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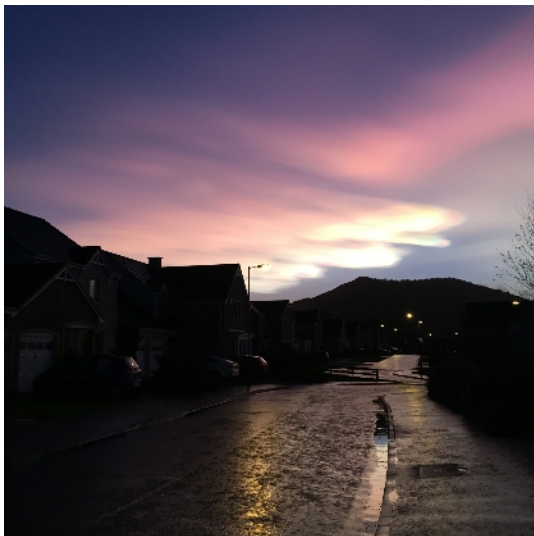




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FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to "The Twenties". I wonder what adjective will be used to describe the next ten years. I read an article in the Press just after New Year questioning as to whether we were really entering a new decade or finishing off the last one. Counting correctly I would suggest we are starting the next ten year. Food for thought.

Looking through the pages of this edition there is much to interest and entertain you starting with the entries to the photographic competition proving what a beautiful place Abernethy is.

With spring in the air we are all now focusing on outdoor pursuits; gardens, tennis, equine events, the clocks changing to summertime and Easter holidays so take note of dates, subscriptions etc.

I am delighted to read Gordon Miller's article about the resurgence of the Scout Movement in Abernethy. Because of the regular use of the Pavilion by the boys several improvements have been made, both inside and out.

Abernethy is very fortunate in having so many venues viz the Williamson Hall, the Masons' Hall and the Pavilion able to accommodate any kind of gathering large or small, exhibitions or activities; not many villages can make such a claim.

Are the "Auld Abernethians" getting younger or am I just getting older? I wonder when I can say truthfully (using the Scottish expression) "I kent his faither" and his mother too.

Anyway, over to you and enjoy a good read.

Hilda Clow

It is with regret.....that we hear of the death of Mrs Paterson.

Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

AULD ABERNETHY ASSOCIATION

The 2019/2020 season continues with our last two meetings before the summer break.

Wed. 4th March

The Voyage of the Scots to Antarctica. Prof. David Munro

Wed. 1st April

AGM and speaker TBA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

A follow up from the flooding at Wellfield to Aberargie a few months ago, was lots of large stones filling the footpath, much to the dismay of everyone who used the path.

This was reported to the council by various people who used it. The final straw was my dog went over her ankle and was off her feet for 3 days. I wrote to David Illingworth, our own councillor, complaining about the stones as nothing was being done by the PKC. An email flew back from David saying he would come and clear them himself.

True to his word, David came one morning and cleared up the stones. I am sure everyone in Aberargie and myself would like to thank David for this kind deed. Much appreciated..

Lillias Johnston

(There was also a posting on Facebook showing the bollards that had been vandalised by spray painting and which David cleaned one morning using wire wool. Well done councillor, we appreciate it. Ed)

WINNERS OF THE SCHOOL BURNS COMPETITION

Primary 4/Primary 5

1st —Albert Clifford-Christie

2nd — Jennifer Cook

3rd — Jess Cassar

Primary 6/Primary 7

1st — Anna Smith (overall Winner of Shield)

2nd — Fraser Young

3rd —Martha Gray

The judges said that the standard was very high and they had great difficulty in deciding the winners.

Margaret Folan

ABERNETHY WALKING GROUP

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Walks are of varying distances, anything from two miles to seven miles. We meet at Corn Kist Car Park at 9 a.m. and car share, unless the walk is local. Details of the walk are displayed in the Notice Board a few days before the walk. New members welcome.

Evelyn Scobie

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AN INVITED GUEST?

A few years after I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small Perthshire town. From the beginning, dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: mom taught me good from evil, and dad taught me to obey. But the stranger ... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If we wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home... not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him, talk and watch him draw his pictures. **His name?**

We just call him “TV”

He has a wife now.... We call her “Computer” and they now have many childrenWe call them “Mobile phones”

By our special correspondent

ABERNETHY SCOUT GROUP

New Leaders

Abernethy Scout group has continued to go from strength to strength with the Beaver Lodge currently having 16 Beavers, the Cub Pack having 18 Cubs and the Scout Troop also having 18 Scouts. We now have children joining our group at 6 years of age and we are able to offer them the opportunity to remain in the group until they are 14 years old. In keeping with the growing numbers, our leadership team continues to develop with four new Leaders joining our existing team; Nicola Coulter and Kate Baird who are now assisting with the Beavers and Ian Craig and Ian McLaughlin who are now assisting with the Cubs.

Building Improvements

Work to improve the Pavilion continues and is being driven forward by the current Scout Committee under the watchful eye of our chairperson Brian Stewart whose experience and insight into the building trade have been invaluable, some might even say he's a Saint but that's enough about his secret love of his local football team.

Further funding was secured to tar the front of the pavilion which now provides an excellent outdoor area, and we now have picnic benches within that area along with a BBQ.



Pictured above are ASAP Contracts who carried out the work and as always left an excellent job, which we are all delighted with. It's quite fitting that the Walkers are ex-Abernethy Cubs themselves.

We are hopeful that we will have the west side of the pavilion adjoining the car park slabbed in the next few months and protective bollards installed to protect the pedestrians on the walkway from cars parking or dropping off Pavilion or park users. This work is in the planning stage and will hopefully be carried out by the Community Payback team at the start of March.

The Pavilion is very much a community asset and is now used every day of the working week by various groups and organisations with over 100 children using the facilities on a weekly basis. Thanks to all who take the time to support these various organisations.

Summer Trip

Scouts have enjoyed camping at various locations throughout the years, however last year we thought we would try something a little different and hired a Narrow Boat for a week. While planning the trip we realised that the Shropshire Canal ran close to Chester Zoo, so why not take the boat to the zoo?

