

## Greenbanning Burns Club Annual Supper 2007

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 President Alec McGU extended a warm welcome to ninety six members and guests assembled in Braco Village Hall for the Club's Annual Supper. The haggis was borne in by Bob Robertson, piped in by Neil Bremner and addressed in style by past-President Jim Dawson. Grace preceded an excellent supper of traditional fare.

Following the loyal toast the minutes of the 2006 Supper were read, approved and signed. In his Chairman's remarks Alec thanked our long standing caterers Teeves who were retiring. The company gave them a rousing send off in appreciation. He reported on the Club's involvement with recital competitions at the local schools. Alec thanked Billy Phillips for recording the suppers on DVD and Peter Hill for printing the song sheets and programme. Willie Morrison had had to call off at the last minute on what would have been his 50<sup>th</sup> Greenbanning Burns Supper. The passing of Willie Bayne was recorded with sadness. During the year the Club's part-Secretary Bobby Muir had passed away and Harry McElland gave a heart-felt eulogy, recalling Bobby as a true character and friend who would be greatly missed. A minute's silence preceded the toast to absent friends.

Alec Anderson opened proceedings in fine voice with 'My Nanie's Awe'.

The Chairman called on Wylie Woodburn to propose the <sup>toast to</sup> the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. Wylie established his Burns credentials by explaining his mother was brought up on Mossiel ~~Farm~~, Mauchline and he earned money as a boy giving tours of the farm. He posed the question: Immortal Memory or Immortal Mystery? Wylie explained the secret of Burns appeal is beyond analysis and his memory is best immortalised through the friendship, poems and songs of a Burns Supper. The company warmly received Wylie's humorous and thoughtful address before joining voices for 'There Was a Lad'.

Stuart Picken displayed an extensive knowledge of both women and Burns in his entertaining and informative 'toast to the Lasses' which was replied to by Tommy Bickerton. Tommy brought the 'house down'. Alan Telfer gave a similarly humorous toast to 'Burns Clubs the World O'er'.

In his 'Toast to Greenloaming Burns Club', Graham Hally quoted the Club's Constitution and Rules from his grandfather's membership card of 1931-32 which encouraged members to engage in 'social intercourse'. Again, a funny and interesting toast highlighting the Club's long and proud history.

Jamie Dawson and Peter Scott recited 'Death and Dr. Hornbook' which left the company .....! Graham Houston maintained the club's tradition of excellence

at bringing 'Tam o' Shanter' to life in front of <sup>our</sup> eyes

At various times throughout the proceedings Alec Anderson, Stewart McDonald, Kevin Corr, Neil Brannan and Scott Christie entertained the company with music and song of the highest standard.

'Jethro' then appeared all the way from St. Just, Cornwall and gave an excellent impersonation of Peter Hill in replying to the toast to the Club and proposing the Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and Artistes.

The Chairman reported a collection of £261.49 for the Jean Armour Home before the evening was brought to its traditional rousing final with the 'Star of Robbie Burns' and 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Signed: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008

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