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I am writing this on the evening of 28th April. Note the date as you will be reading this at the beginning of June, enjoying beautiful hot sunny weather. When I looked up from my crossword I was astonished to see the heaviest snowfall I have seen since I don't know when. Already the scene is very much a "Winter Wonderland" and darkness has fallen.

It seems unbelievable that earlier today I was having lunch among the ruins of an old dwelling just below the other Castlelaw, i.e. the one above Glenearn, sitting in the sunshine! However in saying that by the time we reached our cars in Forgandenny it had started to rain. All weathers in one day as I believe there was a peel of thunder as well.

You'll notice in the last paragraph I have mentioned "the other Castlelaw". Despite having lived in the area for approaching 50 years I did not know that the high point which can be accessed either from Forgandenny or Bridge of Earn is also called Castlelaw. It seems strange that both points, having been Pictish forts should share the same name. To those of you who walk it is a very good hike, rewarded with a wonderful view when you reach the top. There is a saying that one learns something new every day. That is what I learned that day CASTLELAW 2!

Last March I became involved in one of a series of events organised by a group of pupils from Perth Academy. The project "Flowers of the Forest" is research into those former pupils of the Academy who were killed in WW1 and on the centenary of the death a short service of Remembrance is held.

Contact was made to the Museum that on 17th March 1916 George Clow, Second Lieutenant 9th Black Watch was killed in action and on that day 2016 this ceremony would be held in his memory to which any interested parties were invited. George Clow was an uncle of my late husband and so I attended the commemoration. I was very impressed with the amount of interest and work which is going into the project including visits to the War Graves in France and Belgium. In May the group is coming to the museum to see the display devoted to George Clow.

I am rambling on a bit about what I have been doing so time to change the subject.

I would like to see a Diary in The Crier. It is important for us all to know what is going on and when so that events don't clash. I realise that The Crier is issued only quarterly but most events are organised at least 3 months ahead.

It would also be helpful if a list of office-bearers for each organisation was published. This would be especially helpful for new people coming into the village. Every house in the Parish of Abernethy and Dron receives a copy of The Crier so everyone gets the information.

Have a great summer everyone and enjoy the Great Outdoors in glorious sunshine (I hope).

Hilda Clow



EDITOR'S VIEW

There seems to be a recurring trend within some of the dog owning community of Abernethy. Unfortunately we seem to cover this topic again and again in the Crier but it annoys so many people I feel there is a need to bring it up time and time again, but this time it is slightly different.



At Hatton Road, The Powrie Park and the Quarry road up past the Williamson Hall, they seem to be the hot spots for this strange behaviour.

That strange practice is putting dog poo into a plastic bag and placing it at the side of the road, throwing it into the bushes or even hanging it on a tree like a Christmas decoration. I am not the cleverest person in the world but I find it very difficult to understand the logic behind this.

I think I have invited those dog owners in previous Criers to write in and explain the reason behind this strange behaviour, so far they have declined my invitation, I wonder why!

There are many responsible dog owners in the villages who remove their dogs droppings and we are all grateful to them for doing so.

Come on, the rest of us deserve an explanation why you do this.

In a thousand years when the Time Team unearth a green plastic bag with a brown thing in it, what will they think?

The Ed.

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Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

NURSE PEATTIE'S GARDEN

It was a good turn out on Saturday 7th May for the unveiling of the new information signboard at Nurse Peattie's Garden and to celebrate fifty years since it opened. Although this is the site of the community Xmas Tree and a major feature of the village only one Community Councillor was present at the ceremony.



The weather was good and many villagers enjoyed light refreshments in the beautifully transformed

garden although some perhaps were a little overcome by it all.



The floral display made for a delightful atmosphere for all who were there and there was quite a light hearted and community feel to it all. Hopefully further meetings can be held in this delightful refuge in the village.

Well done to all who got involved in the hours of hard work and the physical graft of refurbishing the garden and to the sponsors who funded it. You are a credit to the community.



A special mention must be made of the sign which has been crafted in glazed tiles by Caroline Boyle.

LM

The Great War

5.6.16

HMS Hampshire is sunk off Orkney Islands.

Lord Kitchener is lost along with 643 crewmen

TENNIS NEWS

Abernethy Tennis Club is delighted to announce the launch of a brand new website. Please visit www.abernethytennisclub.co.uk where you will find information on the club, announcements of events such as open days, coaching sessions, a members' section and more. We have also launched a Facebook page: search for 'Abernethy Tennis Club'. The club plans to organise several events over the summer months and as always we would welcome new members. The courts are available at most times and it would be great to see them being used on a regular basis. Current members and anyone who is interested in tennis are very welcome to attend. Contact details of the committee are available on the website. We are a friendly bunch so come along, give it a go and make the most of the long summer days!



Andrew Fynn

TREASURER REQUIRED FOR THE MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

As I (Lesley Robinson) have taken over as Chair at the Museum we are actively looking for a new Treasurer to take over from me. The following is a brief resume of the tasks involved.

