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ABERNETHY, ABERARGIE AND DRON NEWS

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Hello again Readers.

As I start my contribution for this edition I am wondering which season it is. It certainly does not seem like summer which chronologically it is but weather-wise it could be November a cold, wet, grey day. I cannot remember such a horrid summer. While watching Wimbledon I had great difficulty even trying to imagine how hot it was, watching The Open at St Andrews I knew exactly how cold it was.

It seems hard to realise that a year has passed since we were enjoying the excitement of the Commonwealth Games and The Ryder Cup. Probably just as well there are no more major outdoor events this year.

I must say how much I enjoyed reading Bob Macdonald's article in the last Crier about the shops in Perth. It brought back many memories of the lovely town it used to be, vibrant with beautiful buildings and full of character. What Bob did not mention were four Picture Houses and the weekly dances in The City Hall and The Sally (The Salutation Hotel to the unenlightened) but he was focusing on the High Street and businesses.

Mentioning Picture houses, plans are now well under way for the Abernethy Community Cinema and I am looking forward to coming to see films in Abernethy rather than going to Perth. Good for Abernethy to catch up with Newburgh and Glenfarg. It is amazing the number of villages that have Community Cinemas running most successfully. Our thanks must go to David and Jan and the Committee for all the hard work they have put into this project to make it succeed. An up-dated report is included in this edition.

I am wondering how many entries there will be suggesting a name for the sculpture on the new roundabout on the Baigle. I did receive one response to my query as to what it is supposed to represent. I was told that it was called The Seed representing the old and the new! The large rusty-looking bit is the kernel and the shiny bit is the seed. How many of you would have guessed that, I for one certainly wouldn't. Were any local people involved in this e.g. the Community Councils of Abernethy and Bridge of Earn? I have a feeling, not. It was as big a surprise in Bridge of Earn as anywhere else.

You will be happy to know and I am happy to tell you, I am finishing this off sitting outside in the evening sunshine. As the song says "What a difference a day makes" although I don't think the lyric writer was thinking about the weather.

Today I was walking in Glen Tilt, a beautiful walk through the so well maintained Atholl Estates when on two occasions two low-flying tornados swept over us. Quite a deafening experience and makes one wonder if there is anything afoot. Who knows in this present climate of uncertainty? In complete contrast it makes one very appreciative of the peaceful landscapes through which one is free to wander. We are very fortunate living here in Perthshire.

I am hoping this edition is going to be full of all the interesting activities which have been going on in Abernethy, Aberargie and Dron over the last few months and news of what is to come as we approach winter.

Till December,

Hilda Clow.

EDITOR'S VIEW

Parking in Main Street and around the War Memorial seems to be a bit of a hot potato at the moment.

I have the feeling we have been here many times before and the problem has still not been solved, will it ever be?



You will have noticed by now there has been traffic monitoring sensors installed on some roads in the village. I know what this will tell the Authorities, but even armed with this information what can they do to alleviate the parking issue.

Let's get real here, what can be done?

Do we want "double yellow lines" throughout the Village with no parking in Main Street?

Do we want designated parking bays for every house?

Do we want pavements narrowed to make parking bays?

People of Abernethy let us know, through the Crier, how this will be sorted once for all.

I doubt it ever will.

The ED

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Any submission without these details will NOT be included

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Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

ARTICLES

Would you please submit articles in the following format, JPEG, PDF or Word.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Village Crier

I'm not sure if the following request is something you are able to respond to, but as the saying goes 'nothing ventured nothing gained'. I am a retired Presbyterian Minister with an interest in my Scottish (Perthshire) genealogy. I write from Christchurch, South Island NZ, you may have heard of Christchurch - our beautiful city was devastated by two major earthquakes in 2010/11 making international news. The city recovery and rebuild is slow. I've recently been reading a number of your quarterly publications, your editorial group is doing a fine job in keep the community spirit alive.

I would be grateful for your consideration to include this inquiry in your next publication the 'Village Crier'. Thank you. Regards **Winston Marshall Rev'd**,

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winstonm@clear.net.nz

Kia Ora. Hello. Is there anyone there!

Would there be anyone who has knowledge of, or memory of my early family who were living in Aberargie or Abernethy through the early 1800's with the family name, Marshall, Miller or Spearman? My great great Uncle David Marshall who before his death in 1822 had tenancy of Mt Stewart, Forgandenny and I understand he also lived at Greenend (Cottage) Aberargie through the early part of 1800's. He and Helen Miller had a son David Marshall b.1811 in Aberargie. When the young David grew up his trade was a Linen Weaver, he married Ann Spearman and they with their 6 children David, Rachel, Helen, Margaret, John and Ann continued to live in Aberargie until at least 1861. What limited information I have of David Marshall and Ann Spearman and their family has been gleaned from the Abernethy Parish Registers and Census returns.

In reaching back 120 years, I am wondering if amongst the many readers of the 'Village Crier' there may be some with knowledge of more recent families who carry the names Marshall, Spearman or Miller who were or may have been associated with earlier generations of these families who lived in Aberargie or Abernethy? Or even know of the existence of burial headstones.

With grateful thanks. **Winston Marshall**

ABERNETHY, DRON & ARNGASK CHURCH NEWS



Morning worship for 2015 takes place in Abernethy at 11am and in Glenfarg at 9.30am. **However, generally, on the last Sunday of each month** we meet together with the Glenfarg part of our congregation while alternating locations. **Therefore, there will be no service in Abernethy on Oct 25. or Dec 27. Instead morning worship and children's Sunday club will be in Glenfarg at 11am.** Anyone wishing transport to Glenfarg may contact Kathleen Baird on 01337 840 218.

Children's Sunday club meets in school term time during the morning service at each location. Please bring yourself and the children along for a time of fun, games, crafts, Bible stories and songs. Outwith term time there are always toys and books for younger children to play with in the adjacent hall cupboard. Drinks and refreshments will be served after the services. You will be very welcome to join us at either church.

Open Doors

The Church is open on every second Tuesday afternoon while teas and coffees are served in the adjacent hall between 2.30 and 4pm. Please come and join us. The next date is September 1st and fortnightly thereafter.

Harvest Thanksgiving is on the 4th of October. The Church will be open on Sat 3rd Oct, 10-11am when donations of non-perishable foods will be gratefully received and donated to the local Foodbank. Monetary donations will be given to an overseas Christian charity. Gifts may also be brought on Sunday.

