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We have done it, at last the flag, pole and fish are back in their rightful place. Historic Environment Scotland have been thanked for making it happen, but it has been a long and rocky road. You couldn't make it up.

Just to keep the records right as far as I see it or what I have heard..... here we go.

After much communicating by many individuals and organisations in the village the date was set by HES for the 9th June, I did confirm with them it was 2017. They e-mailed back confirming this date.

The day came and went and nothing happened and no word from them. I left it a few days before I made any contact again and it was a few days before they replied. "We are so sorry there has been a hitch, PKC have not allowed us to close the square to allow a large crane in to lift down the old pole, sorry again".

I e-mailed them again thanking them for keeping the village up to speed with what was going on, and asked them "Do you have another date in mind for the job to go ahead". Silence, from the other end, by now they are getting well fed up of the people of Abernethy.

Then lo and behold an e-mail from HES stating "We have arranged with PKC to close the square on the 3rd and 4th of July, this will allow the crane in and give us two days to complete the operation".

"Something must be happening as the relevant signage has been erected in the square" I thought to myself.

As I drove into the village from the west on the 3rd I could see the jib of a crane up over the top of the Tower, "they have started, at last, well worth waiting on". Shortly after I got home I thought I will go up to the square for a nosey, to see what is going on.

It was looking good, area fenced off for safety, huge crane sitting in the middle of the square but there was a lot of blokes lazing on the war memorial looking well fed up. Right enough there was a new pole lying beside the tea room and other bits of engineered stuff along side it.

I went away for a couple of hours in another part of the village but could still see the Tower. On top were a three guys standing chatting, like they were waiting for something to arrive. They they've disappeared, presumably down and out of the Tower, I never thought anymore about it, "They must be working inside the building"

When I returned through the square on my way home everything had gone, crane, men the lot, "Buffer! away home for their tea?"

I left for work the next morning with great anticipation expecting when I got home the job would be done "O double buffer", nothing. That evening I heard through the grape vine, honestly I am not making this up, the lads from HES were waiting for a steel plate with a socket, this fixes to the Tower to which the pole slips into. Wait for it! This plate was being made in London and was being delivered to Abernethy, it never turned up, "O treble buffer".

It transpired the deliverer of this plate had a traffic accident and the said vehicle was towed to a garage in the Newcastle area. Where was the garage? Where is the plate?

At the time of this article the flag being held up by a temporary plate until the other, and final one is found

I can feel a novel coming on.

The Ed

PS. I hope by the time you read this the right plate, clock and chimes will be all sorted out.

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ENJOY



LETTERS TO THE ED

Dear Ed

I'd just like to say a big thank you for how colourful the village has looked during the last few months thanks to all the beautiful flower boxes. Especially appreciating the recently installed ones on the railings along Back Dykes, as they brighten up my drive home.

Mrs Susan Swan, Back Dykes, Abernethy .



FRAE THE HEID BUMMER

September and it is autumn already. Where did the summer go?

It was certainly a busy one in Abernethy as you will see on reading this edition of The Crier.

Thanks to our regular contributors Bob McDonald for another look into the past, Anne Hollingsworth for advice on practical matters of the day Lillias Johnston who keeps us up to date with the activities of the Senior Citizens , Celia King for the Church news and the Councillors.

HILDA CLOW

TO THE DISTRIBUTORS

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Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

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A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On the 17th July Mrs Newman, Perth Road, celebrated her 100th Birthday.

Other important people born that year.....

Ella Fitzgerald, John F. Kennedy, Susan Hayward and Ernest Borgnine.

It was a good year Mrs Newman.

Happy Birthday from everyone in Abernethy

DOWN MEMORY LANE

The following is a little bit of history which I came across the other day. It was written by my late husband, Bobby in 1989, about the Clow family and the factory in Abernethy

The Family

Thomas Clow	Born 1756	Weaver	
Archibald Clow	Born 1803	Merchant	1 sister Betty
Robert Clow	Born 1839	Cloth and Provision Merchant	9 in that family - 3 dying young
John Clow	Born 1883	Clothing Manufacturer	7 in that family - 3 dying young

My father had 21 sisters and a younger brother surviving

**Annie became Mrs Willie Smith Ballomill Farm
Rebecca (Becky) married Bob Davidson Invernahavon
George unmarried was killed in France 1916**

John Clow went to Perth Academy and afterwards was apprenticed to Brydon's Store in St John's Street. After that he went to Glasgow to work in one of the many wholesale warehouses, Mann Byers & Company. This is the period to about 1905 and a taste of the wider world which he never forgot.

His father Robert had got up a General Provision business in 1869, and this included the supply of yarns to the hand looms and sale of the finished cloth. So there was already a connection with textiles going back in the family to Thomas, a weaver who came to Abernethy from Perth

As John was the eldest of the four surviving children and his father Robert not in good health, there is a situation at home even before his father died.

