



# VILLAGE CRIER

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## ABERNETHY AND ABERARGIE NEWS

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Dear Readers,

I am beginning to have a new respect for journalists and columnists; those responsible for producing daily and even weekly newspapers. Those of us involved in the production of the Crier feel we have just got one issue "hot off the press" when we are thinking about the next in another 3 months!

You will see from this issue we are becoming more ambitious with the addition of one or two photographs. What next? Glorious technicolour! That, of course would cost more to print and we have to keep the books balanced. The Crier is free to all households but donations will be gratefully received. The Corner Shop, Brian Greig and the Culdees Tearoom have all agreed to hold collection boxes so any loose change is always helpful.

A lot has been happening in Abernethy since the last Crier came out-----an MBE awarded to an Abernethy School former pupil whose Father still lives here, a prestigious award from CAMRA to a local publican, a fantastic response to the Romanian Appeal, several well-attended coffee mornings and the A.G.M.s of a number of organisations. Read on, the details are in the inside pages.

The usual winter activities have drawn to a

close and we are looking forward to spring and summer. The Crier will be out just before Gala Week, by which time you will have received the fliers but we have a summary of events included just as a reminder if needed.

The Museum will have re-opened as from 16th May and will close again on 27th September, details of the new exhibition are included in this edition plus various events taking place over the season. Everyone will be hoping for a dry and sunny Gala Day, indeed for all the events over Gala Week.

Enjoy the summer, participate in the village activities, gathering the news and making new friends. There is a lot going on, join in and enjoy being part of Abernethy and Aberargie and most importantly keep the news coming in.

The next issue of the Crier will be out at the beginning of September so we need to hear from you by the last day of July.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue and also to those who submitted advertisements.

Hilda Clow.

## ABERNETHY

### MOTHER AND TODDLERS GROUP

Open to children from birth to 5 years.  
Meets every Thursday 9.30am - 11.15am in the Williamson Hall. A great way for children to interact and play and for parents to meet. All parents, Grandparents and Carers welcome £2.00 per session, child snack and coffees included.

### ABERNETHY TODDLER GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY EVENT

Abernethy Playgroup  
are hosting a photography event on Saturday



20th June 09 in the Williamson Hall, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to come along\*. \*If you have been thinking about getting those up to date photos taken of the kids, family or pets then we hope you will join us. The photographer is \*HLAY Photography (see [www.hlay.co.uk](http://www.hlay.co.uk))\*, a professional children's photographer who takes high quality pictures in a contemporary style, PLUS they print your chosen photos on the day – no waiting 2 months for your photos to arrive!

If your interested pop along to the hall between \*10am and 12.30pm\* on 20th June (photography sessions themselves will be around 10 minutes long). Sessions will be available to book in advance by emailing Jill Donnachie ([graham\\_jill@mac.com](mailto:graham_jill@mac.com)) OR phoning 850106 OR just turn up on the day and wait. Full picture packs will be printed for you to view and buy; the price is lower than many other photographers (£5 for a 7x5) and a % of turnover will be donated to the Playgroup. This is the perfect opportunity to capture the whole family in one photo – with everyone hopefully looking at the camera!

## ABERNETHY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Abernethy Community Council meets in Primary School on the second last Thursday of every month.

The AGM is the last Thursday in February. There is no meeting in December and July due to holidays.

### EVERYBODY WELCOME

The present Community Councillors are.....

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**DID YOU KNOW.....** The Cree's Inn is named after Thomas Cree the bloke who converted the lower half of a dwelling house into a pub in the late 19th century. The building you see today was originally a small - holding with land. Thomas died in 1911.

# Growing up in Post-War Abernethy

(Part one)

EVELYN SCOBIE

I was born towards the end of the Second World War, in Abernethy, Perthshire, the ancient Pictish capital with the famous Round Tower, in a wee two roomed house at the bottom of the main street (last door on the left before the corner where you go round towards the Cree's Inn). The house was called "Meadow View" then. The "meadow" was where Kinclaven Gardens is now, which I am told were the "common grazing's". There were no houses there then of course, and my mother kept a few hens up there. There was a burn running down the side of the field, part of which you can still see and which I fell into on several occasions!

