

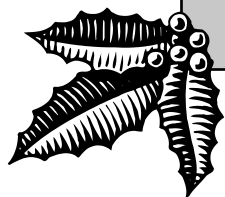


VILLAGE CRIER

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ABERNETHY, ABERARGIE AND DRON NEWS



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Hello again Readers,

As I write we are still in the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" and only on some days "Close-bosom friend of the maturing sun" What a strange and interesting climate we have. By the time you receive your copy of "The Crier" we will be into winter and what it brings and on the count-down to Christmas and New Year so it will not be out of place to wish all our readers A Happy Christmas and Every Good Wish For 2011.

Time flies ----- The Crier has reached its Second Birthday and I think has got over most of its "teething troubles". In stating that we are always learning and willing to learn more.

Now this year seems to have produced an amazing harvest of fruit ----- plums, apples, pears, red and black currants gooseberries etc. What to do with them all? What about sending in some recipes? This could become a feature, not just in the fruit season. I am sure you all have your favourites; soups, starters, main courses, desserts, puddings baking etc so why not share those special treats.

Thinking of regular features, I would like to see the younger people of Abernethy and District contributing to "The Crier" perhaps creating a regular column or page depending on the number of articles. Your views and thoughts are very important to this Community and I know lots of you are doing such interesting things we would all like to read about. Now, if this idea appeals we would like to hear from you ,

because it would ultimately lead to the appointment of a Junior Editor and a Junior Reporter. We don't want The Crier to become an old "fuddy-duddy" newspaper. You are the ones who have to carry it forward!

Reverting to events in general in Abernethy, all the autumn and winter activities are well under way, reports from which I hope have been sent to the editor. An extra this autumn was the Concert and Ceilidh organised by the committee of the Burns Club; a great evening! I hope someone has written in about it in detail.

I have acquired a cat, a ginger tom. Does he belong to anyone? "He came, he saw and he conquered" me so maybe I should call him Caesar! It is said a cat will find a home rather than one offering a home to a cat. This is true as this is cat number 4 to come to Struan House. From whence any of them came remains a mystery.

As I write today, 28th October it is the start of the Poppy Day Appeal 2010 and by the time you read this "Armistice Day" will have been and gone. At this time we must remember Mrs Pat Cartwright who organised the local collection for many, many years and sadly died on 6th October. As Pat would have wished, the collection continues, organised by Ian and our thoughts are with Ian and all the family.

With these few words I will leave you now to turn over the pages and I hope you all enjoy a good read.

Hilda Clow.

THE EDITORS VIEW



We all know there is going to be cut backs of all kinds through all sectors of our society, we may not like them but we are just going to have to get on with them.

Winter is upon us again and ice and snow, if not already here, will meet us at the door one of these mornings. So instead of moaning about the snow not being cleared from our pavements by the Council, let's try and do a bit more to help ourselves.

If we all clear our own wee bit in front of our houses and maybe the neighbours, if they are elderly and can't manage, it will go some way to assisting our local Council keep the highways and bye ways clear so we can go about our business safely this winter.

The elderly are more vulnerable during the winter months and sometimes need assistance of one kind or another. Look in on your neighbour occasionally, making sure he or she is ok, do they need some messages, do they need a letter posted, things like that.

Let's make this a safe and happy winter/Christmas for all in our community, young and old.

A very merry Christmas and a prosperous New year to you all.



The Ed

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Any submission without these details will NOT be included

Letters to the ED



Dear Ed.

I am pleased to see that Abernethy, once more, has a newsletter. Reading the copy which Janet Paton kindly sent me brings back many happy memories of the earlier newsletter, edited at one time by my late husband and printed on an old Roneo on our kitchen table before the machine was moved to a corner of Bobby Clow's factory.

I had a quiet smile while reading Ian Cartwright's "Recollections of the Gala" in the 7th edition. It took me back to my own introduction to the Williamson Hall Management Committee.

On moving in to Broadwell Cottage I made an appointment at the Primary School to enrol my two sons. I thought I didn't know anyone at all in the village but when I went along to the school I was met by Jimmy Angus who had been my teacher when I was in P7 at Penicuik Junior Secondary. The boys were quickly enrolled and the rest of the time was spent in reminiscing. Mr Angus even managed to produce a dreadful old photograph of my school class with me in the front row. As I was leaving he invited me to come along to a forthcoming Parent/Teachers meeting and when I explained that I was still unpacking he laughingly said that he would show the boys the photograph if I didn't attend. I could not risk that!

