

Dear Members and Friends of MSC Scotland

Apologies for not hearing from us for a while but we are now back and ready for the rest of the year. This edition of the club newsletter will detail some of the events we have had so far this year and what we have planned for the remainder.

It has been a busy year so far for the club with various events.

Remember back in January when Edinburgh was literally knee deep in the white stuff? snow that is! and some had problems getting to Edinburgh for the club's annual Burns Supper Weekend. Well a great weekend was had by all who managed to attend. The weekend was as usual full of great Scottish hospitality just what the club gives out in abundance! Madge Beeton opened her abode for the welcome party on the Friday evening. The drink was flowing freely and there were a few sore heads in the morning. The Saturday was the Supper of course and again plenty of socialising, mixed with copious amounts of eating, more drinking and merriment. And the jovial entertainment from the *Edinburgh Gay Men's Chorus* and our very own *Fran 'n' Anna* (David B and David McF) gave a very lively rendition of *Sisters*. Who said you had to be butch (or should that be bitch!) to be a member?!?! Next year's Burns Supper date has already been set so check out the club website calendar section for dates. Details will be published well in advance in future newsletters but also on the website.

March saw our FUKC visit to MSC London for their annual dinner and how very welcome they made us all feel as always. A good number of us that went down for the weekend and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Again that was a full weekend of eating, drinking and so much socialising ... its a wonder not more of us had hangovers! Many thanks to MSC London for their great hospitality throughout the weekend and their continued friendship towards our club.

In April, having defrosted from a bitterly cold start to the year, Her Madge-sty Beeton again open her doors for a fab Royal Wedding Party knees-up of *tiaras and tit clamps, crowns and cock rings*. Some of us have only just got out of borstal! A very very big thank you to Madge for the hospitality and hosting this event.

Well May is already upon us and again it was a busy month. We had the Pride Scotia march where a number of club members participated carrying the New Town Bar banner which had the badges of the clubs who use the New Town Bar as their base on it. Club members mingled with those from BearScots and the Thebans. After the march we headed back to the New Town Bar for an afternoon and evening of entertainment. The Bar provided the compère *Sushe Buffet* and the 90's pop star *Kavana*.

We had a beautiful bottom competition that was won (not surprisingly!) by Chris (The Theban rugby player) who pulls the pints at the New Town Bar. A very well deserved win if you ask me ☺! MSC Scotland committee and members punched well above their weight for their efforts throughout the day. David McF, Steven M, Barry P and a few more members help erect the entertainment stage, lighting and sound system in the upstairs bar. They also set up a great fetish dungeon in the basement where those attending the event could find out more about the club and its events and even get a taster of bit slap 'n' tickle! Stuart B gave some demonstrations of creative rope work on some volunteers. Again a great effort was done by all. A massive thank you to all who help set up and man the dungeon and for the support from the Bar. The club got some great feedback from 'visitors' to the dungeon and a great day out for all.

Well how do we beat what we have already done so far this year? Well here a few suggestions on how to fill your diaries.

If you're in Edinburgh on Saturday 28th May, there is a sing-a-long a *Calamity Jane* on at the Film House starting at 3pm. So don your chaps, boots and cowboy hat (or your finest ball gown if you want *A Woman's Touch!*) and take the *Deadwood* Stage to this *Windy City*. Do come along for some camp-filled afternoon of fun..... and you never know you might even find that *Secret Love!* I'll stop now!!! Tickets are available at the Film House Box Office (88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, www.filmhousecinema.com, 0131 228 2688).

How do we follow that! June see's MSC Scotland as special guests of MSC Iceland.....volcano permitting!! A good contingent from the club will don their thermals and head up north for some Icelandic hospitality. We will be across there for their ECMC Leather Summit event and is the first time MSC Scotland has gone there as official guests and it should be an interesting time for all. MSC Iceland have a number of events arranged for us but there will also be some spare time to have a bit adventure for ourselves.