We hired a boat called River Dance which was 69 feet long and although not quite an oil tanker, we still had the odd scary moment when we were frantically trying to get the boat to slow down and turn. So off we set from Bunbury in Cheshire, negotiating the locks and enjoying the countryside along the way, and what a pleasant way it is to enjoy the countryside, bumblng along at 4mph.

The Scouts all took turns to pilot the boat, work the locks, clean the boat, cook the meals and wash the dishes so it was an active break for all with plenty to do. During the trip the Scouts were also very conscious about water conservation and did their level best not to waste any water by having a shower, but they did eventually give in, probably down to the fact that they were starting to smell similar to the Rhino enclosure at the Zoo.



Pictured above left are Jim Cook, Ian Miller, Amie Robb, Mathew Sandler, Anna Smith, Iona Blues, Fraser Young, Hayley Young, Aron Robb and Jennifer Cook.

Pictured above right are the Scouts tucking into their tea, with Jude Tait running the galley and doing a wonderful job of keeping everyone fed and watered during the trip, in such a confined space.



The scouts enjoyed a day in Chester exploring the city, and had a very enjoyable walk round the walls with lots of history to explore, along with the odd ice cream shop.

Thanks go to all the leaders and the committee who continue to volunteer and ensure that the Abernethy Group is a continuing success.

Gordon Miller
Abernethy Group Scout Leader

ABERNETHY IN BLOOM



Another year has arrived and we look forward to a new Spring. The bulbs are already showing so it won't be long before the village springs into colour again.



So after six hours and 290 miles in a minibus and 25 miles of canal and negotiating 18 locks, followed by a 20 minute walk, we made it to Chester Zoo where we had a fantastic day. The weather was excellent and the Zoo is one of the best in Europe. The only downside, if any, was that this was the halfway point and we had to do the return journey, but what a great adventure.

It was a wonderful end to 2019 when the community got together to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights. The weather was kind to us this year so it was a large turn out who helped to celebrate the occasion with some festive refreshments and eats. Our minister Stan Kennon and his wife Aileen did the honours and switched on the lights. Our friends from PKC Greenspace also attended so we could thank them for all the help they give to Abernethy. We were also able to thank Kevin Imrie, General Manager at Branston, for all the help they give throughout the year and for again providing the lovely Christmas Tree. The Dundee Silver Band provided the music for the evening and our very own Beavers and Cubs led the singing with a few seasonal songs, which made it a very enjoyable evening. Not forgetting Paul who took all the great photos to record the event which were made available to view on Facebook. A big thank you to the community for the collection of £314.55 received from the evening. It is very much appreciated and will go towards the planting around the village for this year. We did run out of Mulled Wine so we are making plans for more at this year's event!

Unfortunately twelfth night arrived too soon when the Christmas Tree had to come down and the decorations were packed away for another year.

AIB plans for this year include an application to enter the village for the Take a Pride In Perthshire and Kinross and possibly the Beautiful Scotland competitions. We were very successful in 2016 and 2018 receiving Silver Gilt awards which we hope to improve upon this year with a Gold award. The awards for these competitions are not only given for the horticultural achievements but include a



Cub Awards

The Gavin Robertson Memorial Trophy is awarded for the outstanding Cub of the term and it's a fantastic way to honour Gavin who enjoyed his time as a Cub Leader.

Last term the Trophy was won by Jennifer Cook for being kind and helpful.

measure of Community and Environmental participation. The help of the community to keep Abernethy clean and tidy and to make your local surroundings as colourful as you can, all go towards achieving that elusive Gold. We also hope to involve the participation of the younger generation in our community to show their potential to look after our environment.

While progress with the design and funding for the new 'Heritage Garden' project at Hatton Road continues, we have started to tidy the site and area around the Burn, with the addition of a compost area and the introduction of wildflowers. This will help with the competition judging in July/August, as at this stage of development, it is unlikely all the funding will be in place to enable a start to the new garden. You may have noticed the placement of a banner at the site to promote a 'Just Giving' page to help with the funding. Your donations whether large or small would be gratefully received and would help to progress this exciting new project for the village. It is also planned to display the final plan for the garden and to provide regular updates on progress.

The annual Container/Street competition will take place in July, when we are hoping for even more entries to add to the many excellent displays which get better with each competition and shows the horticultural excellence and talent that we have in the village. Any type of container can be used, so never too early to make a start with your ideas.

This year, we will also be giving Jimmy Swan some help with the 'Tallest Sunflower' competition. The competition will be extended this year to include children under 16 and an adult category. Free potted seeds will be available from Jimmy at Ivy Cottage on Back Dykes from the first week in April and judging will take place in August.

Look out for further details which will be posted throughout the village.

Maintenance activities will commence at Nurse Peattie's Garden and around the village in March/April. If you would like to join us please get in touch. We would like to see more volunteers joining us to help keep Abernethy bright and cheerful. No horticultural knowledge is required and absolute beginners are welcome. Come along and join us if you see us working at Nurse Peattie's Garden in the village or just give us a call. You will always be welcome and if you have any queries about the work we do and how we are funded please get in touch.

Key Dates for 2020:

Abernethy In Bloom AGM – March 2020
Garden Maintenance Start – March/April 2020
Tallest Sunflower Competition – April 2020
Open Gardens Event – TBC

Container and Street Competition – July 2020
TAPIPK & Beautiful Scotland Competitions – July/August 2020

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ABERNETHY TENNIS CLUB



Powrie Park has two outdoor all-weather tennis courts and Abernethy Tennis Club members enjoy unlimited use of this fantastic local sporting facility.



We are a sociable and friendly club and hold a weekly club night for members on Wednesday evenings from April to September (i.e. when daylight allows). New and prospective members are very welcome to come along and join in.

We are an LTA Registered Venue and aim to run sessions with qualified and experienced coaches for all abilities and all ages – look out for further details of this year's coaching coming soon.

Only £25 for annual adult membership and £50 for annual family membership. The membership year runs from April to March.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OFFER!