Coming back to Abernethy from the bustle of Glasgow must have seemed a doubtful prospect for my father. A small shop offering supplies on credit to weavers, farm workers and fishers cannot have seemed a way forward.

The Factory-----The early years

At the back of the Shop and family home (Now Kate Hutton's) there was room for the first workshop making garments. A treadle machine and one machinist, Kate Walker, brother George Clow helping.

When Robert Clow died in 1909 my father was already in negotiation for bigger premises and made an offer for the vacant U.F. Church. So there is a chance to install power driven machinery from 1909. The photostat from the Sandeman Library is not clear, but there must have been fairly rapid expansion. I can count 24 girls.

I think they made cotton underwear, blouses and some babywear. Business must have been interrupted by the 1914 war and possibly some hospital contract work was undertaken.

I begin to remember something of the factory about 1923, being allowed in to see what was going on, running about and being a pest, getting too near the pulleys and moving parts.

In these days, before going to school, it would all seem warm and wonderful. The smell of the engine, the gas light, the teasing, the girls singing at their machines and special occasions like the week's holiday when there was jelly and ice cream got in from the Hotel. I would be spoiled no doubt.

I got taken along to the Factory Charabanc Outings Coleen Kemp was my best pal right along the years.

During the 1920's the factory took on its real manufacturing characteristics There was new machinery to assist and new ideas coming along. Although chemises and some underclothing were still produced, the new embroidery machines were being used to great effect on nightdresses and especially children's sleeping suits and pyjamas. Big multi-coloured embroideries and fancy effects like hemstitching and machine scalloping, and artificial silk had come along both for shiny thread and basic material.

From being tied more or less to flannelette and cambrics, the newer and finer qualities of winceyette and twill woven Viyella mixtures were on the market and viscose rayon fabric plain and printed. Although printed cloth was used more for pinafores with bias binding trim.

The markets to take up production were centred on wholesale distribution. Huge businesses in Glasgow, Manchester and London, with agents in these centres showing factory samples. Leicester was also a big Midlands market.

The management was my father and Miss Kemp, Coleen.

By the end of the twenties it was clear that a better work area was needed and a start was made to go out at the back of the original church building by buying ground from the McAllister family. Also mains electricity had arrived.

The layout of the new factory remains more or less as it is today although of the 40 odd machinists about half would be embroidery, bias binding for baby wear scalloping, hemstitching and special effects with 20 to 30 at one stage doing plain machining assembly of the garments. Much more difficult seaming in those days as the main seams were "run and fell" and no overlocking to speak of.

Markets in the 30's were still through wholesalers, Campbell, Stewart and McDonald, Arthur and Company in Glasgow with others trading throughout the U.K. ,and the first export market! Both Hudson's Bay Company and Robert Simpson Company of Canada were regular customers for embroidered wincyette nighties and also for the fine wool nunsveiling cloths and mixtures of wool and cotton of the viyella type

Prices in the 30's were very keen and articles were sold by the dozen at from 36 shillings, i.e. 3 shillings each or 15 pence in today's money

A steady adult wage in the 30's would be around £2 weekly at a time of very low men's wages and there was absolutely no inflation. Everything remained about the same price for years on end.

My father John Clow did not consider himself a courageous man but I think he must have been just that when one considers the circumstances. Abernethy is far from the main centres of garment making and he would have very little capital

The looming shadow of Hitler and the feeling of menace from Germany for the second time depressed him very badly. But he took up the challenge of being local Provost during these very difficult war years.

The factory became a centre of war effort and fund raising and another very fine thing happened. Young machinists arrived from Newburgh and the story of the Company from 1941 onwards was transformed by their youth and vigour and I can tell you plain speaking as well. The story of the factory goes on from this point and Newburgh is a big factor in it.

I am sorry there are not more photographs of the factory and of the people who are part of my early memories. Of course were long serving and very important staff right

through to the time I came back in 1945 while many others moved on to other careers and marriage.

Ann Arthur & Agnes Bett -- Cutters

Jeannie Christie -- Machine Mechanic

Christina Edmiston -- Forelady at the worktable

Kate Edmiston - Embroidery

Agnes Dutt - Bias Binding -- Special sewing - Machine training

Nan Hutton - Warehouse and Invoices

Andrew Haggart - Packing and despatch.

Many machinists who left to marry came back in the 1940 war so it must have been very cheering for my father to see them again and have their help.

The story of the factory in the early years should have been told before 1955 when my father was still alive and I know that The Auld Abernethy Association would dearly like to have better records of the time we are looking at now. Essentially it is the first 40 years of the 20th century. Abernethy still profoundly rural in outlook and reacting to the seasons of the year as the casual work on the land and on the river came round. At the same time let us not forget that before the disaster of 1914 and the loss of so many young men, there had been a lively social scene for those who did not toil for the bare sustenance wage of the time. Abernethy had a Golf Course, a Tennis Club, Amateur Theatricals, 2 Churches going strong with their activities, a very flourishing Bowling Club, Annual Games and Street Market. The Linen Factory of Ireland and Wishart held on until about 1926. So in many ways there was quite a lot of activity.

