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## SAMHAIN:

*Samhain (pronounced /--sa?n/ or /--s??w?n/; Irish /--s?au?n?/ from the Old Irish samain) is the word for November in the Gaelic languages. The Scottish Gaelic spelling is Samhainn or Samhuinn (for the feast), or an t-Samhain (for the month). The Festival of Samhain is a celebration of the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture, and is generally regarded as 'The Celtic New Year'.*

*The same word was used for a month in the ancient Celtic calendar, in particular the first three nights of this month, with the festival marking the end of the summer season and the end of the harvest. A modernized version of this festival continues today in some of the traditions of the Catholic All Souls' Day, the secular Halloween, and in folk practices of Samhain itself in the Celtic Nations and the Irish and Scottish diasporas. It is also observed by various types of Neopagans*

# A Message from Our President

## The Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco

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### Membership Meetings:

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments served after the meeting.

### Officers of the Society

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St. Andrew's Society  
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society  
Friends:

This month the Society met on the sailing ship Balclutha for the first time in over 20 years. The event, known as "Scotch Bottoms" was to celebrate this one of a kind Scottish treasure docked permanently in San Francisco. Thanks to the efforts of veteran member Wayne Padgett we have met once again on the ship. Thank you Wayne for you yeoman efforts to make this event a reality! This was our monthly meeting and a Members' Dinner to boot. Some 60 plus people attended. The James Standfield Catering group provided a super meal and was a great choice! The Piedmont Highland Dancers, under the leadership of Joshua Hyman, performed and the group of singers known as Dogwatch, led by Gary Keep, entertained society members and guests with sea shanties. Jim Marsh provided bagpipe music. Thanks also to Jeff Sherlock for donating the wine, and to Biz Obley and Casey McKibben for superb bartending. Our park ranger, Reygina Butler was a super host. She gave a ship overview and led a tour of the ship. Mary Gilbert kept "gate watch" and made sure folks were checked in. Bill Jaggars took lots of photos for the newsletter I am sure. Thanks again everyone!



During September, the Nominating Committee made its first presentation of a slate of officers for 2011. Not all the positions were filled as we are still looking for a secretary. Members in good standing are encouraged to run for, not from, the society leadership positions. The Nominating Committee will entertain nominations during a special meeting on Monday, 18 October.

The Newsletter. I would like to remind members that you are encouraged to provide articles of interest for this monthly publication. I have had the pleasure of providing articles for the newsletter on all kinds of topics for the past three plus years. I would be delighted to have others join in the process. Bill Jaggars is our newsletter editor. Articles on local Scottish activities, history, culture, music, art and other topics are welcome. Please step up to your computer and draft an article!

Remembrance Day Sunday is on 7 November at Grace Cathedral. Remembrance Day, like our Armistice Day (now Veterans Day) began as a service to honor the veterans of the Allied Nations who were killed in the First World War. However, over the years it has grown to honor the lives of those lost in all wars. The service begins at 2:30pm with a concert. At 3pm the Colors are paraded into the Cathedral. We provide a Color Guard each year and contribute funds to support the event. I encourage you to join us in attending the event.

The Campbell Highland Games Committee is trying to resurrect the games for next year. The group is holding a benefit on Saturday, 20 November at the Mountain View De Anza Masonic Lodge on 890 Church St. at 7pm. The band Tempest will provide music. Call (408) 489-3186 for more information.

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### November is a busy Month

- **7th November** Remembrance Service 2:30 pm front of Grace Cathedral, John Allison, Josh Kyle, David McCrossan, Stewart Allan, Casey McKibben, Reserve PP Bruce McMillan.
- **10th November** RLS School Presentation, Stevenson Picture, 10am, 2051- 34th Ave., BCG Julian Evans, PP Tom McLaughan, John Allison, David McCrossan, PP Bruce McMillan, James Beatty, PP Gene McCracken, Chairman Don Frazer, Dorothy McKay Collins, Dianne Frazer, piper James Marsh.
- **12th November** RLS Dinner ,Museum Fund Raiser , 6pm 1088 College Ave., St Helena, John Allison , James Marsh, Colyn Fischer, Shauna Pickett Gordon, James Beatty, Elizabeth Strum.

**27th November** Banquet and Ball at the Marines Memorial Club; 6pm Reception, Highland Attire or Black tie.

*Hope to see you all there!*

- **Upcoming Events:**

For Hogmanay I will supply the Haggis, Neeps & Tatties.

