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Abernethy Transport of Yesteryear



FROM THE CHAIR

Summer time and a busy time in Abernethy, fairly concentrated around 24th-28th June.

However starting off at the beginning of the month on Saturday 3rd we have the Williamson Hall Fete, notice of which was given in the March edition of the Crier. I guess further details will have already been posted round the village.

Saturday 24th June will be a busy day in Abernethy as two events are taking place on that day. For the first time Abernethy is taking part in Scotland's Gardens and is listed in the Guide Book. This is a charitable organisation and money raised on that day will be distributed among different local organisations. Morning coffees and teas will be served in the Session House.

The 24th is also the start of the Wee Big Dig weekend and afternoon teas will be served in the Williamson Hall.

Details of both events are contained inside this issue. It is hoped that many visitors both locally and from further afield will come along and enjoy a day in Abernethy.

Abernethy in Bloom is busy preparing for this annual competition and enclosed is the entry form for the local competition.

The usual articles are within the pages. I am pleased to learn of the increasing interest in the Cubs and Scouts and it was good to have contributions from three of the cubs in the last Crier.

Thanks to Celia King for her regular articles, keeping us up to date with the Church news and incorporating the list of local information.

Again we have useful information by Anne Hollingsworth on how the Citizens' Advice Bureau can be of assistance to all of us.

Also included are The Community Council news, an update on the Museum and Letters to the editor. Finally, enjoy a good read once again from the pen of Bob Macdonald.

Enjoy the summer wherever you are be it home or away.

Hilda Clow

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The Square Abernethy Date ? If you know let us know

100 ABERNETHY'S CENTENARIAN

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs Newman of Stetra, Perth Road, Abernethy who reaches this remarkable milestone on the 17th July. It is around 32 years since she and her son Philip came to Abernethy from Perth, so they have seen the many changes in the village over more recent times, but one can hardly imagine the changes Mrs Newman herself has seen both locally and globally over the last 100 years.

I pose a question. Is Mrs Newman the first resident to celebrate a 100th birthday in Abernethy?

The Great War

June 7, 1917

At the Battle of Messines Ridge nineteen mines were exploded under German lines.
Explosions heard from England

TAY LANDSCAPE PROJECT

The Tay Landscape Partnership has a project to record all earthen buildings in the Partnership area. Earthen buildings were constructed using dry and compact unfired earth (clay) mixed with aggregate and straw. This is similar to the wattle and daub infilling used in black and white timber framed buildings seen in the south and midlands of England. They are normally built on top of a shallow stone wall. These buildings may have changed their appearance with brick, stone or harling facing to disguise the true structure. Most older buildings in the Abernethy/Dron/Aberargie area were constructed of rubble or dressed stone but if you do know any buildings, existing or demolished, made of earth/clay/mud please let the Partnership know - contact Michael Cairns at 5 Castlelaw Crescent, Abernethy or michael_cairns@outlook.com.

There are a number of earthen buildings in the Errol area north of the Tay, the most famous is Cottown Schoolhouse.



Michael Cairns

DID YOU KNOW....

In 1851 the famous photographer Frederick Scott Archer was cold-called at his home by an itinerant Daguerreotype photographer, John Beattie of Kilnockie, Abernethy, to whom he happily taught the art of wet plate photography. Beattie was quite an interesting character: he had lectured in 'phrenology and electricity' before taking up photography as a trade in 1851. After several years tramping, what he claimed was 'the largest portable camera rooms in England' around England's eastern counties, Beattie set up a grand studio in Clifton a suburb of Bristol, where he described himself as 'The Eminent Portrait Artist of Clifton'. He retired comfortably in 1869 having invested his earnings in property. Alongside his very successful photographic business activities, Beattie dabbled in spiritualism and 'Spirit and Fairy' photography.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed.

I was interested to read Betty Kemp's letter about the Witches Road. On that subject, I can take you back even earlier than Betty's schooldays though not as early as Norman Peddie could. His story was that the route taken by the local witches on their way to the meeting of the coven at their regular meeting place on the Muchty Road near the entrance to the walk up the Castle Law.

However, to move on to the very early years of the twentieth century, my uncle, as a small boy, often used to accompany the porter from the station on his Sunday walk. Bringing his mattock with him, he was able to reduce the very rough scrambles along the side of the hill to a level path so much easier to walk along. Every Sunday the path went that bit farther till the job was done. No doubt in time it would become overgrown until Jimmy Cunningham came along and cleared it.