The Railway was the link until a regular bus service started in the late 1920's. John Clow was endlessly thinking about getting Abernethy into the wider world especially to provide work for men. Abernethy has still not solved that particular problem, but some of the newer contracting businesses are a pointer and I know he would have encouraged every new enterprise. He took a chance himself and made a go of it.

Robert Clow 1989

Hilda Clow

LODGE ABERNETHY ROUND TOWER 1429

The winner of our summer raffle was Pauline Stott. A big thank you to all those who purchased tickets and also to the brethren who sold them.

A fantastic amount of money was raised, which you may have noticed, has been put to good use on the interior decoration and new external steps.

Future Social and Fundraising events will be advertised locally and also on the Abernethy, Perthshire facebook page.

The new contact details for hall usage are as follows

Roy Sutherland 01738 850785 07866 899705

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Colin Morrison – a Contributor

In the early hours of Friday 7th July we were all awakened by the noise of a helicopter criss - crossing the local area – little did we realise that it was searching for local man Colin Morrison, who sadly died whilst on one of his favourite walks up around Castlelaw.

Although not originally from Abernethy, Colin was brought up in Fochabers, Colin devoted a lot of time and effort to the benefit of Abernethy.

A lover of the outdoors, Colin was a driving force in the organisation and running of the Abernethy Hill Race for many years.

He was a founder and active member of the Abernethy Action Group, involved in dialogue and discussion to improve the local environment and amenity – this led on to Colin joining Abernethy Community Council, initially as Vice Chair, and then serving four years as Chair.

In his capacity of Community Councillor, Colin involved himself in many other local activities, including attending the Binn Farm Community Liaison Group, where he helped develop a strong working relationship between the village and the businesses at Binn.

He was also involved in the initiation of the project to provide power for a village Christmas Tree at Nurse Peattie's Garden, and was on hand to provide mulled wine for all those who attended the first official "switch on".

Colin will be missed by many in the community, and our thoughts go out to his wife Helen, daughter Hannah, and son Max at this difficult time.

IDENTITY FRAUD

Identity Theft is when your personal details are used by a criminal. They may use your identity for financial fraud to get a bank loan or a credit card or launder money. You do not know until you find yourself saddled with debts. If you can prove these debts are not your responsibility then you will not be liable for them but this can be very difficult.

The information used by criminals will start with your name and address and date of birth. They can get your name and address from the Electoral Register and some people have this information not revealed but this can cause trouble if they want credit. The credit reference agencies look at the Electoral Register to check your details.

Your date of birth is used by many companies as part of their verification process. If you are being tempted to enter a competition and they ask for your name and address and then DOB be very careful.

Useful to criminals are email address, previous addresses, mother's maiden name, your birthplace, pin number, bank account details, N.I. number and passwords.

Prevention is best. Do not ever give information to telephone callers who claim to be the police, your bank, computer technicians or HMRC. They are very persuasive but do not cooperate at all. If you are worried you can call whoever it was supposed to be , later on, using a telephone number from their correspondence.

It is fine to buy something on the phone and give your details if you made the call yourself from an advert you saw in the paper. **You** made the call.

Ignore emails that ask you for information and do not click on links that say they will take you to an official website.

Destroy documents with your personal data and receipts and letters with your name and address. Sadly not all fraudsters are master criminals. One lady had loans taken out in her name and her home remortgaged by her husband forging her signature. No one is really safe so how can you avoid this happening to you.

Firstly, the same old advice. Check your bank statements. Notice if any payments you do not recognise are being taken.

Secondly , you can get a copy of your credit file. You can check for entries you do not recognise and see if anyone is trying to get a loan. This is free of charge. www.noddle.co.uk will give you your Callcredit score; www.clearscore.com your Equifax score;

www.experian.co.uk has a scheme called Protectmy ID which lets you know of activity on your accounts. These are all free.

They all ask for lots of information that I have been telling you to keep secret. But you chose to call them so you know who they are.

If you become a victim you can contact actionfraud.police.uk or phone 0300 123 2040. The website contains a lot of information about fraud and scams and they will help you.

Beware of Fraud Recovery Fraud where, after you are a victim, you get a caller pretending to be the police or a lawyer and claiming they will help you. Of course, they need your details. No. Put the phone down!

The Citizen's Advice Bureau is completely confidential. The articles I write for the Crier are always based on true stories but I disguise the client so they could never be identified.

