

Green Loaming Burns Club 1998

The club's "Annual Supper" was held in the Brae Village Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1998.

The Chairman, Jim Dawson welcomed the company of members and guests.

The Haggis was piped in by Neil Bremner and addressed by Chick Miboll in due form. The chairman then paid tribute to Tom Scott a member of the club for many years & Secretary for but one, & who is & will be much missed by all who knew him. Jim expressed the hope that the Scott tradition would be maintained in the club <sup>& Tom's memory perpetuated</sup> by sons Colin & Peter & son in law Forbes. Other absent friends Archie Dickson & Gordon M'Alldowie were remembered.

Space was said by the chairman & the company enjoyed a fine meal of traditional fare served expeditiously by the Passis from Shalhaven.

Following the loyal toast the minutes of 1997 supper were read by Harry Mibletted who had been volunteered to take up the job of club secretary. The Chairman then introduced Andrew Struckle, known to the rural community for his farming column in the "Courier". Andrew gave an enlightened account of the Bands life, skills & humanity, highlighting his intimate knowledge of farming & country life, his command of language & his ability to express so uniquely feelings of love satire & political comment in Scots poetry, song & prose, appreciated world wide.

Willie Morrison a little belatedly was called on to lead the company (in Scots, who he followed by) "there was a lad-" Throughout the evening more was to be heard from Willie together with David Bull, accompanied by Robert M'Geechie in entertaining the company with a selection of Burns' songs.

The Toast to the Lasses was proposed by Stuart M'Donald in the spirit of Burns' *ie in Verne* as only a native of the "Doon Green Place" could. He was witty & his descriptive situations & matrimonial repartee rang a bell with most of those present. A new face in the form of Graham Houston gave an excellent "Tam o' Shanter" being well perfect & suitably expressive.

Miller Long in an unfamiliar role upheld on behalf of the lassies; he dunked Jimmy (sorry Stuart) with a few stories which were well received by the company.

The toast to Burns blabs the World Over. was proposed by Hugh Sutherland whose legal bent & talent was well demonstrated as he set about his task making occasional reference <sup>to</sup> his revered father-in-law & other Braed worthies of his acquaintance.

John Telfer in excellent form reminded the farmers present that best times in that industry were not unknown in by-gone-days & illustrated the point with a sad Stark Burns poem. He then got onto his stride with a most descriptive presentation of "The Death & dying words of Poor Willie; an unco mournfu' tale." David McLaren, the

Chairman of the Blackford Burns Club proposed the toast to the Greenleaving Burns Club referring to its antiquity & strong traditions & recalling some old names & former stalwarts of the club.

This toast was replied to by Peter Hill commencing with most hilarious anecdotes from the *Mytho Celtae* fudge. His representation of Jethro & Donzel was received with acclaim by the company.

Charles Robertson thanked the chairman, speakers & artists for an excellent night of good fellowship.

The supper concluded in good humour with a traditional song,  
 Jane Pearson. Chairman.