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Dear Readers.

The end of July is fast approaching; time for me to be thinking of my contribution to The Crier. I wait until near to the closing date so that I may draw your attention to articles within the current edition.

What an extraordinary summer we are experiencing----- drought, cold winds, heat, humidity and sunshine. No-one can complain of boredom as far as our Scottish weather is concerned. The saying goes "Variety is the spice of life", so I guess we should all be pretty hot stuff! Able to cope with all the sudden changes which I think was proved on Gala Day.

The 50th Gala, a day to remember; a hot dry morning, all set to go, pouring rain half way through the afternoon, dry and pleasant later on for a great evening in the centre of the village, pig-roast, music dancing and entertainment, a real family affair to end the day. A full report should appear within the pages of this edition.

Other events which have taken place in Abernethy since the last issue are I hope recorded for The Crier----- the School Sports, the Senior Citizens' Outing, the Sunday Club Outing to Scone Palace to name but a few. I know for certain that an article has been submitted from ABC and if you do not know what these letters stand for apart from being the first three letters of the alphabet, all will be revealed as you turn over the pages of your Crier.

Between June and September big changes take place in the lives of many of our young people in Abernethy, the transition from attending the local school to travelling to senior school in Perth or elsewhere.

It would be interesting to hear from those who have changed school what their first impressions are of the new regime. Write to us for the next edition which comes out at the beginning of December. Change is a fact of life, which I guess starts when one first goes to nursery or school and continues thereafter. Enough philosophising let us move on to more factual matters of today.

I know that it is difficult to look so far ahead but I hope we may have a diary of autumn events in this issue; e.g. Dates of Community Council Meetings, School Council Meetings, meetings of the W.R.I., The Auld Abernethy Association, The Horticultural group, the Badminton Club, Line Dancing, the Guides, Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs etc etc. It would help us all to avoid "clashes" and keep our diaries sorted out.

By coincidence a little bit of history appears in this edition thanks to "snail-mail" and thanks to modern technology viz our web-site. For letters to the editor we received a letter from Helen Knight whose late husband Barry was responsible for the first Abernethy Newsletter and at roughly the same time I received an e-mail from my nephew Tony Lea who now lives in Australia from which I quote "We have just read the new issue (from the web). I was just thinking, Well well the Abernethy Newsletter (The Crier) has graduated into the technological era. Little did I think it would graduate to this lofty state, when I was printing out the first edition on an old Gestetner under the old Hudson Bay Company poster in the Factory front office and getting it to the deliverers (Marion being one of them) These original copies may be seen and

We are grateful to all our contributors Do keep sending your letters, articles etc but may I ask if you are contacting us please supply your name and address as we cannot print anonymous letters as I am sure you will understand. If for any reason you do not wish to have your name and address published please say so, this is not a problem but complete anonymity is. Abernethy is a friendly village and I hope it remains so. We may share different views on different matters but everything is open to discussion-----why be afraid to say your piece.

By the time you receive this edition summer will be over and we will be into autumn, difficult to realise as I write this in July but that is how time goes.

As I draw to a close may I extend the sympathy of "The Crier" committee to the family of the late Margaret Morrison whose funeral took place on 27th July. Margaret contributed a great deal to the village and will be greatly missed by many of us

Until December! Hilda Clow.

THE EDITORS VIEW



Well a new government in place in Westminster, World Cup finished, no more tennis and the summer drawing to an end and all this since the last newsletter.

However, all is not so rosy in one of our main attractions in the village, the Museum of Abernethy. How many of you have been through the door of the Museum, not many according to the visitors book, there has been more non Abernethy visitors than Abernethy ones.

There is a team of volunteers working hard to set up the exhibits, when it is open four days in the week the folks on the door are all volunteers, like the Bakers shop and the Post Office, use it or loose it.

I reckon a large percentage of the population of the village have never had the pleasure of a visit to the Museum, come on give it a visit, put a pound in the donations box and support a four star attraction.

In certain corners of the village, there are people who are quick to criticize the workings of the Community Council and how it serves no purpose and has little clout when it comes to fighting the corner for Abernethy and Aberargie.

It is obvious that you have never been to a council meeting.

Recently there were four vacancies on the Community Council and nominations were asked for to fill these positions, only two were filled by standing members.

What happened to the moaners and groaners, where were they?

No sign of them, no papers filled in by them, none of them standing for election.

There are still two seats unfilled, you can be co-opted on if you feel the urge to serve your community.

You get the Community Council you deserve

Letters to the ED

In response to your comments in "The Editor's Moan" in the last issue of the Crier.

You ask where were the Abernethy Action Group four years ago, well personally I was living in Warwickshire, before returning to my native Scotland and settling in Abernethy in 2007, so understandably I could not have done much about the original application – many others will have been in a similar situation. However, I do know that many residents, some of whom are members of the Action Group, did make their concerns forcibly known at the time.

However, having settled here, in this most beautiful part of Perthshire, and been assailed by the stink coming down the hill from Binn, I did my bit and phoned SEPA when there was something to report – I also noticed from the minutes of the Community Council Meeting on the notice board, that whilst TEG & SITA were often mentioned, they did not appear to be doing anything to reduce the foul odours their operations were producing.

For that reason, I, along with other like minded residents attended the first meeting of what has become the Abernethy Action Group, a group that has worked hard at raising the profile of what action residents can take (like contacting SEPA, attending public meetings – including the Community Council meetings).

As a group we have also established a good working

relationship with SEPA and will be meeting with SITA in June to hear of their plans for this new gasification operation at Binn – all of this has been done without a single placard being produced, let alone waved.

I note from your comments about the meeting in the Mason's Hall that you "believe Annabelle Ewing was promising the kingdom of heaven" – be careful what you report as truth if you were not actually there yourself – she in fact gave a very reasoned, pragmatic approach to the problem, and promised, if elected, to investigate the stink problem with the aid of SEPA, and to do what she could – just for the record, I am not a supporter of Scottish Independence.

We are all residents of Abernethy, and are all affected by local issues, environmental or otherwise, whether we quietly get on with it, or whether we wave placards, we are a stronger force if we all work together – I think the residents of Perth proved that with their fight against the Shore Road incinerator.

Alistair Robinson Abernethy

Dear Editor

Eric Brownsmith has my complete support in his attempts to have a foot/cycle path constructed along the Baigle straight. The best way to get people out of cars and on to bikes is to make it safer. No amount of green initiatives will work if cyclists are expected to compete with fast traffic.