The house had two rooms, a living room and bedroom, with a bed recess inside the back door. We had no running water and an outside toilet, but there was a washing house! The water had to be carried in with pails from a tap outside the back door. There was no kitchen, just a wee alcove with a curtain across. If you look at the end wall you can still see the wee window where the alcove was.

I was the fifth child born to my parents and was what was known as a "late baby", there being a gap of almost 16 years between my elder sister and myself! My mother always said I "kept them young" but I don't think my father ever got over the shock!

The story goes that I was delivered "ben the hoose" by Dr Tullis, who was the local GP. The Newburgh Nurse was in attendance as the Abernethy nurse, Nurse Peattie had the flu. I weighed in at 10lb and I am sure Nurse Peattie must have been disappointed at not being at my birth, after looking after my Mum During her pregnancy!



My mum always said my birth was a "Nine Day Wonder" in the village, and people were quite surprised when she appeared pushing a pram! Apparently, after the birth, Dr Tullis carried me through to the living room and handed me to my sister, who was nearly 16. My sister told me the nurse said she was amazed she had never seen the Dr carry the baby through before! I suppose he would have handed me to my Dad, but he was ill in bed, with diarrhoea! He was in the "three-quarter" bed in the "bed recess" at the back door (remember them?). My mum had a bad haemorrhage after the birth and had to stay in bed for a few days. Dr Tullis told me about this a few years later when I consulted him with a sore ear while visiting my sister in Newburgh! He remembered delivering me and started telling me about it but I just wanted him to look at my ear! Nowadays mum would have been whisked off to hospital, no doubt. I was bottle fed, but apparently I grew like a mushroom and never looked back, apart from having whooping cough when a few months old! Someone who had it apparently coughed all over me when I was in my pram at the front door! I was fed on National Dried Milk and I remember seeing the tins in the house years later – recycling isn't anything new!

I was also given "Virol", which was a malt extract, and cod liver oil and orange juice. My Mum used to say I spat out the cod liver oil! She said she used to give it to me in the bath because I made such a mess of my clothes! Can't say I like the taste of it to this day but one must try and keep supple! My feeding bottle was boat shaped and had a teat at one end and a valve at the other. I remember it being in the house years later, in fact I used to play with it with my dolls! I don't know what happened to it, probably got broken, but it would be an antique nowadays! One of my earliest memories must be being Pulled by my Dad on a sledge in the snow, In the main street, which would probably be the

Winter of 1947. No cars to worry about then!



I remember my Mum telling me it was a hard winter and a lot of burst pipes etc. My brother James (Jimmy), was in the RAF at the time, and she said he was sent home on leave because of the bad weather. Dad also used to tell stories of being out with the horse and snow plough at Glenfoot, to keep the roads open, in case the doctor or nurse had to get to somebody who was ill or in labour. He used to say the snow was so deep they hung their jackets on the telegraph poles!

My Dad had a wee garden, or allotment, off Dead's Lane, the wee lane going up to the Church from Cree's Inn. He grew vegetables and fruit and kept bees, and I have a clear memory of him tending his bees with his hat on with the veil, and "smoker" in hand!

*More next time*

## SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens Trust is run by a hard-working committee who arrange a Summer Bus Trip in June, and a Christmas Party in December, for the Senior Citizens of Abernethy and District. Gifts are also distributed at Christmas time. A Coffee Morning is held each year in April to help with the expenses. If you are a "Senior Citizen" and would like to be included in these events, or if you have recently moved to the area, please contact the Secretary on 01738 850246. The recently held coffee morning raised £1006, many thanks for donations and raffle prizes.

The summer trip will be on the 11th June. The first stop Pitlochry then to Braemar via Kirkmichael, returning to the Red House Hotel, Coupar Angus for tea. New residents welcome and anyone newly over 60.