The Citizen's Advice Bureau is at 7 Atholl Crescent. Drop in is 10am-12 noon, Monday to Friday or phone 01738 450581 for an appointment in the afternoon. If the line is busy you can leave a message and you will get a call-back. The number will come up as 'Withheld' to protect your privacy.

[01738 450580](http://01738450580) is the Advice Line. This line is often busy but if you leave a message your call will be returned. Everything is confidential, even the fact that you visited the bureau.

There is also a web-site run by the CAB.

adviceguide.org.uk covers many topics and is easy to use.

A.H.

AULD ABERNETHY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the 2017/2018 season begins on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Museum of Abernethy. No inflation with the AAA, the membership remains at £5. All welcome, and I mean all welcome.

Our first speaker of the season is.....

Sandy McPherson...Bagpipes, Backstage and Blethers

Lillias Johnston

The Great War

October 9, 1917

Third phase of the Ypres Offensive begins with rain falling on saturated ground. Battlefield turns into a Quagmire.

TRIP TO KELSO

The senior citizens annual outing started at 9.30 am on Tuesday 6th June on the wettest day of the season, after all the previous good weather it had to break, and it had to be that day. As usual the atmosphere in the bus was nice and cheery and all were determined not to let the rain spoil their day. I think the heavens opened when we were going over the Forth Bridge as we could hardly see the new one. Soon with a very careful driver and a comfortable bus we were well on our way. We stopped at Carfraemill Hotel, where we all enjoyed coffee and scones etc., butter and homemade jam were on the table and were enjoyed by all. A truly lovely place to stop.

Back on the bus for the remaining journey to Kelso where it was still raining. With waterproof coats on, deciding not to let rain get in our way, some of us went into the Abbey where we got an audio guide. It was quite fun listening to the history and all about the monks of long ago. How nice it would have been to sit in the garden and soak in the atmosphere of the Abbey and learn all about it. However, maybe another day.

Exploring Kelso itself did not take very long, but we were getting back on the bus at 2.30p.m. anyway. I had spied an ice cream shop when I first stepped off the bus, so to finish off my visit to Kelso I had to have an ice cream, which I must say was delicious.

Homeward bound. We did not stop till we reached Perth and the Mustard Seed. As we all had ordered previously from the superb menu, the meals were served quickly with a very friendly and cheerful staff.

Everyone enjoyed their main course with refreshing bottles of water on the table, but the best had yet to come, yes, lemon meringue pie!! Coffee to follow. I am sure we all forgot about the rainy day as we all finished off with a beautiful meal.

Thanks to Eileen, Margaret and the rest of the committee for organizing a great day out. I know I enjoyed myself. Thank you.



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LETTER FROM THE TRENCHES

100 years ago, mothers, wives and sweethearts in Abernethy received letters from their beloved boys in the trenches of Flanders and Northern France. In 2017, texts, tweets and Facebook posts were sent from the lads and lassies in two trenches on the archaeological dig at the top of Castle Law during two weeks at the beginning of July.

All that could be seen from the Glenfoot Road was the TARDIS-like appearance of two portaloos, but at the top there was a hive of activity. Two large trenches were carefully, and lovingly, dug out with back breaking hard work. Many different skills were brought to bear on to the site: GPS mappers; photographers; archaeologists; drone operators; geophysicists; artists; historians and good old fashioned dirt-shifters.

This was the first dig on the site for over 120 years and it was a nice feeling to think that you were the first person to be in that spot since the 19th century. At the end of the last dig, the archaeologists had left the site open to the elements to a large extent, so there had been some deterioration over time. However, it was wonderful to see how much still remains of the substantial inner and outer walls that are probably 2,500 years old.

Over the course of the dig, we did wonder why they built the fort all those centuries ago. Was it meant to be purely defensive, or was it a statement saying "Don't mess with us, because we are well hard" or was it all just bling on the part of a wealthy local war lord. There are no written documents from that period, so we will never know for sure.

Here are the dig's aims from the formal project design document:

"The proposed aims of the project are to increase our understanding of Abernethy Law within the context of the

The Great War

October 15, 1917

Dutch spy Mata Hari executed
In Paris

the neighbouring hillforts around the Tay estuary and the Ochil hills. More generally, excavations of vitrified hillforts are still relatively rare, and this project provides the opportunity to further investigate a hillfort type. The objectives of the proposed project are:

to establish a chronology for the development and occupation of the site.

to identify any phasing of activity.

to assess the condition of the site 120 years after the excavation.

Assess degradation of walls after 100 years after not being backfilled and compare with historic photographs

And here are the all-important facts and figures from the dig:

113 volunteer days

792 hours

£16,971 value of volunteer time

Total group elevation climbed 11300m (100m ascent from portaloos)

39 people involved

6 from Abernethy

2 from nearby places (Newburgh & Bridge of Earn)

7 from Perth

Furthest travelled - Joshua from Milngavie (69 miles) and Iain from West Linton (59 miles)

2 (maybe more) students getting dig experience for their degree

132 Tunnocks Caramel Wafers (3960g/3.96kg)

60 Tunnocks Snowballs (3600g/3.6kg)

Eaten!

