

# Greystoke 'Boot & Shoe' Whisky Club

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**Stop Press - Local Greystoke man is seen drinking Whisky in shower! See more below.**  
**On second thoughts no. The top was bad enough.**

## **The Meeting**

In another ground-breaking first for our Whisky Club, this meeting was held on-line i.e. virtual, with everyone contributing and sampling in the comfort of their own homes. The original intention was to provide 50mm samples of two whiskies, each in its own disposable container, and distribute to each attendee. This was to ensure that the tasting of the two (delivered) whiskies would enable true comparison of scores. Between inception and application the virus restrictions were tightened and made the idea legally unacceptable and potentially unsafe. It was left that each participant savoured their own choice(s) and provided a score out of 100. Strangely enough, and against expectations, the scores were not all 95+ / 100. There was no lessening of enthusiasm and the meeting comments made it almost seem like a normal (boisterous) meeting. The activity was quite humorous, similar to the Two Ronnies' mastermind sketch with the topic of "Answering the Previous Question". Making sense of typed responses being preceded by about five other comments was confusing for the slow typists like me. Lots of fun though. Industrial facts and figures were deferred as, when alluded to, one response was 'no need for that sort of talk.'

Corrine was thanked for doing the legwork setting up the meeting and compiling the attendance requirements. About two hours before the scheduled start Corrine announced that the Whisky Club meeting was growing by the hour. Lyn commented that 'we had a Geek so could do anything.'

The Theme for the meeting was "Stay Safety Conscious, or at least Conscious"

The meeting started at 7.30pm and joining / leaving the meeting was at will. An arbitrary finish time of 9pm was mooted but there was no fixed cut-off time.

There was a comment I was intrigued by, referring to supplies from Dulverton Coop (hens etc?) until I realised it was the Co-op!

Allan sent a photo verging on the obscene depicting him in the shower as an extreme method of 'taking water with his whisky.'

Ali and Maureen then introduced us to "Pedro" who rose to the occasion.

Adam Day left to present his nightly musical session on Facebook and it was obvious that a few followed him. He gave the Whisky Club a few good mentions.

I refrained from responding to Keith's advice to Alan Owens 'you can get the good stuff out tonight safe in the knowledge that Harry can't come round.'

Some great pictures of the full "Pink" moon were posted. I stepped outside for a quick look but it seemed out of focus. I assumed that it was hazy cloud - up above not in the house – but on second thoughts?

Keith mentioned that we ought to be appointing the Whisky Christmas Tree sub-committee. Harry said that the next meeting will attempt a Zoom (visuals) meeting.

The meeting wound down about 9.30pm but then a couple of comments appeared at about 0.30am regarding 'musical whisky'.

### **Scoring of Samples (/100)**

Ali & Maureen	Speyburn Bradan Orach	80
	Lakes Steel Bonnets	85
	Lakes The One	80
Harry	Arran Sherried Cask Strength	85
	Glenfairn Speyside (Booths)	60
Shelagh	Scapa	Not scored
Corrine & Stephen	Oban 14	88
Alan Owens	Jack Daniels	Not scored
Lyn	Glen Marnoch Highland	Not scored
	Balvenie 12	Not scored
	Aberlour 10	95
Donald	Glendronach	85
	Fettercairn 9 (Dream Drams)	78
	Glen Orrin 5 (Aldi)	82
Margot	Macleods Highland	70
	Macleods Highland	50
	Macleods Speyside	72
Allan	St Georges	86
	Bushmills	89
	Ardmore	86
Keith	Cardhu Reserve	81
	Aberlour 12	85

New release from Ardbeg in April 2020, called Wee Beastie %yrs – “wreaking flavour in its path”

Loch Lomond Whiskies linked with P.G.A. as “official spirit of the Open”

Investment Opportunity – 3900 bottle collection sold at Perth auction for £8,000,000.

### World Gin Day

World Gin day scheduled for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 may have to be 'virtual'

### **Date of Next Meeting(s) – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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**Graham White** for donating the welcoming Quaich.

**Various people** for donations of bottles for the tastings.

#### **Some Gaelic terminology and pronunciation for information**

*Failte, pronounced Foyle ta, means Welcome*

*Slainte, pronounced Slarn ja, means Cheers, Good Health etc*

*Quaich, pronounced Quaikkkkkkk, is a traditional welcome drink vessel*

*Wee Dram – pronounced Wee Dram - is organically distilled into Dram Wee*

*Poit Dhubh – pronounced potch ghoo – is a black pot or illicit still*

#### **Some random sayings / quotations**

*“Enjoyment of single malts are best savoured in the company of like-minded souls.”*

*Bearing in mind recent weather the Scots say “Today’s rain is tomorrow’s whisky.”*

*Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow.*

*You are your sole arbiter of flavour !*

*It’s never good to collapse during a tasting.*

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