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THE FLAG, THE FISH AND THE CHIMES

How long has it been now, two years, three years or is it more?

Is it going to take much longer to replace the fish, the flag and get the clock chiming again?

For very many years these have been part of the Village's history and culture until they were damaged in that gale.

The Tower is an official flag flying station, the fish an important part of Abernethy and district's industrial past and the clock, installed in 1868, a timepiece used by many all over the village.

The Community Council have been in contact with Historic Scotland, or whatever they are called now, as have many individuals, to try and get an idea of when this work will be carried out. The replies so far have told us that they are strapped for cash because of public spending cut backs, and because the Tower generates no revenue for their organisation, they are sweeter to spend money on its maintenance.

I am told that because there is no flag flapping there are more birds roosting on the Tower and the birds are leaving their marks all over the platform.

For health and safety reasons the platform at the top is having to be cleaned more often by Historic Scotland staff, at an extra cost I would assume?

As we speak e-mails are being exchanged with Historic Scotland and I hope to have some good news for the next Crier.

Reply from

Historic Environment Scotland
Àrainneachd Eachdraidheil Alba
Thursday 7th July 2016

Dear Mr Swan

Complaint regarding Abernethy Round Tower.

Thank you for your correspondence of 17th June letting us know of your concerns about the above, and giving us the opportunity to investigate this matter for you.

We can confirm that we are seeking costs for replacing the existing flagpole which will include the installation costs for penetrating the existing roof structure of the tower. This will provide us with a total cost of re-instating the pole, flag and "fish" weather vane. The weather vane has undergone conservation assessments and we have found that the earliest finish on the "fish" was in fact gilding. We are therefore preparing the weather vane to have this finish re-instated. We are hoping to be able to re-instate the whole assembly by the end of this financial year subject to secured funding. If you would like any further information you can contact Graeme Bell, Head of Conservation at Graeme.bell@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Reid
Office Manager Central

The Ed

Macmillan Coffee Morning

be part of Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st October 2016

Session House Abernethy Church

10am. All welcome

If you are unable to attend but would like to donate

£5 please Text CUPCAKE to 7550

More info if needed from Kathleen 01337840218.

MUSEUM NOTES

Dates for your diary Quiz Night 28th September

Art Exhibition 14th 15th 16th October

21st 22nd 23rd October

The Museum ends its open season on October 2nd so if you have not been to see this year's display your time is limited!

We are reprinting "Friendly Food" last produced for the final Craft Fair in 2005. Several new recipes are to be added to the new edition and it will be on sale at the Art Exhibition at a cost of £2.

Thanks to all who helped, donated and came to the Coffee Morning held last June in connection with the Wee Big Dig. The winner of the Raffle was Ann Gordon and of the Quiz, John Robinson.

Please note ALL articles must be accompanied with a name and address BEFORE they will be published in the Crier.

On request, the name and address may be withheld from publication.

Any submission without these details will NOT be included

Thank You

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed.

I was so disappointed to see from the 'Editor's View' in the

June issue of the 'Village Crier' that the nasty habit adopted by some dog walkers depositing their animal's poo-bags wherever it suits them continues to be a problem.

I have noticed a similar trend on occasions when walking up Moncrieffe Hill. Those who do this sort of thing must surely presume that they are way too good to clean up after their animals properly, assuming that someone else will come along and do it for them.

The editor has generously labelled these acts as 'strange' behaviour. I suggest rather that it is in fact selfish behaviour and it's laziness not logic that lies behind this practice. I also suggest it's most unlikely that any of the guilty parties concerned will have the courage to come forward to defend their actions because ultimately they know what they are doing is unwelcome, a blight on the landscape and indefensible.

Abernethy is a lovely village, with the majority of its residents taking a wonderful pride in its appearance and it is up to those irresponsible dog owners, or whoever walks their four-legged friends, to make sure they show some respect for the village and wider area by disposing of their dog poo properly.

Name and address supplied

Hilda Dear Ed.

WELCOME TO THE NEW LOOK STATION ROAD

It has not been an easy task but we have FINALLY managed to get the entrance into Station Road looking a whole lot better than it was. We have had residents willing to help us and we have had non-residents trying our patience! However, at long last, we have achieved the end result we were hoping for. We had to get a bit of assistance from PKC to help sort out a few matters we were having problems with and this didn't happen overnight, we had to wait months to get the outcome we were looking for. We were assisted by Abernethy in Bloom as to what we could and could not plant so that we were in keeping with the other boxes situated around the village.

A resident of Station Road made the boxes and painted them with help from two people living in Clunie Street. The boxes were then placed on the grass verge which is being maintained by a few residents. We were very kindly assisted again by Abernethy in Bloom who

arranged for us to get compost from the Binn. We supplied our own flowers and planted up the boxes ourselves. Job done. Ideally, it would be wonderful if the owner of the field or the people with the horses who use the field could do something about the mess it is in. A couple of residents have already tidied up a bit of the field by burning the rubbish at the corner (with permission from the owner of the field to do so) as this was blocking out the view of children and vehicles when either driving up or down the road and the broken fence next to the corner was repaired. The side of the field at Cordon Road down to the railway bridge has also been tidied up by the local farmer as this was a disgrace as well. The fence down Cordon Road side is practically falling to bits and is tied up with string and the space behind the shed is used for dumping stuff. Surely it isn't too much to ask that they keep the field a bit tidier as when walking down Cordon Road all the dumped stuff is easily seen. At the corner where the nettles and thistles are already sticking their heads over the dyke could they not be cut? Station Road is used by locals and visitors every day and to have it looking nice, including the field, would be good and in keeping with the rest of Abernethy. This will no doubt be an even bigger uphill task but as the song says "always look on the bright side of life". Watch this space.



How it now looks

In the interest of balance the committee decided to ask the field owner and the horse owner if they wished to comment.

The Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the contribution sent by "Station Road Residents", I am rather at a loss. Since Station Road extends from Struan House to Marylea, nine

households, I cannot believe they have all ascribed to this article.

Would the complainants prefer to view houses, flats or even some industrial project as they walk down Station Road rather than the truly rural scene it is at present. Alternatively a high hedge running alongside the wall would hide the field from the road. I know what I would prefer.

As owner it is in my power to seek planning for change of use if I wish. Actually I am very happy with the situation as it stands as I am sure the majority of the people in Abernethy is.

Perhaps those who were involved in the article would contact me through the Crier if they have any further thoughts.

Hilda Clow.

