

# 2021 Newsletter for Autumn



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We are thinking of all those who lost their lives on 9/11. We are thinking of those who have lived without loved ones whose lives were changed forever. We are paying tribute to those people by filling our hearts with love and strength and with hope of peace.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [Glasgow Outdoor BBO](#)

26 Sep 2021 13:00

Southpark Avenue, Hillhead, Glasgow

## Dates to remember

**October 2021 Coffee Morning in Edinburgh outdoors is to be announced the first of October.** Watch for the Event email for details.

**Mental Health Zoom Series, three sessions. Session one is planned for 26 Oct 2021 at 18:00 tentatively.** You will receive an Event notice when this is decided.

**Halloween, Saturday 30 October, 2-4pm,** Either in person outside or on Zoom as a fall back. Venue to be decided, watch for Event notice.

**AWCCS Thanksgiving 2021** will tentatively be held on **Sunday 28th November 2021**, the Sunday following US Thanksgiving holiday. The Board are working on venue, and confirming details in the next few weeks. It all depends on our Covid 19 restrictions, of course, so please watch this space for details on how we plan to spend Thanksgiving this year.

Questions?

[Contact Us](#)

## Action Required to choose our Charity

This year our **Charity Chair, Katie Graham**, is asking you, our members, to recommend a Charity you wish us to feature during the next two years. We always give to three charities, (1) the one chosen by our members, (2) the FAWCO Target Program and (3) we contribute to an emergency fund for Americans

who show up at the U.S. Consulate General in Edinburgh. This is the time of year we ask for your suggestions for Charities you wish us to consider. Please let Katie know your suggestion including why you are suggesting it, giving the background and/or the website of the charity and indicating any personal preference you have for the charity. In the [Contact Page](#), please put "Charity Chair" in the subject line of your email. The final vote will take place near Thanksgiving and our choice will be our Charity for the two year period 2021-2023. Thanks for doing this **TODAY**.

## Letter from the President

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Hello American sisters!

Happy September! First let me say what an honour for you to let me serve you as president and I hope I will not let any of you down. This summer's weather has been a mix from absolute fabulous to Wizard of Oz. I hope we all were able to enjoy something of the fabulous.

I have spent the last couple of months learning about my role in the organisation and learning the bylaws and what I can and cannot do as your president. Thank you so very much Nancy and Joyce for guiding and mentoring me as I become accustomed to this wonderful organisation. There is still so very much to learn but I want to say I'm up to the challenge. I sent an email to everyone with an AWCCS email introducing myself and offering a hand of friendship. If you did not receive an email, it could have gone to your junk mail or we don't have your correct email address. Please do let me know.

On my agenda, as your president, it to increase our numbers. There are thousands of American women living here and many have never heard of us. This is a brilliant club and I want others to know it and what makes it brilliant. I would love to see us reaching out to other parts of Scotland, the Borders, Ayrshire and the Islands. I want to invest more time and money in Glasgow and the many American women who live there so buckle up ladies we have so much work to do. This organisation was built by us and for us. When it first started it was for the wives of business men who came to work here but now, in the 21st century, we are working women. We have to reflect that.



Finally, I attended the American Consulate reception, a fond farewell to Ellen Wong who is off to Germany and a welcome to the new Consul General, Jack Hillmeyer and Consul Michael Feldman. The event was a fabulous opportunity to socialize and get to know our American consuls, and both seemed to be very personable and genuine. As most of you will know, this is the first time we have had a male in this position in 20 or 30 years. A unique opportunity to view our relationship with the consulate in a different manner.

Please do let me know if you have any positive ideas, suggestions or feedback that will improve me, the club and our relationship together. Hope to see you all soon.