Receive a £5 discount (£45 instead of £50) if you renew your family membership before the end of March 2020

For more information and membership forms etc. please look at our website
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AbernethyTennisClub>

or find us on facebook

email – abernethytennis@gmail.com

Chris Farmer
(on behalf of Abernethy Tennis Club)

ABERNETHY TENNIS CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM April 2020 – March 2021

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	£	No.
FAMILY (2 Adults + up to 4 Juniors)	£50.00	
SINGLE ADULT	£25.00	
JUNIOR (Under 18's)	£12.50	
TOTAL AMOUNTS	£	

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PARENT/GUARDIAN.....
 (only required for junior memberships)

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TEL:

EMAIL:

The best way to keep up to date with tennis club events and organise matches with other members is the club Whatsapp group. Please give any names and mobile numbers you would like to be added to this group (please note you must be 18 or older):

Name(s)/mob #:

Please tick to indicate that you consent to being contacted by Abernethy Tennis Club by:

☐ email

☐ phone

☐ post

N.B. All members must familiarise themselves with and follow the club's Policy for Safe Usage of the Courts (see signage at courts or club website)

Return completed forms with payment (cash or cheque made payable to Abernethy Tennis Club) to:

Graham Donnachie, 6 The Glebe, Abernethy, PH2 9GF

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AULD ABERNETHIANS

IAN MILLER



I got an idea of what it means to be a farmer when I was chatting to Ian Miller at Jamesfield. Twice we were interrupted; once to be told a sheep was out then to be told a goose was loose. The sheep had

already been put back and the goose would return when it was ready!

Ian's family bought Jamesfield Farm in 1941. His father, George, was born above the present doctor's surgery and was the youngest of four. His mother, Elizabeth, was of mining stock from Lochgelly. George and his brother Alec formed A & G Miller, a fruit growing partnership. Alec had been badly affected by the Great War. His friend, Harry, with whom he had enlisted, was killed on their first day of action by shrapnel in his head and Alec was a P.O.W.

Ian was born in 1945. He was educated in Abernethy and Bridge of Earn before spending a year at Law School of Agriculture between Crieff and Comrie. Discipline was very strict but there was a thorough grounding in all aspects of farming. Ian had an accordion and remembers using it as a hiding place for a friend's cigarettes. The Housemaster, Mr Baird, nicknamed 'The Monk', took the room apart looking for the contraband but in vain. Forty years later he was in contact with Mr Monk and was able to tell him where the cigarettes were hidden. The Grieve, Harry Strachan, told how he left home at 13 to live in the farming bothy for £13 a year. His mother had sent him away with ten shillings and when he returned he repaid her and still had his £13 wages. Jimmy Napier built first class stacks.

Ian started working at Jamesfield Farm in 1961. He felt there was no money in cattle and thought about intensive farming but his father's mantra was, 'Every farmer's ambition in life is to hand a more fertile farm to the next generation.'

He married his wife, Pat, in 1966 in the now demolished Cargill Church near Guildtown and they had three children;

Lynn, a doctor in Fife, Gordon, serving in the Police in Tayside and Garry who is a Social Worker in Tayside

The farm had pigs for 30 years and supplied many local butchers but the market died as supermarkets began to dominate food retailing.

Ian was becoming increasingly concerned about the use of chemicals in agriculture and in 1985 the farm became organic which was quite revolutionary then. He says he was inspired by previous generations of farmers who allegedly grew neeps so big that the sheep could gnaw holes in them big enough for shelter in the winter!

The farm became a research centre, sponsored by the EEC and Safeways. In 1986 he was very successful at growing organic potatoes but less successful at marketing them. In 1987 organic meat was launched at the Capital hotel in Edinburgh and by 1989 Ian was promoting it all over the UK, including Hyde Park in London.

Irene, his partner, helps run Jamesfield Centre which was opened in 2005 and hosts a growing number of small businesses as well as the restaurant, where it is a real treat to relax and enjoy the good food and lovely views.

The main change Ian has seen in Abernethy is the movement of people. When he was at school families had been there for generations. He is still astonished that Perth Auction Mart no longer exists.

He has travelled all over the world but, as far as he is concerned,

'Abernethy takes a bit o' beating!'

AH

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019

December came upon us once more, and that only means one thing, Christmas. As always the party was a wonderful success. Arriving in the Williamson Hall with all the beautiful garlands and decorated tree, the atmosphere was there from the start, each person socializing and getting prepared for the meal. The Rev. Stan Kennon said Grace and it certainly was a Grace to remember putting a smile on all our faces: thank you Stan. The meal was soon served quickly and politely, the caterers seeing that each person got what they wanted. The catering was done by the Bein Inn and very good it was. Entertainment was a wee bit different, fiddle, guitar and singing, which could have been a bit more seasonal but was entertaining just the same. Raffle prizes in abundance were soon delivered to the lucky ones. Retirement gifts were presented to Margaret and Billy

Folan and David Morris for all their dedicated work to the committee.

Thanks to all the committee for the lovely evening.

Lillias Johnston

THANK YOU!



Jamesfield farm shop and all its independent businesses would like to say a big thank you to Andy at A. Craig Electricals for coming forward and installing the defibrillator free of charge. With the farm shop's ever-growing footfall it was a priority to have a defibrillator in place.

We also would like to thank the Community Council for approving and paying for the defibrillator that is now in place and located at the entrance to Jamesfield Farm Shop and

Restaurant.

Many Thanks

EDUCATION IN 1886

Since education is always a topic under discussion I thought you might be interested in the following article.

I was given a copy of an annual examination set by the Highlands and Islands Commission granting a Grammar School Bursary to the sons of crofters, enabling them to go on to further education viz. Secondary School and ultimately University These were the papers set in 1886, seven papers in all

- 1) Gaelic
- 2) Bible and Shorter Catechism
- 3) English, covering Grammar, History and Geography
- 4) Arithmetic and Euclid
- 5) Latin Grammar
- 6) Latin Translation
- 7) Greek

Apart from Gaelic each paper was allowed one hour and valued 100 marks. Gaelic was also awarded 100 marks but the time allowed to complete was only half an hour.

In 1883 six pupils earned more than 500 marks, the top one being a crofter's son from Gairloch gaining 599 marks

I have selected some questions for you to try.

From the English Paper

Write down the present indicative, past tense and past participle of blow, choose, burst, say; write out fully the future indicative active and the future perfect indicative passive of any one of these verbs.

From the Geography Paper

Where are the following towns and for what are they noted: Quebec, Calcutta, Cork, Melbourne, Dunedin, Sheffield and Bristol?

From the History Paper

What happened on the following dates 1174, 1263, 1297, 1314, 1513 and 1603?

