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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Well, whoever would have expected to still be in this lockdown in Spring 2021? It's been a long, hard slog for many of us, and although the end is said to be getting closer, we won't know till we see it in writing!

I seem to have been in custody since the end of October, when I had to remain indoors for two weeks before my hip operation and two weeks after. I think we had a couple of weeks after that of freedom – when I couldn't get outside anyway – till I was locked up again. And now, at the end of February, I'm still 'shielded'.

I had been under the impression that I had escaped the shielding, as I had not had word from Nicola's crowd for a month or so, then about 23 February, I got a generic letter suggesting that I'm still shielded. It's frustrating – I'm going stir crazy! The only three occasions I have been out of late, was to the Jubilee Hospital in Clydebank

for a scan, then to Victoria Hall in Dunblane when Gwen and I received our vaccines on 7 February and sadly, to attend member Alistair Cordiner's funeral on 19 February. His family had invited me to attend on behalf of our Association, and Alisdair Douglas also attended. Police Scotland were represented in Muir Crescent, Doune, where Alistair lived, and to help at the busy junction. Arranged by Inspector Marie White, this was much appreciated by the family.

On 26 February, I had a Zoom question and answer interview with one of the directors of Roy Castle, in connection with this year's Detect Cancer Early Campaign. Two years ago, I spent two days at their headquarters in Liverpool, where we made a short video on the subject, which was then played on a link in hospitals and surgeries. This year, the content of the various Zoom interviews will be used in a similar way. Watch this space – if you've nothing else to do.

Hopefully this terrible pandemic is on its last legs, and we can look forward to getting on with our lives again. Look after yourselves.

Best wishes,

Bill Culbard

Chairman



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SECRETARY'S UPDATE

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Welcome to the March newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

POLICE TREATMENT CENTRE

If you have not yet signed up to the monthly payment scheme, it is not too late. The sooner you do so, the sooner you will be eligible to apply for treatment. Go to the PTC website and follow the links. If you require a

printed form to apply to become a donor/receive treatment, please contact Chairman Bill Culbard who has a supply. Like many of our members, Bill has benefitted from treatment recently and speaks very highly of the facility and its care for retired officers.

The Police Treatment Centres have been closed since January 2021 and there is currently no date for their reopening.

ANNUAL FEE

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY PAID THE ANNUAL FEE OF £12.

If you believe that you currently have membership fees outstanding and you would like your membership to continue, please get in touch in the first instance with

COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKE MILL on
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PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEE –

The Branch's TSB Bank Account details are -

Account No 82075363

Sort Code 87-64-01

If you have set up a Standing Order with your bank for your annual fee or the RPOAS lottery, do check that it is being deducted annually and not monthly. Lottery is also £12 and is deducted in December and can be confused with your Branch fee.



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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Ian Clark and Bob Simpson.

Are you in touch with colleagues who are not members of RPOAS? Please send on an application form to them. These can be obtained from Committee member Mike Mill. There are members' benefits on offer on our website which include Travel Insurance, an employment page, a bi-annual Association magazine, Members' Private Lottery, as well as important pension updates and news of former colleagues who have passed away across the twelve Branches. The more members we have, the stronger our voice when lobbying for pension rights, etc.

For only £12 a year, it makes sense to join.

BEST WISHES TO Mike Kiely who remains in hospital.

RPOAS WEBSITE

Remember to visit the website regularly to check out updates, past magazines and the all-important Obituary page which carries details of members of all twelve Scottish Branches who have passed away.

RPOAS NEWS MAGAZINE

The magazine was circulated in February 2021. The next issue is due out in August 2021.

IN MEMORY OF BILL

THANK YOU!



Bill with his beloved granddaughter Kimberly at her passing out parade at Tulliallan.

Bill Porter's family have very kindly made a generous donation to the Branch in Bill's memory. Bill sadly passed away in October 2020. A fervent supporter of Central Branch, this courteous and kind-hearted gentleman is greatly missed.



