

The Perth Guildryman

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The Lord Dean's Comments

It is with mixed feelings I put pen to paper for the last time as Lord Dean. The three years have passed by in a bit of a blur! I can't believe it is time to hand over to Neil. My personal highlights include meeting HRH Prince Charles, HRH The Princess Royal and I also enjoyed meeting the 13 new admissions and their families at our Guild Courts. It was nice to be invited to the re-opening of the Perth Theatre and to see the contribution that the Guildry had made.

I thoroughly enjoyed our Triennial events. The ale tasting and the meal search were very successful and we were pleased to give our seal of approval to the produce from Inveralmond Brewery and Tower Bakery. A bumper crowd of 80 Guildrymen enjoyed their Assembly in the Trossachs and many new friends were made that day.

On the governance side, we were kept busy with supervising the properties and making sure we were up to date with the ever increasing responsibilities of landlord legislation. Negotiations for the sale of the development land at Guildtown are still underway. Our portfolio of investments still continues to be in good shape and provides a healthy income as you will see from the enclosed accounts.

The IT systems in the office have been upgraded and my thanks go to Pieter van Aswegen for his help.

Please take the time to complete and return the enclosed Member Consent form. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, this is a matter of the highest importance because under this new legislation, we will no longer be able to contact you on any matter should you fail to respond.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Committee on whom I have relied far more than any other recent Dean. I'm grateful for the generous advice and support given by the Ex Deans – a hugely experienced but untapped resource! A special mention for the evergreen Tom Rorrison who continues to chronicle the Guildry events and whose endless patience shown to his apprentice is much appreciated in the production of this newsletter. Of course I can't sign off without thanking Carla. Her hard work and commitment to the Guildry as well as her personal support,

has made my term as Lord Dean a great pleasure. It has been a privilege and a time I will never forget and I thank everyone for giving me this opportunity. My best wishes to you all.

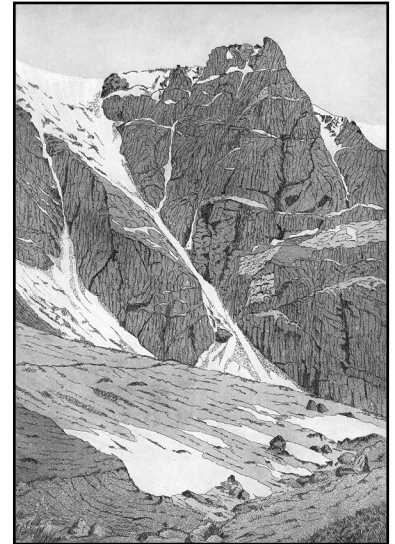
The Dean has signed his Form of Consent



... please make sure you sign YOURS



Guildryman Bruce Shaw, Visual Artist was awarded the 'Perthshire Arts Association Award' (enhanced by the Jimmie Cairncross Charitable Trust) 2017 at last years Royal Scottish Academy Open exhibition in Edinburgh. Bruce regularly exhibits at venues and exhibitions across Scotland and recently exhibited a piece in this years 'Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolour' Open Winter exhibition in the RSA buildings Edinburgh. He will have two or three pieces in this years 'arTay' tent event as part of Perth Festival of the Arts 17th-20th May



Pictured is an etching that was one of the pieces that helped win last years award titled 'Raeburns Gully, Pinnacle Buttress, Coire Ardair'.

His practice includes a diverse body of work from portraiture and urban realism to elements of the landscape and can be viewed at -

<http://www.bruceshawartist.co.uk><<http://www.bruceshawartist.co.uk/>>

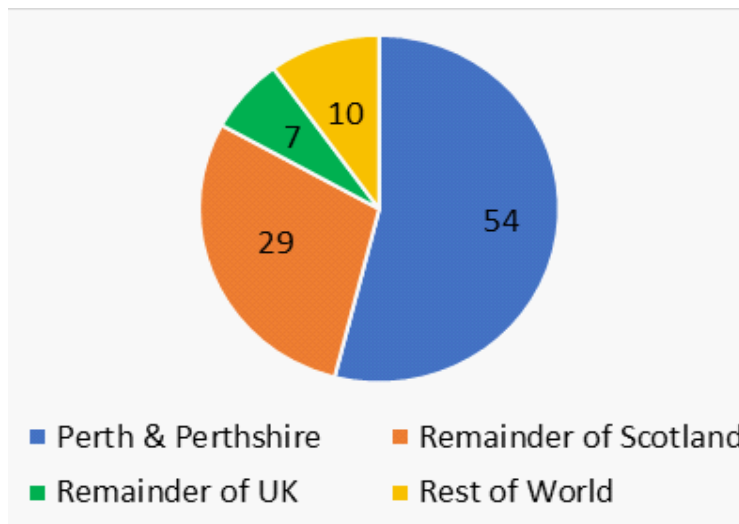
Non Member Bursary Thanks

"I am so pleased and feel very lucky to have been given this award by the Guildry. This bursary is going to be a huge help throughout the year and enable me to get the equipment and tools I need for my course....Thank you very much."

"I cannot tell you how delighted and privileged I feel at receiving this assistance from the Guildry Incorporation of Perth.... I will now be able to get the things I need for my course and this has given me a real boost of confidence for the year ahead."

"I really appreciate the financial relief."

"Thank you very much for awarding me with this bursary. I am enjoying my time at university and studying mathematics is a dream come true."



Random Fact

We currently have 376 members. This chart shows the geographic spread of Guildrymen expressed as a percentage

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st May 2018 - AGM Royal George Hotel 7:15pm. Open to All Guildrymen. Buffet will be served. Final AGM of Lord Dean of Guild Louis T Flood's tenure. Please come along.

