

Greenbanking Burns Club Annual Supper 2012

On Friday 3rd February 2012, Club President Forbes Gould - presiding over his first Supper in the chair - extended a warm welcome to members and guests as they gathered in Braco Village Hall. The haggis was carried in by Bob Robertson, piped by Neil Bremner and most ably addressed by I.P.P. Alex McCull. Grace preceded an excellent supper of traditional fayre. Following the Loyal Toast the minutes of the 2011 supper were read, approved and signed. In his chairman's report, Club President Forbes Gould paid thanks to the committee and made special mention of the continued support of the musicians Neil Bremner, Scott Christie, Stewart McDonald and Kevin Carr, Billy Phillips for his work in producing the DVDs and Peter Hill for doing the programmes and song-sheets. 5 bes read a moving thank you letter from Eilidh Brown's father following the Club's donation of £230 to the Eilidh Brown Memorial Trust - a charity aiming to build a respite care centre for teenagers with terminal illnesses in the local area. Forbes intimated the 2012 collection would be donated to the Camphill Trust at Blair Drummond. During the year the Club had continued to support and judge Burns recital competitions at Greenbanking and Conrie P.S. Forbes congratulated Harry McClelland, the club's bowling rink for winning the local Burns Federation cup for the 4th year running.

A minutes silence was held for absent friends, most notably former cronie Alan Hendry. Harry McClelland paid a moving and -fardly humorous tribute to Alan on behalf of the Club.

The Immortal Memory was proposed with a combination of enthusiasm and expertise by Patrick O'Kane of Crieff. Patrick informed the company that as a young man he had played the part of Robert Burns in 'Lunch With Rabbie' at the Edinburgh Fringe. The play had sold out during its 3½ week run. This, together with the wide diversity of the audiences - from a' the airts and parts - had left an impression of not only the enduring memory of the Bard but also ~~the~~^{his} universal appeal. The Immortal Memory was followed by the company singing 'There Was a Lad'

Dolly, fardly remembered for her Reply to the Lasses in 2010, was reincarnated as Donald Aiken to give a suitably hilarious toast to the Lasses. Stories were cleverly inter-laced with references to Burns relationships with woman and his adoration of Jean Armour. Dolly (I mean Donald) also reported that the scars from the sex-change operation had healed nicely. Ian McDonald gave a very funny reply on behalf of the lasses, though there were no reports that he had had a sex change operation for the occasion.

Jamie Dawson and Peter Scott recited 'The Twa Dugs' and Charlie Methven brought the company to their feet in appreciation of his unique and colourful 'Tam o' Shanter'. Burns works were also brought to life throughout the evening with music and song of the highest order from Neil Bremner, Scott Christie, Kevin Gorr and Stewart McDonald.

In an excellent toast to Greenpanning Burns Club, Bob Robertson went to considerable effort to re-create a ~~se~~ room setting and range from Burns time. Harry McClelland combined humour and interest in his toast to Burns Clubs the World Over.

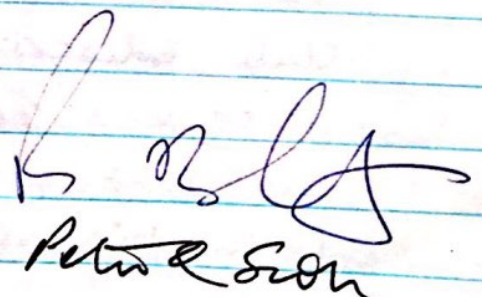
The Chairman announced that over \$500 had been raised in the collection for Camphill Trust at Blair Drummond who provide residential & day support and purpose to people with complex learning disabilities.

Committee stalwart Peter Hill proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks to the Chairman and artists before proceedings were drawn to a close with rousing renderings of traditional song.

Signed 10th February 2013:

Forbes Gauld (President):

Peter Scott (Secretary):



The image shows two handwritten signatures. The first signature is for Forbes Gauld, the President, and the second is for Peter Scott, the Secretary. Both signatures are written in black ink on lined paper.