Dear Editor,

'Horses make a field more beautiful'

Many people in the village enjoy visiting the ponies in the pony field on Station Road. There is beautiful grey Arab-cross Bella, her smaller lively chestnut daughter, Flora, pretty Connemara pony Fennela and little dun pony Mac, a golden oldie. Flora was actually born in the field.

While the ponies were away to give the field a rest this Spring we spent days spraying the docks and a local farmer harrowed the ground for us (thankyou!). We dig up ragwort as soon as it appears as it is poisonous to ponies and lift the manure. Local gardeners are pleased to collect and use this green source of fertiliser and we are happy that they remove it.

Horses do not care about looking 'nice' but need grass to eat. The bonfire that was lit in the field without permission from anyone left a black scar in the field that had to be reseeded by us. Twice the field gate was sealed with heavy duty ties that made it difficult for us to get in. Grass cuttings are toxic to horses so I hope that next time the verge is cut the clippings will not be thrown in the field.

The poet Alice Walker actually said, 'Horses make a landscape look more beautiful.'

I think horses make a field more beautiful and they remind us that Abernethy is a rural village and not a manicured suburban park.

Anne Hollingsworth

A COUNCILLOR'S DAY

A Councillor's week is varied, never boring sometimes frustrating but always interesting. I have been appointed to the Lifelong Learning committee, Audit committee and Vice-Convenor of Scrutiny . Looking forward to the challenges .

All elected members attend statutory Council meetings every 6 weeks, as well as committee meetings and briefing sessions. Agenda items at recent council meeting included City Hall, support for Perth economy, upgrading multistorey car park in Canal St including pay on exit. Hope some of the measures will improve shopping experience for all. The Council like other local authorities are involving communities more and more. The Council is establishing Local Community Placemaking Partnerships, (formerly called Planning Partnership, this was causing confusion as it is not spatial planning). Five Locality teams are being established throughout the council area. Almond & Earn & Kinrossshire is one of the localities ,a huge geographical area. Community Councils and other community groups had the opportunity to attend workshops in either Kinross or Bridge of Earn earlier this year, I attended the workshop in Kinross, many issues were raised including, where and how often the group would meet and who would be on the group. The focus is now ensuring the right representation, with a manageable number of individuals representing the breadth of interest groups in the locality. It has been agreed that the membership of the group will include local councillors, representatives from Community Councils, representatives from other community groups, representative from Community Partners (NHS, Police Scotland,& PKC). Chair for our group for the first year will be Maggie Pettigrew Police Scotland and the Lead Officer Sarah Brown P&K council. It is important that Abernethy's voice is heard on this group. Look out for information about the next stage. Next meeting should be sometime in the Autumn.

Somethings do not change, the problem of dog fouling despite more and more bins some irresponsible dog owners still persist to blight the landscape either by hanging bags on fences, or trees or failing to notice that their dog has fouled a park, or pavement as they walk on oblivious. Sadly it is irresponsible people within our own community who cause the problem. Naming and shaming may be the only answer.

To end on a positive note thank you to Abernethy in Bloom who are working so hard to transform the village, not only have they revamped Nurse Peattie's garden and continue to maintain it, but they have added colour to the village with beautiful planters

placed throughout the village. Well done to everyone who helps to enhance the village in whatever way.

I prefer not to hold a regular surgery, but I am happy to meet residents at a time and place convenient.

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THE ABERNETHY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The council members for 2016/17 are:

Colin Morrison Chairman

Alistair Robinson Secretary

Donna Gillespie Treasurer

Peter Glennie

Dougie Cleaton

Angus McIntyre

Jimmy Swan

THE TRIP

On Tuesday 7th June we left Abernethy on our annual trip with glorious sunshine as a bonus. First call was to see the new Queensferry Crossing Bridge which is a sight in itself. Being in the bus gave a better view rather than travelling in a car. What a tremendous sight all three bridges will be when completed, and it will certainly put Scotland on the map.

Travelling north again we went into Fife and on to Leven for a comfort stop at Blacketyside Farm shop and restaurant where lovely tea, coffee, scones, homemade jam and traybakes were set on a buffet. Very pleasant.

Back on the bus and on to Anstruther and the villages coastal route finishing at St. Andrews. Sun still shining, we went our separate ways all seeking the famous ice-cream shop, which I eventually found and it was worth looking for. Did not have much time to sightsee as the bus was picking us up in just over one hour. We travelled to Dundee over the Tay Bridge and on to Perth where we had booked our meal at the Mustard Seed. A well presented, delicious meal was had by all. There had been heavy showers at home which we missed on our day out, so did not have to water plants that night.

A truly relaxing day with great company, and I wish to thank Eileen and Margaret and all the committee for organizing a superb day out.

Lillias Johnston

TIME FOR CHANGE

Believe it or believe it not (I can't remember the origin of this expression) it is approaching 8 years since the first Crier appeared on your doorsteps, to be precise it was the beginning of December 2008, one sheet of A4 written on both sides. How we have progressed since then! Also I think The Crier has had a much longer run than any previous newsletters produced in Abernethy at least as far as I know and to the best of my knowledge the first one to have a name apart from newsletter.

So, we, the Committee members, decided it was maybe time for a change of format, less of my ramblings on the front page for a start and having a proper front cover. We haven't quite reached the "glossy mag" stage yet! Don't hold your breath, that could be a long way off.

We would like to hear your views and any suggestions you may have to keep interest alive in the production. Since the The Crier comes out quarterly it is sometimes difficult to remember the final date for contributions. Put it on the calendar as so many of us have to do, not because we are becoming absent-minded but because there are so many different things in our lives.

I am hoping to read in this edition about the Fete and the Hill Race since I was unable to attend either event. Maybe in the next edition I may give you the history of the Hill Race.

Looking forward to reading in the December issue your thoughts on the re-vamped Crier.

Hilda Clow. (Chairman)



"HIGHLAND HOOF"

Thanks!

The "Highland Hoofers", Graham Smart, Evelyn Scobie, Jane Sanderson, Angela Campbell, and Irene McDonald recently completed a Charity Fundraising Walk from Skye to Crieff, 89 miles of the Highland Drovers Trail, in aid of Cornhill MacMillan Centre, and Scottish Charity Air Ambulance.

They would like to say a massive "Thank You" to all who donated, and are happy to announce that a Total of over £3,000 has been raised (£1,500 for each charity).

It was tough going at times but the intrepid five managed to cope with the torrential rain, bogs, mud and of course the relentless "midgies"! Thank you all once again for your support.

"Highland Hoofers"

Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916

24th June

Allies begin shelling German front lines.

