

February 2019

2017 - 90 years of Alumnae Friendship

# The President's Tea Party, held at The Crypt, St Martins in the Field, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



This photograph illustrates what a lovely venue Marjory Montgomerie found for us – bright and welcoming with high arched ceilings and interesting paintings around the walls.

Thirty members, prospective members and guests attended this function – a very good turnout for us. We found copious supplies of beautifully presented sandwiches, cakes and scones. Lashings of tea and coffee available at a glance to the cheerful staff. Add in vast amounts of friendly chat and we had everything we needed for a great afternoon out!

Our speaker at the Spring Lunch is Tina Tamman. Just in case you can't remember what she looks like, she is the lady in a blue shirt, left centre of the photograph below, the person almost dwarfed by the cake stand which appears to be sitting on her left shoulder. Apologies, as ever, for my lack of photographic skills. More information about her talk (with a better photo) is given on the next page.



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# Next Event: Spring Lunch, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

| Venue | St. Columba's Church of Scotland |
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|       | Pont Street                      |
|       | Knightsbridge, London            |
|       | SW1X 0BD                         |

Date Time Price Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 12.30pm for 12.45pm £18.00

Lunch will consist of cold buffet, dessert. Drinks: wine, tea or coffee. Guests are welcome at this event.

#### Speaker Tina Tamman



Tina joined the committee late 2017 and her 'meet the committee' article appeared in the March 2018 newsletter. That little piece revealed some interesting facts about her life and how she came to study at University of Glasgow. Here's a brief reminder:

Tina was born in Estonia and came to England when she was 26. She worked for a few years in the wine trade and for 20 years for the BBC. Then she did her PhD in East European History at University of Glasgow, graduating in 2010.

The title of her talk is "A different view of Scotland" and I asked for an outline, expecting a cultural comparison with life in Estonia. Tina's reply was much more intriguing:

"A different view of Scotland" – 'it's a personal view, based on individuals I have come across in my research. None of them is a household name and there is some intelligence connection, even derring-do.'

Whatever it is about, I am sure it will be interesting!

To reserve your place(s) either email or send form and cheque

#### 1 By Email

| Make a bank transfer (£18.00 per person) to: |               |  |  |
|--|---------------|--|--|
| Bank account name:                           | GUWC (London) |  |  |
| Account number:                              | 69548309      |  |  |
| Sort code:                                   | 09 01 51      |  |  |

Contact Cathy Blackcblack@compartuk.co.ukConfirm the bank transfer has been made and notify me of any dietary requirements/allergies

#### 2 By Post

Complete the form on page 5 and send it, together with payment (£18 per person) by cheque made payable to Glasgow University Women's Club (London) with your name on the back to:

Cathy Black, 23 Battlefield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4DA

| Closing date:       | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 201        | 9                             |
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| Contact on the day: | Margaret Goldfarb<br>Marjory Montgomerie | 07779550467 or<br>07768895839 |

## Meet the Committee

## **Hilary Booth**



We were very pleased to welcome Hilary on to the committee following the AGM in 2018. Many members will already have met Hilary in her capacity as a Blue Badge guide, for example, when she led a group of GUWC members and guests around the Houses of Parliament in 2017.

#### **Degree and year of graduation** BDS 1961 Why did you choose Glasgow University?

As I lived in Glasgow, there was no thought of going anywhere else for a fiveyear degree.

Why did you choose your degree? My dentist who was on the recruiting board of the General Dental Council suggested it. He took me round the dental hospital

and I was fascinated by the orthodontic before and after models. He persuaded me that I had the necessary manual dexterity to apply.

#### How has your degree helped in your life?

When I qualified in 1961, there was already equal pay in Dentistry. I obtained a fellowship to Harvard and a Fulbright Travel Award. This was an amazing opportunity. Later on it was possible to continue to work part time until retirement and so I now benefit from an NHS pension.

#### Best student memory of Glasgow University?

Running the British Dental Students Association Conference in Glasgow in 1960 where I made life-long friends. Otherwise it was a very hard slog with much reduced holidays. We had classes from 9am to 6pm and then had to go home and study.

#### Where do you live now? How long have you lived there?

I have lived in Radlett in Hertfordshire since 1968 when we came down from Manchester. So I have lived there for 50 years and seen many changes.

#### Where is your favourite place to have lived and why?

Obviously, Radlett, because I have lived the largest part of my life there. It is very convenient for getting to London by train but is in the green belt with easy access to the country. It is a caring community with U3A, Art and Music societies. I have many friends and belong to a local church and the Radlett Choral Society. **When did you join GUWC?** 

In 2010 after my husband died at the end of 2009.

#### How did you get involved with GUWC originally?

I always knew it existed but only made the connection with members at the Glasgow University Burns Supper in 2010.

#### Best memories of GUWC events?

I really enjoy the friendship at the lunches at St Columba's but have also gained much interest from the visits to interesting places in London. (The Old Bailey was a fascinating visit).

#### Hobbies/interests outside of GUWC?

I have played the cello since I was 11. I was in the Glasgow Schools Orchestra and am still playing in orchestras. I sing tenor in Radlett and the Really Big Chorus. I make lace and was World Vice President for International Lace. I have been a Blue Badge Tourist Guide for 20 years and developed my knowledge of Art and Garden History by taking Diplomas.

#### What might members be surprised to know about you?

I speak fluent French, German and Spanish

#### What 3 things would you save if your house went on fire?

My cello, my computer and my I-pad. The last two have all my photos on them.

#### Best holiday ever and why?

When I was 60 and my husband 70, we went on a 5-week holiday to South America visiting 7 countries. The highlights were seeing Machu Picchu, the Iguacu Falls, the figure of Christ in Buenos Aires, fishing for piranha fish in the Amazon jungle and dancing the tango in Argentina.

# **Glasgow University News**

Three people with links to Glasgow University were included in the New Year Honours List.

**Professor Iain McInnes**, the Muirhead professor of medicine and director of the Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation, has been made a CBE for services to medicine.

Ann Allen, Executive Director of Estates and Commercial Services at the university, was made an MBE for services to higher education. Ann has kindly agreed to be the speaker at our Annual Dinner in June.

**Cathy Bell**, former Director of Development and Alumni was also made an MBE for services to education and charity. Cathy visited us and spoke to us about the campus development at our Spring Lunch in March 2017.

# **Informal Catch ups**



#### **Forthcoming Events**

Annual Dinner with speaker Anne Allan Thursday June 20th Summer Outing Venue and date to be confirmed AGM and Lunch November 10<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Bremner reported a lovely informal meet up on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January with a couple of guests from Ladies Educated in Scotland.

The next informal catch up date is Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Amba Hotel, Charing Cross, London, WC2N 5HX. If you are planning to attend, please contact Marjorie on <u>marjorie.bremner@gmail.com</u> or mobile no. 07879 480224.

Moved home? Changed email or phone number?

If you have recently changed any of your contact details, please do let us know. We'd love to stay in touch!

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### FOR POSTAL BOOKINGS ONLY

# SPRING LUNCH Saturday, 30th March 2019

I shall/shall not be attending the lunch

| Member's name:                                 |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| No. of guests:                                 |                     |
| Guest name(s):                                 |                     |
| Dietary requirements<br>(including allergies): |                     |
| I enclose a cheque for                         | (£18.00 per person) |