



The Glasgow Highland Club

Dear Member

On behalf of the Directors I hope you are all well, and ready to enjoy the summer break with restrictions easing. As the session draws to a close at the end of this month, the band continues to practise on Zoom.

We have received a very kind invitation from The Royal Scottish Pipers Society to join their annual outdoors picnic on the afternoon of Sunday 1st August, all circumstances permitting. More detailed information will be forthcoming in due course.

We are already looking forward to next session and returning to our more traditional modus operandi while incorporating and developing some things we have learned this year. The Directors are assessing which of our activities are best suited to which format. We envisage most activities being face to face as usual, but also some continuation of activity exclusively online, and perhaps some will be a blend of both.

While much has been lost in the course of the pandemic, there are many positives to be taken from the last year. The members have been very supportive of our online efforts to maintain contact. You have attended in good numbers and brought new friends and guests from home and abroad. We plan to find ways to continue to encourage this in the future.

Our Chief, Sir Malcolm Macgregor, has been very active in supporting the Club. His fascinating lecture to us on Photography of Scotland was very well received and attracted a significantly larger audience than recent years.

Attendances at band practice are also larger than usual and our sincere thanks are due to Pipe Major James Beaton and Club Piper John Wilson for their encouragement. In addition, we have enjoyed increased contact and online company with our longstanding friends in the Royal Scottish Pipers Society.

John Duthie has revitalised our website and I would encourage you to make a visit there. He continues to make a plea for 'new' old photographs - please. He is happy to scan and return any old prints if you would prefer.

I believe that the Club has demonstrated the flexibility and capacity to adapt. All in all, we have every reason to be optimistic. We will keep you informed of developments, and trust you will enjoy a good summer.

Yours aye,

Jim Dougall, President