Summer 2025 Newsletter

Glasgow and Edinburgh Independence Day 2025

Celebrate the 4th...all weekend long

Join fellow AWCCS members and guests to celebrate Independence Day

Glasgow on Saturday 5th July 2025 13:30-3:30pm

Edinburgh on Sunday, 6th July 2025 1300 -4:00pm

Sign up on the AWCCS website

Greetings from your President

Hello everyone,

I'm absolutely delighted to introduce myself as your new club president! It's an honour to take on this role, and I'm truly excited about the year ahead. We have some fantastic events and activities planned, and I can't wait to see everything come to life with your energy and enthusiasm.

For those who don't know me yet, I've been living here in Scotland for the past eight years with my wonderful Scottish husband, and we have a young son named Brodie who keeps us very busy and very happy! I'm really looking forward to getting more involved in our club community, meeting new faces, and reconnecting with familiar ones.

This club has always been a special space for connection and support, and I want to keep building on that. If you see me at an event, please feel free to say hello—I'm here to listen, learn, and make sure everyone feels welcome. I can't wait to make the most of this year together, and I encourage everyone with ideas or questions to reach out to me anytime.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Upcoming Events

June

Glasgow Coffee Morning (June)
Venue: Waterstones Glasgow Sauchiehall St
Sat 3rd JUN @ 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sign Up

Junior Coffee Pot, National Portrait Gallery Cafe
at Junior National Portrait Gallery
Tues 24th @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sign Up

"The Mentalmist" - Liberty Lion Drag Lunch - Royal Lyceum Theatre
Lyceum Theatre
Sat 28th @ 12:30 PM
Sign Up

Derby Big Band Lunch Glasgow
at Hub Bistro, Glasgow
Sat 28th @ 12:00 PM to 03:00 PM
Sign Up

July

Lady Jane Coffee Morning with Gordon Crouch's Jewlery, Cultivar Gift Cemetery
at Gean Waterloo Hotel - Liberty Cafe Bar & Brasserie
Tues 29th @ 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Sign Up

Glasgow American Independence Day Event
Gallivanting Glasgow/Glasgow
Sat 5th @ 13:30 PM to 03:30 PM
Sign Up

Save The Date

Dear Members - See our lengthy list of further upcoming on-clubs available for all our AWCCS members - this is for all our pan Central Scotland, you can go to any activity irrespective of where you live.

Edinburgh Based - Glasgow Based - Virtual Activities

June:
Wednesday 18th - Glasgow Book Club, Mitchell Library
Wednesday 18th - Coffee Mill on Kerrydale St Ayrshire
Tuesday 24th - Coffee Bill at National Portrait Gallery (1 Queen St) 10:00 AM then option to visit exhibit of James VI and I
Thursday 26th - Kahoot! - 19:15-21:00
Sunday 29th - Glasgow Walking Group, TBD

July:
Wednesday 2nd - Coffee Bill at Gean Waterloo coffee shop 10:00 AM then walk to Calton Hill Cemetery to pay homage to Cultivar Gift Cemetery Jewelry
Saturday 5th - Glasgow Independence Day outing - 13:30 to 3:30pm & Drawing LIVE ABOVE ETC IN AUDIOR DJ KARL and Edinburgh Park (Main location Kensington Museum)
Sunday 6th - Edinburgh Independence Day Picnic 1300 - 4:00 pm; in either the Meadows or the Montgomery Street Park (free Sunday parking nearby in each case)
Thursday 10th - Kahoot! - 19:15-21:00
Thursday 17th - Birthday Bash 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm at The Press Bar, Scottish Wildlife Grand Cafe, 26 North Bridge, Edinburgh
Thursday 24th - Kahoot! - 19:15-21:00

August:
Wednesday 20th - Rainbow Cemetery Tour, 11:00 - 12:00
Thursday 24th - Kahoot! - 19:15-21:00
Sunday 27th - Glasgow Walking Group, TBD

SAVE THE DATE: Thanksgiving Edinburgh will be Sunday November 30.

Recent Events

On Saturday 29th May, AWCCS members were able to enjoy the lovely recent member on a walk around Glasgow.

On Wednesday 21st May, several AWCCS members had a great time on a guided tour of Doune Parish church where they learned about its history and the interesting artefacts on display.

Our May Edinburgh coffee morning at Royal Botanic Gardens was terrific. The unusual poppies were in perfect bloom.

At the next AWCCS AGM, we thanked Cynthia for her four years as president with a candle bouquet. Cynthia brought membership up dramatically and helped to find new leaders for every aspect of the board.

We also celebrated the 51st anniversary of the club with a lovely cake.

Club Announcements

New AWCCS Board

At our AGM on 4th May, a new board was elected who will serve from 2025-2027.

