

Greenloathing Burns Club Annual Supper 2013

On Friday 1st February 2013, Club President Forbes Gould extended a warm welcome to members and guests gathered in Braco Village Hall for the Club's annual supper. The haggis was ~~put~~^{carried} in by Bob Robertson, piped by Neil Bremner and ably addressed by Donald Aiken. Grace preceded an excellent supper of traditional fayre. Following the Loyal Toast the minutes of the 2012 Supper were read & approved. In his Chairman's Remarks, Club President, Forbes Gould thanked the committee for their hard work and also paid particular appreciation to & all of the Club's musicians and singers, to Billy Phillips for producing the DVD of the supper and Peter Hill for the programmes and song sheets. Forbes reported on a very interesting meeting with Campbell Trust at Blair Drummond who run a centre for people with learning disabilities and were the charity the Club had collected for at the previous supper. Forbes also reported on the Club's ongoing involvement in supporting the Burns competitions at Conrie and Greenloathing PS. A minutes silence was held for absent friends.

The Immortal Memory was proposed by long-standing Club stalwart, Alan Telfer. Shedding his usual persona of Tam o' Shanter, Alan proposed a heart felt and personal Immortal Memory interspersed with his usual humour. Alan reflected on

The challenges of poverty and sheer hard work Burns and his family faced in trying to make a living from farming and drew comparisons with his own family's farming background. Alan's toast was warmly received by an appreciative company who then joined to sing 'There Was a Lad'.

Charlie Methven proposed a suitably hilarious 'Toast to the Lasses' which was replied to in like kind by Alastair Norman.

John Lambert and Scott Christie both proposed excellent toasts to Greenloaming Burns Club and Burns Clubs the World o'er respectively.

David McDonald as Holy Willie and Roy Smith as Tam o' Shanter brought Burns best loved ems from the page to life in first class, colourful and expressive recitations.

The evening was inter-laced throughout with music and song of the highest order by Neill Bremner, Kenny Duncan, Scott Christie, Stewart McDonald and Kevin Carr.

Part-President Alec McCall proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks to the chairman and

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Club Secretary :

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