

Greenloaning Burns Club Annual Supper 2014

Club President, Forbes Gauld extended a very warm welcome to members and guests gathered in Braco Village Hall on Friday 7th February 2014, the Greenloaning Burns Club's 125th Anniversary supper. The haggis was carried in by Bob Robertson, piped with piperade by Neil Bremner and addressed in suitable style and respect by Alastair Scott. There then followed an excellent meal of traditional fayre; preceded by Grace. Following the loyal toast, the minutes of the 2013 Supper were read, approved and signed. In his Chairman's remarks Club President Forbes Gauld thanked the hard working committee, particularly Peter Hill for the song-sheets and programmes and the excellent club website. He also thanked Billy Phillips for producing a DVD of the supper which has given us an superb archive of recordings going back to 1992. Forbes also paid tribute to the continued support & commitment of all the musicians and singers. He reported on the Club's ^{ongoing} ~~active~~ involvement in supporting and judging the Burns recital competitions at Greenloaning & Comrie PS. A minutes silence was held in memory of absent friends.

The Immortal Memory was proposed by Rev. Ian Miller, honorary free-man of Dumbarton. In his excellent, thought-provoking toast, Ian posed the question: 'Why is the memory of the enigma that was Robert Burns celebrated as immortal?' ~~It~~ The

answer lies in Burns' humanitarianism and universal appeal. Why else would the 25th January start with Burns Suppers in New Zealand and see them spread with the sun throughout the world? Ian's toast was warmly received and concluded with a rousing croonie chorus of 'There Was A Lad'.

Club stalwart, Alan Telfer proposed an excellent toast to the lasses with a suitable hilarity and a warm tribute to the role of Jean Armour in Burns' life. Tommy Bicherton gave a very funny reply on behalf of the lasses, speculating on the mayhem that Burns would have created in Celebrity Big Brother!

Long-standing committee member Peter Hill proposed a heart-felt toast to Greenloaming Burns Club in this, its 125th anniversary, recalling its early days, its admission into the World Federation and the honour of part-President Daniel McIlldowie by travelling the world as President of the Burns World Federation in 1970.

Colin Tant proposed an excellent toast to Burns Clubs the World o'er.

Charlie Methuen and Peter Scott as Tam o' Shanter and Holy Willie respectively brought two of Burns' best-loved poems to life in colourful recitations.

with music and song of the highest order from Neil Bremner, Scott Christie, Kevin Carr and Stewart McDonald.

Bob Robertson held an auction in aid of club funds and the company then donated generously to the Eilidh Brown Memorial Fund.

Donald Aiken proposed a well deserved vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes before the curtain fell on another memorable evening with rousing renditions of traditional song.

Club President:

Club Secretary:



Peter Scott