- Collect and bank
 - Donations during the open season
 - Shop money during the open season
 - Membership money
 - Any other money from fundraising etc
- Pay all Invoices
- Keep up to date accounting records
- Liaise with all suppliers to get best deal for Museum
- Present and agree year end accounting records to Independent Examiner
- Update the OSCR annual return online
- Send Year End Accounts to The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

If you are interested and feel that you can contribute to the running of this fantastic local resource then please email me secretary@museumofabernethy.co.uk, marked for my attention, or phone me on 850038.

Lesley Robinson

ABERNETHY COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Abernethy Community Cinema is holding a Quiz Night in the Williamson Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 10.th June 2016.

£3 per person (teams of 4) plus a raffle.

Due to the tremendous turn out last year it is best to book a table in advance.

For any further information contact Jan 07949 840749

Abernethy
Community Cinema

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COMMUNITY CINEMA


JUNE 10 2016

QUIZ NIGHT


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Teams of 4

Quizmaster - David Millar
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LOTTERY FUNDED

The Great War

5.6.16

With British support (led by T.E. Lawrence), Hussein, grand sherif of Mecca, leads an Arab revolt against the Turks in the Hejaz

FROM OUR PKC COUNCILLOR

I am delighted and honoured to have been elected as one of the 3 councillors for the Almond and Earn Ward, returning again to represent Abernethy. Due to my election to P&K Council there is now another vacancy on Abernethy Community Council. I do hope someone will consider becoming a member of the Community Council. I did enjoy my few months as a member of Abernethy CC I will continue to attend meetings when possible as an elected member of P&K council.

Much has changed in Abernethy since I was first elected in 1999. I represented Abernethy & Glenfarg until 2007. Multi member wards changed all that.

My first few weeks as a Councillor has been rather like moving on to a new school, finding my way around the building, finding out whose who and who does what. So far so good.

My first Council meeting takes place on 18th May, at that meeting I will be appointed to a committee. I have attended 2 Community Councils and look forward to working with all the communities.

I can be contacted by email kathleenbaird@pkc.gov.uk or 01738475086/mobile 07584206839. Hope to see you at Community events.

Councillor Kathleen Baird

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DO YOU KNOW WE ARE HERE?

We need you... our numbers are declining as some of the little ones from **Abernethy Baby and Toddler Group** have moved on to nursery and school. This group is an essential part of village life for new parents and carers. We need to boost our numbers to help us stay open for the village.

We meet on a Tuesday and Thursday between 9.30am and 11.30am. Children from birth up to 5 are welcome and it is only £2.50 a session, which includes tea/coffee and biccys for the adults and a healthy snack for the children.

We are a friendly group and its a great way to meet people if you are new to the village.

Your first visit is free so please come along for a friendly chat and lots of fun for the little ones.

If you would like any further information please contact Rachel on 07775 854705.

Rachel Blues

POPPY SCOTLAND 2015

Thank you very much to all those that donated to Poppy Scotland for 2015. It has been a big learning curve for me personally in my first full year from taking over the organising reins from Ian Cartwright. It is with great gratitude to Ian and his late wife Pat, for organising the collection in Abernethy for many years.

I am delighted to announce the total for 2015 again was over £1000, our TOTAL was £1094.44

This would not be possible without the numerous collectors that gave up their time to do all the door to door street collections, especially in the late dark nights of late October early November. I must also thank the local business outlets, the school and the church.

If anybody would be willing to help out in the future, I am short of one street collector and it would also be good to have a reserve helper on hand for 2016, please get in touch (my phone no. 850161).

A note for your diary, the Poppies: Weeping Window display is coming to the Black Watch Museum in Perth (the only display announced so far for 2016 in Scotland), 29 June - 25 September 2016. If you remember the display at Windsor Castle I am sure it will be stunning no matter what scale.

Many thanks again.

Pauline Jamieson

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

My name is Lesley Robinson and I am delighted to have recently taken over from Rachel Cheer as the chair of the Museum of Abernethy.

I have been involved with the Museum since 2008 and am part of the Collections Management Group, helping them with their IT needs and have been on the Board as the Treasurer since 2009.

I would like to welcome Rachel Johnson (Secretary) and Carolyn Smart (Social Committee Representative) and welcome back Irene McLaren (Volunteer Secretary) to the board. I am ably assisted by them plus Sally Rose (Tayside Landscape Project Manager), Sonja Mainprize (Membership Secretary) and Angus Macintyre (Fabric & Maintenance). Thank you all for being on the board and helping to run the Museum so efficiently.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who have been working tirelessly to get the Museum ready to open for the season on 7th May and all the volunteers that help the Museum to open and function throughout the year – without you we could not function.

Our fantastic new display is our newly refurbished Pictish Stones, paid for by the Tayside Landscape Project (for more information see Sally's article). Many thanks go to Sally Rose for all her hard work in organising the refurbishment of the stones and the display board.