Cynthia

Contact Cynthia

\*Please note: to join Facebook, please first contact us at [getinfo@awccs.org](mailto:getinfo@awccs.org) to request admission as it is private to members only. Thanks

## AWCCS CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome New Members:

Katie Graham & Carole Henderson



### Happy Birthday

September 2021	October 2021
1- Jessica Goelle	9-Katie Graham
12- Renee Grieve	20- Katharyn Cross
15- Tracey Rosenberg	24- Morgan Currie
15 Aly Stewart	27- Tahitia McCabe
25- Olivia McLare	29- Caroline Graves
	29 - Melissa Kaplan



## Glasgow Events

### Glasgow Outdoor BBQ!

***The 12 September BBQ has been Cancelled.***  
***The New date is Sunday, 26 September 2021***

- When: 26 September 2021 (Sunday)
- Time: 1:00 PM (13:00)
- Where: Hillhead, Glasgow
- Bring: A dish to Share
- RSVP: Choose Yes, No or Maybe



**Everyone is Welcome** Join the AWCCS Glasgow members on a Sunday BBQ with lots of food and

*great company. Address will be sent to you when you choose YES as attending on the Event Email that you received on 11 September.*

## Glasgow Kahoot!

Kahoot: Pub quizzes in the comfort of your own home. All you have to do is download quiz to your device and dust off the Covid fog to answer questions. Good fun - Event for end of September will be announced in emails sent to you mid September. Hope to see you there. Contact us if you are interested.

Contact Us

## Edinburgh Events

### Edinburgh Coffee Morning September - Nancy

**Monday Sept 6th** was the first AWCCS Coffee morning of 2021 in Edinburgh and we had 11 attendees. It was a happy gathering and we all talked a-mile-a-minute. The misty rain at 10 Am soon stopped, and we all had a terrific meeting.

Members generally prefer a Tuesday to a Monday. We might alternate each month—sometimes a Monday, sometimes a Tuesday. We all like the Outdoor aspect now. Many thought the next time we might meet at National Gallery of Art's Modern One, where the cafeteria has a large patio.



Photos supplied by Sallie Redman (Thanks Sally)

Stay tuned for the October updates.

## Edinburgh Book Group

The morning book group was back in action, but still on Zoom, after our pause in August for the Book Festival. Our September book was *Love and War in the Apennines* by Eric Newby, the true story of a young soldier in the Black Watch who escaped from imprisonment under



Italian fascists and was sheltered by unbelievably hardy, selfless Italian mountain villagers, one of whom he later married! He was to become one of Britain's best known travel writers in subsequent years. A recommended read!

**Future selections:**

**22 October** – The Beekeeper's Promise by Fiona Valpy (Note: this is the 4th Friday)

**19 November** – Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

## AWCCS Treasurer Report 2020-2021

**AWCCS End of Year Income & Expenses (Final)**

*Final September 26, 2021*

June 30, 2021

American Women's Club of Central Scotland - 2020 to 2021	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Balance</i>
2019 to 2020 CASH BALANCE			£6,808.73
MEMBERSHIP DUES (1)	£345.96		£345.96
ADVERTISING	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
NEWSLETTERS		£0.00	£0.00
SOFTWARE (2)		(£143.88)	(£143.88)
FAWCO DUES & WEBSITE (3)		(£136.09)	(£136.09)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		(£50.00)	(£50.00)
SOCIAL EVENTS (4)	£0.00	(£150.62)	(£150.62)
CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED / (MADE) (5)	£1,458.83	(£1,518.09)	(£59.26)
THANKSGIVING DINNER (6)	£0.00	(£150.00)	(£150.00)
FAWCO	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>2020 to 2021 TOTAL INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>£2,054.79</b>	<b>(£2,148.68)</b>	<b>(£93.89)</b>
<b>2020 to 2021 ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>			<b>£6,714.84</b>

(1) Income - Membership Renewals suspended until July 1, 2021 due to COVID

(2) Expenses - Zoom (1 year thru April 2022)

(3) Expenses - FAWCO Dues £84.14; FAWCO Domain Name/Web Hosting £51.95 (*Wild Apricot renewal will be due July 2021*)

