

# Ross Priory Club

## University of Strathclyde



## Newsletter

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## LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

In 1971, the University purchased Ross Priory and then in 1996 it celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Some photos below of that special occasion.



Next year in 2021 we will see our 50 year celebration, so watch this space!

If you have any photos of days gone by that you'd like to share with us, email to [lesley.brownlee@strath.ac.uk](mailto:lesley.brownlee@strath.ac.uk)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

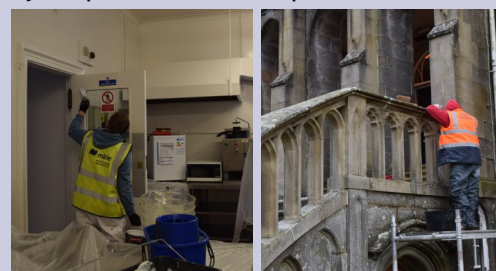
The new club year commenced on Wednesday 1st April 2020 amidst the lockdown in relation to COVID-19.

Membership renewal invitations were sent out at the end of February following the AGM. We will take care of any necessary adjustments to fees once we know the full impact of the closure.

In the meantime, I hope you'll join us in welcoming Sally King, new administrative assistant within Estates Services, who will be looking after our membership records and renewals. Sally has joined us in the middle of lockdown, so has yet to sit down at her new desk, but she will be happy to answer any queries that she can via email on [rosspriory.club@strath.ac.uk](mailto:rosspriory.club@strath.ac.uk)

## REFURBISHMENT

At the commencement of the new year, the University's Estates Services took the opportunity with a quiet off-peak window in the Ross Priory diary to conduct a few minor works inside and outside the house, including some painting in the kitchen and further repointing of the exquisite stonework at the front steps. We thank you all for your patience and cooperation.



## OUR WEB PAGE

[www.strath.ac.uk/rosspriory](http://www.strath.ac.uk/rosspriory)

We're on Facebook



[www.Facebook.com/RossPriory](https://www.Facebook.com/RossPriory)

### DEVELOPMENT

#### Leadership Centre

In February 2020 an exciting new development proposal was unveiled for a world class leadership centre to be built within the Ross Priory estate in collaboration with the Hunter Foundation.

Members' comments were invited during a consultation process and we thank all those who came forward with their feedback. We are committed to keeping our club members updated on the progress and can advise that an application for planning consent was submitted in March and is 'being considered' currently. More information will follow in due course.



### EVENTS 2020

In February 2020, members and guests enjoyed an exceptional St Valentine's Day menu from our Ross Priory kitchen again this year, including the crowd-pleasing chateaubriand which was extremely popular on the night.

Those who chose to stay overnight were treated to heart-shaped towels, chocolates on the pillows and a late breakfast the next morning, bliss!



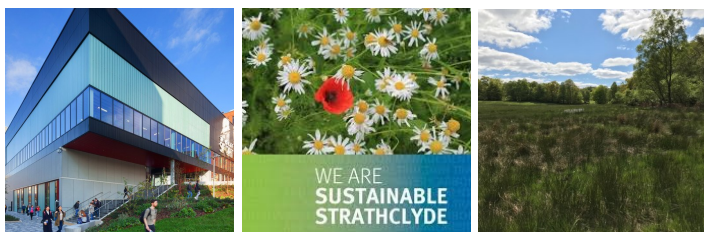
Unfortunately, due to the current social distancing guidelines and restrictions relating to COVID-19, our planned Mothering Sunday celebrations had to be cancelled along with any future promotions for the foreseeable future.

As soon as it is safe to do so, our events and special promotions will resume. For that reason, our 'dates for your diary' section has been omitted. We will keep you posted as soon as possible.

### SUSTAINABLE STRATHCLYDE

During the construction of the Strathclyde Sport building on campus, the University lost some green space in the city centre as a number of our mature trees were removed in the process. To compensate for this impact and in conjunction with Sustainable Strathclyde, the University has planted 420 new trees on the Ross Priory estate.

Plans were in place for staff volunteers to undertake this in March 2020, however, that had to be shelved due to the poor weather conditions. Under lockdown, the Ross Priory head gardener Tony and his kids (both young adults) instead took on this task, doing a splendid job!



#### Cycle Friendly Employer Award

Ross Priory achieved its Cycle Friendly Employer award in late 2019 and now the certificate has arrived!



Cycle racks, overnight storage for residents and drying facilities are all available at Ross Priory for staff, members and guests.