

GREYSTOKE DRAM CLAN

(Started December 2013) Re-established & Re-named November 2023

NEWSLETTER

2nd January, 2024 (Month 122)

John Trotter

John Trotter died just before Christmas and we were sad to lose a stalwart friend. He was a traditional gentleman and will be missed by the village, certainly us. We made a toast to remember him.

The Meeting

It was the Final of the Best of the Best having established the Best 'Best' each month of September, October, November and December. Unfortunately some of the early winners had these days achieved cult status prices, tolerated once in the series, but, for the Final, in danger of plunging the already diving balance of funds into the abyss. Sense prevailed and the Clan enjoyed the undrunk contents of most of the Best of the Best bottles. The evening seemed to go down well in the usual vociferous manner despite the occasional hide and seek of certain bottles and with no distracting scoring of samples. It was an effective and pleasurable way to dispose of the 'dregs' and with the donations set against nil costs this meeting there was a positive negative effect on the deficit.

The Whiskies

BenRiach 12
Cardhu 12
Glen Marnoch Highland
Glenturret 12
Speyburn 10
Aberlour Casg Annamh
Balvenie 14 Rum Cask
Aberlour A'bunadh
Talisker Skye
Glenlivet 15
Bushmills 10
Glenfiddich 18
Glengoyne 12

The comments were too rapid and diverse to catch for printing purposes.

Annual Dinner

It was agreed for 6th March and to approach the Herdwick Inn as venue for this years Annual Dinner.

Christmas Tree Display

We managed to put an entry into the Church display. Once again built by Allan.

One section of the Clan

Stephen, Keith, Harry, Allan and Shelagh's hand all tooled up in tackling the selection of dregs from the previous four months 'Best of the Best' sessions.



Date of Next Meeting(s) – Tuesday 6th February 2024: Then Tuesdays – 5th Mar, 2nd Apr, 7th May, 4th Jun, 2nd Jul, 6th Aug, 3rd Sep, 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec.

Put the dates in your diary now.

Acknowledgements

Glencairn for producing the logo etched whisky glasses at a favourable cost.

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

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.”

You are your sole arbiter of flavour !

It’s never good to collapse during a tasting.

And from one of our own stalwarts – “There are no bad whiskies, just some better than others.”

Or “If you want a better whisky go to a better whisky club.”

“Everybody looks better through a glass.”

Whisky is the glue that brings people together like nothing else

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