Incidentally, wouldn't it be interesting to know just how the witches traversed that route? Could one of today's village coven perhaps enlighten us?

Janet Paton

BURNS CLUB OF ABERNETHY

The Burns Club heads in a new direction for it when on Saturday 2nd September in the Williamson Hall it will present a film "Angelou and Burns"

Maya Angelou was one of the most prominent of American authors, poets, singers and entertainers and had an amazing life story. This film deals in particular with her affinity with the work of Robert Burns and the effect it had on her. It was filmed when she visited Scotland a few years before her death and takes us to a Burns Night in Ayrshire when she recalls episodes in her life interspersed with Burns songs and poems. This is not just a film for admirers of Maya Angelou or Robert Burns but should be appreciated by everyone. The producer of the film, Elly M Taylor, will be present to introduce the film and take any questions afterwards.

This will be an open night and the Burns Club is appreciative of the help of the Abernethy Community Cinema in the showing of the film. There will be further entertainment following the film and full details and ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the date.

Ian Bett

ABERNETHY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the last meeting at the end of April the Community Council discussed the following issues.....

- Policing matters throughout the area.
- Solar PV farm and the further developments
- The continuing saga of the Flag pole and Fish for the Round Tower.
- Local area maintenance.
- Castle Law Big Dig 28th June - 1st July and 5th July - 8th July.
- Re-alignment of Core path at the Linns.
- Up coming PKC elections and it's implications on the Community Council.
- Transport issues. Bus service or the lack of it.
- Damaged footpath in the Den.

COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

I am so proud and privileged to be elected in the Almond & Earn ward. I would like to thank all those in the Abernethy area who turned out and voted me into Council for a second term.

I can assure all the people of the area regardless of their political views, that I will do all that is possible to represent them during my next term.

I plan to book time at the venues of Community Council meetings, half an hour prior to the meetings, for a surgery to allow anyone that has a particular issue or issues council related, to allow them some time in privacy to discuss it with me.

I am also available on email handerson@pkc.gov.uk; or mobile 07899062122.

Once again many thanks to everyone

Councillor Henry Anderson.

The Great War

June 13, 1917

First successful heavy bomber raid on London,
killing 162

CONGRATULATIONS

Calum Cairns resident of Abernethy recently graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at SGGW University of Life Sciences in Warsaw.



ABERNETHY CUBS

SCOTLAND'S NEW SIGNING

One of Abernethy Cubs, Alex Cook (10) represented Scotland as the mascot when they played Canada on Wednesday 22nd March at Easter Road. The game finished in a 1-1 draw.

Alex when asked about the occasion said he really enjoyed the experience but thought he was going to have to go on as a sub at half time due to Scotland's performance!



Cub Leader Gordon received the following letter of apology:
Hi Gordon,
Apologies from Alex for missing Cub Football last Wednesday. He was participating with a different team. I've spoken to him and it won't happen again. Regards,
Jim (dad)

The Great War

June 25, 1917

First American troops landed in France

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

Busy June

(Well, the end of the month, anyhow)

This is the last full year of the Tay Landscape Partnership projects with which the Museum has been involved and, as 2017 is also the Perth & Kinross Archaeology Year, the following will be happening in and around Abernethy:

On June 24th and 25th (Saturday and Sunday) the Museum will be open 10.00-17.00, and all are welcome to come along.

The (3rd) Wee Big Dig-24th and 25th, different locations in the village. Free, contact Lindsey Gibb at lindsey.gibb@pkht.org.uk or call (01738) 477 086.

Afternoon Tea-Saturday 24th, 14.00-17.00, Williamson Hall. £5, incl. free tombola.

Some Mediaeval Mischief-Saturday 24th, Museum and Williamson Hall (re-enactors).

Stone Carving-(try your hand) Sunday 25th, 10.00- 13.00 and 14.00-17.00, Museum. Free, see Sushiea Jamieson at www.rachan.co.uk

Guided Tours of the Round Tower-Sunday 25th, 14.30- 15.30 and 16.00-17.00. Free, contact Adrian Cox at adrian.cox@hes.scot

Digital Presentation of Abernethy village by St. Andrews University boffins, times and location t.b.c.

Car Treasure Hunt-Wednesday 28th June, starts 19.00 from school car park, £10 per car.