Museum of Abernethy

QUIZ NIGHT

In

The Masonic Hall Abernethy

**On 28th September
7 for 7.30**

Teams of 4

The Burns Club of Abernethy

The Burns Club of
Abernethy

Gaberlunzie in concert

To be held in the Williamson Hall on
Saturday

19th November at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets available from Ian Bett or any other
club member.

Tickets £8

ABERNETHY IN BLOOM

Our second annual Bloomin' Marvellous competition was judged on Saturday July 30. We had 45 entries and the judges had some very difficult decisions to make. They were really impressed by the imagination and quality of all the entries and the consistently high standards. There were so many delights for the eye. It was evident just how much people love their gardens and their pots. Even the darkest and most unpromising corners were transformed. The Begonia still rules as the most vibrant and popular bloom but coming up hard on its heels this year there was a sea of Nasturtiums, Alstromeria, Bacopa, Cosmos, Osteospermum and multi-coloured Pansies. A wide variety of containers were used. Wishing wells were particularly in vogue for 2016 with tea pots, chamber pots and wellington boots all in service. Some people had even made their own containers. Exciting colour combinations including what one contestant called the Sweetie Shop look, different textures and gorgeous fragrances all enhanced the judging experience.

The winners of the Container competition for 2016 are:

First Lorna Irving of Wallflower Cottage, Back Dykes

Second Gill Boardman of 5 Sutherland Crescent

Third Elsa & Mike Thompson of Eastbank Cottage, Perth Road

They all receive prizes of garden vouchers.

Congratulations to them and to everyone who took the time to take part and who has made Abernethy a more beautiful place to live: Fiona Duncan, Sheena McNaughton, Bill Christie, Pauline Jamieson, Elizabeth Taylor, Karen Laing, Lorraine Kinnear, Judith Tait, Hilary Sharman, Donald Fairbairn, Hannah and Max Morrison, Sheila Tuckett, Maureen Corbishley, Caroline Shedden-Brown, Frank & Carol Cadger, John Hussen, Linda Sinclair, Tony Sargeant, Dave & Celia King, Amanda Sutherland, Eileen Webster, Christina Cleeton, Andrea Cardno, Mitch Shaw, Fiona Normand, Jan Barrance, Ian Bett, Chris Scott, Val Black, Keir Allen & Rachel Battilana, William Sutherland, Patricia Miller, Caroline Haddow, Anne Brews, Andy Duncan, Margaret Cole, Margaret Folan, Anne & Allistair Hollingsworth, Mr & Mrs Manos, Chris Farmer.

We also held our first Best Bloomin' Street competition. Only one mark separated first and second places and all six entries were highly commended. It was particularly hard to judge these very varied locations – made even more difficult by Abernethy's unique topography. How does the postman ever find his way!? The winner was Ballo Braes and tied in joint second were Main Street and the Glebe. Station Road was given a special mention

as having done great things to improve the area surrounding the horses' field which is now neatly mown with its own special containers. Clunie Street and the lower part of Kirk Wynd were also a pleasure to visit and see how something done for individual enjoyment can also result in something lovely for everyone to share.

Photos of the entries can be seen on the Abernethy in Bloom notice board outside the Corn Kist. A slideshow of entries and photo album can be found on the blog page of www.abernethyhorticultural.co.uk We hope even more people will consider entering the competition in 2017.

**Caroline Boyle, Secretary,
Abernethy in Bloom**

FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

I wondered if I could take the opportunity to introduce myself through the Village Crier?

My name is Douglas Main and I was recently appointed as Locum Minister for Abernethy and Dron and Arngask following the very sad loss of Moira Herkes. I will therefore be the parish minister here until such time as the vacancy is filled. (We just don't know how long or how soon that might be). I used to be the minister at Errol with Kilspindie & Rait until my retirement just over two years ago and since then I have been working as a Locum at Burrelton with Collace.

In the few weeks that I have now been here I have been made to feel most welcome by the two congregations, and I would like to take this chance to invite any or all of you to come and join us on a Sunday morning where, I know, you would be made welcome too. (09.30 at Abernethy or 11.00 at Arngask). Why not come along?

Also if you feel that I could be of any help to you at any time, please do get in touch: 01738 860867 or revdmain@sky.com I hope to see you sometime!

All good wishes,

Douglas Main.

Congratulations

To Mrs Newman, Stetra, Perth Road on celebrating her 99th Birthday last July.



FRAE THE KIRK



Locum minister Rev Douglas Main continues to lead us.

Contact details;

Minister@abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk.

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

The manse is currently being let on a short term assured tenancy basis.

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 25th Sept the service is to be in Glenfarg, on 30th Oct in Abernethy, 27th Nov in Glenfarg, all at 11am. Anyone wishing transport to Glenfarg may contact Kathleen Baird on 01337 840 218. Drinks and refreshments are served after most services. You will be very welcome to join us at either church.

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 children to make use of. Sunday club re-starts mid Aug.

Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Sun 2nd October
Remembrance Sunday will be on Sun 13th November
Communion will be celebrated on Sun 20th November
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 abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk for more information

Celia King (on behalf of the church)

It is with regret that we hear of the death of. Karine Morton, Hall Park, Abernethy and David Nimmo, Dron.

Powrie Park Pavilion

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the official opening of the Pavilion and the current committee are holding an event there to celebrate this on the afternoon of the 10th September.

On the same day the Abernethy Scout Group are celebrating a hundred years of "Cubs" and a joint raising soiree seemed appropriate.

All are welcome and those who contributed their time and money to the building of the Pavilion are cordially invited to the celebration and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any photographs of the Pavilion taken during the construction phase we would be delighted to see them.

R Macdonald

Pavilion Committee

The Crier is delivered free to 800 households in Abernethy, Aberargie and Dron.

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ABERNETHY CUBS NEWS

Abernethy Beavers and Cubs have had another great year and we look forward to the coming term. The Beavers and Cubs now have a waiting list which is unfortunate but we are restricted to the amount of kids we can take in an evening. However I am pleased to say that the Leadership team continues to grow and welcome Susan Poots and Jude Tait to the team.

The Cubs enjoyed a weekend camping in June at Fordell Firs Activity Centre, Dunfermline, which was great fun. Apart from the Cubs breaking their previous record set the previous year by a whole 25 minutes by getting up at 4.20am on the Saturday morning. So needless to say there were a lot of tired Cubs and Leaders come the Sunday evening.

Although it was a damp weekend the Cubs kept their spirits up and during the camp participated in climbing, crating and the adventure challenge course. All these activities test the kids confidence as well as relying on team work.