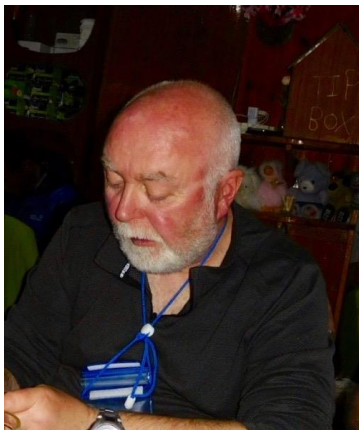
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AGE SCOTLAND

Members can call the Age Scotland helpline on **0800 12 44 222** for information and advice.

DAVE AND LEWIS: A RENDEZVOUS WITH EVEREST



EVEREST

3RD AND FINAL INSTALMENT

PART 3

Day 10.

Gorack Shep to Pheriche

Warm Bed? How can waking up in a room covered in frost and breaking ice off the duvet and 4 season sleeping bag be considered warm?

We meet Ben (one of our party) for breakfast. He has been up the hill with spectacular views. The rest of us are just concerned with getting down under our own steam. Our head guide (Ram) still thinks that we are going today over a snowy pass and into another valley after a glacier crossing. The group convince him that we are ill, that he and another guide are also ill and that we have no option but to go down.

Going down is always faster than coming up. Although unwell we get back down rapidly and cover the same distance as it took us 3 days to achieve on the way up. Each step down assists our breathing.



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Our group head for Pheriche, where they had last been 4 days ago. Rooms are spacious and the restaurant is warm with soft seats. Heaven. Well, cold heaven.

Day 11

Pheriche to Namche Bazar

A spectacular dawn lit up the tips of the high peaks. It was stunning. Wrapped in duvet jackets, hats and gloves we set off down the valley. Spectacular with a busy trail but we are heading down while the puffing, grimacing faces are all heading up. How fit we look and feel in comparison to them. How experienced we are.



As Namche came in sight it was clear that Lewis was struggling with his knee injury. We stayed in the same tea house as before, but in less salubrious rooms. No matter it is bliss. Room to dry kit even though in this 'Hotel' we were still sleeping in our sleeping bags. And we got a shower!

Day 12

Namche Bazar

This is the first actual day off in the trek for Dave. We walked around the Bazar, changed money, drank coffee and ate cakes. A fortune was paid for a few minutes Wi-Fi internet access, to send messages and texts home. Sublime relaxation. Shops provided hats and gifts for those at home who had been abandoned for two retired CSP officers seeking trekking in the Himalayas.

Day 13

Namche Bazar to Lukla

The steep ups were matched by steep downs on the return journey. Dave's knee had held up well but Lewis was limping now with his own injury.



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Down the steep unrelenting hill and over the awe-inspiring bridges. Once again our group were in the forest; everything was easier, especially breathing, except that the path was stone-flagged. This pounded tired feet and exacerbated sore knees.

Lewis was way behind and as we stopped in a village to take on water a figure appeared astride a horse, nay 2 figures Lewis 'Pancho Villa' Allen and another member of the party.

Off they clipped and off the remainder of our group tramped in their wake.

Not all was luxurious for them as they gripped onto saddles for dear life as terrifying drops were at hand on the still rough paths and unsteady bridges.

Pancho Villa (AKA Lewis Allen) and his trusty steed.



Bearing in mind that our group were supposed to be still up the mountains the guides and Trekking company did well to hastily arrange hotels and transport from Lukla.

That night despite everyone being knackered a party took place before the younger members of the group went to the 'Scotch pub' to continue the revelry into the wee small hours.

Day 14

A short flight took us out of the high mountains to a tiny provincial airport followed by a 5 hour mini-bus journey. Kathmandu was very welcome in all its colour and chaos.

Our early return left 3 more days in the city that allowed more visits to sites. Each was fascinating with differing cultures. Hindu cremations, Royal Squares, fantastic buildings, a poor and yet smiling, happy people.

Some of our group, including Lewis, decided to top off the adventure by taking in some white-water rafting. Not half as exciting as the four hour return journey back to our hotel in the dark on mountainous roads where overtaking on a bend is notified by either a flash of headlights or the sound of a horn.