Remembrance Sunday is on the 8th November
Holy Communion is on the 15th of November
Village 'Welcome' packs

The packs contain useful village information, telephone numbers, activities in Abernethy plus the current bus timetable. The plastic folders may be picked up from the church vestibules. If you want to welcome someone new moving in to your street, why not collect a pack and add something to it – perhaps a packet of Abernethy biscuits or some flowers! The information sheets are also in the museum and Berryfields tearoom. The information will be updated regularly but if you are aware of any errors or omissions in the current version, please let Celia King know on Tel: 851 010.

Church/ adjacent Church hall bookings

The Church (with the Minister's permission) and the adjacent church hall are available for hire. To enquire about charges and book the facilities please contact Elizabeth Taylor on 01738 850 477.

Our Locum minister is the Rev Robert McCrum; tel 07914 937 446

Minister@abernethydrongaskchurch.org.uk

Website;

abernethydrongaskchurch.org.uk
Celia King (on behalf of the church)

Celia King

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

World's Biggest Coffee Morning Be Part Of It

Saturday 26th September at 10am -11 30am.at Session House Abernethy Church,. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care. Cakes taste Better Together . More info from Kathleen 01337840218



THE SCULPTURE COMPETITION

(at the end of the Baigle Strait)

I would like to propose the name:

'The two pringles' as when I drive past they remind me of those yummy crisps.

Lesley Cook 4 Bell's Croft ABERNETHY

And the winner is..... **Lesley Cook**

The Great War

July 30, 1915

**The Pope sends appeal for peace
to belligerent Governments**

Museum of Abernethy

Art Exhibition 16 to 18 and 23 to 25 October 2015

Are you thinking of participating in the fourth Museum of Abernethy Art Exhibition? If so we would love to hear from you and would be grateful if you would complete this short form and return it to Hilda Clow, 7 Balmanno Gardens, Bridge of Earn PH2 9RH by Monday 5 October 2015. Hilda can also be contacted on 01738 813886 or ihmclow@tiscali.co.uk.

As the Museum needs to raise funds in order to continue our work, we intend to charge 20% commission on any item sold during the Art Exhibition 2015. Monies owed to the artist will be forwarded within 7 days of the closure of the exhibition.

Volunteers will be in the Museum between 10am and 8pm on Monday 12 October to take delivery of your items. After the exhibition, unsold items can be collected from 4pm to 7pm on Sunday 25 October.

Please also note that new works are preferred (for those who have exhibited previously). Please also submit your work in a 'ready to hang' condition. If you are submitting mounted pictures, cards etc please also provide a browser or basket.

Additional Contact: Rachel Cheer:
rachelcheer@hotmail.co.uk 01738 850578.

Please complete and return the slip below to Hilda.

Artist

Name:-----

Address:-----

Telephone

number:-----

Email

address:-----

Details of what you intend to display, including title, sizes, materials, if it is framed, price and any other things of importance for us to take into consideration when planning the displays:

MUSEUM NEWS

3 SAINTS WAY & TAY L.P.

At the Gala day on 20th June, one of the stalls outside the Williamson Hall was for the so-called 3 Saints Way. The idea is to add to the list of long-distance walkways in Scotland, in this case with the added dimension that it will be a route that mediaeval pilgrims may well have taken. The original idea was Roseanna Cunningham's, and it is hoped that eventually there will be a 'Pilgrim Way' between St. Andrews and Iona, the 3 Saints Way being the stretch between St. Andrews and Killin. Given the enormous amount of history in Abernethy, including that pertaining to early Christianity, the village naturally enough features in the proposed route. Two of the most recent meetings to move this concept forward have been in our Museum.

Landowner and wildlife difficulties between Abernethy and Newburgh and Abernethy and Bridge of Earn have been encountered by the Tay Landscape Partnership team in their attempt to complete the Core Path network south of Perth to link up with the (well-established) Fife network, and the same issues confront the 3 Saints Way group in trying to establish a pilgrim way, as the obvious route either side of Abernethy is the same for both. Here's hoping for a resolution acceptable to all parties.

The most recent TayLP activities in the village occurred in June and July. On 29th June, some Abernethy Primary pupils took part in an archaeological dig outside the Williamson Hall, when the enthusiasm was great to see. Well done to the pupils involved. Then some local gardens were excavated (1 metre square usually) on July 4 and 5—the Wee Big Dig. All digs were professionally supervised.

On the 5th also, the Museum ran a community involvement day, with 'Roman centurions' (quite a hit), children's activities, bread and biscuit tasting, etc.. The day was a great success, judging by numbers and comments. There will almost certainly be similar events in the future, especially since the TayLP team want to do more Abernethy garden digs in 2016 and 2017.

As well as some new items on display in the Museum – well worth a visit, still time before we shut for the winter! – and our part in the Wee Big Dig, two sizeable groups visited the Museum, donated generously and bought booklets etc., which brought a smile to the treasurer's face, as may be imagined. These were, in May, the Glasgow University Archaeological Club on their annual outing, and in June a group taking a walk and talk tour of the round tower as part of P&K Archaeological Month.

On both occasions the Museum was opened specially outside the normal 2-5 slot.

In July the Museum was once more awarded 4 stars by VisitScotland.

Lastly, again TayLP, by Crier publication date there will have been 'Unearth the Mystery of Prehistory' in Perth on August 22, with pop-up cran-nog, story-telling, an Iron-Age Minecraft World, food stalls and examples of early metal- and woodwork-ing, all to spread the word about the ancient inhab-itants of the Tay estuary.

Angus Macintyre.

ABERNETHY TENNIS CLUB



NEWS

Our junior coaching sessions from May to July proved very popular and it was encouraging to see a lot of youngsters taking part. We hope that they will carry on playing and enjoying their tennis. Junior club nights are on Thursdays and it would be great to see as many players down at the courts as possible. Adult club nights reverted back to their usual Wednesday slot following the completion of the junior coaching at the start of July. Despite a number of regular players turning up for a hit about, we were hoping to see more players on the courts. It is a great opportunity to practise your tennis and to socialise with other members of the club. With more players becoming involved at club nights we will be able to run tournaments on a regular basis and have a more active calendar of events.

We are planning to organise an end of season BBQ at the courts sometime in September. Keep an eye out on the Abernethy Facebook page for more details closer to the time. Members will also be sent an email about the event.

Remember that members can access the courts at any time - they are there to use so please do go and make use of them. We are fortunate to have two well-maintained courts in the village and it would be great to see people taking advantage of that on a regular basis.