January For the Installation of Officers , i will make Curry and all Side dishes for 50.

Hope to see you on the Balclutha Next Monday

Aye

John Allison



### St. Andrew's Society of SF & Related Calendar of Events for 2010

# Samhain



*31 oktober*  
*Andere namen: Halloween,*  
*hallowmas, day of the dead,*  
*feast of spirits, celtic new year,*  
*celtic winter. gam*

#### OCTOBER

**SAT, 2 OCT**, Loch Lomond Celtic Society Games, Ben Lomond

**Monday, 11 OCT.** Society Monthly Meeting – Program: Scotch Bottoms, Nominating Committee reports findings, Theme: Samhain (Scottish New Year & Halloween)

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## 2nd Vice President Report



### 2nd VPs WATCH-LIST

CONGRATULATIONS! to the Membership (tent-games) Committee for a job well done!! How many of you were at our September meeting to see the many new faces of prospective members? The quality of their personal accomplishments and enthusiasm for our program were encouraging as they were stimulating. I am excited over all the potential of 'new ideas' and energies that will find themselves expressed in their (and our) contributing futures. Lets make a genuine effort to welcome our new members and be encouraging in mutual efforts to solicit their active participation. The month of October will also invite a substantial number of applicants for 1st & 2nd membership 'readings.' What a wonderful gift to us all as we celebrate our fellowship through the several traditional and gala seasonal events of our society in the next coming months.



POWERFUL POLITICAL PROGRAM was presented by the Honorable Consul General, Julian Evans ( Honorary Member of SASSF), and Deputy Consul (1st Lady of SASSF & Bard) Mary Gilbert. Though the hour was late (unforgivably) due to business, event & membership concerns, they each presented a most concise and coherent 'update' on the political issues of the day in the UK and in particular, Scotland. This type of presentation should be a 'must' in the planning of each year's calendar of programs. We thank them each so very much for their ef-

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forts, patience, and insightful perspectives.

DON'T MISS The November 15th Meeting!! If you agree that this is a time of year for the savory delights that accompany feasting, social gathering and song, you will welcome an evening of learning 'how' to concoct Scottish Goodies. Some of us have heard opinions in the past, that were at best, 'disingenuous' in their culinary references to Scottish cooking. We are fortunate to have Vivian Hausermann, featured program presenter, who will dispel such rumors with tasty and practical dispatch. Recipes will also accompany the Chef's renderings. We want to leave you with a good taste in your mouth as we welcome this approaching Holiday Season. Yum, Yum.

PLEASE try to remember to bring some Scottish 'gift-contribution' for our 'Silent Auction' at December 20th's Christmas Gathering (Meeting) at the Firehouse. We are trying in a 'sharing way' to generate necessary funds to offset the increasing costs of our Holiday Banquet & Ball (Nov 27th), and Burns Supper (Jan 22th.) This should

be 'fun' as well as culturally charitable. Thank you! And, I must reluctantly ask again for those kindly, generous, and necessary financial gifts that help us defray the 'real costs' of providing quality entertainment, table scotch & haggis, roses for the ladies, programs, that collectively assure the expected ambience of the occasion. If you should feel inclined to assist us in these regards, you will be duly noted! Thank you again for your considerations.

CELEBRATE A SCOTTISH NEW YEAR at the Old Firehouse!! If you have not experienced A HOGMANY with your friends to invite in the new year Scottish Style, you don't know what you're missing. For those who have attended in the past and have delighted in the fellowship, feasting, singing, and Burns' blessed servings of haggis, we can assure you and your guests an even more spectacular celebration. This is an opportunity to bring a friend, your mom and/or dad, or those impressionable grandchildren who would delight in a celebration unique to Scots.

We will be gathering at our Firehouse on December 31st, 1088 Green St. S.F. at 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Please bring a dish, (we're potluck) dessert and/or tasty snack foods. We have been fortunate in the past to have a good balance of entrées, salads, deserts, & etc. We also benefit by the generous contributions of "spirits' (wine, stouts, single malts, AND Champagne) for the proper distillation marking this timely event. We toast Scotland's New Year (their midnight) at 4:00 pm 'our time.' This time-frame does allow our members and guests a safer passage home to continue their New Year's celebrations elsewhere. Please call James

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### Traditional Scots Cooking by Vivian Mann

As a cookbook collector, I love to read recipes in the hope of gathering wonderful, tasty recipes to serve friends and loved ones. When James Beatty asked me to give a talk at the Society on Scottish cooking, I was both flattered and flattened. How can I cover the vast array and history of a cuisine in 20 minutes and keep people interested? What cookbooks can I use to find recipes that we can try, and thus expand our knowledge and enjoyment of the cuisine of the country we love? What were the influences on Scots cooking? And, how can dishes be named cock-a-leekie, cloodie, and crowdie? What are these dishes, anyway?