## ABERNETHY PLAYGROUP

Bric-a-Brac Sale / Open Morning

The Playgroup committee and playleaders would like to pass on a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to, helped out and supported the recent events. It was great to see so many people in the village getting involved. We raised an impressive £400 so thank you very much.

The playgroup will be closed during the school summer holidays, starting back on Wed 19 Aug. We will have places available all days : Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for the 09/10 term. The playgroup provides a quality pre-school education service for 2 - 5 year olds and is held in the Williamson Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon (school term only). We also offer an adhoc drop-in service and a lunch club & school nursery drop-off service. For further information or if you would like a welcome & registration pack please email [andrea.dewar@talktalk.net](mailto:andrea.dewar@talktalk.net).

## PUB OF THE YEAR 2009

The Crees Inn is this years winner of the "Tayside Camra Pub of the year" award.

Congratulations to Brian Johnson and his staff and of course his well kept beer.



## CREE'S INN

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## ABERNETHY SWRI

Meetings are held in the Session House, Abernethy Church on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15, from September to May each year, and we celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday in September 2009. However, we desperately need some new members - we only have 17 at the moment. All ages are welcome, from teenage upwards! We try to have a varied programme of talks and demonstrations on a variety of subjects. Watch out for information about future meetings on the village notice board. If you are not sure if this is for you, you are welcome to come along to a meeting as a visitor first. Contact person: Evelyn Scobie Tel: 01738 850496

The "Fiddlers Concert" by the Dunkeld & District Strathspey and Reel Society, will be in the Williamson Hall on Friday 30th October at 7.30. This is just advance warning folks to put the date in their diary, watch the notice board and press for details later. Tickets will be £5 and will be available soon, and there will be tea and biscuits at the interval.

Evelyn Scobie

## WILLIAMSON HALL



The Williamson Hall is run by a management committee and meetings are held in the hall on the last Monday of every second month at 7.30pm. Details of meetings are to be found in the notice board and shop windows. Representatives from groups who use the hall are asked to attend, and any other interested parties from the area are welcome. The hall is available for hire at very competitive prices, and bookings can be made by ringing the caretaker on 01738

## 100 Club



The Williamson Hall runs a 100 Club which requires new members. The draw takes place at the hall

meetings and the annual subscription is £12. Prizes are currently 1<sup>st</sup> £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> £15. Application forms can be obtained by ringing 01738 850496.

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## A BOYHOOD IN ABERNETHY IN THE 1920s'

Bobby Clow



My contemporaries were my cousins at Ballomill and ,of course, a wide array of Davidsons, Kempes, Morrisons, Macdougalls,(mother a Powrie), Doigs and Scotts; Peddie with a Syme connection and Haggarts. Very many more , of course, and Johnstons; but I am only recollecting Abernethy Primary School. The Muirhead family had a chip shop at the bottom of what is now Hall Park. Another chip shop started up at the back of the corner shop, also a small tea room next to Poplars run by Mrs Thomson, a newcomer from Fife.

The cycle shop and garage were Wilkie's ( same as John W). His father was a postie as well as being in the Engineers in W. W. I.

The foot ball team was Abernethy Rovers who played in Low Park until Powries created the Ella Powrie Park in memory of Ella Powrie who died in childbirth. The Jarvis sons (builders) were gifted players.

The Tennis Club had one grass court next to the manse. The adults were very forgiving. Very attractive girls came for the summer holidays. They were the Shepherd family from Forfar. Their home was the White House. Norah was a stunner in my eyes but they were all great fun.

We played in the street. I envied Bert Craig for having boots with nails to get the most

The burns and dens were a constant magnet. Castle Law was a great adventure. Much ground adhered to Ballomill. Douglas Smith and myself were very keen on guddling for the bigger trout and Auntie Annie Smith would give us a biscuit tin and some oil to have a fry on a fire in the wood. Sometimes Charlie Davidson joined our secret goings on in the wood just at Ballomill Drive.

Anyway I was taken from all this routine by being sent to Strathallan School.