(4) Expenses - Halloween £41.62; Valentines £53.37; Spring Gathering £55.63

(5) Income - Member Donations £86.56; Thanksgiving Auction £886.69; Pub Quizzes £306.89; Tea Towel Sales £149.86

Expenses - US Consulate Fund £0; FAWCO Target Project £466; MS Therapy Centre Lothian £467;

Revive MS Support £467: FAWCO Foundation Education Development Grant Fund £0

(6) Income - Virtual Gathering - No dinner payments Expenses - Entertainment £150

Respectfully Submitted,

Susanne Hathon

AWCCS Treasurer

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## FAWCO NEWS

Contact [Caroline Graves](#)

On the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (**FAWCO**) front - ☒ A silver lining to the pandemic and various lockdowns is the new **Cross Club Events Calendar** - These are virtual events held by other member clubs all over the world. We can add events to it, but also, as an AWCCS member you're welcome to attend any event listed. There are cooking classes, book discussions, and game nights listed.

Keen quilters! **The FAWCO Friendship quilt deadline is October 1 2021**, this year's theme is "The Blue Bird of Happiness" this is a big annual fundraising project for the FAWCO Foundation, it helps raise funds for the various grants and education awards given by FAWCO Foundation. All the details are on the 2022 FAWCO Friendship Quilt page.

Another fundraiser for FAWCO and the foundation is the **Foundation Night Auction** - is there an "experience" or item you would like to donate? Some previous examples include: Amanda and Nancy's Spring Children's Zoom event "Puppets, Plays, Poems and Playdough", maybe you'd like to host an online cooking, craft, meditation or exercise class? Do you have a highlands hideaway that you'd be happy to offer up to a FAWCO member for a long weekend? If there's anything you'd like to donate to the effort, please let me know.

The **2022 Development Grant and Education Award applications** and details will be posted on the FAWCO Foundation site later this month, they're not yet up as I write this on 1 Sept, but keep hitting refresh on those links to "get it when it's hot". These grants and awards are available to AWCCS members and family members and our favourite charities. Last year our own Lindsay was a recipient of an Education Award. If you would like to apply for one of these grants, I'll be happy to help you.

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

### Traveling with Mary Jo in Scotland

by *Mary Jo Bone-Caselton*

**St Cuthbert's Way:** This is a 62.5 mile from Melrose to Holy Island. The start is at Melrose Abby with the conclusion at Holy Island. My husband and I completed this walk in July over 6 days - camping in Jedburgh and Wooler. I would recommend the walk as we experienced wonderful views through the Scottish Borders into the Cheviots Hills to Lindisfarne. To reach Holy Island we walk the sand flats rather than the busy causeway to reach the Island. At one point during the walk we



literally had one foot in Scotland and the other in England.

Background: Cuthbert of Lindisfarne (c. 634 – 20 March 687) was an Anglo-Saxon saint of the early Northumbrian church. He was a monk, bishop and reportedly a hermit, associated with the monasteries of Melrose and Lindisfarne in north east England and South Eastern Scotland. Both during his life and after his death he became a popular medieval saint of north east England with a cult centred on his tomb at Durham Cathedral. Cuthbert is regarded as the patron saint of Northumbria.

**Mull of Galloway:** is a coastal long distance path in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland. Covering 37 miles starting at the Mull of Galloway lighthouse to Glenapp, Scotland. In particular I enjoy coastal routes. We are booked to walk this in early October. We anticipate 3 days of walking with approx. 12 miles per day.

If all goes to plan the Mull of Galloway has potential for an AWCCS walk – watch this space. Let you know after our walk.

## Tutoring Sessions with Mahammad

*by Tara Scott, AWC Central Scotland*

Since moving to Edinburgh eleven years ago I have been working for a travel company, but prior to working in this industry I had taught in the United States for sixteen years. While I enjoy working in a business that can create incredible memories of Scotland for people around the world, there are times when I miss working with students.