From the Arithmetic and Euclid Paper

What is a composite number? Find the greatest common measure of 849 and 1132. Find also their least common multiple.

Tell what the following terms mean in Geometry: a point, a line, a plane superficies, an acute angle, a right angle, an obtuse angle. How many acute angles must a triangle have? How many may it have ?

The questions on language are mainly passages for translation, the Greek one mainly written in Greek script which would be impossible for me to transcribe, however if anyone is interested I can show you a copy of the original paper.

I decided not to reveal the Bible and Shorter Catechism questions just in case someone got higher marks than Rev. Stan.

Return your examination papers to The Crier before the 30th April 2020 and take note

NO HELP OF ANY KIND ALLOWED

This is written at the top of every paper.

Hilda Clow

TO THE DISTRIBUTORS

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

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

DON'T - IF YOU HOPE TO REMAIN SOLVENT

There is a poem by Noel Coward warning Mrs Worthington to dissuade her daughter from following a stage career. A clever parody, popular in equestrian circles warns "Don't put your daughter on a horse, Mrs Worthington" A typical verse reads

*You will stand for hours in slickers
With mud up to your knickers
To watch her do her dressage in the rain
You will get back home to dry out
And before you've had time to cry out
You'll be saddling up and starting out again*

In our case it wasn't Mrs Macdonald's idea to put our daughter on a horse, it was her mother, Mrs Morris's. I suspect it was to make up for the fact that she herself never had a pony as a child. On the run-up to our eldest daughter Jane's ninth birthday she had been scouring the columns of The Courier for a suitable mount when she spotted one for sale at Balmullo which the owner had sadly out-grown - an eleven year old Welsh pony, eleven hands high named Copper. A trip down to Balmullo to check him out and agree a price and the deal was sealed. Not having a tow-bar on our car, never mind a trailer we enlisted the aid of Davie Stalker and duly returned to collect the new addition to our household. There were tears from the owner as she said goodbye to her beloved pony. Initially Copper was housed at the Riding Stables set up by Betty Munro and Karine Morton. For Jane the school day seemed never-ending until she could try out her new pony. When I arrived home from



Copper

work I saw the family return home led by the dejected figure of Jane. Things had not gone well. In hindsight Copper was perhaps not the best

choice for a first pony. He bucked off almost everyone who tried to mount him at the stables. However perseverance

prevailed and all three girls in turn had a lot of fun with him. For company we acquired a Shetland who we called Pokey in preference to his fancy name Harvieston Pibroch.

One Saturday morning I received a phone call from a house in Perth Road asking if our ponies were missing. A quick check confirmed that they were not in the field. There they were grazing contentedly on the caller's front lawn. One Saturday on returning from a trip down to the village to fill up the car with petrol I was horrified to be told that Copper was in the living room. With a china cabinet and a glass door to negotiate, leading him out was going to be tricky but all went well apart from a brief stop when he dug his heels in half-way through the living room door. My relief at getting him out quickly changed to horror when my middle daughter Anne said "Daddy, Copper has done a jobbie in the house" That had been his reason for stopping. Never was a shovel wielded so quickly to transfer the offending heap to the rose bed. I am reminded of the incident every year when the person addressing the haggis at the Burns Supper utters the words "warm, reekin', rich".

Our next purchase from a girl, Carole Anne from Saline, was a palomino gelding named "Crème Caramel". Not quite as lively as Copper except when you tried to bring him in from fresh green grass in springtime when he would lash out with his back legs. Steady would be a good description and Jane took him on with Copper passing to Anne. We



Mrs Morris with Caramel

had still kept up with Carole Anne and a year or two later she was selling a 14.2 New Forest gelding called "Stafford Sparker" which we duly acquired allowing Anne to inherit Caramel and Moira Copper. "Spankie" was undoubtedly our best buy as Jane went on to have many successes with him over the years.

Our association with the Perth Hunt branch of the Pony Club began when Ann Cooper, whose elder daughter Morag had joined, asked us if Jane would be interested in going to the Pony Club annual camp at Scone Racecourse stables. Thus began a long association with the Pony Club,

including nine years when I held the post of Secretary. Our travels took us all over Scotland plus a couple of trips to the Annual Championships in Shropshire. Over the years we made many friends.

It can be an expensive business however, hence the warning "Don't put your daughter on a horse"

I hope to relate more equestrian memories in future issues of the Crier.

Bob Macdonald

ABERNETHY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS TRUST SIXTIES NIGHT

Heads Up!

We are holding a "60s Night" in **Williamson Hall** on **Sat 28th March 2020** with the "Carloways".

BYOB and Nibbles.

Tickets £10.

Further details will appear shortly on Village Noticeboard, in the "Courier" and in "Perthshire Advertiser", and on Facebook!!

If you would like to buy a ticket, or require more details, please contact the Secretary, Evelyn Scobie on 07719240294 or 850 496.

Evelyn Scobie



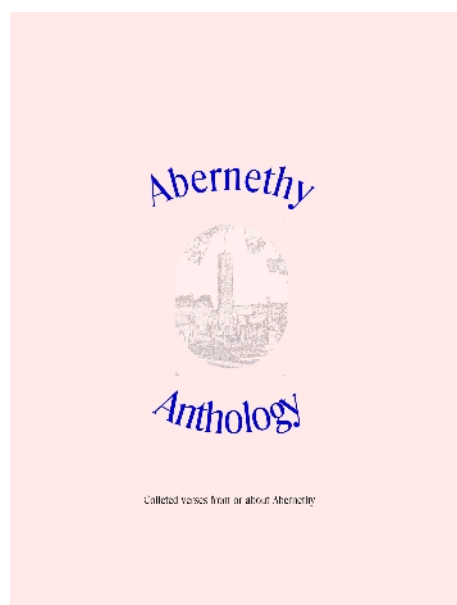
The Crier is run by volunteers who give up their time freely but who all have other commitments. To make their jobs as easy as we can there is a date of submission every quarter for articles and advertisements. If this is not adhered to then either the advertisement and/or the article will not be published or the volunteers have to make special, and often time consuming, efforts to accommodate the submitters and publish the item. From now on any item submitted after the deadline will only be published if the committee consider there are exceptional circumstances which justify its inclusion. We are sorry to have to issue such an ultimatum but circumstances make it necessary. Please help us to provide an acceptable service.



