

The Greenwainey Burns Club Annual Supper 2000

The Annual Supper of the Greenwainey Burns Club

was held in the Braes Village Hall on Friday 4th February 2000. Ninety eight members & guests attended & were given a warm welcome by the Chairman, Jim Dawson.

The chairman remembered absent friends, George McIndowrie & Bobbie Lindsay Jr. who had died during the year. The company remembered them with a minutes silence. Also remembered & wished a speedy return to good health were David Grant, Jim Bullock & Alex Baird. Jim also expressed his thanks to all who had worked for the club & made particular mention of Alex Philips who yearly recorded on video the supper for the benefit of members unable to attend.

The Haggys was piped in by Neil Bremner most ably addressed by Jim Dault. An excellent meal, prepared & served by the lassies of Speeres, Strathcarron was enjoyed by all with ample liquid refreshment dispensed by Jack Gill & Gary Maxwell. Following the loyal toast Willie Morrison^{ed} & the company in the singing of "A man's a man".

The chairman introduced Colin Whighton from Greenwainey & invited him to propose the toast to the "Immortal memory of Robert Burns". Colin traced the Burners family (later to be shortened to Burns) from Myrtle to Kincardineshire to Culnburgh & finally to Ayrshire where Robert was born on 25th January 1759.

The family life at Mount Cliphant, & Lechlea was described. & the emerging, hard early leaning towards learning, loving & composition noted along with his lack of success as a farmer. His four tours of Scotland ~~was~~ and stay in Edinburgh were said to have developed his love for both Scotland and the lassies. His final move to Darnley & his employment in the Excise was reputed as a short but productive time in his life. producing Tam o' Shanter, probably one of his arguatiest works. Colin read a Poem by Wordsworth with as a tribute to Burns the final words of which were. "The music of his soul crosses over all" :- an apt tribute from ~~as~~ one great poet to another.

The company then raised their glasses to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns

Willie Morrison then led the company in the singing of "There was a lad"

The toast to the lassies was proposed by Peter Scott. Burns proves as a lover was noted & Peter developed his address in a clear & very humorous parody on the Twa Dogs set in Glasgow city. "There was mory," ~~she~~ described as some woman with little to commend her in the looks department & Bonnie Jean all that any man could wish for. Perhaps a ^{voice} ~~hair~~ should be drawn over the subsequent events between the ~~two~~ two

An excellent Tam o' Shanter was given by James Dawson followed by a song from Peter Russell a new vocal green leaning.

The reply to the lassies was given by Alan Telfer in his usual exuberant manner. He spoke about his interest in amateur dramatics & his usual pantomime

role as de Dame ^{also about} & his involvement in local politics - is there a connection? He wound up with Willie Walsh with a difference & thanked Peter on behalf of de Cassin. There followed further entertainment from Willie Morrison, Peter Russell & Glen Teffer with able piano accompaniment by Bob McGeachie.

The Greenbank Burns club was ~~also~~ toasted by Gilbert Edgar of the Blueford Burns club in which ^{the} ~~the~~ annual supper in remembrance of Burns were an excellent opportunity to renew & strengthen old friendships.

The reply to the toast was given by Bobby Muir & was a high light of the evening; his diction was slow, loud & clear & his story about the Pale Green Hairy Lipped Squid was unforgettable.

The artists led the company in the traditional singing of the Star of Robbie Burns.

Balmi Scott thanked the speakers & artists on behalf of the club, & particularly the new faces, he thanked Bob McGeachie for his usual stalwart efforts on the piano. The supper ended at 1:00 AM with Red Long Syre.

A. H. McGeachie.

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27th February 2001.

Chairman

James Dawson