A date for your diary:

RACE NIGHT - Friday 13th November, 7.30pm, Wil-liamson Hall, Abernethy

Not to be missed - Our annual Race Night is taking place again soon with proceeds going to the develop-ment of the tennis club. Tickets are £5 including a Murrays Pie at half time. BYOB.

Please contact Susan MacDougall on 851199 or Bri-an Stewart on 850103 to reserve tickets.

It's sure to be another fun-filled evening so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment and re-member to bring your friends too. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Fynn Club Secretary

A WAR RHYME FROM 1915 (part 2)

J is for John Jellico who saves us from raids.

K is for Kitchener who is nearing his mark.

L is for London that's kept in the dark.

M's for the medals that are won by the brave.

N is for nurses who are striving to save.

O's for officers training the men.

P is for prisoners you see now and then.

Q is for Queen of the Belgians so bold.

R is for Russians eight million all told.

S is for searchlights with bright shining ray.

T is for "Tommy" in the thick of the fray.

U is for union in time of distress.

W is for world war, the greatest of all.

X is for x-rays that search for the ball.

Y is for you who are doing your best.

Z is for Zeppelins that still are to test.

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SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP TO NORTH BERWICK

On June 2nd the Senior Citizens trip went to North Berwick via Dobbies Garden World at Lasswade where we spent a comfort stop. I had not been there for a long time and found it just wonderful to see. There were so many flowers & plants, containers, big & small, clothing department, garden utensils and even a pet section where I spent a wee while. Time passed so quickly in there I could have stayed longer. I'm sure I will go back some day. Back to the bus and all the friendly welcoming faces, looking forward to our destination. Although the weather was not very good it kept dry and that was the main thing, probably the wind kept it away. The minute I stepped off the bus, the memories flooded back to childhood when I would go either a school or Sunday school outing. Couldn't wait to get the seersucker bathing suit on and in the water. After having a picnic, would go round the small shops looking for something to take home with North Berwick on it. I still have a pencil and postcard booklet. Friends and I walked up the street and had something to eat which was very pleasant. We had a relaxing stroll up the narrow streets. Remembering seeing a visitors centre when we got off the bus, we headed there, along the sandy beach where we enjoyed seeing boats and lots of birds, I even had my ice-cream, windy or not. The visitors centre proved very colourful with souvenirs, and we made use of the toilets before heading back to the bus which was parked a small distance away. Heading for the bus the tide was coming in, birds & ducks were fascinating to watch sifting in the sand for food which the water brought. The journey back home in a carefully driven, comfortable bus, ended at the Mustard Seed Centre where we got a beautiful meal. What a wonderful relaxing day I had, thanks to all who organized and made it all happen.

Lillias Johnston



ABERNETHY PAVILION

We are in urgent need of a Chairperson (independent of any of the other groups) and a Treasurer in order for this committee to function properly. We will also welcome anyone who takes an interest, and is not necessarily affiliated with any of the main user groups, but wishes to join our committee - the more the merrier!

Abernethy Pavilion Management Committee manage the Pavilion down at Powrie Park where Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies meet weekly. Abernethy Youth Football Club and Abernethy Tennis Club also use the premises along with various ad hoc users.

We are in the throes of preparing a new constitution and renewing the ground lease, and once these are done we will be ready to do some fundraising and obtain any grants we can, so this well-loved sports venue can be renovated to its former glory as it was built brick-by-brick by the local community.

Many thanks

Katie McAleese

Secretary, Abernethy Pavilion Management Committee

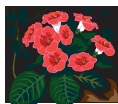
It is with regret.....

We hear of the death of Margaret Wallace (previous owner of Abernethy Hotel)
Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

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ABERNETHY IN BLOOM



Bloomin' Marvellous Container Competition

When we launched our Bloomin' Marvellous competition in the last issue of the Crier we were not sure how many, if any, people would enter. We were really thrilled when we received forty-eight responses for our first (and hopefully annual) container competition entering either one or a whole gardenful of pots and hanging baskets. Despite the dismal summer to date there is a riot of colour in many gardens around the village to cheer up the grey days.

The judges had six main items on their check-list: choice and combination of plants, health and growth, use of colour and texture, the container itself, overall visual impact and how surroundings are enlivened. Many traditional bedding plants were at their peak of perfection. The begonia emerged as the star with some extraordinary displays in tubs and hanging baskets of glorious colour and phenomenal size. Fuchsias, petunias, violas, marigolds and lobelia looked pretty wherever they appeared. Traditional red geraniums stood out vibrantly against white-washed walls. Lilies, dahlias, crocosmia, pinks, astilbe, agapanthus, roses, vinca and ivy varied and complemented displays. Doorways and windows were framed by colour and scent. The judging was very close with many half marks awarded and much discussion over endless cups of tea and coffee.

There were so many lovely little details to note and definite personality and style emerged in what people had chosen to plant in their containers and how they presented them. In addition to private gardens, both Berryfields and the Inn entered and showed how small public spaces can be made to look attractive and inviting. Teacups amid the violas and lobelia at Berryfields and teapots filled with nasturtiums at the Inn. Certain streets deserve a special mention as they were transformed – Ballo Braes and Clunie Street both looked stunning. The judges remarked how many lovely gardens there are in Abernethy which should be celebrated and better known and enjoyed by more people. Suggestions for holding a Village Open Gardens event, and a best street/best garden competition in the future were made by several people. If you would be interested in taking part please get in touch.

The standard was high all round and decisions were difficult but taking very many factors into consideration, the winners are:

First prize: Margaret Cole, The Smiddy, 10 Main Street for a garden – front, back and side – full of gloriously healthy and colourful blooms in unusual containers. Second: (joint) Elsa and Mike Thomson, East Bank Cottage, Perth Road. Both Elsa and Mike entered separately and both scored highly for quality, variety and overall impact.

Third: Chris Farmer, Gattaway. Although Chris entered only one item, his large tub at the bottom of the Gattaway Hill on the main road, this radiated a jewel-like brightness spilling over onto the surrounding grass with further plants amid the grass.

The winners will all receive vouchers and a cup will be presented to Margaret Cole. Congratulations to them and to everyone who took the time to take part and who has made Abernethy a more beautiful place to live: Fiona Duncan, Liz Uttley, Bill Christie, Grace Thomson, Pauline Jamieson, Elizabeth Taylor, Caroline Boyle, Sheila Tuckett, Vicky Kelly, Lorraine Kinneer, Maureen Corbishley, Caroline Shedden-Brown, Frank Cadger, Carol Cadger, John Hussen, Linda Sinclair, Tony Sargent, Gill Boardman, Dave & Celia King, Norman Gordon, Amanda Sutherland, Christina Cleeton, Susan McGhie, Andrea Cardno, Fiona Normand, Sarah Normand, Ali Ferguson, Irene McLaren, Jan Barrance, Ian Bett, Eve & Kevin, R G MacDonald (Bob), Chris Scott, Keir Allen & Rachel Battilana, William Sutherland, Beth Gordon (at Berryfields), Patricia Miller, Caroline Haddow, Susan Pettigrew, Anne Brews, Andy Duncan, The Inn, Iris Watson, Louise Hetherington.



