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A Greeting from the President

Fraser McIlwraith

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to the 2024 Annual BEN Dinner, the biggest event in the Scottish drinks and hospitality calendar! Your attendance at our annual dinner is a great testament to how much we all care for this trade, and just by being here, you are helping the BEN with awareness support and understanding of what we do.

The Benevolent Society of the licensed trade of Scotland which we commonly refer to today as the BEN is Scotland's hospitality charity raising funds in Scotland for the people of Scotland. Not all charities raising funds in Scotland keep the funds in Scotland and by supporting the great cause of the BEN you are guaranteeing that funds will be helping those most in need from within our Scotlish drinks and hospitality industry. The BEN is here to help any eligible person who falls on hard times, no matter what age, by providing vital financial support through one off grants and ongoing support where necessary.

Fraser McIlwraith
President 2023/2024

This year the BEN will turn 160 years of age and the positive impact it has had on people's lives during this time is immense. Turning our attention to more recent times, we have naturally had to change and

adapt to make sure this long-standing charity can suit the needs of today's workforce. The board of directors have been working hard over the past few years to improve awareness within the current and future generations of hospitality workers. We have researched what the real time day to day financial issues are, and also who is most likely to need help. We have then developed targeted social media campaigns in order to get in front of these people on a daily basis.

We have given out £000 in the last year. In 2023 alone we helped with an average grant of £000, along with practical and emotional support by of team of Ambassadors. The journey never ends - your staff and colleagues may know someone in our industry who needs financial help please point them towards the BEN. Your help in spreading the word is a crucial part of the process and we aim to give out even more grants in 2023 so your support is vital.

This is my first dinner as President. It is an honour to be part of the board and I would like to thank them for all their help so far, their vision and support for the charity remains steadfast.

I need to give special praise to our Chief Executive Chris Gardner, her unwavering support has been of tremendous benefit to me personally and to the charity as a whole. Everyone associated with the BEN are blessed to have her drive, enthusiasm and loyalty.

I would like to finish with thanks to all of our ambassadors who visit beneficiaries and those needing support on a daily basis. At every dinner, event or tradeshow the ambassadors show up and bring a fantastic, committed energy to whatever we are doing that day. It is a pleasure for me to work alongside these selfless individuals who are helping to change peoples lives.

Tonight, we have some amazing prizes and opportunities to help us raise funds so that we can continue to support our people. I hope you have a fabulous evening and look forward to speaking to anyone wishing to support the charity in 2024 and beyond.

FRASER MCILWRAITH

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Broughton Brewery 2014

D. Morton

Retired 2015

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Managing Director, Edrington-U.K

5. Charlie Fryday

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9. Colin Wilkinson

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12. Murray Lamont

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Stuart Mitchell

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3. Gillian Murray

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6. Philip Kilpatrick

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Chief Executive,

H.I.T. Scotland

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10. Paul Waterson

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The BFN

11. Chris Gardner

Chief Executive,

The BEN

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Menu

Italian Country Vegetable Soup

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Haggis and neeps pithivier with peppercorn sauce

Compression of beef stroganoff, pomme dauphinoise, cauliflower gratin, spinach and carrots served with a beef jus

Mozzarella and tomato gnocchi with caponata (v)

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White chocolate, whisky and raspberry trifle

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Freshly brewed tea and coffee served with tablet

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Fraser McIlwraith, President

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INTERVAL

President's Remarks The Chairman

Toast to "The Ben" Des Clarke

Response and toast to the guests The Chairman

Reply on behalf of the guests Stuart Mitchell

The Chairman and vote of thanks Warren Paul

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COMPANY ACCOLADE WINES	TICKETS 4	TABLE 18	COMPANY JOHN DEWAR & SONS LTD.	TICKETS 10	TABLE 13
ALL4LABELS LEEDS UK	6	A10	DIAGEO G.B.	30	F1
ALTER OAK	2	17	DUCHESS AND ALLEYCAT	2	D4
AMORIN	2	H6			
ARDAGH GLASS	11	A2	EDRINGTON	38	D1
ASAHI	3	E9	ENCIRC	10	15
			EUROSTAMPA	44	E8
BACARDI	10	14	EVOLVE	2	E7
BELHAVEN BREWERY	8	l1	EVOLUTION BPS	12	l12
BELHAVEN MANAGED PUBS	10	12			
BEN PAST PRESIDENTS,			FENNER PAPER	4	C7
VISITORS & GUESTS	28	G1			
BILLERUDKORSNAS	7	В3	GAUCHO	4	E5
BLUR69	2	C3	GPA GLOBAL U.K.	23	Н8
THE BOXSHOP LTD.	12	G10	WM. GRANT & SONS	80	J1 & J2
BRIGHTWORK RECRUITMENT	11	H10	GUALA CLOSURES	50	D5
BRITVIC	12	l11			
			HALEWOOD	10	E4
CARLSBERG MARSTONS	9	A7	HEINEKEN U.K.	10	E1
CARNTYNE TRANSPORT	12	C5	HUNTER LUXURY	10	H4
CCL LABELS	20	C6	1.6.11.2.1.2.2.7.6.1.1		
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CONNECT APPOINTMENTS	8	B4	INVERARITY MORTON	6	17
CORINTHIAN BRANDS	2	E6	IPL PACKAGING	10	17 F4
CVH SPIRITS	10	H5	ITALIAN AROMA COFFEE	4	г 4 А4
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Table Plan

