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Dear Readers,

As you read this we have entered the third month of 2013 but as I write we are only half-way through the first month, snow on the ground and cold outside, however the days are already slightly longer.

Well 2012 was an eventful year; apart from being the wettest in many areas since records began and yet dry and beautiful during the summer on the west coast and Western Isles. What a strange climate we experience now.

The pomp and pageantry of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee started off the summer and one cannot but admire the grace and stamina of both Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Then we moved on to the Olympics ---- the excitement of the torch coming through Abernethy, the spectacular opening ceremony followed by the actual events and all the emotions they produced, the triumphs, the disappointments, the apprehensions, the reliefs but above all the general feeling of friendship and true sportsmanship.

The Paralympics followed and again the admiration felt for all the competitors, their courage and determination to overcome whatever disability had afflicted them.

A truly eventful year crowned finally by Andy Murray winning the U.S. Open and Europe retaining the Ryder Cup

So, what have we to look forward to in 2013? Not very much as far as actual events but plenty of preparation for 2014; The Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, The Ryder Cup at Gleneagles and the Referendum.



What do you think of these forthcoming events? How will we be affected by any of them? Will we have more tourists? Will there be an increase in the employment figures. Will there be an improvement in the economy? What about writing to The Crier and sharing your views and thoughts? We need to get more of your views and opinions into print

The annual get-together of The Crier delivery team took place at the beginning of December in Cree's Inn where once again we were treated to a wonderful buffet supper by Brian. The presentation of prizes to the winners of the Young Writers' Competition took place at this event and it was delightful to have Morven and Imogen with us. Unfortunately Eilidh was not able to be present with us but her entry was read out to us by Morven after reading out her own and Imogen reading hers. As you can see from the photographs inside a very happy evening was enjoyed by all. I hope this year there will be more entries; further information inside this edition so young people take note.

As I write I am noting forthcoming events. One in particular which draws my attention, which is the A.G.M. of the Williamson Hall on the 4th February, notification of which was given in the last Crier. I hope there was a good turn-out at this meeting and that the threat of closure has been averted. Abernethy is very fortunate in having such an asset, there are few halls in the area with such excellent facilities would be a serious loss to the village if no longer available for ceilidhs, discos, parties Burns Suppers etc. Another important factor about the Williamson Hall is it belongs to the people of Abernethy and is run by the people of Abernethy with no interference from outside bodies.

On that note I will close and let you turn over the pages of this spring-time edition of The Crier

Until June, **Hilda Clow.**

EDITORS VIEW



2014 is going to be a very important year in Scotland's history. Why! it's the year of "The Referendum".

This referendum may change Scotland and it's people for ever and we will be part of it.

Over the next year I would like to engage the people of Abernethy, Aberargie and Dron, through the Crier, in our own conversation, our discussion on the future of this great country.

What are your views, your fears, your hopes?

Let's have a good old conversation and use the Crier as your soap box.

If you want your name withheld, that's okay, as long as you supply it to Ed.



As you can see from the following letter Sheena and Brigit received an award for their years of hard work picking up our dropped litter, an award I am sure you will agree is well overdue.

Let's not even discuss Perth and Kinross Council's pathetic effort to keep our streets clean.

Well done Sheena and Brigit

The ED

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

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

Any submission without these details will NOT be included

LETTERS TO THE ED



Litter Pickers Award

This is a letter to thank all concerned for proposing Brigit and myself for an award for our litter picking. It was quite unexpected but lovely nevertheless. I'm sure that there are some of you who think us quite mad to do it but we take a pride in Abernethy and the surrounding area including Glenfoot and the public walks.

When we first began it was an absolute nightmare and could take ages to cover even a small area. How things have changed as now that we are on top of the litter we can cover quite a distance in the couple hours we are out. Mind you there are days when we think "What's the point" but then we recall when we first started just how bad things were.

Abernethy seems to be low on the Council's priorities when it comes to street cleaning. Gone are the days when men with brooms physically swept up the rubbish. All I have seen is the mechanical sweeper but this is only effective when there are no parked cars and the rubbish is conveniently placed in the gutter. Unfortunately life is not that obliging.

Brigit and I intend to continue as long as we are able. We often joke about still doing it when we have our Zimmers (mind you it would give us something to tie the bags to)

Sheena McNaughton and Brigit McDonald

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No 55 – D Morren - £20

No 52 – A Gray - £15



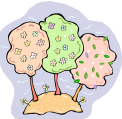
The 100 Club still needs new members. The subscription is £12 a year and the draws are made at Williamson Hall meetings. The monthly prizes are £20 and £15. If you would like to join, please phone 01738 850496 for an application form.

