenses	£100.00	-£600.00	-£500.00
Software for website		-£38.50	-£38.50
Balance Forward 2015-2016	£6,662.55	-£5,450.91	£1,211.64

Will Carry over to next year: £1211.64

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Kirkpatrick, Treasurer 2015-2016

NOVEMBER EVENTS - Ann Bartlett-Stewart

Tax Seminar by **Clear Taxation** - our second tax seminar on Thursday Nov. 3 at 6:30 pm at the same location on Howe Street in Edinburgh which is now called Six Degrees North.

Saturday, November 5th, 11 a.m.

Harry Benson: Fifty Years of American History at the Scottish Parliament, FREE ENTRY



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AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB)

*Thank you, **Monica Huckins**, for arranging our October night out in the West End at Bread Meats Bread! It is good we Glasgow Gals to get together again after our summer hiatus! We look forward to have others join us for the upcoming events:*

November AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB) Sunday meeting

Date: Sunday 13 November
Time: 1pm
Venue: Cup – Merchant City
Address: No.4 Virginia Court, Glasgow, G1 1TN
phone : (0141) 553 2326
Website: <http://cup-tearooms.co.uk/book>

NOTE: it appears that the Cup on Byers Road is now closed so lets try the new location !

Please RSVP to Mary Jo by Fri 11 November so she can book our table.

Looking forward to hearing what everyone is reading !!

Mary Jo - maryjo.bonecaselton@btinternet.com

December AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB) Night Out at the Pantomine!

We are booked to go to the **Cinderella panto** at the **King's Theatre Glasgow** at 7pm on **Wednesday the 7th of December**.

(Oh yes, we are!!!)

We are planning to go out for a pre theatre meal beforehand - details to come via email.

If you are interested in joining us, you shall need to book seats from the box office. Information on location of the prebooked seats can be obtained from Shannon Lei, who has kindly organised this special event for us!

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Edinburgh Morning Book Group



The morning book group meets monthly, in members' homes, always on a Friday, usually (but not always) the third one in the month. Our meetings start at 10:15 and finish around noon. At the moment we are not accepting new members as some of our homes will not accommodate more, but the books we have chosen are listed for recommendation to other readers. If you would like to be on the waiting list to join, contact Dale Finlayson (email below).

Friday, 18 November

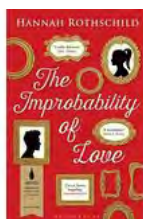
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The Improbability of Love

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The Stories

by Jane Gardham



Friday, 20 January 2017

Home of Pamela Blackley

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The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

by Jamie Ford



What I love about Birthday Bash and Coffee Plus by Nancy Lynner

October 13th our Birthday Bash was at One Square Bar, at the Sheraton, and this location is a keeper! The drinks, nibbles and appetizer menu is varied and well-priced, and the acoustics were great—10 of us could actually hear what everyone else was saying—unless someone was laughing too loudly...sorry about that—my cocktail was potent.

This club and our activities are malleable. We can create and change, grow and learn to adapt our club activities to meet your needs and your interests.

Although I have been a member since my arrival in winter 2007-8, the club has been in a transition all these years. As women have moved into the work force (not always an easy goal for an American to accomplish in Scotland) the numbers who will attend a daytime, weekday meeting have declined, and the requests for evening or weekend events have increased.

The club volunteers have busy lives, and we make fewer events that are labor-intensive. What I like about Birthday Bash is that it is low-key, low-maintenance, and high fun. So is Coffee Plus. It is in these informal settings, where you attend if you are able, and you pay your own way on the day, that I have gotten to know so many of you—it's where I have learned more about your US history, and your current families...and so then our friendships deepen.

If these two staples of the annual activities of AWCCS don't fit into your busy life, can you imagine an activity that might fit in? All board meetings are open to your attendance, so you can share ideas.

- **November Birthday Bash** will be at **Whigham's Wine Bar** on **Thursday 10th November** from **6:00 – 8:00PM**.
- **December Birthday Bash** will be at **Sheraton's One Square Bar** on **Thursday 8th December** **6:00 – 8:00**.
- **Coffee Plus** is **October 26th** at **Café at the Palace (Holyrood)** from **10:00 am**, then will resume in **January**.

Birthdays:

November

Dawn MacKenzie	12th November
Suzette Bell	14th November
Joyce Halsan	18th November
Donna Nodson	22nd November
Annette Sprague	30th November

December

Mary Jo Caselton	December 12
Christina Kelso	December 11th



Have a fantastic Birthday, gals!

NEW Calendar of Upcoming Events

November Events

Thursday, 3rd November at 6:30 pm

Tax Seminar by Clear Taxation - our second tax seminar on Thursday Nov 3 at 6:30 pm at the same location on Howe Street in Edinburgh which is now called Six Degrees North.

Saturday, 5th November, 11 a.m.

Harry Benson: Fifty Years of American History at the Scottish Parliament, FREE ENTRY

Thursday, 10th November from 6:00 – 8:00PM

November Birthday Bash will be at Whigham's Wine Bar on Thursday 10th November from 6:00 – 8:00PM.

Sunday, 13th November, 1pm

November AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB)
Sunday 13 November, 1pm, at Cup – Merchant City

Friday, 18th November 10:15 a.m.

Edinburgh Morning Book Group , Friday, 18 November 10:15 a.m.
Home of Jenny Gibb

Sunday, 27th November from 2 p.m.

AWCCS Thanksgiving , Waldorf Astoria

December Events

Wednesday, 7th of December 7 p.m.

December AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB)
Night Out at the Pantomine! The Cinderella panto at the King's Theatre Glasgow,
7pm on Wednesday the 7th of December.

Thursday 8th December 6:00 p.m.

December Birthday Bash will be at Sheraton's One Square Bar on Thursday 8th December 6:00 – 8:00.

Friday, 9th December, 10:15 a.m.

Edinburgh Morning Book Group , Friday, 9 December
Home of Dale Finlayson

January Events

Friday, 20 January 2017, 10:15 a.m.

Edinburgh Morning Book Group , Friday, 20 January 2017
Home of Pamela Blackley

Coffee Plus takes a break in November and December and resumes in January. Further Info shall be sent out in the Mid Month reminder.