The subsequent wind down was very welcome.

To anyone considering an adventure there is a trip for anyone. Go for it!



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**GOLFING UPDATE FROM
SECRETARY MALCOLM ROY**

GOLF EVENTS 2021

Unfortunately, due to the current health situation, there are no golf events confirmed at this time.

Malcolm Roy
Golf Secretary

**UPDATE FROM
INSPECTOR MARIE WHITE OF
POLICE SCOTLAND
FORTH VALLEY DIVISION**

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all managing to keep safe and well.

So, what's been happening in Division I hear you ask, and I am racking my brains to try and think of new things to tell you! Reality is that whilst I had hoped I would be writing to you to say how well we were doing getting back to 'normal' life in policing we are still not there yet. Who would've thought we would still be Covid ridden over a year later from the first spike!

We have had another spike in cases locally and currently around 75 officers are off due to Covid related absence, around a third of those are positive for the virus and the remainder are having to isolate as a precaution due to being in close contact with a colleague. All of

which to some extent is inevitable given the close working environment with colleagues and the vast amount of public contact our officers have. We were actually doing okay until last week. All officers have fairly good PPE, specialist masks, gloves, wipes, hand gel etc., however when we get a wee spike it takes a bit of effort to get it under control again.

In terms of vaccination, we haven't had any of our officers locally vaccinated yet. The Force have made the decision that we can take vaccines if offered by Health Boards if they would otherwise be going to waste – so if by the end of the day there is spare at vaccination centres and our front-line officers are offered it we can send them for it. We haven't to date been offered any from our local health board as far as I am aware so it will take some time for our officers to be vaccinated. I am aware that other areas such as Fife have been getting a good amount vaccinated (small amounts daily) from stock that would otherwise be going to waste from people maybe not turning up for their appointments, etc. Until officers are vaccinated, I think we will still have these spikes in cases and our absence rates will continue to fluctuate. I know the Chief has asked for us to be vaccinated as a priority at recent public meetings. I think it's unlikely and understand both arguments for and against; it's certainly a talking point locally.



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We still have a number of officers shielding at home due to underlying health conditions and the Force have been proactive in allowing officers (mainly office staff) to work from home if they can to comply with the national government guidance. Laptops and secure network tokens have been given to many allowing some of the back office work to still be completed from a home working environment which also fits with trying to reduce the spread and keep people safe. Of course, traditional policing continues, but it is nice to see that the Force is adapting. Whilst I think we have benefited from the pubs being closed on weekends, we are seeing an increase week on week of calls to home addresses for people breaking the regulations. Only last night (Thursday night) three officers were injured when they attended a report of a party at a residential address and were met with significant violence. These types of call are increasing as the public are starting to weary.

The Force has developed an online form that can be used to report breaches in Covid regulations which has certainly increased the workload for cops. It means people can go online to report their neighbours and it seems that people may be happier to do this than make a phone call. Either it's more convenient or faceless contact makes it easier and the increased reports are the outcome.

It has been a busy week in the Division; we have been investigating a murder in Falkirk and have had various other serious incidents reported. A few deaths and serious injuries on the road over the last week while too, a few too many getting that horrific knock on the door.

We have managed to seize a good amount of drugs off of the streets too of late, despite everything. I actually think that the criminals are standing out more as a result of less cars being on the road, etc. You may have seen our very recent successful haul of approximately £250k worth of drugs from an intelligence led stop check in the Falkirk area only last week in the local media. Officers continue to press on hard and have executed a number of drugs warrants recently and had some really positive results in removing drugs from the streets – seizing money too under the POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) which sometimes hits the criminals harder than taking the drugs. A double hit always sends out a good message and gives a lift to all the officers involved in these types of enquiries.

