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President & Date	Profession & Personal Achievements	Our Club	SI and SIGBI Federation Activities	World Events
<p>Miss Margaret J O Freeman 1969 – 1970</p> 	<p>Hospital Dietitian</p>	<p>No club records found.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Harold Wilson : Prime Minister <input type="checkbox"/> First man landed on moon on Apollo 11 mission by United States – Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin first humans to set foot on moon. <input type="checkbox"/> NASA's Apollo 13 Moon Mission returned to Earth successfully after abandoning its mission to the Moon when there were problems with the oxygen tanks and an explosion. <input type="checkbox"/> Forty three nations ratified the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. <input type="checkbox"/> The US invaded Cambodia. <input type="checkbox"/> First Concorde Test Flight. <input type="checkbox"/> The first jumbo-jet, Boeing 747, made its debut commercial flight from New York to London. <input type="checkbox"/> Members of cult led by Charles Manson murdered 5 people. <input type="checkbox"/> The Beatles performed last public concert on roof of Apple Records.
<p>Miss Doris Graham (Chapman) (deceased) 1970 – 1971</p> 	<p>Cost Accountant President of Northern Divisional Union 1967 - 1968</p>	<p>No club records found.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Heath : Prime Minister <input type="checkbox"/> President Richard Nixon orders invasion of Cambodia escalating war in Vietnam.

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<p>Miss Elizabeth M Watts 1971 – 1972</p> 	<p>Chief Regional Nursing Officer</p>	<p>No club records found.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Federation 39th Annual Conference, Edinburgh. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Heath : Prime Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Pentagon Papers published detailing military's secret, negative assessment of Vietnam War. <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-war militants attempt to shut down Government in Washington. <input type="checkbox"/> War between India and Pakistan. <input type="checkbox"/> Apollo 15 lands on moon and uses Lunar Rover vehicle for 1st time. <input type="checkbox"/> The microprocessor, the foundation of computers, was introduced. <input type="checkbox"/> Greenpeace, environmental group, was founded.
<p>Miss Sheila Stephenson (deceased) 1972 – 1973</p> 	<p>Barrister President of Northern Divisional Union 1975 - 1976</p>	<p>No club records found.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Heath : Prime Minister <input type="checkbox"/> President Nixon makes unprecedented 8 day visit to Communist China and met Mao Zedong. <input type="checkbox"/> Five men caught breaking into Democratic Party offices in Watergate complex – start of Watergate Scandal. <input type="checkbox"/> Eleven Israeli athletes killed at Munich Olympic Games, 5 terrorists and 1 policeman also killed. <input type="checkbox"/> US planes bomb N Vietnam on Christmas Day.

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<p>Dr Mary E Elder (deceased) 1973 –1974</p> 	<p>General Medical Practitioner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Raising Funds for Coronary Care Unit; Pendower School; Anchor Housing Association. □ Mary was the instigator of several of our Club's Friendship Links. In particular SI Glasgow West (who merged with Glasgow Central to form the new club of Glasgow City); also Ballymena in Northern Ireland; Gothenburg in Sweden; Gelsenkirchen and also Munich in Germany. These clubs kept close contact during Mary's life time and she undertook all the correspondence. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Edward Heath : Prime Minister □ US signs peace pact and troops pull out of Vietnam. □ Bombing of Cambodia stops ending 12 years of US combat in SE Asia. □ UK, Ireland and Denmark enter the European Economic Community (the EU). □ Mobile phone is invented.
<p>Miss Catherine Russell 1974 – 1975</p> 	<p>Headmistress (Central High School)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Interest in international understanding and world peace. □ Club international gathering at Central High School in which pupils participated. □ President's Night 37th Annual Dinner Saturday 7th December 1974. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Harold Wilson : Prime Minister □ President Richard Nixon indicted for impeachment over Watergate Scandal. In August Nixon resigns his office, the 1st President to do so. VP Gerald Ford sworn in as 38th President. Ford grants Nixon "full, free and absolute pardon". □ Patricia Hearst, 19 year old daughter of publisher Randolph Hearst, is kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army, later photographed robbing a bank with her captors. □ Beverly Johnson becomes the 1st black model on the cover of Vogue and other major fashion magazines.