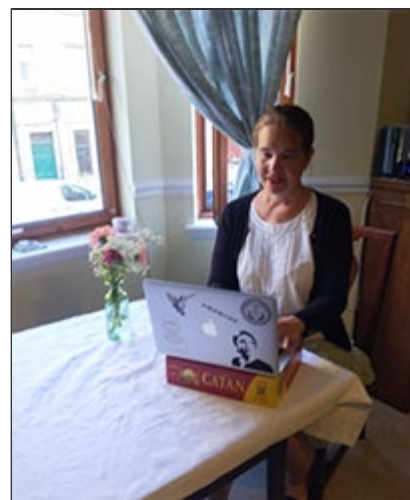
When I saw the post by Ulrike Näumann from the **FAWCO Refugee Network** about tutoring an ESL student who arrived in Germany two and half years ago from Syria, I knew instantly that this was something I wanted to do, so I sent Ulrike a text expressing my interest. After Ulrike contacted the student's mother, she provided me with the mother's contact details. I contacted the mother of the student, Mahammad, to introduce myself. Then Mahammad responded through his mother's WhatsApp account to introduce himself, and we scheduled our first Skype session on the following Monday.

During the weekend preceding our first session, I thought about how his childhood experiences have been quite different from my own. I couldn't imagine being in Mahammad's shoes. In his young years, he has witnessed the turmoil in Syria, left behind the home he knew, said good-bye to close friends, taken a long journey to Germany, adapted to a new culture, learned to speak German, and then was required by school standards to learn English as well. This is a great deal to ask of anyone, and he was only eleven when he first came to Germany.

The night before our first session, I thought about topics of conversation Mahammad might like. I thought he is a teenager, so I thought about music, sports and school as my go-to conversation starters.

The first time I saw **Mahammad via Skype video**, he reminded me of the middle school students I used to teach. He was wearing a t-shirt and a knit beanie. We exchanged greetings before we spoke about our interests and the weather. Then we proceeded to his English homework, which consisted of writing down the names of objects found in different rooms of a house. From this session, I was able to grasp his level of fluency.

Our sessions were a combination of his English assignments and short lessons I pulled together. For the first four months, we mostly used the Learn English Kids website from the British Council. This worked well, as it had a diverse array of interesting fiction and non-fiction stories, such as George and the Dragon and Sir Isaac Newton, in a succinct format. The stories had vocabulary pages requiring words to be matched to their corresponding pictures. As most of the stories were accompanied by two-minute videos, we would watch the video, which enabled Mahammad to hear the words being spoken prior to reading the text. After reading the text, we would go over the comprehension page together.



When we had read most of the stories on this website, I used some of the picture books that I own such as Hidden Figures and The Navajo Code Talkers. I took a photo of each page within a book and sent them to Mahammad via Skype before a session. Before reading a book, we would discuss what we saw in each picture, go over some of the vocabulary, read, and then I would ask questions at the end of each page.

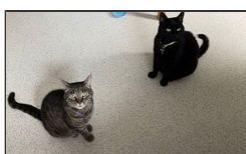
When we work together on his English assignments, we come across segments which are in German. This is when the tables have been turned, and Mahammad teaches me the definition and pronunciation of German words. I notice his confidence goes up when he reads the German parts.

Mahammad and I have been having tutoring sessions via Skype for over a year now. Mahammad is this amazing, intelligent, polite teenager who is a huge fan of the Liverpool football team, enjoys swimming and playing football with his friends, has a preference for rap music and enjoys watching the Titans television series. I also started watching Titans so we could discuss the latest episode.

These sessions have been beneficial for both of us. I have been a part of Mahammad's journey towards understanding the English language. I have witnessed him becoming a more confident reader as his fluency improved. Along the way, I have learned a few German words and felt joy at being able to step into my teaching shoes again.

## Transporting Cats to Scotland from the USA

*by Sofia Zucca*



We successfully transported our two cats from Everett, Washington to Edinburgh, Scotland. We researched many options prior to leaving such as transport services and veterinarian research. We had numerous phone calls with Pet transport companies that will tell you that you need to hire a service to take care of the transport for you. This is not the case, you can do all of the arrangements on your

own.