Locally we have a new Superintendent of Operations who started in the middle of January – Superintendent Drew Sinclair has joined the senior management team. He holds I would say, the greatest responsibility in the Division (other than the Commander) and that is to oversee all operational



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staff, incidents and aspects of local policing. He oversees response policing, community policing and operational planning. We are currently planning for the May elections, the football Euro's in June and of course the postponed Climate Change Seminar now set to go ahead this year during the middle two weeks of November. Supt. Sinclair used to be the Chief Inspector at Clackmannanshire for a number of years, he moved out of Forth Valley for a year or so and joined the Operational Support Division and obviously missed us too much, opting to return back to Forth Valley in January. I am going to try and twist his arm to maybe write something for you for the next newsletter about his new role. Maybe give him some time to settle in first though!

On a more positive note, as I write to you now, the sun is shining through my window and spring is in the air. I know many of you will have had a tough year, I sincerely hope that you are keeping well and starting to get vaccinated! I really don't think it will be too long before I will be enjoying a cuppa and a cream scone with some of you! Fingers crossed.

Wishing you all the best.

Marie

Life after THE POLICE

After a seemingly lifelong service in a job that contained everything – to my mind – that was exciting and meaningful to me, there did not seem much more to achieve. Retirement meant either an exit at a fairly young age from the workforce, a second 'job' or another way of life. I am sure there were other aspirations for retirees but for me, I wanted the lot.

A second job using my experiences and training was my first thought and there were many industries, particularly in the security field, that were available. I also had a love of travel, particularly in France, that I wanted to experience as well.

During my early Police career, my family has always had a love for France and its culture. My first real visits were through camping holidays when I took the long motor journeys from Scotland to the various southern Ferry ports, spending sleepless nights in a car until we could take the following morning sea journey to Europe. The journey continued in another long drive to various destinations in western Brittany.

On many of my later trips, I was accompanied by my police colleagues, Tom Anderson and Gus Gemmell, who by this time had also retired and we had splashed out and bought ourselves Camping vans.

It was during these ventures that I and my colleagues started to learn and visit many of the historic areas that France held. Other than the obvious Paris



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sights, we had the opportunity of visiting some of its most poignant areas.

One that has always remained with me was a visit to a small town, Oradour-sur-Glane, in West Central France, which has remained unchanged since the Second World War. This opened my eyes to some of the sufferings many of the French people experienced during that war.

“ In the early morning hours of June 10, 1944, four days after the D-Day invasion that marked the onset of the liberation of Europe from Nazi rule, elements of the 2nd SS Panzer Division surrounded the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane. In a few hours, hundreds of women and children were herded into the village church and the doors locked. Inside, they could hear the men of the town being machine-gunned, the few survivors finished off with a rifle shot to the head. Then, the church was set ablaze.

As the building burned, some tried to escape the inferno only to be raked with machine-gun fire. One woman, 47-year-old Marguerite Rouffanche, crawled out a sacristy window, was shot, but lived — the only survivor. In a few hours, a village that had existed for a thousand years was no more. In all, 642 men, women and children were murdered. The burned-out village was never rebuilt upon the orders of general Charles De Gaulle, its ruins a testament, he said, to the cruelty of the Nazi occupation.”

On the brighter side, I visited many more areas which I would only describe as delightful and

encompassing a culture that was enviable.

It was during that time, after my many 'holiday' trips through France that I decided that a more semi-permanent way of French life was the way forward. It was then I decided to go a step further and purchase a residential caravan in a site in France. I did not want to visit the area solely during summer peak times so I started to look for caravan sites that opened all year. I also wanted to live in a climate that experienced reasonably temperate seasons. I chose an area of southern France, on the Mediterranean Sea, Argeles -sur-Mer.

It was close to the Spanish border and on the opposite side of the coast from the more popular and expensive Cote d' Azure area where Cannes and Nice were predominant. However, a five-hour car journey would take me there if I wanted a visit.

I enjoyed many years on occasional trips to my holiday home but then decided to progress to a more semi-permanent way of life and purchased a two-bedroom apartment, also in Argeles. This was 50 metres from the beach and close to many amenities.



