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Hello Readers,

I just had a nasty shock when I realised how close we are to D-Day, that is Deadline Day for The Crier! So here I am on a blustery but unseasonably warm evening, trying to gather my thoughts and get something put together for the December issue. Another year has passed and to steal the title of one of A. A. Milne's books of verse "Now We Are Six"

2014 has been a busy year in Scotland, creating lots of interest, bringing in many visitors who spent plenty of money we hope! The weather was amazing also and to sum up I reckon it has been a very good year. As it draws to a close we will all be wondering what the next twelve months will bring, will we have a good or bad winter? Where will we go for holidays? What will we plant in the garden? Same old questions same result, Wait and see.

Over the last few months I have been travelling up and down the A9 and it has been quite fascinating seeing the trees gradually change colour, even the difference as one travels further north. I have taken to driving on the old A9 as much as possible usually on my way south. It is so much more interesting and less stressful than the main road and doesn't take very much longer.

I have heard several comments about the poplar trees in my field. They had been quite a landmark in Abernethy for over forty years, but had reached the end of their life-span, and were dying off. Both from the aesthetic point of view and the safety factor I decided the time had come to have them removed.

High winds could create serious problems especially with the proximity of the new houses on the other side of Cordon Road.

No-one has come up as yet in response to my query as to why we have the names Alma and Inkerman in Abernethy

I am looking forward to seeing the inside of the Williamson Hall after the renovations. It has changed dramatically since I first set foot in it many years ago. The Ella Powrie Park too is looking splendid now and I hope is being well used.

The Art Exhibition in the Museum has proved to be most successful once again and will be repeated next year. Many local artists returned and we were pleased to welcome new exhibitors from further afield. It is most satisfactory to know how the news is spread around groups of people with similar interests.

Once again I am looking forward to catching up with the Abernethy news by reading the various reports in The Crier. It is only through The Crier that although one may be involved with some groups one can learn what others are doing and as a result may discover a new interest and make new friends.

Until next year, I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Very Happy Christmas and All Good Wishes for 2015.

Hilda Clow.

EDITOR'S VIEW

Winter is just around the corner and it is time again folks to look out for our elderly neighbours. The last couple of winters, if I mind right, were mild with little snow. I am sure we will not get a third snow and frost free winter so get prepared to help a neighbour.

Clearing a path to a front door, sweeping snow from a drive to allow a car out or popping to the shops for a few odds and ends.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Readers and Advertisers.

The Ed





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LETTERS TO THE ED



Dear Ed

Zipslide for Erskine

I'd like to give a great big 'Thank you' to everyone who contributed to my fundraising efforts in August/September on behalf of Erskine (Hospital for ex-service personnel).

Direct contributions from folk in and around Abernethy, plus online contributions in a JustGiving account, amounted to a healthy £1184, well exceeding my target. Thank you all once again.

Oh, and the zip slide was great fun—highly recommended. I'll grow up one of these days, maybe.



For several months now I've noticed from time to time a smell like TCP antiseptic in and around Abernethy, but nobody I've asked in the village has noticed it.

When an industrial chemist friend of mine visited recently, however, he remarked on the strong smell of phenol(s), and confirmed that that is why I was reminded of TCP. He also said he could think of no obvious reason for the smell to be wafting around—outside a laboratory, that is.

Can anyone shed light on this? If so, I'd be interested to hear from you.

Angus Macintyre (Mob. 07856775991).



TO THE DISTRIBUTORS

If you have any copies left over after your bundle is all delivered could you please hand them back to Jimmy Swan.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

ARTICLES

Would you please submit articles in the following format, JPEG, PDF or Word.

Thank You

FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

Well our wonderful summer is but a distant memory and autumn/winter is upon us.

I do not want to be political, but the one thing that we can take out of the Referendum, is the number of people all over Scotland who engaged in the process. Abernethy was no exception and the fact that so many people are aware of our society is so encouraging. It is also something that we should build on, and I saw that for myself in Abernethy when the community rallied round to help the very unfortunate lady who lost her house to that terrible fire last month. Abernethy folk made a real impact on myself, with the way they quickly raised funds and assisted the house owner in her time of need.

