

# The Perth Guildryman

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## The Lord Dean's Comments

It has been a wonderful summer, coinciding with the start of my term as Lord Dean. And the start of a busy term which has included my first official duty at the Annual Inspection of our estates at Guildtown and a visit to Guildtown primary school. We were royally entertained by the children at the school and they enjoyed the traditional scramble. Once again, our tenants made us welcome and it was great to catch up and hear the news about their hard work over the year. We were blessed with magnificent weather and ended an enjoyable day with the Dean's Dram at the millennium bridge.

I had the pleasure of being invited to prizegivings at the University of the Highlands and Islands and Perth Grammar School. I attended a performance of Perth Youth Autism Theatre which we support, it proved an entertaining and inspirational experience. I made a surprise appearance on STV news who were interested in the Lockit book. Subsequently I gave a talk at Perth Museum during the Hammer and Hand exhibition which was well attended.

Due to the increasing amount of work entailed in maintaining our estates, I have reconstituted the property committee, consisting of Ex Deans, Flood, Menzies, Vice Dean Gaffney and Guildryman David Murdoch and myself. I am grateful for their expertise. Thank you to Tom Rorrison as ever, for his creation of the newsletter and his photographic skills. I have been grateful for the support of Ex Dean Flood, Vice Dean Gaffney and the committee members and also our secretary Carla and her excellent organisational skills.



*The inspection party at Craigmakerran House*



... and for the observant readers who may have noticed that this is issue No. 49 which means that the Spring Issue of the Guildryman will be our 50<sup>th</sup> edition, a no mean feat considering 25 years ago several prominent Guildryman only expected it to last five years at the most. A commemorative issue is being planned for this date so if you have any special memories of the 25 years that you would like highlighted contact Carla and we will endeavour to include it in our 25 year edition.

*The inspection party at Craigmakerran House  
June 1994, with new tenant Mr and Mrs A. Morgan*

## Guildry Annual Inspection

Yet another sunny June day greeted the Dean, Ex Deans, committee, ale tasters and meal searchers as they met and boarded the bus to Guildtown. They were warmly greeted at the school and had the pleasure of watching 2 plays by the school children. The "George and the small knight" and "A day of temptations". The Dean thanked the Head Teacher Kim Robertson and the performers, who he thought could end up on the West End Stage, such were their talents. The sports races by the pupils afterwards were exceptionally speedy considering the warmth of the day. The children requested that the Guildrymen take part in a race but alas the Guildrymen took off at high speed in the direction of the bus on hearing these calls. Maybe next year!

Next stop was Hallroom Farm where the Smiths provided a grand spread and the family were happy to chat with the Guildrymen in the back garden. Craigmakerran House provided a glorious vista of 180 degrees. Thankfully the front room was cool where some chose to rest with their refreshments. For a few long serving Guildrymen, this was their first visit to Craigmakerran and it was nice to hear their appreciation of such a splendid location. Onwards to Loanhead where the Fentons were happy to see everyone. Back on to the bus for a trip in to the village, to the Anglers Inn. A stroll along to the freshly painted Millennium Bridge and toasts were made, a dram or two certainly helped to lubricate the voice boxes. Thanks to all of you who made the time to attend the day. Not easy with work and family commitments but certainly an enjoyable day for those who attended.



*Committee Left to Right - Alan Sweeney, Vice Dean Michael Gaffney, Pieter van Aswegen, Dean Neil Dewar, Ex Dean Louis Flood, Lindsay McLaren, Geoff Ford, Garland Smith. Missing Bruce Lamond.*

# Notice Board

## Consent Forms

Thank you for returning your consent forms to assist in the compulsory General Data Protection Regulations exercise. Just over half of members have responded so far.

## Contact by Email - Guildry Accounts

For those who have provided their email address in the Consent forms, the intention would be to send the Notice of AGM, previous year's Minutes, List of Charitable Donations and Accounts by email next year. If this is not suitable then please advise Carla Murray and you will be sent a hardcopy. Obviously those Guildrymen who do not have an email address will still continue to have a hardcopy Notice of AGM, previous year's Minutes, List of Charitable Donations and Accounts. The Guildryman newsletter will still continue to be provided by post. Communications can only be sent to those Guildrymen who have provided their Consent to do so.

**Guildry Pensions** are available for those in need. The pension criteria is as follows:

Applicants must be Guildrymen, their widows, civil partners or unmarried daughters.

Applicants must be resident in the United Kingdom at the time of application.

Applicants' maximum weekly income £200.