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Three ladies from the village, Angela Campbell, Morag Laing, and Jane Sanderson, carried out a Christmas Card Delivery round the village at 15p per card, in aid of GRF (Greyhound Rescue Fife) and Abernethy Senior Citizens. The sum of £64 was raised, and on behalf of GRF and Abernethy Senior Citizens I would like to say well done to the ladies and thank them for their generous gesture.

Evelyn Scobie

ABERNETHY S.W.R.I.

Meetings are held in the Session House at Abernethy Church, on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm from September to May each year. The subscription this year is £16. Visitors £2. We still need new members so please come along and give it a try. If you are not sure if this is for you, please feel free to come along as a visitor first. Contact person Evelyn Scobie Tel: 01738 850496.

At our November Meeting we had Jane Sanderson telling us about the benefits of Aloe Vera products.

In December we enjoyed a Christmas Meal at the Village Inn, Bridge of Earn.

At our January Meeting Caroline Pye told us about the benefits of massage and anti-ageing products.

Future Meetings

Wed 20th February -

"Talk on RSABI (Scotland's Agricultural Benevolent Fund)

Competitions: "3 Decorated Cup Cakes" & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 20th March -

"Beatrix Potter" with Sandra Batty.

Competitions: "Animal Ornament" & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 17th April -

"Open Night" – in Masonic Hall at 7.30 –

"Talk on History of Beads and Demonstration of Jewellery Making" by Pat Dick.

Also Sale of items including hand made bags.

Competitions: "Favourite Necklace" & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 15th May -

AGM – and "Floral Arranging" with Margaret Skinner.

Competitions: "Arrangement in unusual container" & "Flower of the Month".

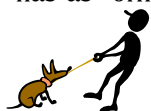
Please see Village Notice Board each month for fuller details.

Evelyn Scobie

BONNIE'S MUM'S AWAY

Oh Mum, I just don't know what is wrong with you this week, usually I know every movement you make, but these last few days I am lost. I noticed the granny flat at the back of the house was getting all prepared for something with the comings and goings but little did I know the outcome. A lady came to visit whom I had met a few times and liked very much. Now Bonnie, this is Anne and she will come and look after you all for 7 days while mum and dad are going on holiday. The next days my mum took me through the flat each day and showed me my new bed, this was a chair which she made comfortable for me in the bedroom and made it fun for me to jump on and make myself comfortable. Now Bonnie, if you need a wee through the night I must show you which door to go out. After showing me a few times it became quite fun, an adventure. Anyway the day came and baggage I do not usually see was at the door. Anne arrived and before my mum went she told me to be good and held up her hand and another hand with some fingers. Not that I understood at the time. Mum and dad gave me a cuddle and I could see she was upset, then they were gone. I tried to settle down, it was easy after a wee while as Anne was such a caring person and kept talking to me. Come on Bonnie, we shall see the geese are o.k. and give them some bread, at the mention of that I have to do my duty and round them up. Also my friends, (cats) Smokey, Gabby and Ete all got their dinner.

Later on my Aunt Margaret came and we put the geese into their sheds just as my mum would do. It was nice to see her as she makes a fuss of me and takes me for walks, also friends of Anne's came up each night and I felt really at ease. I certainly got looked after as did all my friends. Anne would sit with 2 cats on her lap and I would sit at her feet quite at ease, nice and comfortable. My mum had shown Anne how to do my exercises so she was able to do them with her teenage friend, which they enjoyed doing and thought I was clever and got praised. I liked showing off with my tunnel, hoops, jumps and ball games, also my mum has taught me to go in and out (weave) a row of ducks which she has as ornaments at the door.



I was well pampered and brushed each day till my coat was nice and shiny. The routine was the same and days passed, until one night I just did not want to go to my nice chair in the bedroom as I had been doing.

I just wanted to listen to every sound not understanding why I was doing this. I remembered my mum holding up her hands and I noted fingers. This must have been the days and sleeps. "What is the matter Bonnie?" Anne said in the morning, "First we will feed the cats and the geese and give you a nice brush, I am sure you will like that." I gave a wag of the tail and a lick to let her know I understood. The day passed but I kept feeling uneasy and listening to every sound outside. At long last I heard the familiar sound of dad's car and the door opening and mum holding out her arms for a cuddle, her face all wet, I felt it when I got cuddles. "Oh Bonnie I missed you so much, did you miss me?" Yes I missed mum but I was very happy with Anne looking after me, brushing and pampering which I do not get so much from mum. Maybe some other time in the summer mum says Anne will come back, but until then I am glad to get my routine back and walks with my mum although Aunt Margaret took me different ones which I enjoyed. "Nice to be home Bonnie, good night and pleasant dreams in your own bed."