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Miss Mary Thompson
(deceased)
1975 – 1976



Senior Probation
Officer


Committee Mem-
ber of the Women
in Need Hostel.

- International Women's Year.
- Member, Sheila Stephenson, was President of the Northern Divisional Union and Committee Member of the Women in Need Hostel.
- Fund raising mainly for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) and the Women in Need Hostel.
- November party for the Blind.
- Launching sister club in Munich where Dr Mary Elder and Nancy Avery attended the inauguration. Visit later in year by other club members including the President.
- Visit to Gothenburg which strengthened Club's Friendship Links with them.
- Holiday Gift Stall began this year where donated gifts purchased by members on holidays were auctioned to raise funds.
- Had speakers on the Magistrates Courts, the work of the Parole Board, community service by offenders and the prison service.


- Attendance at International Soroptimist Congress in Sheffield

- Harold Wilson : Prime Minister
- N Vietnam enter Saigon. Last group of Americans evacuated by helicopter from roof of embassy. War in Vietnam over.
- Pol Pot and Khmer Rouge take over Cambodia and massacre begins.
- Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft link up in space, making co-operation between US and Soviets.
- Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft corporation.

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<p>Miss Mary Bland 1976 – 1977</p> 	<p>Department Store Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Summer outing in July to Castle Howard in Yorkshire. <input type="checkbox"/> Club Annual Church Service held at Jesmond Parish Church – the last year for this service. <input type="checkbox"/> Party for the Blind, held annually in the Sutherland Hall, Jesmond. Club provided food and entertainment. <input type="checkbox"/> “Bring and Buy” charity event held in Gosforth Civic Centre where a substantial sum was raised for Conrad House (1st hospice in Newcastle) and the Arthritic Unit at the Royal Victoria Infirmary. Lorna Holmes, the Northern Divisional Union President and member of Gateshead Club attended giving full support to the event. <input type="checkbox"/> President’s Night 39th Annual Dinner Saturday 4th December 1976 <p>1977 AGM notes that the Housing Fund interest had been paid into the General Club funds but that this was now to be wound up and the remaining funds formed into a ‘Travel Scholarship Fund’ whereby applications could be received from women needing financial support to attend courses or conferences to further their careers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Federation Conference held in Stockport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> James Callaghan : Prime Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Jimmy Carter elected 39th US President. <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Computer founded by Steve Jobs and Steven Wozniak. <input type="checkbox"/> Scientists report genetic engineering techniques to make insulin. <input type="checkbox"/> Elvis Presley found dead. <input type="checkbox"/> South African anti- apartheid activist Stephen Biko dies in police custody. <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear proliferation pact to curb spread of nuclear weapons signed by 15 countries including US and USSR. <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Star Wars released.
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<p>Mrs. Diane Stewart 1977 – 1979 (due to change in the Constitution)</p> 	<p>University Student Welfare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Last President of SI Newcastle upon Tyne to have special Installation Party. □ An International Evening with several foreign friends in their national costume. Mrs. Murray Brooks and Mrs. Doris Wilkes were made Honorary Members at the event. □ Parade of Presidents at 40th Annual Dinner, visit from Francesca from Munich, Federation President gave talk on “Legends of the Lake District”. □ Money raised for “Speech after Stroke”. □ Two parties for the blind held at the Sutherland Hall, Jesmond. □ Visit to clubs in Munich and Gothenburg. □ Club’s motion “that newly retired members be eligible for office” was defeated at Conference. □ Outing to the Lakes, Cockermouth and tea with Whitehaven Club. □ Support at Hexham Abbey Masonic Service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Federation Conference in Blackpool. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Egypt’s President Anwar Sadat and Israeli premier Menachem Begin signed a “Framework for Peace” after meeting for 13 days with Jimmy Carter at Camp David. Later both won Nobel Peace Prize □ World’s first test-tube baby born. □ In Iran, Shah leaves the country after years of turmoil. Exiled Muslim leader Ayatollah Khomeini returns and declares an Islamic Republic. □ Saddam Hussein becomes President of Iraq. □ Margaret Thatcher becomes 1st woman Prime Minister of UK. □ In art, Judy Chicago debuts “The Dinner Party” sculpture piece in San Francisco with plates and fabrics honouring 39 important women in history.
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