How good it would be if we can keep that spirit going. I'm sure that this already is happening in the community. In cold dark nights, wind and rain meaning we see less of our neighbours. This is the time when it is important to make sure the elderly and vulnerable in our streets are okay in their houses. Ensure that they have their heating on and enough food in the house. Also with the reduction in bus services that has occurred recently, through your excellent Facebook page and the Crier would it be possible to organise car sharing and lifts for folk going to the same location at around the same time for a share of the running expenses? I wouldn't expect folk to go with complete strangers, but a community such as Abernethy is, most folk either know each other or know someone who knows the other person, surely worth a try? Council funding will not be available to restore the services in the near future. The bus service that has been cut is actually a commercial service, and the provider has withdrawn it as it is now viewed as an unviable route. This has caused quite a bit of controversy in the community, but as upgrading of Buses in the near future is due, it may be that this has some bearing on the provider's decision, but that is mere speculation by myself. Perhaps the provider will enlighten the community to the reasoning behind their decision.

Finally in my last article I tried to bring some clarity to the parking in the Square. We still seem to have issues of parking in the Square. If you are going to an event in the Square is it really necessary to use your car? Or could you double up with a friend and just use one car, or better still use one car amongst three or four people? As well as alleviating the parking issues you would be saving on the carbon footprint around the village

Lastly I wish one and all a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year when it comes.

Cllr. Henry Anderson

The Great War

August 11, 1914

"Your Country Needs You" slogan is published, calling for 100,000 men to enlist in Kitchener's new army.

Good News at the Front WW1

During WW1, army chaplains were given copies of a book from the Bible called John's Gospel or Good News, to give to members of the armed forces. It was a convenient size which fitted neatly into the breast pocket of their uniforms.

The printers of the gospel are still producing a variety of booklets. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of WW1 they have done a print run of John's gospel with the same front cover as it had in 1914. If anyone has a copy or knows about relatives or friends who had one, then it would be good to hear from you. If it helps to jog folk's memories then a black and white copy of the front page is attached. A colour copy of the original can be viewed at: www.sgmlifewords.com . Happy searching.

David King, 4 Sutherland Crescent, 01738 851010, email – davidking48@gmail.com



The Great War

August 13, 1914

The first squadrons of the Royal Flying Corps arrive in France

ABERNETHY TENNIS CLUB



On the front page of the last Village Crier the Tennis Club was mentioned. In 1968 local people tackled the derelict tennis courts and the pavilion which was absolutely great.

UPDATE - In 2011 the tennis club committee, after two years of hard work, raised £24,000 for the resurfacing of the courts. The courts are in good order at the moment but it would be marvellous if a group of Abernethy people could get together again to refurbish the Powrie Park Pavilion, a great asset to the village.

Liz Yull (ex club secretary)
Pottiemill Cottage
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WILLIAMSON HALL COMMITTEE

We are holding our Annual General Meeting at the hall on Monday 23 February at 7pm. As always, everyone is very welcome to attend either as a guest or with the intention of joining the committee. The hall is a very important asset to the village and we are always looking for enthusiastic people to come and help us keep it thriving. It's a great way to do your bit for your local community. Please come along or call Jill Young on 850087 for more information.

100 Club

Our October winners were:-

1st, Jim Maclean

2nd, Evelyn Scobie

As a member of the 100 Club, you are in with a chance of winning £25 (1st) or £15 (2nd) each month and it only costs £12 per year. For more information, please call Gail Meek on 850999.

Quiz Night

Please come along to our quiz night on Friday 23 January for teams of up to six people. Please look out for more details on Facebook and posters nearer the time.

Abernethy Fete 2015

Yes, it's that time again! As always, we are asking for people to come forward and help us organise our annual fete. We know how much it means to everyone in the village because there are always lots of volunteers on 'the day' and we would love to hear from some of you up front! There are lots of 'wee jobs' that need to be done over the few months before the fete and the more people we have who are willing to help, the less each of them are asked to do. Our intention this year is to create a separate sub-committee to organise the fete. **To be part of this and ensure the fete goes ahead again this year, please speak to Jill Young (850087) or Sue Smith (850251) before 31 January. Thank you!**

THE GREAT WAR

August 23, 1914

British Expeditionary Force starts its retreat from Mons.



MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum of Abernethy is now closed for the season. Thank you, once again, to those of you who have visited the Museum over the summer months. Thank you also to those of you who volunteer – without your help it would be impossible to run the Museum!