Lillias Johnston



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A TRUE INSPIRATION

As a young, 18 year old girl, I must admit the idea of living in Uganda for a whole year was very daunting. When I stepped off the plane at midnight and got hit by the heat I began to doubt whether it had even been a good idea. But since arriving in my new home, Kiwangala village, I have realised that this was just the place for me. After surviving visits from rats, bats and fleas and then two months with no electricity, I felt as if nothing could shock me. That was until my host Moses Kiwala told me all about his life and the many extraordinary projects he has currently and planned for the future. If anyone is an inspiration, it is he.

To start at the very beginning, Moses was from a well off family who lived in a not so well off area. Moses realised how lucky he was from a young age while at school, saying, "I realised there was something wrong when out of the 700 pupils at school with me, only myself and 2 sisters were wearing shoes." It was at that moment when Moses realised he wanted to help others. Therefore after finishing his education and getting a university degree, Moses started his first project; building a free private school for those below the poverty line and vulnerable children, thus Children Sure House was born, a school which has now developed from only 5 primary classes, to a full primary school and a secondary school up to senior 4.

Starting Children Sure House was no easy task for Moses. Firstly he had to tell his family that instead of going into big business and making a wealthy man of himself like the generations before, he was going to build a school which would be completely funded by himself, seeing as the government refused to help. Moses admitted he was spoilt when he was growing up but felt he should try and share what he was lucky enough to have. He told me his family felt betrayed and only after many years did they begin to try and understand what he was doing.

As well as family issues of his own, Moses faces many families of children who wanted to go to school who felt education was a waste of time and would even demand their children stay at home and work. However Moses rarely gives up on something he feels passionately about and would often visit families to explain the importance of education and how it would benefit not only the child but the family as a whole. Many of the children at Children Sure House are orphans which also proved very difficult for those who wanted to go to school as they felt

it was the only way in which they could make money. However this caused a great deal of trouble for the girls as men would exploit and abuse them leaving many infected with HIV/AIDS or pregnant. Moses told me of a girl who was sexually attacked and ended up pregnant. At this point she thought she would not be able to finish her education and her dream of being a nurse would be over, however superman Moses was there to save the day and after the child was born he found it a good family within the community and now the girl is at University training to become a qualified nurse, sponsored by Moses himself.

Moses and Justine also take children into their home when they feel it necessary, currently they have 12 children living with them as well as raising their own family of 4. Since 1994 they have given a home to 35 children, bringing them up, feeding them, clothing them and taking them onto further education if they so wish. One of the girls that is currently living with them was taken away from an abusive step-father and a mother who never truly cared for her.

Esther is now living a healthy life in the Kiwala home being loved and cared for as if she was part of the family. Moses and Justine try to be parents to everyone as much as they can, even to volunteers like myself. I am fed every night and often call Justine 'Mum' as she calls me her 'baby' or 'daughter', I have been made to feel like one of the family and feel as if I love each person as if they are part of my own family.

Moses does face many daily challenges with Children Sure House, some main issues being that the children cannot always afford a workbook and pen and therefore refuse to turn up to school. Or the fact that in a school that essentially needs 25 teachers, there are only 9, 5 of which are volunteers, including myself and 2 past pupils of the school who are working for a year as Moses will sponsor them and send them to high school elsewhere for them to complete their A-levels. However he delights in telling me all about his incredible success stories. In the past 18 years thousands of children have left primary school with their primary leavers qualification, roughly 300 secondary children have completed school up to senior 4, 40 children have completed A-levels and 15 people have graduated from university with various different degrees. One story that Moses loves to tell is of one of his very first pupils at Children Sure House being named the best at economics across the whole of Uganda and being sponsored by the government to complete his degree.

However Children Sure House isn't Moses' only project, he also runs projects to help elders, women, prisoners, the environment and future generations, but he can't afford to have electricity in his own home! After successfully building 20 homes for elders and HIV positive families throughout the community, Moses continues to visit frequently and help support the people in various ways such as medications and food. The food which he provides people with is from his very own garden, which is where he runs his second biggest project; 'Save Our Green Environment' (SOGE).

SOGE was set up 2 years ago with the goal to educate the community about how they can help the environment. Moses holds special meeting where he teaches how to grow crops organically as well as discussing the different ways in which the people can make changes in their way of living to help the environment. Already recycling of plastic bottles has been introduced as well as the use of bees to improve crop production and to produce honey, which I must admit is amazing! As part of the project Moses takes children from the school to help maintain his garden as well as teaching them how they can grow crops of their own, how they can have a balanced diet and how to retain vitamins naturally from the different crops.

As well as teaching about the environment, Moses has started a tree nursery of hardwood trees similar to Mahogany which he hopes can help future generations. He feels that by him growing these trees, future generations can use the wood to build furniture and create a decent income for themselves.