- **First:** make sure your vet can do the Heath Certificate and submit it to the USDA. Ours had experience and a couple of the veterinarians were registered with the state.
- **Next:** Pick the dates you will want to travel as this is important for the vet to know so they can plan the needed visits (2) accordingly. They schedule it out for you within the time frames needed, and submit the paperwork for you, it cannot be done by yourself.
- **Airline booking:** American Airlines CARGO chat, email, and phone worked pretty good for us, we had a very informed person tell us we could book it ourselves instead of a service, super helpful.  
LiveAnimals.Cargo@aa.com
- Book ARC for UK: This was also done by email and you are well informed along the way. We used:  
Airpets Limited

Spout Lane North, Stanwell Moor  
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United Kingdom  
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Web: [www.airpets.com](http://www.airpets.com)

- **AA CARGO:** Show up 4 hours prior to your flight, you book an appointment, but the office was a hot mess with people shouting they are there for a pick up/drop off, out of turn, it was chaotic but we got through it.
- Go to your flight! We rented a car that we could drop off at the airport, someone taking us would be out for the day.

Here are the **price comparisons** between “Do-it-yourself” versus hiring a service to transport pets. Most of the companies only dropped off animals at London Heathrow, so you still had to organize a way to get them to Scotland. One company included drop off for \$1,500.00.

How they compare:

Items:	Our costs: Do-it-yourself	Starwood Animal Transport	Pet Movers
Vet bills	\$848.22	Not included in base package  Will draft Health Certificate as part of Business package.	Not included: exams or vet appointments  Included for a fee: USDA registration: \$345.00
Airport USA Fees	\$1735.50 (Two kennels: small size)	Not specified	\$1915.00: American Airlines
UK ARC Arrival and intake fees	\$727.39	Not specified	\$825.00
Transport to Edinburgh: Car rental and hotel	Car: \$315.79 (one way) Hotel: 109 GBP Total: \$465.79	\$1,500	Not available
Service fees	None	Not specified	\$695
<b>Total costs:</b>	Travel to London Heathrow only: \$3311.11 Staying one night hotel and rental car: \$465.79 Grand total: <b>\$3776.90</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base package: pick up at your house and UK clearance: <b>\$4495.00</b></li> <li>• Business package: Transport from your house to Edinburgh: <b>\$5995.00</b></li> <li>• Premium package: Including kennels, vet final check, health certificate/ USDA endorsement and tapeworm treatment for dogs: <b>\$8895.00</b></li> </ul>	<b>\$3,780.00</b> UK airport only

**Not included:**

Kennels purchased at \$50 each (\$100), the cost to bring two small kennels is more than one medium kennel where both cats could fit into. We thought they would be more comfortable in their own space but did not realize it would be higher price for additional kennel at airport. We do not know how much it was extra for additional kennel.

Harnesses: \$50 for two of them, they did not use them well (Gina nearly escaped into blackberry bushes), bought day of travel, not advised unless they wear them successfully already.

Pet Movers: you still need to take your pet 4 hours ahead of the flight to American Airlines CARGO, they book the flights and ARC intake company. You still pick up at ARC.

Starwood: picks up animals from your house, books flights and can transport to your home in the UK for a hefty price. Or you pick up at ARC in the UK for the base price. (\$718 to pick up from your home in USA).