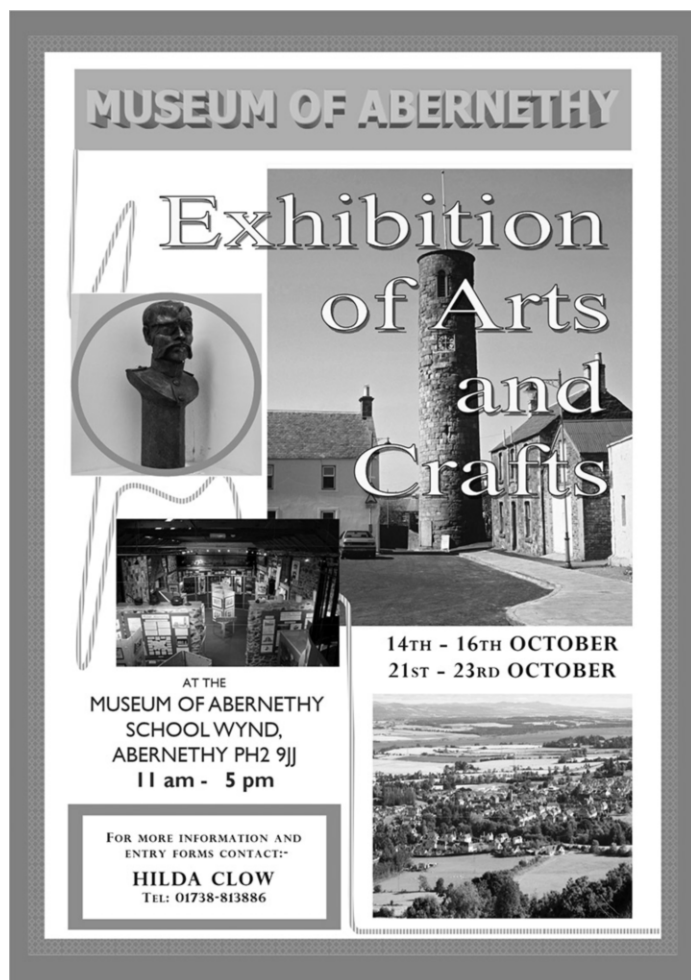
We also have a large number of displays about Abernethy life from prehistoric through Pictish times to the present as well as a children's corner with new Pictish activities for the children to enjoy.

We are open every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2pm to 5pm until 02 October.

If you wish to become a member of the Museum, your support would be greatly appreciated. As well as the satisfaction being involved in a fantastic local resource, you will also be invited to a number of events throughout the year. For more information please call the Museum on 850889 or look at the website www.museumofabernethy.co.uk or email me at secretary@museumofabernethy.co.uk.

I look forward to welcoming many of you to the museum when you come to see our new display and find out more about the life and times of our charming ancient burgh and parish.

Lesley Robinson



The poster for the Museum of Abernethy exhibition features a collage of images: a bust of a man, a stone tower, a museum interior, and a landscape. The text on the poster reads: 'MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY', 'Exhibition of Arts and Crafts', '14TH - 16TH OCTOBER', '21ST - 23RD OCTOBER', 'AT THE MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY SCHOOL WYND, ABERNETHY PH2 9JJ', '11 am - 5 pm', and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORMS CONTACT: HILDA CLOW TEL: 01738-813886'.

THE ABERNETHY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The council members for 2016/17 are.....

- Colin Morrison Chairman
- Alistair Robinson Secretary
- Donna Gillespie Treasurer.
- Peter Glennie
- Doug. Cleaton
- Angus McIntyre
- Jimmy Swan

THANK YOU

My grateful thanks go to all those who contributed to the JustGiving appeal for the Xmas Tree Lights. This appeal raised £465 which included one donation of £200 and another of £100.

Les McIntosh

TAY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

As many Crier readers will be aware the two Pictish stones, which have been lying on the floor of the Museum for the past 15 years, were taken away in October for cleaning and conservation. This work has now been completed by Richard West, a very experienced stone conservator based in Selkirk, and the Museum's Collection Management Group are delighted with the results. The stones are now mounted upright on plinths, with LED lights directed onto the stones in order to enhance their markings. To accompany the stones we have a new display board providing information about the Picts, focussing on Abernethy and our own Pictish stones. In addition we have taken the opportunity to have the stones digitally scanned by AOC Archaeology, resulting in the production of 3D virtual models of the stones along with detailed digital files for our archives. Some of the digital images and models are available to view on the Museum's website:

www.museumofabernethy.co.uk

We have also been able to use TayLP funding to employ two students to undertake the time-consuming task of transcribing some of our oral history recordings. During the course of the 2016 season we hope to be able to upload further excerpts from these recordings onto the Museum's oral history hub.

By the time you are reading this edition of the Crier our second Wee Big Dig should be underway. This year it is taking place a little earlier, to coincide with Perthshire Archaeology month, on 3-5 June, with Friday 3rd June as a focus day for school pupils to take part in the digging of some trial pits in the centre of the village.

On 4th and 5th June the Museum will be open from 10 – 5 and we will be running events with a Pictish focus. On Saturday this will include the highlight of a stone carving workshop with Susheila Jamieson, where visitors will have the opportunity to use tools and mallets to carve Pictish symbols in relief on lightweight block. During the morning the Museum's Social Committee will be running a coffee morning in the Williamson Hall, where other activities with an archaeology focus will also be taking place.