We have collected poems from Abernethy and published them in a wee book.

Available for sale from any Committee member or from the following
The Crees, Twa Sisters, Clottie McToot, Brian's Shop, Jamesfield Farmshop and A K Bell Library.

Only £7.50



PARKING

Several people have been annoyed by parking penalties recently so I thought it worth revisiting the subject.

This article is about private parking charges, not penalty tickets issued by the council or the police.

There are many people on the internet holding forth about how they have always ignored parking penalties and nothing has happened to them. They then say that parking charges from a private company cannot be enforced. They are wrong and they have simply been lucky so far.

When you park in a private car park you enter into a contract whereby the company would provide parking and you would pay. This is a civil contract and action can be taken in the Sheriff's Court for the unpaid parking charge and expenses.

Action **can** be taken but this does not mean it will be taken. In the past, parking companies did not bother with small sums but they have now started taking non-payers to court and have been successful.

Parking in Perth is particularly annoying with one large parking company making it quite awkward to park without incurring a penalty.

If you get a parking charge notice first of all check that it is correct. One client had a charge from one car park and also had a ticket proving he was in another car park at the time. Another had just driven through the car park and there were no spaces. Or there may be special circumstances that make the charge seem unjustified.

A good defence used to be that the signs were not clear but most signs have now been changed to be obvious and clear.

If you were parked at a store car park then enlist their help using your till receipts .

You can write to the parking company or complete an on-line form. In my experience the first letter is always dismissed, however justified.

'Our Legal Team has considered your case and dismissed it'.

Write again and keep a copy of your reasons for objecting to the penalty.

The first parking charge letter is followed fairly swiftly by the first letter from a firm of debt-collectors then another letter threatening court action. The demand is for over £100 by now. However it is not affecting your credit record.

At this stage clients often come to me and say, 'Should I pay?'

If you have written to contest the charge as incorrect then you will have a good defence if actually charged. That is why I said to keep copies of correspondence if the charge was wrongly or unfairly demanded.

The letter may be about an alleged offence from several years ago. I would suggest ignoring this. After six years a civil offence in Scotland is time barred but if you respond the six years starts again. Having said that, look at what I have written about an actual summons.

If you just feel very aggrieved I can only reply that you must decide for yourself. I cannot know if the parking company will take action. Many people will tell you they have ignored the letters and they have eventually stopped. This might be the same for you.

If you do not intend to pay on principle then there is no point answering letters which will get ever more threatening. If you get an actual summons, not a letter which says, 'This Is What A Summons Looks Like.' then **don't ignore that.**

Pay up, attend court to defend yourself or be found against in your absence. The parking charge will now include expenses.

If the company does go to court they will probably succeed unless you can show a defence, and a Court Order is not a good thing to have against you. It will be on your Credit Record for six years. You may still get credit but it will be very expensive and it will cause difficulties with things like mobile phone contracts and car leasing.

It is a civil, not a criminal, offence and there is no question of prison. If you still do not pay up the company can use the Sheriff's Officers to claim the money, but only after a court judgement.

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

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

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

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

There is also a web-site run by the CAB. Adviceguide.org.uk covers many topics and is easy to use.

A.H.

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You

We were delighted to welcome lots of you to the Christmas Eve service of 2019. We had a wonderful (chocolate assisted) version of the Christmas story and some lovely carols. Over Christmas, including both congregations, the sum of £131.91 was donated to the Children's society and £351.05 for the Church of Scotland, Crossreach Visitor Centre at Perth Prison. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Morning worship You are warmly invited to come on Sundays or to other activities below.

For 2020, the service in Abernethy will generally be at 9.30 am and in Glenfarg at 11am. However, on the last Sundays of the month, united services will be held at **11am in alternating locations:** on March 29th in Glenfarg, April 26th in Abernethy and May 31st in Glenfarg. There will be **no** service in Abernethy when the united service is in Glenfarg. Drinks/refreshments are served afterwards. Transport to Glenfarg is co-ordinated by 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. Why not join in! 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. Sunday club will end on March 29th for Easter holidays and re-start on Sunday 19th April.

Holy Communion: is to be on Sunday 26th April in Abernethy at 11am

Church 'Open Doors': meets fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10th March onwards from 2.30pm - 4pm ; a time for a chat and lovely home baking 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! Transport may be arranged.

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 in the 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 facilities please contact Elizabeth Taylor on 01738 850 477.

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FROM THE MINISTER

Although maybe a bit early yet for most varieties of plants and vegetables, I notice that some keen gardeners have already been busy planting seeds, and this reminds us that the days are lengthening, signs of Spring are appearing and (hopefully) better weather is ahead.

Although tempting, planting seeds too early in the season can have disastrous consequences. Like so many things in life, timing is of the essence. I have to confess that I sometimes get impatient with the natural cycles of day-length and temperature and "try to push the envelope", a lovely phrase which just means that I have the hubris to try to fool Nature.

To this end, a sturdy, well-padded box with mountains of bubble wrap arrived from Devon. It contained my heated electric propagators, but, as all good gardeners are aware, heat is not enough, and this is when I entered a more clandestine, shady world – one of slightly dodgy websites where less-than-respectable wares are on offer. I have purchased growing lights. These could be put to several uses, I imagine, not just germinating seeds from Dobbies. So, on a murky day, you might get a glimpse of this strange illumination as you pass by the Manse. The ethereal glow, which emanates from my greenhouse, will possibly have little to do with the Holy Spirit. It will be a result of Stan's special fluorescent tubes designed to imitate natural sunlight. As a result, I am awaiting a surprise visit from the local constabulary any day now. Effective it might be, but it does look terribly suspicious.

As Christians, we are all involved in this process of sowing, germinating and then waiting to see if anything will flourish. Every act of love and service that we offer, every comforting or encouraging word, each time we share something of our faith, is like a seed sown. These are small things that we plant in the lives of others: our children, our neighbours and those with whom we share our world. Like insignificant looking seeds, small and unremarkable, our deeds needn't be on a grand scale – just heartfelt and sincere. Usually, we never see what becomes of these actions, but we trust in God's love, and we leave it up to him to shed light on them and nurture them until they can be potentially transformed into something wonderful in the future.