THE BIG DIG! Excavation of Castle Law Iron Age Hill- fort-Wednesday 28th June-Saturday 8th July (except 2-4 July). To join in the dig, contact Lindsey Gibb at lindsey.gibb@pkht.org.uk or call (01738) 477 086.

NOTE: In most of the above, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Angus Macintyre.



TO THE DISTRIBUTORS

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

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

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.

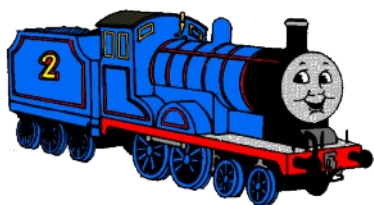
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MORE RAILWAY MEMORIES

The rail journey on the MEDLOC train to Austria, reported in a previous issue of the Crier, pales in comparison to some of my experiences on the London Underground and Southern Railway. My first taste of the Tube was on my way to join the army in February 1945. I had to report to Bodmin in Cornwall on a Thursday. Leaving Perth on Wednesday evening on the overnight train to London the plan was to catch the 10 a.m. Cornish Riviera Express for the journey to the West Country. Trains in wartime were often late but even if it had been on schedule I doubt if I would have made it to Paddington on time bearing in mind what happened. Getting to Baker Street where I had to join the Bakerloo line was no problem. In these days one of the lines went to Watford Junction and the other to Stanmore. Unfortunately I boarded the wrong train. I suspected I had gone wrong when the tube emerged into daylight about eight stations further on at Neasden. I alighted at Wembley Park and crossed over to the opposite platform and headed back to Baker Street where I caught a tube to Paddington three stops along the line.

Another overnight journey saw me arrive at Bodmin on the Friday morning. Any hopes of a few hours kip were quickly dashed as we were all kitted out, inoculated and allocated to our platoons.

On completing my infantry training some months later hostilities had ended and there was no further need for cannon fodder. I along with several others was posted to work in an Army Pay Office in Sidcup in Kent. Some who hailed from the London area were told that they could stay at home and their parents would be paid subsistence allowance. They could if they wished accommodate a friend. I accepted an offer from one of my pals to stay with his folks. Unfortunately they lived in Harlesden N.W.10 whereas Sidcup was in S.E. 9. This involved a daily commute from Willesden junction to Trafalgar Square and then by Southern Railway from Charing Cross to Sidcup. It meant an early start and a late arrival home. I could recite every station along the route. This knowledge came in handy when the task on "Pointless" was to name stations on the Bakerloo Line. My choice of Willesden Junction was a pointless answer.



I eventually obtained digs in nearby Eltham which only involved a tuppenny bus ride. But not before we had a hair-raising experience on the way home one evening. We had been working late and the train we took involved changing at London Bridge. We got on the wrong train and only realised our error when it moved off in the wrong direction. We opened the door and jumped out. My pal Len went first and hit the platform like a ton of bricks. However I knew to start running in mid-air. It made no difference. The train sped on its way leaving us spreadeagled on the platform, fortunately unhurt.

Some years later when I was working in London I was commuting daily from Earls Court to Green Park. The weekly ticket allowed unlimited travel between the two stations. One night, after an office function which finished late, I accompanied a girl on the tube to her station at Surrey Docks which was well out of the range of my ticket, knowing that if I didn't leave the station I could board a train in the other direction for Earls Court. The train was almost empty and I picked up an Evening Standard which someone had discarded. To my horror it contained a report about someone who had been caught by an Underground Inspector for fare avoidance and hit with a hefty fine. I was in a cold sweat until I was in safe territory. On another occasion when spending a holiday with a pal we were staying with his brother who lived south of London. After a day in town we caught a train and on entering an unoccupied compartment he lit up a cigarette, not noticing it was a non-smoker. Just as the train was moving off a crusty military looking gentleman came on and immediately barked "Put out that cigarette". My friend very deliberately took one more draw and stubbed it out but not before the man said "Didn't you hear me?". The journey continued in an awkward silence and then, as happens on electric trains the lights went out and just as quickly came on again. That was my friend's cue to mutter "I wish they would go out for five minutes!" The cool atmosphere dropped by several degrees.