From June onwards for a couple of months the New Town Bar are doing much reduced priced drinks and introducing new brands like IPA!! Well done NTB and hope to see members and friends whether at club nights or at other times..... CHEERS!!!!

The club are arranging a train trip between Edinburgh and Oban on Sunday 3rd July. Scotrail are doing their summer only trains between the capital and the stunning town on west coast Oban. It leaves 8am ish and gets back around 9pm ish. You have 4-5 hours in Oban and the scenery en route is stunning. Get booking on line or at the station. It's £13.60 each way just now, less for concessions. Good value for a great day out. Bring your breakfast for the train going and maybe a wee swally (a little drink!) for the return.

The weekend of 15 – 17 July also sees the return of the club BBQ weekend. The Friday night will be a welcome party in the New Town Bar with some snacks. Saturday afternoon we'll head off from the NTB and get the coach to the John Muir Country Park near Dunbar. Bus will leave the New Town Bar at 2pm and be back around 8pm. Price is £18 a head with food and transport included. Bring your own booze and beach wear! We will also be encouraging you to participate in beach games such as wellie-boot tossing.

When we get back to the city, the Saturday is the regular club night in the NTB where the day's fun will continue into the morning. If you haven't already had enough meat then head to the NTB between 12.30pm and 3pm for a Sunday brunch buffet. All members and friends of the club are invited.

August sees the clubs *Festival Frolics* weekend on the 19th - 21st. Details are still to be arranged however there will be a garden party behind Barony Street between 1pm and 3pm on the Saturday (20th) afternoon. Bring along a dish to share with others and remember to bring your own drink. On the Saturday evening, the club will have its regular club night in the NTB that will have a military theme. We would like those attending to come dressed in military gear / uniforms.

September and October may see us having a bit of a breather from events however we will still be having our regular club nights on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the basement of the New Town Bar. As always everyone is welcome and we do encourage those attending to wear their gear; leather, rubber, skin gear, construction, etc. The cloakroom will be open from 10pm onwards and is free to members of MSC Scotland or a small charge of £1 for non-members. All proceeds go to the club.

November 18th – 20 will see our first St Andrews weekend. Details of the weekend are still being worked out but the Saturday club night we will have a dresscode: LEATHER. Again details will be published nearer the time in newsletter, emails and on the club website.