The SOGE company is an excellent project but with so little help, sadly Moses' crops are often stolen which can make life very difficult, especially as his family eat what they grow. Moses isn't even growing the crops to create an income for himself, instead he hopes that one day he will be able to provide a school lunch for the children at school as he says, "by feeding the children, I am feeding the future."



Moses' biggest dream is that the school can self sustain. To manage this he plans to buy a coaster bus which will travel from Masaka to Kampala daily which will bring in a good amount of money that will allow him to hire more qualified teachers and provide the children with work books and other necessities the school lacks. Sadly one bus costs £35,000, money which Moses just does not have.

After hearing everything Moses does for his community and his plans for the future, I felt truly inspired. I don't think I have ever met or heard of anyone like Moses in my short life, who happily gave up the chance of a wealthy life to help others. The only thing I can think to compare him to is the myth of the New Zealand bird, the Kiwi who gave up his chance to fly for all the other birds, but I'm not sure if Moses would appreciate that comparison. Therefore I ask you, the reader to think about what Moses does and maybe be as inspired as I have been to help either your own community or Moses in his dream. Currently I am trying to set up a link between Children Sure House and a primary school in Scotland. I am also planning to try and spread Moses' story as he is so kind I feel he should get the credit he so deserves. As Children Sure House's anthem says, "Better do what we can than nothing."

Jenny Cleeton

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VILLAGE CRIER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Just prior to Christmas, as a big thank you to the newsletter delivery team, the Crier committee organised a get together in the Cree's Inn.

This wee party has become an annual event and is all the more enjoyable as Brian lays on a fantastic buffet. At this years event the winners of the "Creative Writing Competition" were there to receive their prizes. Below are a few photos of the evening.



ABERNETHY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION PARKS UPDATE

By the time you're reading this, I hope you have seen the progress being made in both Powrie and Williamson Parks.

Thanks to the very generous donation of time and machinery from Ogilvy Webster (Webster Building Supplies) and John MacGregor (Binn Farm), the old play equipment was removed from both parks and the ground cleared at no financial cost to the project. This saving, together with the funding and donations we have received, mean PKC will be able to complete the work as planned. Williamson Park and the play-ground at Powrie should both be finished by the end of April.

We would like to thank Branston Ltd and the (old) Abernethy Horticultural Society for their generous donations and acknowledge the support of Awards for All, BIG Lottery Communities and Families Fund, Perth & Kinross Quality of Life Trust and Tesco Community Fund. Finally, thanks again to everyone who supported the quiz night, clothes swap or ceilidh – all the effort has been worthwhile!

AEA are now fundraising to complete phase 2 of Powrie Park. This will include benches, planting, improved footpaths and car parking. Please check our progress on the website abernethyparksproject.webs.com

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EARN SINGERS CONCERT



The Earn singers are having their Annual Concert on Friday, 19th April in Dunbarney Church at 7.30pm.

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The choir always support a charity and mingle with the audience after the concert for tea and coffee and delicious home baking.

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MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

Your Museum needs you!

Our exhibition this year will be about World War I. If you have any pictures, artefacts or anecdotes we would be very pleased to hear from you.



Please contact the Museum on 850889 (and leave a message) or email

secretary@museumofabernethy.co.uk. Alternatively, volunteers are usually in the Museum every Tuesday from 9.30 am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 3pm.

We are planning a number of social and fundraising events over the coming months. At the time of writing, we are hoping that our forthcoming first Alternative Valentine's Dinner will be a success. We are also planning a summer BBQ, a golf related raffle, the quiz night, the art exhibition and a visit from Red Wine productions. I would like to thank everyone for supporting us in our new ventures. In our ever shrinking economy it is always refreshing to know that people still feel able to contribute financially to the Museum. However, upkeeping the building and safeguarding the collection continues to be a costly business so donations are always very welcome.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions.

Rachel Cheer

Chair of the Museum of Abernethy

rachelcheer@hotmail.co.uk 850578

CHANGE OF MUSEUM OPENING HOURS

This year the Museum will be opening to the public on Saturday 4 May. We have decided to extend the days we open to include a Wednesday. The Museum will now be open Wednesdays to Sundays from 2pm to 5pm (please note the slightly later start time). We are always looking for more people to help manning the Museum, so if you could spare three hours a few times over the season, we would really appreciate you getting in touch.



ABERNETHY BROWNIES

We are a fun group for girls aged 7 - 10 years old. We take part in a wide variety of activities from arts and crafts, fitness, to the environment and first aid. We find time for some games too. We work together to get badges, go on trips and go to camp.

If you would like to join, or have any spare time and would like to help us regularly or occasionally, or if you have a special skill or interest that you would like to share with us.

There are also Rainbows and Guides for younger and older girls.

