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FROM THE CHAIR

Remember the song, "It's been a long long time from May to September" well I don't think it has, in fact it has been no time since September 2018.

Looking at the Crier of last September there have been quite a few changes; eight extra pages, glorious technicolour changes to the front page, different quality paper and photographs.

Interestingly it was in last September's issue we announced the idea of producing an "Anthology of Poems" written by people from Abernethy past or present, or about Abernethy This is now well on its way to completion.

Happily we continue to have our regular contributors and have been pleased to welcome the Reverend Stan Kennon on board. (I thought the metaphor suitable, Stan being ex-navy)

The Crier is totally dependent on what is sent in to us so don't be afraid to make contact. Provided the name and address are supplied (which can be withheld from publication if requested) and non-political we will publish it. We want to know what you think, your opinions, personal news, anything which does not please you. We are open to criticism.

Lots of interesting articles this quarter and many congratulations all round, to the former pupils of Abernethy School now achieving academic success at Perth High School, to the winners in the Abernethy in Bloom competition and to all who help organise and

run the various committees and groups etc. For a small village there is a lot going on.

Finally on a personal note I was interested to read



Jimmy's article on his visit to France as I had just returned from a similar trip to visit the grave of an uncle killed in March 1918 aged 20. He is buried in a beautiful cemetery Douchy les Ayette near Arras, a very rural and peaceful place This had been a life-long desire finally achieved.

Enjoy the autumn and the start of the winter activities. Hard to believe next time you get your copy of The Crier our thoughts will be on Christmas.

Till then,

Hilda Clow

WARTIME MEMORIES

Gordon Miller invited me to be interviewed by one of the Boy Scouts aiming for his communications badge. I was delighted to accept. Along with fellow victims of Jimmy Swan and Kevin Imrie from Branstons we duly assembled at the pavillion to face our inquisitors. Having no idea of the questions we were to be asked we had no opportunity to prepare our answers. When I was asked "What are your memories of the war?" the first thing that came into my head was the nightmare train journey to Bodmin in Cornwall in 1945 when I was called up to the army. Due to wartime delays it took 36 hours involving two nights on the train and I arrived a day late. Another lad from Stanley called up at the same time only had to make his way to Queen's barracks in Perth.

In hindsight I should have described that Sunday morning on 3rd September 1939, two months short of my thirteenth birthday when the family gathered in the living room behind the shop in Stanley to hear the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain broadcast to the nation that we were at war with Germany. No wonder my mother was in tears. My elder brother Tom, seven years my senior was in line for an early call-up. He on the other hand could hardly wait and looked out for the postman every day. When his call-up eventually came my mother remarked "Perhaps we will get peace now". Quick as a flash Tom responded with "I don't think it will be as soon as that." Having returned to school - my first year at secondary school - after the summer holidays we were all sent home for a further brief holiday. On our return the evacuees, mainly from the West of Scotland had arrived. I struck up a friendship with one, Bill Christie from Glasgow who was based at Pitlandie Farm, Luncarty. Thanks to Janet Paton's sister Kirsten Bill and I met up again some years ago when Kirsten brought a group from Glasgow to visit the Museum. We spent the afternoon re-living old memories. Sadly he passed away about a couple of years after that final meeting.

In 1940 I remember seeing my brother-in-law John Keay looking gaunt and unshaven following an overnight train journey from Exeter where he had landed following the evacuation from Dunkirk. He would later jokingly refer to himself as a "Dunkirk Harrier".

Although I cannot recall the exact date, it must have been later that year that a stray German bomber unloaded its cargo of bombs in a line that ran from Guildtown via Stanley and on to Bankfoot.. Fortunately they all fell in open fields and the following day we descended on the craters in search of pieces of shrapnel as souvenirs. Unlike some of my pals I slept soundly throughout all the excitement. Having joined the Air Training Corps as a route to later join the R.A.F. I was denied my first flight by illness as described in my article in the last issue of the Crier.. On Easter Monday of the following year along with several

other cadets we headed off to the Royal Naval Air Station at H.M.s. Condor, Arbroath. Two of us boarded a Stinson Reliant, a high-winged monoplane designed for observation purposes

which afforded excellent views of the ground below.. Our route took us over Glamis



Castle, Stanley where I lived and we swooped low over Tayside House in Isla Road, Perth where I worked. We then flew down the Carse to Dundee and back to Arbroath. It was well worth waiting for.

Later on I experienced a flight from Scone in a Tiger Moth



with dual controls. That was quite an experience. With a helmet and goggles on my head and a parachute strapped to my back I climbed

aboard. The idea was that we would have a shot at flying the plane. Unfortunately the noise of the wind rushing past made it difficult to hear the pilot over the intercom. My opportunity to loop the loop had gone. But that was flying as opposed to sitting in a comfortable seat in a modern airliner enjoying the in-flight movie.

Fast forward to the 5th June 1944. Having volunteered for the R.A.F. at 17½ I had to report to the Caird Hall Dundee for my medical, which I happily passed A1. We all know what happened the following day - D Day. In September I had to report to Edinburgh for the Aircrew Selection Board which I also passed enabling me to wear a white tip in my forage cap.

My elation was not to last for long however as in November a large number of potential aircrew had to report to Scarborough for further stringent tests over several days, myself included. We weren't billeted in the Grand Hotel. In January 1945 my discharge papers arrived from the R.A.F. , the reason - surplus to requirements. Shortly after, the call-up papers to the army arrived in the post leading up to that nightmare train journey to Bodmin. As a follow-up to our interviews with the Scouts we were invited to a Parents' Evening when we were able to see our interviews which had been taped. Then the successful scouts were presented with their badges, rounding off a pleasant evening.

Bob Macdonald

HARVEST 2019

Harvest 2019, first cut of the Spring Barley at Cordon Thursday 25th July. A little later than last year which started on 14th July. I thought that I would include past and present of how a pair of Horses, a grey Ferguson Te20 would have been used in carting off the grain in the olden days. My grandad Jim Roy (not the Abernethy one) and his two Farm Horses at Overton Mains Farm Kirkcaldy.



Sandra Gourlay

TWA SISTERS AT BERRYFIELDS

The Twa sisters who have taken over at Berryfields are Liz Munro from Scone and Kathy Gillon from Auchterarder.



They helped their father set up a café over twenty years ago and have worked in the hospitality trade but never together until they decided to be partners in taking over Berryfields.

Liz is vegan and each day there is a vegan special on the menu which is often ordered by non vegetarians as it is so delicious.