I became and remained stranded in the Textile World but became innovative as the market developed.

I have no merit in me above average. My father John Clow was a seriously important person. Got up the business, had an arduous wartime as Provost and really created everything connected with Robert Clow Ltd. Manufacturers.

The Grehan family came to the Mains of Cordon as a team for the general tasks, one was walking the cattle home from Perth market.

Young Ken (Ken snr)

Competed in bike races and  
The barn was an attraction



because of the lamp light atmosphere combined with the smell of embrocation rub. He was our local hero at Newburgh games held at Mugdrum. The coble race was a Newburgh Errol affair, the fairground was also in town In the park by the school.

I was a P.O.W. in Germany 1940 – 1945. A very unhappy time and a waste of myself and the 1<sup>st</sup> 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Division.

My sisters Elma and Carine are no longer but that is how we were in the 20's and 30's. A happy time.

I remain an Abernethy boy – Born 1/9/18 in Struan House, Station Road and live there with Hilda.

Bobby

## LOCAL GUY DOES GOOD

Major Gavin Brown, Royal Engineers currently based in Maidstone, Kent and son of Mr George Brown and the late Mrs Isla Brown was Honoured with an MBE by HRH The Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace on Fri. 27 March 2009. The MBE was bestowed upon him in recognition of his services and outstanding achievements during operational tours of Afghanistan and Iraq. Major Brown's military career during his 13 years service has seen him posted and deployed to many other countries including Oman, Germany and Australia.



Major Brown's education began at Abernethy Primary School, then Perth High School and Aberdeen University. He is married to Laura and has a 2 year old daughter.

## ROMANIA APPEAL

I would like to thank all who donated goods for the collection for Romania. The response was great and donations included some fantastic bikes for adults and children, and lots of clothes for teenagers. Most of the goods donated were packed ready for transporting to Marghita in North East Romania and the rest were given directly to Blythswood Care for projects that they run in Eastern Europe and India or for sale in their shops. At time of submitting for the newsletter I am waiting for Blythswood Care to confirm a date for collecting the boxes – it is planned to be during week commencing May 4th and the goods will then be transported out to Marghita within a couple of weeks of collection from Abernethy. Huge thanks to all who helped pack the boxes and transport them to storage and also to those who helped at, and supported, the coffee morning where we raised £650.

Many thanks. Shelagh Worner



## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY

### ABERNETHY STAR PARTY POWRIE PARK, ABERNETHY

September - date to be confirmed

To celebrate the International year of Astronomy, the Central Scotland Observers Group intends to host a Night of Observations where participants can have supervised use of member's telescopes and equipment.

They will set up cameras for pictures of Moon, stars and planets, or you can bring along your own camera and they will attempt to capture some shots for your own use.

Please bring warm clothing as it can get chilly if you are waiting around.

Please don't bring torches as it is Star Party Etiquette to remain in as dark an environment as possible and a stray torchlight can ruin someone's attempt at long exposure photography.

## SPRINGTIME IS HERE

Springtime is here, winter says goodbye  
Flowers everywhere spring isn't long  
So we have to enjoy the tulips  
Blossom and everything else  
Oh Spring oh yeah Spring

By Katie Adams aged 7

## ABERNETHY GALA 2009

Wed 3rd June - Sun 7th June

We hope you're looking forward to the gala and you have received your programme detailing the weeks events. We start the week off on Wednesday when the Gala Queen Kathleen Hutchison, joined by her 2 attendants Bronte McCullie and Britney McMillan, will be crowned prior to the start of the Car Treasuer Hunt, we then head to the Bowling Club on Thursday, moving onto the Kids Discos on Friday, finishing the week on Sunday with the Church Service, Hill Race and Hymns in the Square. A fun packed week all the family.

Gala Day is on Saturday at Powrie Park from 2pm. We have many new attractions for all the family, lots for the kids to do, we now just need the sun to shine! Remember the fancy dress parade, led by the Gala Queen and the Comrie Pipe Band, leaves the Williamson Hall at 1.45pm.