Wednesday 6th June 2018 - Annual Inspection at Guildtown. Open to Committee, Ex Deans, Ale Tasters and Meal Searchers.

Friday 12th October 2018 - Autumn Court of Deans in Edinburgh. Open to Lord Dean of Guild, Ex Deans and Vice Dean.

We would hope to hold a Guild Court in the Autumn for any new members. If you know of anyone who is eligible then please contact the office.

Meal Searchers Carry Out Their Statutory Duties



Lindsay McLaren, Rory Flood and Bryan Wallace commence duties



Rory searches in vain



Signing off the Certificate of purity



Sandy McKinnon of Tower Bakery was good enough to supply the various samples of flour for the Meal Search team to examine and after sifting and closely examining the meal could find no trace of weevils or other foreign bodies and were happy to give the samples provided with a clean bill of health.

It was interesting to see that the flour mills are now producing 'Ancient Flour' Which is ground from wild oats and other wild growing cereals and grasses. This is proving popular with bakeries as it gives different tastes depending on where the cereals were harvested.



THE Guildry was sorry to hear of the passing of long-time tenant farmer Bill Smith. He was 79.

Before passing on the tenancy of Hallroom to his son David, a succession of Lord Deans and their committees enjoyed an excellent relationship with Bill and his wife Frances. They always made visitors welcome to their home on the occasion of the Annual Inspection and Bill was a regular and entertaining guest at the dinners which accompany these events.

Guildrymen would enjoy chats with Bill on topics ranging from farming to sport, with the home adorned by the family's curling trophies, in particular.

While sons David and Pete – and grandchildren Kyle, Cammy and Mili – have all enjoyed great success on the international stage, Bill was no mean curler himself.

He was a Rotary World Championship winner and with Bill Muirhead, Lenny Dudman and Roy Sinclair enjoyed success in the prestigious RCCC rink competition.



Ex-Deans Dinner

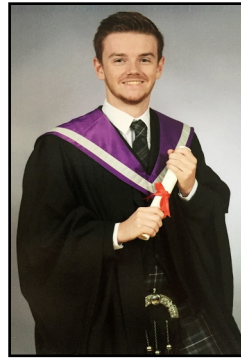
Dean of Guild Louis Flood hosted his final Ex-Deans dinner in the Royal George Hotel when he outlined to the Ex-Deans' the work he and his committee had carried out over the current period.

He also thanked the committee for the help and assistance he had received from them during his term of office, and also thanked the Ex Deans' for the advice and help they had freely given him when required.

Photo shows from left: Ex-Dean Bill Montgomery, Dean of Guild Louis Flood, Secretary Carla Murray, Ex-Dean Alastair Anderson, Ex-Dean Michael Norval, Geoffrey Ford, Ex-Dean Duncan Menzies, Mike Gaffney, Alistair Barn, Ex-Dean Graham Harding, David Murdoch, Ex-Dean Roger Ward



A warm welcome to **Roy Womack** who became a Guildryman in February. Roy, who travelled from West Yorkshire, was supported at the ceremony by his family who enjoyed a long weekend in the city. Photograph shows Lord Dean of Guild Louis T Flood presenting the Merchant Burgess Certificate to Mr Womack.



Mark Shaw recently completed a BA Honours degree in Social Sciences and “would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the Guildry for their generous financial support throughout my studies. Thanks very much once again, Mark Shaw.”

Donations

Menopause Café

“Thank you for the Guildry Incorporation of Perth's very kind donation.....It is very much appreciated and will allow us to get the conversation started.”

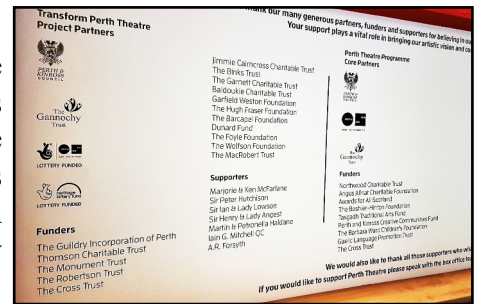
Perth Drama Club

“On behalf of Perth Drama Club I wish to thank you very much for your recent donation and continued support.”

Perth Theatre was officially re-opened on Saturday 9th December. The development team have expressed their delight “seeing the theatre come alive again with young people and families from across Perthshire and beyond has become extremely rewarding for everyone at Horsecross Arts, and indeed everyone involved in Perth Theatre's extraordinary transformation. We owe The Guildry Incorporation of Perth enormous gratitude, we would not be where we are today without your generous support.”

PKAVS would like to pass on their “sincere gratitude on behalf of all the young carers we support, to The Guildry Incorporation of Perth, for this donation. It never ceases to amaze me how organisations such as The Guildry Incorporation of Perth continue to lead the way and support the most vulnerable children and young people in our society today.”

Perth Festival of the Arts are “absolutely delighted and are most grateful” for their donation. “Please pass on our grateful thanks to everyone.”



Important... For Action

In order to comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) effective May 2018, we are having to obtain your Consent to inform you of how your data will be processed. Further detail can be obtained on GDPR by entering the following link <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/> or by Telephoning the Information Commissioner's office on 0303 123 1113

Accompanying the Annual Accounts and this newsletter is a “**Member Application**” form which should be completed and returned in the stamped addressed envelope provided. For children who are under 13 years of age, can the form please be completed by a Parent or Guardian. We are also taking the opportunity to fully update your contact details, hence the content of the form. A Privacy and Retention policy is available should any of you wish to see it.

Please note if we don't hear from you then unfortunately we are no longer legally allowed to contact you. This would mean no Guildryman newsletter, no notice of AGM nor notice of Triennial Assembly!

If you have any queries, concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Carla Murray.

Thank you.