Kathy has a grandson who is lactose intolerant and this has made her aware of different dietary requirements. Berryfields has always been famous for its scones and these will continue to be made but with gluten-free and vegan options.

Homemade soup remains a staple of the lunch menu and as well as the standard menu there is a regularly changing specials board. As well as the vegan option there are dishes such as Steak and Ale Pie, Scampi, Chips and Peas, Smoked Salmon Salad or Pork chop with Black Pudding.

Sweet tooths will enjoy a wide range of home-baked treats. Victoria Sponge has been specially commented on. There is regular and dairy free ice-cream, gluten free Sticky Toffee Pudding and a famous Triple chocolate Fudge Cake.

In good weather you can dine al fresco on the adjoining patio after ordering in the café.

Saturdays will be theme nights; Spanish , Mexican, Italian and even Scottish. The restaurant will be open between 7-10pm and booking is advisable. With only 30 covers all food is guaranteed to be freshly prepared. No drinks licence means you can economise by bringing your own wine or beer for a

corkage fee of £3.

Liz and Kathy are impressed by the real community spirit in Abernethy and are very happy to be part of this. Berryfields is a real asset to this village and we wish the Twa Sisters every success in their new venture.

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It is with regret we hear of the death of Robert (Bob) Morton.

Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time.

THE LITTLE HAIR COMPANY

Hello everyone, I thought I would firstly introduce myself; as Tina I own the Little Hair Company and locally we have been around now for over 15 years in Bridge of Earn. Our clients come from all over the local community, we have even had clients come from as far as Australia and America which is amazing for a little local salon.

I thought I would start writing a little blog in the Crier as a way of connecting the hair and beauty world to the local community. I recently have become a Regional Educator for the product company Milkshake that we use in the salon so I thought wouldn't it be fun to involve you guys with what is currently going on within our Industry and of course our salon and relaxing beauty room?

Recently I took my first visit to Ireland to meet some pretty cool people who are highly skilled at the craft of blending and free hand painting hair, long gone are the days of full head of highlights. Our craft is now becoming very artistic and each colour tailored for each client; a lot more work on our part but boy the colour result is beautiful. With all this hard work if you're not looking after it properly and using the right products, especially with blonde hair, it can affect the quality of the colour and condition, so with all this what would I recommend with so many good quality products out there?

The more you play around with your colour the higher the grade in quality of product you should use. Always make sure the brand you use is sulphate free, most product companies are jumping on the paraben free wagon so stick with those. Anything with these nasties in them keep them for washing the car. On second thoughts could they take the colour out of your car? Who knows? So let's just avoid them in the first place. If your stylist recommends a good brand give it a go and try a sample, you will use less. Most of these companies really are making an effort to reduce their plastic footprint so not only your hair will feel amazing but you will be saving the planet. I know locally we have salons that supply products such as Milkshake Angle Matrix and Kevin Murphy all within an affordable price range to cater for

most budgets. Why buy from the supermarket when you can support a local business?

Anyway it was lovely writing this and I hope that with a little fun, humour and informative inside knowledge I can keep you entertained and updated on what's going on within our industry and our salon.

Tina



CONTRIBUTORS

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 printed.

We would request that you submit all your contributions to info@villagecrier.co.uk. This will mean that we can maintain a readily accessible archive of all submissions. Those who currently send content directly to Jimmy Swan should use the new address. Those of you who submit their content on paper may continue to do so.

Your help in this would be greatly appreciated.

In keeping with the village Facebook page we are looking to you, our readers, to send us your best Abernethy photos for publication in the Crier. Each quarter the committee will select their champion for publication on the front page.

ABERNETHY COMMUNITY CINEMA,

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your continuing support to make the Abernethy Community cinema a roaring success and, in the words of Freddie Mercury, we proved that as a small community we are 'The Champions'. The last film Bohemian Rhapsody was a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury who defied stereotypes and shattered convention.

Did you know there are a number of health benefits in attending the cinema known as film therapy; movies can make you laugh, cry, and even find the strength you need to face your problems.

- Watching a movie can be **revitalizing**. It allows you to disconnect, relax, and have a good time.
- **It helps with relaxation**. Because watching a film redirects attention towards an activity, it's an excellent way to decrease anxiety.
- It drives **motivation**. When you watch a movie, you can find characters who help you find energy in your real life.
- Film also creates **laughter** and **happiness**. And there's no doubt that it has immense influence over both mental and physical health.
- Watching and commenting on a movie with friends and family has a huge **social** and emotional value

So why not come along and join us at the next showing on the 21st September with some of your friends and family and leave feeling revitalised, relaxed, motivated after an evening of fun and laughter.

Next showing **Hunter Killer** on Saturday 21st September at 7.30PM:

Synopsis

American submarine Captain Joe Glass is on the hunt for a U.S. sub in distress in the Arctic Ocean. He soon learns that a secret Russian coup is in the offing, a conspiracy that threatens to dismantle the world order. With crew and country on the line, Glass must assemble an elite group of Navy SEALs to sneak through enemy waters, rescue the kidnapped Russian president and prevent World War III.

The next showing after Hunter Killer will be Aquaman on November 23rd.

2020

It is hoped that 2020 will see us showing films on the following dates:

- 18th January
- 21st March
- 23rd May
- 18th July
- 19th September
- 21st November.
- 12th December.

The programme of films will appear in the December Crier.

Jennie Marshall



Colonel Ian Cartwright CBE, has connections with the village going back to his parent's time.

Abernethy

ABERNETHY
COMMUNITY CINEMA

September Movie

Saturday
21st September

The Williamson Hall

An untested American submarine captain teams with U.S. Navy Seals to rescue the Russian president, who has been kidnapped by a rogue general.

"Rated 15"

For those of you who haven't been before, feel free to BYOB and snacks.

** 7.00 for 7.30pm **

Adults £5.00 Children £3.00

Family £15.00

(family ticket is 2 adults and 2 children)

Children must be accompanied by an adult

For more information on any of the above, please contact us:

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AULD ABERNETHIANS

The Crees Inn became known as the Ponderosa for a while. You have to be a certain age to remember a TV series Western called Bonanza with a ranch called Ponderosa which was owned by the Cartwright family. Ian's family (Cartwrights, of course) moved to the village in 1959 when his parents bought the Crees Inn. They ran it for four years and transformed it into a family friendly pub before selling to Alec Horne and moving to Pitversie Bank.