It is no fun for the drivers either. They are held up by having to pull in until safe to overtake.

Everyone would benefit from a cycle/pedestrian path. If Eric is interested in starting an action group I would be happy to join.

Yours sincerely

Name and address supplied

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

Any submission without these details will NOT be included

Acknowledgement

Trudi & Selena Jack wish to thank all neighbours, colleagues and parents of children at the school for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received on the recent loss of Zander.

Thanks also to those who paid their last respects to Zander at the church and donated the sum of £620 to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

I hope I have included everyone and won't be offending anybody.

My phone number is 01738 850927 (ex-directory) should you wish to contact me.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Trudi

TIMES TO REMEMBER

DOCTORS SURGERY (ABERNETHY)

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
9 - 11AM

MOBILE LIBRARY

FORTNIGHTLY WEDNESDAYS

ABERARGIE	1.30 - 1.40PM
CASTLELAW	1.45 - 2.10PM
PERTH ROAD	2.10 - 2.25PM
OLD HOTEL	2.25 - 3.00PM
WAR MEMORIAL	3.05 - 3.50PM
DEN PARK	3.55 - 4.10PM

MOBILE BANK

WEEKLY TUESDAYS 10.05 - 10.30AM

MOBILE POST OFFICE

MONDAY & THURSDAY	9 - 10.30AM
TUESDAY & FRIDAY	2.30 - 4.00PM
WEDNESDAY	9 - 11AM

ABERNETHY SWRI

Meetings are held in the Session House, Abernethy Church and the new session begins on Wednesday 15th September. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm from September to May each year. The subscription is £13 for the year. Visitors £2. We desperately 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.

Proposed Programme for 2010 as follows:

Wed 15th September – Craft Demonstrations including Beadwork.

Wed 20th October – Herbal Medicine

Wed 17th November – Salvation Army

Wed 15th December – Christmas Meal

See notice board each month for fuller details.

Evelyn Scobie

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Church Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday the 18th September in the Masonic Hall from 10am to 12md. Entry £1 for adults and 50p per child, including refreshments. Stalls with home baking, preserves, bottle stall, raffle and games. Donations welcome.

Thank you

**Celia King, Evelyn Scobie and Sandra Gourlay
and Gillian Wilby on behalf of the Church**

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY



I wish to convey my sincere thanks for the lovely cards I received on the occasion of a very special birthday, “90 years”

Thank you also for the beautiful flowers, plants and gifts.

I had a very happy weekend with many friends, chatting about old times.

Thank you all for the kindness I have received over the years.

Ruby Ironside
Maybank, Abernethy

AULD ABERNETHY ASSOCIATION SYLLABUS 2010/2011

6.10.10 - Perth in the 1920s recession.

Rhoda Fothergill

3.11.10 - Folk art of Scotlands grave stones.

Hamish Brown

1.12.10 - History of the Paisley shawl.

Professor Smout

2.2.11 - The role of women of influence around the time of the union of the crowns.

Nicola Cowmeddow

2.3.11 - Miss McLeod's wallpaper (Tales from the Hebrides in 1950).

Andrew Clegg

6.4.11 - Photographic stroll through Abernethy.

A.A.A

Thanks to Ann Robertson for her hard work organising all the speakers and Les McIntosh for printing the syllabus.

The Auld Abernethy Association meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Museum on the dates above.

All welcome.

See you in October.

CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE HOLIDAY CLUB



In the afternoons of the last week in July the local Minister, some Church members and eleven young helpers from the recently started Abernethy youth club came together alongside local children. The young helpers were much appreciated for coming each day and the little ones enjoyed their particular sense of humour!

The holiday club was based on Scripture Union's *Champion's Challenge* holiday club material, a sport-themed programme including games, crafts, music and Bible stories! The Williamson hall was decorated with the flags of our teams and we had a great time! Hope you admired the bag of 'crafts' they brought home. Over the week there were 25 different children and we enjoyed getting to know them a bit more. By the time you are reading this we hope to have had a summer club for Senior school young people.

Celia King on behalf of Abernethy Church

OUR ABERNETHY

I'd like to tell a story, every word of it is true!
It happens ever year to me; I'll tell it now to you
We get lots of visitors from far across the sea
And they tell us of the wondrous sights in their
country we should see.

We hear about Australia's sheep and Canada's wav-
ing grain
Of Paris in the springtime and sunny shores of
Spain
We listen in amazement about America's golden
land
Then I'm brought back to reality-wi' a touch of
Jenny's hand.

"Just tak' em for a walk" says she "You ken the road
I mean.
Gang up the toon and let them see some sights
they've never seen.
The Bakers shop where you buy the best cakes in
the land
And buy them each a 'snaw-ball'- every one is made
by hand"



"Tell them about the auld Round Tower – and when
the bairn's bell was rung
And tell them all about the kirk where many a
hymn's been sung
How all around the yerd, oor ain folk lie – they nev-
er travelled far
Yet left behind a history that's renowned sae near
and far."

I'll tak' them in to Patersons – now that is sure a
treat!
A welcome smile you aye get there – and cronies
sure to meet
There's a' thing there you care to buy – frae wool
tae frying ham
There's sausage rolls and toilet rolls and the best o'
strawberry jam



I cannae pass the Butchers shop – Mrs. Alcorn's
there you see
And along with Mrs. Christie they're sae nice to you
and me
And as our friends stand open-mouthed – at the
prime scotch beef that's there,
I'll buy them each a haggis! – noo there's a treat
beyond compare!



I'll tak' them round that corner
where the smithy used to be

And tell them of those happy times spent 'neath the
chestnut tree.
I'll call in at the corner shop – meet Sandy and Betty
Lamb,
Get a jar o' coffee, some treacle toffee – Beechams
Pills – and a tin o' Spam.

I'll let them see the garden where the bowling green
used to be,
The den – the burn we guddled in – and climbed the
crab apple tree
Then up to the Glen, past Ann Todd's den and
through the wicket gate
Where up amongst the bracken – in a cave – the
witches wait!

Ben Vorlich and Ben Ledi, in the distance catch
the eye
And the snow-capped Grampian Mountains seem
to sparkle in the sky.
We'll reach the top and turn round – in wonder
look below
At the splendour and the beauty – mother nature
can bestow.