Many thanks must go to our guest judge and long-time Abernethy resident, Margaret Skinner. Thanks too to Margaret Donaldson, In Bloom Treasurer, who twisted a few arms to persuade shy gardeners to enter.

Photos of the entries can be found at www.abernethyhorticultural.co.uk.

We hope you will also have noticed and are enjoying the Abernethy in Bloom containers around the village: at the War Memorial, at the bottom of School Wynd, by the bus stop and near the notice board by the Corn Kist. These were made by Ian Lamond using old potato boxes generously donated by Branstons and the remains of an old IKEA bunk bed (101 things you can do with....) and filled with compost provided by Binn. Our work in renovating Nurse Peattie's garden continues. Thanks to everyone who is helping with watering, weeding and digging!

This is our first year as Abernethy in Bloom and we hope to develop our activities in years to come. We are intending to enter the national In Bloom competitions in 2016. If you would like to get involved with us please get in touch and we can tell you more - or let us have any ideas of what you would like to see Abernethy in Bloom do next.

Caroline Boyle (851190)
Hazel Gordon (at Berryfields Tea Room)
Margaret Donaldson (850881)



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**Next meeting is on 8th September at 6.30pm in the
Royal George Hotel Perth**
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The Great War

August 6, 1915

**Operations of the landings at
Suvla (Dardanelles) begin.**

ABERNETHY COMMUNITY CINEMA

Since our last up-date our web-page is developing (thanks Chris).

We have also gained quotes for a cinema screen, projector and speakers. We are working in tandem with Williamson Hall re cinema screen as this will be a permanent fixture within the Hall.

Our Facebook 'likes' has now reached 158 – Facebook is where we **post** most of our information such as our fundraising events, dates for meetings and our updates, however we also have a list of e-mail addresses to contact people directly. Should you like to be added to our list please contact us, as usual, through e-mail at

abernethycommunitycinema@gmail.com telephone Jan on 0799840749 or e-mail us from our web page: abernethycommunitycinema.co.uk.

We'd like to say a **massive thank you** to everyone who turned out for our quiz in May and for the generosity and participation of all involved. Special thanks to Tracey for running about, to Grant for the bar and to all who so generously donated raffle prizes. In June, it was good to meet folk at the fete; the weather was great for the event and our bear found a good home. Our Planetarium event in July met with good reviews, the schools in particular were interested. Thank you to Cosmos Planetarium for their huge donation. We had many enquiries from schools, please contact Steve:

sgray@cosmosplanetarium.co.uk

Our first film will be October 30th 2015. Please see posters for details or contact us for information. We will hold a meeting toward middle of August to decide on which films to show.

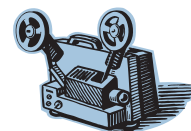
This is your cinema, we need your input so please do come along. If you can't make the meeting you can still send us your ideas and tell us what you would like to see.

Prices for Cinema Tickets will be:

£5.00 for Adults

£3.00 for children

Family of 4 – 2 adults + 2 children £15.00



Thank you for your continued support.

David Miller

CASTLE LAW MUSE

Reaching the top on this warm, damp June afternoon, I began to think about the many, many other occasions when I have climbed Castlelaw.

Today's effort was a triumph because my highly strung collie has become reluctant to leave the house these last few days because of the "birdscarers" in the fields, and so it took some coaxing, and pulling out of bushes to get him there, but we made it. I was reminded of my first dog, an old lady dog who had had very little exercise in her later years, but I was determined to get her fitter and she too made the top within a couple of months of coming to live with us.

At least three Christmas mornings have been toasted in style from the summit, last year we actually had a barbeque! and our New Year's Day celebrations included a dram or so at the top.

We've had Birthday Cake and tea - the candles were a bit iffy in the wind as it was January.

I remember one winter finding enough snow on the top to have a snowball fight with the children, and other walkers who had found their way to the top joining in. It always seemed much further when the kids were small.

And, in the really snowy winters, the kids sledged all the way down the steep side, and built huge snowmen - oh, no that was us!

Now the kids would rather stay in bed anyway.

They do go up there when it suits them, to have their own style of birthday celebrations, camping a little way off the summit in some fairly dodgy weather.

Their city friends must think they're weird.

Then there is the Hill Race! I even did that one year - not my finest moment - I was off work for three days afterwards, but my family have done their bit, along with all the other brave souls, over the years. It's a great event for everyone involved.

We go there with friends to celebrate good times, or sometimes to think about sad times.

There are memorials there to loved ones whom we miss, and space to remember them.

On our weekend walks we mull over events from the week passed, share scones, joys, sorrow and fridge

magnets. We look down, with the ravens, over the Tay estuary, the distant mountains and the Lomond Hills, breathe in the fresh Perthshire air and head back down to our hectic lives.

What a fantastic place to live! **Julie Illingworth**

ABERNETHY SWRI

The new Session starts again on Wed 16th September when we have Ian Bett talking about "The Berries". Meetings are held in the Session House at Abernethy Church (unless otherwise specified) on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm from September to May each year. The subscription for this year will be £20. Visitors £3 per meeting. 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. Mobile: 07719240294.

Syllabus for 2015-2016:

Wed 16th September – Presentation - "The Berries" with Ian Bett. Competitions: "Jar of Raspberry Jam" & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 21st October - Talk - "Why new ideas are so hard to get off the ground (and what to do about it)" with Janet MacDonald. Competitions: "Crochet Article" & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 18th November – Talk – "Stars of the Silver Screen" with Andy Paterson. Competitions: "4 Pieces of Turkish Delight" & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 16th December – "Christmas Meal" – at Berryfields.

2016

Wed 20th January – Talk on CHAS – with Rachel Cheer. Competitions: "Sewn or Knitted Toy (to regulation standards)" – to be donated to CHAS, & "Flower of the Month".



Wed 16th March -

Demonstration – "Middle Eastern/Asian Cooking" with Rekha Cairns. Competitions: "3 Samosas" (recipe supplied) & "Flower of the Month".

