

The Perth Guildryman

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The Lord Dean's Comments



It has been a busy summer now that a level of normality has returned after the covid restrictions. The annual Craigmakerran Estate inspection was undertaken on the 1st of June, and the farms and tenants were found to be in good order. During the summer I have worked with Bell Ingram (our Land Managers) to maintain and improve the estate management. Most notable improvements are with advance planning for farm repairs, farm rent reviews, roof repairs and woodland improvements.

Following a request for financial assistance for essential building repairs from the Royal Perth Golfing Society, the Committee of Management have loaned funds in lieu of future services. The Lord Dean of Guild is now an honorary member, and Perth Guildry can utilise the facilities for meetings, lunches and events. I see this as an excellent opportunity to bond and enhance two ancient Perth institutions for the benefit of both organisations.

Continuing a long and valued relationship with the Royal Family, I sent our condolences to Buckingham Palace on the death of the Queen. I also attended the Perth proclamation of accession for King Charles III and a memorial service for HM Queen Elizabeth II in St. John's Kirk.

I was unable to attend the Autumn Court of Deans of Guild of Scotland in October as I had a prior event booked. That said, I felt I had a valid reason in that I was getting married on the same day!

Thank you to the Committee of Management and Douglas for their support over this very busy year.



Comparing Gold Medals

During this years Inspection Day The Lord Dean met Mili Smith, (Daughter of David Smith our tenant farmer at Hallroom Farm) and congratulated her on her Gold medal from the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. While

Mili's medal was clearly larger than the Deans Chain, the Lord Dean felt that it was quality that counted and a fair draw was agreed. Well done Mili, and congratulations go to the proud parents David and Barbara.

Guild Court 2022

On the 23rd of April Lord Dean of Guild Michael Gaffney was delighted to introduce 4 new members to the Guildry.

The well attended ceremony took place at The Royal George Hotel. Back Row Ex-Deans Bill Montgomery, Michael Thomson and Dunc Menzies. Front Row Oscar Poutney, Alfie Poutney, Lord Dean of Guild Michael A Gaffney, Oliver Womack and David Morgan.



Annual Inspection Day

The annual Craigmakarren Estate inspection day was once again on the 1st Wednesday of June. The weather was on its best behaviour as were all of the 16 attendees from the Guildry. The Guildry party consisted of The Lord Dean of Guild and his Committee of Management, Ex-Deans, Ale Tasters and Meal Searchers. After inspecting the farms at Hallroom, Newlands and Loanhead, as well as Craigmakerran House, the inspection party enjoyed an excellent meal at the Atholl Arms Hotel in Dunkeld. The Lord Dean held a toast by the banks of the river Tay, and all agreed an enjoyable and informative day was had.



The Lord Dean, Committee of Management, Ale Tasters & Meal Searchers, Ex-Deans and Tenant Farmers assemble for a photo outside the Atholl Arms in Dunkeld.



The Lord Dean leads a toast by the banks of the River Tay



Guildrymen and Karen Walker of J Fenton & Sons recreate a photo from the 1985 Inspection Day. Some look as good now as they did back then !

Tom Rorrison Thank You . . .

The Lord Dean, two of his Committee of Management (Peter Caw and Gordon Sneddon) present Tom with his recognition award for over 25 years as Perth Guildry official photographer, Newsletter Editor and also for his assistance in the printing of the excellent Guildry Incorporation of Perth 1200 to 2002 history book. A lovely lunch was enjoyed at the Black Watch Bistro when many a tale was told, and a laugh was enjoyed, as Tom recounted some of his life stories.



Defibrillator Donation To Wolfhill Community

The Lord Dean's focus on charitable provision of life saving defibrillators to the local community continues at pace. Defibrillators have also been provided to Bertha Park School & Community, Fair City Football Club and Guildtown Community. If you are aware of a Perth location or organisation that could benefit from a defibrillator please contact the Dean or the Guildry Office for details.



Vice Dean Euan Begg (2nd from right) visits the Wolfhill Village Hall during a break in their St John defibrillator training course.