The Ochils and the Sidlaws nestling in between
Our ancient Pitttish kingdom, the likes they've
never seen!!
I know our friends will oft recall fond memories
of their stay
And smile when they remember what I said to
them that day
In my proud, broad Scottish accent, "Ach, you've
never lived at a'
'Till you've been tae Abernethy and you've
climbed the Castle Law."

J.S. ROY,

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

One morning I received two telephone calls in quick succession.

The first call was from a young woman who had just been offered a job. She had been told her holiday entitlement but wondered if she should get public holidays as well.

As soon as she hung up the phone rang. The caller was a small employer who had just taken on a new employee. Did she have to give public holidays on top of statutory holidays?

Confidentiality meant I could not tell either of them that the other had called but they both got exactly the same information.

Statutory Holidays, which you are legally bound to have, are a minimum of 5.6 multiplied by the days in a week that you work. If you work five days a week this is 28 days and it includes bank and public holidays so Christmas Day, New Years Day or Easter all come out of this.

Your employer can tell you when to take your holidays, providing they give correct notice. If they want to shut down over Christmas or at any time they can tell you to save holiday for this.

You can ask to take holidays whenever you like, provided that you give correct notice, but your employer does not have to agree and they theoretically could expect you to work bank and public holidays.

This is the Statutory minimum that you are guaranteed by law but your Contract of Employment may give you more generous holidays and public holidays and tell you when to book them.

You can drop in at the CAB on New Row, off the Old High Street, any weekday morning between 10 am -12noon or call 01738 450581 for an afternoon appointment. Or call 01738 450580 for advice on the phone. This line can be very busy but there is also the very informative web site. www.adviceguide.org.uk –remember to click the Scotland tab.

AH

REFLECTIONS ON GALA DAY 2010

Its comin' up for twa o'clock, the sun is blazin doon
It's Abernethy Gala Day on Saturday the fifth of June
The Gala Princess soon appears wi' her attendants twa'
She's greeted by a round of cheers and she is lookin' braw

Nae open float as in years past, we're Health and Safety mad
But as a handy substitute a Bentley's no sae bad
Ahent, the Fancy Dress parade led by the Comrie Pipe Band
Display their varied costumes and they are lookin' grand.

Bob Macdonald makes a speach tae start proceedings off
He even sports a golden tie and looks like quite a toff
'Cos efter a' its fifty years since Gala number one
and this is Golden Gala Day beneath a golden sun

Now Bob suggested in his speach as far as he could mind
The weather when he ran the show was never very kind
A comment he could well regret when later on that day
the weather clerk would pull a trick to really make him pay.

Things were going really well, trade at the stalls was brisk
the clouds appearing overhead didn't seem to pose a risk
Events within the ring to entertain the throng,
were running as per programme whatever could go wrong?

And then to our dismay some raindrops were discerned,
its just a passing shower, no need to be concerned.
But oh! how wrong we were, the shower didnt pass
and as we ran for shelter it was stoatin' off the grass



So after all the planning for our Golden Gala Day, thanks to our fickle weather it ended in disarray Mother Nature did relent and the evening turned out fair as villagers all gathered for the hog roast in the square.

The band were great, they even played the Grand Old Duke of York,

The kids they danced, the adults drank and gorged themselves with pork,

So all in all despite the rain the Gala was a hit, I guess the only loser was the poor pig on the spit!

Bob Macdonald

BEAUTY IS MORE THAN SKIN DEEP



Linda Sinclair specialises in Beauty and Complementary Therapies at Ballo Braes in Abernethy. Originally from Scone, she gained her qualifications at Perth College before working at Gleneagles Hotel where she became Senior Therapist. She then built up her own business in Perth before moving to Abernethy where she offers treatment in a dedicated room in her home.

Linda believes strongly in a holistic approach to mind and body and that beauty begins inside and radiates out. Relieving the stress and strains of everyday life has an immediate effect on the face and body. All clients for bodywork treatment/therapies are treated with a purely individualistic approach. Treatments such as Craniosacral Therapy have a personal and profound effect and can have life-changing results.

Linda uses the Susan Molyneux Skincare range which is wholly natural and not tested on animals and the Inika range of natural and mineral cosmetics.

AH

HAVE YOU GOT AAADD?

I went to the Doctor yesterday and I have been diagnosed with Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself:

I need to wash my car. As I start towards the garage, I notice that there's mail on the hall table. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my house keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the wastepaper basket under the table, and notice that it is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and empty it first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the postbox when I take out the rubbish anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my chequebook off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the coke a vase of flowers on the sideboard catches my eye, they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the sideboard, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the sideboard, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, we will be looking for the remote, but nobody will remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the lounge where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. Now, it's the end of the day.

The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the sideboard, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one cheque in my chequebook, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys. I try to work out why nothing got done today and I'm baffled because I've been busy and now I'm really tired. I realize this is a problem and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mails.

Douglas Cooper

THE SCOUTS

What is Scouting to you? Is it the camping outdoors whatever the weather? The skilful building of temporary structures and fires? Deftly whittling a new tent peg from a block of wood with your trusty penknife, (usually) to replace a lost or damaged one?

Or, is it the camaraderie, the friendship and the bonds made with other Scouts (from all over), never to be forgotten? The unity of almost every nationality in the Scout name?

I am Cameron, aged 15, living in Abernethy, and I belong to the Worldwide Family of Scouts. For me, Scouting all began (like many others) when I was 6. My Mum, my Dad and I all headed down to the Pavilion with others. The others were boys in my class at Abernethy Primary School. We were going to join the Abernethy Beavers (aged 6-8). At the Beavers we took part in activities like hand painting, basic baking and games. Not very Scout-ish you might say. Then I reached Cubs (aged 8-11) with most of the other Beavers.

My earliest memory of Cubs is when my Dad and I went to a Father and Son camp with one other pair from Abernethy. We were at the well established Scout campsite Meggernie in Glen Lyon. I remember looking around as I tentatively gripped my Dad's hand and seeing a Cub, near Scout age with the back of his Cub jumper absolutely covered in badges and thinking that they couldn't all have been Cub badges, ever since then I've wanted to sew non-Scout badges onto the back of my scout shirt, something I am still to do. And then a massive "Wow!" as I realised we were walking up the hill towards a giant spider web made of ropes stretched between two trees. Although I was on the small side of 4ft when I was 8 I would still climb anything in sight and was desperate to climb it, but it had been a tiring journey so my Dad helped through one of the larger gaps and after a quick supper we went off to bed. I got up early the next morning to try and climb it but had to wait for Dad to get up and then breakfast and teeth cleaning before activities started.