A big thank you to all the local businesses who have sponsored the event and donated raffie prizes, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

All donations for the bottle stall and cake & candy stall are as always much appreciated. You can bring on the day or contact Lenny McCullie on 850882 (bottle stall) and Kathleen Baird on 01337 840218 (cake & candy) to make alternative arrangements. We do of course rely on the great community spirit we have in Abernethy to set up the park and help on the stalls and this year is no exception. If you are able to help set up, please come to the park at 9am on Saturday. If you can spare half an hour to help out on a stalls, your support would

be greatly appreciated. It's not a huge commitment and the more people who get involved, the easier it is for everyone!

If you have not received a programme spare copies will be in Brian Greig's Shop. For more details please contact Andrea Dewar on 01738 850960 or email - [andrea.dewar@talktalk.net](mailto:andrea.dewar@talktalk.net)

## ABERNETHY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The horticultural society has now been dormant for a few years and some of us are wondering if there is an interest in getting things growing again. We thought it best to organise an informal meeting in the Crees Inn on Monday the 15th of June at 8.30pm for those who are interested. At this meeting we can see how many are interested and, probably more importantly, into what shape people want the society to grow.

In the past the society organised trips, learnt from speakers, ran the flower show and did many other things but going forward people may want to try some new things or prune some parts away. For those that can attend, we look forward to seeing you but for those who can't but are still interested we would be grateful if you could email or phone with any suggestions, views or other matters.

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or call Keir Allen on 850676.



## ABERNETHY

### Where nothing is quite as it seems

Abernethy –Aah! Where the famous biscuits come from - No! not so. It was Lord Abernethy who gave the village its name.

A lovely village with a school Wynd , but where is the school?

A Kirk Wynd, but the church is not open.

A Station Road, but no Station anywhere to be seen!

Main St. Runs round the back of the village and the busy main road is called Back Dykes.

We have Bank Buildings, but not a teller in sight.

We even have a jail, but (thankfully) no prisoners.

Two places are known as the Post Office – one “old”

-One not-so-old.

In neither can you buy a Postal Order.

There's Castle Law crescent – but no castle, And a path up the glen called the Witches Road.....?

Julie Illingworth

### 100 YEARS AGO

Abernethy was a thriving metropolis in 1909! It contained 2 bakers, 7 grocers, 1 butcher, 2 drapers, 2 tailors, 4 dressmakers and 3 boot and shoemakers. If you required the services Of a tradesman, there were 5 joiners and Cabinet makers and 1 blacksmith. There were Also 5 coal merchants to supply you with fuel, 1 miller to grind the corn, 3 cattle dealers and 2 fishing tacksmen and to provide much needed liquid refreshment 6 spirit dealers.

Leslie's Trades Directory 1909/1910

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## TRAIDCRAFT

Most of you will be familiar with Fairtrade products sold in the supermarkets but possibly you will not have heard of Traidcraft. Traidcraft is 30 years old this year and pioneered the work of fairtrade as a means of Helping poor people in developing countries To work their way out of poverty. The super-Markets have cottoned on to selling fairly traded products because people want them But they do not do pioneering work helping Producers achieve Fairtrade status, investing In training and business development for them Lobbying governments to improve justice In Trade and working with producers long term. We have been working with Jute works In Bangladesh for 30 years when they produced Jute hammocks, sikas and bags but they have Diversified and produce pottery as well now. I have been a Fairtrader for Traidcraft for 14 Years because in a small way I can help in the Work of bringing a degree of justice in trading Which is so badly needed in this world. Any Profit I make I send to charity. Traidcraft Exchange, which has been touching the lives Of millions of poor people through more than 20 development projects in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Kenya, Tanzania and Vietnam And is ready to start at least 5 new projects During the coming year. If you are interested In buying fairly traded goods I keep a stock of Most of the food items in the catalogue and You don't have to buy 6 packets or a box of These as I sell individual items and you don't Have to pay postage. I live in Pitculdee Cottage At the back of Cree's Inn and I am in most Days - gardening if the weather is fine. Pamela Robertson