Below Left some of the Cubs take on the Jacobs ladder. This challenge requires concentration, problem solving, team work and out right bravery.

Below Right Crating the object is to keep adding to the crates whilst standing on the top crate. It requires a lot of concentration and balance. The other Cubs help by handing up crates using a long pole and each one is added in turn whilst standing astride of the top crate whilst trying to keep your balance without the stack falling over. A few of the Cubs managed to get the maximum of 16 crates before the stack fell over.



The Cubs also participated in the Spring Cub football league and took the league to the final day only to narrowly miss out to Bankfoot Cubs on the final Saturday. The Cubs certainly played some great football during the

league and were very unfortunate not to have won the league this time round, but you don't always get what you deserve from football as most of us know. Thanks go to Brian Stewart for all his help with the running of the football and I can honestly say that he enjoyed the distraction of the Cub Football as it held his attention away from his beloved Dundee Utd who did ultimately get what they deserved last season.

Below left some happy faces and some tired as the photo taken at the end of our camp.

Below right the Cubs that took part in the final day of the football season which was held on the Playing Fields at Glenalmond College.



100 Years of Cubs

2016 is a special year for Cub Scouts as it marks their centenary. With this in mind Abernethy Cubs are planning to hold our own celebration of Scouting in Abernethy at the Pavilion at 1pm on Saturday 10th September. So if you were a Cub or a Cub Leader or a helper at any time then please come along and share in the celebration. We are especially interested in any photographs, story's or indeed memorabilia that anyone would like to share, so please get in touch beforehand as we hope to have a display on the day.

Although it is a celebration of Scouting in Abernethy if you were a Cub elsewhere then please come and share in this celebration.

Finally if you are interested in helping or becoming a leader and would like to join the adventure, please get in contact with myself or any of the other Leaders.

Gordon Miller (01738 850 869)

Abernethy Pavilion

The outside of Abernethy Pavilion has recently been painted by the Community Pay Back Team. This Team who are completing their Community Service carry out painting and other general maintenance work for Charitable organisations (Scouting) and with facilities that are used by all the community, hence the Pavilion fitted all the required criteria and we were successful in our application for the works to be carried out.

Although the works are all carried out by the Community Payback Team, all the required materials still need to be provided and believe me paint is very expensive. However ELES Building Services Ltd very kindly donated all the paint and all other required materials in order that this work could be carried out. So a massive thanks to Brian Stewart and Tony Linn, for their very generous donation.

Below Community Payback Team carrying out very much needed painting.



SKYE

The heat of the sun combined with having my tasty meal at 2p.m. I drifted off into a deep sleep, thinking back to the day when my life changed. I had been in a small zoo until I was two years old and was picked on by other geese who were bigger than me. I was in a pen with other feathered friends, chickens and ducks who did not bother me.

Relaxing one day the lady who had been looking after me came and caught me in a net and carried me to where there were two ladies waiting at the gate. Next thing I remember I was sitting in the front of a car wrapped in a sheet and looking all around me. What a strange experience seeing all the trees passing by out of the window, strange voices soothingly talking to me. "Hello, I am your new mum and this is Aunt Margaret". I soon settled down and kept looking at the sky which was lovely and blue. "Did you know your eyes are as blue as the sky, so I think your name should be Skye." "Welcome Skye to your new home", as the car stopped and I was carried, still in the sheet into the large garden.

It was a wonderful surprise to see another goose running towards me. I was gently put down on the grass and just could not wait to meet my new friend, who was very eager to meet me too. It was love at first sight with Ozzie and me, I found out his name later on. He introduced me to his water which was big enough for us to go into, this I enjoyed immensely. While all this was going on I had not noticed my new family standing watching us. "What a wonderful sight" I could hear them say, "I know they will get on well together" I was put into a nice clean straw pen at night and the door closed to keep us safe. Being very contented I

soon fell fast asleep.

Next morning was the start of a new life for me with Ozzie at my side. The gate was opened with a cheerful "Good morning Skye and Ozzie" and we followed her to where bread was laid beside the water. I could not believe my luck when I investigated my new surroundings, lots of trees to sit under and lots of grass to eat. Corn and meal were in a dish under a table so the rain did not harm it. I knew I would never be bullied again. There were two other geese in the garden whom I soon made friends with and we were all a happy family.

Winter came and went and I was always looked after with fresh water and warm bedding. Warmer days came and I felt restless, just wanting to sit in the nice straw. Unconsciously making a nest in the corner I felt something slip out of my body. I had laid my first egg. "Well done Skye", mum told me, "I'll enjoy that for my tea as a special treat."

That was the start of me laying eggs. Soon it was a regular occurrence every two days. It turned out I was a good layer and laid over 40 eggs which according to mum was excellent.

Every year since then I have laid lots of eggs..

One year I decided to sit and was given four eggs to try and hatch. Twice a day I would leave my nest and shout to Ozzie who would be grazing with the other geese, and he would run to me and see I was okay. I liked to eat corn and graze at some grass, then have a preen before returning to the nest of four eggs. Days went and soon four weeks went and I still did not have any hatchlings. "Oh Skye I don't think you're going to be a mum this time. I think it is time to get back to the rest of the geese." I remember it well, feeling so sad and just wanting to go back to the nest and keep checking, but the eggs were not there any more.

Soon I forgot all about it and got on with my life, enjoying each day and being safely closed in at night. I must have been asleep all afternoon as it was getting cooler and I heard voices and a dog barking. Waking up from this deep sleep and looking around me seeing Ozzie preening himself in contentment made me very happy.

Lillias Johnston

Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916

23rd June

The Allied commanders begin their offensive planning.

ABERNETHY COMMUNITY CINEMA

We now head into the start of our second year - you will see some changes such as, we aim to be able to offer free teas during intervals at every film show and we continue to save up for new chairs. Ally has come up trumps with new shutters allowing us to be more versatile in when we show our films as currently we have to ensure it is dark so the windows do not shine through our fabulous film screen.

We have had, so far, a grand income from our fundraising so thank you very much for your support whether it be that you donated your stuff to our car boot sale, which we finally attended down at Inverkeithing, or you supported us at the fete and what a great day for the fete - a tad breezy where we were situated but this did not deter you visiting our table. We had a 'lost' teddy bear looking for his home and his home was duly found at Atnaharra and was won by (name withheld) then re-donated for our quiz night, thank you very much, and our complimentary tickets were accepted by (name withheld) so we hope to see them soon.