Fri 25. March -

"Fundraising Quiz" in the Masonic Hall – details later.

Wed 20th April -

OPEN NIGHT – Masonic Hall - Four Corners Demonstrations – Fabric Boxes, Upholstery, Cards, & Flower Arranging. Competitions: "Small Arrangement with 3 blooms" & "Flower of the Month".

Wed 18th May -

AGM – Speaker to be arranged. Competitions: "Fruit Drink (non-alcoholic)" & "Flower of the Month"

Please see Village Notice Board for fuller details.

Evelyn Scobie

OBITUARY

Remembering Dave Stalker

Like many people who knew him I was deeply saddened at the passing of my long-standing friend. He was one of life's great characters, his quick wit and expressions were truly unique.

During my pig keeping days he was an immense help and was always willing to go out his way to be of assistance, I will always remember his kindness when I must have been a nuisance.

Dave and I along with Sandy Farmer attended countless sales and meetings over many years, his humour and side splitting comments made these outings an event to be enjoyed. I like many others have nothing but happy memories of this outstanding character, behind this witty and humorous man was a person of outstanding talent. Dave has on many occasions sorted the unsortable and could turn his hand to most trades and make a highly respectable job of it.

By far the biggest loss is Dave Stalker the man, I treasure his memory and can honestly say his like will not pass this way again. **Ian Miller**

ABERNETHY HORTI SOCIETY

We hope you will come along to Abernethy Horticultural Society's Seventh Annual Garden Day on Saturday 26th September from 2pm-4pm at the Williamson Hall. All money raised on the day will go towards projects being undertaken by the Horticultural Society and Abernethy In Bloom to enhance the village environs, including the ongoing renovations of Nurse Peattie's Garden. All the old favourite stalls will be back again with plants for sale, local produce to buy and taste, raffle, seed swap, bottle stall, games for children and more. Also back again are our ever popular Best in Village Prize Competitions.

The categories this year are:

1. Late summer flower arrangement.
2. Jar of jam.
3. Jar of pickle or preserve.
4. Cake incorporating fruit or vegetables.
5. Fruit or vegetable based beverage/cordial (alcohol-free).
6. Fruit or vegetable based beverage/cordial (with alcohol).

There are also age-grouped competitions for children where the theme this year is a Walk on the Wild Side. Ages 2-4, 5-6 & 7-8:

1. Create a wild Character from an old shoe, glove or sock. It can be planted up, decorated and painted.
2. Decorate a vegetable to look like an insect.

Ages 9-10, 11-12 & 13-16:

1. Create a wild Character from an old shoe, glove or sock. It can be planted up, decorated and painted.
2. Decorate a plant pot using paint, seeds, leaves, dried food etc.

The competitions are open to all so why not give it a go? Please bring your entries to the hall on the morning of the 26th between 10.00 and 11.30am.

Entrance to Garden Day is £2.50, which includes tea/coffee and a choice from a selection of cakes and bakes. Entrance is free for children and for members of Abernethy Horticultural Society.

If you would like to help out with Garden Day there will be an open meeting for volunteers on Wed 26th August at 7.30pm in the Masons Hall. We would also be very grateful for any donations you can make for the various stalls or raffle prizes. Notices of when and where to bring donations will be posted nearer the time on our website -

www.abernethyhorticultural.co.uk - and on the village notice board, alternatively please get in touch by

email at abernethyhorticultural@googlemail.com or call Chris Farmer on 01738 851 001.

We look forward to seeing you at the Williamson Hall on September 26th!

Chris Farmer
AHS Secretary

Abernethy Horticultural Society

Evening Talks and Meetings 2015-2016

The evening talks will be held in the Masons' Hall, Abernethy, at 7:30pm unless stated otherwise.

All are welcome, just turn up on the day. Prices are £2.50 on the door, or annual membership is only £10 (£18 for couples) and members get entry to all talks for free!

14th October 2015

Plant Hunting Travels, Jonathan Davies-Coleman. Jonathan is a 4th year student at the RHS botanic in Edinburgh, part time employee at Glen-doick, and already an experienced plant hunter. He will share stories from his travels in Bhutan.

11th November 2015

Propagation, Clare Reaney. Come ready to learn... Clare will bring samples and do demonstrations on how to divide and multiply your plants.

9th December 2015

The return of The Quiz and Gardeners' Question Time, AHS style. Participation for all, BYO questions.

13th January 2016

Bellfield Organics, Derek Alexander. A talk on what life is like as a commercial grower of organic vegetables in Abernethy, for supply to households across central Scotland.

10th February 2016 The Country Garden Company, Amanda Fawzi. Amanda makes her living selling flowers for weddings and events, all grown in her back garden in Cupar.

16th March 2016

AGM. With updates on "Abernethy In Bloom" and maybe even a mystery speaker.

13th April 2016

Pollination and Beasties, Angela Lloyd. Angela is a lecturer and researcher on organic growing and the role of insects in horticulture.

June 2016, date and time TBC

The Annual AHS Road Trip – location and date to be confirmed.

ARE YOU WILLING?

I had a call recently at the Citizen's Advice Bureau from a lady who had been cold called about making a will.

The caller had said that she ran a will writing service. She told my client that she definitely needed a will and that she could provide an excellent will for £600. My client wondered if she did need a will. She and her husband had bought their house. They had three children. Two of them had very little to do with their parents but their daughter lived with them and was paying the mortgage. Surely she would get the house when they died because she gave them the mortgage money?

No, she would not get any more than her brothers if there was no will. Also it would be more complicated to arrange what happened to their property.

The good news is that £600 is an outrageous amount to charge.. Most solicitors will draw up a will for less than £100 or a donation to charity.

People somehow think it is morbid to think about death and make a will but once it is done you can have peace of mind. You know that what you own is going to the people you have chosen and you have prevented squabbles after you have finally gone. 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.

The Great War

September 6, 1915

First tank "Little Willie" trialled

WILLIAMSON HALL NEWS

Well, once again the fete has been and gone. We were extremely lucky with the weather and it was great to see so many people.

We raised more than £2000 towards hall funds and, as always, we are hugely grateful to everyone who supported the event in any way. Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, prizes and home-baking, thank you to everyone who built gazebos and manned stalls and, of course, thank you to everyone who came along and spent money on the day. It was great to see lots of new volunteers this year alongside all the 'regulars', without whom the fete wouldn't happen. We worry every year that it might not come together and every year (so far!) it has.

So, to summarise, **THANK YOU!!** We really appreciate it!

