



2017 - 95 years of Alumnae Friendship

Forthcoming Event

This year our AGM and lunch will be held on Saturday 19th November, an 'in person' event at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London.

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Visit to the Wallace Collection Wednesday 21st September



Our guide (the lady in black kneeling beside Tina) was full of all sorts of titbits of information about the artifacts on display. We saw French furniture with exquisite marquetry, an extensive porcelain collection and wonderful paintings.

It was a very interesting and illuminating tour.

Lunch and Annual General Meeting 19th November 2022

Message from our President

I volunteered when the president-elect's post fell vacant. It seemed a decent thing to do. I had enjoyed quite a few GUWC events, had had interesting conversations with members and felt a need to volunteer. Having subsequently served a year as President, however, there is no president-elect to hand over to. In addition, we have lost a member of the committee – Carolina Valiente whose work commitments have increased. (Aren't we lucky to have members who still work full time! Carolina has added new ideas and a certain sparkle to the committee's work. Thank you very much, Carolina!)

It has been suggested to me that I could continue as President for another year but that is only postponing the problem. What would happen next year? Who would I hand the reins over to? Most of us have been members for a long time, have already served as President. Sometimes I also wonder about attendance. We have around 70 members, yet the events are attended by about 20. Covid has not helped and we are all ageing.

And yet, we are only five years away from our centenary! Should this not inspire us? That we have been in existence for 95 years seems, at least against a human lifespan, miraculous. That we have something in common, have needed each other, been a jolly good social club – this is something to celebrate.

I hope to see you at the AGM.

Tina Tamman
President

The Committee currently has 2 vacancies. We need 2 volunteers to join the committee and help ensure, as Tina wrote above, that the Club survives and thrives to its centenary in 2027. If you would like more information, please contact a current committee member –

Sarah Lawson	salawson@ntlworld.com
Marjory Montgomerie	marjoryM1954@outlook.com
Marjorie Bremner	marjorie.bremner@gmail.com
Margaret Henderson	margaret@32granard.com (on holiday til 4 th Nov)
Cathy Black	cblack@compartuk.co.uk



The Annual General Meeting of the Glasgow University Women's Club (London) will take place on Saturday 19th November 2022 at 2.00pm

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last AGM Proposer and Seconder
2. Any matters arising
3. President's report
4. Membership Secretary's report
5. Events Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report Proposer and Seconder
7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2022-2023

President	Tina Tamman
President Elect	Vacant
Past President	Sarah Lawson
Treasurer	Margaret Henderson
Events Secretary	Cathy Black
Membership Secretary	Marjorie Bremner
Committee member/ Catering	Marjory Montgomerie
Committee member	Vacant

8. Future programme
9. AOB

Tina Tamman
President



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB
(LONDON) HELD 6th NOVEMBER 2021

The President, Sarah Lawson, was in the chair. 16 members attended.

1. There were 12 apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of the last AGM were approved. Proposer: Marjory Montgomerie
Seconder: Jan Coughtrie
3. **Matters arising**
None
4. **President's Report**

The President reported that, since 2020 was such a wash-out for the club she was pleased to have had a second chance at trying to provide some events for the club. With Marjorie Bremner she presented a Christmas Zoom meeting on 14th December which included a presentation by Emily Howie from University of Glasgow Alumni Office updating GUWC members about the ongoing building projects on the campus.

Electronic Christmas cards were sent to all members with email as it was felt it was important to keep in touch during lockdown and to extend holiday greetings. In addition, the President organised a Hogmanay celebration via Zoom where people could drop in between 11 pm and 1:00 am. She reported that there was a whole screenful of isolated merrymakers, who raised a glass at the appropriate time. This was such a pleasant and successful event, it will be held every year if there is a demand for it.

A DIY President's tea party was held virtually on 23 January. The President hosted the tea with a Zoom background of Miss Cranston's Tea Room to encourage the right atmosphere. There were 24 members chatting in quiet breakout rooms.

The Spring Luncheon, normally at St Columba's, had to be cancelled, but again was replaced by Zoom event. Sarah had already been scheduled to speak at the 2020 Spring Luncheon and so gave a presentation about Christine de Pisan (1365-1430), an early Italian-French feminist who wrote a book of advice to women, *The Treasure of the City of Ladies*, which Sarah had translated for Penguin Classics.. She was assisted in this presentation by Carolina Valiente who provided pictures to illustrate the talk.

As the year went on, events continued being cancelled, one after the other, including the Annual Dinner. It was decided by committee that virtual tours of art galleries were not appropriate because listening to a commentary sitting in front of our computers lacked the charm of a real-life outing.

As Zoom tea parties had seemed to be a success in the circumstances, another virtual tea was held on 19 June. There were only 12 or so who joined the Midsummer Tea, but one advantage of this arrangement was that our number could include Judy MacArthur Clark in Texas. Breakout rooms were not needed for a good group chat.

By September it was felt that it was time to arrange a face-to-face meeting for the first time in nearly two years. Luncheon was held on October 2 at the Clermont Hotel at Charing Cross Station, a venue

used in the past by GUWC for Informal Dinners, hosted by Marjorie Bremner. Seventeen members attended. The event was a great success.

It is hoped that further “in-person” events will be possible in the coming year, but everything is still uncertain and there could well be further lockdown periods. This year had a highly curtailed programme, but it has reminded us of the importance of friendship of our fellow alumnae and our good times together.