Ian was born in Manchester in 1933 but spent most of his boyhood in Auchterarder with his grandparents and attended Morrison's Academy at Crieff. During W.W.2 his mother, Meg, was a nurse and worked with the Red Cross. His father, Harry, was injured in the Western Desert and then developed Multiple Sclerosis which forced his early retirement from the Air Ministry and led to the move to Abernethy. They then found family connections. Bob Smith, the Session Clerk, was a cousin of his mother Meg. Their mutual grandfather had farmed at Kintillo.

Ian enlisted on 1st November 1951 and on 31st July, 1953 was commissioned into the Lancashire Fusiliers, subsequently serving with the S.A.S. and the Fusiliers around the world. He was awarded the General Service Medal with bars for Malaya and South Arabia; the General Service Medal for Northern Ireland; the Consolidated Campaign Service Medal for over three years campaigning and was twice mentioned in dispatches. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1974 and advanced to the C.B.E. in 1983.

He married Pat in November, 1958 in Malaya and they had four children. Daughter Jane was baptised in Germany but all three boys, Alistair, Bruce and Guy were baptised in St. Brides in Abernethy. Ian's father Harry died in 1980. His mother found Pitversie Bank very lonely and she moved to 63 Main Street while Ian and Pat moved their family into Pitversie Bank.

The children were all educated at Morrison's Academy, Crieff as boarders. They spent a lot of time with their grandparents in Abernethy and went abroad to visit their parents in the school holidays. Two of the most family friendly postings were Cyprus and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA. Ian had many unaccompanied overseas tours when the family stayed in Abernethy or London.

When Ian left the army in 1983 he worked in insurance in London. For ten years he commuted, leaving the house at 4am on Monday mornings. Within days of his second retirement Janet Paton had recruited him as Treasurer of the Horticultural Society and he began his third career of service to the village. He went to the Williamson Hall Committee AGM and left as Chairman for the next eight years. He started organising a Burns Supper with Ian Bett which led to the formation of the Burns Club. He was Chairman of Ancaster BLESMA Home for limbless ex-servicemen in Crieff. He became a Kirk Elder at St. Brides and greatly values the worship and fellowship of the church. Pat died in 2010 and is buried in Abernethy Cemetery.

Ian remembers Abernethy in the 50s and 60s as a self-contained village and a close knit community involved with agriculture and salmon netting. The new housing has been discretely absorbed into the village but he is most aware of the huge increase in road traffic through the village.

Although not born in Abernethy, Ian has regarded it as home since his parents moved here and Pat was always heavily involved in village life. Pitversie Bank was the first house that Pat and Ian bought together and has always been home to the Cartwright family.

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FROM THE MINISTER

As we look forward to Autumn and the darkening and shorter days of winter, perhaps like me, you are hoping for some decent programmes on the telly? One of my favourites last year, was a BBC docusoap called "Fake or Fortune". Journalist Fiona Bruce teamed up with art expert Philip Mould to investigate mysteries behind paintings. By using scientific techniques and detailed analysis, they decided which paintings were the genuine article and which ones were fake. One episode focussed on a still life painting by the British painter William Nicholson – at least, that is what was assumed. The likeable lady who purchased it in 2008 paid the whopping sum of £165,000. It depicted a glass jug, a pile of plates and two pears. Maybe not the kind of thing you might like hanging on your wall, but the owner in question, Lyn, was obviously very fond of it indeed. Questions had been asked about its authenticity and that is when the programme makers stepped in. As a result of extensive research, consultation with art experts, and an interview with an art forger, the news was not good. At the end of the programme lovely Lyn is told the bad news: her painting is deemed a fake and therefore worth very little. Although disappointed and deeply affected by the blow, Lyn is brave and all she says, in the end, are the enigmatic words: "*This too shall pass*". And the credits roll. Her apt quotation is often thought to be Biblical, but it is probably an Iranian saying used by the Sufi poets. As the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes, a philosopher called Qohelet, was also wise enough to point out: if we are having a happy and good time in life, then it is best to enjoy it whilst we can because it won't last for ever. And, on the other side of the coin, if we are currently experiencing a sad or difficult passage in our lives, then that too, will (thankfully) come to a conclusion. Saint Paul, in his Second letter to the Corinthians wrote something similar, but with a more hopeful slant:

"...this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory.... What can be seen lasts only a time, but what cannot be seen, lasts for ever."

The viewers of the programme are left with the distinct impression, that even although she has just lost a great deal

of money, Lyn has no intention of tearing her favourite painting off her living room wall. Worthless it might be, in an extrinsic sense, but she remains captivated by its beauty and artistic qualities, regardless of who may have actually painted it. Although saddened, it remains *her* picture and she is holding onto it right reason or none.

“Good for her!”, I say. Faith is sometimes about acknowledging that life can be very good or very bad. The trick is to accept that neither condition will last. We hold on to an unchanging God, who remains steadfast and who cares for us whilst undergoing all of life’s widely varying conditions. We too, hold on to *our* picture, faults, deep disappointments and all, because it is *our* picture and although not perfect, we trust that God will indeed transform it one day into “*a tremendous and eternal glory*”. Meanwhile, why not get up into that attic and see what you uncover? “Fake or Fortune” wants to hear from you.

(Rev) Stan

OLD TIME HARVEST



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PAYING FOR A CARE HOME.

In an ideal world we would all like to stay in our own homes as we get older but sometimes illness or infirmity mean a care home is the safest option.

A major worry is about how this will be paid for.

The first step is to get a care needs assessment from the local authority. If you are assessed as needing care then the local authority will pay £177 per week for personal care and an additional £80 if you need nursing care. This will go to the care home as part of your fees whatever your income but you will no longer be paid Attendance Allowance if you were receiving it.

Most people will be expected to pay accommodation costs for the care home themselves. These are around £1,000 per week. People with a low income and capital below a certain amount will have fees paid by the local authority. Capital includes savings, investments and **property**. Capital below £17,500 is ignored. Above £28,000 means you are responsible for all costs although you still get the personal and nursing care if you have been assessed as needing it. Only half of jointly owned assets or accounts is counted as capital.

Most people’s main asset is their house and the main worry is being forced to sell it. The house will be disregarded if it is occupied by the spouse and possibly by older or incapacitated relatives or someone who has moved in to be a carer. A common reaction is to plan to give the house away, particularly to the person who would have inherited it. It is not allowed to dispose of assets in order to claim benefits. The local authority will treat you as if you still have the value of the house. There is no time limit if they suspect you have deliberately disposed of assets. It is also worth remembering that if you have given the house away you have lost control of it. Your family may decide to sell it. If you are paying for your own care you have the choice of where you would like to live. Care is very expensive and your capital may start to drop below the £28,000 limit above which you are expected to fund yourself. Contact the local authority for help but be aware they may want you to move to a less expensive home. You can challenge this. I have skimmed the surface of a very complicated issue. You can get more detailed advice from the C.A.B.