I am still not sure how it happened. I think that, when the PTA were looking for someone to represent the school on the Williamson Hall committee, everyone took a step backwards except for me and I found that I had volunteered. I attended a few meetings before it dawned on me that this was the committee that not only managed the hall but was responsible for running the Gala week. I served on the committee for the whole of our time in the village and used to tell people that the only way to get off the committee was to leave the village. This is actually how my connection with the Hall was broken. We moved to Shetland! Not, I hasten to add, to get off the committee but because our life took a totally different direction. Looking through the articles I see many familiar names and to those people I would like to pass on my best wishes and wish you all well in all you undertake in your beautiful village.

Helen Knight

ABERNETHY SENIOR CITIZENS

Abernethy and District Senior Citizens Trust with the help of Les McIntosh have produced an "Abernethy Calendar" which will be the Christmas gift to all senior citizens who are already on the committees' list. The calendar is now available for sale at the Corner Shop, Culdees Cafe and Brian Greig's and can be seen on line at www.villagecrier.co.uk/calendar/index.html

The committee is already looking to produce a 2012 calendar with or without a seasonal slant. If anyone has any interesting photos taken in the district and is willing to have them included in the calendar we would like to hear from you. Please contact Ian Bett 01738 850380

ABDIE LADIES CURLING CLUB



75th Birthday Year

We are an all ladies curling club which plays at Dewars Ice Rink, Perth, sometimes Kinross and the occasional away game.

We are celebrating our 75th anniversary this year and we shall be contacting all ex-members to invite them to join us at our 75th Anniversary lunch in April next year.

We are a very active club, playing in two leagues and also other competitions and would love to welcome new members to our club. We recently played in the Indoor Grand Match (North of Scotland versus South of Scotland) at the end of October and drew 6 all with Kelso (our South of Scotland opponents) and we won the Perth Ladies Branch opening Bonspiel. We can advise or help anyone with an interest in playing and the hope is that you will become a member of our club.

There are training sessions running at Dewars and individual lessons can be arranged also.

Our games are generally in the evenings but you can play during the day as well.

All ages are welcome.

For more information please contact Anne on 01337 840355 or Lesley on 01738 850038 or email abdieladies@to-enhance.com.



As you may have read in the last edition of the Crier I took part in a sponsored charity cycle ride from Inverness to Portsmouth during September. The event was organised by some colleagues of mine at SSE and was in support of Children's Hospices UK, so the route took us via several of the firm's offices and depots plus five of the Hospices.

Day 1, Inverness to Pitlochry (91 miles). As expected the weather was pretty mixed, wet to start with but a following wind. We'd all done that sort of distance in training but the challenge was going to be getting up the next day and doing it again - and again!

Day 2 Pitlochry to New Lanark (117 miles) Some of the team visited Rachel House in Kinross. A long and tough day - I'll never cycle through Airdrie in the rush hour again!

Day 3 New Lanark to Stranraer (101 miles) Wind made the first half hard but lovely weather over the hills in the south of Scotland. Ferry to Belfast that night.

Day 4 Belfast to Dublin (120 miles) Weather was dreadful, pouring rain, wind against, 5 degrees - and the guy who prepared the route got it wrong - everyone ended up having to be picked up in the van eventually! On the way to the hotel in Dublin we stopped to ask a guy directions. His reply (genuinely!) was 'It's up that road, then it's either to the left, or the right!'

Day 5 Much needed rest day in Dublin. Overnight ferry to Liverpool, wakened at 4:15 am!

Day 6 Warrington to somewhere in the midlands (100 miles) I'll be honest, I'm not totally sure where we were at the end of this leg - somewhere near Birmingham!

Day 7 Midlands to Cardiff (92 miles) This was a lovely bit - Shropshire and Herefordshire are really nice, and we had warm sunshine!

Day 8 Cardiff to Swindon (80 miles) My group visited Ty Hafan, a hospice near Cardiff, before I set off - we had a team photo in front of a banner the children had made for us, and Nathan, who is cared for at the hospice, was the star of the show.