Sarah Lawson
President, 2020-21

Lilias Gillies gave congratulations to the chair for working out breakout rooms on Zoom

5. Membership Secretary’s Report

Last year for the year to 30 September 2020, we had 79 members.
This year for the year ending 30 September 2021, we had 70 members.

We have one new member for next year. Sahar Afzal who attended the Clermont Hotel Lunch on 2 October and paid her subscription.

We had four other prospective members. However, one has now said she will not join because of other commitments.

Marjorie Bremner reported that after the lunch at the Clermont Hotel, she placed an update with a photograph on LinkedIn and mentioned that GUWC (London) welcomes new members in London and the Southeast. A lady in the Channel Islands contacted her asking if she could join.

Informal events

Marjorie will resume organising informal dinners on a Monday evening at the Clermont Hotel in the New Year, depending on Covid restrictions.

6. Event Secretary’s Report

7 th November 2020	AGM 18 members attended online. 4 apologies
14 th December	Virtual Christmas gathering
31 st December	Virtual First Footing
23 rd January 2021	Virtual President’s Tea Party
27 th March	Virtual Spring Lunch
19 th June	Virtual Midsummer Tea Party
2 nd October	‘In Person’ Lunch at the Clermont Hotel

7. Treasurer’s Report

Lunch at the Clermont Hotel was deemed to be the last function of the year. The date of 2 October counted as before 30 September as we had aimed for an earlier date. The committee decided that to celebrate getting together in person and as we had not had the usual hall hire expenses the club would fund the drinks and coffee hence the quite substantial loss. Our only other expense was a donation to the Samaritans in memory of Maureen McLellan who died during the year. She was a very longstanding and supportive member who had twice served as president. She worked for many years as a mental health social worker and her brother told us the Samaritans was a charity she supported.

We had 70 paid up members this year. We only lost one member, Maureen McLellan, and had no new ones. The reduction is probably due just to some members forgetting or not choosing to pay and it was felt that it was inappropriate to chase them up in this year when we were not able to offer our usual programme of events.

There is a high petty cash balance. This was because some members paid cash for the lunch which could not be paid into our bank until after the financial year end.

The net result of the reduced income and expenditure is a similar surplus to previous years and quite a healthy bank balance.

Margaret also reported that someone had gone into the club's Santander account and set up some direct debits to Vodafone. No-one at the club has set these up and they have now been cancelled.

Proposer: Liz Abbott
Seconder: Lillas Gillies

8. Election of office bearers and committee for 2021/22

The new slate of officers was accepted unanimously. As the new president, Tina Tamman, was overseeing an essay competition in Estonia and could not be present at the AGM, Sarah, now officially the Past President, continued to chair the meeting.

The new committee is as follows:

President	Tina Tamman
President Elect	(vacant)
Past President	Sarah Lawson
Treasurer	Margaret Henderson
Events Secretary	Cathy Black
Membership Secretary	Marjorie Bremner
Member with responsibility for catering	Marjory Montgomerie
General committee member	Carolina Valiente

9. Future programme

In the absence of the new President, Tina Tamman, no information was available concerning the programme of events for the year 2021/2022. Margaret Henderson mentioned the need to book hall hire for Spring Lunch and AGM.

There was a discussion about possible events for the forthcoming year such as a visit to the V&A with a guide. A visit to Pitzhanger Manor and Gallery was also suggested with the possibility of a visit mid-week rather than a weekend.

In view of the numbers of members dropping a little this year, it was also suggested that steps should be taken to promote the Club in *The Avenue* and at events such as the St Andrews drinks evening arranged by the Glasgow Alumni Office later this month in central London. GUWC cards should be made available for our members to pass round.

10. AOB

It was unanimously agreed that Angela Caldara is to be an Honorary Member but without voting rights. She is our official auditor and the daughter of our late member Louise Caldara, and we have come to know her well, but as Angela did not attend Glasgow University she is not eligible for full membership.

2022/23 Subs Now Due

Subs for 2022/23 have been held at the amazingly good value price of £10! If you have a standing order set up, your subs will be deducted from your bank account at the date requested so nothing further to do.

If you do not have a standing order you can pay direct to our bank Santander 69548309 sort code 09 01 51

If you are paying by cheque please write GUWC subs on the back and send to:

Margaret Henderson, 32 Granard Avenue, London, SW15 6HJ

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! Please contact Marjorie Bremner, Membership Secretary.

Email : Marjorie.Bremner@gmail.com

By Post: 48 Ingleway, North Finchley, London N12 0QN

Date for your diary

The next informal meet up is on Monday 16th January 2023 in the Clermont Hotel, Charing Cross as usual.

Lunch and AGM, 19th November 2022

Buffet lunch

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

Date: Saturday 19th November 2022 Time: 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Price: £24.00 per person Closing date: Friday 11th November 2022

Contact on the day: Marjory Montgomerie 07768 895839

Please email me to reserve your place cblack@compartuk.co.uk

Payment Bank account name: GUWC (London)
Sort Code: 09 01 51 Account number: 69548309

By post Cheque made payable to GUWC (London) with your name on the back to:
Cathy Black, 23 Battlefield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4DA

Please note that for those members who do not have a standing order, 2022/23 subs and lunch payment can be made together.