During our spell in London several of us from Perth travelled north for the Christmas holiday. We had booked seats on the overnight train on the Friday evening. I had my plans for the Saturday all worked out. Muirton Park in the afternoon to see the Saints and dancing in the Salutation in the evening. As we slept fitfully the train seemed to be moving in fits and starts. After what seemed an eternity it stopped at a station. It must be Carlisle. No, it was Rugby! The journey took 23 hours. I didn't even make the Sally. The best laid plans.

COUNCILLOR BAIRD

Councillor Kathleen Baird Re - Elected

I am absolutely delighted to have been re-elected to Perth & Kinross Council. It is a privilege to be an elected member and I take the role seriously. The people whom we represent are at the heart of all we do. Thank you to all who supported my election campaign in any way and a special thank you to all who voted for me.

The election is over and I can get down to dealing with the issues that matter to you the electorate.

One of the ongoing issues is speeding through the village. I am pleased VAS should be in place in Abernethy and Aberargie quite soon. Other road matters may take a bit longer to resolve.

By the time you read this summer will be upon us and more and more people will be enjoying the outdoor. We can work together to help make the community better and more attractive for us all to enjoy and if you are out on our new paths or any country track, please respect the country code, take your litter home and keep dogs under control.

If you want to contact me I can be contacted by email kathleenbaird@pkc.gov.uk.

Almond & Earn Decided Action Partnership.

Funding Decision day was held on Saturday 1st April at Bridge of Earn Institute. There were winners and losers. I was pleased that 3 groups from Abernethy received funding namely Abernethy Mothers and Toddlers, Abernethy Senior Citizens, and Abernethy Keep Active Group.

I was very disappointed that those who checked the application (Councillors were not part of this discussion) decided that Abernethy Pavilion's application did not meet the criteria. I personally was not happy with this decision.

All is not lost for Abernethy pavilion however, there are other opportunities to apply for funding. The Community Capacity worker has offered to work with the committee as will Councillors.

The day itself was successful. Members of the public came along and participated and I am sure next year the event will be bigger and better and more groups will apply.

Councillor Kathleen Baird.

Another train journey springs to mind for an entirely different reason. On a long weekend in London for the game against England at Wembley with my pal Roy McGregor we decided to nip down to Southend to visit Arthur Williamson, our Stanley colleague who played for Southend United. Prior to our return to London we spent a convivial hour or so in the Blue Boar and only caught the train by the skin of our teeth. Trapped in a compartment with no corridor it was not long before the call of nature kicked in and London seemed a long way off. I solved my problem in a slightly dangerous manner which I will leave to your imagination but sadly that was not an option for Roy who was disabled as a result of polio when a child and walked with the aid of two sticks. Had he attempted it the premature epitaph on his headstone might have read "Hard lines". When we arrived at Liverpool Street he made light of his disability in the manner in which he shot down the stairs to the Gents, I swear that his relieved sigh echoed throughout the station. One of the last occasions when I was on a train was some years ago, Following a morning session at the General Assembly I was heading for home to collect Isobel in order to drive back to the Garden Party at Holyrood. Boarding the train at Waverley, I was conscious of the fact that many of the passengers were wearing the colour maroon. Hearts were playing Rangers that day in the Cup Final. I shot off that train at speed I can tell you. Later, at the garden party I overheard that Hearts were leading at half time, I asked the fellow if that was correct and he confirmed that it was. "That's good news" I innocently commented. The gruff manner of his reply "Is it?" Confirmed his allegiance. You have to be careful what you say.

Bob Macdonald



The Great War

June 30, 1917

Battle of Passchendale begins.

ABERNETHY SCOUTS

The Beaver Colony and Cub Pack in Abernethy have continued to grow over the last few years. When boys and girls reached Scout age some went on to join the Bridge of Earn Troop but more appeared to be leaving Scouting at this stage. As a result there was an obvious need to start a Scout Troop in Abernethy. So I'm pleased to say that on Thursday 20th April, 66th Perthshire Abernethy started a new Scout Troop which was officially opened by Robin MacDonald.

Robin has been involved in Scouting since the late 70's and as well as being involved in the building of the pavilion, was a Cub Leader and Scout Leader for over 20 years. In fact he was my Cub Leader and Scout Leader many moons ago. Although Robin is no longer a Leader he still sits on our Scout Committee (just don't tell his wife).



Scouts left to right

Mathew Sandler, Ian Miller, Alex Cook, Calum Munro, Amie Robb, Daisy Smith, Adam Fairlie, Paddy Trotter, Dougal Baird, Jamie Stewart.