During the Wee Big Dig Open Day on the Sunday visitors are invited to follow a self-guided trail to visit some of the digs, and there will be opportunities for you and your family to have a go at digging too. Running alongside the excavations, activities in and around the Museum and the Round Tower will continue. For further information about the weekend's activities see posters around the village, come along to the Museum, or visit either of these websites:

www.taylp.org or www.museumofabernethy.co.uk

The Tay Landscape Partnership has reached the half-way point in its four year programme, and all of us involved in the Museum are delighted with the way in which the Museum and the village have benefitted from TayLP support. Additional activities are planned for the next two years, including an archaeological dig on Castlelaw in 2017. Watch this space!

Sally Rose

THE INN

I visited the Inn the other night and noticed on the wall an award that I hadn't noticed before. This was a certificate marking the fact that The Inn had been one of three regional finalists in the Friendliest Pub of the Year competition. The other finalists were The Muirs at Kinross and the Old Mill Inn at Pitlochry. They had been nominated for this by customers and were then judged by mystery customers who turned up unannounced and didn't make themselves known to the staff. Quite an achievement for The Inn you might think, but consider how much Grant and Lisa have done for the village. They have supported the Abernethy Community Cinema for a film night, they provide outside catering for many



functions and events in the village and now they have removed the pool table upstairs and provided a venue for meetings and small functions. Without this all the planning and administrative meetings of our local organisations would be having to be held in individuals' houses.

This year Grant is hoping to enter the SLTN (Scottish Licensed Trades News) awards in the Independent Pub/Bar of the Year category. I wish him well in this and looking around The Inn you can see why he deserves success with his entry. If you haven't been there recently I suggest you might be pleasantly surprised by the whole experience, nice décor, well furnished, cask ales, selection of malts, ever widening selection of gins, including some of the new Scottish craft gins and, most importantly, very pleasant, professional and friendly staff.

The Inn is hoping to stage some kind of summer community event in the park this year although at the

time of writing it is still in embryonic state. Keep your eyes and ears open for news of this which I am sure will be a very welcome addition to the village calendar.



Les McIntosh

ABERNETHY COMMUNITY CINEMA

Abernethy Community Cinema held their first Annual General Meeting last month taking stock of the usual stuff (in no particular order); finances; committee members and volunteers and reflection on how we've done so far and what we should do in the future. We have said sadly said good-bye to some who have supported us but happily said hello to others. Our *others* have joined us bringing fresh ideas and grateful support as we couldn't do what we do without each and every one – thank you (you know who you are). If you're interested in Abernethy Community Cinema you can come along to any of our meetings, you'll be most welcome.

Our campaign to raise money has been gratefully supported (thank you) bringing in necessary financial support which has got us through our first year and we continue raising money to get us through our second year... you will see us at the Fete on 28th May also we aim to run a Treasure Hunt later in the year... to mention just a few fundraisers. Our next 'big' fundraiser will be our Quiz on 10th June. We were thrilled at the turn out last year, having to bring out more chairs and double up tables; so ask you book your table for this year. We are asking for £3.00 per head and for a team of 4.

For any of our events, you can find out what's on and reserve seats at any time - please see below. We commence our next season in August with Paddington (PG) followed by the action thriller 007 film Spectre (12) in October. The successful 'bring-your-own' continues so please do bring whatever you'd like... crisps, popcorn, wine, juice, sandwiches... whatever you like.

To date we have shown a varying genre of film with varying results in attendance but here comes the same old adage 'if you don't use it you will lose it'. Williamson Hall continues with their maintenance and upgrading making the Hall a very pleasant place to be in an evening for a film show. We offer tea/coffee/juice/biscuits during our intermission which we have found brings out the chat and a more

community feel to the experience of attending a film show and we really enjoy this bit of our events.

Looking to 2016/2017 we have sadly, despite requests for films for youngsters in our population, had poor attendance for films for our younger audience. We will try again but we are seriously considering not specifically allocating time for Universal films due to lack of attendance.

You can contact us via our web page at abernethycommunitycinema.co.uk or through Facebook: Abernethy Community Cinema; via e-mail at abernethycommunitycinema@gmail.com (we can put you on our e-mailing list too) or the good 'old fashioned way' by telephone – call Jan 07949840749. (Twitter is work in progress).

Jan

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How to Enter
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Remember the closing date is 31st July 2016
Winning entries will appear in future editions of The Crier.

Anyone in the distribution area can enter

The Great War

1.7.16

Battle of the Somme sees
750,000 allied soldiers in action.

REMEMBER THE PERSON

June this year is an important month in the calendar. Why? Because it hosts both **Dementia Awareness**

Week (30th May – 6th June) and **National Carers**

Week (6th – 12th June). For us this is an opportunity to raise awareness not only of the importance of helping people in our community to live well with dementia but also of the need to be supportive to those who care for them.

So, what is dementia? Well, the term refers to a number of conditions which affect the brain and have a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving and language. This means that everyday tasks become more difficult and a person may take longer to process thoughts and react to situations. It is a progressive disease, and the symptoms may gradually get worse, but never the less, particularly in the early stages, people living with dementia can continue to lead full and active lives, participating in hobbies and activities with perhaps a little extra support and understanding from those around them.

Having dementia does not necessarily mean that you are old or infirm, stuck at home or unable to enjoy life; many people remain physically fit and active. However, as there are no outward signs that a person has dementia – no plaster cast or bandage– this can sometimes lead to misunderstandings when for example a person's words or behaviours are misconstrued or cause offence. This is difficult not only for the person living with dementia but also for the person who cares for them.

