The Second Annual Scottish Gathering – Photographs

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Reactions

30th May 2012: To all concerned: Congratulations on an excellent report on what was obviously a most successful gathering. I was sorry to have missed it and hope that I can attend the Centenary Gathering next year. Best wishes, Raoul Gilbert (5498)

30th May 2012: Sounds as though it was a good do, will try to be there next year. Regards, Alan (Toms).

30th May 2012: Great congratulations to the Scottish Section on the prompt detailed report on their recent gathering, it would appear this was a very successful and profitable function. Your organising committee deserve a commendation and a comment in your Record of Service. Well done to you all up there. I am just so very sorry that I couldn’t make the trip.

Regards, Fred (Punter) 4853.

30th May 2012: Just a short note of thanks for a job well done. My wife Barbara and myself had an enjoyable time, and hope to be fit enough to be present in 2013. Many thanks and best wishes, John and Barbara Bryan (7343).

31st May 2012: This was forwarded to me by Chris Driver, well done to you all! Wish I could have been there. Maybe next year.

All the best, Pete (Cutting).

2nd June 2012: Thanks so much for the excellent letter and the wonderful work you all did with organising the event. It was great to see people and it was good to see you both...

All the best, Bruce and Paddy (Allen).

2nd June, 2012: Sincere congrats on all your hard work for obviously a very successful gathering of the clan! Cheers, Pete (Dewe).

Beverley Thompson’s Poem for 2012

Edinburgh May 26th 2012

Here we are again, different and yet the same
Rhodesians one and all: gathering to have a ball
Is it possible a year has been and gone? This year we number 61
It really is a golden year; the sun is shining in the sky, ablaze with brilliant rays.
Perhaps it is a DIAMOND day.
Our lady Queen who on the throne for sixty years and still going strong.

Her mother, the Queen Mum, our president for many years;

She shook our hands in London Town and spoke to all and every one.

The year was 1989. A hundred years ago in 1889 a force was born,

So very loyal to the crown ***

Back to Edinburgh, we’d had our fill of food and drink,

And chat too about this and that.

Enjoyed a raffle and had some fun with a rare auction run by Biff,

In his very own inimitable Way who made us split our sides with his amazing wit.

And then a history lesson to behold, Edinburgh Town is in a mess

The Elders do confess the tram will not be built in time this year or even in the next....

Rhodesians so long ago built a fine rail to behold; from Midlands to Maputo

Beit to Rutenga in 30 days, a distance of almost two hundred miles

in the time it takes to make a smile....

Amazing then and what one would expect from a peoples who so positive and proud

Of their beloved Country; praise out loud.

Raise a glass to the B.S.A.P. Pro Rege, Pro Lege, Pro Patria. The Lion roars on and on and on..

We will be back. There’s nothing more certain than that.

Thanks to Nigel for the history lesson, Biff for his contributions and the other organisers for the Edinburgh do, Nigel and Pauline Seaward, Wendy and Steve Acornley, Eric Robb and Gordon best.

Beverley D Thompson 2012.