

Greenbank Burns Club Annual Supper 2018

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On Friday 2nd February 2018, Club President Forbes Gould extended a warm welcome to members and guests gathered to celebrate the Club's Annual Supper. Bob Robertson was Poesie Nannie as Neil Bremner piped in the haggis before past-President Alec Mc Gill addressed it with suitable style. Grace preceded an excellent meal of traditional fayre.

Following the Loyal Toast the minutes of the 2017 Supper were read and approved. In his Chairman's Remarks the Club's President paid tribute to the committee for their hard work, in particular to Peter Hill for maintaining the Club's website and tweets. He also thanked Alec Phillips for recording the Supper on DVD and the musicians for their commitment in entertaining the company every year. Forbes reported on the Club's work in local primary schools. Forbes proposed a very poignant toast to Absent Friends, remembering Willie Morrison and Ian Graham, ^{long time members of the club} Special tribute was paid to Jamie Dawson, long-standing member, reciter of Tam O' Shanter and the Twa Dugs and son of past-President, Jim, and father of current member, Aaron. Stuart McDonald sang his own composition, 'Dairy of A Simple Man' in tribute to his brother-in-law, Jamie. A minutes silence followed.

The Immortal Memory was proposed by

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club member, Scott Christie, our resident pianist. Scott recalled how his English teacher, Edith Strachan had sparked his interest in Burns. He highlighted the importance of education in Burns' life as he commented on key aspects of the Bard's background: poet, farmer, family man, rebel and womaniser. Scott's toast was warmly received by the company before a rousing rendition of 'There Was a Lad'.

Peter Hill proposed a suitably humorous Toast to the Lasses in which he questioned whether Burns would have been an excellent poet if he hadn't also been a womaniser. Peter Scott replied on behalf of the Lasses.

Committee member Donald Aiken proposed a heart-felt Toast to Greenloaming Burns Club and its ~~sp~~ enduring spirit of friendship & equality. Past-Secretary, Harry McClelland recalled the universal appeal of Burns in a Toast to Burns Clubs The World Over.

Scott Lambie did an excellent recitation of 'Address to the Toothache' and Charlie Methuen told the tale of Tam O' Shanter in his own inimitable style.

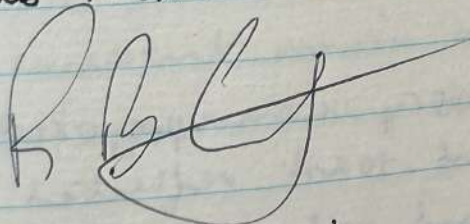
Neil Bremner, Scott Christie, Henry Duncan,

Stuart McDonald and Kevin Corr entertained the company with fantastic music and song throughout the evening.

The Club's chosen charity is Camphill at Black Drummond where they live with, care for and educate young people with special needs, and where Jamie's son Ross is a resident. The collection and Bob Robertson's amazing auction enabled the Club to raise a fantastic \$1,500 for Camphill. President Forbes and part-President Jim - Ross's grandfather - braved the 'Beast from the East' to present the donation.

Bob Robertson proposed a well-deserved vote of thanks to the Chairman and artistes before the evening closed in rousing music and song. As the cronies departed into the night each took off his several way, resolved to meet another day.

Club President :



Club Secretary :

Kevin Corr

1st February 2019

Forbes - firewood
sale \$1,000