Winter 2025 Newsletter

Thanksgiving

American Women's Club of Central Scotland Asks families to SAVE THE DATE for the Edinburgh and Glasgow Thanksgiving Dinners

Edinburgh Thanksgiving Dinner
When: 30th November 2025 2-5PM
Where: Best Western Braid Hills Hotel
RSVP by November 15th

Glasgow Thanksgiving Dinner
When: 23rd November 2025 2-4PM
Where: The Merchant Steakhouse
RSVP by November 15th

Greetings from your President

AWCCS is currently without a president. If you are interested in this role, please contact the board.

Upcoming Events

November

Glasgow Coffee Morning – November
at Tonto Lucci Cafe
5 November 2025 @ 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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Edinburgh Coffee Morning 12 Nov 10:00
at Cafe Binkers
12 November 2025 @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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November Birthday Bash goes Mexican, November 20
at Las Iguanas
20 November 2025 @ 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
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Thanksgiving Dinner in Glasgow
at The Merchant Steakhouse
23 November 2025 @ 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
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Edinburgh Thanksgiving Dinner 2025
at Best Western Braid Hills Hotel
30 November 2025 @ 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
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February

Festival Theatre: Death on the Nile Thursday March 26, 2026
at The Festival Theatre
26 February 2026 @ 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM
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Save The Date

Dear Members: See our lengthy list of further upcoming activities 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**

November
Sunday 9th, 9am – Glasgow coffee morning at Tonto Lucci Cafe, Byres Road
Thursday 11th, 10am – Edinburgh book swap meeting, Cafe Binkers, Bread Centre
Thursday 20th, 6pm – Edinburgh Nov. birthday bash, Las Iguanas
Sunday 23rd, 2pm – Glasgow Thanksgiving, Merchant Steakhouse, Argyle Street
Thursday 27th, 7:15pm – Kahoot! from the comfort of your own home
Sunday 30th, 2pm Edinburgh Thanksgiving, Best Western Braid Hills Hotel, Braid Road

December
Wed December 3rd 10am – 11:30 Edinburgh Coffee morning at Willow Tree Room on Princes Street.
Thursday 4th 6-8pm – Glasgow Holiday Celebration dinner at The Betty
Thursday Dec 11th 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Holiday Book Swap at home of Stacey Wilkins, Rendalgh Crescent, Edinburgh

January
Friday January 9 – Edinburgh casual lunch at John Lewis Cafeteria "A Place to Eat" top floor 12:00 – 1:30
Saturday 24th, 1pm – Glasgow Book Club at the Curt Bookstore, Hope Street
Thursday Jan 29 Edinburgh Birthday Bash, location to be determined
Thursday 29th, 7:15pm – Kahoot! from the comfort of your own home
Thursday 22nd, 10am – Glasgow coffee morning – location to be determined
Thursday 22nd, 7:30pm – Kahoot! from the comfort of your own home
Friday 6th, 10am – Glasgow coffee morning – location to be determined
February 21st, 9am – Visit to Tenement House & Café, Buccleuch Street

February
Thursday 26th, 7:15pm – Kahoot! from the comfort of your own home

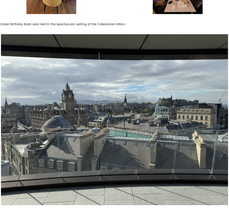
Recent Events

Members' children enjoyed the AWCCS Children's Halloween Party, held on October 29th at the Scottish Museum of The Heritage.

We offered games, magic, crafts, puppets, lunch buffet, story time, face or heel painting, bowls and more.

Our Breast Cancer Awareness event in October 2025, Renee was the winner of the juggling award while Suzanne was using a mega phone to speak over the music and Jill was the purpose of the event was to raise awareness and highlight the importance breast cancer, plus we raised some further funds for Breast Cancer research.

The October Birthday Bash was held in the spectacular setting of the Caledonian Hilton.



The September coffee morning was at the W Hotel in St James Quarter.

The views and service were top notch.

Club Announcements

News from your AWCCS Board November 2025

Dear Members,

Your Board is busy planning for a new Scottish Charity which you select every other year, creating social and philanthropic events, and looking for ways to keep you interested in AWCCS and to keep you smiling.

Currently the AWCCS Board is operating without a Charity Chair, and more importantly, without a President. Victoria Edwards, our newly elected President, has been suffering through the illness and now the death of her mother. Victoria is taking some time off from leadership duties, and she'll continue as a member. We all send Victoria support as she goes through this difficult time.

The Board is planning a Christmas morning tea/coffee, festive events related to Thanksgiving, and more. Do sign up for either the **Glasgow Thanksgiving event which is Sunday November 23**, or the **Edinburgh Thanksgiving event on Sunday November 30.** This is how we develop and enrich our friendships, by showing up over the months and years. The Thanksgiving Silent Auction is our key annual fundraising activity, and you can support this by donating something to the Auction (email mymail@gmail.com for the Edinburgh Silent Auction) and also by bidding on Auction items.

There are events through the winter, and you are welcome to share ideas or you have to share with anyone on the Board. We'd all benefit from your involvement.

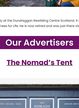
Would you like to learn more about the Charity Chair position, or the President's role? Let a Board Member know.

Request for Donations to the Thanksgiving Silent Auction

There will be some terrific items in the AWCCS Silent Auction at Edinburgh November 30 Thanksgiving Dinner. Do you have something to share with this flagship fundraising club event? For example, longtime member Dennis Steele has donated her previous copy of the classic cookbook Martha Stewart's "Entertaining," published in 1982. It is in great condition. (Copies on Amazon range as high as £95 for used, £154 for pristine.)

This is just one of the great items in the Auction.

If you have a donation, email mymail@gmail.com.



Member News

November

Suzette Bell
Chris Dawson
Mary Ann Hogan
Charlene Hewitt
Caitlin Steele

December

Mary Jo Cowdion
Susie St. Denis
Myra Hallie Nielsen

January

Renee Drieve
Cate Pearson
Susan Hamilton Brown
Nancy Lyman
Melissa Kaplan
Kim Mitchell
Sarah Wilkinson
Naiya Belaal

Welcome New Members

Geciinda Turner
Julia Blackham

Edinburgh Book Group

Contact: dee.thirlwood@gmail.com

Friday, 31 November
The Yorkscrimer
By Robert Swindells
Host: Dee Thirlwood
Start time: 10:30

Friday, 12 December
The Mirkfarm for the Future
by Kim Stanley Robinson
Location TBD
Start time: 10:30

Friday, 16 January
Hamnet
by Colum McCann
Home of Chris Mackechnie
Start time: 10:30

FAWCO

FAWCO Target Bulletin

FAWCO Target Program 2025-2028

Human Rights
Advancing Dignity, Equality and Freedom for Women and Girls
https://www.fawco.org/global-issues/target-program/human-rights-2025-2028

28-31 October 2025
Dundreggan Rewilding Centre, Scotland

The FAWCO Environment Festival 2025 was held recently at the Dundreggan Rewilding Centre Scotland. It was a fantastic group and great trip We met at the Tree Nursery, Alan Watson Featherstone who founded Trees for life, he is now retired and was just there visiting for the day. It was really interesting to hear about a few things from his perspective.

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