

The Perth Guildryman

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The Lord Dean's Comments

The AGM was held at the Royal George Hotel where amongst other topics, an overview of our property enhancements was discussed. Thankfully we have full occupancy on all of our properties.

The committee, ale tasters, meal searchers and several ex Deans enjoyed our annual inspection outing, first of all visiting Guildtown primary school where we experienced an Egyptian themed play by the school children. A warm welcome was received at Hallroom farm by the "next generation" of farmers, who are currently preparing for their Olympian curling experience having been selected for the British team to participate in PyeongChang in South Korea. Onwards to Craigmakerran and a grand catch up with the tenant where we also took the time to appreciate the glorious view. A stop off at Loanhead and the farmers made us, as usual, most welcome. Dinner at the local Anglers Inn followed by a dram at the millennium bridge topped off the day just nicely.

The Perth 2017 Triennial Assembly commenced with a visit to Stirling Castle, where amongst the glory of the castle, the Guildrymen viewed a spectacular 21 gun salute (our visit coincided with HRH Birthday). Onwards through the Duke Pass to Loch Katrine for a sail on SS Sir Walter Scott Steamship. The Guildrymen appreciated the views with a touch of rolling mist accompanied by a few refreshments. A stretch of the legs and an explore was required in Dunblane, culminating in a belly filling meal at a local hotel. A long but most enjoyable day and a pleasure to spend with around 80 Guildrymen. Thank you for all those who attended.

Several Guildrymen enjoyed a pre-opening tour of Perth theatre and marvelled at the new development. Great to see one of Perth's projects coming to fruition and the redeveloped building is sure to be enjoyed by many.

I was delighted to attend the Scottish Chamber Orchestra youth concert at Perth Concert Hall where one of our local primary schools showcased their talents following dedicated support from the SCO. A most enjoyable afternoon.

Education Bursary applications kept our adjudicators busy with an exceptionally high volume of students applying this year. These bursaries are worth £900 and intended for those who would benefit most from monetary assistance.

As usual an eye has to be kept on legislation and at the moment changes are underway for us as Scottish Landlords and also forthcoming Data Protection laws. The latter is likely to bring about some small changes in our admin processes. Your co-operation as members in this regard would be most appreciated.

Wishing you every health and happiness over the forthcoming months.



*The Dean in relaxed mood on board the
SS Sir Walter Scott*

Change in email address

We have a new email address! It is now secretary@perthguildry.org.uk This should be used with immediate effect. This has changed due to recent upgrades in our IT system.

New Members Admitted at June Guild Court



The Dean with new members, from left: Archie van Aswegen, Adam Ritchie, Kevin Smith, Lord Dean, Cameron Ritchie, Euan van Aswegen and Jack McGlashan



Cameron Ritchie, repeats the oath to the Dean with Ex-Deans Duncan Menzies and Michael Thomson looking on



The new members and families were given the opportunity to view the Lockit Book



Happy family

Perthshire Photographic Society's Exhibition

Dr Mike Bell President of PPS thanked the Guildry "for the cheque for £550 which has greatly facilitated the preparation for our biggest ever Photographic Exhibition. We open on September 16th for two weeks at the Civic Hall with over 100 prints and over 300 digital Photographs."

A Civic Reception was arranged by the Provost for the official opening of the Exhibition.

Vice Dean Neil Dewar, Guildryman Robert Burns, also a member of Photographic Society and Tom Rorrison representing the Guildry. One of the exhibits, a photograph by Marcus Jackson proved of great interest to us, taken in 1890 of a large group of Guildrymen at Perth's Princess Street Station leaving for a Triennial Trip, (this photo appears on page 167 of the Guildry History book and we now have a more accurate date as to when this trip was).

