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The Lord Dean's Comments

Your Guildry is an important registered charity. Every Guildryman should be proud to be part of an organisation which makes such a large impact on the various spheres of need in which we operate and contribute. Please take a moment to read through the list of donations attached to this year's AGM papers.

The more we contribute to any of the organisations with which we will come into contact on life's journey, the more satisfaction can be derived from it. That has certainly been true of my relationship with the Guildry. I urge you to take an interest in it and if possible come to the AGM each year and go to the triennial assembly when it comes round. It is through attending these events that you can meet with the Committee and start to understand what we are about.

Probably the most time-consuming part of management is discussing and taking decisions on which appeals for financial assistance to support and which of the many we must reject. We worry, for example when we receive a request for a grant from a young person to assist with the costs of a fortnight's trip to a third world country to help construct a classroom. Wouldn't it be better to send a skilled tradesman? Or when a rugby team or a pipe band plan to tour in North America. Might this be little more than us helping finance a "holiday"? We hope we are sending them on a mission to represent our own country; to help in some way with relationships between cultures; and to broaden the experience of the delegates so that they can return with better understanding of the world and appreciation of their own country.

Contrast that with a recent committee meeting when, after sifting through the usual run of appeals, we came upon a request to help send two young disadvantaged athletes, Louise Brett and Matthew Doig who competed in the Cerebral Palsy Games and an international Race Running Competition in Denmark respectively. Both have battled against physical disadvantages and the committee members were well aware of the tremendous efforts they had made to do so well in the sphere of athletics. They train and are supported by inspired members of Strathtay Harriers. We jumped at the chance to give them our full support - a gesture which was greatly appreciated. This was truly rewarding.

The Guildry's charitable giving is all on a much smaller scale than that of the Gannochy Trust. Whilst they tend to support major infrastructure projects, we can and do target real need at a personal level amongst young and old. We've assisted in the promotion of sport and the arts and the alleviation of suffering in all walks of life. We help people to achieve laudable aims or just to cope with difficult situations they encounter fighting against the odds in the grind of their daily life. We feel we make a really direct impact in the home where the effect is personal.

That is not to say that we do not embrace larger projects within the confines of our budget. We never shrink in supporting the worthwhile Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. We give a large donation to facilitate the purchase of a new vehicle for Perth Access Cars, with whom we have close links, on about a three yearly cycle. We have pledged a large donation to provide a public toilet with disabled facilities in Tay Street, as part of the St Matthews Church refurbishment and pride of place we contributed £20,000 to the 10th Perthshire, Perth Academy Scout Group to extend their Scout "Hut". It is really heartening to see such a strongly supported "youth management organisation" in the City in these times when we feel our young people need support more than ever before.

And so as I come to the end of my three years of service I look back with some satisfaction at what the Guildry has done to tackle need in Perth and Guildtown and to support such worth while initiatives. I look forward to your Guildry carrying on that important work in the future. Please consider being more involved.

Come to the AGM on 18th May.

Please volunteer to help in the future.

Past Dean is a Cup-Holder



Past Lord Dean of Guild Gordon Bannerman enjoyed a birdie's eye view when he bumped into winning European Ryder Cup captain Paul McGinley the morning after the celebrations which had rolled out the night before!

Gordon said "Earlier, Paul had handled yet another Press conference in the vast media hangar which had accommodated the hundreds of journalists from all over the world who had arrived in Perthshire to cover one of the biggest sporting events on the planet.



Photos courtesy of Perthshire Picture Agency

Most of them had headed for home but I had been filing my copy for the next day's *Perthshire Advertiser* when Paul returned with the trophy to thank European Tour staff for their support.

"It just seemed too good an opportunity to pass up and Paul was happy to pose with the trophy.

"Earlier in the year, I got my hands on the Scottish Cup after St Johnstone's famous victory over Dundee United – so 2014 has been a year to remember.

"Now I just have to wait for Scotland to win the World Cup to complete the set!"

Guild Courts - none for two years and then like buses two come along in the same year usually buses don't take that long!



The first Court was convened in July especially for visitors from South Africa. As the current Lord Dean was out of the country ex-Dean Menzies stepped in to perform the ceremony to admit Marthinus Human and his son Joshua. Ex-Deans Carrie, Thomson and Montgomery were in attendance

The second court was held in October for the admission of 10 new entrants. Here they are pictured with Lord Dean of Guild Anderson.

From the left: Front row: - Benjamin Rattray, Patrick Young, Rory Lamond and Joseph Wallace.

Middle row - David Murdoch, Andrew Lamond, Gary Young, Struan Crawford, Ben Strang and Christopher McGaugie.

Back row: - Ex-Deans Menzies, Montgomery, Darling and Carrie with secretary Lorna Peacock.

Donations

PLUS Mental Health Charity – It means a great deal to us to be able to carry out training which helps people get the best care in an emotional crisis – this is a growing problem in our society. You can be assured your funding will make a difference to lives.

Eco Group Kinnoull School Thank you for your donation we really appreciate it. We will use it well and make a beautiful garden out of it. When the garden is finished we will invite you over to see it.

Murphy Robertson – A young saxophonist writes I would just like to say how overwhelmed I am with the generosity of the Guildry for the award of £300 towards my audition expenses. This means a lot to me and my family who have also tried to provide as much financial support as they can under the financial circumstances. It is really inspiring to know that there are organisations like the Guildry who are willing to give financial help to people like myself in order to fulfil a dream.