Day 9 Swindon to Basingstoke (70 miles) Both these towns were included because we have offices there - this gave us a chance to raise lots more money but to be honest, I'm in no hurry to go back to either place! Final Day Basingstoke to Portsmouth via Naomi House (65 miles) My second visit to a working hospice. As a parent your first thought is how lucky you are that you don't need to use Hospices. The atmosphere in the Hospices is incredibly positive however, despite the fact that the children, their parents and siblings are living with terminal illness.

We received a fantastic reception at our main office in the south. I was absolutely exhausted by the end but our final fundraising total of over £150,000 cheered me up no end! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. If you'd like to contribute to this extremely deserving charity, their web address is www.childhospice.org.uk **MURDO MCGHEE**

HALLOWEEN PARTY Saturday 30th October

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
He didn't have the guts!

What do ghosts serve for dessert?
Ice Scream!



A big thank you to everyone who supported the Playgroup Halloween Party.

It was such a well received surprise to see the entire 100 tickets sell out within 3 weeks of going on sale. It was a brilliant night and it was great to see so many families come together to support the village Playgroup and enjoy a night of spooky fun!

Well done to the winners of the fancy dress competition, everyone made such an effort, but there can only be a few winners:-

best family prize went to - John, Lesley, Evan, Jack & Christie Ferrier

Best adult prize went to - Campbell Ewen

Best boys prize went to - Josh MacPherson

Best girls prize went to - Chloe Allan

The final figure has yet to be confirmed, but we raised around £380, so again thank you so much for your support.

A big thank you to the committee for organising the event and of course to our resident DJ Jim Cook, your talents are endless!

Andrea Dewar

ABERNETHY & 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



MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY CRAFT FAIR

The annual Craft Fair in aid of Museum funds, took place on Saturday 23rd October. Unfortunately the turn-out from Abernethy was very poor and we must think hard before organising another one. A great deal of work is involved in this event which is the main fund-raiser for the Museum and it is disappointing not to have local support and also embarrassing to have invited craftworkers to come along, many whom have supported us over the last eleven years and travelled a considerable distance

Our takings were down this year to just under £700.

If anyone has any ideas on how to stimulate enthusiasm, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Abernethy is very fortunate in having a Museum which is highly thought of by an increasing number of people and organisations. Admission is free and the Museum is run and staffed by volunteers but money is always needed for basic running costs.

H. Clow.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE
"VILLAGE CRIER"**

MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY



In its tenth year of operation the Museum of Abernethy has had another successful season. We have had more group visits than usual, some of them combined with a guided walk around the village. Another example of "outreach" was our outdoor display on Gala Day in the Powrie Park, looking back on fifty years of the gala.

We are now looking for new ideas for future displays. Having covered the main work-related aspects of parish life, such as farming, salmon-fishing, weaving and clothing manufacture, shops, trades and businesses, our attention has recently turned to leisure-type topics. In 2008 we featured various sports played locally. The most recent venture was "100 Years of the Girl Guides". Over time we hope to cover several other clubs and societies, either as displays or in album format.

Next year the main theme is "Entertainment". Before the age of television and computers, entertainment was much more locally based and of a do-it-yourself nature. Hopefully we will be able to show that in the pre-electronic era people did have fun and were no less happy than present-day devotees of TV soap operas and video games. Abernethy had thriving drama and choral groups which staged many concerts and local productions. We have some photos of these and would love to have more, together with anecdotes and other ephemera - in fact anything that builds up a picture of how local people were entertained in the past century, or even earlier.

The SWRI has been active in the village for over 80 years and indeed has staged its fair share of concerts and entertainments. We intend to do a special section on this group, which must have a longer history than almost any other local club or society. So ladies, if you have any items of interest for this topic, please bring them along to the Museum on a Tuesday, or phone 01738 850 889, or use our email address, which is secretary@museumofabernethy.co.uk. The sooner we have collected all the available for a topic the sooner we will know what space it requires and how it can best be tastefully displayed.

Bill Drever



ABERNETHY PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup runs 3 times a week: Mon, Wed & Fri (term time only), from 9.30am - 12pm 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.

New

Focus - The Children have been looking at nature/autumn. The Children were encouraged to bring in any leaves, conkers, weeds, flowers, pinecones etc. The children were also focusing on costumes, especially Halloween. They were also very busy making lots of decorations made to turn the Williamson Hall into the spookiest venue in town for the Halloween Disco.

