

Greenloaming Burns Club Annual Supper 2015

Club President, Forbes Gould extended a warm welcome in the Burnian fellowship to the gathering members and guests at the Club's annual supper in Braco Village Hall on Friday 6th February 2015. The haggis was borne by Bob Robertson, piped by Neil Bremner and addressed with suitable style and gusto by Aaron Dawson making his debut performance and upholding a long-standing family tradition. Grace preceded an excellent meal of traditional fayre. Following the Loyal Toast the minutes of the 2014 annual supper - the Club's 125th anniversary were read and approved. In his Chairman's remarks Forbes paid tribute to the hard work of the committee in organising the supper, Peter Hill for updating the Club's website and producing the programmes & song-sheets and also to Billy Phillips for recording the supper on DVD. The recordings go back to 1992 giving nearly a quarter of a century of archived material. Forbes also expressed the Club's gratitude to all of the musicians and ringers for their continued contributions and support. He reported on the Club's involvement in judging recital competitions at Greenloaming and Comrie P&A and our ongoing charitable donations. Forbes thanked retiring treasurer Ian Kemp for over 30 years of service in making a presentation to Ian. Donald Aiken was introduced as a toast was made to absent friends. The Immortal Memory was proposed by long-standing Club member Davie McDonald. In a unique and so captivating toast, Davie literally

brought Burns to life in front of our eyes as he performed the role of the Bard and told ~~the~~ his story from his own perspective. The amount of work and skill involved in preparing and delivering such a memorable toast was reflected in the warmth of the company's appreciation. The immortal memory was followed by 'There Was a Lad'.

with a guest appearance from Jethro Peter Hill struck the right balance in his 'Toast to the Lassies' between humour, praise for the lassies and reference to Burns relationship with them. Peter's toast was replied to in suitable fashion by the Club's past-secretary, Harry McClelland.

Donald Aiken proposed the toast to Greenloaning Burns Club in which he reflected on the Club's enduring sense of friendship and welcome over its 126 yr. history. Paul Hichie, making his debut performance, proposed an excellent toast to Burns Clubs the World Over.

Dr. Jim Grant maintained the Club's reputation for excellence at Tam o' Shanter with ~~an~~ an evocative recitation. This was 'replied' to by an irate Mrs. Shanter, aka Steve Birnie.

Nail Bremner, Scott Christie, Kenny Duncan, Stewart McDonald and Kevin Carr ensured a regular


supply of music and song of the highest order throughout the evening.

Bob Robertson held an auction in aid of club funds and the company made a generous donation to the Eilidh Brown Memorial Fund.

Donald Aiken then woke up Peter Scott and reminded him he was to propose the vote of thanks to the artistes and chairman - which he then did.

The now traditional rousing musical finale brought another memorable supper to a close before 100 cronies staggered into the cold night air, resolved to regather in 12 months time...
... and cronies, here we are again!

Club President:



Club Secretary:

5th February 2016