



Tell's More

3Ls Association Newsletter



SPRING 2018

President's Lastword

Well... here we are, two years on from when I received the President's necklace! Despite all the work and certainly the enjoyment, time has flown in for me. How has it been for you?

As I said at the outset of my Presidency, all I was ever seeking to do was put something back into the 3Ls Family having regard to all the benefits that I had received as a Centre for Lifelong Learning student who became a 3Ls member.

The Association reached its 1,000th member last year and currently we have 1,150 members. With our 30th Anniversary on the horizon, I wonder how many members we will have in future years?

Without making this into a report card, as that is your job, it is my view that the 3Ls, like the University of Strathclyde, punches well above its weight. We are the largest such student's organisation in the UK and Europe. Let's consider a few of our achievements. We will hold our third Summer Academy later this year and a 3Ls group will attend a programme organised with the Dante Alighieri Society in Orvieto in September. We have a new connection with Dublin City University and their senior students and we made a joint presentation with the CLL at the international "Engaging with Ageing" conference there in March.

You could say that these are the stand out, big tickets items but of much greater importance is what we do almost every day of the week. As 3Ls members, we are all able to join numerous Clubs, take part in the various social events and outings or attend the Lunch Time Talks.

Now while I have assisted with some of these activities, it has been and really is down to the various individuals who make it all happen. By that, I mean your Management Council, all the Club Office Bearers and the very valuable help we **ALL** receive from the Team at the CLL.

If I can leave one message for you here, it is that you should consider putting something into making the 3Ls happen and it is not forever. Please do think of what you can do to help make the Association even better.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted me during my Presidency although unfortunately they are far too many to list here.

Going forward, I know that you have an incoming President in Diane Campbell who I know is extremely positive about taking the 3Ls forward into our 30th year and beyond.

I hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you in the Graham Hills at some point in future.

John

President's Charity

Firstly, I have to say that at the time of writing I cannot tell you the total sum we have raised for the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme. The grand total will be announced at the AGM, as the 3Ls banking gnomes are still counting it all up!

What I can say is that I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of 3Ls members in their support of this extremely worthy, local cause. You have donated items for the Tombola, the CD and DVD sale, the Book Club sale and attended the guided walks in very inclement weather as you can see from the image here. Clubs have organised separate charity events and donations and many 3Ls members have also made personal monetary donations.

I know that what has been raised will do a great deal of good for local children and we will hear more about how our donation will be used when we hear from the Charity at the AGM.

Thank you all very much.



Community Engagement Report – April 2018

2018 has been extremely busy so far for the Centre for Lifelong Learning. We kicked off the year with our 30th Anniversary Art Competition which celebrated *30 years of the Daytime Programme*. Art has been a mainstay of our programme since its beginnings in 1987 and we sought entries which represented the vibrancy of our range of classes. Kathleen Stewart won with her painting of The City Chambers and William McMenemy was the runner up with a study of an elf sculpture in the Kibble Palace, Botanic Gardens.

Thank you to those who visited the CLL Art Exhibition which was held in Cass Art in Queen Street in March. The feedback on the new look, new venue Art Exhibition was very positive and the exhibition had a steady flow of visitors throughout the week. Visitors had the opportunity to vote for their favourite painting with the winner receiving £100 to spend on CLL classes. The voting slips have now been counted and the winning painting was The Steamie by Fiona E. Steel.

Finally, the Centre has been busy liaising with our dedicated team of tutors to develop a new and exciting Summer Programme for 2018. The brochure should be on its way to students and features an interesting assortment of classes, seminars and workshops for adults of all ages. There are almost 100 classes to choose from, including our new week-long Italian immersion course which incorporates classroom learning in the morning with pizza making, Italian cheese tasting and cultural lectures in the afternoon. *Walk the Square Mile of Murder* led by Ronnie Scott is another exciting new addition to the programme. Students have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jack House's 1961 crime classic around the key locations of four celebrated murder cases within a mile of Charing Cross. Look out for these and more in the Summer Programme!

I look forward to continuing to work closely with the 3Ls and I wish you all an industrious and enjoyable summer.

