

CLAVERHOUSE ROTARY CLUB

Christmas Bulletin

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No Turkey or Trimmings This Year But Fun, Friendship and Good Cheer in Abundance!

Our Christmas Message was a little different this year, in that we all stayed at home, but shared and enjoyed each other's company in the traditional Claverhouse Rotary fashion – thanks to Zoom Video Conferencing!

Snuggled up in the warmth of our homes, with a glass of our favourite tippie and seasonal snacks at the ready, the evening commenced with President Pat's Welcome Address. She quipped that she often felt like the Rev I. M. Jolly in these difficult times! Since our restart in June, our number one priority has been fellowship and her hope is that 2021 will be much better for everyone!

In delivering his Christmas Message, the Rev Andrew Greaves informed us that it was five years since he retired from Dundee West

Church – but he hasn't missed the endless paper trail that followed him around!

He emphasised that Christianity happens in the present tense – it happens in the now! Andrew also remarked that speaking to us on zoom means we are looking forward and that religious thinking should also be updated. He compared the NHS staff to 'Good Samaritans' and also praised the work of Rotarians – 'who do a lot of good things in their drive for morality – that underpins our community'.

In wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Andrew suggested that this year is going to be quite different, with perhaps a bonfire on Christmas Day in the garden, to meet our children and grandchildren. (Hopefully we will be blessed with good weather!)

We were then warmly entertained by the highly talented Mary Veal, playing her Clarsach – a beautiful sounding instrument.

We were treated to two versions of 'Away in a Manger'; 'The Carol of the Bells'; 'Christ Child Lullaby'; and finally, the popular Christmas Carol, 'Silent Night'. Mary is a music therapist – a means of addressing the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals – she is indeed a truly gifted lady!

As a token of our appreciation, Council agreed to donate £100 each to Andrew and Mary's chosen charities. Andrew would like to donate £100 to Isla Gow who is currently working as a midwife in Zambia. Mary's charity is Nordoff-Robbins Musical Therapy to Children with Difficulties. Both are very worthy causes.

Next on our programme was the 'Christmas Message Raffle 2020' and the lucky winners were announced: Ian Balgowan, Allan Booth and Peter Mackay, each won a bottle of wine.

A box of chocolates was won by Margaret Hutton, Bill Barr and Iain W Ross.

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Chris Fowlie, Jack Matheson and Rhona Duncan were the lucky winners of specimen Cyclamen plants, grown and kindly donated by our horticulture expert, Andrew Child. Special thanks to Bill and his helpers for all their sterling work in raising £1,000 for our Trust Fund through the Raffle Collections!

President Elect, Robert Burns delivered the VOT and warmly thanked our principals – the Rev Andrew Greaves and Mary Veal. These events do not happen however, without lots of organising and he also praised Bill, Malcolm, Brian B, and Joe for their valued input – and of course President Pat for holding everything together during our zoom call – despite her barman being reported AWOL!

At this stage in proceedings, we normally powder our noses and move through to attend the Christmas Show at the Rep – but this year was very different – we only had to put on the top half of our night attire – and retire to bed!

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy
Christmas and New Year 2021
David and Joyce Herbert



The raffle prizes, carefully wrapped and personally delivered to all corners of Dundee today (Wednesday) by Bill Barr



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