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Minutes of Meeting held on: 1st November 2023 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: Neil welcomed all the members who had braved the wet weather to attend the meeting, along with two new members – Di and Sheena – and one guest..

APOLOGIES:

Helen Murray; Jim Murray; John Aitken; Lyn Aitken; Chris Collen

ALMONERS REPORT

George reported that David Olwa is out of hospital, and present at the meeting. David thanked members for his card – which he received once home, it having followed him from the hospital.

Ross noted that Jim Murray was unable to be present as he has ‘a bit of a cough’, but doesn’t think it’s anything more serious.

MATTERS ARISING

Name Badges

Members were asked to remember to collect and wear their name badge at meetings. New members and any others for whom no badge is present were asked to notify Mike in order that one can be prepared.

Club Photo

Taking of the photo has been postponed to the next meeting when members are requested to assemble in the main hall, before getting their tea or coffee, for this purpose.

Christmas Lunch

The club’s Christmas lunch will be at the West Lothian Golf Club on Wednesday, 13th December at a cost of £25 per head, which includes a complementary drink on arrival.

Members were asked to let Mike (at the meeting) or Chris (by email) know if they intended coming as soon as possible; partners and guests are also welcome, with numbers given to Mike or Chris as aforesaid. As well as confirming numbers attending, it will be soon necessary for members (and guests) to pre-order their selections from the very high-quality menu previously circulated.

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None

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

The day's speaker was member Bruce Jamieson who, on the morning after Hallowe'en, took us on 'A walk on the dark side – a virtual tour into Linlithgow's ghastly past.' Bruce's presentation was drawn from the stories with which he once regaled those who joined his 'ghost tours' around the town – when he was assisted by 'jumpers out' recruited from his pupils at the Academy. With curtains drawn and lights out, we were alternately entertained and appalled (and occasionally alarmed) as we heard of the grisly and frequently painful ends experienced by folk in, by and associated with the town, some of whom are possibly more than just reputed to haunt the burgh. Ending on a slightly lighter note, Bruce concluded by relating of his mutually terrifying encounter with a black cat as he collected up the 'jumpers out's' masks and props from St Michael's porch after one dark and stormy ghost walk.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given and supported by the members in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 th when Jason M Barrett will talk to us about the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Andrew Jones

pp. Secretary

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