Lynda Scott

Summer Academy 2018 Frae a' Airts & Pairs

Plans are well underway for this year's Summer Academy which will take place from Monday 20 to Friday 24 August. This year, the programme will explore the rich cultural history of people in Scotland and, as in previous years, a range of talks and trips are being organised for delegates. We hope to have lots of opportunities to find out more about "Interesting People and Interesting Places" as we visit different venues in Glasgow and beyond. Trips to Glasgow Necropolis, Garnethill Synagogue and the Glasgow Gurdwara are planned. We are also looking forward to hearing from the Scottish Oral History Centre about their research - the photographs lining the entrance hall at the Graham Hills Building have already sparked considerable interest.

Feedback from last year's delegates on the Academy was very positive and an overnight stay at Perth was welcomed so we plan to include an overnight stay in Dundee, after a stop to visit Culross on the way.

Registration for the Academy opens in early May and only 30 delegate places will be available so if you are keen to join the group this year it's important to note an interest by emailing the 3Ls office at llassoc@strath.ac.uk. Full details of the programme will be published shortly and we hope that this year's event will enjoy similar success to the previous Academies, "Making Waves" and "Playing with Words".

Social Events

December brought our greatly anticipated outing to the Theatre Royal to see a performance of Mamma Mia. It is fair to say that this was a highly enjoyable experience, with many of our Group entering into the spirit of things by loudly singing along for the last 15 minutes of the performance!

All of our events in 2017 were well attended, and the first trips of 2018 are shaping up to be equally busy and successful. Coming up, on 7 May, we have a visit to Bo'ness Railway and Museum, including a trip on the Steam Engine and followed by lunch at the Corbie Inn. This outing promises to be great fun.

On Saturday 16 June, we will be travelling to Pitlochry for a light lunch, followed by a trip to the Pitlochry Theatre to enjoy a performance of 'Quality Street'. A trip to Pitlochry Theatre is always greatly anticipated, and on this occasion we will be doubling the pleasure by stopping off at 'The Chocolate Experience', near Aberfeldy.

Our Social Calendar always proves to be very successful. I am always very appreciative of the support I receive from the Management Council, and most importantly, from those who participate.

My three years as Social Convenor have been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience and I wish my successor all the best for the next three years!

Dot Sim



French Club

The French Club has held twice-monthly meetings over the last year and members have enjoyed a busy and varied programme of talks and convivial opportunities to practice our language skills.

In October, we heard about the life of Simone Veil, the Holocaust survivor who became the French Minister for Health and the President of the European Parliament. Highlights of the GFT French Film Festival featured at our November meeting and former CLL tutor Janine Adamson gave a "bird's-eye view" of the Auvergne.

Talks from several Club members have featured in our programme, including Jim Gray who entertained us with a quiz on French expressions, Elizabeth Bryant who spoke of her studies of Normandy and Colin Browning who had researched the life of Marc Brunel. Committee Member Monique Feeley, who keeps us supplied with hand-made cards sold in aid of the President's Charity, delivered an insight into her family's life in Tournai, Belgium, which was formerly the capital of France.



A highlight for the Club was a visit from four S6 pupils from Holyrood School who charmed us with French presentations about their various interests and future career plans. All four pupils showed impressive linguistic skills and were a great credit to themselves and the school.

Club members continue to meet for lunch once a month over the summer and we will be happy to welcome new members to join what is one of the oldest 3Ls Clubs.

Diane Campbell: Vice-President

Nordic Noir is extending its borders

Change is afoot at the Nordic Noir Club. The Club was established in 2014 on the back of the successful Nordic Noir: Scandinavian Crime Fiction course run by George Geddes. Over the years, members have enjoyed reading books by authors predominantly from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland as well as discussing the generally first-rate TV series from these countries. We also had talks from experts on the translation of novels and on Nordic Noir and the Nordic countries. However, in recent years, many more authors are writing under the Nordic Noir banner and the quality has become more variable. At the same time, crime fiction from other parts of Europe has increased in popularity and is more readily available in English-language versions, in both book form and on television (e.g. Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain). Consequently, members agreed at the Club's AGM on 20 March 2018 to extend its borders to include authors from other parts of Europe and to change its name to the European Crime Book Club. So, next session we are looking forward to reading authors from across Europe in addition to the Nordic countries. The challenge will be narrowing down our choices to around five titles! Details will be posted on our noticeboard so you can check out what we'll be reading and you are very welcome to join us if it kindles your interest.