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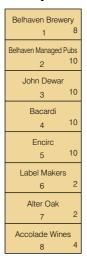
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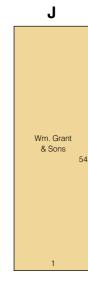
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MCC LABELS	25	E3 & H9	STAR PUBS	8	E2
S. MCCOLL	2	H7	STEKLARNA HRASTNIK	8	F3
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			TENNENT CALEDONIAN BREWERIES	50	C1
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			TLT LLP	10	H2
PERNOD RICARD	19	B2			
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PUNCH PUB GROUP	8	G3	VERALLIA	10	D2
PUSTERLA	30	B6			
			GAVIN WATSON	12	l109
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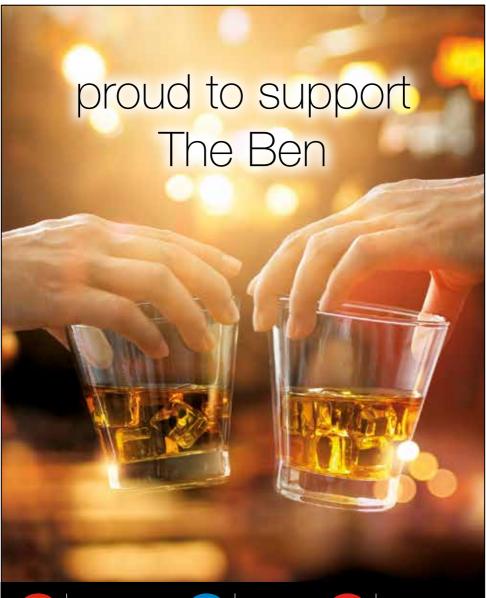














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2ND PRIZE

2 night stay for two people with dinner on one night at the Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Central Hotel, valid until 31.12.24 subject to availability. Kindly donated by Doubletree by Hilton

3RD PRIZE

Behind the scenes tour of Ardnamurchan Distillery and 2 bottles of single malt. for 2 - kindly donated by Ardnamurchan Distillery

Silent Auction

2 VIP tickets in the Sky Box for P!nk at Hampden on Saturday 29th June 2024. Includes pre concert drinks and food. Kindly donated by Tennent Caledonian Breweries.

Hospitality Experience for 4 at the Madri Bar at Aberdeen Football Club - kindly donated by Molson Coors

Selection of Glengovne Single Malt Whiskies 10, 12, 15, 21 year old and cask strength. Kindly donated by Ian MacLeod & Co. Ltd.

Lunch for 2 at Unalome by Graeme Cheevers. Kindly donated by Radisson Red.

Table of 10 at Hogmanay Party and 5 double rooms. Kindly donated by Doubletree by Hilton.

Enjoy lunch, tour and tasting at Deanston Distillery for 4 people valid until 1.2.2025. Get to know Deanston's waxy spirit as you taste some of their most loved whiskies. Availably for over 18's only. Kindly donated by CVH Spirits.

Luxury afternoon tea for 4 in the Georgian Tearoom in the Dome, Edinburgh valid until 1.2.25 - subject to availability. Kindly donated by Caledonian Heritable

Macallan whisky tasting experience for 4 in the Dome, Edinburgh valid until 1.2.24- subject to availability. Kindly donated by Caledonian Heritable

Wellpark Brewery, Glasgow tour for up to 10 people. Home of more than 450 years of brewing tradition and award winning beers. Come behind the scenes enjoy a look at Tennent's favourite adverts from over the decades and have a taste of Tennent's at the end of the tour. Valid for 6 months from 1.2.2024. Kindly donated by Tennent Caledonian Breweries

Golf for up to 4 people to include an overnight stay in 2 Pavilion rooms on the grounds of Archerfield Golf Club, subject to availability, no bank holidays or weekends available valid until 31.12.2024. Kindly donated by Caledonian Heritable.