I'll be addressing the latter questions, and will also provide recipes for all to enjoy at home. And I hope we will be inspired to make some of the foods for our Hogmanay celebration in December.



# A Message from Our President: continued

## NOVEMBER

**SUN, 7 NOV**, Remembrance Day Service at Grace Cathedral , 3:00 P.M. - Point of Contact: John Allison

**WED, 10 NOV**—Society presentation to Robert Louis Stevenson School in San Francisco.

**MON, 15 NOV** - Society Monthly Meeting – Program: TBD, Candidates nominated from the floor.

**SAT, 20 NOV**, St. Andrews Society of Oakland, Ball

**SAT, 27 NOV** St. Andrews Banquet and Ball, Marine's Memorial Club & Hotel. —Point of Contact: John Allison.

**MON, 30 November**, St. Andrew's Day

## DECEMBER

**MON, 13 DEC** - Society Monthly Meeting – (note date change). TBD. Election of 2010 officers

**FRI, 31 DEC**, Society's Hogmonay Celebrations, Firehouse—Point of Contact: James Beatty.

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The St. Andrews Banquet and Ball is next month! It will be held at the Marines' Memorial Club on Saturday, 27 November. Please support this event with your attendance and bring guests along! First Vice President John Allison program coordinator for the banquet and ball. For those interested, a small block of the hotel rooms have been set aside are available for the evening. A copy of the notice and registration is on the website and in the newsletter.

Yours aye,

Fred Rutledge



## 2nd Vice President Report: continued

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Beatty (2nd VP) at (510) 459-9395 or Elly Sturm (Chaplain) at (707) 534-0459 to note you attendance and contribution of foods and beverages to bring. Thank you very much! <resonance.ej@gmail.com>

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY to plan to attend our exciting and elegant BURNS SUPPER on the 22nd of January 2011 at The Family Club located at 545 Powell St. at the corner of Bush, S.F. The social hour will commence at 6:00 pm with members & guests seated for dinner by 7:30 p.m. This is an evening of witty, colorful readings, toasts, and special music. Within the elegant banquet room of the exclusive Family Club, you will dine on a specially prepared fare appropriate to the flavor of the evening. In as much as we can only accommodate 180 guests, it will be necessary for you to reserve early, in order to guarantee an evening worth 'remembering.' The cost for this sumptuous and traditionally regal banquet is \$90.00 per member and/or guest. Considering that we are holding this event in San Francisco within a beautiful venue, you will be pleased with the efforts of 'your society' to provide a Burns Memory that will be worthy of your attendance. The parking at the Stockton St. Garage is also conveniently located and reasonably priced. This consideration also enhances the overall nuance of the evening.

As a special incentive for those who are 'early-bird planners', we will be offering a fine bottle of Single Malt to 'That Individual' who can put together a party of 10 (one table.) This effort to 'build tables' helps us immeasurably in our planning, and helps avoid the 'last minute rushes.' We need your reservations even NOW whether you are building a table of 10 friends or coming in any other combination. The important point is that we want to see you in attendance with us as we celebrate with fellow Scots around the World, our Immortal Bard's 255th Birthday (which is actually Jan. 25th.) Look for 'sign-up' sheets at the monthly meetings and/or contact us via the following choices: James S. Beatty, 2nd VP..Chairman of Event.....#cell (510)-459-9395, <resonance.ej@gmail.com>

Yours aye,

James S. Beatty



# OVER AND ABOVE: Gifts to the Society



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## **Patron Life Members**

Life Members who have elected to make additional contributions for 2010.

Wade Hughan

John Lord

Gerry Sample

Don Sanford

Brian Tulloch

Jim Campbell

### Chaplain's Corner Chat

Today, out of concern for not having seen them for quite a while, at monthly meetings nor at summer Society functions, I phoned a couple of our new women members. There was no need for worry, at least not regarding the one lady reached; I will try again with the other one.

What came out of the pleasant phone call, however, were some ideas worth considering. For some members, driving at night has become problematic, for one reason or another, often precluding them from coming to the Monday evening meetings. Lauren told me she had been able, on occasion, to come with another of our new members, Marilyn, who lives within reasonable proximity of her. She was interested in discovering whether some other members lived in her general area as well.