This is part of the mystery of Easter: the unstoppable movement from murkiness to brightness; from death to life and from the cross to resurrection. May you enjoy a truly verdant Spring and a glorious and abundant Easter.

Rev Stan

TINA'S HAIR

Happy New year everyone.

I thought I would start by saying thank you to all our wonderful customers who are keeping us busy in what's



been our busiest January since I opened The Little Hair Company back in 2005.

I had a moment of thought and wondered what else I could talk about and well, I came up with Education.



Trainee Morgan Muirhead

Education is a massive passion of mine and I have been teaching hair now for over 15 years, and I have seen some incredible talent grow from people whom I have helped and taught over the years. It brings me to also say a big massive thank you to the team at the Crier who help me with my grammar and spelling because sadly I didn't leave school with a glowing report or higher grades of any sort. I

found my skill set was in the craft of hairdressing which I kind of fell into.

It was like a scene out of The Devil Wears Prada. Sixteen years old I walked through the doors of Charlie Taylor's in Perth with my bedraggled half brushed hair; no fashion sense and not even knowing who was who within the industry. Charlie taught me well and I grew into the industry I love and now call family, and after 24 years I am still snipping away. I never intended to stay. I was going to be a zoologist and go back to university (who was I kidding?). I thought in order to be successful I needed to go to university and have a degree but this isn't the case. Our

industry is such a rewarding place to be, and some have even become so successful they jet all over the world styling big named celebrities. I have obtained my Master Colour Degree and there are fewer than 3000 of us with this qualification in the UK.

I am now an educator for one of the fastest growing hair product companies within these shores, Milkshake UK. As well as being a brand educator, I am also a VTCT educator



Team North Milkshake UK

and I am currently working on some events coming our way which I am really excited about but, I can't share details just yet.

So, while our children are sitting their exams it's good to remember that University isn't the only option, and learning a craft is rewarding and so versatile if they don't happen to get the grades they desire.

Maybe you're bored and want a change of career or maybe, just maybe, there is a Vidal Sassoon within you ready to break out and get creative.

All the best for 2020

Christina Thomson

NEWBURGH AND ABERNETHY SURGERY

We are pleased to advise that, should it be more convenient, patients living in the practice area are now able to register with Abernethy and Newburgh practice, including patients previously registered at Bridge of Earn surgery who were allocated to practices in NHS Tayside.

To register pop into the clinic (opening hours as advertised) or the main surgery in Newburgh and pick up registration forms.

FRAE OOR COONCILLOR

Perth & Kinross Council at their December meeting approved an Interim Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Emissions as I am sure you are aware are mainly from transport, the energy we use in our buildings, our homes and the waste we create.

The Council's own activities only produce 3% of the emissions produced in the area. The Council will lead by example but reducing the other 97% of emissions will require everyone in Perth & Kinross to make changes to protect our planet.

I challenged each elected member at the December meeting to try to do one thing to cut down their own carbon footprint. We can all do something - no-one is too small to make a difference. We are all responsible for our actions; we can all take small steps starting in the home by turning down the thermostat, leave the car at home occasionally and walk if it is a short distance to shop or school. The three Rs some of us were familiar with **Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic** are still important but equally important are the new three Rs; **Reuse Reduce and Recycle** and the 4th **Repurpose**.

We are all part of the problem so together we need to solve it. The Council is committed to working with residents; starting with a widespread community engagement to develop a shared vision for Perth & Kinross, to identify the main actions we can all take and to start the conversation about targets for the Perth & Kinross area. Fairness is at the heart of the Council's Community Plan and we need to ensure that any actions we take on climate change mitigation are fair for all.

Reducing emissions is a priority. The Council has direct control over its own fleet with the solution being to change to electric or low carbon vehicles. This would be a huge cost in one year! The Council has influence for example by using measures such as parking charging policies, promoting car sharing or alternative transport, but we need to make sure we do not create another problem.

The Council secured funding from TACTRAN and Smarter Choices Smarter Places fund to have more Cycling and Walking Friendly routes in Bridge of Earn, Kinross, and Dunning Area Green Routes. The signage will be in place during the next financial year. This is good news for our keen cyclists and walkers.

I am pleased that funding has been secured from Sustrans to carry out a feasibility study regarding a cycling/walking path from Bridge of Earn to Aberargie along the A912. The first meeting with landowners, funders and engineers has already taken place and a community consultation will

follow. I know some are very keen to have a walking cycling path and others do not support the proposal. I hope the community will take the opportunity to engage in the process.

Aberargie is looking very smart with a new multi purpose path, bus shelter and signage. The long awaited VAS sign should now be in place. All these measures are to encourage people to get out of the car and walk or cycle.

The Environment and Infrastructure Committee has agreed to begin formal consultation regarding parking restrictions on the corner of School Wynd and Main Street. This means no parking at any time. Residents who may be affected have been consulted and there were no objections. Now the formal consultation will begin.

Almond and Earn Action Partnership through Community Investment Funds has been able to help groups in Abernethy; Williamson Hall Management Committee and the Pavilion in recent months, all to the benefit of the community. Thank you to all the volunteers who manage the buildings.

This has been a busy few months locally with public meetings regarding Binn Wind Turbine Community Involvement and an EfWaste planning application at Binn. Thank you to members of the public who have come along to find out more about what is happening locally.

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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.

NOT JUST BRICKS AND MORTAR

The History of Ivy Cottage (continued)

The property leaves the extended Greenhill family for the first time.....

In 1935 Ivy Cottage went out of the family for the one and only time in its history. It was bought by Andrew Muckersie, a fruit merchant from Perth. According to the Valuation Roll for 1935 Andrew owned a number of properties in Abernethy, three on Back Dykes, two of which were Ivy Cottage No 1 and No 2, I'm not sure of the location of the other, land at Maryland Estate, Balmano House and garden, Bonnie Bank, Hatton Road and the estate of Ayton. As mentioned before he was recorded on the title deeds as "occupation fruit merchant." Up to the time this article went to print I could not find any trace of a fruit merchant in Perth with the surname Muckersie, maybe he was a wholesale merchant rather than a shopkeeper.