Visitors - Mr Wark visits every Monday to read the children a story.

Mrs Livingstone - nursery teacher - visited Playgroup to meet the children who will shortly move onto nursery.

Available Places - Thankfully playgroup numbers have started to increase again but there are still plenty of places available for all sessions.

**The Committee,
Abernethy Playgroup**



A COCKY'S COMPLAINT

(A COCKY IS A NEW ZEALAND FARMER)

Here's a cocky's complaint worth recording for our agricultural economists who are always telling us that things have improved for man on the land.

It all started back in '67 when they changed to dollars and overnight my overdraft doubled.

I was just getting used to this when they brought in kilograms or something and the wool clip dropped in half.

Then they started playin' around with the weather and brought in Celsius and we haven't had decent sunny day since.

This wasn't enough, they had to change us over to hectares and I end up with less than half the farm I had.

So one day I sat down and had a think. I reckoned that with daylight saving I was working 8 days a week, so I decided to sell the farm.

But to cap it off, I had only just got the place in the agents' hands and they changed over to kilometres and I find that I'm too flaming far out of town anyway!

DMC

A GRAND OLD LADY

Another chapter in the history of Abernethy has closed with the death of Isobel Margaret Smith nee Johnston known affectionately as Tib. Tib was born in Abernethy on the 7th April 1914 and was very much involved in village life, the Church, WRI, Afternoon Club and the Museum. She had a excellent memory and was a font of knowledge to those seeking information on the past. A thanks giving for her life was held in the Abernethy Church on 11th November. Thinking of Carine, Sandra and all the family at this time.



Aah, the Golden Years!

(A Special Poem For Older Folks)

A row of bottles on my shelf
caused me to analyse myself.

One yellow pill I have to pop
a little white one that I take
goes to my hands so they won't shake.

The blue ones that I use a lot
tell my I'm happy when I'm not.

The purple pill goes to my brain
and tells me that I have no pain.

The capsules tell me not to wheeze
or cough or choke or even sneeze...

The red ones, smallest of them all
go to my blood so I won't fall.

The orange ones, very big and bright
prevents my leg cramps in the night.

Such an array of brilliant pills
helping to cure all kinds of ills.

But what I'd really like to know.....
is what tells each one where to go!

BETTY KEMP

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abroad the Crier is on line.
www.villagecrier.co.uk

THE CRIER MART



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

A corner bath and panel, a corner shower tray and cabinet both in warm white, these are almost new.

I also have 2 metal garage doors complete with gearing, they are for 7foot by 7foot openings.

contact Brian on 850536.

FOR SALE

M&P cotbed bedding set, blue & white gingham £40

3 wall plaques to match cotbed bedding set £10

Avent Steriliser £15 (RRP £45)

Bumbo Baby Seat, Aqua £15 (RRP £32)

ELC Red Piano (+ stool and microphone) £20 (RRP £40)

Power Rangers Helmet, 50-56cm £10

Bike - Lo Rider/Go Cart style, suits from +18mths as push along or +3years as cycle £25

Rug - Moroccan style, mainly terracotta & gold, L2.3m x W1.6m £50

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

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

FOR SALE

Fireside chair, excellent condition, hardly used.

£30. Contact Hilda Clow 850641

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

A Sovereign Select (An AGA type cooker) made by ESSE, fired by gas.

Phone Abernethy 850731

OPEN DOORS



On the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month a small group, mainly ladies, enjoy tea and coffee and a chat in the Church Session House.

Why not come and join us, 10 am - 11.30 am.

Everybody very welcome

The Crier is delivered free to 800 Households in Abernethy, Aberargie and Dron.



COOKING AT LET'S COOK NETHERFIELD

A complete career change took local girl Sarah Melersh from a successful career in the City of London into the world of gourmet food.

After re-training, Sarah concentrated on her career as a private chef. Her work ranged from parties and weddings to private dinners and shooting and fishing parties all over the U.K.

She found her real passion was teaching all the skills, techniques, hints and tips that she has learned as a chef and passing on her love for and knowledge of food. The opportunity came to set up her own cookery school in an old barn on her parent's property at Netherfield and the 'Let's Cook' Cookery School was born.

