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An interesting display of sculptures found in a Prague shopping area—Wilson thought they were hilarious.

WILSON'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

By Anne Hood

On 26th August 2017 several members of Lanark CC went to attend Wilson's Memorial Service which was held in George Heriot School, Edinburgh.

Wilson Heatlie had been a member of Lanark CC for many years (joining in 1994) until his re-location to Edinburgh (in 2006). Once there he joined Boswall CC thus starting our annual match with Boswall CC which we still enjoy to the present day.

Wilson was a popular member within the Club—an educated gentleman with a quick sense of humour. He enjoyed his curling and frequently accompanied us on the (then) annual weekend away to Stranraer. Wilson had taught in Stranraer earlier in his career and he had fond memories of the area. Wilson donated a trophy to the club which was named 'The Heatlie Scuttle' which we played for at Stranraer.

European curling visits with Lanark CC saw Wilson going to Denmark with Jack Hood and Alistair Mackintosh, as well as, going to Prague with Anne/Jack Hood and Alistair Mackintosh.



It was very sad to hear about Wilson's death following his long battle with cancer and his wishes were a family funeral service only with a memorial service later on.

So it was, that on 26th August we congregated at George Heriot's to attend Wilson's Memorial Service. The curling fraternity was well represented from Lanark CC, Boswall CC and from his fellow RCCC companions (Canadian Tour). Lanark CC was represented by President Frank, Anne/Jack Hood, Anne/Donald Macrae and Bob/Jane Thomson.



Wilson only drank tea (never coffee) and his favourite biscuit was a Digestive so, when you visited Wilson at home, one always got tea and digestives. He thought it would be a good idea to have this at his Memorial Service but his sister, Helen, decided that this wish would be upgraded. On arrival we enjoyed a Devonshire Afternoon Tea (together with tablet—another favourite of Wilson's). Do you remember, at the Stranraer weekend, how we used to laugh when Wilson protested that the 'tablet tray' was quickly removed by the staff after guests only received one piece of tablet?

On display, in the Assembly Hall, was a long table with Wilson's memorabilia.



The table displayed some of Wilson's 'treasures' depicting his life through sport, music, profession and family.



Wilson's Memorial service consisted of several speakers giving us all a fascinating insight into his childhood; his teaching career; his music and band experiences; his travels and, of course, his sporting career in which curling was a passion of Wilson's. His curling highlight was definitely his RCCC Tour to Canada and his beloved blue jacket was on display.



Wilson's Memorial Service lasted just under 2 hrs—well, Wilson always had plenty to say, didn't he? I write this affectionately because, as we all know, Wilson would have enjoyed this statement also.





As you can see, there was quite a full attendance which truly reflected Wilson's popularity. During the speeches we were also treated to a slide show showing the exploits that Wilson got himself involved within.

Although we were saying 'goodbye' to a friend and colleague, it was a lovely service very much presented in 'Wilson Style'.

We have indeed lost a lovely person but he has equally left lovely memories with us all.

GOODBYE, WILSON.



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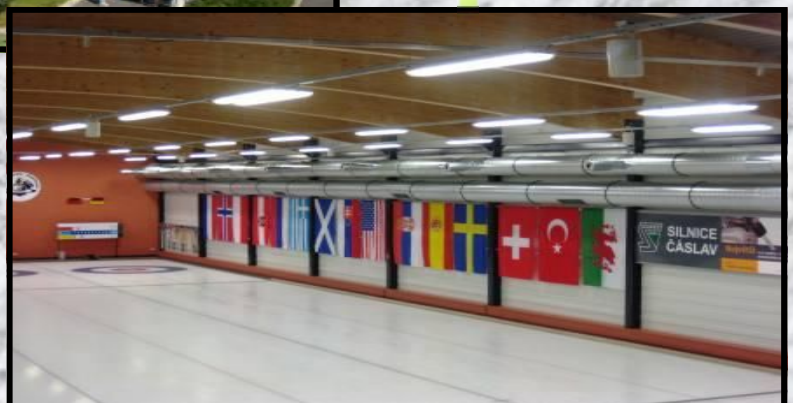
I leave you with some pictures showing the Lanark CC team who went to Prague for a 'friendly' competition.

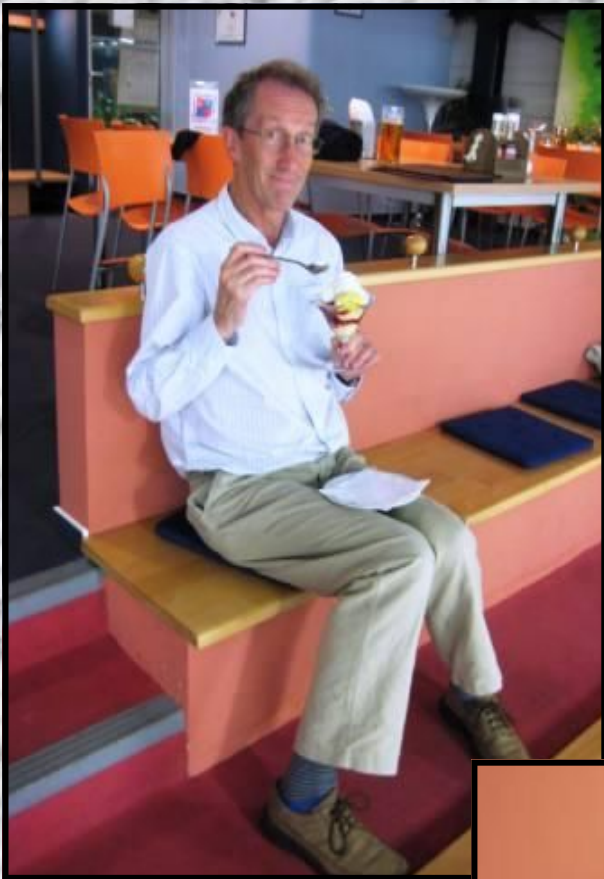
After participating in the International Gathering, we received an invite for a similar competition (or so, we thought!) in Prague so off went Anne/Jack Hood, Alistair Mackintosh and Wilson Heatlie.

The competition only lasted a weekend but, in true Lanark style, the team decided to stay a week and enjoy a wee holiday together—Wilson being the party leader, of course.



THE ICE RINK





Wilson getting ready for his game—he did enjoy his puddings!

The Lanark team turn up in style!

We then discovered we were playing the Czech national curling team! Hey, what happened to that friendly competition we were promised?

We knew we had a wee fight on our hands when we stepped over the Cze team doing press-ups at the side of the ice rink. That was their warm up exercises. We simply stepped over them and onto the ice!-ha ha.





Hi Ho, Hi Ho.....

It's down the tin mine we
all go.....



Soup.....





After playing the Czech national team, we faced the Hungarian national curling team. One cannot say that Lanark CC is not up for a challenge—hi hi. The only person missing was Richard Gray who takes official curling pictures at international curling events.





Waiting for the train!

We were off to the Church of Bones—yes, everything we saw was made from human bones.

A bizarre experience and not one to Alistair's taste.....

It certainly made the hairs on your neck stand on end.....



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