Andrew Muckersie was a Past Master of Lodge Lindores in Newburgh from 1936 to 1938 and was one of the many instrumental in founding Lodge Round Tower 1429 in Abernethy. Andrew died in 1977 but many years before, in 1945, he sold the cottages back to the Greenhill family to my great aunt Mrs Isabella Henderson Greenhill Johnston, my granny's sister.

Isabella owned and ran a grocer's shop in Tennant Street, Hebburn on Tyne just over the water from Newcastle, a shop she inherited from her husband Harry when he died very suddenly. She continued to run the shop into her old age until it became too much for her, and she decided to retire and sell it.

Andrew Muckersie and Isabella were absentee landlords during this time and the house had been rented out to various tenants.

In 1953 my father (George Swan) and mother (Sheila Scobie) were married and were looking to buy property in Abernethy, and lo and behold Isabella was keen to sell as she was now finding the upkeep of property so far away from home very difficult. Once again the property changed hands, still remaining in the family as my mother was a niece of Isabella. The property was exchanged for the princely sum of £500 pounds, the property being two houses and large garden.

When my parents moved into Ivy Cottage No 1, next door was empty so my grandparents William Scobie and Betsy Scobie (nee Greenhill) moved from Hebburn on Tyne, where they lived at the time, back to Abernethy where they originally came from.

My grandfather died in 1958 and in 1974 my granny moved to a pensioners house in Den Park. She died in 1975.

After Betsy moved in 1974, my father decided to take advantage of the 75% Government grant to put outside toilets inside and at that point the whole house was modernised from a two room cottage with outside toilet to a two bedroom cottage with inside lavi. At that time Susan and I were just married and were looking for accommodation in the village and my father agreed to rent us Ivy Cottage for £3 per week. You have to remember a wage for a junior underwriter in the GA, now Aviva, where I worked at the time was around £28 per week.

Sadly in 1979 my mother died and my father was now on his own. He managed well until he had to go into care, where he is now at the age of 92. Ivy Cottage No 1 is now a holiday let run by my sister Dorothy Haig and Susan and I are still here in No 2 after 44 years. The outside lavi is still here attached to the gable end of the building facing Newburgh, now used as a store, and the rest of the building is still in fairly good nick after 177 years, and is still in the family. I wonder for how much longer.

I hope this article has been of some interest and I hope it might encourage others in the villages to tell us about the history of their property.

Jimmy Swan

YOUR ITHERR COONCILLOR

I hope you all had a great festive season and have recovered from the dreaded colds and sniffles which we endure at this time of year.

The Council business is firmly focused on the budget and this one is very much a shot in the dark. The UK government has delayed its budget to such an extent that the Scottish Government has no idea whether we are to be love-bombed or faced with further austerity. Perhaps Westminster is waiting for the £350 million savings that were on the side of the bus and that many folk believed in. Let us wait and see what the funding will bring to us all. When the Conservative administration gained control of PKC we had a pledge that additional funds were to be put into the addressing of the potholes in the roads. Since then we have had mild winters with little frost, yet still when I meet with constituents and Community Councils this is the issue that generates most complaints. What I would like to know is, if they have invested more funds into roads, has this funding been used wisely?

This article has been late in submission as everyone has been awaiting the 31st and what impact Brexit will have on our communities. Again Westminster does not have an exit strategy. This morning a Government Minister on TV said that it would be quite easy to negotiate through all the trade agreements and treaties as they would be nodded through by both sides to remain as they were! Let us think this through. We don't contribute to the EU pot but every other trade agreements and treaties remain? I am sure many of the 27 remaining EU countries will have quite a different perspective on that one. We in Abernethy like all of Scotland will feel the pain of Brexit.

We are an aging population that has very little unemployment and we need a vibrant EU workforce with a wide variety of skills to ensure that this area remains sustainable in industries and services. I sincerely hope that our return to the EU fold is swift and will limit the damage that this madness is going to cause us all. I am Scottish and European and I too would ask our EU brothers to leave a light on for Scotland.

Aye yours Cllr Henry Anderson

ANNIE KERR SMART

Some of you may or may not know that my late Mum, Annie Kerr Smart, wrote poetry. You may have read some of her poems, as I have had some published in the Village Crier at various times over the years since she died in 1982. I wasn't aware of the extent of her work until she died, but I vowed then that I would have a book made some day. The folder lay gathering dust in the intervening years, until a chance remark to Les McIntosh last year, and I am glad to say the book has now been printed with his help. I am so grateful to Les for helping me with this project. I am also grateful to the Village Crier Committee for including four of my Mum's poems in the "Abernethy Anthology".

My Mum's book "A Collection of Poems" by Annie K Smart,

is available for sale at £6. If you would like a copy, they can be purchased from Brian's shop, or contact me personally. I hope to have some of them at other outlets shortly. Most of the proceeds from the books will be going to Prostate Cancer UK in honour of a family member who recently lost his battle to the disease.

A Collection of Poems by



Annie K Smart

Evelyn Scobie

BINN FARM ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY

Scotland's Zero Waste Strategy and the associated legislative drivers are committed to the delivery of a sustainable resource management system to support the transition to a more circular and low carbon economy. In light of these drivers including the forthcoming landfill ban and the extensive application of kerbside recycling, the most sustainable option for the remaining residual waste is to send this to Energy from Waste (EfW) facilities within Scotland.

The Binn Group have submitted amendments to their currently consented EfW facility at Binn Farm. The proposed amendments are to modify the design of the EfW facility and to increase the waste tonnage from 60,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) to 84,900 tpa. The amendments will enable the Binn Group to progress the £70 million development of a next generation EfW Facility.

This facility is a power station for the recovery of energy generated from non-hazardous mixed residual local authority collected wastes and mixed residual wastes of similar composition from commercial and industrial sources, including refuse derived fuel (RDF).

These amendments will retain the same application boundary as the 2011 permission and will follow the Binn Group's philosophy of developing smaller scale decentralised facilities which provide primarily local services and local economic development opportunities. This facility will be one of the smaller EfW plants in the UK, making it easier to utilise the waste heat produced, and reduce environmental impacts associated with the plant, such as transport and emissions.



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Thank you

CLOOTIE MCTOOT AND THE ABERNETHY EXPERIENCE

The Square in Abernethy has been enhanced by the transformation of the shed into the smart Madd Stoves and Cloutie McToot Showroom by Michelle and Alasdair Maddox.