Two things occur to me in connection with this carpooling that Lauren and Marilyn shared. One is the multi-pronged advantage for our SASSF members of implementing more widely this commonly practiced method of transportation among Bay Area commuters: besides the obvious--reducing individual gas and bridge toll expenses--there is the opportunity to get to know a Society sister or brother better while enjoying their company on the trip, and, of course, the driver enables his or her fellow member to take part in the meetings otherwise missed, enhancing attendance at our monthly meetings.

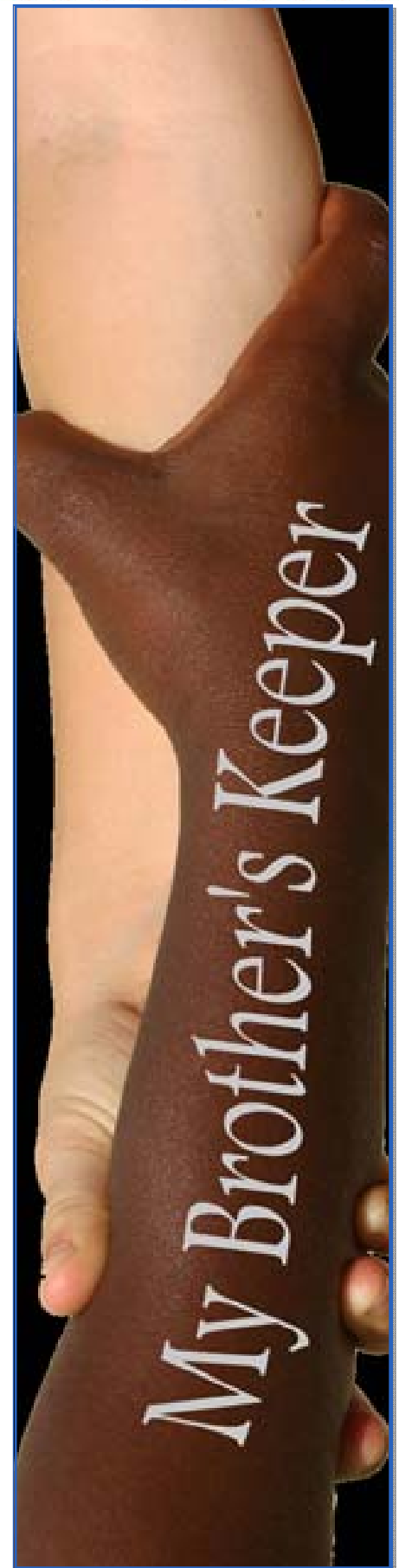
I know that Gene McCracken has, in a most exemplary fashion, taken seriously the role of being his "brother's keeper" by making sure that James Robertson, still regaining his health and strength, has been able to come to our meetings and events. I love that. We can all check on those living near us to see if help is needed. Might it not also, for those unable or reluctant to drive to SF at night, be a golden opportunity perhaps to ask a relative or friend (of Scottish ancestry?) if they'd enjoy seeing what we're all about while providing you with a ride?

This brings me to my second and concluding point: if the entire membership had a Members' Registry--condensed to the basics of Name, Address (with City and Zip), Telephone, and Email Address--it would facilitate carpooling as well following up on concerns. The cost of printing such a booklet could easily be covered by a nominal charge to each of us. I'm very interested. It's a thought.

Whether you need transportation to the meetings or not, it behooves all of us to keep an eye, ear, thought and prayer out for our brothers and sisters in the St. Andrew's Society.

Yours Aye,

Elisabeth (Elly) Sturm



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# Annual Banquet & Ball Registration form

*The St. Andrew's Society  
of San Francisco*

*cordially invites you to its*

*147th Annual Banquet & Ball*



**Saturday, 27 November 2010  
at the Marines' Memorial Club  
San Francisco.**

➤ Reception

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

➤ Dinner and Dancing

7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

➤ Macintosh Pipe Band

➤ Scottish Fiddlers

➤ Scottish Dancers

➤ Address to the Haggis

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Formal, Highland Dress  
or Evening Attire.



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Special overnight room rate of \$179 includes  
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Society Scottish Banquet.

**Prices per person:**

\$110 each per member and member's guest  
\$110 each per non-member and guest  
For more information, call John Allison,  
Society's VP, at 707-226-9019.