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I could not describe the many enjoyable years I and my family experienced in this area. Being so close to Spain, I also experienced the many aspects of the Spanish/Catalan culture which I will never forget. My one regret was my inability to master the French language. Despite many night school sessions, home tutoring and Michelle Thomas CD discs. I could not get to grips with that language. On most occasions, when speaking with French people, they would answer me in English, often telling me that their English was better than my French. My opening gambit of “parlez vous Anglais” never let me down.

Despite my love and experiences in France, I did not have the same drive as some of my other police colleagues to uproot from Scotland and have a permanent residence in France. While spending many months at a time in France, the journeys there- either by

car, plane or even train – began to tell and the expense of travel and apartment maintenance was making me question the viability of this second residence. The deciding factor was Brexit and the uncertainty of future travel made my decision to end my France venture and to return to my roots in Scotland.

Leaving so many French and British friends was a painful decision. Another loss was leaving the vicinity of the small coastal villages that were next to Argeles. My particular favourite was Collioure – the jewel of France, or so the locals described it.



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An artist's delight with wonderful seafood restaurants, quaint, narrow lanes with local produce shops and clear blue waters for safe swimming.

It has taken me well over 20 years to make my decision to break from my Francophilean life but I would not have changed anything and would encourage any young retirees to consider the alternative experiences that I have enjoyed.

Mike Mill

NEW LIFE MEMBERS FOR 2021

The following members are due to celebrate their 80th birthday in 2021, becoming life members of the Association:

John Ferguson { Larbert }

Jim Lindsay

David Murray

Colin Oliver

Jim Paton

Lance Rattray



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Congratulations to all of you. In normal times we would have looked forward to inviting you to the Older Members' Lunch in March and the Christmas lunch in December. Who knows what lies ahead for all of us this year.....

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to members who celebrate a birthday over the next few months.



Frank Duffie is 90 in March 2021. We send best wishes to Betty and Frank.

Frank continues as a telephone co-ordinator for B Division, informing non e mail members of news and

events, a role he has performed for the past 11 years.

We wish all of you good health for the year ahead.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

George Barnsley of Lanarkshire Historical Society came across this wee gem.



George Barnsley of Lanarkshire Branch sent on this photograph from the 1960s. Local worthy Johnny Ramensky is the prisoner at the centre. Can any reader identify the officers dealing?



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CAN YOU HELP?

George can be contacted on
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George Barnsley of Lanarkshire Branch is keen to learn more information about a George III decorated baton from Kilsyth (shown above). There isn't much information on it and my reproduction here is not great; however, George has found a brief mention of a Constable in Kilsyth around 1830. He is hoping that perhaps someone within our Branch can assist with some additional information.



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OBITUARIES

FAREWELL TO.

ALISTAIR CORDINER

1950 – 2021



1968

Alistair Cordiner was born on 7 February 1950 in Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, to Roy Cordiner, Ironmonger and Shop Owner, and

Anne Cordiner, Primary School Teacher.

He attended Rathen Primary School, then when he was 8, and his mum went back to teaching, he was moved to Fraserburgh Central School. He went to high school at Fraserburgh Academy and left there in 1967.

When he was a pupil at Fraserburgh Academy, he joined the Fraserburgh Academy Motor Club that was run by one of the teachers, one of the first pupils to join. He was into rally driving when he lived in Fraserburgh. He came first in Spring 1967 in the Fraserburgh District and Club Rally Series while driving. He came third in the Budget Rally as navigator in 1967 too. He also attended speed trials, autocross and other activities organised by the Fraserburgh and District Motor Club.

He had two sisters, his twin Elizabeth, and Lindsay, born 1953.

He left Fraserburgh aged 16/17, as he wanted to become a prison officer. He was too young, so tried the police service instead. He was too young for this as well, so in 1967 he became a Police Cadet with Stirling and Clackmannan Police.



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On 7 February 1969, Alistair became Constable 390, with Stirling and Clackmannan Police.