Our quiz brought out the usual cordial competition along with the 'oh I know this' as the grey matter ticked over then the 'ahh' when the answer was given. Thanks to David, quizmaster, for his efforts that night and to the companies who generously gave to our raffle and made it worth entering. We have yet to run our Treasure Hunt ably put together by Nigel and Louise Hetherington.

Our next film is Paddington (PG) on Friday August 26th at 7.00pm for 7.30pm and Spectre (12) scheduled for Friday 21st October at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Bring your own drink and nibbles still goes so do please do bring whatever you like. We have had a lot of interest in both films so please do reserve your seats soon.

We have spoken with Abernethy Primary School and have had a positive discussion in how the Cinema can assist the School and their cinema club. One of our objectives is to be able to support the school who "aim to enable children and young people to study two languages in addition to their mother tongue ...", therefore it is our intention to be able to show a film, in French, in association with Abernethy Primary School. If you are interested in further information regarding this particular film show, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We have returned our End of Grant Report to the Big Lottery Fund; the committee will be meeting to discuss our way forward and consider further applications for funding. If you would like to join us, at any time, for our meetings please contact us to register your interest.


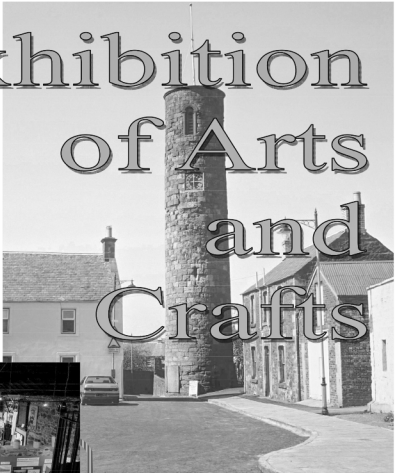

You can contact us via our web page at abernethycommunitycinema.co.uk or through Facebook:

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

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY


Exhibition of Arts and Crafts



14TH - 16TH OCTOBER
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Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916, 1st July

The Battle of the Somme begins. Allies overestimate the effectiveness of the Bombardment campaign and faced with German machine guns, 19,240 British soldiers die on the first day.

Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916 14th July

The fight for Pozieres Ridge begins. Five weeks of fighting after which a German counterattack takes back lost ground. In the skies above the battlefield aircraft engage in dogfights.

GREAT RAILWAY JOURNEYS

Not to be outdone by Michael Portillo I thought that I would recall some memories of my own exciting railway journeys on the continent. Clad in dull khaki as opposed to pink trousers and green jacket and without a copy of Bradshaw's guide to refer to I, and several others departed from Inverness in the late summer of 1946. Serving with the Argyll's I had been at Cameron Barracks awaiting a posting. The options were Palestine or Austria. My hopes were realised when my name was called in the draft for Austria.

An amusing incident occurred prior to departure. It was intended to march us out through the main gates en route to the station. No sooner had we exited the barracks when we were given the command to about turn as time was short and it had been decided to use a path down to Perth Road which was quicker. As we re-entered the barracks some wag shouted from the ranks "That was it lads. That was your embarkation leave!"

The first lap of the journey took us to Dover where we stayed overnight. The following day we embarked on the "Royal Daffodil" for the crossing to Calais where we boarded the MEDLOC (Middle East Direct Line of Communication) train which was to take us to Villach in Austria. Having read about the exploits of Captain Albert Ball, VC, the first familiar name was St Omer as it was in that area he shot down several German planes during World War I. Continuing through Lille and Nancy we eventually crossed into Germany at Strasbourg. Passing through the peaceful German countryside it was hard to imagine that not much more than a year ago we had been at war. And then we would be brought back to reality as we passed through towns which had been reduced to rubble with kids lining the route in the hope that some of us would toss out a bar of chocolate.

When time came to turn in for the night the six of us who occupied a compartment sorted out the sleeping arrangements. It was one on each seat, one up on each luggage rack and one on the floor. The lad who drew the short straw ended up in the corridor!

Arriving in Munich in the morning all I could see from my vantage point on the rack was a line of legs clad in shorts reminiscent of a Boy Scouts patrol! It transpired that they were males of varying ages clad in the traditional lederhosen. An officer who alighted at Munich had a fair amount of kit and in the absence of porters had to commandeer a trolley. As he pulled it along the platform he was serenaded by a chorus of "All my life I've wanted to be a barrow boy" from the squaddies remaining on the train. He was not amused. Continuing through Bavaria our breath was taken away by the stunning scenery. Salzburg was very impressive

with the river and the castles on the hill reminding us of Edinburgh. Eventually we arrived at our destination, Villach where we were housed (or should I say tented) in El Alamein transit camp where we would stay awaiting transport to our units. In my case it was Lienz in the East Tyrol where the H.Q. of the 8th Argylls was located in a large building with the words "STIRLING BARRACKS" emblazoned in letters two feet high on the frontage.

During my time in Austria I travelled the MEDLOC route on several occasions. Once, in cold weather I had to spend the night in the transit camp at Calais. The wooden slats which supported the palliasses we slept on made useful kindling for the stove. On another occasion I almost missed my leave, Allocated to the morning train meant spending the previous night in the transit camp at Villach. By this time I was stationed in the attractive lakeside resort of Velden which was not too far away. I decided to spend the night in my own bed and take a chance on hitching a lift as there was a good number of military vehicles on the roads. However I was out of luck and in desperation turned to a mate in the M.T. Section. Unfortunately he needed a chit signed by an officer to authorise the trip. We had no alternative than to enter the hotel which housed the Officers' Mess and wake up a Captain. Bleary eyed and probably hung-over from the previous evening in the Mess he signed without argument. The situation was solved and I caught the train.

Austria is a beautiful country and I was sad when I made the journey home for the last time.

Bob Macdonald

Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916 23rd July

A failed push from Australian soldiers at Moquet farm leads to heavy allied losses.

Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916 14th September

The first sustained use of British tanks in the battle of the Somme.

AULD ABERNETHIANS

There are some residents of Abernethy who have given long and sustained service to the Village. This series is going to highlight some of their memories and achievements, beginning with the President of the Village Crier, Hilda Clow.

Hilda came to Abernethy in 1968 as the bride of Bobby Clow. His family had lived in Struan House for generations. It began as a cottage in the late 18th century and was enlarged as the family grew in prosperity to become the substantial family house we see today.