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.

The Advice Line is 01738 450580. 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. Citizensadvice.org.uk covers many topics and is easy to use.

A.H.

NOT JUST BRICKS AND MORTAR

The history of Ivy Cottage

(Continued)

Is he now running the business or just living there?.....

To put it all into context, when Thomas Snr was born in 1795 it was not even 50 years after the Battle of Culloden. What would Abernethy have been like then? In the book "Traditions of Perth" written in 1836 by George Penny, he says of Abernethy "It consists of thatched houses and is more irregular and dirty than almost any inland town of Scotland". On a cold winters day it must have been a fairly depressing kind of a place

In 1868 Abernethy would be noisy with hand looms rattling away in many small cottages like Ivy Cottage. The weavers worked out of their own homes or in a loom shed attached to or in the garden of their cottage. In 1605 handloom weavers were brought over from the Low Countries to Abernethy to improve the skills of the local operators. It was one of the main occupations in the village during the winter months. David Greenhill my great great, great grandfather, one of Thomas's relations, was the last handloom weaver in Abernethy. He died in 1915.

When Thomas Jnr lived in the cottage it would most probably have two rooms, a living room cum kitchen and a bedroom, with a dry toilet at the top of the garden. As a small child over 60 years ago the cottage had changed little: a living room, one bedroom, where my parents, along with myself and my sister slept, a very basic kitchen and a toilet with running water. No bathroom.

Thomas Jnr worked at the salmon fishing during the spring and summer months. He also had a small garden to grow veg and keep a few hens. His sisters who owned the cottage lived nearby in the building locally known as the Bank Buildings, the present day location of Pandora's box.

Thomas didn't last long at the weaving and fishing as he was attracted by the bright lights of Stirling. He had changed jobs and according to the 1871 census he was a railway porter. He was now married to Ann Kiddie from Newburgh and they had four bairns, Jean, Euphemia, Thomas and James Kinnear. Jean and Euphemia were born in Newburgh and reading between the lines, I wonder if he started his railway career at Newburgh or maybe Abernethy stations?

Thomas quickly moved up in the railway company ladder and by 1881 he was Railway Wagon Ticketer, but now living at 47 Commercial Street, Dundee. The family had also grown by two, James and Elizabeth.

Enough of Thomas and his family, lets get back to Ivy Cottage.

The year is now 1912. Unknown to all then there was to be a world war in a few years. However, life goes on in Abernethy.

Barbara has decided to sell the cottage to her nieces Ann and Margaret Greenhill for the princely sum of £150. To let you understand Ivy Cottage consists of two cottages, as it still is today, so they were buying two houses for £150. Interestingly, one of the witnesses to the sale was James Wishart, Linen manufacturer Abernethy and Kirkcaldy.

James was an industrialist and philanthropist and was born in Muckly Cottage, Perth Road, Abernethy, it is said the cottage had been built almost entirely from the ruins of the Castle on Castle law. James was a partner in the firm Ireland and Wishart, Linen and Woollen Manufacturers Kirkcaldy and Abernethy. That will mean absolutely nothing to most of you but the company was one of the biggest employers in Abernethy at the time, employing around 100 people, mostly women. On its power looms the factory produced linen, cotton and wool fabrics (mainly bed linen, table cloths and other domestic wares). The factory started production in 1873 and ceased production in 1930. This was the demise of the hand looms, the looms Thomas and family worked. What's left of the building is occupied by Abernethy Motorcycles and A & B Motors, next to Branston.

The First World War is coming.....

(to be continued)

ABERNETHY TENNIS CLUB

With the nights drawing in Tennis Club activity will be starting to wind down towards the end of September into October, but don't forget the courts are still available for use to members all year round. It has been a good season for the club with high turnouts most Monday evenings for the ever-enjoyable Rusty Rackets session.

We also held a coaching camp for juniors over the summer holidays with over twenty enthusiastic youngsters aged 7-11 attending across the week. If you are looking for some racket sports action through the dark evenings please come along to Badminton Club, meeting on Wednesday evenings at the primary school.

All at the tennis club would like to thank our always informative, helpful (and patient) coaches Hermes and Orpheus for putting up with us on Monday evenings and also a big thank you to the countless passers-by in Powrie Park who throw stray balls back over the fence!

Chris Farmer

SUCCESS FOR FORMER PUPILS OF ABERNETHY PRIMARY

Perth High School celebrated the continued success of its pupils in academic subjects, art, sport and community involvements at its prize giving ceremony at the Perth Concert Hall on Tuesday 25th June

Many former Abernethy primary pupils received certificates of excellence and endeavour in a wide range of subjects and five pupils from senior years Connor Kirk, Imogen Graham, Luke Mitchell, Calder Mackay and Kirsty Falconer received book awards, certificates of excellence or subject trophies meaning they were among the very best at the school in their chosen subjects. Kirsty Falconer was also awarded senior Dux for outstanding academic achievements.

Well done to all prize winners and to the teachers at Perth High School for their support and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Irene

ABERNETHY SWI

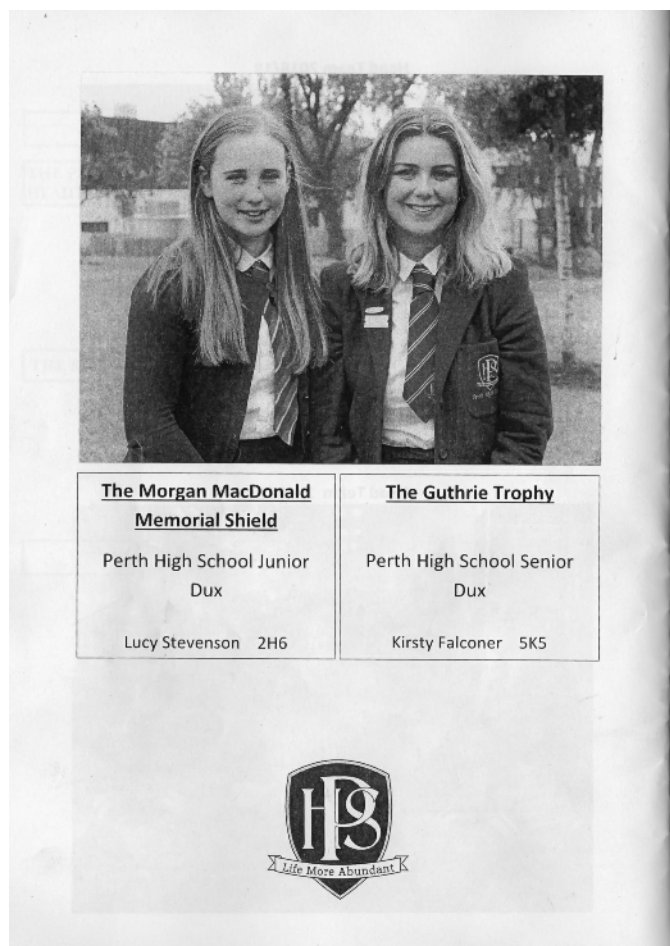
Our first meeting of the new session will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 when we have a Health & Beauty Demonstration from "Senses".