Since my last update, we have held our third Art Exhibition at the Museum. I am happy to report that profits were up on last year and we welcomed 264 people into the Museum over the course of the two weekends. It was lovely that we had a mixture of new artists as well as many who have exhibited with us previously. There was a brilliant mixture of cards, paintings, photos, drawing, sculpture and prints to suit all tastes.

Over the winter months we will hopefully start working properly on our Tayside Landscape Partnership project. Over the next couple of seasons the results of this will be evident in the Museum. As always, we have worked hard to plan changes that will bring in new visitors as well as giving local people something new to enjoy too. More on this subject in later updates!

As ever, if you have any questions, concerns or compliments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Rachel Cheer
Chair of the Museum of Abernethy
rachelcheer@hotmail.co.uk 850578



THE GREAT WAR

August 28, 1914

Royal Navy wins first battle of Heligoland Bight in The North Sea.

ABERNETHY, DRON & ARNGASK CHURCH NEWS



For the remainder of 2014 morning worship will take place at the Kirk of St Bride, School Wynd, Abernethy at **9.30 am** except for the last Sunday of the year when **there will be a united service in Abernethy at 10.30am**. During school term time Children's Sunday club meets during the morning service. Please bring yourself and the children along!

Christmas Eve Service will be at 7pm in Abernethy with a later service in Glenfarg at 11.30pm.

Morning Service information for 2015!

The morning service will be at 11am in Abernethy this year (note the change of time)

However on the last Sunday of each month, we hope to meet together with the Glenfarg part of our congregation at **11 am**. (note the change of time). The location will alternate between the church in Abernethy and in Glenfarg:

Last Sunday of Jan, March, May, July, Sept. Nov in Glenfarg at 11 am.

Last Sunday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec in Abernethy at 11am.

Anyone wishing transport to Glenfarg may contact Kathleen Baird on 01337 840 218

Children's Sunday club will take place during each service above within school term time. Drinks and refreshments will be served after the services. You will be very welcome to join us at either church.

Open Doors

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 10-11.30am. Come in for a hot cuppa, scone and a blether in the little hall at the east doorway of the church!

Roof repairs

It is hoped that work has been completed by the time this reaches you and that the roof will keep us watertight and safe for many years to come.

Fair City Singers

We had a memorable and inspiring evening in Sept with this lovely group of girls and their conductor. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed as well as those who performed to such a high standard! If you have an opportunity to hear them again, don't miss it!

Shoebox appeal

Thank you to everyone who yet again has donated to this worthy charity.

New Church Mug

Fine bone china mugs, with pictures of both churches beautifully illustrated on them, are now on sale at £5 from Kathleen Baird. Tel: 01337 840 218.

Village Welcome packs

Members of the church have recently delivered 'Welcome Bags' to the 12 new houses in Provost Mains, part of the Stephen Homes. The pack contains useful village information, telephone numbers, activities in Abernethy, a bus timetable, a 'Village Crier' and a packet of Abernethy biscuits. Remaining 'Welcome packs', minus the biscuits, can be picked up in the church vestibules, if you want to welcome someone new moving in to your street. The packs will be updated regularly so if you are aware of any errors or omissions in the current version.

Please let Celia King know; Tel: 851 010.

AULD ABERNETHY ASSOCIATION SEASON 2014 - 2015

PROGRAMME

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Museum of Abernethy unless otherwise stated

2015

4th February

**New Life for an
Old Place
Falkland Palace &
Estate**

Ninian Crichton Stuart

4th March

**The Development
of Live Public
Entertainment
in Dundee**
Stephen Fraser

1st April

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The Great War

October 18, 1914

First Battle of Ypres.