Secretary & Treasurer Changes

In May we said goodbye to Carla Murray and welcomed Douglas McGlashan as our new Guild Clerk. Carla was thanked for her 7 years service to Perth Guildry and presented with a bouquet of flowers and a gift voucher from ex-Den Neil Dewar. Perth Guildry wish good luck to Carla in whatever venture she pursues in the future. Read more about Douglas in his profile on the next page.



Meal Search 2022

On the 21st of April the bi-annual Meal Search took place at Café 80, George Street, Perth. The Lord Dean and 8 other Guildrymen were given an excellent presentation by Guildryman George Ford on the process of producing high quality artisan bread and the importance of using quality meal in the production. After an excellent dinner and drinks, the meal was duly certified as being of merchantable quality.



Guildrymen Engagement Event At The Races

On a warm evening in May, 24 Guildrymen attended Perth Racecourse for dinner, drinks and to try their luck at backing a winner. While some were luckier than others, the main point of the day was to engage with Guildrymen who hadn't been too involved previously, and look to recruit new members to Committees or closer involvement with their Guildry Incorporation. The day was very enjoyable and deemed a success by all. Keep an eye out for future engagement events, and take the opportunity to get more involved in your Guildry Incorporation if you can.



Profile of Our New Guild Clerk & Treasurer

Douglas McGlashan is a Guildryman of 46 years, and a veteran of many a Triennial Trip. He also has recent Committee of Management experience. Douglas brings significant business and management experience to the post of Guild Clerk. Specifically an MBA in Business Management and 30 years experience in IT Service Management, the bulk in the Defence Industry. On appointment Douglas said; "The opportunity to work for Perth Guildry was one that really excited me and that I felt I could add some real value to the Guildry through times of great change." With 2 active teenage children and a keen golfer at Blairgowrie Golf Club, Douglas still finds time to have an active social life ! Pop into the George Street office at any time for a chat.



Changes To Guildry Membership Entrance Criteria

To ensure the continued healthy numbers of Guildry members, the Lord Dean of Guild and his Committee of Management have progressed two changes to the Guild Acts which will hopefully drive increased membership numbers.

They are as follows:

Grandsons

An existing Guildry Member can now apply for their grandson to become a Guildry Member. There is now no need for their son or son-in-law to have been a Guildry Member.

Strangers

The entrance fee for a stranger (backed by 4 existing Guildry Members) to join the Guildry has now dropped to £100 down from £1500.

Both changes are with immediate effect.

Our next Guild Court will be in the Spring of 2023, so please do register an application with the Guild Clerk.

Educational Bursaries 2022 / 2023

We have approved Educational Bursaries (£1000) for 13 Guildry Members or Guildry Members sons or daughters in the 2022/23 academic year. At this stage of the year, this is a drop from previous years.

If you are attending or planning on attending any full-time educational course in 2023/24, please access the Perth Guildry Website and complete the Members Educational Bursary Application.

Non-Member Bursary applications increased this year to 55, of which 35 were approved the £1000 bursary for the 2022/23 academic year.

King Charles III Proclamation - Perth On Sunday the 11th of September

The Lord Dean represented Perth Guildry at the official Perth Proclamation of King Charles III by the Principle Sheriff of Tayside, Central and Fife.

The event was well attended by the public, the Provost, Deputy Provost, Lord Lieutenant and 30+ high constables.



Dates For Your Diaries

Triennial Assembly : 24th June 2023

09:00 Depart Perth South Inch Car Park. Visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, Lunch at, and tour of, Murrayfield Stadium. Dinner at Braid Hills Hotel, Edinburgh.

Tickets for the trip and timetable will be available from the George Street office from Monday the 8th of May. Please note the office is open from 9am until 2pm Monday to Thursday.

If you are unable to call in to the office please email:

secretary@perthguildry.org.uk and your ticket will be posted to you.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is always the third Monday in May, so the next AGM is on the 15th of May 2023.

All Guildry members are invited, and offered the opportunity to get involved in shaping and understanding the Guildry Incorporations activities and historic responsibilities.

Guild Court

there is likely to be a Guild Court in the Spring of 2023, so please contact the office for an application form, details of the paperwork required and charges which apply.

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