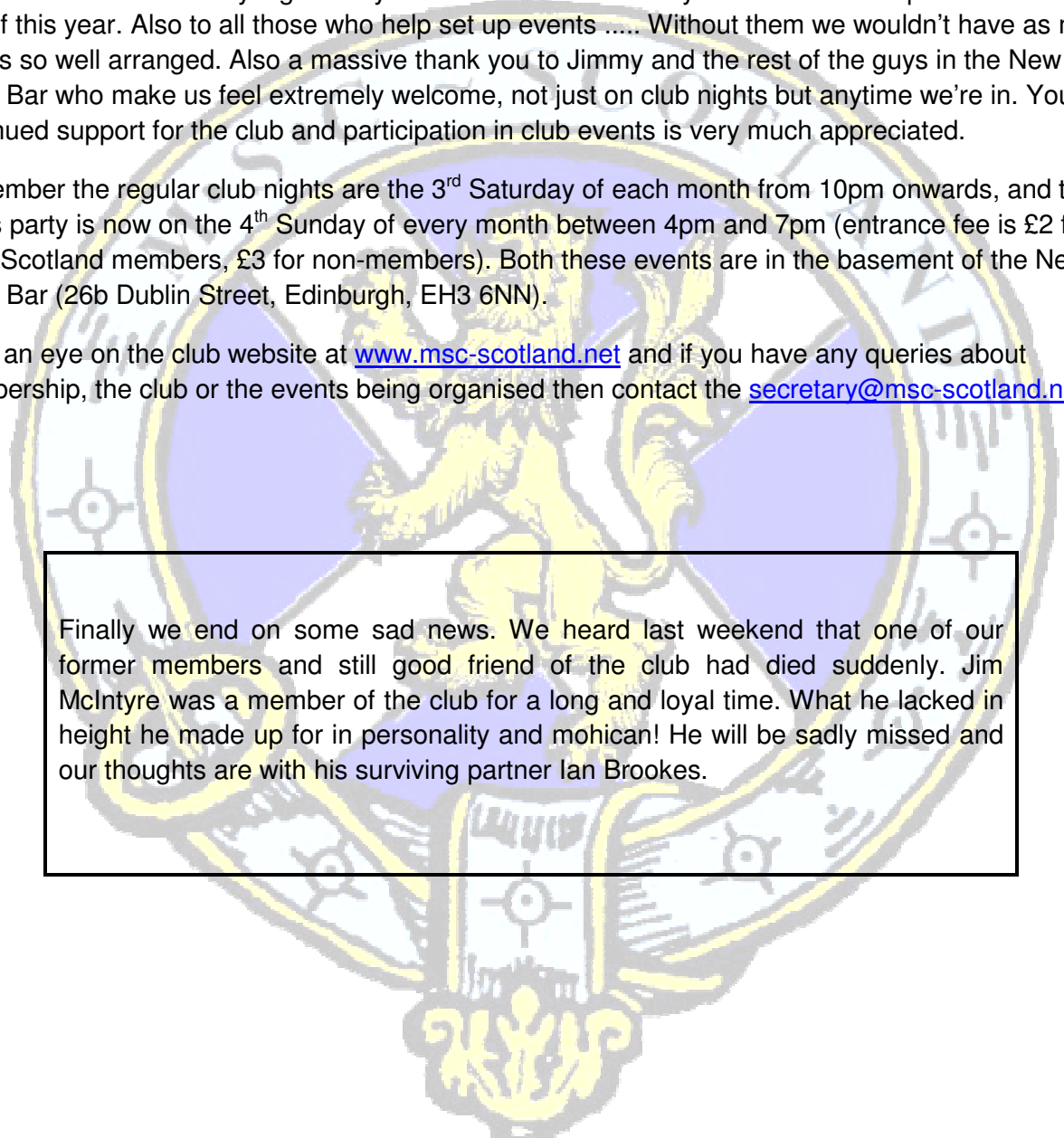
That only leaves us December to start winding down for the festive season NOT!!! The club are planning a Christmas party for Saturday 17th December where you can deck your balls with sprigs of holly (I think that's right!) and have a snog or two under the mistletoe with Santa or one of his helpers! Or both ... well it will be Christmas after all! You never know, Santa may even cum in your stocking if you're nice to him!!

Phew!!! What a busy year we've had so far and we're only half way through... and remember there will be a full calendar of events throughout next year hell ... let me get over this year first!

A final few words a very big thank you to all who have already hosted events or plan to over the rest of this year. Also to all those who help set up events Without them we wouldn't have as many events so well arranged. Also a massive thank you to Jimmy and the rest of the guys in the New Town Bar who make us feel extremely welcome, not just on club nights but anytime we're in. Your continued support for the club and participation in club events is very much appreciated.

Remember the regular club nights are the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10pm onwards, and the Pants party is now on the 4th Sunday of every month between 4pm and 7pm (entrance fee is £2 for MSC Scotland members, £3 for non-members). Both these events are in the basement of the New Town Bar (26b Dublin Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6NN).

Keep an eye on the club website at www.msc-scotland.net and if you have any queries about membership, the club or the events being organised then contact the secretary@msc-scotland.net.



Finally we end on some sad news. We heard last weekend that one of our former members and still good friend of the club had died suddenly. Jim McIntyre was a member of the club for a long and loyal time. What he lacked in height he made up for in personality and mohican! He will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his surviving partner Ian Brookes.