



Merry Christmas



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SOLAS President



Lynne Alexander

Dear Members

One year into my role as National President and we've finally managed to have our National AGM in Dundee!

It was a small affair, but great fun and the gift bags provided by the Dundee Branch were very well received – many thanks to Nikki for her hard work organising and then re-organising this event.

I'm sure Dorothy has some pictures further on in the newsletter of us all showing off our glamorous outfits, in which some of us danced the night away into the wee small hours...

Of course, there were two big pieces of news at this year's AGM and unfortunately neither of them joyful.

The first being that the Law Society are not looking to take forward the accreditation for SOLAS at this time. Although this is disappointing, we are now looking at other ways in which our members can be given the recognition that they deserve.

The second, which was a shock, and I was sorry to hear about, is that the Inverness Branch will be closing with its members transferring to the Aberdeen Branch.

I would like to thank Shirley & Jodie for all their work keeping the branch going in these tough times.

When it comes, have a very Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year!

Kind regards
Lynne Alexander



Administrator

Yet another year has passed and although we are slowly moving to a more normal life or what will now be the new normal, we still have a long way to go.

As I said in the summer edition of our newsletter, General Council are hoping to reinstate face to face national seminars. However, they have decided that for 2022 the March Law Society Update Seminar will once again be held online. More details of speakers and topics will of course be sent out to you all by email in early February.

Here is a list of approximate dates when emails will be sent out during the year.

February	First/Second Week	March seminar
May	Late	Evening Course enrolment
June/July	Late/Early	Newsletter
August	First/Second Week	September seminar
August		Annual Dinner & AGM
September		CPD reminder
December		Newsletter



Can I please remind all members as contact is by email it is imperative that you keep me updated of any changes to your contact details. Please also get in touch if you have any queries regarding your membership or CPD and I will try my best to help.

I am pleased to say that there has been a very good return of subs/CPDs. However, I would mention that for any member who has not met the deadline date of 31st December, a 14 day letter will be issued incorporating a need for payment of a late fee of £10.

During October a diary was sent to all members who had previously requested one. Please let me know if you no longer wish to receive a diary.

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and let's all hope for a much brighter 2022.

Dorothy Nicholson
Administrator



Annual Dinner Dundee 5th November 2021







Branch Reports

Aberdeen

We held our student diploma award dinner on 14th October 2021 at Al Fresco where we were delighted to have 4 students, Kaytie Boucher, Alison Sansbury, Sophia Gibson & Moray Watt receive their certificates, all 4 members have now joined SOLAS.





Dundee branch held the annual dinner after having to postpone it from last year. I'm delighted to say that 5 Aberdeen members attended the dinner with one member travelling from York to join us. A great night was had by all, some of the headaches next morning would testify to that. I would recommend this evening to all our members as it's a great way to meet members from other branches.



CPD events continue to be delivered by GoTo meeting and we are indebted to Dundee branch inviting Aberdeen branch members to join in.

I wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

Stay safe
Joyce



Dundee



The picture above is from our night at the Queens on 28 October for the newsletter. We extended our invitation to the students from the 19/20 class also and a couple of them are included in the pic.

From left to right Nikki Scott, Lynne Alexander, Lucy Dewar, Catreona Kidd, Angela Stephens, Nikki McKay, Angela Wilkie, Malcolm McDonald and Jessica McCardle. Other students that graduated in 2020/21 but not present were Emma Bell, Jacqueline Guthrie and Charlene Smith



Dundee Branch held their Diploma Ceremony on Thursday 28th October at the Queen's Hotel in Dundee. It was well attended, and we all enjoyed a lovely evening of food and camaraderie. I would like to personally welcome (in no particular order) Lucy Dewar, Jacqueline Guthrie, Catreona Kidd, Malcolm McDonald, Charlene Smith, and Angela Stephens as Associate Members of SOLAS. I hope you will accept this invitation to become active members and help make Dundee Branch even more vibrant. Thanks to Natasha Mitchell and Tracey McCardle for their hard work as lecturers and to Natasha for organising the Diploma Ceremony.

Dundee Branch held a very successful, albeit intimate, Dinner and Dance before the AGM. Lots of food, drink, and fun was the theme of the evening. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was much appreciated. Special thanks to Lynne Alexander who was a great help in organising and setting up.

Natasha is in the process of organising the CPD meetings for the coming year so please watch out for emails from Dundee Branch updating you with times and topics. A survey was circulated regarding whether CPD should continue be held online or if members would prefer to go back to in person and it was overwhelmingly in favour of continuing online. A hybrid option might also suit so we can have the best of both worlds. It was discussed by the Committee that meetings could be held in person with the option of members logging in online, so this is a consideration once things are back to "normal". It would be helpful if you would add DundeeBranch@solas.org.uk to your safe senders list. We are looking to hold our first CPD meeting of the year in mid-January and if you haven't heard from me with a CPD update and link before Christmas please email me directly to let me know.

Finally, in whatever way celebrate, please stay safe and have a beautiful festive season.

Nikki Scott
President/Secretary
Dundee Branch



Edinburgh

Edinburgh Branch held a New Student's reception via GoTo Meeting in August for the new students who are starting their SOLAS course this year. We wish them every success in their studies and look forward to welcoming them as members, in due course.