In addition to the money from the fete, we have also received a very generous donation of £2000 from Branston (Scotland) Ltd. They have always been very supportive of the hall committee and, once again, we are very grateful.

Our other good news is that we are in receipt of funding of £3000 from the Robertson Trust. They supported the work we did last summer and were impressed enough with the work we did to want to help us again.

We plan to use this money to cover some of our outstanding maintenance including redecorating the kitchen area and fixing the roof but the biggest expense will be to fix the window surrounds in the main hall. Since last year's upgrade, the hall is so well insulated that condensation is forming on the cold stone surrounds causing the paint to flake and discolour. Work to address is starting in August.

We hope you enjoy using the hall. The committee works hard to maintain it to a high standard. If you have any questions or ideas or if you would like to get involved in the running of the hall, our next meetings are on Monday 31 August and Monday 26 October at 8pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and we would be very pleased to see you.

Williamson Hall Management Committee

OBITUARY STANLEY DACK

May, Catherine, Gavin, Gareth and Family, of the late Stanley (Stan) Dack, would like to thank most sincerely all Family, Friends and work colleagues for the many many cards, letters and visits received following their recent tragic sudden loss.

Special thanks go to Police officers Mark and Craig, the wonderful staff at PRI, Allison Duthie (Registered Celebrant) for her kind words and comforting service at Perth Crematorium, Funeral Director Methven Gray for his guidance and support with the funeral arrangements.

Our grateful thanks to all who paid their respects at the Crematorium and gave so generously to the British Heart Foundation the sum of £634.45.

"Thank you Stanley for the years we shared,

The love you gave, the way you cared,

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,

Too dearly loved, to ever forget"

Loving thoughts Mum and your loving family



The Great War

October 12, 1915

**Edith Cavell shot in Brussels by
order of a court martial**

ABERNETHY BEAVER/CUBNEWS

Abernethy Beavers and Cubs have had another great year, with the Beaver Colony having the third biggest growth in the Perth and Kinross area. We currently have 18 boys and girls in the Beavers with the Cubs having 16. We also now have 5 Adult leaders as local lad Gavin Robertson has recently been recruited to the team and is a great asset along with our two young Leaders Jude Trotter and Rachel Miller. A special thank you has to go to Alice Illingworth who spent 4 years as a young leader but has recently left to go to study at University. We wish her all the success possible with her studies.

The cubs enjoyed a weekend camping in June at Fordell Firs Activity Centre, Dunfermline, which was great fun apart from the Cubs getting up ready to start their day at 4.45 am on Saturday morning! During the camp the Cubs participated in abseiling, the adventure challenge course and caving. The caving brought much amusement when the boys noticed on the map that a certain tunnel was called "the Miller Squeeze" and was deemed not suitable for anyone with a larger waist than 34" however no matter how much they tried to persuade me there was no way I was putting it to the test.



The Cubs also participate in the cub football league and I'm delighted to say that they recently won the league, something that has never been done by any Abernethy Cub team before and I can remember playing in the same league in the late 70's. The trophy is not quite as old as the Scottish cup but was first won by a Cub Pack in 1972 so it's old enough in its own right. Thanks go to Brian Stewart for all his help with the running of the football and I can honestly say that by winning the league this will have helped him with his disappointment of the Scottish cup final of 2014 when that little Tayside team missed out to the Super J's.



I would also like to make mention of the late Dave Stalker who was Abernethy's oldest surviving Scout. Dave was kind enough to come along to the Cubs and tell them all about his adventures of being a Scout in Abernethy and he will be sadly missed.

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

Gordon Miller (01738 850 869)

The Great War

October 15, 1915

Great Britain declares "state of war" with Bulgaria

A BIG THANK YOU

"If anything goes wrong remember the life insurance policy is in the top drawer of the filing cabinet"
Well it did and it wasn't. I wish I could tell him he'd got it wrong again! Brian's disorganised organisation was famous with family, staff and friends alike. It was a shock to us all when Brian did not come round after his operation on 27th January, but little did we realise how many other people would also be so affected by his death. The funeral was standing room only with nigh on 250 people in attendance and at the wake there was a queue along the front of the building. If only Brian could have seen how busy the bar was he would have given me such a row for giving away the drink for nothing!

A big thank-you to all who attended the funeral and to those who could not attend the wake because they could not face the Cree's Inn without Brian behind the bar, I understand completely. The total raised for our charities was astounding. £450 went to Scottish Cot Death Trust and another £450 to the Second Chance Kennels in Thornton, Fife. Thank you all for donating so generously. And thank you too for the lovely obituary and very apt poem in the last 'Village Crier'.

As for myself, Jody and Josh we will all be moving on. Jody living in Perth, Josh to Edinburgh and College there, myself I'll be staying on in Abernethy but moving in with my long suffering mother with my two rescue dogs.

Thank you to our friends and family for their loyal support through this awful time and I hope that whoever takes over at Cree's Inn will be made as welcome as we were during the 20 years it was our home.

Rachel Johnston

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A LETTER FROM AMERICA (Continued from last Crier)

George Buist (1750-1797): The Life of a Fife Tenant Farmer of Kettle

By His Fourth Great Grandson, Michael T. Tracy

George Buist, a tenant farmer from Fife, typified the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit in Scottish farming in mid-18th century. By setting aside a farm for the bleaching of linen he, like many others in lowland Scotland made a contribution that would see linen become the country's most important industry until it was eclipsed by cotton in the later years of the century. He also lived through the height of the Scottish Enlightenment when new science was being brought to bear on Scottish agriculture.

Early Years The future tenant farmer of Kettle Parish, Fife was born in November 1750 at Woodhead, Abdie Parish, Fife. He was baptized on Tuesday, 1 December 1750 at Abdie, Fife to Andrew Buist and Isabel Thomson, the third child of nine. A prominent family of Fife, the Buist family owned large amounts of land in Abdie, Fife.

By the year of 1770, a 20 year old George Buist is found residing at Orkie, Kettle Parish, Fife. He met and later married Margaret Low on Friday, 7 September 1770 at Kettle Parish. Margaret Low was born in about 1752 and is listed as being from Strathmiglo Parish, Fife. According to the Kettle Parish Register for Marriages it reads: "27th August 1770 were contracted in order to marriage, George Buist in this Parish and Margaret Low in the Parish of Strathmiglo and were married 7th September."