Michelle was born in Tayport and studied Food, Health and Welfare at Dundee University. After graduation she travelled regularly to London to work on The Good Food Show with Anthony Worrall Thomson. She met her husband, Alasdair, on a blind date and within a year they married and moved to Suffolk with his job in the Fire Service. Sons Kyle and Jacob were born there but when Michelle was expecting their daughter Eve they decided to move back to Scotland and bought their present house on Main Street.

Michelle started to teach Financial Capability through the CAB and developed the very successful Cabquest game. She had a team of volunteers who toured schools with the game to teach life skills through play.



In 2015 Abernethy School was holding a Christmas Fair and her son, Jacob, persuaded her to take a table. She had to decide what to sell and made six Cloutie Dumplings to her grannie's recipe. They quickly sold out and the same happened in 2016. In April 2017 she began the Cloutie McToot business in her own home. Jacob helped her with the name and design of the logo. Mr Potato head was the model for the dumpling, the Tower was for Abernethy and oak trees for growth.

The building next door to their home came on the market and the rapidly expanding business moved there with a showroom for Maddox Stoves and high quality gifts and a professional kitchen for the dumplings. The shop opened in May 2018 and

her mother, Anne Clarke, came in as Manager, Vicky Chisholm as Assistant Manager and local staff including Ellie Sutherland, Lana Bain, Kimi Anderson, Darren Mundy, Ali Hunter and Estelle Nicol. The logo was developed by Jimmie Glen of Oor Willie fame for Cloutie McToot children's books.



The dumplings are stocked in over fifty farm shops, delis and hotels and are exported to USA, Canada, Germany, Sweden and Norway, both direct and wholesale. Some stockists wanted a more sophisticated branding, shown in



this exhibition stand.

The dumplings are healthy with a high fruit, low sugar content and no preservatives, so have a short shelf life and therefore kits are going to be produced in recyclable boxes.

Michelle feels that Abernethy offers a whole visitor experience. Her kitchen is open for viewing or pre-booked demonstrations and visitors can have a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of dumpling. If they want a more substantial

snack or meal Abernethy offers the excellent Crees Inn or Twa Sisters Tearoom. They can climb the Tower and visit the Museum or buy a picnic at Greig's Stores to take to Nurse Peattie's Garden.

liable to park 5 or 6 members or visitors cars in/around that area, hopefully reducing any noise throughout the village on our departing.

Colin Hewlett RWM 1429

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ABERNETHY SWI



Our monthly 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.

In November members enjoyed a "hands on" night - "Christmas Flowers" with Margaret Folan. (see pic below)

In December we enjoyed our Christmas Meal at the Village Inn. (see pic below)

In January we enjoyed a very interesting and inspiring talk from Michelle Maddox who told us how she started and built up her Cloutie McToot dumpling business.

In February we look forward to a talk by Rev Stan Kennon "A Life on the Ocean Wave".

Our March meeting has still to be arranged. Watch out for details in Village Notice Board, Brian's window and Facebook pages.

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

Evelyn Scobie



THE MASONS

Our event diary for this year is not yet fully complete at time of going to press but we do have the following two dates set.

On Saturday 28th March 7:30pm we will be having our Bingo Tea, this is a very well attended and liked event.

On Saturday 23rd of May again at 7:30pm we will be having a Donkey Derby night. These are great nights, when you may win from your bet, or being the owner of the winning horse. If you or your company would like to sponsor a race, or become an owner, please contact myself on 07830 353496 for more details. Being unsure of the actual delivery date of this edition, the first event may have well happened by this time, so can we say thank you for your support? We have yet to install the renewed notice board at the front of the lodge for future events, but hope to do this very soon. The lodge hall is available for all types of lets to all, and can include the use of the bar.

I personally don't live in the village, but I am a member of the local Facebook group. From here, I have recently seen various posts regarding parking in the village and more so in Main Street. We are happy for people to use our parking area (the mono bloc paving) to alleviate the congestion, but can we please respectfully ask for the area to be kept clear on the first and third Thursdays of the months September – April, these being our usual meeting nights, where we are

PHOTO COMPETITION

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.



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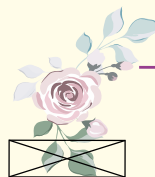
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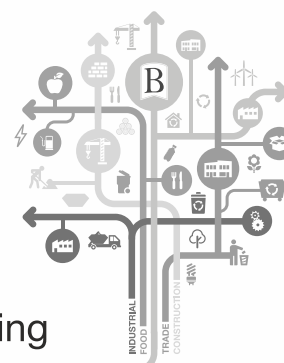


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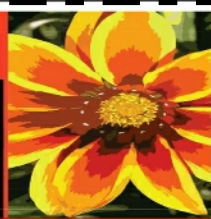
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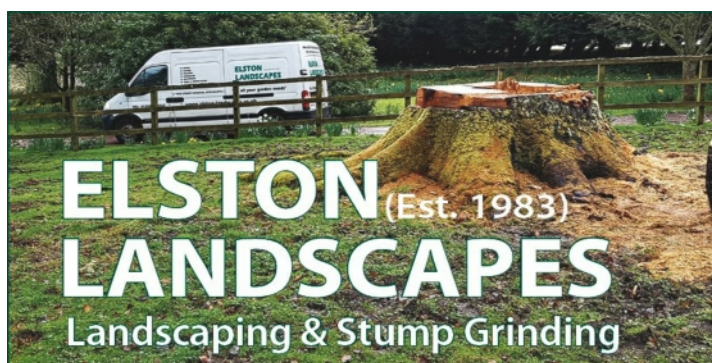
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By the early 1980's the Miller's became increasingly concerned about the amount of chemicals used in modern day agriculture and in 1985, changed their farming policy to organic. This policy is still in place today, over 30 years on.

Today we have a well supported farm shop and restaurant as well as an expanding small business community above on the upper level which will bring much needed businesses into our community.

Below is a floor plan of all the businesses currently at Jamesfield.

Some you may already know and others have just started. We are looking forward to seeing what the rest of 2020 will bring for us all here at Jamesfield. With new businesses and new ideas to service the surrounding communities, we hope you will take the time to come along and view all that Jamesfield has to offer!

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