**RESERVATIONS:**

Type of Ticket    Quantity    Price    Subtotal

Member/Guest    \_\_\_\_\_    \$110    \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member/  
Guest    \_\_\_\_\_    \$110    \_\_\_\_\_

Order Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: 22 November 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send this form and payment to:  
The St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco  
c/o Mr. R.E. Wallace, Treasurer  
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# Images of "Scotch Bottoms" Evening



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## Worth sharing:

From: Mark Cassidy <mcassidyscotland@yahoo.com>  
To: Mark Cassidy <mcassidyscotland@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Sun, Sep 5, 2010 10:41 am  
Subject: good news to share ....

HELLO

This is one thing I did last week, remembering all the while the days of Dewars and lemonade (Meadowpark, Kornkist, Elbow Room etc), graduating to Famous Grouse and cola (Endrick Hotel, Railway Hotel, etc) Thanks to a glass of Deanston from Kenny Craigs mum and Springbank or Highland Park evenings with David MacPhee I slowly left aside my carbon dioxide tendencies. And what does it lead to? A cabinet of clinking bottles and working nights.

Anyway. This morning I got seeds out of poppy heads to replant in the winter while BlackCat the feral cat chased a dragonfly about...birds tweeting...quiet streets...murmur of Spanish from garden next door.

Cheers to you all and have a good autumn with whatever wildlife you favour.

Mark

(followed by Victoria's original message)

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Hi,

This past Thursday night Mark & I did an educational / scotch tasting gig at Omnivore Books (most of you know we have a "side business" doing this) - the short story on how we got to Omnivore is: I called and pitched the idea .. she said yes! Yep..it was that easy.

Turns out ... we were SF Weekly's hot pic in their Night & Day picks - great write up (in this past Wednesday's edition).. they even dissed Wine Spectator in the same paragraph! AND... coincidentally - the photographer from the NY Times was there - how cool is this - we're going to be in the Bay Area supplement of the NY Times this coming Thursday!

Good golly gosh ... I spent over 25 yrs as an corporate event planner doing the unimaginable - unthinkable - including Guinness World Record events, 5,000 person events, 3 ring circus, etc. ... and VOILA .. a 60 person scotch tasting event in a bookstore and we make it into the NY Times!! I swear ....a near freebie and we're "news"!

This was the largest turnout and most money the bookstore's ever made at their events - more than when Joanne Weir of PBS was there with her new book and pouring free Tequila!! And ... we weren't selling any book - we haven't written a book! We weren't selling Scotch! We weren't directly promoting The Whisky Shop where Mark works (just indirectly promoting) and ... we're unknowns.

What we were trying to do is drum up business for our private tastings and for our new, soon to launch, public educational classes on Scotch Tastings. If you like books on food (current and antiquity) and want to see the blip about our presentation - check out the website for: Omnivore On Food: <http://www.omnivorebooks.com/events.html>

Have a great holiday weekend!

v & m (Married on Labor Day weekend 9 yrs ago :- ) ahhh....

Victoria

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Mark Stewart Cassidy 415.586.5338

## The Robert Louis Stevenson Club



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September 21, 2010

John Allison, Esq.,  
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Napa, CA 94558

Dear John,

I just wanted to tell you how privileged members of the Robert Louis Stevenson Club felt to be invited to the St Andrew's Society premises at the old Fire Station in San Francisco. It was a memorable occasion for us and carried out with great style and dignity under your chairmanship. Everything about that luncheon was excellent – from the wonderful playing of Colin Fischer on his fiddle, the singing of the old Scots songs, the good company and the Scottish traditions behind it all. For us this was a little corner of Scotland and we felt at home. That minute's silence for the fallen to mark the anniversary of the September 11 atrocity in New York was most appropriate and moving. And for all of this we thank you. We felt honoured and it was a wonderful way to end our travels in California.

I mentioned before leaving that you should make contact if you can on your next trip to Scotland so that we can repay some of your hospitality and kindness. I understand you have St Andrews connections. Our son Stuart is married to a St Andrews girl and Grace and I are up that way on a regular basis on baby sitting duty. If you can spare the time to link up with us give us some early warning and allow the Silverados – as that first group of RLS Club people call themselves – to take you out to lunch in Edinburgh.

You would be interested to know that my old regiment, now the Royal Highland Fusiliers, heads out for Afghanistan this week, where my father served with them in the 1920s for seven years. No doubt like me you will wish them a safe return.

Again thank you for all your generosity and kindness on a special occasion we will never forget.

With best regards,

Stay close!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ian Nimmo'.

Ian Nimmo