To my disappointment I didn't get to climb it till lunchtime and even then I had to wait on others to get off, I doubt I was very patient then. After that we returned to our Sub camps ("Megg" & "Ernie") for Lunch. I can't remember anything after that.

There were many, many more camps that followed, including a Harry Potter themed camp which coincided with my (10th) birthday and as a gift I received a wooden Gryffindor Banner made for the camp. But the camp that stands out the most is the one where I met Roger who can only be described as jovial with a serious side. When I was 8 he seemed a giant of a man with a big voice and commanding authority. He still is all those things (perhaps less huge in my eyes) but he's also the kind Leader who I've known since I was 8.

On that camp Roger taught us how to make a rope bridge which was... an experience. It was a bridge suspended between two trees on each side of the banks of a river/stream. No one wanted to venture down to the boggy river and jump across there but we had to get to the other side, so, with my permission, Roger picked me up and lightly tossed me to the other side. It was very steep but evidently not as steep as it looked as I didn't slide down. Wrapping the rope around a thick tree I threw the end back to Roger. He then tied it off and sent a lighter adult along the doubled up rope to tie it off and build the rope-rails at that side. On that camp we also climbed a waterfall and I lost a welly boot half way up which I thought I would never see again but as it turned out it had caught in a step in the waterfall lower down and was brought up by the next person. Roger organised the bridge and my Dad organised the waterfall. This was my Dad's first camp as a Leader (as opposed to an adult helper) for he had recently taken over from the last Leader who had left after many years of service.

And now onto Scouts (aged 11-14), Cubs was thoroughly enjoyable and I learned a fair bit but it was time for Scouts. I was the only one from Abernethy to move up as the Scouts were in Bridge of Earn. Tommy Messenger moved up a year later (although he is a year older than me) after deciding to quit Scouts for a bit but he argues that he lives in neither Abernethy or Aberargie, more like in the middle of the two. Now, Scouts was the exciting group. The one where you; learned how to use penknives responsibly, attend weeklong camps and took part in more interesting activities. It was all that and more. I even camped on Mull once as a scout. I made two friends there that I've known for 2-3 years now, one of which was coincidentally moving to Abernethy in six months (at the time). I learned; how to tie Reef knots, Clove Hitches and Square Lashings (those are the ones I can still tie anyway), how to put up tents within 10 minutes (hike tents) or 30-40 minutes (old-style patrol tents),



and how to start a good fire, what's good kindling and so on. A good thing to remember is that "lichen" or "old man's beard" which is a green/white/turquoise flaky, mossy substance that grows on trees is good kindling and so is Ash wood which is so flammable that it burns even when wet. I remember being shouted at while a friend and I were climbing a tree to get lichen when a rather protective Leader came running over and told us to get down.

During my time as a Scout, I guess the most enjoyable camp I went on was the Blair Atholl International Jamborette in 2008. It had over 2000 Scouts and Leaders and many, many worthwhile activities. On that camp each Scottish patrol (of roughly 6) was teamed up with an overseas patrol of the same number. We were teamed up with Americans and through them we learned that Cubs and Beavers and Explorers were only British, being called other things in other countries. In America a Scout needs to earn ranks to progress onwards, and is different from European and Middle Eastern Scouting.

At the end of the Blair Atholl Jamborette (my last camp as a Scout) the Scottish contingent could offer hospitality to the overseas Scouts, taking them into their home for a week and around Scotland to see the sights. My two American friends, Alex and Nils were, I'm pleased to say, very impressed with the Abernethy Round Tower. The Jamborette had been held in July of 2008 but we saved up and went to America in the October. Partly to see old friends of my Mum and Dad's in Virginia, Nr Washington, also to stay in New York and then to visit my new friends Alex Vernon and Nils Andersson in New Canaan, Connecticut. While visiting them we also saw another friend I had made at Blair Athol, Evan Shapiro, we even camped in his back garden. The gardens were huge and set in wooded glades.

That escapade in America was after my fellow Scouts and I had left Bridge of Earn Scouts. But, we left with a bang! Seven of us (myself included) earned the Chief Scout Gold Award which is the

most prestigious Award you can attain in Scouts. And also the Zodiac (or Brass Monkeys) badge which is uncommon among the Scouts being required to camp once a month for a year and in obscure places e.g. on an island (Mull) and abroad (USA). These two badges coupled with my experiences cause me to believe that I did quite well out of Scouts.

After that I progressed onto Explorers (14-18) (previously known as Ranger Scouts) and am currently enjoying myself immensely. All of the Bridge of Earn Scouts of my age moved up too. Some have now left but perhaps the full Scouting career isn't for everyone.

In July 2009 I was in Denmark with several other Explorers and a Scout Group. We went to the Bla Sommer (Blue Summer) Camp in Stevninghus, Denmark which is the Danish equivalent of Blair Atholl, the Danish Jamborette., which had a strong theme on environmental issues. We learnt skills many aspects about Danish Scouting (e.g. whereas we keep our uniforms clean for inspections, they use them to protect their normal clothes from dirt and cooking stains and were really impressed with our clean uniforms) and made friends with who I still keep in contact online. I'm happy to say I have been selected to return to Blair Atholl as an Explorer in the last 2 weeks of July 2010 and I am very excited about it. It will be my last chance to go as a participant as the one after (2012) if I go will be as a helper in Network. I am also looking forward to an expedition with at least two other friends in Cumbria where we have 36 hours to get from one place to another undetected in the first weekend of July 2010.

I've made new friends and met up with old friends. I have caught up with an old friend I've known since a young age but moved from Abernethy a while ago who joined Explorers (after Auchterarder Scouts) and I now meet up with him at least once a week. The Explorer Unit I belong to is called West Perth City and is coincidentally now run by the aforementioned Roger.

I'm only a year and a half into my Explorer time but I've experienced a lot already.

After Explorers you can join Network (aged 18 -25) and become a Young Leader and from age 25 you can become a Leader.

As you can see, over the years I have gained a lot from Scouting and am very proud to be part of the Scottish Scouting Association.

So, when can you start?

C. Martin

TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

(PART TWO)

The street lamps were lit by gas, no electricity at that time, supplied by the gas works in Clunie street. Some of the houses have cellars where weaving had been carried out in the early days, I had one in my old home at 2 Clunie Place. Other industries were salmon fishing, quarrying and of course berry picking. The quarry was at Loanhead.