Branston

Kevin Imrie General Manager of Branston Ltd, Abernethy attended at Powrie Park Abernethy on May 4th. During this time he kindly presented the Scouts with a cheque for £1000. Kevin stated that "Branston were always keen to support local groups and delighted to be able to support the beginning of a new Abernethy Scout Troop". Gordon Miller Scout Leader was delighted with this generous donation and said, "As we are just starting out



Left to Right

Mathew Sandler, Calum Munro, Paddy Trotter, Jamie Stewart, Kevin Imrie (General Manager Branston Ltd), Dougal Baird, Ian Miller, Amie Robb, Daisy Smith

having such a generous donation makes a huge difference to what the Scouts can do in the near future, I can't thank Kevin and Branston Ltd enough for their support".

The Great War

July 28, 1917

Formation of Royal Tank Corps.

ABERNETHY CORE PATHS PROJECT

Abernethy Core Path Maintenance 17th June 10am

Clearing Bramble, nettle and similar undergrowth over the length of the Rough Glen, using hand tools only. The work will be conducted with hand tools under the auspices of Community Greenspace Volunteers Perth & Kinross Council. The work will be supervised by Greenspace Ranger, Susan Whyte and volunteers will be covered by Perth & Kinross Council insurance. The council prefer to supply all tools, gloves and other personal protection equipment and also tea and coffee and on this occasion Susan's home made cake. Volunteers can work at their own pace and take breaks at their discretion, so bring your own piece and flask, if you wish. Susan has identified additional work on adjacent Den paths if sufficient support turns up. We hope this will prove to be a fun and social meeting as well as providing much needed improvement to the Rough Glen Path.

Volunteers may wish to walk to the meeting point at the end of the path or may park at the kind invitation of Peter Glennie, Ballo House. Further parking at Midfield (Duncan Kennedy) with right of way access to the Rough Glen. Direction signs will be in place. Work will not continue beyond 3 pm.

Further information from Duncan Kennedy 07968 890070 email d.a.kennedy1.com or Alistair Robinson 07736524546 email awr22@btinternet.com

Volunteers are requested to contact either of the above prior to 17th June.

Depending on the success of this initial project a further day's work will be organised under the auspices of P&KC and thereafter work can be undertaken under the control of a Community Greenspace Volunteer group controlled and organised by local volunteers.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

CONTINUING POWER OF ATTORNEY

I often get queries about Power of Attorney. Older people may want advice about how they can have someone to act for them if they become ill or go into hospital. Relatives may want to know how they can help senior family members with their affairs. Power of Attorney is a written document that gives someone the right to make decisions on behalf of someone else.

A continuing PoA is about property and financial affairs. Once it is drawn up it can be used right away or whenever you want it start, perhaps if you were going into hospital.

A Welfare PoA is for decisions about health and welfare and can only start if you become incapable of making your own decisions.

You can choose anyone to be your Attorney, as long as they agree, and you can have more than one. You can buy a pack of the forms at big stationery shops and they come with instructions or use a solicitor, which costs £200-£300. If you are on certain benefits you could get financial help so it is worth asking the solicitor.

Once the forms are completed you must be interviewed either by a solicitor or a doctor to make sure you understand what you are doing. Your attorneys must have signed that they are willing to act for you and then the PoA is registered with Office of the Public Guardian which costs £82. This registration takes about nine weeks and the PoA cannot be used until it is registered. Once the PoA is set up you can leave it until it is needed. You have chosen your own attorneys and made your wishes known. Without it, if you become incapable of making your own decisions the Court of Protection becomes involved.

This is a very brief overview. There is a website; www.publicguardian-scotland.gov.uk or get more information at the CAB.

The Citizen's Advice Bureau is completely confidential. The Citizen's Advice Bureau is at 7 Atholl Crescent, opposite the North Inch. 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 as soon as possible.

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.

A.H.

CHURCH NEWS; Kirk of St Bride, School Wynd

Locum Minister; Rev Douglas Main continues to lead us. It would be great to have more folks joining us. To contact Douglas; Minister@ada-church.org.uk. Or Telephone; 01738 860 867. A committee continues to search for a minister and the vacancy has been advertised.

Morning Worship for 2017 will take place in Abernethy at 11 am and in Glenfarg at 9.30 am. However we meet at 11am, together with the Glenfarg part of our congregation, while alternating locations; Abernethy in June 25 and Aug 6th then in Glenfarg on July 30th and Aug 27th. There is no service in Abernethy when the united service is in Glenfarg. 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.