On a positive note, we should feel honoured and privileged that each and every one of us can make a valuable difference. In offering positive encouragement and support to people living with dementia, they can continue to be the valued members of the community they have always been.

National Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities. This year the focus is on carer friendly communities which support carers to look after their family or friends well, while recognising that they are individuals with needs of their own. It is estimated that 3 in 5 of us will become carers at some point in our lives, perhaps to a spouse or elderly relative, or even a friend or neighbour. Many people would not identify themselves as being a carer, seeing the role as a natural extension of their relationship, and yet the tasks they perform and support they provide are essential in maintaining the health and well-being of the person they

care for. Caring can be a rich source of satisfaction in people's lives. It can be life-affirming. It can help deepen and strengthen relationships.

But without the right support caring can also have a devastating impact. Evidence shows that caring can cause ill health, and social isolation. When caring is intensive and unsupported you can struggle to hold down a job, get a night's sleep, stay healthy and maintain your relationships with friends and family.

In supporting carers in the Perth area we often hear of the challenges they face.

Families and friends, neighbours and community members are an essential source of support for carers, providing emotional and practical help with their caring role. Not all carers find it easy to talk to relatives and friends about the care they are providing and the strain it places on them. The stresses and pressures of caring can make it difficult to maintain relationships with friends and to continue living a full and involved life within the community. Carers Week gives **you** a great opportunity to talk to them about their caring role, understand what they do and its impact on them, practically and emotionally. Sometimes just asking the simple question, 'how is it going for you?' or 'can I do anything to help you,' is enough. Supporting the carer enables them to better support the person they care for to continue to live a fulfilling life within our neighbourhood and communities.

You too can make a difference!

Heather Reid

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Chinese new year event on the 6th of February at the pavilion. We raised £570.66 with the money being shared between the pavilion and Cornhill Hospice.

We would like to thank Branston for their donation of £200, this was used for the food and the money left over was added to the money raised from the night.

We would also like to thank Jamesfield Garden Centre and Jamesfield fFrm Shop for their donations for the raffle. Also other various businesses in and around Perth. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets and who handed in raffle prizes and donations. Also thanks to Andy Chan from Chans restaurant in Perth for providing a lot of the decorations for the night. Everyone was very generous and we really appreciated it.

Many thanks

Ang and Mo

MUSICAL MEMORIES

Great Cities inspire great songs. I just have to hear Frank Sinatra launch into "Start spreading the news, I'm leaving today" to make me want to pack my case and head off to "New York, New York" a city which sadly I have never visited, unlike my better half who enjoyed a wonderful few days there in her time as a travel agent and my eldest grandson who went on a school trip. Changed days. In my time it was a day in Edinburgh with visits to the Castle and the Zoo. Nor did I have the opportunity to leave my heart in San Francisco and I have to take Sinatra's word for it that Chicago is a wonderful town. So much for the U.S.A. I guess that more songs have been written about Paris than any other city. My first visit during "April in Paris", or was it May? To see Scotland beat France one-nil in a friendly match at the Colombes Stadium. Hardly romantic but I do have memories of strolling "Under the Bridges of Paris" on a later visit. Another lyric goes "The last time I saw Paris my heart was young and gay" Not really with a wife and three children in tow and the prospect of the long drive back to our caravan in Normandy ahead of us. My failure to toss a coin or three into the Trevi Fountain on my one and only visit to the Eternal City meant that as I sadly said "Arrivederci Roma" I would not be returning much to my regret. A day trip from the Costa del Sol ensured that "Granada" had me under its spell! A visit to the Generalife gardens had me thinking for a moment that I had stumbled on the Spanish branch of the insurance company where I started my working career. It was sad to say "Goodnight Vienna" where we went to celebrate our Silver Wedding but we enjoyed a sail on "The beautiful Blue Danube". Not that it is very blue, more a muddy grey. We did return on a day trip when holidaying in the Salskammergut where we enjoyed "The Sound of Music". A couple of brief visits convinced us that Copenhagen is indeed Wonderful. Back in my bachelor days I sadly failed to break the bank at Monte Carlo although I did try. A fool and his money are easily parted!! London, where we went to celebrate our Golden Wedding probably holds most memories, for myself in particular. Back in the late 1940s when the smog descended I can recall many "A Foggy Day in London Town, had me low, had me down" but for the songwriter an encounter with the girl of his dreams "and through foggy London town the sun was shining everywhere". I may not be a Londoner but I do love London Town. My favourite lyric is "That certain night, the night we met, there was magic abroad in the air, there were angels dining at the Ritz and a Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square I may be right, I may be wrong, but I'm perfectly willing to swear, that when you turned and smiled at me a nightingale sang in Berkeley Square" I couldn't afford to dine at the Ritz, Lyons Corner House was more my

style. Nearer to home I spent many a happy hour-and-a-half basking in the "Sunshine on Leith", long before the Proclaimers first saw the light of day, watching Hibs Famous Five weave their magic on the hallowed turf at Easter Road Stadium. In conclusion despite all the gloom and doom that we hear on the daily news, in the words of one of my all-time favourites, Louis Armstrong "It's a Wonderful World".