The Town's officer had various jobs to do in his working week, sweeping the streets, looking after the water works at Loanhead, maintaining the sewage works at Hatton Road, collecting the rubbish and dumping it at the coup also at Hatton Road, grave digging, lighting the street lamps and ringing the steeple bell.

The bell in the steeple was rung on Sundays at 8am, 11.30am, 6pm and 8pm, the latter was locally known as the Bairns' Bell. At that time the bairns of the village were meant to be home by 8pm, hence the name The Bairns' Bell, no running the streets to all hours in those days.

The Telephone exchange was in a private house, now number , this was before an automatic exchange was built in the garden of Rockmount. It still can be seen, the red brick building.

Mr Andrew Wilkie had a bicycle repair and accessories shop in Main street, now number 41.

We had a butcher's shop in those days with the slaughter house behind the shop. The cattle were taken off the train at the station and walked up Station Rd and School Wynd to the slaughter house where they were killed and processed into steaks, mince etc. It was a common site to see the blood running down the street gullies into the drain.

Mr Mitchell was the Head master at the school.

The girls spent Monday forenoons baking or cooking one week and laundry or ironing the next.

The boys had joinery work in the science room upstairs.

The infant teacher Miss Anderson taught us sewing and embroidery.

Travelling to the Sunday school picnic at Carpow was fun as it was by horse and cart. We had great fun and enjoyed our tea including " the pockie" of buns and cookies from Broom the baker. Later years we went by train to Broughty Ferry or Aberdour.

Looking back we were happy and contented with very little.

Ruby Ironside

As mentioned by Ruby in her "Trip down memory lane" there were many more shops and businesses in Abernethy than there are today.

In the 1920s for instance there were;

2 bakers, a bank, 3 blacksmiths, 2 boot and shoe makers, a butcher, 2 cattle dealers, 4 coal merchants, 3 drapers and winney manufacturers, 3 dressmakers and milliners, 8 fruitgrowers, 4 grocers and general dealers, 3 joiners and cabinet makers, 6 spirit dealers, 1 tailor, 3 fishing tacksmen, a hairdresser, 1 traction engine operator, a sexton, an inspector of the poor, 1 ironmonger and seed merchant, a fully operational railway station and 12 families listed as Gentry.

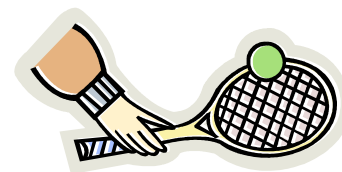
You could be suited, booted and ready for anything all in the one street.

Happy days.

If there are any I have missed let me know.

The Ed

ANYONE FOR TENNIS



In Abernethy and surrounding area there may be a number of people still not aware of the existence of the Abernethy Tennis Club. Situated in Powrie park, there are 2 courts and the club is ideal for beginners and intermediates. Although the courts are in poor condition just now, we are actively seeking grants to resurface them, and hopefully by the time you read this we will have 2 new gleaming courts! We are always keen to welcome new members, as every year we see old friends leave. Families or individuals are all welcome and more information can be found on our new website at

<http://abernethytennisclub.webs.com> .

Currently, club nights are Wednesday from around 6.30 pm, and we hope to be playing through September and into October if you can join us.

Lawrence Bec

The Crier is delivered free to 780 households in Abernethy, Aberargie and Dron.

THE ABC SUMMER NEWS



The ABC cycling club has been busy over the last while. Just after the last Crier came out, around 10 folk from the village took part in the Etape Caledonia (so called because the stages in the Tour de France are known as 'etapes' in French) in Pitlochry. Everyone who started made it safely home, and there were no tacks on the road to slow us down this time. Five of us entered as a team and we came seventh in the Team competition. From what we saw of the teams who beat us they were all a bit too skinny looking and in need of a fish supper, so we looked on it as a win for the 'normal' cyclist!

Another event that was dreamt up in the pub one night was a race from Abernethy to the appropriately named Cycle Tavern in Auchtermuchty. There were two teams, one on mountain bikes who took the direct route straight up the Rough Glen then through Pitmedden Forest, while the other team took road bikes via Glenfoot, Glentarkie and over to the main road at Strathmiglo. The winner was the first person to order a pint in the Cycle. The mountain bikers won, taking just over 22 minutes to get there with the roadies a couple of minutes behind. Thanks to Ally and Athole for bringing the cars to save us having to cycle home!

I'm told that many years ago there used to be a time trial event while riders climbed up to the house at the top of Glentarkie from the bottom of Glenfoot road. I wonder if anyone knows what the record time was? It might be nice to try to reinstate the event!

In September of this year I'll be taking part in an event to try to raise £100,000 for Children's Hospices UK with a group of work colleagues from all over the UK. We'll be cycling from SSE's office Inverness to other offices in Perth, Cumbernauld, Belfast, Dublin, Cheshire and Berkshire

before finally ending up in Portsmouth 10 days later. We'll also pay visits to Hospices along the way. The total distance is pretty much identical to Land's End to John o'Groats, so if you'd like to sponsor us and support this very worthwhile charity you can do so on line at www.justgiving.com/power2pedal. Alternatively I'll have a sponsor sheet in the house if you'd rather do that, we live at Clunie Cottage opposite the bottom of School Wynd. Thanks for your support!

Murdo McGhie

MANY THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who shared my eightieth birthday party which was held on the 11th of June in the Mason's Hall. A huge thank you for all the flowers, cards and gifts, despite my saying no presents, you are forgiven, I was delighted. The donations for CHAS reached a total of £420, which has been sent to Rachael House. Thank you for making my birthday so special.

Mrs Joyce Colliar

Beauty is her Business

Ashleigh Henderson is the owner of 'Senses', the Health and Beauty Salon at Aberargie. Ashleigh grew up in Glenfarg and after gaining her HND in Beauty Therapy and working in the Zen Zone she joined Richard Branson's team of in-beauty therapists, flying all over the world pampering 1st Class passengers. In spite of this jet-set lifestyle Ashleigh had always wanted her own salon and seized the opportunity to bring her experience and skills to Aberargie. Clients wanting their own taste of the First Class life style range in age from teens to seventies and travel from as far away as Perth or Kinross happy to know there is on-site parking while they relax and enjoy their own pampering moment. As well as the very popular facial treatments there are day and half day packages which combine several treatments for a top to toe luxury experience.