Alistair first met his wife Ann in 1972, when he attended at her parents' home to take a report of theft. The young Ann was observed, sitting on top of the coal bunker! Alistair, a shy and quiet young man but obviously keen on following up enquiries, called there again when he was off duty, and asked Ann out. Their first date was on 1 September 1972 and they were married on the anniversary, in 1979. They lived in a flat in Dunblane, until they found a house.



1974 – Driving Course - Tulliallan

Alistair continued with his love of cars and driving and, following his probation, he joined the Traffic Department in 1973. He attended the Standard and later the Advanced Driving Courses at Tulliallan, where he also taught driving skills. He was also an instructor on the driving courses at force level.



1977 – TPO Course - Tulliallan

For much of his time in Traffic, he was with the Accident Unit, obviously dealing with the worst kind of accidents across the force area. Apparently, he suffered a few mishaps himself during this time, which some of his former colleagues will recall! In one such accident, the Range Rover he was a passenger in, rolled over, seriously injuring his colleague. In another, he sustained injury to his arm, which prevented him continuing to drive patrol cars.



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Alistair with his wife Ann

The accident he damaged his arm in was in February 1994 and he took 6 months medical leave. When he came back he wasn't able to work in the Accident Unit, so spent 6 months as a driving instructor at Tulliallan (October 1994 to April 1995). He was then given a 'desk job' working in the camera unit until he retired on 15th December 1998.

Alistair's sister Lindsay remembers an accident where a vehicle had crashed and its load of balloons were all over the road. Alistair didn't want them to go to waste so he collected them all up and took them back with him. This was typical - he didn't want anything to go to waste and found a home for everything rather than bin it.



He was big on recycling well before it became the in thing. He had his own compost bins in the garden and would be the one in the family who put an item in the bin when it could go in the recycling or the compost. His aunt ran charity shops to raise money for Strathcarron Hospice and for years he collected newspaper from everyone he knew to be sold to raise money for this charity. He spent several hours a week repacking and sorting the paper for collection.

Alistair also had a couple of unofficial roles while in the force – organizing the Children's Christmas Party for some years and running the office Tuck Shop.

He spent a considerable amount of time organising the children's Christmas parties and was always so worried he would forget to buy a present for someone. There was one year Santa didn't have a present for a child and he frantically hunted until he found it had fallen out of the box - he said to the child it had fallen out of Santa's sleigh when Rudolph landed. The reason he ran the office tuck shop



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was so the profits could be used for the Christmas parties for the children of police officers. He used to go on his days off to the Cash and Carry to get supplies for the tuck shop. Any extra profits would go to things the office needed like a kettle / microwave etc.

Alistair and Anne fell in love with the house in Muir Crescent, Doune. They moved there in 1981 and spent the rest of their lives there. Daughter Victoria was born in 1982, and Kirsty in 1983. Kirsty suffered from an unknown metabolic condition and needed constant care. Her parents devoted their lives to her, until she passed away aged 22, on 6 September 2006.



1980 Instructor's Course - Tulliallan



CSP Medal Ceremony with CC Wilson

He always loved driving which is why he was drawn to the Traffic Department. Even in later life he loved his cars and was a fan of watching F1.

On retirement, Alistair enjoyed working in his garden, and later he joined the ranks of the RPOAS Central Branch. He spoke fondly of the trips and lunches, the visits to Randolphfield, prisons and the bottle factory at Blackford. It became a family joke, that when they went on long car journeys, if they came across an accident, they would stop and Alistair would be out, giving assistance and either pulling someone from a wreck or controlling traffic.

Tragically, Alistair's beloved wife Ann, passed away on 6 December 2020 having been in poor health for some years. Alistair was devoted to Ann and cared for her throughout her long illness.



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Alistair passed away on 4 February 2021, from COVID-19, 60 days after his beloved Ann.

Alistair and Ann are buried together at Kilmadock Cemetery, Doune.

Alistair was the very best of us and was always first to volunteer to collect members for visits and lunches. A generous colleague, he will be very sadly missed by his friends within the Branch.

Our thoughts and sympathy are very much with the family at this sad time.

Bill Culbard

(Sincere thanks to Alistair's daughter Victoria for providing photographs and information for the obituary).

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