**Tips to know before you go**

## For the animals:

- The food you put on the kennel (double wrapped and taped to top) will be EMPTY when you pick up your pets from the ARC center at Heathrow. Bring more food with you in your luggage.
- Travel Sunday to Thursday as ARC is not open on the weekend, that was what we were told by American Airlines. If there is a delay in getting animals on board, plan to have them go the next day. We traveled on Wednesday and we were fine, but if your paperwork is not complete, they will not fly out. Needed an additional form from Vet the morning of travel, luckily the doctor who did the paperwork was on shift.
- You can book the animals on the flight yourself, it needs to be done two times, once at the 30 days prior to check on availability and hold a place for them, and then 10 days prior to departure to confirm their flight is booked, pay at American Airlines CARGO on day of flight. \*\*American Airlines CARGO was the ONLY airline transporting animals. The arrangements were done through email. Confirmed by phone
- American Airlines is what the option was from Seattle, it is also a direct flight, leaves at 7:00pm arrived at Heathrow 12:30 pm, cheaper than British Air, only about 30 passengers were on the flight.
- Animals go in the CARGO hold, they do not fly under your seat.
- ARC animal receiving center was not at the airport, we booked a car to travel to Scotland, but it was quite a drive from the airport, not sure about bus options, likely taxi options were available.
- Cat litter was available at the gas stations, grab a box from the hotel or station, and there you go!
- If using harnesses, practice with cats prior to going on your trip, then they can get out at the rest stop without trying to escape.

## For the humans:

- Book the same flight for you that the animals are on, it is helpful in case the flight is delayed or cancelled. (not our experience, but you never know) We could not book until we knew what flight the animals could go on, account for a later booking than you might normally do.
- We landed at 12:30pm, but could not pick up the cats until 6:30pm. Luckily, we rented a car so we could put luggage in it, kids could nap and eat in car.
- Get food for family at the airport before you leave, there were not many clear options near the ARC center and you likely will pay for parking.
- There is a bathroom at the ARC center, it is in a single wide trailer adjacent to ARC center. No obvious signs stating that outside the building.
- Plan on staying at a hotel on your way up, with so much road work going on, it took us over an hour to get out of London. It was projected to take 8 hours but took us 10 to Scotland. We booked a hotel on the way up North from a rest stop, instead of prior to travel, as we did not know how far we would be able to go with two kids and two cats. There was a lot of hotel availability.

## US Consulate General, Edinburgh

If you are making an application for a social security number for yourself or your child for the first time, completing a change of name with the social security agency or having documents certified as part of a social security benefits claim (if you already have a claim in process). If you would be interested in obtaining an appointment for any of these in person services, please email

Edinburgh-info@state.gov with the following

information:

- Full name of the applicant;
- Your current UK address;
- The type of social security service you are requesting an appointment for.

If you have any other General enquiries for our consular services team, please see the information below:



### Consulate General Edinburgh Contact Details

**Email** Edinburgh-Info@state.gov

**Website** <https://uk.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/edinburgh/>

**Twitter** @USAinScotland

#### **After Hours Contact**

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Kind Regards,  
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## Scotland Covid19 Links

### Introduction to NHS inform.scot

"Test and Protect is Scotland's way of putting into practice the test, trace, isolate, support strategy.

It will prevent the spread of coronavirus in the community by:

- identifying cases of coronavirus through testing
- tracing the people who may have become infected by spending time in close contact with them
- supporting those close contacts to self-isolate, so that if they have the virus they are less likely transmit it to others

Breaking the chains of transmission in the community will stop the virus spreading. This will allow us to gradually change the restrictions that help to suppress the virus."

### Testing

"There are test centres across Scotland for people with and without symptoms. You can also get tests to do at home.

You can get a test for:

- yourself
- someone you care for
- a child in your care"

Get a test if you have symptoms

Get a test if you do not have symptoms

### The Checkup with Dr. Wen (The Washington Post)

Guidance on navigating the pandemic and other public health challenges is presented **weekly in** The Washington Post) featuring Dr. Wen. Here are some helpful guidelines when you plan a busy weekend:

"1 **Outdoors remains much safer than indoors.** While there have been some cases of outdoor transmission, especially with the more contagious delta variant, the vast majority of covid-19 transmission is occurring indoors. The same activity outdoors will be much lower risk than indoors.

2 **It's safer to be around others who are all known to be vaccinated.** According to the latest estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vaccinated individuals are five times less likely to be infected compared with those who are unvaccinated. Your risk of contracting covid-19 is

lower if the people around you are also fully vaccinated.