George Buist & Company, Kettle Bleachfield, Kettle, Fife

During the 18th century, linen was Scotland's premier leading industry and of great importance. A scheme of bounties was introduced to promote the exporting of Scottish linens to the American colonies. The colonial market for Scottish linens during this period, were in high demand. With advancements in mechanized cotton spinning was introduced Scottish linen output more than doubled. However this was not the case for flax spinning. Buist probably saw this great potential in the linen industry. Like most farmers of the time, Buist was an entrepreneur having started his own bleachfield at Kettle Bleachfield, which was not too far from his farm at Orkie in Kettle

Parish, Fife. George Buist & Company a small cloth business was located within 4 miles of Cupar in 1781. According to the Edinburgh Advertiser Newspaper dated Tuesday, 27 February 1781 it stated: "Kettle Bleachfield, within 4 miles of Cupar in Fife. George Buist & Company will down Cloth as soon as the season permits, and bleaches at the following prices: all plain linen, yard wide and under, wrought in a 900 reed or under at 2d. per yard; 1000 and 1100, at 2 ½ d.; 1200 at 3d.; 1300 at 3 ½ d"

George Buist also held lands in Abdie Parish, Fife. He was also a tenant farmer in the Grange of Lindores. According to a land deed of the property dated Tuesday, 6 July 1784 George Buist transferred his rights to these lands but did not give up ownership to Peter Hay of Leys.

Family Matters

As well as farming at Orkie, Kettle Parish, Fife, George and Margaret Buist raised their family. They had four children: Henry, Jean, John and George Buist. Margaret Buist died on Friday, 23 November 1781 at Orkie at about the age of 29. She was buried on Saturday, 24 November 1781 at the Kettle Parish Churchyard. After her death George Buist erected a table stone in her memory.

Being a widower for over two years, George Buist met and later married Christian Ballingall of Rameldry, Kettle Parish, Fife. Such spelling differences were not uncommon. Her father George Ballingall was a well-known tenant farmer of Rameldry for many years. The couple, were married on Friday, 4 June 1784 at Kettle Parish Church. According to the Kettle Parish Register of Marriages it reads: "22 May 1784 were matrimonially contracted in order to marriages, George Buist and Christian Ballingall in this Parish they were regularly proclaimed and no objection offered and married 4th June."

George and Christian Buist had eight children who were all born and raised at Orkie. They were: Janet, Katherine, an Unnamed male child (stillborn), Christian, Thomas, Margaret, Robert and James Buist. They were members of the Kettle Parish Church located in Kingskettle. This church which is presently still standing was built in 1636. According to the Kettle Statistical Account of Kettle Parish, Fife, written by the Reverend Peter Barclay in 1791 states: "The Church appears, by a date on it, to have been built in 1636. It has been twice repaired since, and is in good condition."

A good account of agriculture in Kettle Parish is also contained in the 1791 Statistical Account. It states: "The farms in the parish are 32, and the average of servants on each is 5, viz. 3 men and 2 women. Most of the farms have cottages, whence they obtain assistance in hay time and harvest...The fences are ditch and hedge, or stone walls as is most convenient or suitable...The parish produces both more corn and cattle than is sufficient for its own maintenance. Wheat is sown, from the middle of September to the end of November; peas and beans in the beginning of March; oats from the middle of March to the end of April; and barley in the month of May." Orkie farm was located nearly a quarter of a mile east north east of the village of Freuchie.

According to the Ordinance Survey Name Books for Orkie, Kettle Parish it described the location as follows in 1853-1855: "a farm steading with cottages occupied by servants, but no farmhouse...the property of Woods Endowed School, Drumeldrie near Largo.

'Abolishing Church patronage'

In a letter dated Thursday, 18th November 1784 George Buist wrote about the subject of abolishing church patronage in Scotland. According to the Edinburgh Advertiser Newspaper dated Friday, 26th November 1784: "At Kettle Kirk, 18th November 1784, in consequence of a circular letter from the Committee of Glasgow for petitioning the Legislature for abolishing patronage in Scotland, and thereupon intimation being made from the letter last Sabbath a considerable number of the Kettle Parish met to consider the letter...It is with pleasure we inform the Committee and the Public, that we agree with the Committee on the abolishment of patronage...When in the settlement of vacancies, all regard is laid aside for the edification of the people, for it is declared to be a right of private property but also merely the providing young men with the annuities for life...

Signed by
George Buist, President."

The Church Patronage Act (1711) was an act to restore the patrons to their ancient rights of presenting minister to the churches vacant in Scotland. The purpose was to allow noble and other patrons to gain control over the Church of Scotland parish churches again. The Act of 1711 remained in force for a considerable length of time, as there were attempts to repeal it, as in 1784.

A Fife Landowner

Until the Abolition of the Scotland Feudal Tenure Act in the year 2000, which went into force in the year 2004, land in Scotland was held through the feudal system. All land theoretically belonged to the Crown, and the Crown passed ownership to its immediate vassals or tenants, who in turn could pass ownership to their vassals or tenants. George Buist was a tenant farmer. As a tenant farmer, George Buist loaned various individuals and businesses money from time to time. As a security for a loan, property was used. In the sasines for Kettle Parish, Fife during his lifetimes, there are various transactions of this kind as well as records of George Buist acquiring various parcels of land in the parish. The first such land transaction occurred on Thursday, 12th April 1787 when George Buist acquired land in parts of Holekettle and parts of West and South Rumdowan from John Thomson.

Additionally, there is an early deed showing George Buist as a servant in Orkie paying off a loan of credit to Walter Birrell, baker in Freuchie, Kettle Parish, Fife. According to a Sheriff of Fife Deed dated Saturday, 20th December 1788 George Buist received a Discharge of Inhibition from Walter Birrell a baker in Freuchie. Buist was 38 years of age at this time.

Buist also purchased various other parcels of land in the Parish of Kettle, Fife. On Friday, 4th March 1791 he acquired property adjacent to the Parish of Kettle from William Suttie a weaver in Holekettle. He purchased the lands called the Haugh and Cowwards in which he refers to these lands in his Trust Disposition dated Tuesday, 6th December 1796. These lands consisted of three acres and were purchased on Monday, 21st November 1774.

Additionally there are various other small parcels of land throughout the parish that he also purchased or held as security for various loans made during his lifetime. With the height of the Scottish Enlightenment and the new science approach to agriculture, Buist lived through what was known as the 'age of improvement.' The 'age of improvement' relied on the best practice or best approach to farming in Scotland. Examples of this approach were: enclosure by stonewalling between farm lands; liming of the fields were begun which in turn made the soil better and improved the grazings of livestock; and finally crop rotation was introduced. All of these improvements made great and lasting improvements to agriculture in Scotland.