Please contact Rachel on 850674



TAY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Due to a number of factors, the 2nd (feedback) meeting in Abernethy had to be on Halloween 2012, and was poorly attended, unlike the first.

No matter, by the time you read this the final submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund will have been made (late February).

There is a considerable number of projects in the final list for submission, including 2 specifically relevant to our village. The larger one is Ancient Abernethy (Conserving and Restoring), and the smaller is The Story of Abernethy (Access and Learning). The first will include, among other activities, conservation and repair of our churchyard. The second will include improvements to the visitor experience and wider promotion of the museum. And as part of the First Settlers project, there will be fieldwalking sessions around Abernethy, where local volunteers will be encouraged to get their boots on and see if they can find any ancient objects--supervised by professionals. Also supervised by professionals will be archaeological digs (2) on Moncreiffe Hill, I would guess on a first-come-first- taken basis.

The HLF decision on the bid is due in June 2013, and the first projects may begin in September. The whole scheme has been extended from 3 to 4 years, although it is hoped that successful projects will, where relevant, develop their own momentum and continue well beyond the official schedule. Keep an eye on www.taylp.org

Angus Macintyre,

Village Crier

Young Journalist Competition

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Get Thinking. Get Writing. Win a Prize!

All you have to do is to write a short piece that has some connection with Abernethy and district, either the place or a resident.

It could be your personal feelings about the village, how it could be improved, what you like or what you don't like. If you moved in recently how does Abernethy compare with where you lived before?

It could be about the history of the village or a particular building or family.

It could be about the career of someone from these parts or about you; you are a resident!

It could be about the surrounding country or wildlife.

What would Abernethy's Facebook page look like? What might it tweet?

Entry Requirements

JUNIOR CATEGORY	SENIOR CATEGORY
Age 12 years old and under (on 31st Dec 2012)	Age 18 years old and under (on 31st Dec 2012)
200 - 500 words	300 - 1000 words

How to Enter

Entries should be emailed to info@villagecrier.co.uk, sent to 63 Brandywell Road or handed to a committee member.

Remember. The closing date is June 30th, 2013.

Winners will be announced in the September issue of the village Crier and the winning articles will be printed in the December issue. All entries may be published in the Crier. Prizes will be presented at the distributors get together in December 2013.

Top Tip....
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TO ALL CRAFTY FOLK OUT THERE!

Would like minded crafty people consider joining together to share their knowledge and skills to enable others to enjoy new crafts such as crochet, knitting, embroidery, jewellery, card making etc?

The initial idea I have is to possibly meet on, say a Monday.

If interested parties would like to get in touch with me to organise a first meeting maybe later in March.

Pat Miller, 36, Main St. Tel. 850879

LODGE ABERNETHY ROUND TOWER 1429



My name is Colin Hewlett, and once again this year, I am the Master of the Lodge in Abernethy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community members that supported our various fund raising activities last year, and hope to see you again this year. Unfortunately at the time of submitting this article, our diaries of events is not completed, but please keep a look out for our posters in the usual places in the village. Doctors Surgery, The Shop, On the Lodge door etc. Plans are in the making for possibly 2 donkey derby's this year, (both with a different format), some quizzes, dance nights, and possibly a Magic night. All our events are great fun, open to all, and help us to raise funds so that we can continue to donate to charities, both local and national.

Also to let you know, the Lodge is available for hire, for the smaller parties, clubs and meetings, with or without the bar, at very reasonable rates.

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GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

I'll begin with the bad news.

Our Secretary, Maureen Nisbett is leaving Abernethy and therefore has had to resign from the Committee running "The Crier"

Maureen has been with "The Crier" since its inception in 2008 being an enthusiastic supporter of the need of a local Newsletter.

We on the committee are going to miss her; keeping us up to scratch with dates of meetings, minutes and general organisation. Maureen's hard work and dedication is much appreciated by us all and we wish her all the best in her new surroundings

Now, the good news.

Maureen's successor is Irene McLaren. Irene has been involved with many organisations over the years serving as secretary in quite a number so we look forward with confidence to welcoming her on to "The Crier" committee.

HC

FRAE THE KIRK

Dear Friends,
By the time you read this letter Easter will soon be upon us, and Christmas 2012 will be history.



However, I thought I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in, or attended, the various services at Abernethy Church: the School Service, the Beavers and Cubs Service, and the Christmas Eve Family Service, and the Watchnight Service (at Arngask). Well done! Yes, Easter will soon be upon us. Easter, the Christian Festival which is even more important than Christmas. Easter is the occasion when we celebrate the fact that Jesus was risen from the dead. On Good Friday mankind had done his worst; Jesus was tortured, ridiculed and executed upon a Cross on the rubbish dump outside the city wall. His own people got rid of him with the help of the Roman authorities. All was finished, or so they thought. Three days later Jesus was risen from the tomb; death had done its worst, but somehow death had been defeated.

