September/October 2025 Newsletter

Halloween

American Women's Club of Central Scotland
Asks families to SAVE THE DATE
WHEN: Saturday 25 October 2025
WHAT: HALLOWEEN
WHERE: Museum of Scottish Fire Heritage, Ia Dryden Terrace EH74NB
Details TBC

Greetings from your President

Greetings to all members Old and New. Our President is an compassionate team while tending to various family illness back in the UK. When she is able to return she looks forward to handling the duties of AWCCS President. Victoria Dreman is looking forward to meeting our club for the next term, and we wish her family all the best.

Upcoming Events

September

September 2 - Coffee Morning Edinburgh - Derwent Studios
at Derwent Studios
2 September 2025 @ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
RSVP

Glasgow Spinning Book Group - Autumn Edition
at The Hub Bookstore
2 September 2025 @ 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
RSVP

September Birthday Book Edinburgh
at Juniper Bar, A Hotel Indigo
9 September 2025 @ 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
RSVP

Save The Date

Dear Members: See our lengthy list of further upcoming activities available for all our AWCCS members – this is for all of our per Central Scotland, you can go to any activity irrespective of where you live.

Edinburgh Based | **Glasgow Based** | **Virtual Activities**

SEPTEMBER 2025

Saturday September 6 – Glasgow Book Club (Exclusive Edition), The Lost Bookstore, Glasgow 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Thursday September 11 - Birthday Book, Juniper Bar, Edinburgh 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, September 20 – Glasgow Coffee Morning, Gandi Grill, Glasgow 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Tuesday September 30 - Coffee Morning TBA – exciting location with a TOP View – very tuned

OCTOBER 2025.

Thursday October 9 - Kalinah 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Thursday October 16 – Birthday Book, Tortilleria, an Edinburgh Mexican 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

TBD – Glasgow Spinning Book Group, Gandi Grill, Glasgow 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tuesday October 21 – "I'm A Fish in Water(Again)", Festival Theatre, 7:30 Curtain. (2 hours 50 Minutes) Buy your own ticket and email Nancy to connect in the café afterwards.

Friday October 31st Saturday October 25 - Annual Costume Fundraiser, Innocents Cafe, Edinburgh, Glasgow 09:00 City time TBD

Tuesday October 28 - Halloween for Children - Scottish Museum of Fire Heritage Time TBA (afternoon)

Thursday October 30 - Kalinah 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday, November 23 – Glasgow Thanksgiving – Time and Location TBC

Sunday November 30 - Thanksgiving at Hotel Indigo, Edinburgh, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday Friday December 2 Costco Exchange Time TBC

Recent Events

An Edinburgher visits Glasgow + By Dale Finlayson

Three times in recent months, the Glasgow events group has arranged visits to Glasgow that tempted even the most hidebound Edinburgher to cross over to the other side of the country.

The first one is **Bonsai Pollokshaws Church,** which Mary Jo Bone Crawford had arranged a visit to many years ago. Since then it has been redesigned and given new exhibits and explanatory storyboards. Although the present church dates from the late 1800s, a church on this site beside the River Clyde has existed for at least 500 years, although its importance has been fluctuating long and dull. It was, for longer a parish church, it has ceased by the Church Heritage Trust and is the home of the Sacred Stones dating from the 7th-12th centuries and is the ancient kingdom of Strathclyde. Inaugural viking age carved stones, intricately carved with Celtic knots, are also on display. Pollokshaws Church is also the home of the Glasgow Bonsai Society and the Glasgow Bonsai Society, which is also the home of the Aussie Orthodox Community of St Kentigern. **A must** for us and it will be open for an Archaeological Open Day on Saturday, 20 September, with a guided tour of the churchyard excavations at 12 noon, but slots & tours can be arranged at other times.

The Glasgow Women's Library - Three of us from Edinburgh joined others from Glasgow to have a tour led by Gabrielle Macdonald, the library's Volunteer Coordinator. The GWL is the only accredited museum in the UK that records women's lives, histories, and achievements. It is a library that lends books, an archive that collects and preserves women's stories, and a museum that shares them with the world. It's also a place where people can learn, connect, and be inspired. It's a space for learning, preserving literary and numeracy classes as well as creative writing classes and events and materials that ignite the imagination. Everything in its collections and library has been donated, except for a few badge needed to in Glasgow suffragette when she emerged from prison, which the library purchased at a recent auction. The library's collection is 95% fiction, 5% non-fiction, and 100% by women. The library's mission is to "Inspire, Inform, Inform" as an only organisation called Women in Profile to ensure that women's culture was represented during Glasgow's year as European City of Culture in 1990. Today the Library is located in its fifth "home", in the Bridgeton area of Glasgow, in what had been the Bridgeton Library, a former Carnegie library. A fascinating and and a wonderful resource for anyone interested in women's history and culture in Scotland.

Our visit was preceded by lunch in the Great Western, an artisan brewery whose lagers and wheat beers are in accordance with the German purity law of 1516. The brewery is part of the "lifestyle village" of Templeton on the Green, located in the magnificent former Templeton carpet factory by Glasgow Green.

The Dennistoun Cemetery - This also a surprising discovery, located in the center of the Merchant City, a 10 minute walk from Queen Street station, in the 8th and 9th centuries it was the burial place for the great and not always good of Glasgow. Hid amongst tobacco lords, industrialists, bankers and, of course, slaves, it is a place of wonder, with a wonderful collection of Victorian funerary art, and a place of tranquility in the middle of the city. Its most famous resident is the cemetery, the of its dentistry were good (certainly, so there are no elaborate headstones or memorials to us, so we have to be grateful for that). Its Glasgow Necropolis, large engraved stones on the walls, rather than leaning on individual's date of death, note the owner and the date of purchase of the "lair" in front of it. Its stone could be more than 5" above the ground, so burial stones lie flat and most are now covered with grass. A lot could be said on and might in the future be said on the Dennistoun Cemetery, but the most interesting thing is the Friends of Dennistoun Cemetery, a group of people who have taken on the father to be of Robert Burns' founder of the Glasgow community of New Harmony, Alabama. Another - of interest to those in the Glasgow reading group who are reading "The Secrets of Blythwood Square" - was Pierre Imbert's daughter, the alleged victim of Jabadabra Smith. At least one of those buried there became famous in her own right, Jessie Pope, who wrote the poem that became the twenty-twenty-twenty-