The October meeting will be a "Hands On" Crochet Demonstration.

Meetings are held in the Church Session House (unless otherwise stated) at 7.15pm on the third Wednesday of the month from September to May each year. Please see village Notice Board each month for fuller details about meetings. Details will also appear on our Facebook Page. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Should you have any queries about Abernethy SWI please do not hesitate to contact the President Elizabeth Taylor on 01738 850477.

Evelyn Scobie



Opening This Summer

The Treehouse

and

Optimise Health and Fitness

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BODYBALANCE
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"Exclusively Inclusive"
Providing fitness and fun for all ages and abilities

IT ALL STARTED WITH CORRIE

Many of you will remember fondly, our late local District Nurse Fenella Maver, and her little dog, Corrie. Corrie was a wire-haired fox terrier, one of those dogs that kids used to have toy versions of with a wheel at each foot and a big red handle with which to push them along.

In her final months Nurse Maver became unable to look after wee Corrie and due to a casual remark to Irene Napier at school one day (Irene was kindly looking after Corrie and Nurse Maver in their home at the time) I somehow agreed to take her on!

I hadn't consulted my family at all and the kids were all - "you'll have to walk her every day you know"

"Who's going to clean up after her?"

"don't expect us to take her out" etc.

but I had had a dog as a child and was keen to have one again.

I had been led to believe Corrie was about 7 or 8 years old, but when I took her to the vets the first time it emerged that like lots of ladies of a certain age she had been lying! She was ten. She was also quite deaf and had been used to rather too much human food as treats which made her a bit overweight, underfit and umm not very fragrant! However, she fitted into our household well, being like most of the stuff in it, a bit scruffy, secondhand, but still with plenty of life left in her.

She came to live with us in November and her fitness target was to manage a walk to the top of Castlelaw by Christmas. She did it! She gradually got fitter, loved rooting out hedgehogs to bark at in the garden, sometimes too early in the morning, and became one of the family. She loved to stand on the open door of the dishwasher and give the plates a pre-wash!

I took her to the nursing home where Nurse Maver was living a few times and everyone enjoyed her visits.

Eventually she added blindness and increasing frailty to her woes and after 2 years with us we had to say goodbye.

I lasted just over a week before getting another dog! Dibley was a rescued Airedale Terrier who was about 8 years old. Same sort of idea as a wire haired fox terrier but bigger, more statuesque, and a real country gentleman. He actually had a pedigree! I think his previous family had split up so he became homeless. He was an intelligent, gentle dog with impeccable manners, who was also full of fun and energy. Sadly he succumbed to a sudden "twisted gut" and died before we had had him a year.

My family were now won over to the idea of a dog and so after about a month this time enter Dougie! Another rescue, from PADS at Forteviot this time. He was four, a failed sheepdog - frightened of sheep! - and children, loud bangs, window cleaners, bikes, scooters, you know typical nervous collie. I had to coax him into the car with treats and slow acclimatisation. Dougie spent much of the first year with us hiding in a box room whenever anyone but me was in the house, but he loved being out walking in the hills and was good with other dogs from the beginning. He now loves to join any parties in the house, has many girl and boy friends (human and canine) all over the village - he'll do anything for a biscuit - and can walk past a (quiet) child without bolting. He copes with ferries and buses, but is still wary of sheep - maybe he thinks someone might whisk him away from his cushy life as a pet and put him back to work!

Although he just turned 11 years old he still relishes long hikes whenever he can get them and is doing a great job of keeping both David and me sane and fit(ish).

A dog IS a tie when you want to be away from home for any length of time. You either have to take him along or come back early, or ask someone else to look in on him, but these disadvantages are FAR outweighed by the pleasures and companionship a dog can bring. We love having our dogs - and as for the poo issue - well you just have to Bag it and Bin it! **Julie Illingworth**

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We are starting to theme the bedrooms with the first one done on a golfing theme with a backdrop of the 18th at St Andrews, other rooms will be shooting, fishing, whisky, farming and castle of Scotland.

You're sure of a warm welcome and we love to welcome new guests as well as old, we also offer a courtesy pick up and drop off for parties of four and in the near future we hope to get a small minibus.

See you soon

Dave & Karen

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WHAT A JOURNEY !

At the beginning of June Susan and I took off for France with the travel company "Great Railway Journeys", travelling via London to Lille. After a direct train from Perth to London and an overnight stay at St Pancras we embarked on the Eurostar for a 90 minute high speed trip to France. We were doing a five day tour of the Great War cemeteries of northern France and Belgium.

Since 2014 I have read extensively about the First World War, but nothing prepares you for the rows and rows of white grave stones in the Commonwealth War Grave Cemeteries or the huge monuments to the fallen, many with no known grave.

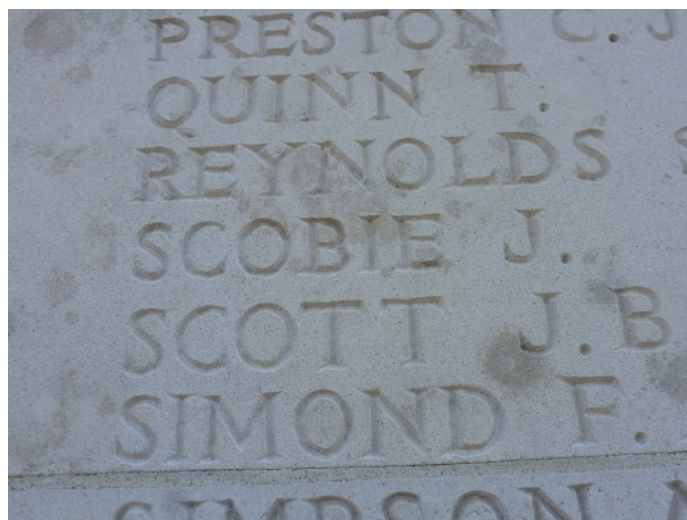
Specifically I was hoping to find where on the Somme my grandfather fought *and did I find it?* "Y Ravine".

