

Greenbank Burns Club Annual Supper 2002

The members of the Greenbank Burns Club, together with their guests, gathered in good heart in the Brae Village Hall for the annual supper on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2002. A warm welcome was extended by the chairman, President of the Club Alex McCall. Ninety members & guests were in attendance.

The bagpipes ~~were~~ were played steadily by Ian Graham was piped in by Neil Bremner and addressed by Jim Dawson.

The chairman said grace & there followed an excellent meal of traditional dishes. Following the Royal Toast Willie W in got the evening off to a good start with "The Lea Rig". The minutes of the 2001 supper were duly read, approved & signed. In his report the President made comment on the difficulties experienced by the rural community during the foot and mouth epidemic. He reported on the Burns activities in the

Bruce School. He extended the club's best wishes for improved health to George Keir, Archie Dickson & Jim Brown who were unable to attend due to ill health & remembered John McArthur & Jerry Gordon who had passed away during the year. & also those who had perished in New York on 11<sup>th</sup> September. He thanked Billy Philips for recording the proceedings for the benefit of those unable to attend. He expressed the club's gratitude to Bob Robertson for the gift of "Mary Ann's Bell".

He introduced Eric Abell to propose the toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. Eric explained his interest in his subject with a gentle wit before settling down to his task. Who & what was Robert Burns? His relatively short life was summarised quickly & we were left wondering why he was so widely remembered; not only in Scotland but worldwide. The attributes which made Robert Burns great were then expounded

in a manner which illustrated Luis' wide knowledge <sup>of</sup> & love for the subject. His profound yet humorous address held the attention of all present. He concluded by reminding the company of Luis' own philosophy on happiness & iniquity.

The toast to the Ladies was proposed by Forbes Gould and was a fitting sequel to his Inuvialut memory of 2001. He catalogued with suitable anecdotes the various women influencing his life. It was a long address. The influence of Robert Burns was however always present. Harry Mitchell, deputizing for Ian Taylor replied to the toast on behalf of the Ladies.

David Miller proposed the toast to Burns & his the World Over. He admitted to not having travelled south of Stonehaven until he was 20 years old; since then his exposure of other parts had obviously widened considerably.

The toast to the Queen <sup>Burns Club</sup> was proposed in his usual

fashion by Alan Telfer and ably upheld to by Kirk Gauld  
 at vote of thanks to the chairman, speakers & artists was  
 given on behalf of the club by Peter Huer

During the evening the company was well entertained with  
 songs by Willie Morrison, David Hield, Stuart McDonald and Kevin Lorr  
 accompanied on the piano by Bob McGeachie.

An excellent Tam o' Shanter was performed by Davy McDonald  
 & Jamie Dawson & Peter Scatt gave an outstanding interpretation  
 of 'the Two Boops'

A collection of £212 was taken on behalf of the Irish American  
 Homes

The supper ended at around 1.0 o'clock on 2<sup>nd</sup> February with  
 the company singing All Lang Syne.

Signed O. H. B. Hilland. Hon Secretary

Alto McCall

President

Date. 8/2/03