Everybody knew who Hilda was but it was a long time before she puzzled out the relationships and links in a village of about 800 people who all knew each other. Bobby owned the Tower Works and manufactured ladies nightwear under the 'Fair Maid' and 'Aber Maid' labels until 1988. Clow Square is where the factory once stood. When the factory closed and Hilda was no longer involved with it she returned to her vocation as a physiotherapist in Dundee.

Abernethy had many shops and a Bank and a Town Council which met in the Town House. This also held the Library, the Nurse's Clinic and the Church had a room.

The whole village was involved in Gala Week. On Monday there was a concert, Wednesday a Car Treasure Hunt, Thursday was the Bowling Green Open Night and on Friday everyone was busy decorating floats and preparing their Fancy Dress for the Gala Parade. A Pipe Band led the many floats round the village to the Gala in the Powrie Park. The Saturday ended with the Gala Dance in the Williamson Hall where the Pictish Maid was chosen. She would be next year's Gala Queen. Hilda introduced the Hill Race.

The Tennis Courts and Club House were derelict and the Town Council refused to help so Hilda and her friends held fund raising events and Barn Dances at Broadwell and raised £600 which renovated the Club House and Tennis Courts.

She started a Keep-Fit Class in the Primary School and still runs very popular Yoga classes.

The Town Council was disbanded in 1975 with regionalisation. Hilda was elected as a founder member of the Community Council and became Secretary. One early battle the new Council won was work to prevent the regular flooding round the Crees Inn and Station Road.



Hilda began the Flower Show in 1978. She was very involved with the WRVS. She was in charge of Meals on Wheels and was Emergency Services Organiser for Tayside. She was involved with fund-raising for the Museum which opened in 2000. She was president of the SWRI.

The biggest change she has seen in the village is the increase in population made possible when the sewage system was improved. The new houses have brought the real benefit of bringing new blood into what was becoming an ageing population.

Last but not least Hilda was a part of the group which began 'The Village Crier' eight years ago and still remains President even though she has moved to Bridge of Earn where she still enjoys her golf and a busy social life.

FRESH SCONES AND FRESH FACES AT BERRYFIELDS

To the delight of the village Berryfields was re-opened on the 6th of July by partners Karen Gourlay and David Reilly.

They have lived in Sutherland Crescent for the past eleven years and Karen commuted to Stirling for her job as Customer



Supply Chain Manager with a distributor of premium spirits such as Famous Grouse and Jim Beam. Karen's dream has long been to have her own coffee Shop or Tea room.

When Hazel reluctantly put Berryfields on the market to relocate to Yorkshire with her family it seemed that this was the moment to follow the dream.

Karen and David were delighted to take over a thriving business and Karen has given up her job to manage the running of the business with great input from David, especially at weekends. They are grateful for the support of loyal customers who have continued to visit.

Karen is passionate about scones. They should be so fresh that they have practically just left the oven. Fortunately David is happy to get up early and prepare the scone dough every day while Karen bakes many of the cakes.

I

can personally say the homemade soup and bread are delicious and that the Tearoom has kept its welcoming ambience.

Karen and David have many ideas for the future and hope eventually to open in the evenings at weekends. Take-aways remain a popular service and walkers and cyclists are most welcome. Dog walkers can take advantage of the patio and partake of refreshments with their furry friends beside them.

We are all pleased that the Tearoom continues to thrive and wish Karen and David great success in the future.

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SPORTING HEROES

The Perth area has produced its fair share of sporting heroes over the years.

Prior to the war the F.A. Cup was won by Portsmouth. Captain was Eric, sometimes known as Jimmy, Guthrie from Luncarty. I was lucky enough to see him play for Portsmouth against Arsenal in 1945, the first game I attended South of the border. It was played at 'Spurs ground, White Hart Lane, as Highbury was bombed during the war. As an avid collector of cigarette cards portraying footballers I was quite a thrill to see the likes of Eddie Hapgood, George Male, and Cliff Bastin of Arsenal in the flesh. On retirement Guthrie went on to become Secretary of the Players' Union.



Jimmy Guthrie

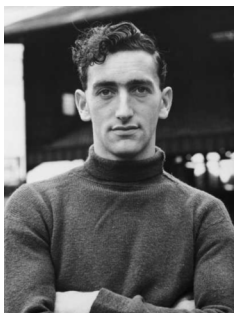
Scott Symon of Errol played for Rangers and went on to manage them, after a spell as manager of East Fife. He also played cricket and I am pretty sure represented Scotland at both sports.



Scott Symon

During the late 1950s and 1960s Perthshire County Cricket Club had an abundance of talent with Jimmy Brown, Len Dudman, Mike Kerrigan and Bobby Young regulars in the Scotland team. Len Dudman's best innings probably his 161 not out against Warwickshire at

Edgbaston. He also represented Scotland at curling and junior football and signed for Falkirk F.C. He was also a handy golfer. Truly a great all rounder.



Chic Thomson

Chic Thomson played in goal for Blairgowrie Juniors and went on to play for Chelsea. He was regular in the team that won the league title for the first time in their history in 1954-55. He

moved on to Nottingham Forest and was in their F.A. Cup winning team in 1959.

Dave (Ginger) Ewing, a former school mate of mine was a raw young centre half with Luncarty when he signed for Manchester City. He played in two F.A. Cup Finals. They lost the first in 1955 to Newcastle United but returned the following year to beat Birmingham City 3-1 to lift the Cup in what will always be remembered as the Bert Trautmann final. Trautmann, City's German goalkeeper played on despite a serious neck injury, sustained when diving at the feet of an opposing forward. Ginger, at centre half, played his part booting the ball out of sight to protect his keeper. I only saw him play once for City, against Arsenal at Highbury. Prior to the game I remarked that the last time I had seen him in action was for Luncarty. He said in reply that I wouldn't see much difference. The result - 6-2 for the Gunners! He served for many years on the coaching staff at Maine Road and also managed Hibs for a brief spell during which he brought fans' favourite Joe Baker back to Easter Road..



Dave "Ginger" Ewing



Jimmy Spence

Ice hockey was extremely popular in the post-war era and several local lads made their mark with Perth Panthers, notably Ian



Ian Forbes

Forbes and Jimmy Spence. Both represented Great Britain and Ian, who went on to coaching was admitted to the Ice Hockey Hall of Fame. Jimmy went on to play for Nottingham Panthers.

Coupar Angus brothers Tommy, David and Stuart Gray all made their mark in football: Tommy with Rangers, David with Dundee and Stuart, a rugged centre-half with Blairgowrie Juniors, was capped at Junior level for Scotland.