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The Great War

October 29, 1914

Turkey enters the war

DEDICATION OF WRI SEAT IN NURSE PEATTIE MEMORIAL GARDEN



Abernethy SWRI Celebrates 85 Years

Abernethy SWRI has been in existence for 85 years and we marked this occasion by presenting a new seat for the Nurse Peattie Memorial Garden. A dedication ceremony was held in the garden on Sunday 28th September, and our local Minister, Rev Moira Herkes, led a short prayer of dedication. Several members and friends from the Horticultural Club attended at the garden. Many photographs were taken, and afterwards tea and cake was enjoyed in the Session House at Abernethy Church. Our two longest serving members, Mrs May Dack and Mrs Elizabeth West, who are also Honorary Members, cut the Birthday cake. The cake was baked by member Mrs Pat Miller, and beautifully decorated by Mrs Allison Messenger. (See photographs above)

Evelyn Scobie

ABERNETHY SWRI

Meetings are held in the Session House at Abernethy Church, on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm from September to May each year. The subscription for this year is £20. Visitors £3 per meeting. We still need new members so please come along and give it a try. If you are not sure if this is for you, please feel free to come along as a visitor first. Contact person Evelyn Scobie
Tel: 01738 850496. Mobile: 07719240294.

We held our "Open Night" on Wednesday 15th October in the Masonic Hall, when we had a good turn out of members and visitors. Beaton Lindsay, Butcher, Perth, told us about the family business, then demonstrated "simple supper dishes", ably assisted by his two delightful daughters Lola and Olivia. The dishes were then raffled. Tea and tasty bites were then served by the committee, then the large raffle was drawn. There was also a Sales Table, and thanks go to all who brought and purchased items and who bought raffle tickets and brought raffle prizes, and enabled us to raise some money for our funds. Competition Winners were: Dish of Pate – 1st Wilma Whyte, 2nd Pat Miller, 3rd Chris Stewart. Flower of the Month – 1st Elizabeth Taylor, 2nd Alison Smart, 3rd Jane Sanderson.

Our next meeting is on Wed 19th November when Dr Gavin Ramsay will give a Talk on "Bees". Competitions: "3 Blueberry Muffins" & "Flower of the Month".

Future Meetings will be as follows:

Wed 17th December – "Christmas Meal" – at Berryfields.

2015

Wed 21st January – Demonstration - "How to look after your skin" by Sally from Retreat Beauty Salon, Bridge of Earn. Competitions: "Knitted Vest" (pattern supplied – to be donated for Fish & Chip Babies) & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 18th February - Demonstration on "Card Making" by member Anne Robertson. Competitions: "Favourite Pair Earrings" & "Flower of the Month".

- Wed 18th March - Talk on "Scottish Air Ambulance".
Competitions: "3 Empire Biscuits" & "Flower of the Month".
- Fri 27. March -** "Fundraising Quiz" in the Masonic Hall – **details later.**
- Wed 15th April - "Hands On – Napkin Art" with Dorothy Morris.
Competitions: "Healthy Lunch Box" & Flower of the Month".
- Wed 20th May - AGM – Speaker to be arranged.
Competitions: "3 Pieces of Tablet" & "Flower of the Month".

Please see Village Notice Board each month for fuller details.

ABERNETHY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

After a late summer/early Autumn recess through holidays and the referendum, the Community Council sat at the end of October and despite the hiatus there was remarkably little new business so the proceedings were more update of earlier topics. Towards the top of the list was a progress update with regard to repairing the flag pole, restoring the weather vane and replacing the illumination of our Round Tower, a big draw for the village but a three year, long running saga mired by budgetary, health and safety, and responsibility issues. With constant pressure applied by one particular CC member we hope the centrepiece of the village will shortly be restored to its full glory.

In the last Crier edition we were pleased to announce the closure of the landfill site, mostly through increased household recycling but also changes to landfill taxes and the current economic environment. The SITA representative outlined proposals for capping off and restoring the site but with landfill gas still naturally produced for up to twenty years post abandonment we await the next Binn Farm Community Liaison Group to hear more definite proposals as to how this will be monitored and controlled.

Also in the same area we have the wind farm proposals which were recently outlined and displayed in a public exhibition in the Masonic Hall. While the turbines will not be visible from the village they will be when travelling over to Glentarkie, it looks likely too that the power lines will come down the Glen to the village. As with all such projects there is a sweetener in the shape of a community fund. Community Council members will be fighting to ensure we get a fair share of that pot as the community most obviously affected by the development.

The introduction of a temporary diversion on the Baigie straight heralds the creation of the first of two roundabouts associated with the Oudenarde development, we understand this will be used for access to some show houses that are to be built adjacent to the road on the Oudenarde side and on the opposite side future light industrial units. Strange how something simple like a roundabout can change the feel of a place but there already seems a more suburban feel when leaving the motorway.