Photo Shows from left: PSNS President Tom Ryan, Vice Dean Neil Dewar pointing to photo, PPS President Dr Mike Bell and Provost Dennis Melloy



Dates for your Diary

March 2018 - Meal Search (open to Meal Searchers, Ale Tasters, Committee, Ex Deans)

March 2018 - Ex Dean's Dinner (open to Ex Deans and Committee)

Monday 21st May 2018 - The Guildry Incorporation of Perth AGM (open to all Guildrymen). Buffet will be served

Wednesday 6th June 2018 - Annual Inspection at Guildtown (open to Committee, Ex Deans, Ale Tasters & Meal Searchers)

The Annual Inspection

A ray of sunshine in what had been a wet week, allowed a fine day out at Guildtown School and the farms for the Annual Inspection. At the school play we were treated to the delights of Egypt including the gore of their burial process. Next to Hallroom where the younger members of the Smith family were happy to mix with the Guildrymen and share a story or two whilst enjoying the delights of some beautiful home baking. A warm welcome was had at Craigmakerran by Guy Fenton, the house is looking bonnie with the new paintwork complete. Finally on to Loanhead where Graham Fenton Senior, Graham Junior and William enjoyed a catchup with the Guildry attendees. The meal again took place in the village at the Anglers Inn where a certain Guildryman enjoyed not one but two puddings, he shall remain nameless. A stroll across the road and alongside the field (no wellies were required in spite of the heavy rainfall the previous day) where the Dean's Dram took place, accompanied by the farmers. A nice day and thank you to all those who took the time out of their week to participate.



Once more the pupils of Guildtown School entertained us to their usual high standard and then enjoyed the races and the scramble



The inspection team outside the newly refurbished Craigmakerran house



Vice Dean Neil Dewar is welcomed by the Fentons



The Dean thanks the tenants for their support at the Millennium bridge

The Royal Voluntary Service would like to thank the Guildry Incorporation of Perth for its generous donation to the Perth Social Club.



The Social Club provides an opportunity for older people to come together and meet up with their friends in a welcoming and safe environment. Situated in St Matthews Church Hall, the club hosts up to 30 older people every week. They enjoy a range of activities including Tai Chi sessions, chair exercises and visits from local musical groups.

The Social Club helps to break the cycle of isolation and loneliness that many people experience as they grow older. There is a real sense of companionship amongst the group and members continually express their delight at being able to get out of the house and meet up with their friends for a few hours.

The group meets three times per month and is always ready to welcome new members. Please contact Barbara Macphee on 01738 633 975 for further details.

Kirsty Lamond the 2016 recipient of the **John Montgomery Bursary** expressed her thanks for the “incredible generosity” which helped her immeasurably in funding her year abroad at the University of Virginia in USA and then Renmin University of China in Beijing. Kirsty is at the University of St Andrews studying International Relations. Her year involved studying subjects from Psychology to Business Studies. Part of her learning was on the political process in the US just as the Presidential Election was occurring. She toured Washington DC and took in sights such as the US Capitol and attending an inspiring conference with Sonia Sotomayor, the third female Supreme Court. “Exploring the East Coast during such a political time was eye-opening and invaluable...for me”. In Beijing she studied international politics, modern history and Mandarin. “Viewing politics from two different sides was extremely interesting and enriching for my studies”. Outwith study time Kirsty explored The Forbidden City, Summer palace, a trip to Shanghai which took in Huangpu River, Shanghai Disney.”Once again, I would like to extend a large thank you to you for contributing to what was possibly the greatest year of my life”.

A pictorial record of Kirsty’s trip



Guildryman’s daughter **Laura Farquhar** has achieved her Degree in Architecture. Her key project revolved around an area of Glasgow where community spirit and integration no longer existed, leading to undesirable social disorder in the area and increased crime rates. Laura designed a healthcare facility which promoted “wellbeing” rather than simply treating the illness. E.g. Some of the young mothers are experiencing malnourishment and whilst the issue is not solved directly by medical intervention, the facility was able to introduce a cooking class in the community kitchen within the same building. A mother can learn to cook healthy meals and take them home to her family at the end of the day. Elderly volunteers are able to

offer advice and life experience, offering dual benefits to a cross section of the community. Laura’s bursary is “very, very much appreciated.”

A recipient last year of the non member bursary, completed his first year of MA in Physical Education at Edinburgh University. He has undertaken his first placement and passed all exams. This recipient who has dyslexia said “ *the bursary that the Guildry awarded me this session was invaluable in allowing me to concentrate on my studies and keep my working hours to a minimum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your generous support during my first year of University.*”



On behalf of all who attended the Badaguish weekend I would like to thank the Guildry so much for helping to make their trip possible. A photo of the trip will show how much everyone enjoyed themselves.



A big thank you to the Guildry for sending us the cheque...to help support this year’s Volunteer Street Market and for your best wishes for a successful day.