Also from Coupar Angus was Alan Gilzean who starred for Dundee and went on to play



Alan Gilzean

for Tottenham Hotspur and of course Scotland. I saw his last game for Dundee when he scored a hat-trick in a four all draw with St Johnstone, with ex-councillor Jacke Coburn netting three for Saints. Stanley produced the Williamson brothers. Jimmy played for Dunfermline, Arthur for Southend United and Andy for Brechin City and Portadown in Northern Ireland. I am sure that Arthur still holds the record for the longest run of consecutive appearances for the Shrimpers. *Editor's Note The record still stands 229 games.* When working in London I went to Roots Hall on one occasion to see him play and also if they had a fixture at one of the London grounds. On one occasion at Loftus Road he gave me some complimentary tickets to dispose of. On offering them to fans I received suspicious looks and they hurried past. I gave up as I couldn't give them away.

Raymond Stewart was another Stanley lad who played for Dundee United and West Ham and was capped for Scotland. He featured in the Hammers team who beat Arsenal 1-0 in the 1980 F.A. Cup Final. Perth lad Harold Davis who's mother had the Palace Bar (later the Hal o' the Wynd and King's Arms) in George Street signed for East Fife but was badly injured when serving with the Black Watch during the Korean War. He returned to East Fife, fought his way back to fitness, was snapped up by Rangers where his performances earned him the title of "The Iron Man of Ibrox". Frank Christie from Scone was a stalwart in the successful East Fife side in the early 1950s and was in the team that beat Partick Thistle in the 1953-54 League Cup Final. When working in London I went out to Griffin Park to see them play an evening friendly against Brentford. I ended up spending the night in the team hotel in Bayswater sharing a room with Frank and Danny McLennan. After the match we all went out on the town and decided to take in the floor show at the



Raymond Stewart



Harold Davis with his medals



Frank Christie

Pigalle night club in Piccadilly. Visions of the exotic dancers quickly evaporated on seeing the prices on the menu and we all trooped out. Finally we must not forget Abernethy. I believe that the late Willie Sutherland played for Dundee United prior to the war and Richard Smith and Billy Russell played for East Fife. We can also lay claim to David Wotherspoon who played his part in St Johnstone's Scottish Cup victory in 2014.



David

And who can forget talisman Steven May from nearby Newburgh who carried the date of the Cup Final on his jersey.



Stevie May

Bob McDonald

PAYING FOR A FUNERAL

Funerals are expensive and after a death people may find themselves responsible for a funeral and wonder how it should be paid for. The person arranging the funeral is responsible for paying for it but may be able to get help. Funeral payments are available from the Social Fund but there are conditions about when they are paid.

The first call on the diseased person's estate is the undertaker's bill. It takes priority over any other debts. I had a client whose mother had died and there had been £4,000 in the estate which he had got his hands on. He soon got through most of this, consoling himself and his friends with drink. Then the Undertakers bill arrived. He was aghast. He lived on Benefits. Surely there should be a benefit to pay for his mother's funeral? No. He had had the Estate. He was responsible and he would be pursued for the debt. The second condition is that the JobCentre Plus has to accept it is reasonable for you to pay for the funeral. If there is someone as close as, or closer to the diseased than you, who is not on Benefits, they will be expected

to pay and you may be asked if there are any close relatives.

Then in order to claim you must be on an Income-related Benefit such as Income support, Housing Benefit, ESA or Pension Credit. Your savings make no difference. If someone dies who has no known relatives to arrange or pay for their funeral then the Council will make arrangements for a Public Health Funeral. Most are cremations but there is an unmarked lair at Scone Cemetery for burials.

The CAB carries copies of a very useful booklet on 'What To Do After a Death In Scotland' Not a cheerful subject but it is clear and accurate.

The Citizen's Advice Bureau is completely confidential. The articles I write for the Crier are always based on true stories but I disguise the client so they could never be identified.

The Citizen's Advice Bureau is at 7 Atholl Crescent. Drop in is 10am-12 noon, Monday to Friday or phone 01738 450581 for an appointment in the afternoon. If the line is busy you can leave a message and you will get a call-back. The number will come up as Withheld to protect your privacy.

01738 450580 is the Advice Line. This line is often busy but if you leave a message your call will be returned.

Everything is confidential, even the fact that you visited the bureau.

There is also a web-site run by the CAB.

Adviceguide.org.uk covers many topics and is easy to use.

4. Cake incorporating fruit or vegetables.

5. Fruit or vegetable based beverage/cordial (alcohol-free).

6. Fruit or vegetable based beverage/cordial (with alcohol).

There are also year-grouped competitions for children:
Year groups : toddlers-nursery, p1-p2

1. Make a potato print picture.

2. Create a miniature garden.

Year groups : p3-p4, p5-p7, secondary

1. Make an Olympic athlete from a potato (or other veg/fruit).

2. Create a miniature garden.

The competitions are open to all so why not give it a go? Please bring your entries to the hall on the morning of the 17th between 10.00 and 11.30am. Entrance to Garden Day is £2.50 for adults, which includes tea/coffee and a choice from a selection of cakes and bakes. Entrance is free for children. Join the society or renew your annual membership on the day and your entrance fee will be counted towards this.

If you would like to help out with Garden Day there will be an open meeting for any volunteers on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm at Session House at the Church. We would also be very grateful for any donations you can make for the various stalls or raffle prizes. Notices of when and where to bring donations will be posted nearer the time on our website - www.abernethyhorticultural.co.uk - and on the village notice board, alternatively please get in touch by email at abernethyhorticultural@googlemail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Williamson Hall on September 17th!

Abernethy Horticultural Society

AHS GARDEN DAY

We warmly invite you to come along to Abernethy Horticultural Society's Eighth Annual Garden Day on Saturday 17th September from 2pm-4pm at the Williamson Hall. All money raised on the day will go towards projects being undertaken by the Horticultural Society and Abernethy In Bloom to enhance the village environs, including the roadside planting boxes and upkeep of the newly renovated Nurse Peattie's Garden. All the old favourite stalls will be back again with plants for sale, local produce to buy and taste, raffle, seed swap, bottle stall, activities/games for children and much more. Also back again are our ever popular Best in Village Prize Competitions. The categories this year are:

1. Late summer flower arrangement.
2. Jar of jam or preserve.
3. Jar of pickle or chutney.

Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916 Early November

The use of tanks at the Somme is all but abandoned as deteriorating weather leads to soft, muddy conditions unsuited to the heavy war machines.

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY NEWS

The Museum opened for the 2016 season on Saturday 7th May with a new exhibition featuring the two Pictish stones which had been lying on the Museum floor since 2000. They 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, of which there are nine in total. There are also some new Pictish-themed activities for children.

