

The Perth Guildryman

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The Lord Dean's Comments

Welcome to our Autumn Issue

These are indeed strange times, however the work of The Guildry continues despite Pandemic Recession or Brexit.

I must take this opportunity to thank my Committee of Management - Ex Dean Flood and Vice Dean Gaffney for their support during this difficult time.

Our Property Committee have also had a busy year. -The work on upgrading and putting in place planned maintenance programmes continues.

Thanks to Ex Dean Flood, Vice Dean Gaffney, Guildryman David Murdoch and Ex Dean Menzies for their invaluable assistance.

Following on from a major review of Forestry, we have commissioned a survey of Ash die back on our Estate.



Our Monthly Meetings continue by the wonder of Zoom. I have a Court of Deans Zoom Meeting in October which Berwick would have hosted. It has been regrettable that so many of our functions have been cancelled due to Covid. Hopefully we will return to normal in the near future.

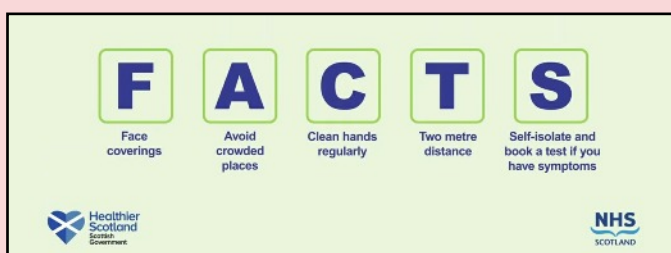
Our Committee have worked tirelessly through these difficult times to ensure we maintain our activities and function efficiently.

We are currently preparing to grant our Educational Bursaries to those in need. Thanks to Ex Deans Anderson and Harding for their assistance.

Special mention to our multitasking Secretary Carla. Her hard work and organizational skills have ensured we can continue the work of The Guildry.

My Best Wishes to you all

Stay safe



*The Dean relaxing in the garden
with his dog Freddie*

Guiltry Activities

New Committee Members – Anyone interested in becoming a committee member please email the office. Any questions concerning being a committee member, please just ask.

There have been no farm inspections this year and no visit to the school. The farmers are busy still with their day to day activities and keep in contact with the office.

AGM – As physical distancing measures are still in place, there has been no AGM.

Guiltry Office

Although the office is currently closed, the secretary is working from home. The office is checked once a week and any post is picked up then. In the meantime new signs, hand sanitisation and a perspex reception panel are now installed for when the office hopefully re-opens. Any essential visits will have to be arranged by appointment only as time for cleaning between visitors will need to be carried out. The kitchen area will not be accessible. A test and protect form will require to be completed by visitors to assist the NHS. Masks on arrival would be appreciated as the secretary will have to open the door. Trades people have still to be met out at Guiltry properties and masks are being worn and social distancing observed.

Annual Accounts

The end product may have looked the same but the process behind the scenes was certainly different! The accountants, auditor and the secretary found inventive ways of passing on information required for the accounts to be produced. As well as standard email, meetings and exchange of documents took place on garden paths, doorsteps etc in order to maintain safe social distancing!

Guiltry Monthly Meetings

These have been conducted by zoom and whilst these do not have the same personal touch, it is a safe method of communication and allows the Guiltry committee to continue with necessary discussions for the continuance of Guiltry business and decision making.

Perth Pictures

Some pictures of Perth for those who live further away. The first is of the Horsecross area at Bridge Lane, Willowgate on the banks of the River Tay with the Friarton bridge above then St John's Kirk at sunset.



Photo: Carla Murray



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Photo: Tom Rorrison

Charitable Donation Thank You



The photo on left, was taken on the Crow Road, Lennox Town when Aaron King was competing in the Tour of the Campsie's which is a 25-mile time trial which he completed in 1 hour 20 seconds. Unfortunately he has only raced twice this year, the week before lockdown started and the Tour of the Campsie's, in August. Aaron is being promoted from the Scottish Cycling Junior Performance Programme to the Scottish Cycling Senior Performance Programme for 2021.

"I have now received my new Time trial Bike that your assistance of £1000 helped me purchase.....Thank you once again for the financial assistance is really is appreciated. Regards Aaron King"

The Lighthouse for Perth is a non-profit organisation for people in crisis. They offer support to anyone aged 12 or over who is struggling with their mental health or emotions. This includes people who are having thoughts of self-harm or suicide, or who are finding themselves in emotional distress or crisis.

"Thanks to everyone at The Guildry for their very generous donation which has allowed us to buy towels, bedding and toiletries for our emergency bedrooms here at The Neuk. Kind regards, Sharon Thomas, Manager, The Lighthouse for Perth"



Guildryman Bursary Thank You

Dear Perth Guildry,

Once again, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks for granting me a bursary for my second year of Chemical Engineering studies. The money has assisted me with the cost of transport to and from University and for required laboratory equipment which I am very grateful for.

The bursary has not only helped me with my studies, but also the Coronavirus pandemic resulted in the closure of my place of work meaning a temporary stop to my part time income, and the bursary helped to support me financially during this time. It has been a very challenging year for us all, but I am extremely grateful for the assistance the bursary has given me.

Yours Sincerely, Cameron Ritchie"

Non Member Bursaries

Thank you to Ex Deans Harding & Anderson for adjudicating the bursaries again this year. It was heart warming to see that even a pandemic does not prevent students from progressing with their future studies. The non member bursary will open again in April and the whole application process will be online and advertised on the website. Posters are sent out to schools, the UHI, library, local community set ups also. **As a reminder Member Bursaries are awarded to members or sons or daughters of members of the Guildry, attending a full time course of study at a university or college in the United Kingdom.** Some of you may have been impacted by the pandemic from an employment perspective and if you are returning to study, please remember to apply for a Member Bursary.

Guildry Property

5 Atholl Place -Following the departure of our long term tenants Bidwells, a dilapidations procedure was put in place, which whilst time consuming, provided a smart reinstated property. Unfortunately no tenants were found for the property and it was placed on the market. Amid all this, the basement suffered a flood during that terrible storm in August. The walls had to be stripped back, dried out and reinstated. During the period of unoccupancy, the secretary and a member of her household inspected the property weekly for insurance and security purposes. Heating (winter), water, alarm maintenance, insurance as well as weed killing had still to be paid whilst empty.

72-4 High Street - Aberdeen Considine had just moved into their new office above the shop when the pandemic struck. Their business is slowly opening up again and they are appreciative of the additional space for staff during this time.