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THE GOLDEN GALA

Well that's another year of gala over and who will forget the 50th birthday celebrations and the monsoon that swept over the park at 3.30pm on Saturday 5th June 2010 - boy oh boy did it rain! It was all going so well, maybe too well, the sun had been shining all morning, many people gathered from near and far, there was a fantastic ray of gold sweeping through the streets and down to the park and the fact that I had time to walk round the park and take in what was going on. Give everyone their due they stuck around huddled under the trees and in the gazebos sheltering from the rain and praying that it was just a little black cloud passing over, but it was not to be. It was a terrible shame that gala day was cut short but don't let your spirits be dampened as we raised over £4300, a fantastic amount considering the wet weather.

Gala is not possible without the help of many people in the village (too many for me to name everyone individually), but I must say a special thank you to those who organise the week's events (the Walking Treasure Hunt & BBQ, Car Treasure Hunt, Bowling Night, Childrens Discos and the Hill Race), without you these events would not go ahead. Also to everyone who took time out of their day to help set up the park and help on the stalls. A huge thank you to our sponsors, especially our main sponsor Branston Ltd, without cash donations we would not raise nearly as much as we do. To those who kindly donate items for the raffle, bottle stall and cake & candy stall. Last but by no means least our VIP Bob Macdonald, our Gala Princess Lois Gourlay and her 2 attendants Kimi Anderson and Caitlyn Fyffe. We hope you enjoyed your day and being involved in this special 50th occasion.

This has been another extremely successful gala and the Williamson Hall Committee is delighted with the money raised. I'm sure we will hear (or see) how they plan to use the money to benefit the hall and the community.



I've been involved in organising the gala for 3 years and as the population of Abernethy has grown I find it very sad that more people in the village do not help with the arrangements. Although there are many different aspects to pull together, none of it is complicated and many hands really do make light

So IF Gala goes ahead next year don't just spare a thought, do a good deed and lend a hand. The current committee is stepping down so the Williamson Hall will be looking for a new committee. Maybe it's your time to put something back into the village. Even if you don't volunteer for the committee, please remember next year how much work is involved in the setting up and taking down of the park on gala day. Many tables and over 100 chairs need to be moved from the hall and church to the park and returned again at night, and over 10 gazebos need to be put up and down. It is the same few faces that help each year and this year was especially difficult in the pouring rain. I honestly cannot explain how deflated I felt down at the park at 6.30pm when the few people helping were still struggling on. Had more people stayed behind to help it would have been an easier task.

Finally, what a great night we had at the Pig Roast in the Square – special thanks to Jim Cook for making all the arrangements. Umbrellas were at the ready but



luckily only needed for a few minutes and for me it was nice to sit back and enjoy the night (with a well deserved glass of wine in my hand).

Andrea Dewar

Well done to Andrea Dewar, the Gala Committee and the “on the day helpers” for making the Gala such a success.

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY



WILLIAMSON HALL

The management committee wish to thank the Gala Committee for all their hard work prior, during and after Gala Day for a successful enjoyable event, unfortunately the rain paid an unwelcome visit. All monies raised throughout the week is for the upkeep of the hall. Future work planned is painting outside woodwork and replacement windows in Kitchen and anteroom. Upgrading the heating and better insulation is also being discussed, no decision has been made. Further discussion will take place at next meeting on Monday 30th August at 7 30pm in the anteroom.

We are pleased that the hall is in demand for social events, this summer the hall was the venue for a wedding reception.

Following last years enjoyable Touch of Tartan Ceilidh dance, the committee has arranged a similar event to be held on Friday 26th November at 7 for 7 30pm. Wine and canapes on arrival. We would like you to bring your own knife and fork supper either cold or hot. Tables of 6 or 8 preferable. We will eat at 7 30pm. Followed with dancing to the Lomond Ceilidh Band. Tickets £10. To reserve your table phone Kathleen 01337840218 or Elizabeth 850477

Some members of the hall committee will be standing down at the AGM on 29th November. If you have some time to spare and interested in the hall please come along to the AGM.

Dates of meetings Monday 30th August 7 30pm at the hall

Monday 29th November AGM.

Kathleen Baird



GARDEN DAY

25.9.10 - 2-4
Williamson Hall

We hope you can come along to our second annual garden day. A chance for young and old to come together, have some fun and learn something about the garden.

Adult Entry £1, Children Free

Why not join the Horticultural Society for only £10 (£18 for couples) and this covers entry to the Garden day and all the talks over the coming season

We would like people of all ages to create your own pot person. Turn a garden pot into a person or animal. You can change the colour of your pot and stick things onto it too (it's really up to you). We'd also like you to give your **pot person** a name.

We thought we should bring some competitive elements for adults and so ask for entries into three groups of home produce. **Jam, Pickle and Drink.** These will all be judged for unusualness, ingredients and taste (we know these are not the standard criteria but hope this encourages everyone to enter!)

For all the above entries should be delivered to the Williamson Hall on Garden Day between 10.00-11.30am where you will need to fill out the entry form. On the day we hope you will take part in some of the events. For the kids there will be a variety of activities to keep them entertained including **Bulb Planting** and other green fingered things. This will allow them to plant up spring bulbs and take home and create a bit of colour in the early spring

We have been loaned a giant **Apple Press** and this is an ideal way for people with spare apples (or pears) to turn windfalls or excess fruit into excellent juice or if you have the patience some cider. Just bring your fruit and something to take the juice home in. We hopefully will have some spare apples so if you don't have your own tree you may still get to sample the juice

Teas and Coffees and Cakes will be available for all on the day and will provide a great break from all that is going on and a good place to discuss your garden with others

As well as all this we will have useful information for gardeners and information on what the society has been up to. Also we will have help for those looking to set up a wildlife garden and some stalls with garden equipment.

And a Garden Day would not be complete without a **Plant Bring and Buy** sale. Please do pot up some spare plants or collect some seeds to share with other gardeners in the village. On the day you will be able to buy plants from the stall and improve your garden. We hope you can make it along on the day but if not the talks restart on Wednesday the 13th October.

Keir Allen



ABERNETHY PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE PROJECT

The Abernethy User Reference Group is pleased to advise that it held its first meeting on 28 June 2010, marking the beginning of an exciting time for Abernethy Primary School and the local community.

The group has been formed to assist Perth & Kinross Council's Education & Children's Services with developing the concept design for the school upgrade into an operational design.