Tax Records

In the second half of the 18th century, the central government raised money by taxing various types of property. One such tax in 1797-98 was the Farm Horse Tax. George Buist was listed in this tax for his estate at Grange in Abdie Parish, Fife. On Thursday, 31st July 1794 the tax showed that Buist had one horse and was taxed ten shillings. Even being deceased for seven months Buist was taxed at Grange, Abdie, Fife. Being a large landowner, this in actuality meant that the Trustees of George Buist were taxed on Monday, 28th August 1797 for the deceased property. By this time he had six horses on the estate of Grange and was taxed ten shillings for four of these horses.

Another such tax was called the Window Tax which was unpopular in Scotland. This tax was a property tax based on the number of windows in a house. In Scotland the tax was imposed in 1748. A house had to have at least seven windows or a rent of at least five pounds. The earliest Window Tax record that exists for George Buist is at Orkie in Kettle Parish, Fife. This record was recorded on Thursday, 18th August 1785 and showed Orkie as having seven windows and was therefore taxed 4 pounds, 1 shilling and 2 pennies. The earliest Window Tax that exists for the estate of Grange in Abdie Parish, Fife was recorded on Friday, 3rd August 1787. The number of windows shown was six and he was taxed 4 pounds, 8 shillings and 4 pennies. The last Window Tax record which records George Buist was on Monday, 29th July 1794 for Orkie, Kettle Parish, Fife. He was taxed 4 pounds, 1 shilling and 2 pennies for seven windows.

The Passing of George Buist

Buist could have become ill before he decided to have written his Final Trust. However, what is known is that on Tuesday, 6th December 1796 his Final Trust and Disposition was made. He named his brother Henry Buist of East Miln, Strathmiglo, Fife and five others as his Trustees and Curators. These included Arthur Buist of Pitcuncarty, John Inglis, John Inglis, Baker in Cupar, his wife's half-brother George Ballingall, tenant in Rameldry and Peter Ballingall, tenant in Collairnie, Dunbog, Fife.

Furthermore, in his Final Trust he gave his wife Christian Ballingall a yearly income of 15 pounds for the rest of her life and instructed that she and the younger children should remain at Orkie for up to three years from the time of his death upon which time, his eldest son and heir

Henry Buist shall take over the tenancy of Orkie and all other lands owned by him. However, if his wife Christian Ballingall should remarry then she will forfeit all monies. The Trust further states for the following older children that his eldest son Henry Buist shall inherit all his lands; that George Buist shall receive 600 pounds sterling plus 10 pounds sterling a year while at college for defraying the expense of completing his college education; his youngest son, James Buist shall receive 600 pounds sterling; his eldest daughter, Jean (Buist) Dun 250 pounds sterling; his daughters Katherine and Margaret Buist each 250 pounds sterling. His younger children under the age of 14 namely Janet, Thomas and Robert Buist shall be under the care of their mother Christian Ballingall and shall have as their curators the six Trustees of his Trust. George Buist died on Tuesday, 24th January 1797 at Orkie, Kettle Parish, Fife at the age of 46. His cause of death was 'catarrh' which may have indicated chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis or even pneumonia. 'Catarrh' was effectively a description of a symptom rather than an underlying disease in situations where these could not be readily diagnosed. According to the Kettle Parish burial records it stated: "25th January 1797, George Buist in Orkie, laid beneath the family stone. Died of cararrah."

His table stone still stands presently but is now illegible and the exact location remains unknown. The table stone read: "George Buist, feuar, West Brackley, wife Margaret Low 1781, age 30."

His wife Christian Buist left Orkie, Kettle Parish, Fife with her younger children circa 1797-99. Henry Buist eldest son of George Buist held onto Orkie for another ten years after his father's death. On Thursday, 19 March 1807 Henry Buist and his father's Trustees sold the lands of Orkie to the patrons of the Mortification School of Drumeldry. Orkie is no longer in existence however some of its former lands are presently owned by a company called Kettle Produce, which is a major supplier of vegetables to United Kingdom supermarkets.

Christian Buist was residing at Kirktonbarns, Forgan Parish, Fife where she raised her younger children. She died on Thursday, 2nd October 1834 at Kirktonbarns at the age of 77. She was buried at Forgan Churchyard, Forgan Parish, Fife. Her gravestone still stands presently and reads: "George Buist, farmer, Orkie, widow Christian Banangall, October 1834." Such spelling differences were not uncommon.

On Tuesday, 9th December 1834 there was a public auction for some of Christian Buist's personal estate items at Kirktonbarns. These items included furniture, bed and table linen, wearing apparel and various books. The auction yielded 29 pounds, 5 shillings and 6 pence to the family and auctioneer. On Thursday, 19 February 1835 James Buist inherited his mother's estate where he lived with his sisters Katherine and Margaret Buist for many years.

The Life and Times of George Buist spanned 46 years. George Buist was not only a tenant farmer of Abdie and Kettle Parishes in Fife but also was an extraordinary entrepreneur for his time, establishing a bleachfield at Kettle Bleachfield. He was a family man and helped raise 12 children spanning two marriages while at Orkie. He was a supporter of abolishing church patronage in Scotland as evidence of his letter of Thursday, 18th November 1781. A Fife tenant farmer and land owner, George Buist acquired many lands in the Parish of Kettle, Fife and had he lived longer most likely would have acquired more. Fife can be very proud of one of its own, George Buist, a tenant farmer and land owner of Abdie and Kettle Parishes. He is warmly commemorated here in grateful esteem and recognition by his fourth great grandson, Michael T. Tracy.

Viva enim mortuorum in memoria vivorum est posita
(The life of the dead is retained in the memory of the living)

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ABERNETHY NEWSLETTER

the community voice

November 1988

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Abernethy Council Housing

A refurbishment and repair programme was carried out by Perth and Kinross District Council Housing Department during the past summer.

Your new District Councillor Angus Baillie would welcome invitations from tenants to visit them and thereby get an opportunity to become familiar with the quality of work done. The information I would gain from visiting homes would be of great help in the planning and recommendation of future improvements.

Angus Baillie

Abernethy Girl Guides

I would like to thank all the guides and Mrs Anderson for the lovely gift I received on leaving this unit to go to college in Dundee.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Guider and hope you all go to Rangers and Young Leaders to keep the movement growing.

I hope you continue to enjoy Guiding and gain as much from it as I have.

Good luck Lorna Baird

Abernethy Badminton Club

Abernethy Badminton Club meets on a Thursday night in the Williamson Hall at 8 o'clock and would welcome more players.

Sheena Shepherd

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