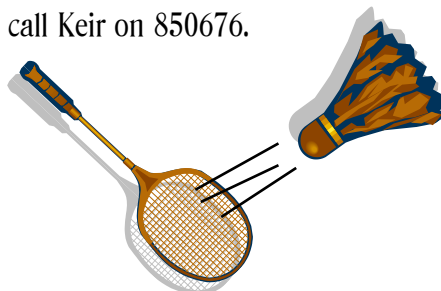
Abernethy's scenic position and good links to the motorway mean clients come from all over Scotland. Students may be complete beginners or good cooks looking to extend their skills and are all ages but they all have one thing in common; a desire to cook good food. Small classes of 6-8 students allow for individual attention in a sociable atmosphere and courses range in length from one day to several week diploma courses.

Sarah is pictured at her wedding in Abernethy last April,

A.H.

ABERNETHY BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton is back for another season. We are in the School Hall every Wednesday from 7pm till 9pm till the end of March 2011 (exceptions are 1st Dec, Christmas Holidays and 16th March). The club is open to adults of most levels (would suggest none of us will be going to compete at the Olympics). If you want to find out more about the club either come along or call Keir on 850676.



WORDS HUH!

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, lough and through?
Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,
To learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird,
And dead: it's said like bed, not "bead"!
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(they rhyme with suite and straight and debt)

A moth is not a moth in mother
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
And here is not a match for there
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
And then there's dose and rose and lose -
Just look them up - and goose and choose,
And cork and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go and thwart and cart -
Come, come, I've hardly made a start!
A dreadful language? Man alive.
I'd mastered it when I was five!

DMC

ABERNETHY SWRI

Meetings are held in the Session House, Abernethy Church 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.

The new session began in September with a talk on various crafts, including Hardanger and Beadwork, by Freda Andrew and Linda Retson, who had brought along samples of their beautiful work. In October we had a very interesting talk on Herbal Medicine by Morag Lindsay.

Future Meetings are as follows:

Wed 17 th November –	Talk by Jennifer Gosling on the work of the Salvation Army.
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Wed 15 th December –	Christmas Meal – venue to be arranged.
Wed 19 th January –	To be arranged.
Wed 16 th February –	Talk on Soft Furnishings by Isobel Robertson.
Wed 16 th March –	"Hands On" Flower Arranging by Frances Drysdale.
Wed 20 th April –	"Open Night" – All Welcome - Masonic Hall - Programme to be arranged.
Wed 18 th May –	AGM – "Four Corners" demonstrations by members.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The Abernethy Horticultural Society is now well into its season of talks for 2010/11. We have talks on the second Wednesday of the month in the Masons Hall from 7.30pm. The next talk will be in January, so look out for the poster for details.

We would like to use The Crier to thank everyone who helped with the Garden Day at the start of Autumn. Again it wouldn't have been such a success without so many folk giving up time, plants and baking products. The level of entries this year was amazing both in quality and in quantity and it looks like we have started something with the jam and jelly contest. Thanks also to Jamesfield Garden Centre for providing the prizes for the kids' entries which were enthusiastically received.

We have in the past mentioned the idea of a community orchard and wondered if anyone could think of some land for this project. We are still in search of the land but have been generously offered the funds so we could potentially buy a small patch. Anyone with space who would be interested, or anyone with ideas, please do get in touch. If we get a community orchard going, the land would be open to the whole community to use and enjoy.

Contact us by email
abernethyhorticultural@googlemail.com or calling
Keir on 850676

Tayside Advice Project

If you are having difficulty getting through to the Citizen's Advice Bureau Advice Line you could try the new Tayside Advice Project.

This offers an e-mail advice service at advice.tayside@casonline.org.uk You give as much information as possible and say how you would like a reply – e-mail, telephone or a written reply. You should hear within 5 working days.

There is also a telephone helpline at 0845 296 1010. The opening hours are ; Tuesday 8am-10am, Wednesday 4pm-5pm, Thursday 2pm-4.30pm, Friday 8am-10am, last Saturday of each month 10am-noon.

The difference between this and the normal helpline (01738 624301, weekdays, 10am-3.45pm) is that if you call out of hours or the line is busy you can leave a message and the adviser will contact you on the next working day.

As with the main bureau there is general information on a wide range of issues with specialist help for benefits, employment, housing or debt issues. Representation at court or tribunal may be available but will be offered on a case by case basis.

