

# The Perth Guildryman

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## The Lord Dean's Comments

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*The Dean in relaxed mode at Loanhead*

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are pleased with our special 25 year edition of the Guildryman. A special mention to our photographer, Guildryman Tom Rorrison, for his sterling service to the Guildry over 25 years. This edition will give you an insight into the amount of work Tom has done for us. It is fascinating to look back over the many events of the Guildry and see a few youthful Ex Deans.

I attended the Stirling Guildry 900th Anniversary celebration with Princess Anne in attendance at Stirling Castle. It is a remarkable anniversary and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

I have attended various functions including MacBeth at Perth Concert Hall, Jools Holland as part of Perth Festival of the Arts and the retiral of the Lord Lieutenant Sir Mel Jamieson who was granted the Freedom of Perth. In June I had the Kirkin of the Council which now, instead of an annual event is a quinquennial occurrence.

We had a hugely successful day at the Doors Open Day in September. Our visitors

were delighted with the artefacts on display and enjoyed chatting with the Guildrymen who volunteered on both days. Thanks to them. These events could not take place without the assistance from volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, then please let the office know.

We continue to upgrade our estate and have hopefully secured a tenancy from Aberdeen Considine on the 1st floor of the High Street. 5 Atholl Place remains on the lease market.



*Vice Dean Mike Gaffney answers a query on Doors Open Day*

Thanks to the Committee of Management and Carla for their support over the year.

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## Annual Inspection

It was a dreich start to the day as the Guildrymen stepped on to the bus for the Annual Inspection to Guildtown. The inspection occurs the first Wednesday in June.



*The school sunflowers* Thankfully the props for the school play, contained wonderfully crafted sunflowers, that, together with talented school children certainly did brighten up some damp spirits. As the Dean commented, the pupils' performance would not look out of place on the TV show "Britain's Got Talent". Headmistress Kim Robertson advised that there is to be a nursery starting in the school with 2 new attendees. Due to the wet weather, the scramble took place indoors, where a few pupils entertained the Guildrymen as to how they were going to achieve their first million.



*The indoor scramble*

The Smith family were in attendance at Hallroom, including Granny Smith. Home made wraps and sausage rolls were consumed with liquid refreshments. At Craigmakerran House, Guy Fenton continued to provide excellent hospitality.



*The Inspection party at Loanhead*

The refurbishments at Loanhead farmhouse were evident and thankfully the Fenton family have moved back in and are enjoying their upgraded home.

Onwards to Meikleour Arms this year for a change. The chat and hilarity grew louder and seemed to echo in the new extension at the Meikleour. The Dean's dram took place in the front gardens, with the trees providing shelter from light rain.



*Farmer David Smith gives the vote of thanks at Meikleour*

It was great to hear a new ale taster on his first visit to the Estate, appreciating seeing the properties and meeting the tenants rather than just reading about them in the newsletter.

Thank you to Tom Rorrison for the photographs.

Grateful thanks to all of those who were able to attend.

## Cycling without Age

A new trishaw bike was donated by the Guildry to benefit those who are less able to enjoy the sights in and around Perth.



*Before setting off to carry out the Annual Inspection the inspection party had the pleasant task of handing the trishaw bicycle over to the Cycling Without Age group who can often be seen piloting older and infirm passengers around the North Inch and other suitable beauty spots around Perth. Pictured are the main group with the Dean officially handing the trishaw to Norman Ridley and the Dean taking over the pilots seat and I'm sure if the weather had been kinder he would have gone for a spin round the South Inch.*

## Curling Success in Canada



*Gordon Sneddon and David Smith in Norway*

Guildryman and long serving committee member, Gordon Sneddon and farmer Dave Smith, who were curling team mates 35 years ago reunited again this year to represent Scotland in the World Seniors Curling Championship in Stavanger, Norway. Along with Dave's brother Peter, and brothers Mike and Sandy Hay the five man squad won all 6 round robin games and moved on to beat Norway in the quarter finals and Switzerland in the semi final. This set up a contest with Canada it was a highly anticipated match and in front of a packed arena both teams put on a thriller. It went right to the wire with Canada grabbing victory 7 - 5 in an extra end.

## The Court of Deans of Guild of Scotland

The Guildry Incorporation of Perth attended the AGM of the Court of Deans at Stirling this year. The Merchant Guildry of Stirling were celebrating their 900 year existence. The photograph shows representatives from each of the 11 Guildries. Lord Dean of Guild Neil Dewar is shown front right.