3 **The unvaccinated are at very high risk.** In fact, the unvaccinated are at higher risk than they were last year at this time because of the delta variant and the substantial proportion of the country that is behaving as if there is no pandemic. I'd urge parents with children too young to be vaccinated to take extra care. Do not hold indoor playdates or birthday parties. Unless you are certain about their vaccination status and level of caution, see extended family outdoors only.

4 There are **extra steps that can further reduce risk.** Let's say you are planning to stay in a house together with several other families. Everyone can reduce their risk for three days and then get tested. By reducing risk, I mean not getting together with others indoors and always wearing a mask while in public, indoor spaces.

5 If you do engage in higher-risk activities during the holiday, **consider quarantining and testing when you return.** Maybe you do decide to go to indoor parties. If you live at home with vulnerable family members, consider quarantining for three days and testing when you are back."

## AWCCS BOARD AND GROUPS

### AWCCS Board 2021-2022

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### Special Interest Group Coordinators

*Although we will not be meeting in person, some of these groups may be meeting online. Contact us if you would like to participate.*

**Edinburgh:** Dale Finlayson for Morning Book Group, Coffee Plus Edinburgh and Voting Coordinator

**Glasgow:** Books Beverages and Banter hosted by various individuals.

**Fife:** Pat Peters for Fife Dinner Club

*Join us as a Board Member or work on a Team*

Interested in joining us as a board member? We would love to hear from you. We are meeting online at the present, but still very active in the club. We have the following openings:

**Communications Convenor** is looking for members who would like to help as a team in the following areas: Newsletter writing on line, Advertising/PR

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and working on the website. Expertise is helpful, but training is available if you want to learn a system. Please notify Joyce of your interest.

[Contact Us](#)

## MEET THE AWCCS BOARD

We would love to introduce to you the AWCCS board throughout the coming year. This month meet one of our Glasgow Reps, Mary Jo, Our Events Convenor, Nancy Lynner and our Communications Convenor, Joyce Halsan.



My name is **Mary Jo Bone-Caselton**. Originally from Chicago, Illinois however having lived in many US cities we moved to Glasgow in 1997 (second time here). I am still working on my Glasgow accent after all these years... Having recently retired after 12 years working for the NHS I still work 2 days a week and have 2 volunteer projects that keep me going.

I am happiest when I am with my family (in the UK and USA – thanks to zoom) making memories with them. Out exploring is pretty good time too.

I enjoy talking about history, families, places explored and new places to explore – food is always a happy topic !



**Nancy Lynner**. I chose to be an AWCCS Board member because... Joyce Asked Me To run Advertising 13 years ago

I'm happiest when... I am with family and friends

I'd love to talk to you about...children's books, theatre, fiction, NOT- public-Health-thank-you-very-much-but-it's-hard-to-stop

**Joyce Halsan:** Twenty years ago, I was standing in a grocery store queue behind an American woman in Edinburgh. She heard my accent and began an exciting discussion about where, when, how



and why. She invited me to come to the next AWCCS meeting and I was hooked that first day.

I'm happiest when I have lots to do, but not overwhelming. I love learning and am a self-taught person in many areas.

I enjoy talking about books I've read, things you are doing, and walking while I talk.

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the **NOMADS** tent



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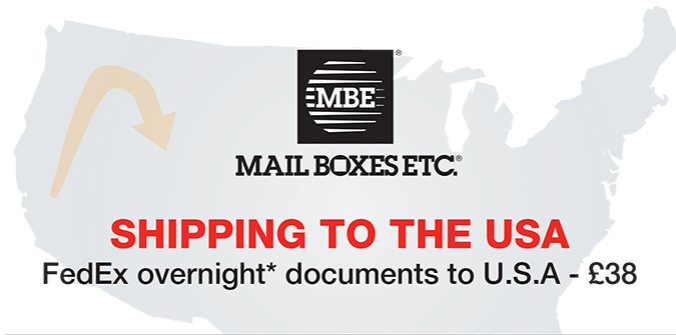
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