On sale in the Museum, alongside the bags, mugs, t-shirts, and leaflets, we now have postcards and notelets featuring photos by Timon Rose. One of these is of the Round Tower and the other is a panorama of Abernethy taken from Castlelaw.

Over the weekend of 4/5 June The Tay Landscape Partnership (TayLP) organised a second “Wee Big Dig” in collaboration with the Museum. The weekend proved very successful, with approximately 200 people attending various activities over the two days. There were community digs near the Williamson Hall, off Deads Lane at the back of the churchyard, and in Janet Paton’s garden. In addition some homeowners were able to undertake mini-digs in their own gardens, where they benefitted from the expertise of AOC archaeologists. As with last year’s digs most of the finds were from the 19th or 20th centuries, and the oldest find was some medieval “white gritty ware” at the Williamson Hall site, dating possibly from as early as the 12th century.

A very popular activity on the Saturday in the Museum courtyard was Susheila Jamieson’s stone carving workshop. After a short tutorial from Susheila participants were able to carve Pictish symbols onto soft blocks using chisels and mallets. This really was a family affair with parents and children working together to achieve fantastic results! Also on Saturday the Museum’s Social Committee organised a coffee morning in the Williamson Hall, and we had two resident Pictish re-enactors who talked to visitors about their clothing and weapons. Guided tours of the Round Tower with Adrian Cox from Historic Environment Scotland were a popular activity on Sunday afternoon. During 2017 we will have the last of our activities supported by the Tay Landscape Partnership. We plan to use the final budget to improve the Museum’s outdoor display panels, create additional children’s activities including our own dig box, and we are also investigating the provision of audio guides for visitors. The TayLP is also planning two interpretation panels for the village, along with accompanying leaflets indicating walks, special features etc., for visitors. The third “Wee Big Dig” will take place towards the end of

June and will be followed by a week-long dig on Castlelaw – volunteers will be very welcome!

What is Treasure Trove?

We have had a few enquiries about what happens to finds, and whether they will be returned to Abernethy in due course. This is where “Treasure Trove” comes into play as, by law, all significant finds, even on private property, have to be notified to the government’s Treasure Trove unit. The following excerpt from their website explains the system:

“Finding significant objects”

Objects are claimed for their archaeological or historical importance rather than financial value. Treasure Trove is not restricted to objects of precious metal and many important finds of bronze or lead alloy have been claimed in recent years. Unlike in England and Wales objects do not have to be over 300 years old and finds have been claimed which relate to famous historical figures and events. In the recent past the Treasure Trove system has claimed objects ranging from prehistoric stone tools to Jacobite political medals.

If you are unsure whether a find may be Treasure Trove you can contact the Treasure Trove Unit for advice. Even the most unpromising object can be important, and the staff at the Treasure Trove Unit are happy to advise you whether your find is significant or not.”

As far as our dig finds go we understand that AOC will be referring them to the Treasure Trove Unit along with a request that they are returned in due course to the Museum of Abernethy for inclusion in our collection.

Recently metal detectorists have handed into the Museum a few coins found on local farmland. These also fall into the category of “Treasure Trove”, however it appears that any coins dated clearly later than 1707 are now exempt from the system. Here is a further excerpt from the Treasure Trove website:

“Finding coins”

At the present time, we don’t need to see any coin which dates after 1707, unless it is found as part of a group of

Timeline of the Battle of the Somme, 1916 11th November

The Battle of the Somme concludes as Sir Douglas Haig calls a halt to the Allied offensive.

objects of the same age. Likewise, common 17th century coins such as bawbees and turners only need to be reported if they are part of a hoard or a group of finds.

All other coins should be reported, even if you think they are common types. All coins are recorded in the Scottish Coins Register with the aim of building up a picture of the use and distribution of coins in Scotland and how this changed over time. Coins found by metal detectorists have shown how extensive the use of medieval coinage was and also the widespread use of foreign currency in the 16th and 17th centuries. After recording the vast majority of coins are disclaimed and returned to the finder. However there have been a number of significant discoveries of rare and early Scottish coins which have been claimed as Treasure Trove. These have included issues of David I and William the Lion."

The Museum is open Wednesday – Sunday, 2 – 5pm, until Sunday 2 October. If you haven't visited yet this year please come along – it's your Museum and it's free ... but donations are very welcome!

Sally Rose

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.

Subscriptions are currently £20 for the year, and visitors £3.

Do *you* have a family member that fought in the Battle of the Somme?

If so we would love to hear about that person.

Abernethy SWI meets in the Session House at Abernethy Church at 7.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our meetings run from September to May. We are a friendly group of ladies who give a very warm welcome to new members and visitors. The subscription for this year will be £20 for members. Visitors £3 per meeting. If you would like any other information please contact Elizabeth Taylor (President) Tel-01738850477 or Karen Jerrard-Dinn (Secretary) Tel- 01738850437

Syllabus for 2016/17

2016

Sept 21st

Sarah McArthur-Life in Peru

Competitions- Flower of the month
-Marmalade loaf

Oct 19th
on)

Karen Bryson - Creative tiles (hands

Competitions- Flower of the month
-Favourite plate

Nov 16th

Sylvia Troon-A presentation

about Puppets/Story Telling

Competitions- Flower of the month
-Sewn Apron

Dec 21st

Christmas Party- venue TBC

(Please bring a pretty parcel to the value of £5)

2017

Jan 18th

The Rev Gillian Munro-NHS Chaplaincy

Competitions- Flower of the month
-Shortbread (3 pieces)

Feb 15th

Allison Messenger-Cake icing decorations (hands on)

Competitions- Flower of the month
-3 cupcakes (cake & decoration being judged)

Mar 15th

Caroline Boyle-Ceramics (hands on)

Competitions- Flower of the month
-A decorated egg

Apr 19

Open Night-James Knight, Nutrition, Tai chi, Yoga

Competitions
- Flower of the month
-A vegetable based cake

May 17

AGM -Members Night

Competitions- Flower of the month
- Small jar lemon curd

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The Battle of the Somme, 1916

The Battle of the Somme lasted 141 days, this was one of the bloodiest battles in history. Britain and her allies had suffered more than 400,000 casualties.



LET'S COOK — SCOTLAND —

We are a cookery school based in a converted barn just outside Abernethy offering long and short courses to all ages and abilities. Here are some of the courses we offer.

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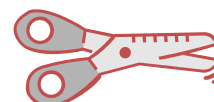
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