As we know, church people and non-church-people alike, speculation and controversy have surrounded the Resurrection of Jesus, and always will. Christians themselves have different ways of understanding what happened: some take the Bible accounts literally, others metaphorically, but there is one thing we all hold in common. It is this.

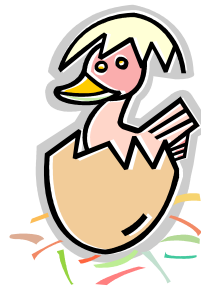
We know that something happened at the time we call Easter. Something happened about 2,000 years ago which brought new life and new hope to a small group of people. Something happened which transformed the lives of this small group who risked life and limb to tell a very sceptical, often hostile world, that Jesus had risen from the dead. And, as they say, the rest is history.

It is the resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate at Easter. It is a time for great rejoicing to know that death is not God's final pronouncement on human beings. For all who make the leap of faith and believe in Jesus there is wonderful hope. And such belief adds a whole new dimension to our lives.

If you do not usually attend church, don't let that stop you from coming at Easter. Come and swell the congregation as we tell the Easter story once again.

Thank you

Rev Duncan Stenhouse
Locum Minister



EASTER EGGSTRA

Come and join with members of Abernethy & Dron & Arngask Church for an Easter picnic from 12.30-2.30 pm in the Powrie park following the Easter service at 11

am on 31st March. All welcome at the service. Wear your Easter bonnet if you wish. Bring your own picnic not forgetting your decorated egg and Easter bonnet; tea, coffee and juice provided with hot dogs too. Easter egg hunt and quiz for those who don't want to explore the park with prizes to be won! Come and celebrate Easter in the park.

Just a reminder that Church and Sunday club are at 11am for all of this year. Coffee, tea and juice are served afterwards. We'd love to see you and your children coming.

A money gift is being sent via the Church of Scotland to the people of Comrie after the floods have affected them so badly

Some activities coming up in the next few months

Church Coffee morning - Sat 4th May from 10-12; proceeds partly for church funds and partly for a missionary family working in a hospital pharmacy in Malawi with the Church of Scotland

A visit to Abernethy from the Jamboree choir: perhaps in June. We hope to have full details in the next issue.

Celia King

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CALLING ALL MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The Museum of Abernethy is regularly represented (usually by Janet Paton and myself) at the Tayside

Museums Forum, where we can tap into the expertise of some of the big beasts—Perth Museum, Black Watch Museum, Discovery Point, McManus etc..

On Wednesday June 5th this year, between 0930 and 1630, the Forum is holding a conference in Dundee University, the theme being **'Volunteers and Volunteering'**, which of course covers all those involved with the Museum of Abernethy.

There will be a key-note speaker, and short contributions from individual museum personnel, as well as workshops and seminars.

A good few from Abernethy are already booked, and there is just enough time to add your name if you would like to attend. Car-sharing will be arranged nearer the date. I can be contacted on 07856 775991.

Angus Macintyre.



SPONSORED WALK



FIFE COASTAL TRAIL

We, Graham Smart, Evelyn Scobie, Jane Sanderson, Irene Durcan, Angela Campbell and Morag Laing, are doing a Sponsored Walk to raise funds for "Greyhound Rescue Fife."

We are walking the Fife Coastal Trail over 6 days (115 miles) from Sat 30th March to Thursday 4th April, and we are looking for sponsors! If you would like to sponsor us please phone 01738 850496 or email: eveyn05@supanet.com. See further information on the Abernethy Perthshire Facebook page.

Greyhound Rescue Fife was set up in 2005 by Celia and Jimmy Fernie in response to the sheer number of unwanted greyhounds reaching the end of their racing careers. The sanctuary can accommodate nearly 50 dogs which are vaccinated, wormed, treated for fleas and neutered. It is vitally important that any dogs leaving the kennels are unable to add to the colossal numbers of greyhounds who are desperately seeking homes to live out their lives when the racing industry has finished with them.

GRF has a team of willing volunteers who help with the cleaning of the kennels, the walking and feeding of the dogs, and general upkeep and maintenance of the kennels. If you would like more information please visit the GRF website.

Any donation or sponsorship for the walk would be greatly appreciated so that we can help Celia and Jimmy carry on the marvellous work they do caring for the dogs at the centre. Every penny you can spare will be spent wisely.

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TWINNING OF ABERNETHY & GRISY SUISNESS

Last Autumn I unearthed my copy of the twinning charter and could hardly believe it was officially signed and sealed in July 1989, 23 years ago.