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

**THE LEAVERS SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN THE  
SCHOOL AT 1.45PM ON THE 29th OF JUNE.  
TWO SEATS PER CHILD.**

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON JULY 1st AT 12PM**

## REGULAR EYE TESTS

Drivers look set to face more stringent assessments of their fitness before getting behind the wheel under proposals being considered by the DVLA. The move is likely to include frequent eye tests to pick up some of the four million or so drivers thought to be breaking the law because they can't see properly. Yet it won't just be their safety and that of their fellow road users that is likely to benefit - regular eye tests have many other advantages, including spotting silent dangers such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

At the moment drivers need to have their eyes tested only for licensing purposes twice over their driving career: once when they take their test and again when they reach the age of 70. To pass you need only to be able to read a normal-sized number plate in good daylight, with glasses or contact lenses if worn, at a distance of 20m. It is not so much the primitive nature of this test that is the problem as how often it is performed - twice in 53 years is simply not enough.

Free eye checks performed on thousands of visitors to the International Motor Show over the past decade suggest that 15 to 25 per cent of drivers fail the number plate test. Even if you extrapolate the lower of the two figures to the 35 million drivers on British roads, it still suggests that at least four million cars are being piloted by people who haven't got a clear view of what is coming the other way.

It's not necessarily an issue of age. Sub-standard vision is mainly a problem in older drivers, in whom it is often compounded by slower reflexes (breaking dis-

tances have been revealed to be 20 per cent longer in the over-55s), but it is by no means restricted to them. Half of those over 60 surveyed may have failed the test, but so did one teenager in ten.

Although you are likely to be formally tested only twice in your driving career, the criterion of being able to pass the number plate test applies throughout, and, as with all laws, ignorance - "I didn't know I had a problem, officer" - is no defence. So get your eyes checked regularly and if you do need to wear glasses or contact lenses to pass the number plate test then please wear them when you are driving - failing to do so should, in my opinion, be an offence that is treated with the same gravity as drinking and driving. It is just as stupid and at least as dangerous.

But your safety on the road isn't the only thing likely to benefit from regular eye tests. Your eyes may not be true windows to the soul, but they do provide a unique insight into the inner workings of the body, and a skilled optometrist can often pick up early telltale signs of silent but potentially devastating illnesses. These range from raised pressure in the eyeball (glaucoma) and retinal damage, to problems originating in other parts of the body, including diabetes, dangerous cholesterol levels, high blood pressure and even brain tumours.

And it is not just the adult eye that needs monitoring. As many as one schoolchild in ten struggles to see properly because easily corrected eye problems - from squints to short-sightedness - are being missed, according to the Association of Optometrists, which has called for parents to make better use of the free eye tests available on the NHS.

In theory all children should have their eyes screened when they enter primary school, but in practice the service offered varies tremendously across the UK and many children are slipping through the net.

There is still a continuing debate about who should be screened and when, but parents ought to be aware of the importance of regular checks, and there is no need to wait for the establishment of a proper national programme.

A checkup by an optometrist is likely to be more thorough than a standard NHS screening test, and free to everyone in Scotland. So what have you got to lose? A sensible regimen would be to get your child's eyes tested before he or she enters primary school, again between the ages of 7 and 8, and again when they enter secondary school.

For adults, the Royal National Institute for Blind People advises eye tests every two years from the age of 16, and then annually from the age of 60. Although its latest data suggests that fewer than half the population over 60 get close to this recommendation, and the figure is likely to be considerably lower for younger adults, many of whom have never had their eyes tested.

A thorough eye test takes around 40 minutes and is probably one of the most important examinations you can undertake.

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## MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

### B B Q AND GUIDED WALK

The Museum of Abernethy invite you all to a BBQ and a guided walk around the village on Sunday the 14th June and Sunday 9th August.

The guides will take you to many of the Important historical sites in the village, They will let you into many facts and figures along with some old wives tales and funny stories about Abernethy and it's all free.

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