Finally and with winter just around the corner, the last two years have seen scant snow in the village and without tempting fate we would like to remind everyone that there are many villagers less able to salt steps and clear away snow so spare a thought for your neighbour when you wake in the morning on Christmas day to a winter wonderland.

Colin Morrison

50 YEARS IN FREEMASONRY

In November John Hutchison, Den Park, Abernethy was presented with a long service certificate for 50 years of dedicated service to Freemasonry.

John joined Lodge Abernethy 1429 in December 1964 under the watchful eye of the then Right Worshipful Master, Bill Steadman.

John served in most of the offices in the Abernethy Lodge reaching the office of RWM in 1972 until 1974.

In 1997 John became Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East. The Provincial Lodge for Perthshire East oversees the 18 lodges of East Perthshire.

The presentation was made by Ronnie Forbes the present RWPGM of Perthshire East.

THE GREAT WAR

November 2, 1914

The United Kingdom begins naval blockade of Germany.

A LETTER FROM AMERICA

Dear Sir/Madam;

My name is Mike Tracy and I am writing to you today from outside of Chicago, Illinois, USA and extend to you warm greetings. I have been researching my Buist area family history for over 40 years now and have been to your lovely twice in my lifetime. The reason why I am contacting you today is twofold. The first is recently I stumbled upon your web site, "Village Crier" and thought it was a wonderful site for the area's residents. My ancestral roots are in Abdie, as the Buist family were large tenant farmers of Abdie for many generations. During the past year, the University of St. Andrews has asked me to write various articles on the family for their Manuscripts Division, of which I am honoured to do so, being one of the few remaining surviving members of the direct line. I do not know if you and the residents of the area would be interested in the history of the area, as it pertains to Abdie, but I am attaching to this email, an article I recently wrote on my 4th great uncle, one Henry Buist of Berryhill, Abdie. You might be interested in taking a look at it and for your history section, you have my permission to publish it if you deem it worthy. The second article is one I recently wrote also for the University on my 4th great grandfather, one George Buist who was born in Abdie, Fife. I also attach this for your review as well.

Finally, I would like to know if anyone in the area would be interested in starting a local web site geared to the History of Abdie parish? I think it would be worthy of someone that might be interested in doing this with help from myself on the subject. Can you recommend anyone from Abdie? The parish has a rich history and the families of Abdie as well, including the Buist family of long ago, have a story of their own. An example would be in Markinch. Please take a look at www.markinchheritage.org.uk. I thank you very much for your consideration and efforts and look forward to hearing from you. With all good wishes, I am, Very truly yours,

Mike Tracy
USA

Michaeltracy@comcast.net

Henry Buist: A Nobleman & Gentleman of Fife

The Fife Journal reported on the passing of a prominent Fife farmer, Henry Buist, Esquire of Berryhill on Thursday, 16 November 1865. It stated: "In last week's obituary we recorded the death of Henry Buist, Esquire, of Berryhill, at the advanced age of almost ninety-five years. He was cut off after a very short illness. His health throughout his life was excellent, and he retained the use of his faculties to the last, his memory being as vigorous as ever. Having been all his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, he was from the lengthened experience able to recount many changes in the modes of culture. He remembered the commencement of draining of Fife. Lime however was largely applied to the soil before his time. Five or six acres of turnips were reckoned a large extend for a large farm. He remembered the introduction of the thrashing mill, and how crowds went far to see the novel application. He remembered when the most respectable farmers in the county wore the broad blue bonnet, and it was only on the Sabbath that the most aspiring of them exchanged it for the beaver hat. One incident in his history will suffice to show how far tradition may go back; in his boyhood he walked from his father's house near Kettle to Pitlessie, with his grandfather, who was born in 1690. Another such link would carry us back to the days long before the Reformation, and long era of James the First died of a broken heart in Falkland. At one period of his life, he took a part in the Justice of Peace Courts of this district; for domestic life he retained many of the courtesies of the olden time. He was upright and honourable in all his transactions, and many benevolent and charitable institutions will miss the contributions which he afforded them. He was buried in the family burial ground in Abdie Old Church on Monday last."