Anne H

THE 65th ANNIVERSARY



I was fortunate to be stationed in Hampshire when the Victory Parade took place in London in June 1946 following the end of World War 2. I managed to book a room at a YMCA hostel in a fairly central location just off the Strand which enabled me to attend this spectacular event. My nephew recently discovered a letter which I had written to my late sister describing the event. The letter ran for 16 pages, 12 of which were devoted to the parade. Here are some edited highlights.

"I got into town about 9.20pm and after dumping my kit at the hostel I decided to have a stroll around and see all the decorations. I headed for the Mall and it was pretty crowded. All the available space was occupied and they had all come prepared with flasks, cases with grub and travelling rugs. Some sailors had their hammocks strung between the trees. I was thankful that I had a bed to go to when I saw them settling down for the night. The din was deafening with rattles, squeakers, anything that could make a noise. The racketeers were there to, selling flashy programmes at ridiculous prices and lemonade at 6d per glass and weak as water.

Next morning I met my pal at Charing Cross at 7am and after a bit of shoving we got a good place about 5 back at St. Martins in the Fields. After half-an-hour they were twenty deep behind us and we were being squashed a bit with 2 hours wait in front of us. We fought our way out and started to breathe again and that Betty was the victory parade! Don't you believe it. We went right round the route until we found a quiet part in Oxford Street where they were only about 4 deep. By this time we had about half-an-hour to wait which soon passed and then the trumpets were heralding the arrival of the Royal Family. The King, Queen and two Princesses were there with the household cavalry escort. The horses are wonderfully trained.

After that came the parade and never have I seen so many different uniforms and types together.

The Yanks were first then came all the allies and colonial troops. I can't possibly describe them all. There were five pipe bands, the Indians, the Irish, the ATS, the RAF and last but not least the combined bands of the Scottish Regiments led by three drum majors, one being the drum major of our sister regiment the 10th Black Watch with whom I did my training at Lockerbie. A few of the pipers and drummers I recognised. They were the only band who played when passing us and if they hadn't it would have been a flop as far as I was concerned.

The one event I really wanted to see was the massed pipers in the Mall but we couldn't get near the place for crowds. The fly past followed the parade and then the rain came. We queued up to get into a news cinema, many had the same idea. When we emerged it was still raining so we returned to the hostel for some food and a much needed change of socks.

We then headed for the south side of the Thames to see the water pageant. We got a lovely position opposite the Houses of Parliament directly in front of the three set pieces of the King, Queen and Princesses. The display started with the fireboats throwing out illuminated jets in all directions in all colours of the rainbow. The Royal Family arrived and the searchlights dipped in salute. Then followed the most fantastic fireworks display. When the rockets burst they filled the sky with green, gold, purple and silver stars. Each fresh burst brought bigger gasps from the crowds. The set pieces were lit and the outline of the King, Queen and the Princess Elizabeth in lights lasted for several minutes. All the prominent buildings were illuminated in various colours and the fountains in Trafalgar Square were also illuminated, in red, white and blue. The loveliest sight of all however was the view of Buckingham Palace from the Mall.

It was floodlit in purple and it really was a sight worth seeing with the Victoria memorial in front and two light blue searchlights forming a V above it against the dark blue of the sky. I could write many more pages and still not cover everything but I don't think I have done too badly. Reading the letter again, which I had completely forgotten about, after all these years brought back so many memories of a day which will live forever in my memory.

Bob MacDonald

(A full copy of the letter has been given to the Museum of Abernethy)

A LUXURIOUS DESSERT



Sticky Toffee Roulade with Butterscotch Sauce

Prep time 15 mins

Cooking time 30 mins

2 tablespoons of caster sugar (for rolling the roulade)

160g of seeded dates

180ml of boiling water

1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda

50g of butter, diced

150g soft brown sugar

2 eggs

110g self raising flour

300ml of double or whipping cream

For the Butterscotch Sauce

100g of soft brown sugar

160ml of double cream

100g of butter, diced.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/Gas Mark 4-5. Grease a 25cm x 30cm swiss roll pan; line base and short sides with baking paper, bring paper 5cm above the edges of the pan. Place a piece the same size onto a large board or onto the work surface (out of the way) and sprinkle evenly with the caster sugar.
2. Combine dates, water and bicarb of soda in a food processor. Place the lid on allow to stand for 5 minutes. After this time has elapsed, add the butter and brown sugar; process until almost smooth. Then add eggs and flour; process until just combined.

