

PARKINSON'S UK EDINBURGH BRANCH

Branch 2016 AGM Election Results

Elected Office Bearers and Members of the Committee

Hon. Chairman – *David Adams*

Hon. Secretary – *Pat Stewart*

Hon. Vice-Chairman – *Patrick Mark*

Hon. Assistant Treasurer – *Frances Panton*

Hon. Treasurer – *Kenneth Williamson*

Committee members – *Eileen Blackwood, Annette McLeod, Louise Ogilvy, Cathie Quinn, Heather Robertson, Bill Wright*

Resignation of Hon. Chairman, Patrick Mark

Patrick has been Hon. Chairman of the Branch since 2004 and a Committee Member since 1999. In 2013 he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of Parkinson's UK in recognition of his commitment and support for the organisation (see *Newsletter article March 2013*). As Hon. Chairman, Patrick has motivated, guided and supported the Committee in its efforts to innovate and organise a wide variety of activities for Branch Members, respecting people's opinions, suggestions and hours of commitment. The elected Committee Members are thankful that Patrick is taking on the role of Hon. Vice-Chairman for a year.

Newly Elected Hon. Chairman, David Adams

We welcome David in his new role and so that Branch Members know a little about him, David has kindly written the following profile.

I moved to Edinburgh with Alison Williams in 2014 and we became Branch members. Patrick invited me to join the Committee in 2015. Before this I had a small organic farm in Fife run by my late wife with support from me, our three sons and animals. I was an Elder and Session Clerk at Cleish Church. I have had my own management consulting company for 30 years now, specialists in business, people and pay. Three earlier careers began with a financial business in the City, followed by fundraiser for some large charity projects (The Black Country Museum in Dudley being a favourite) then with some international consultants. Life in Edinburgh is fun and busy with many interests and projects, not the least of which are Branch activities. I am enormously impressed with the Branch's achievements and the wonderful people who make these happen. Patrick steps out of a very large pair of shoes. I am extremely glad that he'll keep things steady as I learn to wear them.



Liz McBain

Liz recently resigned from the Committee after 16 years distinguished service. She was elected an Honorary Life Member of Parkinson's UK in 2013, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the charity locally and nationally. *This is a rare honour shared by only a dozen or so members in Scotland.* Liz was instrumental in getting our key regular activities of gentle exercise, indoor bowling, swimming and art established *and* maintained. She was also a major driving force in the introduction and organisation of our Quiz Night and Ceilidh annual events and a significant contributor to the organisation of the annual Coffee Morning. The Branch Therapy week-end in 2012 was another of her innovations. Through her role on the Committee and by following through ideas, Liz's contribution has been outstanding and significant in the Branch's development and success. This is a timely opportunity to acknowledge also the contribution of Liz's immediate family to the charity and the Branch's work, in particular husband Bill and daughter Kirsty while son Gavin and brother Davey have consistently fund-raised. (See *also Newsletter article September 2013.*)