The brilliant five day tour took in a wide range of WW1 grave yards and visitor attractions both in the Somme and Ypres areas. Below are a few of the many photographs we took on our tour. It is difficult to appreciate the scale from a small picture.

Below is the Tyne Cot cemetery dedicated to the missing of the Somme. The second picture shows the name of John Scobie, my Great uncle from Abernethy. His name is amongst thousands of men listed on the memorial.



The Thiepval Memorial to the fallen of the Somme with no known grave. This picture gives you an idea of the size of the memorial. That's me standing on the steps. This building is covered with the names of the fallen, regiment by regiment.





This is an example of the fantastic job the CWGC do in looking after the cemeteries.



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ABERNETHY IN BLOOM

FLORAL CONTAINER COMPETITION

Bloomin' Marvellous 2019

The weather was not kind on 27 July but despite leaden skies and heavy downpours, the judges of this year's Bloomin' Marvellous competition had 53 eye-catching pots and containers to consider.

Some gardeners felt the torrential rain of the previous week had played havoc with their hanging baskets and their chances but nevertheless there was a fine show.

2019 was undoubtedly the year of the Petunia. Jamesfield must have stocked every permutation – single, double, frilly, striped and multicoloured. Every imaginable type blazed vibrantly throughout the village. Snapdragons too in Day-Glo pinks, yellows and oranges were firm favourites. Sweet peas, Nemesis, Cosmos, Nicotiana, Bacopa, Mimulus, Lobelia, Fuchsia, and not forgetting Begonias large and small were all on display in frothy abundance.

We were thrilled this year that various newcomers to the village took part. Liz and Kathy at Twa Sisters at Berryfields were really keen to enter into the spirit as was our new Reverend, Stan Kennon. He and his wife transported their succulent collection all the way from Devon and it has settled in well and was enjoying its first Abernethy summer out of doors in blooming good health. We know there are lots more people in the village who have beautiful pots in their gardens or on their window sills. It would be wonderful to have even more people taking part next year. It is also good to see streets or smaller areas working together to produce something lovely for a wider group to enjoy.

Congratulations to this year's winners who all received prizes:

Best Single Container:

First – Lorna Irving for the majestic *Monarch of the Den*
Second – Jimmy Swan for the incomparable *Donald, here's ma' troosers*

Third – Heather Martin for her Red Poppy/Red Bizzy Lizzy Tea pot

Best Group of Containers

First – Hazel Lowe for *Bath Thyme*

Second – Jennie Marshall for her stunning green containers

Third – Rev and Mrs Kennon for their succulents

Best Street – The Glebe

Best Young Shoot – Bertie Farmer for his Sweet pea Wigwam

We would also like to nominate some notable runners up – both Eileen Webster and Norma Tyler in different parts of the village every year put on an amazing display of lots of pots in their gardens – like a flamenco show of colour to delight passers by with a glorious free performance.

Congratulations must also go to everyone who took part this year. A display of photos of the entries was on show outside the museum in early August and we hope everyone who saw them will be encouraged to take part in 2020. Thanks must go to my fellow judges this year – Margaret Donaldson and Isobel Buchan for spending a rather soggy day with clip board and pen. I know they enjoyed as much as I did seeing just how Abernethy loves its plants and gardens and fills every small cranny with colour and life. Special thanks go to Margaret for the organisation of the competition.

Caroline Boyle for Abernethy In Bloom



First prize - Best single container
Monarch o' the Den
(Lorna Irving)

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

Anyone who has visited the museum will know that it houses hundreds of artefacts and photographs telling the history of the village from earliest times.

Unfortunately, photographic evidence for the past twenty to thirty years is very sparse.

No class photographs from the past twenty and more years.

No photographs of events which have occurred in the village.

No photographs of sporting events, apart from a few of the hill race.

The point is that history continues and if the future generations want to learn what life was like in the early

part of the 21st century, then evidence is required.

If you have photos you think should be recorded, then please hand them in to the museum with your name and some information about the photo. The museum can keep them in the archive or they can be returned. It's entirely up to the individual.

If photos are on your phone or ipad, then please email them to 'secretary@museumofabernethy.co.uk'. Again, please give some background information.

Since opening its doors in 2000, the museum has seen thousands of visitors from all over the world many of whom leave very appreciative messages in the visitor's book for example:

'Who would have thought there could be so much history in such a wee place' (Buenos Aires)

'Absolutely amazing. Loved the whole experience – incredible history.' (New Zealand)

'A small gem of Scotland' (North Yorkshire)

We are proud to announce that we have been re-awarded our 4 star Visit Scotland award after this year's inspection but in order to maintain this the museum continues to need the background crew who make sure everything is looking its best; exhibits are recorded and visitors are welcomed and have a pleasant experience.

Every year at this time, there is a plea for more helpers. All that's required is an interest in the village. There is no need for a degree in the history of Abernethy! We need people who can give a few hours each month to welcome visitors or help with the running of the museum or doing research on topics yet to be displayed or becoming a member of the board which is not as onerous as it sounds. Approximately five meetings a year!!

If you have any interest at all and would like to find out more, please call the museum or pop in on a Tuesday morning between 10:00 and 12:30 where you will find the present volunteers hard at work getting displays ready for the new season.

Irene McLaren

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DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The Community Council are holding a defibrillator training event in the Mason's Hall on Wednesday 25th, September at 7.30pm. You will probably already know that there is a defibrillator in the telephone box in Aberargie now and we hope some of the residents of Aberargie will come along to the event.

The instructors will be Dr Corstorphine and Dr Jones.

All welcome

FRAE OOR COONCILLORS

Well, so far summer has been changeable weather wise. The upside to this is that the bloom group throughout the villages have some wonderful displays of lush flowers and shrubs. The volunteers that are in the groups are doing a great job and I am sure that their hard work will be recognised by the judges..

As council is in recess only quasi-judicial committees are currently meeting to ensure that licences and permissions are being granted or not within the prescribed times. One issue that is raising concerns throughout PKC is the Council administration's financial support for the Heart 200.