Bob Macdonald

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Important announcement: from August's community council meeting onwards the venue will be the Williamson Hall. Now there is a fuller attendance at our meetings we feel the hall offers more flexibility to cater for unpredictable numbers but there is the added bonus that the rental monies remain within the community rather than simply being recycled back to PKC as we formerly had when we used the school.

With the local by-election and then Scottish Parliament elections, business has been comparatively quiet but there are three topics to note:

The restructured community council seems to be working well as by allocated specific responsibilities to specific individuals we can draw on their experience and interests; this allows each of us to focus on our particular area and provides a single point of contact for the community. The community council remit is actually quite closely bounded by PKC's operational policies so it is surprising that we are seeing increasing calls for community council involvement in initiatives such as healthcare in the community and anti-social behaviour: there is general agreement that none of us have the requisite qualifications, skills or experience to make a worthwhile contribution, we believe this is something far better and more effectively managed by health professionals and the police force.

It is gratifying and comforting to see regular police attendance at our meetings: it provides the community with the opportunity to raise issues and in return we hear first hand about how the police are tackling crime in our area. Police Scotland reassure us that crime is comparatively light within our area, what there is, is opportunistic so for our part we should ensure that sheds and garages are locked, tools removed overnight from vans but also that we remain vigilant to people and vehicles within our community. Police Scotland occasionally run crime awareness events, details of which we will post to the Abernethy Community Council website.

April's meeting saw a presentation on the proposed enlargement of the anaerobic digester within the Binn Eco Park. We had considerable concerns that a greatly enlarged facility would see a return of the odour problem that blighted our area; what we heard gave us some reassurance that the new operator takes seriously his responsibility to run the plant efficiently, effectively and *"with zero effect on the community"*. We remain optimistic but we made clear that we will call him to task for any breaches.

Colin Morrison

ABERNETHY, DRON & ARNGASK CHURCH NEWS



Locum minister; We welcome Rev Douglas Main who has kindly come to lead us until we are able to call a new minister.

Contact details;

Minister@abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk.

Telephone; 01738 860 867. A committee has now been set up to search for a longer term minister.

Morning worship for 2016 takes place in **Abernethy at 9.30 am** and in Glenfarg at 11am. **On the last Sunday of each month we meet at 11am**, together with the Glenfarg part of our congregation, while alternating locations.

On 31st July the service will be in Abernethy. On June 26th, Aug 7th, Sept 28th services will be in Glenfarg, all at 11am. There will be no services in Abernethy on these three Sundays. Anyone wishing transport to Glenfarg may contact Kathleen Baird on 01337 840 218.

Children's Sunday club meets in school term time during the morning service at each location. Please bring yourself and the children along for a time of fun, games, crafts, Bible stories and songs. Outwith term time there are always toys and books in the adjacent hall cupboard for younger children to play with. Drinks and refreshments are served after most services. You will be very welcome to join us at either church.

Cream Teas /Sale - Thank you to all of the adults and children who came and hopefully enjoyed the afternoon with us. Thanks to all who helped or contributed in any way. Around £800 was raised.

Open Doors

The Church is open on every second Tuesday afternoon

while teas and coffees are served in the adjacent hall between 2.30 and 4pm. Please come and join us.

Village 'Welcome' packs

The packs contain useful village information, telephone numbers, activities in Abernethy plus the current bus timetable. The plastic folders may be picked up from the church vestibules. If you want to welcome someone new moving in to your street, why not collect a pack and add something to it – perhaps a packet of Abernethy biscuits or some flowers! The information sheets are also in the museum and Berryfields tearoom. The information will be updated regularly but if you are aware of any errors or omissions in the current version, please let Celia King know on Tel: 851 010.

Church/ adjacent Church hall bookings

The Church (with the Minister's permission) and the adjacent church hall are available for hire. To enquire about charges and book the facilities please contact Elizabeth Taylor on 01738 850 477.

Website

www.abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk for more information

Celia King (on behalf of the church)

It is with regret.....that we hear of the death of Kevin Finn.
Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

THE BURNS CLUB OF ABERNETHY

The Burns Club of Abernethy
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On Station Road, in the paddock you will usually see four ponies grazing. They are all stars in their own ways but Arabelle, known as Bella, is a Superstar.

She is going to receive a glass engraved with her portrait as she has completed 5,000 kilometres in official Endurance rides in Scotland, England and Ireland.

This is an astonishing feat. She is a 13.2 half Welsh/half Arab pony and is often the smallest pony amongst the Arabs and Anglo-Arabs who compete at long distances but she loves to go and enjoys her rides. Endurance riders are not allowed to carry whips for long distances so both horse and rider have to have the spirit and fitness to keep going. A season of hunting with the Fife Draghunt gave her a boost.



In 2008 Bella was Scottish Endurance Champion. She competed for Scotland in the Home Internationals held in Ireland and in 2009 she won the National 160km. (100 miles!) race in the Dukeries. She started at 6.30am and finished in the dusk, just after 9pm and then passed a tough vet. inspection.

