

Greenbanning Burns Club Annual Supper 2016

Friday 5th February 2016, Club President Forbes Gauld extended a very warm welcome to the members & guests gathered in Bruce Village Hall for the Club's annual supper. The haggis was borne by Bob Robertson, piped by Neil Bremner and addressed with style and swagger by Scott Lambie. Grace preceded an excellent meal of traditional fayre. Following the loyal toast the minutes of the 2015 supper were read and approved. In his chairmans remarks, Club President thanked the hard working committee for all their organisation behind-the-scenes. He paid special thanks to Billy Phillips for recording the supper every year since 1992. Forbes also thanked Peter Hill for producing the programme & song-sheets and to all the musicians and singers for their continued entertainment and support. The chairman reported on the Club's involvement in judging the recitations at local primary schools and raising funds for local charities. In the toast to absent friends, Forbes reflected on 20 years since the tragedy at Dunblane PS and asked the company to hold the Club members directly affected in their thoughts in a minutes silence.

The Immortal Memory was proposed by Roy Pedersen of Inverness. The theme of Roy's toast was 'Love' and he reflected on all the different aspects of Burns life that were under-scored by love:

love of women, of friends and of family. Love of words and music and song. Love of nature and the world around him. Love of fellowship and nights such as this, and, above all, love of all mankind as reflected in 'A Man's a Man'. In a move away from tradition, the immortal memory was followed by a rendition of 'Duncan Gray'.

Donald Aiken pondered the mystery of the fairer sex in a suitably humorous 'Toast to the Lasses' which was replied to in kind by Peter Hill.

Past-President Alec McCle proposed the 'Toast to Greenloaning Burns Club' in his own inimitable style. When the committee asked Alec to do the toast and he started: "No, no, no, no, no . . ." we knew it was only a matter of time that he would talk himself into it and say "Yes!" and thank goodness he did!

Alastair Scott completed the speeches with an interesting and amusing 'Toast to our fellow Burns Clubs the World Over'.

Gavin Ferguson enthralled the company with a fantastic recitation of 'Tam o' Shanter' and followed it up with a hilarious adaptation: 'Tam the Bunnet'.

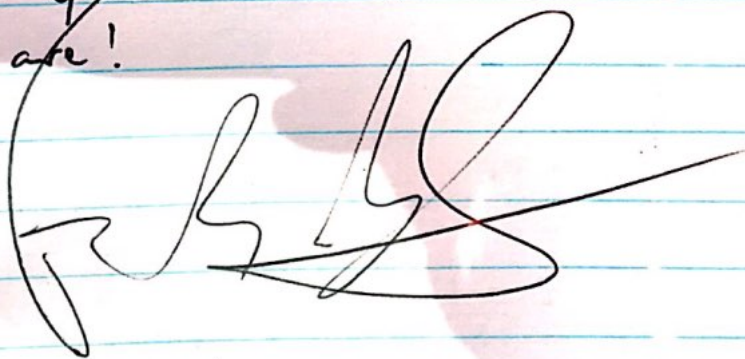
Throughout the evening the musicians and singers - Neil Bremner, Scott Christie, Kenny Duncan, Stuart McDonald and Kevin Gorr - provided entertainment of the very highest order.

Bob Robertson held an auction in aid of club funds. Steve Birnie gave a short explanation of the work of the Dunblane Centre following which the members donated generously to this very worthy cause. The fantastic sum of £800 was raised.

Bob Robertson proposed a well-deserved ~~the~~ vote of thanks to the Artistes and Chairman before the evening was rounded off in a rousing musical finale.

By now Friday evening had become Saturday morning, some cronies had turned into pumpkins, the Sweeney glass carriage ~~was~~ revving impatiently and the bar had run dry.....
only one more year until we do it all again...
and here we are!

Club President:



Club Secretary:

3rd February 2017

