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The Lord Dean's Comments

It has been another busy year for the Guildry. We have been extensively involved in renovations to the Estate at Loanhead. Our long term tenants Bidwells are moving on to new premises, so we are looking for new tenants.



I had the pleasure in attending the Remembrance Day Parade which coincided with the 100th Anniversary of the ending of the 1st world war. I also inducted 2 new members accompanied by their family.

Interesting to see I appeared in the first copy of the Guildryman 25 years ago. I would like to pay tribute to our long standing photographer Tom Rorrison for all the hard work he has put in on our behalf for all these years. It is a remarkable archive of our events over the past 25 years.

I would like to thank the Committee of Management for their support over the past year and of course our Secretary Carla for her support.

Due to the ever increasing work on our Estate, I have reinstated the Property Committee, consisting of Ex Dean Louis Flood, Ex Dean Duncan Menzies, Vice Dean Michael Gaffney and David Murdoch.

Sadly we have lost one of our tenants Mr Charles Graham Fenton at Loanhead who died in October. Not only a tenant but a good friend of the Guildry who will be sadly missed.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM on the 20th May in the Royal George, this will commence at 7:15pm. We have commissioned lapel badges for Guildry members. These will be available at the AGM.



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a young looking Dean is seated 2nd left*

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Perth Doors Open Day



Despite doubts from those of us who attended as guides for the Doors Open Day almost 100 people turned up for the chance to see what the Guildry was all about, many had no idea of our history and influence on the city of Perth over the last 8 centuries, but most showed a great interest in what we had on display and on the work we do in modern times. It was a great experience for us all and the many questions that we were asked also give us a better insight into the Guildry and it's history. If asked again to throw open our doors to the public I'm sure we will be only to pleased to do so.

The banner illustrated on the left was an attractive and informative piece that was made up for the day and will be an interesting item to put on display on special days. Carla also made a power point presentation which gives a good insight into the history and work of the Guildry.



Visitors showed a keen interest in our main display

November Guild Court



Lord Dean of Guild Neil Dewar conducted his first Guild Court when he inducted two new members into the Guildry. Photo from left: Ex Dean & Merchant Councillor Michael Thomson, Niall Strang, father, Calum Strang, Lord Dean of Guild Neil Dewar, Andrew MacGregor and Rhoderick MacGregor, father.



Calum holds the symbolic Mortar and Lime whilst taking the oath and Andrew receives his scroll from the Dean.

Ale Tasters Carry Out Their Arduous Task



Photos: Pieter van Aswegen

flowed, so all in all a pleasant evening.

The photograph shows Guildrymen Alan Sweeney, Bruce Lamond, Niall Menzies (Ale Taster), Tony Poutney (Ale Taster), Brewer Donnie Meldrum, Lord Dean Neil Dewar, Rory Flood (Ale Taster), Liam Barn (Ale Taster).

The Guildry Ale Tasting took place at the Post Box in Perth by Abernyste Brewery in March. The Brewer, Donnie Meldrum explained that the Abernyste Brewery has been operating since 2016. Batches are small in comparison to other breweries and their ales are sold at various local outlets.

The Guildry Committee and Ale Tasters sampled several brews and declared the ales, satisfactory. After a flavoursome meal and more ale, the conversations



Brewer Donnie Meldrum



© Michael Norval

Ex Dean's Dinner

The Ex Dean's Dinner was held at the Parklands hotel in March. A summary of activities during the financial year was provided by the Dean. The picture shows from back left to right, Alan Sweeney, Ex Dean Graham Harding, Ex Dean Roger Ward, Pieter van Aswegen, Garland Smith, Geoff Ford, Ex Dean Bill Montgomery, Ex Dean Michael Norval, Vice Dean Michael Gaffney, Secretary Carla Murray, Lord Dean Neil Dewar, Ex Dean Louis Flood.