Representatives from a wide range of stakeholders were invited to attend, so that as many views as possible may be represented. The membership of the group includes :-

- Projects Manager and Project Officer from Education and Children's Services
- Contracts Manager and Senior Architect from Perth & Kinross Council
- Headteacher, Depute Headteacher and Early Years specialist from Abernethy Primary School
- Councillor George Hayton
- Chair of Abernethy Parent Council
- Abernethy Community Council representative
- Rev Alec Wark
- Building Community Capacities representative

A series of meetings is planned over the next few months and updates will be shared as the design develops. Please contact the Headteacher if you have any enquiries.



ABERNETHY CRAFT FAIR

(In aid of Museum funds)

takes place on Saturday 23rd October. Come along and start your Christmas shopping in comfort within walking distance of home. Enjoy a morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea with your friends and see the excellent work produced by the craftworkers.

Hilda Clow

KEEPING FIT IN ABERNETHY



Throughout the village we see many people keeping fit in a variety of ways - cycling, running or walking the main road to Aberargie and back or simply walking the dog and it's great to see so many people taking the challenge, BUT did you know that Abernethy has it's own keep fit classes, yes right on your door step!

The classes run on a Tuesday evening in the Williamson Hall. 2 classes are offered and are aimed at all fitness levels. 7pm to 8pm is the aerobic and circuits class, a great class for cardio training with a bit of toning and the other is a tai chi, pilates and yoga class at 8.15pm to 9.15pm, this is a great class for stress release and to improve on your core strength and overall flexibility.

The classes have been running in the village for 2 years now and have been very popular with a core group, but numbers have suddenly started to drop. The class participants are hoping this is just due to the lighter nights and summer holidays as it would be a real shame if the classes had to stop. So if you don't have a membership for a fancy fitness club in Perth and just like the comfort of knowing your class is only 2 minutes from your door, then why not give a class a go. It's also a great way to meet other people in the village. We are there every Tuesday evening and would love to see some new faces. If you would like to view a class before you join in then feel free to pop along for the start of a session. For further details please contact Andrea Dewar on 01738 850960.

ABERNETHY AND DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS TRUST

The next event on the calendar is the Christmas Party. This is being held on Saturday 4th December in the Williamson Hall at 4pm. If you are a "Senior Citizen" and are not already on the list, and would like to attend this event, please contact the Secretary on 01738 850246.

Evelyn Scobie

FUND RAISING 100 YEARS AGO

Coffee mornings and sales of work are a familiar part of village life, and have been so for as long as anyone can remember. However, for elegance, decor, entertainment and sheer endurance, modern-day versions would compare poorly with a bazaar held here in late Edwardian times. The bazaar described in the PA (16/7/10 and 20/7/10) was a two-day event staged by the church which still stands in Kirk Wynd. The full report gives even more detail of stall contents etc. than is included here, and can be read in a dossier of 1910 Abernethy News in our local museum in School Wynd.

"Whatever be the activities of the pleasant little village of Abernethy, bazaars are not likely to be one of them. Probably it is just this long abstinence from the bazaar habit which produced the reserve force, sufficient for such a bright and busy sale of work as was held in the Williamson Hall on Friday. "Abernethy U.F. Church has many friends," said one of the speakers and the truth of this was evidenced by the well-laden stalls and the large number of visitors outwith the limits of Abernethy. The platform was prettily decorated for the occasion with greenery and festoons of gay scarlet carnations. The opening ceremony began with a hymn, Mr John Hunter presiding at the piano, and was followed by prayer from the Rev. Hugh Richmond. Mr David Dow, the Chairman, in a brief practical speech, outlined the object of the bazaar, which was to raise £250 for repairs to the church and manse.....

The stalls, which were artistically draped in art-green, had a wealth of embroidered and knitted goods. At Stall 1 were Mrs Thomson, U.F. Manse, in a pretty linen frock, with trimming of guipure lace, and hat of hyacinth blue straw wreathed with lilac. Mrs James Gray was in black, with vest of black lace over white, and black and silver bonnet with a touch of pink. Stall 2, at which one of the attractions was a guessing competition, had a pretty display of drawn thread-work, and some of these quaint and capacious baskets that are useful as well as ornamental. The Convenors here were Mrs Forbes, in a graceful gown of rose du barri eolienne, and silver and coral embroideries; and Miss Williamson in a green skirt with a cream silk blouse, and a black hat. At Stall 3 were Miss Patterson, Maybank, in a black lace gown over emerald green, with cream lace berthe and black hat; and by Mrs Edward Marr in a combination of white and dark green, and a hat with roses. The glory of a country bazaar is frequently its Produce Stall, and Stall 4 was no exception. Plump chickens reposed beside fresh eggs; country butter, scones, tempting in their flouriness, while amber-coloured honey varied the rich-tinted jelly. There were also sonsy cakes, and all varieties of toffee and tablet. At this stall

were Mrs Dow, Balmanno, in a pretty black and white striped gown; and Miss Bailie, Drumhead, whose toilette prettily combined grey and black. The Refreshment Room was very daintily set forth, the fireplace veiled by blue and white Canterbury bells. The Convenors were Mrs Wishart and Mrs W Peddie. Mrs Wishart wore a beautiful gown of Indian silk, enhanced with delicate embroidery and Valenciennes lace, a rose du barri scarf and hat of old rose satin straw, trimmed with black and knots of roses.

The second day's proceedings at Abernethy United Free Church bazaar were opened by the Rev. Archibald Sutherland, York Place, Perth. The Chairman was Mr David Walker, Balgonie. The weather was favourable, and there was a large influx of visitors. Brisk business was done during the day, and by evening the stalls were pretty well depleted of goods. The total sum drawn for the two days amounted to £420.

The sale was very successful in every way. The Newburgh Brass Band was in attendance throughout the evening and a musical programme was carried out by a number of ladies and gentlemen."

Note. The sum of £420 in 1910 would be worth £36,750 in today's money!



Bill Drever

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ABERNETHY PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup runs 3 times a week: Mon, Wed & Fri (term time only), from 9.30am - 12noon in the Williamson Hall. It is suitable for 2 to 5 year olds and costs £6.00 per session. If your child enjoys the company of other children and lots of interactive play why not take advantage of our FREE TASTER SESSION held on the first Friday of every new term from 10a.m. – 11a.m. A chance to meet the staff, ask questions, and see the toys, games and activities on offer. No need to book; just drop in or contact 07804927893 for more info (session time only). *Registration Forms are also available by contacting Sally McGroarty, Playgroup Secretary on 01738 850069 or email sallyandchrismcg4@btinternet.com* We also operate a lunch club service to Abernethy nursery.