Tunnocks Caramel Wafers are a long running joke on these digs. There are complex mathematical equations linking the number of Tunnocks bars consumed to the volume of earth shifted. One day, I was given the honour of carrying the Tunnocks bars up the hill. I became the bearer of good Tunnocks and was able to shout at the top - "The Tunnocks Bars are on me". You get the drift.

You may wonder why volunteers are prepared to travel long distances to do dirty, sweaty hard labour for no monetary gain whatsoever in sometimes inclement weather. Well, basically, it was fun. We enjoyed physical work in the open air. There was a sense of camaraderie and lots of really funny banter, also, there was the thrill of the hunt. The hope that you might be the one who finds

the iron-age brooch that hits the headlines. Grant in trench B actually found the remains of an ancient Safeways carrier bag.

For me, the least fun part of the project was after slaving away to open up the trenches, we had to backfill and say goodbye not only to the site but to each other. The archaeological aims have been achieved and enough carbon dating samples have been taken to be able to get a timeline on the inner and outer walls. Interim and final reports are yet to be written and published, but there are already lots of happy memories of fun and friendship.

David Illingworth

ABERNETHY IN BLOOM



We held our third Bloomin' Marvellous container and Best Bloomin' Street competition on Saturday 29th July with a record 50 entries. This year we also included a teen and young shoot section. In spite of dodging showers, the three judges really enjoyed the experience of seeing how something completely original and individual can be created from fairly similar basic ingredients. The choice of plant, combination of colour and texture, use of different shape and scale, and where the container was sited made comparison difficult and a decision on an ultimate winner even harder.

There were so many outstanding entries adorning gardens large and small, brightening up alleyways and making steps and front doorways more welcoming. You can see what the judges saw as there is a selection of photos taken on the day on the notice board outside the Cornkist and on the Abernethy Facebook page.

Unusual and imaginative containers this year included a pair of old work boots and a pair of terracotta pots in form of Classical faces at Ivy Cottage, a step ladder at Te Rehur in Clunie Street, an old wooden horse collar in Kirk Wynd, a painted dining table with drawer used for herbs at NaeView, brightly painted food tins in Main Street, plus a range of old industrial and farming implements, chimney pots and wicker baskets. One entrant had been inspired by finding wheat growing in her pots to create a special display relating to the history and former use of her house as a bakery. The time, effort and thought which people had put in to make such excellent entries was truly appreciated. The most popular colour combinations this year were red, white and blue (can we read anything into this?) and shades in the pink to mauve and purple range. Despite earlier generations feeling yellow to be an unlucky colour it is now gaining in popularity. Top of the Flower Charts - lobelia was everywhere in huge clouds, with nemesia in many shades, unusual frilly petunias, and lots of lilies. The Begonia still rules though in yellow, white,

red, apricot and orange. Striking butterfly and other wildlife ornaments also added to the interest and quirkiness of some of the entries. It was the vibrant colours on a grey day which really stood out and the fragrance of honeysuckle and lavender in particular also made a strong impact on the judges.

For their total exuberance the 2017 winners are:

First Tony Sargent 7 Ballo Braes

Second Linda Sinclair 15 Ballo Braes

Third Caroline Haddow corner of Main Street/Kirk Wynd.

Best teen Jamie Reid

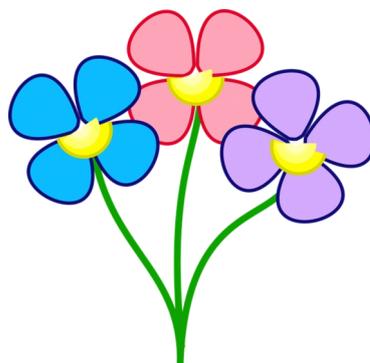
Best young shoot Bertie Farmer

They all receive prizes of vouchers.

Ballo Braes won the title Best Bloomin' Street for the second year running. Can anyone beat them? Congratulations to all our winners.

It is a real privilege to be able to look into other people's gardens and to step into their private worlds. So a big thankyou to everyone who put their pots on display and invited us round to have a look: Fiona Duncan, Pauline Jamieson, Elizabeth Taylor, Lorraine Kinnear, Judith Tait, Donald Fairbairn, Sheila Tuckett, Maureen Corbishley, Barbara Baird, Caroline Shedden-Brown, Frank Cadger, John Hussen, Linda Sinclair, Tony Sargent, Gill Boardman, Dave and Celia King, Eileen Webster, Andrea Cardno, Mitch Shaw, Fiona Normand, Ian Bett, William Sutherland, Patricia Miller, Caroline Haddow, Anne Brews, Andy Duncan, Elsa & Mike Thompson, Margaret Cole, Margaret Folan, Lorna Irving, Anne and Alistair Hollingsworth, Chris Farmer, Bertie Farmer, Dorothy Hosie, Sylvia Wallace, Heather Martin, Mrs Cameron, The Abernethy Museum, Jamie Reid, Wilma White, Susan Pettigrew, Jimmy Swan, Dr Booth and Alison Booth, Rosie MacDonald, Sonia Simmers, Margaret and George, and Leslie Bisset.