In the Beginning

Shortly after Stan Carrie was appointed Dean by Ex Dean Bill Montgomery 25 years ago, it was decided it would be beneficial if the Guildry had a newsletter and quoting from the first newsletter published. "In order to provide an update of current Guildry affairs it is proposed to issue a newsletter, in the hope that more Guildrymen will become involved in our activities and perhaps persuade their sons and sons-in-law to continue the family tradition by joining the Guildry." Something I believe we have successfully achieved.



Special 25 Years Edition

Unfortunately whilst on holiday in Madeira I was taken ill with what turned out to be kidney stones and had to be admitted to hospital for an operation and subsequently developed sepsis which required me staying in hospital for 15 days. Since returning home I have been informed that I still have one small kidney stone which will require another operation, this time in Stracathro Hospital but normally it only requires day surgery so by the time you read this I should be fit and well and able to produce the 25 year special in time for the Autumn Issue. Tom Rorrison

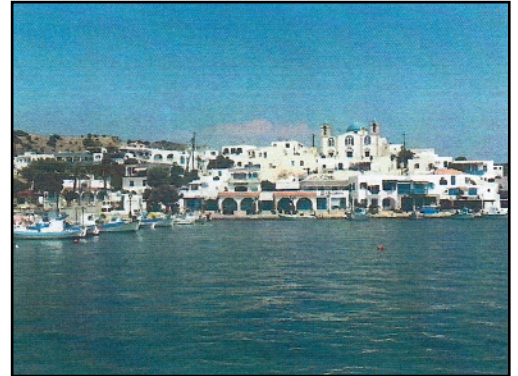
Montgomery Bursary

Eilidh Vandome spent 3 months on the islands of Samos and Lipsi in Greece undertaking marine conservation research internship with the NGO Archipelagos. In Lipsi, Eilidh undertook research into invasive algae



which involved snorkel surveys and this opened her eyes to a beautiful new underwater world. She replanted seagrass meadows and collected environmental DNA from endangered plants. The

project
team were
from
various
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and she has made several new international friends. In Samos, Eilidh worked with the marine mammal research team surveying the mammal populations, environmental conditions and marine litter in the East Aegean Sea. During these boat surveys she spotted an endangered Mediterranean monk seal, two species of dolphin and tuna leaping out of the water. During her experience "I learned a lot about conservation and the marine environment....it has reinforced my passion for conversation, which I will continue to do in the future. I would like to thank the Guildry Incorporation Perth for enabling me to undertake this brilliant opportunity."

Non Members Bursary Thanks

"I wish to express my gratitude for the offer of a bursary for this academic year, it is much appreciated and will assist me greatly."

"The money will be of immense help for purchasing additional materials required for my course, including several books."

"As you can imagine I am over the moon to have been awarded this generous bursary and I can assure The Guildry that it will be put to good use. I have now arrived in London and started my Degree. I think my estimate for travel expenses alone have been a little underestimated so this is one area where the funds will certainly be used."

Charitable Donation Thanks

Cycling Without Age Scotland sent a huge thank you for the purchase of their trishaw. "Your donation will make lots of elderly people in Perth very happy." Look out for this bike with driver on the North Inch, Perth, it has the distinctive crest of the Guildry.

Perth & District YMCA would like to "express our sincere thanks to the members of the committee of the Guildry Incorporation of Perth... to assist with our up and coming trip to Tanzania."

Ronan Welch thanked the Guildry for their assistance towards his costs to compete in the Cork Regatta as part of the Scottish team.

Perth Accordion and Fiddle Festival wrote to "thank you for the generous support that The Guildry Incorporation of Perth has given."

Annual Accounts you should now be in receipt of your accounts either by hardcopy or email. If you hear of anyone not having received the accounts please remind them to contact the office to complete the GDPR form.

Dates for your Diary

AGM 20th May 2019 at 7.15pm - Royal George Hotel

Annual Inspection 5th June 2018 for Committee/Ex Deans/Ale Tasters/Meal Searchers.

Advance Warning! Triennial Assembly 20th June 2020.

This will involve a trip to Kelso including lunch at Peebles and an optional trip to Floors Castle.