She deserved a break and in 2012 she started her Maternity Leave and her foal, Flora, a chestnut filly, was born in June. She was back out doing Endurance Rides the following spring and has lost none of her drive and enthusiasm. She enjoys short rides of 20 or 30km with her Connemara friend Fennela but can complete 80km over Cumbrian Fells or Berwickshire Hills.



This April she rode 115 km round Loch Ness in three days and was the only horse to manage all three days.

The Scottish Endurance Riding Club (SERC) is not just about vast distances on flashy Arabs. Most people ride the very popular Pleasure rides of 20km. Many are happy to stay at this level. They have to reach a minimum speed. It not just a gentle hack. They win trophies for the km they accumulate or for riding in different areas. They enjoy camaraderie and wonderful routes. All breeds of horse and pony are having a great time.

Bella is 22years old and she still has lots to look forward to.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Heather Rodger for winning the Burns Club of Abernethy Shield for the best performance at Abernethy Primary School's Scots Verse competition day. Heather then went on to compete in the Perth Burns Club Schools competition open to pupils within Perth and Kinross and there she won the Robert Donachy Quaich for solo singing and the Ruth Lumsden Quaich for solo verse speaking. This qualified Heather to go forward to the semi finals of the Burns Federation competition for Scotland at Falkirk, and there she won through to the Scottish Final for her solo singing. Although not in the prize winners in the final, Heather scored very high marks in a competition where competitors from all over Scotland compete to a very high standard and her experience will stand her in good stead if she decides to compete again next year. Very well done Heather.

Ian Bett, Secretary, Burns Club of Abernethy

PERTSHIRE STAR CAMP

I am aiming to organise a Star Camp in Powrie Park with folk arriving on Friday 30th September and leaving on Monday 3rd

October. We are a quiet, friendly bunch of folk with a keen interest in the stars, planets and galaxies. Some of you still remember the evening

I presented at Halloween some years ago now. We will have our telescopes set up to observe and photograph the night sky. It is also a time we use to exchanging knowledge and tips with one another.

To date I have had a lot of interest logged and it is anticipated there will be approximately 40 tents camped in the park. Cosmos Planetarium also plan to make an appearance for us. I have been grateful to the Pavilion who have agreed to allow us to use their facilities allowing us to make this a place to meet should the weather become inclement. For health and safety I am currently risk assessing to meet the requirements for Perth & Kinross Council. I hope to have all relevant



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paperwork completed and approval soon. I am confident this event will bring business into Abernethy and if successful, it may be ***Powrie Park Star Camp*** will become an annual event in the astronomers calendar.

The schedule, at present, means there will be an ***open evening*** for people to come along to meet fellow astronomers and view the night sky with the equipment brought along. I understand this park is popular with both dog walkers and children wishing to play on the swings however there will be many tent guy ropes, telescopes and equipment about; I have yet to provide a plan for these visitors, therefore I would ask that anyone wishing to come along make themselves known before entering into the Star Camp area for safety reasons. All this will be subject to permission being obtained from Perth & Kinross Council and the Community Council.

Astronomers have an etiquette ensuring consideration for others. To ensure both safety and etiquette I aim to have areas lit with light sticks to show the way into the Star Camp area. Please do not bring torches as some astronomers may be taking photographs requiring very long exposures; pointing a torch at any telescope could ruin the opportunity of a good photograph.

I will have more information nearer the time however if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me 01738 850930 or 07759 643976. . I hope you will support this event.

WATCH THIS "SPACE"

David Millar

THE BURNS CLUB OF ABERNETHY

The Club held it's AGM in the Mason's Hall on Thursday 14th April 2016.

To a packed hall, with standing room only, Margaret Folan welcomed the excited crowd. Ian Bett then read out the AGM minutes from last year, they were duly proposed and seconded. President Folan reported on the past year as well as the 2016 Burn's supper. Treasurer Folan (same person) presented the financial situation of the club, the crowd went mad, the accounts were proposed and seconded.

Election of Office Bearers

President Margaret Folan

Secretary & Vice President Ian Bett

Treasurer Margaret Folan (same person)

Ordinary Members (but really not that ordinary)

Billy Folan (husband of President)

Jimmy Calderwood

Brenda Calderwood (wife of above, what does she see in him?)

Margaret Mair

Jimmy Swan

Gavin Davie (he has some letters after his name but I cannae mind what)

Pam Fyffe

The meeting agreed to donate £50 to Jim Aitken in support of his charity bike ride and £50 to the Xmas Tree Lights Appeal.

The meeting was closed and the assembled crowd had wine and shortbread.

See, if you had come along, you too could have had wine and shortie.

The poster is for a 'Come Along to MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY'S COFFEE MORNING' event. It features a large spoon graphic. Text on the poster includes: 'Come Along to MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY'S COFFEE MORNING', 'SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 10 - 12 NOON', 'ADMISSION £2. 00', 'TOMBOLA', 'BAKING', 'PRODUCE', 'At the Williamson Hall Abernethy', 'ALL CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS WELCOME', and 'HELPING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MUSEUM'.