Annual Church Sale A big thank you to all who helped with and supported the Spring sale in April. Many thanks too for all the donations of crafts, accessories, home baking and produce. We enjoyed meeting with you and your children, The total raised for church funds was £820. Hopefully a good time was had by all.

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 leaflets are also in the museum and Berryfields tearoom. The information will be updated regularly but if you are aware of any errors in the current version, please let Celia King know on Tel: 851 010.

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

The museum opened again on the 6th May. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have been working tirelessly to get the museum ready to open for the season and all the volunteers that help the museum to open and function throughout the year – without you we could not operate.

We took the decision to revamp our Garden Gallery displays by getting the boards professionally created in weatherproof material which was partly paid for by the Tayside Landscape Project. Many thanks go to all of the Collection Management Group for their work in organising the refurbishment of the display boards and the artefacts on display in the Garden Gallery – it has been a huge task.

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 activities for the children to enjoy (e.g. a new dig box in the garden and new games for the children).

Our board since our Annual Members' Meeting consists of myself as Chair, Irene McLaren, Volunteer Secretary, Angus Macintyre, Fabric & Maintenance and Carolyn Smart, Social Committee representative and garden guru. Thank you all for being on the board and helping to run the Museum so efficiently.

We are still looking for a Minute Secretary and would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer for this position. The main duties are taking minutes at:

- * The Board Meetings (4-5 per year)
- * The combined groups' meeting (twice per year)
- * The Annual Members Meeting once per year.
- * 7-8 meetings in all.

These minutes mainly take the form of actions to be carried out by the various attendees as all the different groups produce their own report for each meeting. We circulate all meeting notes etc by email and so the person would have to have access to email and be able to produce documents but we have templates to use so no need to set anything up.

We are open every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2pm to 5pm until 1st of October.

If you wish to become a member of the Museum and/or become a volunteer, your support would be greatly appreciated. As well as the satisfaction of being involved in a fantastic local resource, you will 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.

Bring your friends and family and spread the word about your lovely local museum - enjoy all our

displays, the new children's activities and find out more about the life and times of our charming ancient burgh and parish.

Lesley Robinson
Chair

Museum of Abernethy
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number: SC023100



HELP EXCAVATE CASTLE LAW, ABERNETHY!

28th June - 1st July and 5th - 8th July 2017

We are excavating the hillfort on Castle Law, Abernethy in June 2017 and we'd love local people to help us. First excavated 120 years ago you'll be helping unearth the story of the fort and its people. The dig will be looking to: establish a timeline for the development and occupation of the site; assess the condition of the site 120 years after the excavation and record the extent of the vitrification (the melting and fusing together of stone ramparts) on the site. We can't do it without you! No experience is necessary, full training provided and you can join us for as many days as you would like. If you would like to book a place please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CastleLaw> and if you've not volunteered with us before can you also complete our volunteer form <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TayLPVolunteerandTrainingForm>.

Any questions or if you would like an email or hard copy of the forms please get in touch. A diggers bus will be provided from Abernethy up to the bottom of the hill.

For more information:

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OPEN GARDENS

Abernethy Horticultural Society are trying something new this year and instead of Garden Day some of the nicest gardens in the village are opening as a group under the Scottish Garden Scheme. We would love to see you there and any donations of baking, plants or help on the day would be very welcome! All gardens are non smoking and only guide dogs are allowed.

PITCURRAN HOUSE PH2 9LH (The Hon Ranald and Mrs Noel-Paton) End of village garden with an interesting combination of trees, shrubs and plants. Euphorbia mellifera and melianthus major grow happily amongst hebes and cistus. Rhododendrons, azaleas, meconopsis, trilliums, tree peonies, Smilacena racemosa and a good Caragana arborescens 'Lorbergii'. There is a rose pergola covered in Blush Noisetta, 'Feicite Perpetue' and 'Paul's Himalayan Musk'.

CAREY HOUSE PH2 9N (Caroline and Alan Boyle): Six-year old two acre garden in the process of creation from fields rich in thistles and brambles. Includes small orchard, herbaceous beds, rose garden, pond area, cottage garden, cutting garden, vegetable and herb beds, lawns - all with panoramic views of the Ochils.