Last week, the Edinburgh committee was able to arrange for a face-to-face graduation ceremony to celebrate the achievements of the students who had completed their SOLAS course this year and last year. Natalie Cooke welcomed the students, their guests, the Edinburgh lecturers and committee to a finger buffet and drinks at the Angel's Share. She congratulated the graduates on the completion of their studies before Richard Murray presented the certificates to those who had completed their course this year. Although last year's students had already received their certificates by post but there was an opportunity to applaud each graduate who attended who shared an 'elbow bump' with Richard instead. Richard commended the students on their achievements and encouraged those who are eligible for membership to join the society and keep in touch with colleagues in similar roles. On top of this you also are entitled to an excellent newsletter and can enjoy the Branch CPD talks and National Seminars. Richard, Natalie and the rest of the committee hope that those members who do not qualify for membership will soon meet the criteria and be able to join.

Edinburgh Branch congratulates Afsha Ali, Craig Anderson, May Bennett, Samantha Duff, Julie Furguson, Mitchell Haddow, Michell Harkin, Joanna Czarnecka, James McIntosh, Zahraa Ramzan, Kimberley Ritchie, Clair Thomson and Alicia Turner who completed their SOLAS course in 2020. Linzi Franks, Paul Harrison, Deborah Shannon and Natasha Swanston had completed their course in 2021.

Due to holidays and year end deadlines the Edinburgh Branch has not been able to hold any seminars for this session yet. However, arrangements are underway for online seminars in January to June next year. As soon as the schedule is finalised it will be posted on the SOLAS webpage. The committee are happy to welcome SOLAS members as guests from other branches, so please let Tracey O'Brien know if you would like to attend any of these talks.



Photos from the Edinburgh Graduation Night







Glasgow

Branch CPD Meetings

Our new 2021-2022 syllabus is now available to view online at www.solas.org.uk

CPD events have now returned to The Royal Faculty of Procurators, 12 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow for members who would like to attend in person. Otherwise, members who would prefer, can attend online by way of Go To Meeting.

This is to accommodate for all our members.

Notification of meetings will be issued by email to all members one week prior to the CPD event.

The turnout for CPD events continues to be fantastic with 80+ members in attendance and it is brilliant to see so many of our members and amazing to see everyone.

The planned syllabus for 2021-2021 is as follows:

Tue 8th Feb 2022	Siobhan McGuigan, Anderson Strathearn	Wills & POA
Tue 8th Mar 2022	Amy Bell, Teal Compliance	AML
Tue 19th Apr 2022	AGM	
Tue 17th May 2022	Lindsey Bell, Friends Legal	Debt Recovery
Tue 6th Sep 2022	Lawrie IP	Patents and Trademarks
Tue 4th Oct 2022	Linsey Addie, Milne Craig	Tax on Heritable Property
Tue 25th Oct 2022	Graduation Ceremony	

Glasgow Branch currently has 200+ Members. We want ALL of our Members to get the very best of their membership. If the dates or CPD topics don't suit you please



let us know. If you would like something covered in CPD the Committee will do it's very best to allocate a speaker.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date to keep informed of all Branch News and Updates.

Please contact GlasgowBranch@solas.org.uk to inform us of any changes.

Did you know that SOLAS has social media.....we are on twitter and Facebook.

Please follow us and watch this space to see updates on Branch News, CPD and Events.

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SOLAS Glasgow Branch Student Graduation



The above event was held at The Royal Faculty of Procurators on Tuesday 26th October 2021. This was a fantastic event, and it was lovely to meet our Graduates, New Members and their family and friends.

Again, the turnout for this event was fantastic and it was lovely to celebrate with a glass of bubbly and buffet and get to catch up with everyone.

Thank you for everyone who was in attendance and to the Glasgow Branch Committee for all their help in organising a successful event enjoyed by all. Here are some of the photos from the night:











We Want You

Would you like to join the Glasgow Branch Committee?

This is a fantastic way to be part of SOLAS and contribute to an organisation which is run by you the Members. Get something back from your membership and get involved with a network of like-minded colleagues.

We hold 4 online Committee meetings per year and host 8 Events per year.

As part of the Committee, you help the branch to organise CPD Events, AGM, Graduation Ceremony, Student Meet and Greet etc.



If you are enthusiastic and have new ideas of how to introduce exciting changes to the Branch and SOLAS please join our team.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee, or has any new suggestions for the branch please contact us at GlasgowBranch@solas.org.uk

Season's Greetings

The Glasgow Branch Committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you all in 2022.





New Members Admitted

The Society warmly welcomes the undernoted students who were admitted as members at their General Council meeting on 6th November 2021.

Associate

Kaytie Boucher	Aberdeen
Alison Sansbury	Aberdeen
Sophia Gibson	Aberdeen
Moray Watt	Aberdeen

Lucy Dewar	Dundee
Jacqueline Guthrie	Dundee
Catreona Kidd	Dundee
Malcolm McDonald	Dundee
Charlene Smith	Dundee
Angela Stephens	Dundee

Linzi Franks	Edinburgh
Debbie Shannon	Edinburgh

Caitlin Allison	Glasgow
Jade Blair	Glasgow
Nicola Clark	Glasgow
Emma Droy	Glasgow
Lauren Findlay	Glasgow
Imogen Harris	Glasgow
Nelam Khan	Glasgow
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Lisa Liddell	Glasgow
Gilliam Smith	Glasgow
Jacqueline Thompson	Glasgow
Rachel Hennessy	Glasgow



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The Law Society of Scotland

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