

Greenharry Burns Club Annual Supper 2005

The annual supper of the Greenharry Burns Club was held in the Bruce Village Hall on 20th February 2005; ninety eight members & guests in attendance. The company was welcomed by the Chairman, President of the Club, Alex McBoal. The haggis, born by old faithful Bobby Muir was piped into the hall by Neil Bremner & ably addressed by David Liggat. Grace was said & an excellent meal, if a little delayed, followed.

Following the loyal toast the minutes of the 2004 supper were read, approved & signed. In his report the Chairman welcomed Forbes Gault & Bob Patterson to the club committee. He welcomed the continuing interest & Burns in both the Greenharry & Bruce schools. He thanked Gill & Jack Maxwell for the many years that they had run the bar at the annual supper.

& introduced their replacement ^{Robert} from the Chilton Bank Inn. He expressed
 the club's gratitude to Billy / Nedee Phillips for year on year
 producing a video film of the annual supper. As there had been
 no deaths of club associates to report he invited the company
 to toast absent friends and ^{to} remember those poorer to them
 who had passed away during the year & in particular the victims of
 the Asian Tsunami of Boxing day 2004.

In the absence of Willie Morrison who had not missed a supper
 for 48 years but had to leave that week this year attend a funeral
 of a close friend. Ethel Anderson set the mood for the rest of the
 supper by singing 'Scots wha hae' & 'Go Anderson my Joe'.

The Chairman then introduced Harry Mibellamet & invited him
 to propose the toast to the ~~Immortal~~ Immortal Memory of
 Robert Burns. Harry rose to the occasion in his usual
 Ulster fashion & for the following 30 minutes demonstrated to the

eronies that over the past 36 years since leaving his
 native Ireland & living in Scotland he had managed to acquire
 some knowledge of Burns & his work & life and to appreciate
 things Scots. He considered the influence of the Bard that
 he had encountered across most of Scotland in place names &
 personal associations. He considered the attitude of Burns to
 the church of the day, & that of church to him, politics & his fellow
 man. Despite often being castigated by the establishment of the
 day Burns' poems, songs & philosophy had had an "strong"
 influence on the life & thinking in Scotland & World Wide. The
 memory of Robert Burns was ~~as~~ treated with enthusiasm & the
 company then joined in the singing of "There was a lad".
 The toast to the Passes was proposed by David Huld with
 a great fund of amusing anecdotes & tales which kept the
 company well entertained. He concluded his address with

reference to Burns' love songs & poems to his many & various loves - which he had encountered during his life & proposed the toast accordingly.

Jamie Dawson gave a very polished and exciting 'Tam o' Shanter' which kept the company enthralled.

George Dykes in his usual quiet coolie manner kept us all amused when ^{he} replied to the toast on behalf of the lassies. Burns Oub the World O'er was proposed by ^{Scott} Stuart Christie with a verbal journey to far away places & accents to fit the place. ^{Scott} Stuart in addition to this undertaking became our accompanist for the evening when our old faithful Bob Mijeechie had to call off due to illness. Bob allotted tasks he performed admirably.

Four prints depicting graphically the tale of Tam o' Shanter & donated by Bob Robertson were auctioned by him ^{with} & the proceeds to

1140.

Alan Telford, a faithful contributor to the supper, was unable to attend due to a previous commitment; however Dave McDonald that well known face from Blackford ably combined his toast to the Greenhanging Burns Club with a selection of poems from his wide repertoire. His toast which reviewed memories of many previous suppers & characters associated with the club was much appreciated. Peter Hill, resplendent in Highland regalia, replied to the toast. He thanked members for their support of the club & proceeded to entertain the company as only he can.

During the evening Burns songs were sung by Miss Anderson, ~~and~~ David Hald, & Stuart McDonald & Kevin Corr.

to the artists & clowns
 a vote of thanks was proposed by David MacLennan. Following

the songs of the Star & Belle Lasse Syne the clowns reports a collection
 in aid of Jan Announ Homes

1030 & brought the supper to a conclusion at 1.00 AM.

Signed J. Phil Hald Hanson A.G. McColl President
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