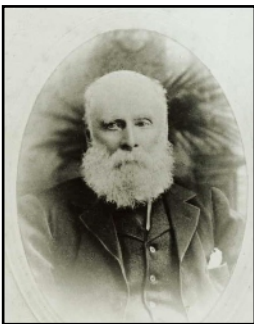
The Court of Deans of Guild of Scotland incorporates the Guildry organisations of Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ayr, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Brechin, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Lanark, Perth and Stirling.

The Court of Deans is a collective body which aims to foster relationships across Scotland to share ideas to promote good community.

The Court meets twice per year, in the Autumn and their AGM in the Spring.



**Robert Stirling** was the man who organised the building of the extension on to Craigmakerran. His Australian descendents were in the office and passed his photo on.



"After a time Mr Robert Stirling, Draper, Perth, entered into an arrangement with the Guildry under which he was to build an addition to the large room, and to form the whole into a dwelling house. At the end of his lease he was to receive back two thirds of his outlay. This arrangement was carried out, and Craigmakerran House as it now stands (except a few small additions) came into existence." Extract from Guildry History Book.

## The Guildry Cleaner Celebrates 25 Years



**Jackie Netherington** is the unseen face who keeps the Guildry office and stairway clean and recently celebrated 25 years with the Guildry. Amongst her memories within the Guildry is turning up one evening to clean the office with her new baby of just a few hours in her arms. Lorna Peacock, the secretary at the time politely advised Jackie that she should go home and enjoy her new baby and that the office cleaning could wait! The photographs shows Jackie being thanked by the Dean and presented with her cheque.

## Members Thanks



James Carrie writes to thank you for your support over my undergraduate years. "Your financial support has enabled me to fully embrace university life with considerably less stress than would otherwise have been the case. I am delighted to inform you that I have graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a 2:1 honours degree in Product Design Engineering.

Following on from this success I have been accepted onto the Masters Course on Product Design Making starting this coming month. The course focuses on the practical design and fabrication side of product design rather than the mathematical side my previous course covered."

## Non member Bursary Thanks

"I was fortunate to receive a bursary from the Guildry Corporation of Perth last year which was a great financial support to me and I would like to thank the Dean of Guild for granting me the bursary, which allowed me to reduce my working hours in Tesco to during holiday periods only. I found my first year at university challenging but enjoyable and I am proud to say I have been awarded a Pass with Merit."

## Guild Court

With the Triennial event coming up next year (20<sup>th</sup> June 2020), the Dean is hoping to hold a Guild Court for new members at the end of November 2019. If you are aware of anyone who is eligible, please put them in contact with the office for the necessary paperwork to be completed.

## Triennial Assembly

This will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The route being - Perth -> Peebles for lunch -> Floors Castle or Kelso Town Centre -> Kelso Town Centre for Evening Meal -> Perth. Departing 9.30 and returning 21.30 approx. If you are interested in attending please let Carla Murray know at the office for reservation purposes please.

**GDPR form** There are still a number of Guildrymen who have not completed the blue GDPR form and will therefore no longer be receiving any correspondence from the Guildry. Please encourage your fellow Guildry members to contact the office for completion of the form in order to pick up on communications such as the Triennial Assembly.

**Guildry Lapel Badges** are included with this newsletter for those of you who have not already received one.

**Doing our bit for the Planet** - If you would like to receive the Guildryman newsletter in electronic format then please let Carla at the office know.

## The Guildry Incorporation of Perth Annual General Meeting

Never been at the AGM? It may be worth your while attending!



You could end up as one of our next ale tasters or meal searchers or a committee member. As an ale taster you attend a local establishment sampling beer and having a bite to eat. As an ale taster or meal searcher you are also invited to the Annual Inspection, which involves a visit out to Guildtown School and then on to the farms to mingle with the farmers and view the properties. See what Craigmakerran Estate actually looks like. Socialise with your fellow

Guildryman and chat with the committee. Don't be shy! Committee members attend meetings, normally on the last Tuesday of each month and have a crucial say in the actions and direction of the Guildry. The Royal George Hotel is up for sale and this is where the AGM normally takes place. Please look out for the 2020 location of the AGM in the 2020 Spring newsletter or in the Notice.



We have a new website [www.perthguildry.org.uk](http://www.perthguildry.org.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

AGM Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15

Annual Inspection for Committee, Ex Deans, Ale Tasters & Meal Searchers - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Triennial Assembly - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020