Do not overwork the mixture at this stage as it will start to stretch the gluten in the flour and will toughen the cake. Pour into the prepared pan, smooth out and bake in the pre heated oven for 15 mins.

3. Whilst the roulade is cooking, make your sauce. Combine all the ingredients in small saucepan. Over a low heat allow the sugar to dissolve and then bring to the boil. Boil for a couple of minutes. The more you boil this the more it will thicken.
4. Turn cake onto the prepared sugared paper and peel away the baking paper. Cut any crisp and ragged edges off with a serrated knife.
5. Cover with a damp tea towel until you are ready to roll.
6. Whilst allowing the roulade to cool, whisk the cream until firm peaks. Once the sauce is cool, stir in a tablespoon into the cream, spread the cream over the surface of the roulade, allowing a cm of cake at each edge. Start to roll the cake from the long side, working quickly and confidently, roll the cake using the paper as a guide. Roll tightly and make sure the flap of the roulade is always underneath.
7. Serve the roulade with more of the sauce drizzled over it.

Serves 12

Sara Mellersh at Let's Cook

ABERNETHY PRAYER GROUP

An ecumenical group which meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month to enjoy a time of peace, stillness and prayer. Ninety minutes out of busy lives to recharge batteries and relax in a comfortable, warm and friendly environment.

Everyone welcome. Contact **Maureen** 850417

BURNS CLUB OF ABERNETHY

The Concert and Ceildh held in the Williamson Hall on Friday 22nd October was a great success and raised £1000 for the British Heart Foundation. Those present were entertained by the fiddles and accordions of Craig Paton and Friends.

The 2011 Burns Supper will be held on Saturday 5th February. All members will be notified in December.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from the Burns Club Committee

POLICE BOX



Welcome to a regular new feature in the Village Crier, the Police Box. This will endeavour to provide you with the latest information relating to crime in the local area. It will also offer crime prevention advice and try to make you aware of any upcoming initiatives being run by Tayside Police.

RESTRUCTURE

In May 2010 a major restructuring took place within Tayside Police at which time the Auchterarder, Bridge of Earn, Crieff and Kinross Police stations were all amalgamated into one area known as the South Section.

The Inspector in charge of this section is Yvonne McGregor who will be assisted by two Community Sergeants, Sandra Williams based from Kinross with responsibility for Community Policing in the Bridge of Earn and Kinross areas; and David Pettigrew based from Crieff who has responsibility for the Auchterarder and Crieff areas. There are eight Community Officers who all have their own geographical areas.

Constable Euan Mitchell is the Community Officer for the Abernethy/Bridge of Earn area.

Euan joined Tayside Police in 2007 and has worked in both the Perth and Kinross sections until taking over his new Community Officer posting in May. He is keen to liaise with the local community in an effort to identify and resolve neighbourhood complaints, anti-social behaviour and other issues causing concern locally.

Euan is available to be contacted at Bridge of Earn Police station, by telephone on 0300 111 2222 or by email on euan.mitchell@tayside.pnn.police.uk

MOBILE COMMUNITY OFFICE

To allow Euan to further engage with the local community, Tayside Police now has a Mobile Community Office which will be available in Abernethy on a monthly basis. The Mobile Office service will initially be on a trial basis to gauge its likely use, although it is hoped it will be well used. Should demand be there, it may be possible to extend the hours, make more frequent visits and even to widen also the service to cover the more rural areas. Hopefully this will make your local Community Officer more accessible and to provide public reassurance.

It will be available in The Square over the next few months on the following dates:

Thursday 9th December 2010 between 0900 – 1200 hours.

Thursday 6th January 2011 between 0900 – 1200 hours.

Thursday 17th February 2011 between 0900 – 1200 hours.

Thursday 17th March 2011 between 0900 – 1200 hours.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the

ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

We would urge members of the public to inform us of all incidents when they happen. Very often people are reluctant to “get involved” because of preconceived ideas that they will be targeted and anticipate reprisals. However this very rarely, if ever, happens and is viewed very seriously by the courts if it does. In any case, although it is more help to the police for witnesses to give their details, an anonymous call to report a crime being committed or to report suspicious behaviour or noises is better than no call at all. When deciding whether to call the police to report incidents such as those described above, we would ask members of the public to consider how they would feel if they were the victim, and that somebody who had been in a position to help them did nothing.