A final thank you must go to Margaret Donaldson who is the main organiser of this event and chief armtwister when it comes to persuading the unwilling to have a go. We hope even more of you will consider entering Bloomin' Marvellous in 2018.



Caroline Boyle
Secretary
Abernethy in Bloom

NETHY IN BLOOM

Isn't Perth lookin' lovely with all it's short gress
Beautiful beds of tall flours richt up tae yir e____,
Squads o' Toon workers all in a fine raw,
Waitin for a weed tae gie it a hoe.

Wi lawn mowers a revin a' ready tae go
When a blade pops up they'll gie it a mow
It's a pity this service is'ni available tae a'
Thanks tae Nethy in Bloom they've got it real braw.

Mara Gold

(Street and flower bed name supplied)

KIRK NEWS



CHURCH NEWS; Kirk of St Bride, School Wynd

Locum minister; Rev Douglas Main continues to minister to us. To contact Douglas; Minister@ada-church.org.uk, or Telephone; 01738 860 867. The Church in Abernethy is united with the Church in Glenfarg. A committee continues to search for a Minister and are encouraged by interest in our parish.

Morning worship for 2017 will take place in **Abernethy at 11 am** and in Glenfarg at 9.30 am . **However, on the last Sunday of each month we meet at 11am**, together with the Glenfarg part of our congregation, while alternating locations; Abernethy on Sept 24th and Nov 26th, in Glenfarg on Oct 29th and Dec 31st. **There is no service in Abernethy when the united service is in Glenfarg.**

Anyone wishing transport to Glenfarg may contact Kathleen Baird on 01337 840 218. Drinks and refreshments are served after most services. You will be very welcome to join us at either church.

Children's Sunday club meets in school term time during the morning service at each location. Please bring yourself and the children along for a time of fun, games, crafts, Bible stories and songs. Outwith term time there are always toys and books in the adjacent hall cupboard for children to make use of.

Open Doors

The Church is open on Tuesday afternoon of 12th Sept, and fortnightly thereafter. Teas and coffees are served in the adjacent hall between 2.30 and 4pm. Come and join us.

Back to Church Sunday

Have you been meaning to get back to Church one of these Sundays?

Maybe you have never been to your local Church and would be interested to find out what it's like.

The congregations in Abernethy and Arngask invite you to take the opportunity to come on Sundays 24th September and 29th October. These Sundays are designated as 'Back to Church' Sundays and we would love to especially welcome you then. On both Sundays the services will be for all the family to come together, so bring the children too or just come on your own. Either way you are most welcome.

The timings are:

Sunday 24th September 11am in Abernethy.

Sunday 29th October 11am in Glenfarg.

Harvest Thanksgiving

This will be on Sun 1st October in both locations

Remembrance Service is on Sunday 12 Nov at 11am in Abernethy

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sun 19 Nov at 11 am in Abernethy and at 9.30 am in Glenfarg

Village 'Welcome' packs

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

Church/ adjacent Church hall bookings

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

The manse is being let on a short term assured tenancy basis.

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Celia King



MORE MUSICAL MEMORIES

In a previous issue of "The Crier" I explained how I had disposed of my large collection of theatre programmes to spare them the indignity of being consigned to the wheelie bin when I am no longer around. There were however one or two that I was reluctant to part with. Following the Hungarian uprising against Soviet domination in October 1956 the Queen's cousin The Hon. Gerald Lascelles formed a committee to set up a Hungarian Relief Fund. One of the main events was a one-off concert in the Royal Festival Hall on December 18th 1956 featuring the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Norman del Mar with a guest soloist on trumpet who had flown over from the U.S.A. for the event. None other than Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong himself. It was my one and only visit to the venue



described by one critic as being "like walking into a giant's bedroom with all the drawers pulled out", the drawers in question being the boxes.

