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The Lord Dean's Comments

The last few months have been dominated by two major business items. I am pleased to report that we have re-let the High Street shop to a firm of solicitors as a Property Shop. They have refurbished it to a very high standard and we hope to have a long, and harmonious relationship with them as our tenants. Hopefully this will herald a new era of revitalisation for Perth High Street.

At the same time we have renewed the option with a local building company for the housing project in the village of Guildtown in a series of legal transactions. If the pundits are right and the local housing market does pick up in the near future, we hope to see this development taking shape in the next few years.

We have just come through a very difficult period of refurbishment in the office, after the water damage associated with the fire last year. Lorna has been a real stalwart, coping stoically, with a constant stream of tradesmen, and even a period of exile, when she had to decant to her own home, as the work was tackled. I am pleased to say that under her ever watchful eye and not without attendant problems, the repair works have eventually been completed.



The Ex-Deans' Dinner

We are now firing on all cylinders in making the preparations for the visit of the Court of Deans to Perth on 25th April. We begin at the Concert Hall at 10:30am when the Parade of Deans, led by me, in my capacity as Lord President, and Colonel Peter Little, Commanding Officer of 7th Scots, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, will parade through the streets, behind Perth and District Pipe Band and flanked by a Guard of Honour provided by the Society of High Constables.

A day of festivities is planned including a Civic Lunch hosted by the Provost; visits to the Old Council Chambers, Fair Maid's House and Balhousie Castle; and ending in a dinner in St John's Kirk.

I will report to you all personally when I see you at the AGM on 19th May, after which the task is to arrange the Assembly on 21st June. I am hoping for a large turnout at both these events.

AGM will be held on Monday 19th May at 7.15pm
in the Royal George Hotel.

Triennial Assembly Tickets will be available from the office
from Monday 19th-22nd May. Office hours - 9.30 - 12.30pm and 2 - 4pm

Donations

James Carrie

Guildryman James, a budding hockey goalkeeper, who has progressed from the under 16 Scotland development squad to training with the under 18 Scotland squad writes:



Thank you very much for the support you have given me over the past year to further my hockey career. This year there were two chances to play in international matches, one against Holland and another in a three nations' tournament with Wales and Ireland. I was selected as first choice keeper for both events and was the only keeper selected to go to the three nations' tournament.

The funding you gave me has helped with my kit and travelling expenses. I have included

a team photograph, I am third from right on the back row. Again thank you for your support.

Michelle Pasifull



Guildryman's daughter Michelle recently spent three months volunteering in a Kenyan children's home participating in their various inspirational projects.

She writes: I would like to thank you for your help in supporting my recent trip to Kenya. During my time at the children's home I helped out with the daily duties of feeding the babies, preparing meals for over 200 people and helping the children with their school work. The children were always so happy and I feel I learned a lot from them which will be a great benefit in the future. I've included a photograph of the children at my birthday party.

Thank you again for the funding which helped make the trip special.

Guildryman Matthew Gaffney

He writes: I wish to record my thanks and appreciation for the financial support I have received from the Guildry during my course of studies at the University of Dundee over the last four years.

I successfully attained an Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering with Mechatronics gaining an Upper Second Class award. I am pleased to inform you that I have secured a Graduate position with Oceanering based at Rosyth.

The funding I received from the Guildry lessened the financial pressure that a number of students face these days and I am extremely thankful for your assistance.



Perth Chamber Music Society

John Leggate of the society wrote to thank us for our donation.

He writes: I am writing to inform you of the successful completion of the project which received grant assistance from the Guildry.

Earlier this year Perth Chamber Music was awarded £250 towards the purchase of two banner stands and these were 'unveiled' at St John's Kirk at the recital by Jennifer Pike. The concert attracted a record attendance for the Society. Comments on the banners have been without exception positive. Perth Chamber Music wishes to record its appreciation to the Guildry Incorporation of Perth.

Non-Member Bursaries

We continue to award non-member bursaries and here is a small selection of ‘thank you’ letters from the recipients.

Sam Hampton

Thank you so much for the bursary. I have recently managed to get a Saturday job with Brown’s Pharmacy and am now able to give up my other two jobs to concentrate on my studies and career as a pharmacist. Thank you all so much for your help.

Hannah Dunn

Just to say thank you so much for awarding me a Guildry bursary. This award means so much and will really help me in 3rd year to do a classroom placement to further my studies. Thanks again and please let all your members know this award is really appreciated.

Calum MacDonald

I would like to thank everyone at Perth Guildry for supporting me in my education – please pass on my gratitude to everyone concerned.

Eilidh Dear

Thank you very much for granting me a bursary. I really appreciate this as it helps me through the academic year and will allow me to buy materials for my course. I would like to thank the Guildry Incorporation for their kind generosity.

Lauren Soutar

I would just like to thank you all very much for the kind bursary. This will help me out with numerous fees and enable me to continue my training. Thanks again.

Casey Campbell

Casey, a local artist who worked backstage at the city’s Concert Hall recently won a place at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art to study for a postgraduate diploma in scenic art.



Spray gun painting by Casey Campbell

She writes – I would like to thank the Guildry Incorporation for the support given with the bursary awarded to me. I am very grateful for the financial assistance. I have completed a large scale painting using only spray guns (these are industry standard and are designed for use in car spraying) and masking techniques to reach a conclusion.

In the new term, I will have the opportunity to run the scenic department for RADA shows as Head of Department. Additionally, expanding upon the scenic art training given by RADA, I have embarked upon gaining knowledge and skills in carpentry, building basic flatage and metalwork and use of welding

equipment, and will begin a project using these skills in the new term.

Well done to everyone. It is good to receive such positive feedback.

Please Note

Application forms for non-member bursaries are available from the office from April.

Members’ bursary forms are available on request

Call 01738 623195



New Tenant for High Street Shop



Our new tenant, Aberdein Considine, helps to brighten up our High Street property

Black Watch Castle and Museum

In 2010 we pledged the sum of £5,000 towards the refurbishment of the Museum and it was finally paid out this year.

Trustee and Chairman of the Executive Committee Jamie Montgomery writes:

I am writing to thank you for the very generous donation of £5,000 to the Black Watch Heritage Appeal and the Trustees express their enormous gratitude for your financial support.

The donation has allowed us to install a lectern and audio-visual system in the Education Room which has hugely enhanced how we can use it. It also allowed us to sanction the first phase of curtains for the cafe, which has made a discernible difference to its acoustics as well as its appearance.



Triennial Assembly

Looking forward to seeing you all on 21st June for our triennial outing which this time takes us to Discovery Point, Dundee and then over the bridge to the East Neuk of Fife