President - Victoria Edwards
Vice President - Kate Ryan
Treasurer - Gwenyse Huff
Communications - Shannon Lair
Membership - Jessica Wallace
Events Co Coordinator - Adda Gaguta
Charity Co-lead - April Gaine
Charity Co-lead - Ann Ryan
Glasgow Representative - Suzanne Mikhitian
Edinburgh Rep - Kathleen Ann Lair
FAWCO - Lindsay Nagam
Parliamentarian - Dale Finlayson

AWCCS 24-25 Accounts

	BUDGET 2024 - 2025				SPENDS to 04 April 2025			
	Income	Expenses	Total		Income	Expenses	Total	
STARTING CASH BALANCE	£ -	£ -	£	8,004.00	£ -	£ -	£	8,026.10
Bank Account Service Charges	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ (9.90)	£	(9.90)
Advertising / Marketing	£ 250.00	£ (100.00)	£ 150.00		£ -	£ -	£ -	
Membership Fees	£ 2,750.00	£ -	£ 2,750.00		£ 2,996.70	£ -	£	2,996.70
FAWCO								
FAWCO Conference Auction Item	£ -	£ (100.00)	£ (100.00)		£ -	£ -	£ -	
FAWCO Pay Pal Admin	£ -	£ (80.00)	£ (80.00)		£ -	£ (83.25)	£	(83.25)
Membership Dues (up to US$)	£ -	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)		£ -	£ (131.30)	£	(131.30)
FAWCO Website Hosting	£ -	£ (35.00)	£ (35.00)		£ -	£ (34.00)	£	(34.00)
FAWCO Donation Registration	£ -	£ (117.00)	£ (117.00)		£ -	£ (112.00)	£	(112.00)
Software								
Kahoot	£ -	£ (120.00)	£ (120.00)		£ -	£ (108.00)	£	(108.00)
Canva	£ -	£ (240.00)	£ (240.00)		£ -	£ -	£ -	
Website and Tech								
Domain Name Registration*	£ -	£ (48.00)	£ (48.00)		£ -	£ (13.47)	£	(13.47)
Claims Manager	£ -	£ (75.00)	£ (75.00)		£ -	£ (75.00)	£	(75.00)
Hostpoint (emails)	£ -	£ (120.00)	£ (120.00)		£ -	£ (103.75)	£	(103.75)
Paid Membership Pro	£ -	£ (210.00)	£ (210.00)		£ -	£ (223.00)	£	(223.00)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	£ -	£ (210.00)	£ (210.00)		£ -	£ -	£ -	
SOCIAL EVENTS								
Glasgow Thanksgiving	£ -	£ (300.00)	£ (300.00)		£ -	£ (89.58)	£	(89.58)
Edinburgh Walking	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ (225.00)	£	(225.00)
Jubilee	£ -	£ (200.00)	£ (200.00)		£ 25.00	£ (221.67)	£	(196.67)
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ (88.00)	£	(88.00)
Chris Pine (Mar 2025)	£ 50.00	£ -	£	50.00	£ 179.00	£ (179.00)	£	0.00
President's Tea	£ -	£ (30.00)	£ (30.00)		£ -	£ -	£ -	
Xmas Party - Sandwiches	£ -	£ (200.00)	£ (200.00)		£ -	£ -	£ -	
Thanksgiving (Edinburgh)	£ -	£ (410.00)	£ (410.00)		£ 1,001.00	£ (1,676.79)	£	(675.79)
Jubilee Making Be Families	£ -	£ (50.00)	£ (50.00)		£ -	£ -	£ -	
Spirit Programme 2025	£ -	£ (550.00)	£ (550.00)		£ -	£ (550.00)	£	(550.00)
Spirit Programme 2024	£ -	£ (500.00)	£ (500.00)		£ -	£ -	£ -	
CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS								
AWCCS Discount Cards - Total Fees	£ 125.00	£ (2,187.50)	£ (2,062.50)		£ 230.00	£ -	£	230.00
AWCCS Target Project	£ 375.00	£ (475.00)	£ (100.00)		£ 446.32	£ (447.54)	£	0.78
US Consulate Emergency Fund	£ 100.00	£ -	£	100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	
TOTAL INCOME & EXPENSES	£ 4,650.00	£ (5,315.00)	£ (2,224.00)		£ 3,750.00	£ (3,823.71)	£	75.71
BALANCE								
Bank Balance Minimum	£ -	£ (1,109.00)	£ (1,109.00)		£ -	£ (1,109.00)	£	(1,109.00)
Charity Donations to be made	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ (875.00)	£	(875.00)
US Consulate Emergency Fund	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -	
SPEND CAN BE MADE			£	6,819.00			£	6,320.79

Member News

June
Shannon Lair
Ann Ryan
Kate Finlayson
Patricia Hylton
Ann Gaine
Catherine Wilson
Kathleen Ann Lair
Kristin Lair
Kathy Kaufmann

July
Christina Macpherson
Jessica Wallace
Cynthia Gaguta
Jill Brownie
Victoria Edwards
Tressa Craig

August
Kathy McAllen
Kathleen Ryan
Heather Finlayson
Charlotte McFarland
Karen Fraser

Welcome New Members

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RIP Susan Hethon

Susanne Hethon died suddenly of cancer last month. She and her husband Eric had only six days online. Eric reports that she had her death coping that she had been guardia

Susanne served as AWCCS President for six years before returning to Houston, Texas. We miss her spirited contributions to so many club activities. Rest in Peace Susanne.

Edinburgh Book Group

We will not be meeting in June but will meet as usual in July. We are a lively and respectful bunch.

Don't forget the Book Feedback – it there is an appropriate occasion, we can plan to meet up at the Edinburgh Futures Institute.

Contact: Alice Kirkland-Ramsay@gmail.com

Friday, 18 July

Brilliance Narrows

by Judy Pascoe

Location: Tbd

Start time: 19:30

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50 (110 lbs)	£237.00 (ex vat)	£234
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