Henry Buist was born on Friday, 24 May 1771 at Orkie, Kettle Parish, Fife. The first born son of George Buist, feuar and Margaret Low, he later inherited most of his father's vast estates upon his father's death in 1797. He was baptized at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle on Sunday, 26 May 1771.

Early Years

Henry Buist took over the tenancy of Orkie after the death of his father George Buist and later relocated to Weddersbie which is in the Parish of Collessie but near Auchtermuchty. During this same time, he was listed in the 1797-98 Farm Horse Tax, residing at Braeside in Abdie Parish.

According to the tax records he was listed as having

six horses, five of which were held liable to the tax of ten shillings. Furthermore he was also listed as being taxed at Orkie in Kettle Parish.

Henry Buist is also listed in the Survey of the Duty on Clocks and Watches in Kettle Parish.

According to the record, he had a total of one clock at the estate of Orkie and one watch which was silver or metal.

Survey of the Duty on Clocks and Watches, County of Fife, Kettle Parish

As owner of Orkie, Henry Buist on 25 August 1797 was listed in the Window Tax for Kettle Parish. In the Survey of old Window Duty, Orkie shows a total of eleven houses on the estate showing seven windows that were taxed four pounds.

Henry Buist married Helen Walker on Tuesday, 29 December 1807 at Collessie Parish, Fife at the age of 36.

Helen Walker was the daughter of the Reverend Andrew Walker, Minister of Collessie. They had five children: George Buist born on Tuesday, 21 March 1809 at Weddersbrae, Collessie and died on Monday, 29 April 1889; Sophia Duddingstone Buist born on Friday, 5 April 1811 at Weddersbrae, Collessie and died on Thursday, 2 January 1902; Margaret Low Buist born on Wednesday, 11 August 1813 at Weddersbrae, Collessie and died on Thursday, 17 March 1898; Andrew Walker Buist born on Saturday, 31 August 1816 in Abdie and died on Tuesday, 1 May 1877; and Henry Buist born on Tuesday, 18 January 1820 at Berryhill, Abdie and died on Friday, 24 November 1854.

Henry Buist inherited from his father the Abbey of Lindores. Lindores Abbey lies on the outskirts of Newburgh. Now a much reduced and overgrown ruin, it stands on the southern banks of the River Tay about one mile north of the village of Lindores. This abbey was founded as a daughter house of Kelso Abbey about 1191 by David, Earl of Huntingdon, brother of William the Lion. Later monarchs who visited this abbey include Edward I of England, John Balliol, David II and James II. The earliest record of scotch whisky is the 1494 commission from King James IV to Friar John Cor of Lindores Abbey to make about 580 kg of aquavita.

The abbey was sacked by a mob from Dundee in 1543 and again by John Knox and his supporters in 1559. In the following years the abbey buildings were quarried as a source of stone for buildings in Newburgh. All that remains of the abbey are one of the gateways leading into the monastic enclosure; the groin vaulted slype, leading from the cloister garth to the exterior of the abbey and parts of the chancel walls and western tower of the church.

(More next time)

ABERNETHY KEEP ACTIVE CLUB



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In Abernethy
Church Hall



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A giraffe with his head in a tree
Caught the eye of a cute chimpanzee
Said he with a wink, do you fancy a drink?
The highballs tonight are on me

A handsome young weasel called Dune
Fell in love with a pretty young skunk
It's perhaps just as well he had
No sense of smell or he may have
Been doing a bunk

In the ocean a handsome young eel
Was renowned for this great sex appeal
He seduced a young flounder
Left her flat like he found her
Now she knows that the eel was a heel!

An owl while out hunting one night
Was suddenly caught short in mid flight
An astronomer guy gazing up to the sky
Was suddenly deprived of his sight



Rhymist Rab

Abernethy Horticultural Society Events

2014-2015

Meetings will be held in the Masons' Hall, Abernethy at 7:30pm, unless stated otherwise.

10th December 2014 **Return of The Quiz and Gardeners' Question Time, AHS style.** Participation for all, BYO questions.

14th January 2015 **Ken Cox.** It's been many years in the making, but we have finally booked the world renowned Ken Cox of Glendoick. The subject matter remains to be confirmed but it is one not to miss.

11th February 2015 **Pitmedden Forestry.** Jimmy Swan with information on how the trees at Pitmedden are managed, felled and planted and what the future could hold for the forest.