Corporate hospitality at Ibrox for 4 on 24.2.24 Rangers v Hearts. Kindly donated by Rescu Solutions.

Dinner for 2 at Finsbay Flatiron, West End, Glasgow. Kindly donated by Punch Pubs

Gift set of Liquid Oats. Kindly donated by Dart Art Drinks. Rangers signed shirt. Kindly donated by Radisson Red.

Overnight stay in a 2 room Rutland Apartment. Kindly donated by Signature Pubs.

4 Hydro Club tickets to see Girls Aloud at the Ovo on Saturday 8 June 2024. Kindly donated by Edrington.

Overnight stay for four people for 1 night at Greyfriars, St. Andrews including breakfast and a four ball on the Fairmont Course, St. Andrews. Kindly donated by Belhaven Brewery and Managed Pubs. Expires January 2025.

Dinner bed and breakfast for 2 at Radisson Red. Kindly donated by Radisson Red.

Private dining for 6 in Ramen Dayo Glasgow. Kindly donated by Ramen Davo.

Signed boxing glove and shorts by George Grove 2017 WBA Super Middleweight Champion. Kindly donated by Paramount

Weekend Trip to Rome. Kindly donated by Italian Aroma

Bouquet and cocktail gift bundle. Kindly donated by the Bew Store

2 tickets to the knockout stages of European football match, Liverpool, Manchester United, Manchester City or Newcastle. Kindly donated by Belhaven Pub Partners.

Gin Making Experience Lab at City of London Distillery for 4 people. Kindly donated by Halewood.

Dinner for two in Number 1 the 4 AA Rosette restaurant at the Balmoral Hotel - where Scottish cuisine meets world class service, valid until 1.2.25 advance bookings required, subject to availability. Kindly donated by the Balmoral Hotel

Bed and Breakfast for 2 at the Gleneagles Hotel. Kindly donated by Gleneagles.

Afternoon tea at the Radisson Red. Kindly donated by Radisson Red

Bottle of Bonnington Inaugural Release (one of only 500 bottles available). Kindly donated by Halewood.

VIP night for 4 in the Grey Goose Alpine hut at Vodka Wodka. Kindly donated by Vodka Wodka.

Enjoy a four ball at Gleneagles, picking from either the Queen's, Kings, or PGA Courses valid until 31.12.2024. Kindly donated by Tennent Caledonian Breweries

4 Ball at Archerfield links, choose either of the 2 challenging courses. Fidra Links or Direlton Links valid until 31.12.2024. Kindly donated by Tennent Caledonian Breweries

Prize to the value of £500. Kindly donated by McLaren

Signed Celtic shirt. Kindly donated by Radisson Red. Bentley prize still to come.

Thanks to all companies who donated prizes and to all of those who missed the print deadline.

Wine

Special thanks to Inversity Morton for their generous donation of the following wines:- Franschhoek Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc

Water, Mixers and Coffee

Special thanks to A.G. Barr plc., for generously donating the water.

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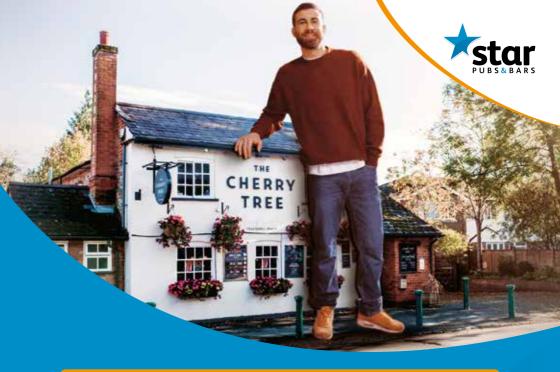
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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL EVENTS

DIARY DATES 2024	EVENT & LOCATION	SPONSOR	
Thur.1 Feb	Annual Dinner Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Central Hotel	Corporate members	
Thur. 25 April A.G.M.		Venue to be confirmed	
Thurs. 9 May Pop and Prosecco		Oran Mor, Glasgow	
Thur 30 May	Anniversary Event Dockyard Social with HIT	Corporate members	
Tue 11 June	Uncle Bob's Cycle		
Wed 5 June	Tri Am golf venue to be confirmed	Sponsor sought	
Tue 3 Sept	Pro Am Golf, Dundonald	Edrington-U.K.	
Tue 8 October	Boogie Bingo	Sponsor sought	



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