The programme included works by Brahms, Stravinsky and Liszt but the main attraction was the great man himself splendidly attired in a midnight blue suit of tails and backed by a group of British musicians including Scotland's own George Chisholm on trombone and Jack Parnell on drums. Backed by the full orchestra they played concert versions of "St Louis Blues" by W C Handy and Louis' signature tune "Sleepy Time Down South" plus various jazz classics from the smaller group. The concert overran by 45 minutes with the audience demanding encores and Louis duly obliged with items such as "Mack the Knife". In addition to the programme I also have the issue of the "Melody Maker" containing the full report of the concert. An unforgettable evening at which I was privileged to be present. It was not the first time that I had seen Louis as earlier that year he had appeared at the Kelvin Hall circus arena in Glasgow when the supporting bill included the Clyde Valley Stompers and Annie Ross (sister of Jimmy Logan) a well known jazz singer. I saw him again at the Odeon in Glasgow in 1959 but undoubtedly the most special occasion was in May 1962. I had scrounged a lift to London for a week-end with the GA football team, who were playing their annual friendly match with their London counterparts, as I had obtained tickets for the FA Cup final through the kind offices of a friendly stockbroker. The GA match was played in the morning followed by lunch and I hitched a lift from the referee to catch a tube to Wembley where I cheered 'Spurs on to a 3-1 win over Burnley. On my return to the hotel late in the evening I was gutted when Davie Miller

3-1 win over Burnley. On my return to the hotel late in the evening I was gutted when Davie Miller told me he had spent the evening watching Louis and his All Stars at the Finsbury Park Empire. Imagine my surprise when we got home to Perth on the Monday when I found that I was one of five lucky winners of two tickets to see Louis perform at Ibrox Stadium in a competition run by the "Daily Express". Unknown to me it was my wife-to-be who booked the train tickets to Glasgow for myself and my pal to see the show. We had seats in the front row of the stand and at the interval I, along with the other four winners were conducted down the famous marble staircase to meet our idol. As we waited we could hear him blowing a few practice notes in the dressing room. He passed quickly along the line and there was barely an opportunity for a "high five" let alone a handshake but at least I could boast that I had been in the presence of greatness. We were all presented with an autographed photograph which is still one of my prized possessions.



In these days of political unrest and uncertainty, terrorism, war and famine it is hard to believe that it is "A Wonderful World" that we live in but I just have to listen to Satchmo's gravelly tones to almost believe it.

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FROM COUNCILLOR ILLINGWORTH

I was delighted and humbled to have been elected as one of your councillors for the Almond and Earn Ward of Perth and Kinross Council and to be part of the Conservative led Administration of Perth and Kinross Council. I would like to thank not just the voters who voted for Kathleen Baird and me, but everyone who took part in the democratic process, be they voters, activists or candidates for all the parties involved. Which ever way you voted, I will always seek to represent everyone in Almond and Earn.

It's a really steep learning curve for me to learn what's required to be an effective councillor and I still have a lot to learn about how the council works and what I can do to help make Perth and Kinross a better place to live. The total annual budget is £433m per year and over 5000 people work there, so it is a huge responsibility. It's great to have the help of Councillor Kathleen Baird's experience to do this job. I will strive to repay the trust that has been given to me and I will never forget how hard people work to pay their Council Tax.

My work has already started on the 4 committees I serve on: Housing and Community Safety; Scrutiny; Audit and Licensing Committee. The Housing and Community Safety Committee reviews and decides on housing policy for the council and listens to reports from the Fire and Police services. The Scrutiny and Audit committees are all about the nuts and bolts of how the Council operates and whether or not it is delivering best value. The Licensing Committee decides on whether or not to grant licenses for a number of different purposes, but it is actually nothing to do with Alcohol Licensing. I'm also a trustee on Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust. This has also involved some very interesting work on an archaeological dig on Castle Law Hill Fort, near Abernethy.

If there's any matter you think I can help you with then, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the contact details below. Some people have said to me "I don't want to bend your ear...", but my job is first and foremost to listen to your concerns and look for solutions. Councillors do not have magic wands and I don't want to make any promises I can't keep, but like the Scout Promise says "I Will Do My Best".

Thank you

Councillor David Illingworth.

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The Great War

October 15, 1917

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FROM COUNCILLOR BAIRD

The village is looking good; a big thank you to Abernethy In Bloom and all the volunteers who have helped with watering weeding and planting. I feel guilty driving past those who are working in Nurse Peattie's Garden, one day I will make time to help. I enjoyed visiting the gardens at the Garden Open day, all different. The village was busy with visitors coming from all parts of Scotland and some further afield, some were taking part in the Wee Big Dig and some were doing both. Lots of cups of teas served on the day. Well done to everyone involved.

On July 17th I had the honour of visiting Mrs C Newman on her 100th Birthday, presenting her with flowers from Perth & Kinross Council; church bells rang and a piper played in front of her house. She also received flowers from the Church and Abernethy Community Council. Celebrations continued with a family party at home.

P & K Council has new administration in place 17 Conservative Councillors in partnership with four Liberal, three Independent and one labour councillor.