11th March 2015 **AGM.** Plus an update on Nurse Peattie's garden and possibly a guest speaker, TBC nearer the time.

8th April 2015 **Berries.** #Iain Bett was one of Abernethy's berry growers and will fill us in on how the local industry was run, and hopefully give us some tips on growing berries at home.

June 2015, day TBC **The Annual AHS Road Trip** – location and date to be confirmed.

Our annual Garden Day at the Williamson Hall on Saturday September 20 was our most successful yet and raised over £900 which will go towards the refurbishment and restocking of Nurse Peattie's Garden at the entrance to the village in 2015. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day or who came along to support us. Thanks also to our local sponsors Jamesfield Garden Centre. Let's Cook, Senses Salon, Berryfields, Gattaway B&B, The Roost Restaurant, Claudia's Cleaning Company, Glendoick Garden Centre and Branston. We hope even more of you will come along in September 2015.

Our events are held at the Masonic Hall in Main Street and are free to members or £2.50 at the door for non-members. We love to welcome new members at any time. Details of all our events and more information on the Society can be found on our website: www.abernethyhorticultural.co.uk

Abernethy in Bloom?

We are looking to set up an in Bloom group for Abernethy and Aberargie to help make our area an even more beautiful place to live, work and visit. You have probably noticed floral developments in Bridge of Earn in recent years and many of the local villages – Glenfarg, Scotlandwell, Kinnesswood all have well established groups. If you have an hour a month to spare and do not mind getting your hands dirty,

please think about volunteering. We have an information pamphlet for anyone wanting to know more about what we are trying to do. If you would like a copy or would like to volunteer, please contact me: carolinepboyle@hotmail.com or tel 851190

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SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Thank you to all the authors who entered the Village Crier Short Story Competition and CONGRATULATIONS to the winners.

The winner of the Primary 1-3 section was **Kalani Anderson**, age 6.

The Primary 4-7 section was won by **Imogen Graham**, 11, Caley Malcom, 11 was second and Kimi Anderson, 9, was third. Kimi and Kalani's entries were beautifully hand-written.

The Secondary and Adult section was won by **Angela Wright**. Sophia Morren was second and Jimmie Swan and Les McIntosh were joint third.

All prize-winners are invited with their families to the Distributor's Party at the Crees Inn on Thursday, 11th December, 7pm. for 7.30pm., where their prizes will be awarded.

Details of the 2015 writing competition will be in the March issue of the Crier.



I LIKE PLAYING TIG

I like playing tig with all my friends. I usually play it at lunch and break with my friend. Tig uses lots of energy so I need to be strong and healthy at all times. I like being chased more than being the tiger. I think this is a really good fun game and that everyone should love playing it. I do like other games but I like tig the most. I will never stop playing tig and I will always enjoy it. My friends that I play with are so cool to play with. I am proud to be with them.

Kalani Anderson



THE WISH

My Grandma is fantastic. She is the most remarkable woman you have ever seen or heard. She is very popular with everyone because she tells these fantastic stories all about her life.

I go round to her house every Tuesday and Friday and hear them.

'How long have you had your house for?' I asked. 'Aah,' she said, 'there's a story behind that.'

'When I was eighteen I was looking for a house to stay in. As I was driving along I got caught in a storm, but this wasn't just any storm, it was a hurricane I was in the middle of. I was going round and round and all sorts of things came flying past. Tables, cats, dogs, children. Even a zoo! Then I spotted a poor old lady with a stick come flying past so I opened the door and grabbed her.

Then the hurricane slowed down and I was safe. So was the strange old lady.

'Thank you,' she said, 'Although you got rather wet.' because she was standing in a stream.

'To thank you I will make this stream run with gold so you can have three wishes.'

'What are you?' I asked, 'A witch?'

'A witch!' she grinned and with a puff of smoke she disappeared, leaving the stream gold.

'I wish,' I said, 'That I find a house and get a family' A house appeared in front of me and inside was a kind, nice man. Your Grandad.

'But Grandma, what about your third wish?' I asked.

'I still have it,' said my Grandma, 'Look outside at the stream.'

I looked and there were streaks of gold going through it.

'You can use it.' she said to me, 'It is yours.'