Having then spoken to some friends that were involved all these years ago, I realised they were still in contact with some of the residents of Grisy Suisness.

Is there a possibility of a new interest, based on past efforts and contacts of the twinning?

I have very recently contacted Abernethy Primary School as I knew that they have received an e-mail from an interested party passing on details of Grisy Suisness school.

Meantime if anyone reading this has any interest in the twinning situation past or present I would be happy to enlighten you.

If interested please contact me Pat Miller
36 Main St.
Tel. 850879

ABERNETHY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS TRUST

Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th April 2013

Masonic Hall - 10-12

Usual Stalls – watch out for further details on Village Notice Board and in Shops.

Please come and support this event – proceeds go towards Summer Outing and Christmas Party.

Summer Outing

Tuesday 4th June

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BURNS CLUB OF ABERNETHY

On Saturday 2nd February the Burns Club held it's 10th anniversary Burns supper in the Williamson Hall.

President Ian Cartwright welcomed everyone and the full house experienced first class entertainment and enjoyed an excellent meal.

The haggis was piped in by James Rodger carried by Poosie Nancy, the Selkirk Grace was given by Billy Folan.



The haggis was addressed by Jack Blair from Bridge of Earn, he also performed Tam o Shanter.

Liam Stewart from Galston in Ayrshire gave us the Immortal Memory.

The Toast to the lassies was proposed by Jimmy Swan to which Susan Swan very aptly replied MC Ian Bett introduced musicians David Cuthbert, Dr David Kirkwood and Laura Kemp.

The evening closed with song much merriment, and a vote of thanks from Jimmy Calderwood.

The AGM of the Burns Club of Abernethy will be in

ABERNETHY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS TRUST

On behalf of Abernethy and District Senior Citizens Trust, I would like to thank the people of Abernethy and district for once again showing their generosity in supporting us throughout the year.

We had extremely generous donations from Branstons, with Binn Skips and Teg Environmental Ltd. all contributing to our Christmas Party Fund.

We also had a very positive response to requests for donations towards an additional "Winner Takes All" Raffle we held in November, from which we raised the excellent sum of £515.00.

Lodge Abernethy Round Tower are always there in the background with their support, which is given to us every year without question.

We are so grateful to so many people who have contributed in their own way, and so I would like to say a huge thank you to you all.

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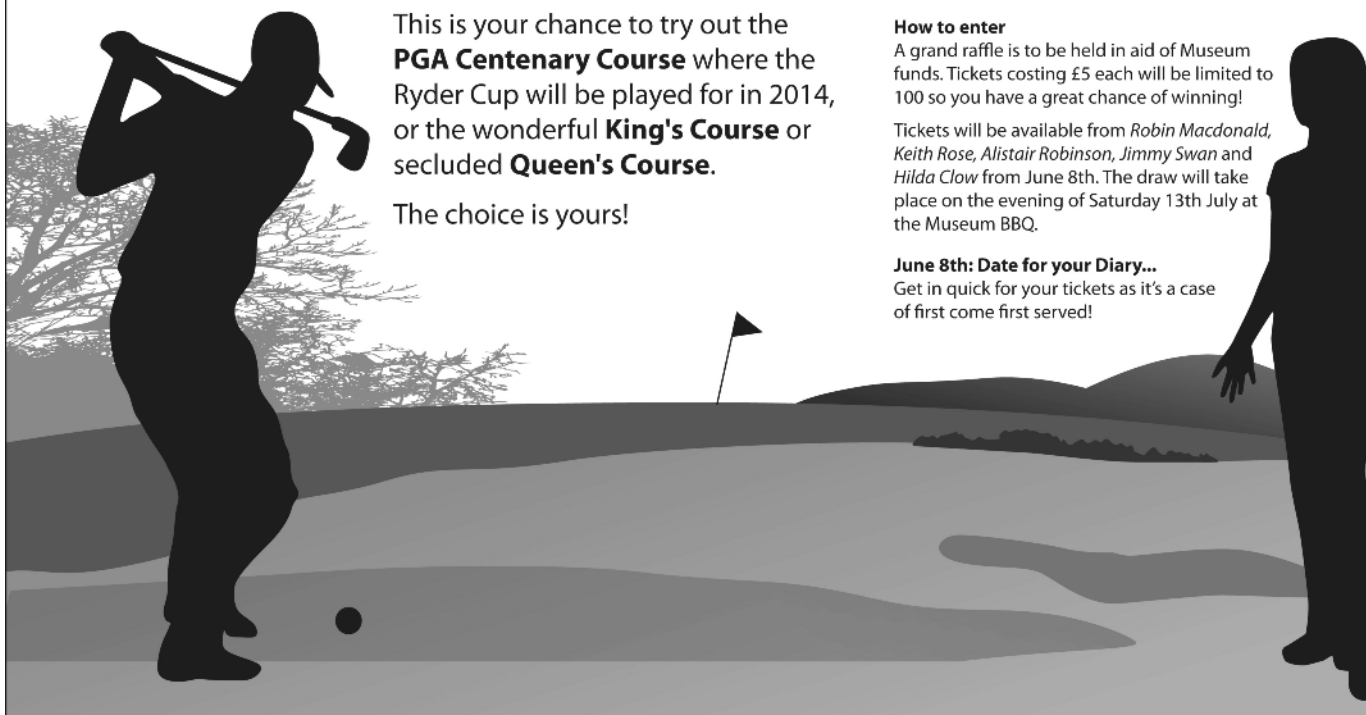
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Tickets will be available from *Robin Macdonald, Keith Rose, Alistair Robinson, Jimmy Swan and Hilda Clow* from June 8th. The draw will take place on the evening of Saturday 13th July at the Museum BBQ.