NEWS

Gala Day – The children all enjoyed preparing the banner and taking part in the fancy dress parade. The sun shone and Aunt Sally, Worzil Gummidge and their troop of sunflowers and scarecrows made it all the way to Powrie Park for an afternoon of games and fun at the Gala.

On 11 June Anna McNeill hosted a Ready, Steady, Cook Event in the Williamson Hall in aid of Playgroup funds. Two brave Dads, Scott Baird and Chris McGroarty took to the kitchen for a battle of dough, broccoli and beer. It was a tough choice but there could only be one winner. Chris took the title on this occasion but there very well may be a re-match in the future. The total of £350.00 was raised for Playgroup. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Thank you to the Horticultural Trust who have very kindly donated money for the Playgroup Hyacinth pot decorating and growing project.

Available Places – Playgroup has a number of places available at the start of the new school year and continued low numbers could eventually affect the sustainability of Playgroup in the long term. If there are any families who are thinking of enrolling, then parents, please do consider coming along to the taster sessions to see what happens at Playgroup. Also, you don't have to live in the village to attend so please let your friends and relatives know we are here and have space for their children to come and have fun while learning.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tired of roaming the streets for Trick or Treat? Do you fancy doing something different this Halloween? If so then why not get dressed up in your spookiest costume and join us for a Halloween Party in the Williamson Hall on the evening of Saturday 30th October. This is a family event and will be a fun evening with games, dancing, food and fancy dress competition - how many Adams families can we fit into one room? Full details have yet to be finalised but this will be a ticket only event and tickets will be on sale from beginning of September and can be obtained from Playgroup or any of the committee or staff (Anna McNeill, Sally McGroarty, Laura Robertson, Andrea Dewar, Harriet Stocker, Leanne Gourlay, Lesley Cook, Angela Campbell, Barbara Ferguson & Morag Laing). Playgroup numbers have significantly dropped for the new term and we very much rely on fundraising events to keep the Playgroup operating for the village and your support for this event is as always much appreciated. We really must sell all tickets to make the event worthwhile and profitable therefore would be grateful if you could purchase your ticket by 16th October. Full details will be on posters put up in the village very soon or you can contact Andrea Dewar

on 850960 for further details.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8.9.10 - Quiz night in the Crees Inn. 7.30pm

18.9.10 - Church coffee morning - 10am - 12noon

25.9.10 - Garden Day - 2-4pm
Williamson Hall

3.10.10 - Museum closes for the season

23.10.10 - Craft Fair 10am - 4pm
Williamson Hall

8.12.10 - Newsletter volunteers and deliverers
Night - Crees Inn - 7.30pm

Yoga classes - Monday 7.15 - 8.45 - Dunbarney
School. Enquiries Hilda Clow 850641

WALKING IN ABERNETHY



In an around Abernethy there are many paths to tread, which meet the needs of everyone. I have tried walks that are signposted, 'The Glen', up to Castle Law, farm tracks around Cordon farm, and they all offer different challenges and views of our village and surrounding land.

Only recently I learned of a circular walk from the village, which if well planned ends up in the pub! By leaving the village on the Newburgh Road and walking to Jamesfield, then turning left and down the road toward Ferryfield, the return route is through the adjoining fields on a reasonable track, until it emerges on the farm track north of Balgonie and Netherfield. At that point options are a return to the village on a longer route by turning right and passing the cottages of Cordon, or turning left and joining the path at the north of the railway, before walking back to Powrie Park. Either way with a little creativity, you end up in the pub!

On my early venture to the 'peak of' Castle Law, before reaching the summit I veered off to my right and found a path and track through the forest that runs above Glenfoot and Aberargie before heading south toward Glen Farg (well the Bein Inn to be precise). However, I opted for bearing left from the track and covering some rough ground, albeit on a track that is reasonably obvious, before passing a lochan just above Castle Law, and then onto the 'peak of' Castle Law itself.

I have no doubt that these walks are well known to many, but equally unknown to more, but to me they were still adventures! Walking itself is one of the best forms of exercise available to almost everyone and whilst there is an obvious restriction on the number of walks in and around Abernethy, there must be many from Abernethy to surrounding villages, all with pubs hopefully!

Doug Cleeton

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Bike - 12" Apollo Stinger & helmet, hardly used, looks new £40

Thomas the Tank Working Hard Rail Set, hardly used, looks new £15

Microwave - older style quite bulky but works, W530 x D400 x H350 x - *FREE *to a good home

Steamer - Tefal Steam Cuisine 700 (3 tiers), NEVER USED £15

Freezer - Hotpoint, free standing, 4 drawers, W350 x D600 x H860 £40

Fridge - Husky beer style cube, W440 x D470 x H500 £40

Runner Rug - Moroccan style, mainly terracotta & gold, L3.3m x W0.7m £30

All items are in excellent condition and working order, some hardly used.

For further details or to view items please call Andrea on 850960.

The closing date for articles

and Ads for the next

Crier is the 31.10.10

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The Society will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the Masonic hall.

There will be meetings in October, November, January, February, March and April.

All welcome
Keir

90th BIRTHDAY

Chris McInnes would like to thank all the friends who, along with her family, helped her celebrate her 90th birthday at the Baigle Inn on Saturday 7 August.

Instead of presents, Chris requested that donations could be made to a charity close to her heart, the Stroke Unit at Perth Royal infirmary. £565 was raised

She would like to thank her friends, family, the Lunch Club, Open Doors and the WI for all their kind donations.



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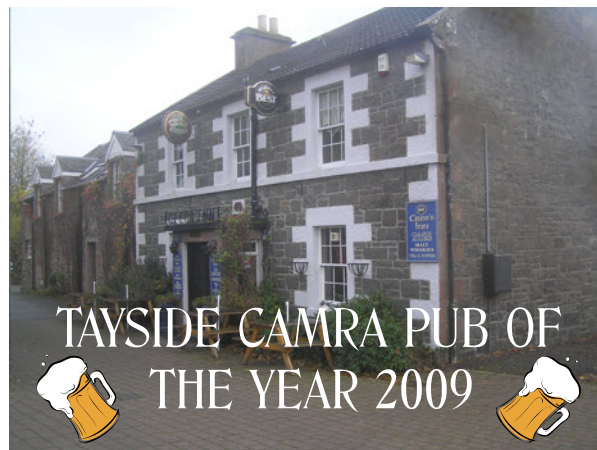
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