The SNP fully support tourist initiatives and are 100% behind entrepreneurs who need support with well thought out business plans, that will stand up to robust scrutiny. The funding of £45000 is being directly handed over to the organisers and not through Visit Scotland. Although the funding is being handed over in tranches the criteria for these tranches are vague and the administration cannot give the SNP group clarity on the criteria. All one gets is that a budget decision by the administration to allocate £50000 to establish a "Heart of Scotland" touring route around Perth and Kinross linking in to existing road, cycle and rail routes and to promote the historical, cultural and environmental attractions across the area was taken. One will have to wait and see how this budget decision will pan out.

If you wish to raise any council concerns with me or wish advice on matters do not hesitate to call me on 01738 475039 mob 07899062122 email handerson@pkc.gov.uk or at my surgeries that take place 1 hour prior to community council meetings.

Henry Anderson

ALMOND AND EARN ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP

Are you interested in your local community? Would you like to make a difference? Do you have some spare time? Are you aware of some of the inequalities in Abernethy? Have you good ideas? Are you a member of a group who has been awarded some funding? Do you know that the Local Action Partnership is looking to recruit a community member/members from Abernethy/Aberargie? If you answer YES to **any** of the questions above you may be the person we are looking for. Anyone over the age of 16 will be considered.

Members of Almond & Earn Partnership are local P&K Councillors, community representatives from Methven, Bridge of Earn and hopefully soon from Abernethy. The

Chair at the moment is a community representative from Methven. We meet about 6 times a year on Tuesday evening from 6 – 8pm in either Bridge of Earn, Methven or Abernethy. Travelling expenses are paid.

Funding in Abernethy has been awarded to help fund projects at the Pavilion, Williamson Hall, Toddlers Group, Primary School Keep Active Group. If you are interested and would like to have a chat please contact Kathleen Baird , Kathleenbaird@pkc.gov.uk or 07584206839

FRAE OOR ITHET COONCILLOR

Last time, I spoke of the numerous requests received by the Traffic and Network Team. A request has been granted at Aberargie for a further VAS sign, which may be in place by the time the Crier is published. I hope drivers will take notice of the sign as they drive through Aberargie. The new footpath in Aberargie is looking good.

Parking in Main Street is once more an issue, the Traffic and Network team are once again consulting with the residents, the Community Council and P&K Councillors on this proposal for parking restrictions and waiting restrictions on Main Street.

Were you one of the people who tried a Plastic Free July or maybe you are trying a Plastic Free September? Single use plastic is in the news both nationally and internationally. Perth & Kinross Council waste services has recently undertaken an internal consultation on single use disposable items, not only plastic, with a view to investigating possible alternatives. The Blue Planet effect highlighted exceptionally high levels of single use plastics that are produced and disposed of across the world.

We as individuals can play our part by trying to reduce the amount of single use plastic we buy. Disposal of such items comes at a cost, not only financially but to the environment. We can all play our part. Plastic free village? Thank you to all members of the community who have taken part in litter pick, strimming verges, weeding, watering, grass cutting and generally making Abernethy and Aberargie more attractive for visitors and residents. Councillor Kathleen Baird ,

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AULD ABERNETHY ASSOCIATION

(Abernethy's historical society)

It's always the sign that winter is on its way when we announce the first meeting of our historical society. The first meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October, at 7.30pm in the Museum.

I reckon it's going to be the best year ever.

ALL WELCOME

KIRK NEWS

You are warmly invited to come to the services or activities below.

Morning worship

For 2019, the service in Abernethy will be at 11am and in Glenfarg at 9.30 am. However, on Sept 29th and Nov 24th, there will be **no** service in Abernethy as there will be **United services in Glenfarg** on those days.

Drinks and refreshments are served afterwards. Anyone wishing transport to, Glenfarg may contact Kathleen Baird on 01337 840 218

Children's Sunday Club meets in school term time during the morning services at each location. The young people enjoy a time of Bible stories, fun, games, crafts, drama and songs. Out of term times, there are toys and books in the adjacent hall cupboard which parents and carers can access as well as 'fun bags' in church for young children.

Holy Communion: is to be on Sunday 24th November in Glenfarg at 11am

Church 'Open Doors': meets fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10th Sept onwards from 2.30 - 4pm – a time for refreshments and chat in the adjacent church hall. If you want to spend some quiet time or have a 'look around' the church as well, you are invited!

Village 'Welcome' packs

These packs contain useful telephone numbers and information, about activities in Abernethy. 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! Leaflets are also in the museum and Berryfields tearoom. The information will be updated regularly. If you note any errors 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 upgraded facilities please contact Elizabeth Taylor on 01738 850 477.

Church Website: www.ada-church.org.uk

Contact Details: Minister@ada-church.org.uk

Rev Stan Kennon, 01738 850 194

Session.Clerk@ada-church.org.uk

Bill Macpherson; Tel: 01577 830 430

Celia King

SENIOR CITIZENS SUMMER OUTING

Tuesday 4th June was a lovely morning compared to what we thought it would be, and we all came prepared for the weather to break. Leaving Abernethy promptly, picking up three of us at Aberargie, we were on our way for a relaxing day. It was a lovely tour; being told by the driver about places of interest and Scotland at its best as usual.

Stopping for a refreshing coffee break and chat at The Red House Hotel, Coupar Angus and the weather was still good. Back on the bus and away to Dundee and the V&A. Not knowing what to expect when entering the huge building, I was astonished at the vast size inside. Brian Cox was to be giving a documentary that night so the red carpet was out and the long bar was filled with champagne and glasses. (not for us though).

After seeing around and wondering what we were going to do for the allocated time we had, it just seemed a large empty space. At one wall we saw people entering a darkened room, so of course we went to investigate. Inside was fascinating, with new and old, from furniture to modern items, and lots of history. Before we knew it, time had flown past and we had to leave for the bus.

Lots to talk about on the bus, on to the Mustard Seed at Perth, where they were waiting to serve us with all our favourite food which we had previously ordered. We were not disappointed. My fish and chips were delicious, and I even got lemon meringue pie. What a super end to a relaxing day.

Thanks to all the committee for arranging such a lovely day out.

Lillias Johnston

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ABERNETHY ACTIVE SUMMER 2019

All these mini adventures are ones we've done, with our kids (four and six) all very do-able from Abernethy in a day trip. Google will help you find them.