June 8th: Date for your Diary...

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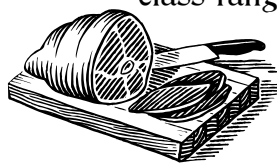
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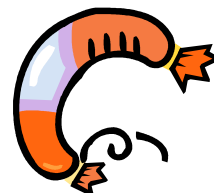
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ABERNETHY HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



Since our last update, our monthly talks continued in November. An enjoyable and informative evening was spent with our guest speaker Gerben de Vries, on Apple Propagation and its History. This also presented us with the opportunity to attend Gerben's Grafting Workshop, which has now been confirmed for the 3rd March 2013.

In December we had the privilege of a talk from Caroline Beaton, co-author of 'Fruit and Vegetables for Scotland'. Caroline gave us an interesting insight into the research for the book by sharing her 'Veg on the Edge' experience during her research tour of the gardens in northern Scotland & the Isles.

We started off 2013 with an interesting talk from Alisdair Hood, curator of the Dundee Botanical Gardens, on the Australia and New Zealand garden projects which was of great interest to us all.

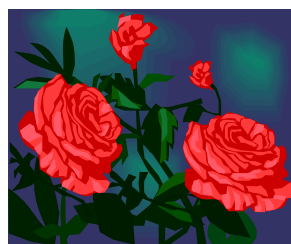
Now into February we look forward to the 13th February when we will have the Head Gardener from our local Branklyn Gardens, Steve McNamara, who will talk to us about the many aspects of these gardens that have been developed over the years.

In March prior to a talk about how to really look after your lawn from award winning top Groundsman Geoff Brereton, we will hold a brief AGM. We are therefore looking for nominations for all our committee positions. So if you would be interested in getting involved so that we can keep the society interesting for all, please get in touch with either Ian at 850186 or Susan on 851136 and/or drop us a line at abernethyhorticulture@gmail.com.

We also look forward to the remaining events for the year with Abernethy's own Les Bissett (ex Curator of the Dundee Botanical Gardens) coming along for our last talk in April. Our annual road trip then follows in May, the location of which we hope to finalise in the coming weeks.

Whilst the road trip will end this years' programme, we will continue to tend Nurse Peatties garden over the summer months. The AHS managed a last burst at tidying it up before the winter arrived with a vengeance. We also topped up the lower path with gravel which was kindly gifted by Alistair Robinson from his driveway which he was relaying. These improvements should make a wonderful difference come the spring.

All our events will be published on the village notice boards, shop, tearoom and the Perth Advertiser. Details of these monthly events will also be given on our Facebook page and in an e-mail to all our members. Non-members will be very welcome to come along and join us for a chat and a cuppa afterwards. You can also join our mailing list and receive email updates. For more information, contact Ian on 850186 or Susan on 851136 and/or abernethyhorticulture@gmail.com.



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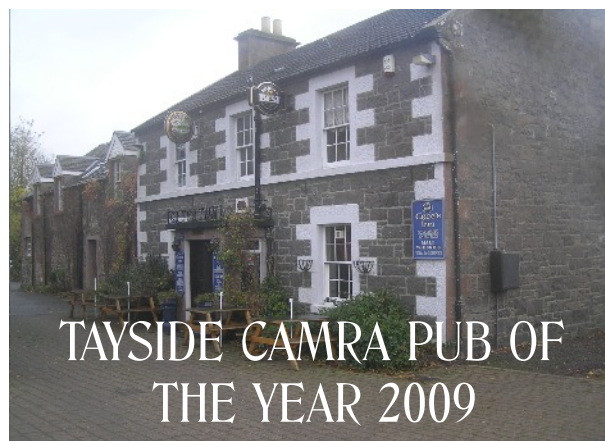
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