Wendy Clarke: President



German Club

The German Club has a varied and interesting programme of talks on cultural, historic and travel topics of the German speaking world. Our members vary in their ability in the language. Most talks are in German with a resume in English. At the end of each talk there is a chance to ask the speaker questions about the topic.

An important aspect of the club is the social side. After each talk we have the opportunity to socialise or 'waste some time together'. We also go out twice a year to a restaurant to promote this important aspect of the club. As well as this, we also have a Weihnachtsfeier – a Christmas party. At this event the talents of the membership are on display where we entertain each other by strutting our stuff through presentations, quizzes, telling jokes and singing as well as feasting and drinking!

Our membership has grown this year, so much so that we have had to get a bigger room for our meetings. Our speakers have appreciated the attentiveness and keen questioning of our membership. We have had very interesting talks on Nazi plundering of works of art throughout Europe, Germans in Scotland who learn Gaelic, multilingualism in Switzerland, the charming island of Ruegen and German cinema.

The German Club meets on the second Friday of each month from October to May in (at the moment) Room 554. Why not get along to the 3Ls Open Day in September and sign up? The programme for next year is being drawn up and it coincides with the 30th anniversary of the 3Ls Association at Strathclyde. We aim to play our part in the celebrations. What about you?

Daniel O'Sullivan: President



Buon Viaggio!

A group of 3Ls members is looking forward to a trip to Orvieto in Italy in September this year. This beautiful medieval walled town was the destination for an Association visit in 2016, involving a varied programme of activities, sightseeing and Italian language classes.

This year, a bespoke programme has been devised to include time to visit the many interesting historical and archaeological sites in Orvieto, to try out our Italian cookery skills and to explore the perimeter walls and winding cobbled streets of the town. There will also be time to visit Lake Bolsena and Montefiascone and to spend a day in the beautiful University town of Perugia.

These visits are organised with the assistance of colleagues in the Dante Alighieri Society who have an office and learning base in the former Monastery Villa Mercedes, which also provides accommodation in the heart of the town, adjacent to the Cathedral.

Diane Campbell



Lunchtime Talks

This year's Lunchtime Talks programme continued to cover a diverse range of topics.

In February, Fhiona Mackay, Director of the Confucius Institute for Scottish Schools (CISS) talked about an initiative which involves extensive work in partnership with Councils to develop and support the learning and teaching of Mandarin and Chinese culture in schools. Fhiona also explained there are plans for CISS to be relocated to the former Ramshorn Theatre.

Our final talk, led by Dr Raymond Thomson, former Deputy Director of the CLL explored the history of Brass Bands and their "Ruritanian" uniforms and entertained us with some rare photographic images of bands over the years.

Planning is underway in respect of next year's series, so watch out for details of future talks.

3Ls membership renewal 2018/2019

Please note that we have included the coming year's renewal form with this Tell'sMore, which we would ask you to complete and return as soon as possible. This enables the volunteer team to start processing applications and ensure that everyone has their membership card in time for the Open Afternoon on Wednesday 12 September 2018.

You will also note that next year is our 30th Anniversary Year so watch out for all sorts of interesting and exciting events to celebrate this important milestone in the life of the 3Ls Students' Association.

3Ls Obituaries

We have to report the recent sad passing of some of our members.

Eileen Ritchie founding member of the French Club, as was her late husband Gerry.

Margaret Braly also a member of the French Club and regular attendee at the Club's summer lunches.

Alastair Urquhart member of the Italian Club. Our thoughts are with his partner, Elaine Hansen.

Management Council 2017-2018

Membership this year:

Lesley Hart MBE, Honorary Patron; Lady Eileen McDonald, Honorary President; John Parkhill, President; Diane Campbell, Vice - President; Grace Gray, Convenor of Council of Clubs; Elaine Paterson, Secretary; Winnie Mallon, Treasurer; Dot Sim, Social Convenor

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