Guildtown Playgroup's 30th Anniversary

We were happy to make a donation towards celebration bags and a plaque to mark the occasion.



A super day was had by all on 7th September, with an apple tree and bulbs planted beside the plaque in Guildtown

Award-winning Murray Bakers get Seal of Approval from the Guildry

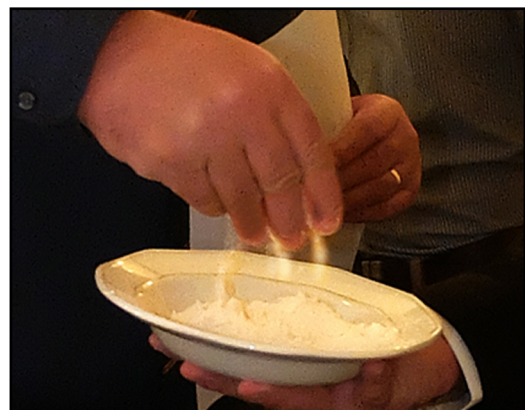


Euan Begg gives the sign of approval



Meal Searchers-Standing - Euan Begg, Simon Thomson, Mike Gaffney, Niall Menzies as the Dean and Secretary look on. Seated Alan Rorrison

When deciding on which baker should provide the flour for our recent Meal Search there was only one choice, Murray Bakers, who recently received the accolade of 2015 World Scotch Pie Champions, which came as no surprise to local devotees! Owner Linda Hill, a Trades Burgess, was only too happy to let our Meal Searchers carry out an inspection of various samples of flour used in the bakery and they had no hesitation in confirming that they were of a high standard and free of impurities. So we can confirm officially that only the best ingredients are used in Murray's pies and the many other products on sale in the shop. I am sure there



are a lot of Guildrymen who would be happy to sample the pies rather than search the flour but you never know 'Pie Tasting' may be introduced as a triennial Guildry event! Food for thought!

Thanks from students:

Lena McEwan- wrote to thank us for our support as she, her son and daughter had all benefitted from non-member bursaries. She says” I have benefitted from the bursary on more than one occasion and at times it has been a lifeline. I look forward to finishing this, my final year of study. Once again thank you, the generosity has made a difference to us all”

Craig Ralston- I am writing to thank the Guildry Incorporation of Perth for your support over the last few years.

I graduated this year in June with a Master’s degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. I managed to do so with distinction, a feat I am sure would not have been possible without the peace of mind your help gave me.

Thanks to my degree I was offered a post with BW Offshore as a junior naval architect. It comes with a lot of travel and my base is here in Oslo, a dream come true! As I stated in previous applications, I hope that my steps in life can inspire the youth of Perth to follow their dream. I am living my dream and it wouldn’t have been possible without help and inspiration from you.

Thank you for everything!

Alan Thom- I am writing to thank the Guildry very much for granting me a bursary to assist me with my studies. I was very grateful to receive this generous bursary and it will be of great benefit in alleviating some of the financial pressures I will face this year, allowing me to focus on my university work in what will be a very busy final year.

Eilidh Dear- Thank you once again for gifting me your generous bursary. I am very appreciative of the support and opportunities it has offered me in previous years and I am most grateful for the help your bursary will give me again this year.

Cassie Masterton- Just a note to thank you very much for awarding me a bursary. This will assist me greatly in my studies at Dundee University. Much appreciated.

Karen Neil-Thank you so much for the bursary award, I appreciate this greatly. Needless to say this will remove some of the financial pressure on the final year of my social work degree.

Ewan Patterson- Thank you very much for awarding me this bursary. This will help me greatly with managing my finances during the 1st year at university. I will be in touch later in the year to let you know how I am getting on.

Gemma McDougall- Thank you very much for granting me a bursary. I am very grateful as it means I can now concentrate fully on my studies without having to worry about money. It will allow me to buy more materials for my course so I can make the most of it. Thanks again.

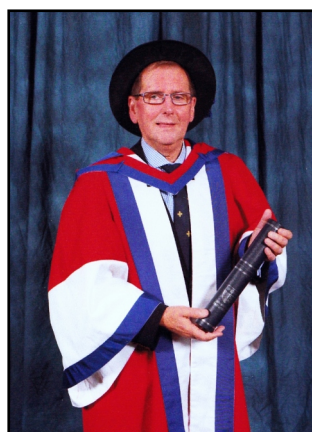
Iona Crosby- I wanted to thank you so much for awarding me a bursary of £900. It was a huge surprise when I read the letter and is so exciting to have been so lucky. It takes a lot of financial worry from me this year and I am very, very grateful.

Ross Gardiner- I am writing to say thank you to the Guildry Incorporation for the bursary awarded to me. I am very grateful for this and can assure you it will be put to good use.



Fiona McKendrick

Thank you very much for the Guildry’s generous gift towards my education. I have included the photograph from matriculation, when I was formally inducted into Oxford University. Thank you again for the Guildry’s support.



Jack Sapsworth MBE

Yet another honour for Guildreyman Jack Sapsworth, he has been made an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration by the University of Bedfordshire for his outstanding contribution to fund raising and community work. Well done Jack.