I am a member of Lifelong Learning Committee, Tayside Contracts, Perth & Kinross Sports Council and recently appointed convenor of Licensing Board. Tayside Contracts is a Joint committee comprising councillors from Angus, Dundee and Perth & Kinross. Tayside contracts is responsible for a wide range of services including road maintenance, winter maintenance, school catering and facilities management. PKC have an additional £500K to spend on roads and will now repair potholes at the national standard of 40mm, which is good news.

Lack of parking in the village continues to be a problem, I am working with the council to try and resolve some of the issues, a reminder that the school car park is available out with school hours .

Public transport or lack of it is an issue; a new late night bus service on Friday & Saturday leaving Perth at 11.30am, Abernethy 11.58pm and then on to Kinross, started 28th July and will run to the end of March. I think this is the latest bus we have ever had. Hope this service will be beneficial to those who want a night out in Perth. This is a trial and I do hope the bus will be used. Community Action Partnership continues to meet and in the coming weeks we will be discussing how best to use funds available. More information in the next edition.

Please feel free to contact me either by email kathleenbaird @pkc.gov.uk or call 01738475086 mobile 07584206839

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In case you have not seen them - following are changes (improvements) to services.

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As you can see from the above we have the bare bones of a community contacts list. We know there are many more that should be on to this list. Could all the village organisations please get in touch with us through the Crier e-mail address, Office bearers, telephone numbers and e-mail address. Thank you for your help.

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MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY

The Wee Big Dig Weekend

At the very successful Wee Big Dig weekend (24/25 June) in Abernethy we celebrated Abernethy's important ancient story at various events throughout the weekend.

As well as having a community archaeological dig at the drop-in test pits in the village on both the Saturday and Sunday to uncover Abernethy's ancient past we had lots of other activities going on for everyone to enjoy.

On Saturday we had a group of Medieval Knights and army led by Gavin Adams with their armour and weapons thrilling the adults and children alike, History and Horror Tours, Gary Knight,

www.historyandhorrortours.com/index.html doing talks at the museum on crime and punishment with stocks on hand!! - Interesting, scary and enjoyed by all! We also had the wizards of Virtual Worlds from St Andrews demonstrating digitally what the village of Abernethy would have been like in the 11th century when the Cudlees' Monastery existed which was fascinating.

On the Sunday we had Susheila Jamieson, www.rachan.co.uk, running a Stone carving Workshop in the Museum which was extremely popular and enjoyed by all who took up the hammer and chisel and we also had guided tours of the Round Tower run by Adrian Cox from Historic Environment Scotland.

The Landscape Partnership, www.taylp.org, and the Museum, www.museumofabernethy.co.uk, was a huge success. We had 150 visitors over the weekend which is fantastic! Thank you to all who helped over the weekend and to all who came and enjoyed the events on offer.

The whole weekend coordinated by The Tayside Landscape Partnership, www.taylp.org, and the Museum, www.museumofabernethy.co.uk, was a huge success. We had 150 visitors over the weekend which is fantastic! Thank you to all who helped over the weekend and to all who came and enjoyed the events on offer.

Thank you Abernethy Horticultural Society

On the 24th June Abernethy took part in the Scotland's Gardens scheme where a number of Abernethy residents opened their gardens to the public. They also had a very successful day and they very kindly nominated the Museum to receive some of the money raised that weekend. A huge thank you to the Abernethy Horticultural Society for their generous donation to the Museum it is very much appreciated!!

We are open every Wednesday to Sunday from 2pm to 5pm until **01 October**.

If you wish to become a member of the Museum and/or become a volunteer, your support would be greatly appreciated. As well as the satisfaction being involved in a fantastic local resource, you will be invited to a number of events throughout the year. For more information please call the Museum on 850889 or look at the website www.museumofabernethy.co.uk or email me at secretary@museumofabernethy.co.uk.

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ABERNETHY W.I.

September 20th sees the start of Abernethy W I Session for 2017-2018. We are hoping to have very varied and interesting meetings this year starting with Ms Isobel Adams at our first meeting speaking on some of her working life experiences. On 5th October we have been invited to meet with the Forteviot WI and then our second meeting will be 18th October when we have the Glenfarg Candle Co coming along and on the 15th November Fire Safety Officer will be our speaker.

Membership to our Branch is £20.00 for the year and we look forward to welcoming old and NEW members to our meetings held in the Church Session House on the 3rd Wednesday of each month September 2017 to May 2018.

Should you have any queries with regard to our WI please do not hesitate to contact Secretary Barbara Baird on 01337 840307 or President Elizabeth Taylor on 01738 850477.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR

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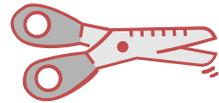
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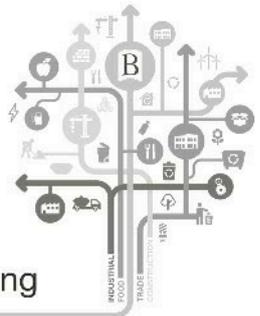
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