Applicants' maximum savings £10,000 (single or couple).

Applicants must be State Pension Age, however pensions may be awarded, on a temporary basis, to applicants under State Pension Age who are unable to work due to disability or who are in extreme financial difficulties.

The granting of a pension is at the sole discretion of the Committee of Management at the time of application.

Two members of the Committee of Management may visit the applicants if deemed necessary.

Payments will be made by monthly standing order.

Once awarded, pension entitlement will be subject to review by the Committee. A pensioner may be required to provide the Committee with updated financial details. The qualifying criteria may also be subject to review.

## St Martin's Church

Possibly the last ever visit by the Guildry prior to the church's closure will take place at St Martin's on Sunday 25th November at 9:30 am. All Guildrymen are invited. If any of you wish to attend could you please let Carla know at the office please for St Martin's catering purposes. Please note there are no toilet facilities at the premises. Thank you.



## Overseas Visitor

We were delighted to have a visit from Guildryman Ivan Haggart and his wife Mary from Toronto in Canada. Ivan entered the Guildry in 1977 with the ceremony taking place in the Guild Hall.

His cousin was the late Lambert Smith and he grew up with Ex Dean Stan Carrie.

Ivan was brought up in Stanley and left for Canada in 1966.

Tom Rorrison was in the office at the time of their visit and was delighted the Newsletter reached Canada and was most appreciated by this Guildryman abroad.

## Guildtown Bicentennial Year

As part of the village's celebrations Ex Dean Menzies attended a tea party and the fete was opened by Ex Dean Flood. The Guildry also agreed to pay the remaining balance of the Guildtown Hall solar panel loan as a birthday gift. Our continued relationship with the village is of great importance to the Guildry. And on that note, Ex Dean Flood found the following children's rhyme, local to the area.

*Riding on a horsie, never standing still,  
Down by St. Martins, and owre by Newmill.  
In by Guildtown and round by Cargill,  
Richt up Burstbane, and owre by Gallowhill,  
Yont by the Harelaw, and down to Wolfhill,  
And that's the way to ride a horse and never stand still.*

## Member Thanks

Morven Keay graduated in the Summer with a 1st Class Honours in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Dundee. She is “extremely grateful to Perth Guildry for awarding me such generous bursaries over the past four years.”



**Calum Bayne** writes to thank the Guildry for their financial support over the past few years, with his university degree. “I have now successfully graduated with First Class Honours in Fine Art BA (Hons) at Newcastle University.”

*Photo shows Calum with his father John on left, Grandfather also John and brother Fraser after the award ceremony*

## Non Member Bursary Thank You

“The textbooks I was able to purchase aided me greatly and I have passed all of my first year exams at University! I very much appreciated the bursary.”

“Thank you for your kind bursary award. This will be very beneficial to me in my final year of study. I greatly appreciate your support.”

## Charitable Donations

If you are aware of local causes which are requiring financial assistance please refer them to the Guildry. Applications from individuals or groups may be considered. Thank you.

## Charitable Donation Thanks

Wolfhill AFC received "fantastic news" when they heard of the contribution of pitch fees from the Guildry and this can help them concentrate on their season.

## Guildry High Street Perth Flat for Rent

2 bedroom, first floor flat available for rent. Fully refurbished in 2017 with new gas central heating system, upgraded kitchen with built in hob and oven and upgraded bathrooms suite. There is secondary glazing to the front. The living room and large bedroom are at the front of the premises overlooking the High Street and the small bedroom and kitchen are to the rear. There is metered parking available a short walk away and city centre residents can obtain a parking permit from the local authorities. No smokers or pets please. Secure entry system. Please contact the office for further information.

## Doors Open Day

The Guildry Incorporation of Perth took part in the Perth "Doors Open Day" during the last weekend in September. Several artefacts were on display including the Lockit Book. The Committee room and Court Room was open for a "walkthrough" and Committee members were available to chat to anyone who had questions. A rolling presentation, informed visitors about the Guildry's background and modern day activities. Over the weekend almost 100 people attended and a fuller report will be given in the next issue.

## Dates for your Diary

**12th October 2018** - Court of Deans Edinburgh, Open to the Dean, Ex Deans and Vice Dean

**3rd November 2018** - Guild Court. If you know of someone who is eligible to become a member, please contact the office. Thank you.

**25th November 2018** @ 9:30 am. St Martin's Church Annual Visit. An open invitation to all Guildrymen. Please contact Carla at the office if you are attending, to assist the church with catering numbers.