BLOOMFIELD PH2 9LW (Claire Jones & Kyle Strachan): Half acre cottage garden, reclaimed from wilderness six years ago and beginning to mature. Mixed planting of trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs. Two small nature ponds. Back garden has raised beds and children's play area.

MORNINGTON COTTAGE (Keir Allen and Rachel Battilana): Located on the site of the Culdees monastery and just down the road from Abernethy's famous Round Tower, this kitchen garden has been producing food for the surrounding buildings for at least the last 210 years, possibly the last 1000. Fuelled by local horse manure, the rotating beds yield a wide variety of organic fruit and vegetables. Also features child and baby play equipment and a gigantic hen run. Disabled access may not be possible.

EASTBANK COTTAGE PH2 9LR (Mike and Elsa Thomson): Traditional Scottish cottage, one third acre garden, walled and bounded by a small burn to the East. Azaleas, rhododendrons, erythroniums, varieties of wood anemones, trillium and a fine display of clematis. Altogether a little haven in the country.

5 SUTHERLAND CRESCENT PH2 9GA (Gill Boardman): This garden has been designed and planted in late 2011 to 2012. Originally a very boring modern estate house garden with grass and decking! Mainly perennials and grasses were planted at side and front. More traditional back garden with shrubs for structure and some perennials. Silver birch trees, rowan trees, laurel hedges, beech hedge and golden privet on the boundaries.

7 DRUM GATE PH2 9SA (Mr and Mrs C Morrison): An attractive garden split into extensive herbaceous borders, large lawn areas and a young woodland with matasequoias, tulip tree, rhododendrons and wonderful views across the Tay Valley and upwards to the Ochils. Fruit trees and scrubs bearing produce. Listen and observe the many species of bird attracted to the garden at the Children's Hideaway Cottage.

Garden Openings

Saturday 24 June 10:00am - 6:00pm (last entry 4:00pm)

Admissions £8.00, includes tea and cake

Beneficiaries

Abernethy in Bloom receives 19%, Museum of Abernethy receives 7%, The Williamson Hall receives 7%, Abernethy Pavillion receives 7%, the net remaining to SG Beneficiaries

Other Details

Tickets, maps, teas, plant and produce stalls in the church hall at School Wynd. Tea and cake included in ticket price, light lunch available to purchase. Parking available at Crees Inn, Main Street for a donation to PADS and Second Chance.





ABERNETHY IN BLOOM



By the time you read this we should have planted up our village containers and hanging baskets for the summer. You will see we have spruced up and painted the railings at Back Dykes. This will be our newest location for tubs. We are always seeking new areas in the village so if you have suggestions for places which need some colour, please let us know. Thanks very much to Jack at Branston for his dedicated paintwork. Work is also advanced on our new feature for Nurse Peattie's Garden which is a specially commissioned rose arbour over the gate made for us by Chris K.

Bloomin' Marvellous - 29 July 2017

Last year saw the second annual Abernethy Container Competition. We 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. We are looking for the most beautiful planted container or containers which really help to enliven the garden or space they are in and bring a splash of colour to please the passer-by too. Any sort of container will do – tub, window box, hanging basket, trough, barrel, whatever you have that you can grow something in.

We are keeping it informal with no hard and fast 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. There are no age limits for entrants and we would be delighted if children would like to have a go.

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

We are again also holding our Best Bloomin' Street competition. So why not try and persuade your neighbours to enter and have a go at winning the best street, road, wynd and beat last year's blazing winners Ballo Braes.



To enter just complete the form below or download a form from:

www.abernethyhorticultural.co.uk

or pick one up at the Inn or in Berryfields Tea Room or from the following:

Margaret Donaldson Rowan Bank, Back Dykes

Maureen Corbishley 1 Ballo Braes

Ian Lamond, 12 The Glebe

Please return it by the end of June indicating how many containers you are entering. All entrants will be notified in advance when judging will take place. Look out for our posters round the village too.

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Please return completed forms to Margaret Donaldson before end June

Our Monday night weeding and maintenance sessions are in full swing so if you would like to get involved with the work of Abernethy in Bloom - and we always welcome new people - please come along to Nurse Peattie's from 5 pm and join us.

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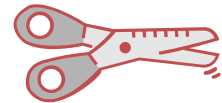
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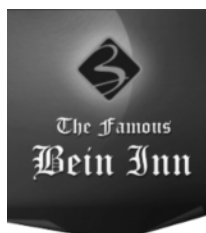
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