Head to the cairn up Castle Law, an old fort site. You can probably see it from where you are right now. If you're feeling adventurous head to the summit of Castle Law from the cairn by heading away from Abernethy to the highest point of the hill, there is a wee path, not massively obvious in places but very do-able. There are a lot of tracks and trails all over and around the whole hill, our kids love it. The main path to the cairn from the village can be a bit steep and loose for some but not majorly so, and not for long at all. There is a new seated area on the way up, with information boards, perfect for a mini picnic or a turnaround. Well worth the effort, good views of our beautiful village and well beyond. A lot of the other paths are very walker/runner friendly. The whole place is den building heaven. Some folks get from the village to the cairn and back to the village in under 20mins, enough time to don one wellie if you're 4.

Head to Maspie Den, near Pillars of Hercules café, by Falkland. The source of my favourite coffee. I've been all over the world sampling coffee (and croissants!) and Pillars is still my personal favourite. Maspie Den has a waterfall reached by a walkable path that is in a gully by the stream fed by the waterfall. Can be muddy, slippery and has some drops and spooky dark tunnels beside Falkland House, so beware of ghosts, and trains! I'm happy with my kids scrambling about in the stream and waterfall, it's up to you what yours do. Distance is under four kilometres. Signposts, information panels and tree art from Pillars café. The road passes just above the waterfall possibly making it more accessible for some, but still stairs and mud. From the gully you wouldn't know the road was there. I've seen similar waterfalls in the greater jungles of the world, as you rise there is a bit of a feeling of temperate zone change similar to that experienced on the likes of Kilimanjaro, all in a fairly short wander.

Head to Pitmedden Forest, on a bike. How can you not if you live in Abernethy!! I've done a lot of cycling and feel that Pitmedden is in a class of its own, for all ages, stages and abilities of rider. The wider forest roads through Pitmedden are very rideable on a basic bike with limited ability. There are hills, but there are also gears and a daddy push. Main tracks are do-able by our four year old, with some limited support. We often park up by the top gate, where there are some big rocks with paint on them and head along the main track through the gate, play around on the main track or the wee ones off the

sides, then turn around and head back to the car. A wee bit of navigation savvy and a lot of common sense will serve you well here. There are endless options of loops for kids. Anything from 25 minutes to a full day is good here. Always, always look ahead for what/who's coming!! Horses, dogs, walkers, steep drops, mud, wee broon mooses, snakes and even a tod! If you, or your kids, don't have a bike or the skills, give me a shout.

Head to Balvaird Castle. Simple. Go on a sunny day, take a picnic and Knight outfit and play all day. Take something for your kids to wear too. Ace.

Obviously we always tell someone where we're going and our time of return, we plan ahead for the weather, daylight and conditions underfoot. We take fully charged mobile phones, some money, snacks, extra clothes and around 47 tonnes of lego!!!! We often plan to be out all day take a picnic or a stove to make a really basic hot meal such as baked beans on oatcakes or pasta and sauce, eaten out of the pot to reduce washing up! A new approach to eating out, one we like!

And..... Ding-Ding, you know who you are. Well done!

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ABERNETHY IN BLOOM

As the Daffodils and Tulips faded Summer arrived and it was time to get on with the summer planting. This was completed in time for the Scottish Open Gardens event on the 15th June when Nurse Peattie's Garden was looking spectacular for all our visitors. It was a lovely warm and sunny day which helped bring a large number of visitors from far and wide to view all the gardens open for display. It was made all the more worthwhile for Abernethy In Bloom as we received a substantial donation from Scottish Open Gardens towards our work to keep the village bright and cheerful.

We did have to return some of our hanging baskets this year for replanting as they were not growing as would be expected. But overall we now have another colourful display for the summer throughout the village. We therefore thank all in the community who are helping to keep the floral displays well watered throughout the warmer months.

It was the Village Fete on the 1st June and in conjunction with the Abernethy Horticultural Society and Scottish Gardens, Abernethy In Bloom attended to provide an update on the Hatton Road Project and to give the community an opportunity to put a name forward for the new garden. Including the school and Museum we have received a large number of suggestions which we will now progress for final selection.

The Solheim Cup Women's Golf Competition takes place at Gleneagles on September the 8th. In recognition of the event, PKC created a fund to support community improvement projects. We were fortunate to receive a generous donation from PKC Greenspace on our application for funds to replace some of our ageing wooden Planters. In August you will therefore see the replacement of our original two planters at School Wynd with commercial purchased items with in built water reservoirs. These will help reduce the watering requirements during hot spells of weather. We will never the less continue where appropriate to manufacture in house planters from recycled wood. In addition, we will place signs on our East and West End planters to welcome all Solheim Cup visitors to our beautiful historic village.

We also take this opportunity to thank Anna Blackburn of Waggytails and Kitty Kats for her generous donation towards our summer planting displays.

Funding applications to support the Hatton Road Project are now being submitted by the Take A Pride In Perthshire Team including a Just Giving page (Hatton Road Project Abernethy). Should you wish to

donate to this exciting project your financial support would be very welcome.

Myself and Sonia (as Secretary and Chair) were very honoured to attend the Queens Garden Party at Holyrood on the 3rd July. Unfortunately, we didn't get too close to see the Queen but it was a beautiful day which we both enjoyed. Our thank you to the Abernethy Community Council for giving us this wonderful opportunity.

'Bloomin Marvellous Container Competition':

Thank you for all your entries. Judging took place on Saturday the 27th July on a day which started off rather wet but which didn't distract the judges despite the weather, from experiencing a wonderful entry of colourful and original displays. We thank Isobel Buchan who helped us with the difficult decision to pick the winners. The results of the entries for this years 'Bloomin Marvellous' competition are in this issue of the Crier.

Photographs of all the entries can also be seen outside the Abernethy Museum.

'Sunflower Competition':

Judging for the tallest sunflower competition is planned for August. So, we hope that all who entered are looking after their sunflower to encourage its growth before then. Good luck to all who entered.

Again, we give our grateful thanks to all who show their appreciation and support for all we do to keep Abernethy a bright and colourful place to live and welcoming to all who visit our historic village. If you would like to join us please do not hesitate to get in touch or just come along. No gardening skills required and all ages will be welcome.

Ian Lamond

Secretary, Abernethy In Bloom

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IT'S A SMALL WORLD!

In the shopping concourse of St. Pancras station in London there are two pianos. They are there for anyone to sit and entertain the travelling public, staff and passers by.

In June my wife and I were passing through the station going on holiday and low and behold who was sitting at one of the pianos playing her heart out, Linda Duncan.

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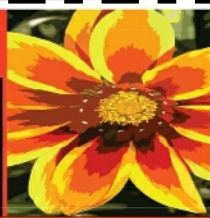
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