We are frequently told about incidents days or even weeks after they happen, usually when the person reporting happens to meet one of us in the street or at a meeting and we are asked “what are you doing about youths hanging about our street” or similar “it’s happening every night”. We then find that the incident described has either happened several days before or has been going on for several weeks. It considerably lessens the possibility to effectively deal with an incident if we are not informed at the time and makes it impossible if we do not know at all.

CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800 555 111

This telephone number is a free phone number, unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you cannot be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous.

Cultural and Community Services

Community Learning and Development

Dear Community Members

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; I am Tracey Ramsay the Senior Community Capacity Worker for Kinross-shire, Bridge of Earn, Glenfarg, Abernethy and surrounding areas, I am based in the Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross.

My role is to support individuals, groups and organisations to play a full and meaningful role in their neighbourhoods, inform local service developments, celebrate achievements and achieve their goals. To promote community involvement I support community members to develop the skills and knowledge they require so they can be open, accountable, active and have opportunities to develop links with other community groups and organisations. The following are some of the services I provide:

- Help with where and how to access funding and with completing funding applications.
- Promoting networking opportunities.
- Advice and guidance on setting up a group, planning constitutions and evaluating what your group does.
- Developing training programs for local groups and organisations relevant to their specific requirements.
- Support & promote partnership working in the area.

If you require further help or assistance please contact Tracey on 01577 867124 email: Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk or contact the Community Capacity Building Assistant Shona Fowler on 01577 867218

AULD ABERNETHY ASSOCIATION DATES FOR 2011

2.2.11 The role of Women of influence around the time of the Union of the Crowns.
Nicola Cowmeadow

2.3.11 "Miss McLeod's Wallpaper"
Tales from the Hebrides in the 1950s
Andrew Glegg

6.4.11 AGM , followed by a Photographic walk through Abernethy.
AAA

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

HELP!

Do you shop online? If so please help raise funds for Playgroup!

With the Christmas period fast approaching us, I would like to let you know of a very easy way you can help raise money for Playgroup simply by spending your own money and shopping online, and we know just how easy it is to spend big bucks at this time of year! This may be something you already do for another group or organisation, but if not then please consider this to help us raise much needed funds!

easyfundraising.org.uk is a free online service where you can shop with your favourite stores/retailers (incl Toys R Us, ELC, Tesco and Asda). It won't cost you any more to use the easyfundraising website and it link's you directly to the retailer's websites. Each purchase you make generates a cash back donation to the Playgroup. In fact you can even SAVE MONEY as many retailers give exclusive discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' when you shop through the easyfundraising site.

All you need to do is register for free at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/abernethyplaygroup> and use easyfundraising EVERY TIME you shop online.

You can also raise funds for us every time you search the web - with easysearch.org.uk. When you search with easysearch, you'll raise funds for us with every search you make! Make just 10 searches a day with easysearch instead of Google (or any other search engine) and you could raise around £20 a year - or more - for us. It's that easy!

Please set our unique easysearch page - <http://abernethyplaygroup.easysearch.org.uk> - as your homepage and use it every time you search the Web.

Having just checked the amount we've raised so far, it appears this facility is really under-used so please, please make use of it when shopping online from now on (especially over Christmas)!!

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Andrea Dewar



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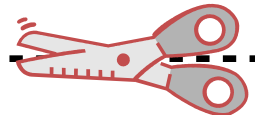
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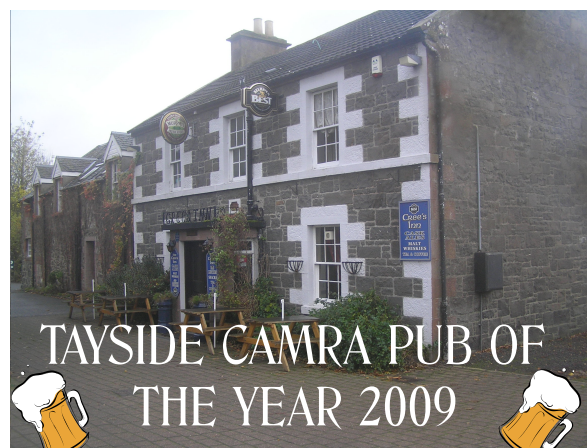
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