So I ran outside to the stream and whispered, 'I wish Grandma will live forever.'

When I went inside Grandma said, 'What did you wish for?'

I said, 'You will find out!'

Imogen Graham



(Short story comp. continued)

THE VIEWING

"Clearly, we're in the middle of farmland. Miles and miles of it."

"Just go a bit further...I think I can see some houses...."

"We're totally lost."

"STOP STRESSING ME I'M DOING MY BEST!"

"Just phone him and say we'll be a wee bit late."

"Pull over then so I can ask him for directions."

"*Directions?* We can't get directions BECAUSE WE'RE TOTALLY LOST!"

And so the light-hearted banter went.

Twenty-five minutes later, we parked up. Still suffering slight emotional bruising from the unnecessary marital spat, we spotted him.

Brian. A cheeky little guy – all '*in your face*' and '*what you lookin' at?*' But, pale and interesting at the same time. There was something intriguing about him; a certain elegance.

Roddy came to the door to greet us.

"Sorry we're late," I said. "Took a wrong turning." Rob – wisely, I thought – said nothing.

We spent the next twenty minutes examining Brian in detail. It was a regimented onslaught. Poor Brian. He was scrutinised, evaluated and objectified. He was poked, prodded and probed. At the end of the examination, it was clear: Brian was perfect. Inside and out. What a guy. He was completely transparent; he had nothing to hide.

It was becoming clearer by the second that we were hopelessly smitten with Brian. I knew it. Rob knew it. Roddy pretended not to know it.

And Brian, with his twirly front seat and his spotless upholstery – he knew it too. He was irresistible. A little mature in years, perhaps, but still a *very attractive proposition*.

With some cock and bull story about further research and financial planning, we left Roddy and Brian behind us that rainy March afternoon. There was a definite air of sadness, just hanging there.

We started the drive home, deep in thought. I spoke first.

"So what did you think?"

"What do *you* think?"

"I asked first...."

"Well.....he's.....interesting. Yes, I'm interested."

"Interesting? Brian? He's PERFECT! Compact. Smart."

"We'll look at the figures....*Brian*....I like him."

"Did you notice, he's got a *twirly seat*."

"He fits the bill. No doubt about that."

"He'll not be there next week. I'm sure of it. He's Highly Desirable."

"Steady on. But he is damn nigh perfect...."

"What are you saying?"

"What are *you* saying?"

"I say: You, Me, Brian and the *Open Road*."

We fell into silence as we hit the Broxden Roundabout. At a time like this, you go home. You have a cup of tea.

You know you're about to do something outrageous.

Angela Wright

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES"

As gossip goes this is a good one....Abernethy Community Cinema, a cinema for all ages - young and old alike.

Information is being gathered to ascertain the viability for a cinema in the village. Newburgh has a Cinema, Blairgowrie and Rattray has a Community Cinema, Glenfarg has a Community Cinema and there is The Birks Cinema in Aberfeldy to name but a few.

For Abernethy Community cinema, all this is still in the early stages with an initial proposal forming. as with most groups, a committee is required and Abernethy Community Cinema is no exception. It is proposed a general meeting will be held and anyone who is interested and/or can help, please do come along. It is anticipated 9 will be needed for the Committee including folk to take care of the usual stuff with posts for a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer but also folk to take responsibility for organising publicity, refreshments and possibly "front of house" (to take care of tickets).

This is a community cinema and it is the community that will get this off the ground and keep it going.

Watch the noticeboard in the square and shop Window for time and venue details.

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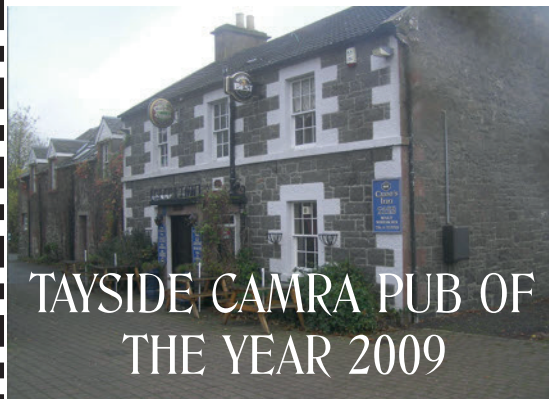


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