The Great War

June - August 1916

Turkish forces, led by Enver Pasha, are defeated by the Russians in the Caucasus

ABERNETHY IN BLOOM

Nurse Peattie's Garden - 50th Birthday

On 7 May we celebrated 50 years of Nurse Peattie's with a party to mark the end of Phase 1 of renovations to the garden. About 60 people came along on one of the first warm days of the gardening season and we were delighted to welcome three representatives of the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland to unveil the new sign and begin a new era for the garden. We had a lovely feature article in the Courier which provided personal testimony of a much loved figure. If you haven't visited Nurse Peattie's recently please do go along and sit on one of the benches and relax in the sunshine. We hope we have made a place people will enjoy and want to make greater use of. There is a new fence, new gravel, new walling, replanted beds and various features designed to honour Nurse Peattie's long career in the village. Renovation work was a great team effort by all in Abernethy in Bloom with generous help and support from Abernethy Horticultural Society, Perth and Kinross Council, local firms Branston, Binn, FSEW Ltd, and Jamesfield Garden Centre. Special thanks are due to Frank Cadger who did the wonderful joinery for the new sign at the entrance to the garden. The children in Mrs Hepburn's class at the Primary School held a competition to make special welcome posters for the event and Lucy Jones aged 7 designed the winning poster. Due to a very generous donation from Branston we are now in a position to start Phase 2 of our works which will include new steps and handrail, the cleaning of the memorial stones and a new archway.

Christmas Lights Fund

Hot off the press news is that we have reached our target of £2,000 for the installation of electricity in the garden and purchase of Christmas lights. Thanks to everyone in the village who donated to Abernethy in Bloom or via the Just Giving site. The whip round we held on May 7 got us to the finishing post. We hope to make Christmas in Abernethy even more special this year.

Bloomin' Marvellous Container Competition

Last year we launched the Abernethy Container Competition and had a fantastic number of entrants from all parts of the village. We are running the competition again this year with a judging date of the last Saturday in July. Like last year we are looking for the most beautiful planted container. Any container will do – tub, window box, hanging basket, trough, barrel, whatever you have that you can grow something in. There are no

formal rules as to size or what plants to use and no particular theme. The judges will be looking for something healthy, colourful and eye-catching which brightens up your street or garden.

Containers should be visible from the road or pathway to make judging easy. Prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded.

We have also been asked to run a second competition for the best Bloomin' street. So why not try and persuade your neighbours to enter and have a go at winning the best street, road, wynd prize.

To enter just complete the form below or download a form from: www.abernethyhorticultural.co.uk or pick one up from the following:

Maureen Corbishley 1 Ballo Braes
Bill Christie 31 Castlelaw Crescent
Margaret Donaldson Rowan Bank Back Dykes
Ian Lamond 12 The Glebe
or the front desk at the Museum.

Return it by the end of June indicating how many containers you are entering. All entrants will be notified in advance of when judging will take place.

Look out for posters round the village too.

As summer fast approaches Abernethy in Bloom will be planting up our own containers throughout the village. We are aiming to make a very colourful splash this year.

If you would like to get involved with the work of Abernethy in Bloom - and we always welcome new people - please get in touch.

Ian Lamond Chairman & Caroline Boyle Secretary
Abernethy in Bloom

See page 14 for entry form.

**The Great War
27.8.16**

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– SUMMER 2016



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STREET ENTRY FORM

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ORGANISER:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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EMAIL:.....

Please return completed forms to the museum
before the end of June

ABERNETHY SWI

In March we had a Demonstration on "Middle Eastern/Asian Cooking" with Rekha Cairns, and we sampled her dishes which were all very much enjoyed.

Competitions: "3 Samosas" 1st Pat Miller, 2nd Liz Farmer, 3rd Caroline Pye. "Flower of the Month" 1st Karen Jerrard, 2nd Elizabeth Taylor, 3rd Jane Sanderson.

Also in March we held a "Quiz" in the Masonic Hall. Eight teams took part and everyone enjoyed the evening. Winners were "The Brig Babes".

In April we held our "Open Night" in the Masonic Hall – which took the form of a Four Corners Demonstration – Fabric Boxes, Upholstery, Cards, & Flower Arranging.

Competitions: "Small Arrangement with 3 blooms" 1st Pat Miller, 2nd Evelyn Scobie, 3rd Ann Christie. "Flower of the Month" 1st Elizabeth Taylor, 2nd Ann Christie, 3rd Liz Farmer.

Last Meeting for the Session was our **AGM** on Wed 18th May. There was a Talk by Caroline Boyle on "Abernethy in Bloom". **Competitions:** "Fruit Drink (non-alcoholic)" & "Flower of the Month".

Meetings start up again on Wed 21st September 2016. Please see Village Notice Board and Abernethy, Perthshire Facebook Page for further information nearer the time.

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If you require more information please contact Evelyn Scobie on 01738 850496 or 07719240294.



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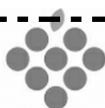
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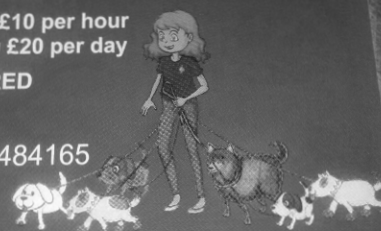
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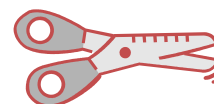
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