

# Ross Priory Club

## University of Strathclyde



## Newsletter

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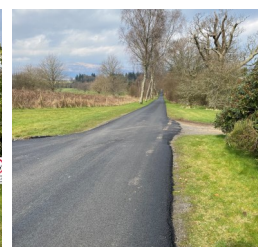
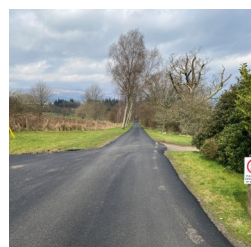
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## ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS

### Driveway Repairs by Scottish Water



In March this year we advised members of Scottish Water's plans to commence works resurfacing the upper section of the Ross Priory driveway, the section they are fully responsible for from the Lodge to the Y-junction. Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike have been delighted with the much needed, newly improved surface on this section.

## HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCH

Ross Priory had the honour of being the location of a very special event earlier this year. Two doctoral researchers at the University of Strathclyde, Sheik Abdul Malik and Maisie Keogh, launched Scotland's first university-branded hot air balloon with its maiden launch taking place at Ross Priory on Saturday 29th April this year.



Strathclyde Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Jim McDonald agreed to have the balloon named 'Big Andy' in honour of the Strathclyde founder, John Anderson.

Big Andy has been manufactured by Kubicek Balloons.

More information can be found on the [University's website](https://www.strath.ac.uk)

## STAFF UPDATE

Following a period of maternity leave, Sally King has now returned to her post within Estates Services, providing support to any new and existing members.

If you have queries regarding your membership, whether that be a lost membership card, a payment query, adding a new associate or a change to contact details, then Sally will be delighted to assist you.

Sally is also your point of contact to purchase/renew annual bag tags for golf and any queries regarding the Master Scoreboard registration or tee bookings.

She is office-based on the main John Anderson campus and can be reached normally from Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm on:

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## SOMETHING SPARKLING!

Having a function or just fancy a wee something sparkling with lunch? Alongside our standard 70cl bottles of Baron Albert Champagne, our Prosecco La Delfina and premium Prosecco Villa Sandi on our wine list, we have introduced the smaller individual bottles of Villa Sandi plus a non-alcohol version (suitable for vegans) for those who fancy it or may be driving, but still want to enjoy the fizz!



## BARBECUE HIRE

Over the summer, we have been delighted to see so many of our members utilising the hire of our gas barbecue to have outdoor gatherings and celebrations in the meadow. We now have a new 3ft barbecue.

Further information including hire costs can be found on our [membership web pages](#). Any enquiries please [email our events team](#).



## GOLF BUGGIES

Newly arrived, we have added a second golf buggy for our members to hire.

To enquire/reserve either buggy, please [email the house to book](#).



## GROUNDS AND GARDENS

### Scotland's Gardens Scheme 2023

Many thanks go to our grounds team, under the leadership of Head Gardener, Tony, for another very successful Open Day in May. The gardens are looking beautiful as ever and many new visitors and members alike enjoyed sharing in this. The event is held annually and we look forward to its return next year.



### Sequoiadendron Gignateum

Sadly, the decision had to be taken this year to fell a Giant Redwood (Sequoiadendron Giganteum) adjacent to the car park in the grounds.

The tree itself was around 200 years old and reached the height of approximately 37m, but with a lesion of around 7m in its main trunk and seeping bacterial slime from a smaller wound near the base, the resistograph tests and other investigations showed that there was only a narrow band of healthy sapwood around its circumference, resulting in the specialists recommending it be felled for health and safety reasons. Our team is saddened that it had to come to this, as they take great pride in the work that they do and the University would only take this action where necessary.



## Important Dates!

### Events Calendar 2023/2024

With many events having to cancel throughout the pandemic, we were pleased to revive almost all our main dates, including St Valentine's, Mothering Sunday and our Easter celebrations over the past year.

Unfortunately, the decision has been taken that the annual Fireworks Night will not be resurrected this year. While we appreciate the popularity of this particular event in previous years, the event is now no longer financially or operationally viable.

Our Christmas 2023 Menus will be available very soon with details to follow regarding Santa's return.

Looking ahead to next year, note the following dates in your diary:

Mothering Sunday, 10th March 2024  
Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024