



Guildry

News

March 2012

Dates for your Diary

NB ALL COURTS ARE 7.15 FOR 7.30PM

Spring Court Wednesday 28th March 2012

Our speaker on the evening will be Dr Elspeth King who will be speaking on the history of The Guildry in Stirling.

Kirkin Service Sunday 13th May

When the above date and arrangements are confirmed, notification via the Voice of the People section of the Stirling Observer will be made along with email and website.

Summer Court, Wednesday 15th August 2012

The speaker is still to be confirmed. Please check the Voice of the People notice in the Stirling Observer the week before the Court.

Guildry Golf Outing

It is hoped to hold the Annual Golf Outing again this year. If you wish to participate, please give your name to Guild Brother Alasdair Gammack Tel. 07966445566 or e-mail ag19@stir.ac.uk Defending Champion is Guild Brother Brian Morris.

Remembrance Service

Sunday 11th November 10.45am

The service at the Church of the Holy Rude will be followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Corn Exchange. Guild Brothers are requested to meet at the Guildhall before 10.30 am and a good attendance is requested by the Dean.

Winter Court and Annual General Meeting Wednesday 5th December

Our Speaker this evening will be Guild Brother Willie McEwan. He will be giving an illustrated talk about Stirling Castle. More details will be communicated nearer the time.

Dean Installed at the Winter Court and AGM

In contrast to last year the weather proved fair and a good number of Guild Brethren attended the Winter Court and AGM of the Guildry of Stirling on Wednesday 7th December in the Guildhall, Stirling. On that evening one new Guild Brother was sworn in namely Ronald McPhee. Later Guild Brother Robin Iffla was installed as the Dean along with his Dean's Council for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the meeting the Rev Alan F Miller, Guildry Chaplain and Minister for the Church of the Holyrude and Viewfield Erskine Church entertained the company with his views on China, the Far East and the role of Christianity there. The vote of thanks was given by Dean's Councillor Ian Carmichael.



Dean's Council



Seated l to r - Paul G Miller (Past Dean), John Barton (Guildry Clerk), Robin Iffla (Dean), Jim Mailer (Guildry Officer), Rev Alan F Miller (Chaplain to the Guildry of Stirling)
Standing l to r - Dean's Councillors Tom Sinclair, Alistair Gammack, Tom Pollock, Graham Reed, Michael Coleman, William Weir, Ian Carmichael (Treasurer) and David Brown.
Deans Councillor Alan Donald (not present).

Dean's Diary

Since the last Newsletter was distributed the Dean and Immediate Past Dean represented the Guildry at the following events.

23 November 2011 - Past Dean, chaired Guildry Council Meeting.

12th December 2011 - Past Dean, attended the Christmas Concert at the Church of the Holy Rude.

7 December 2011 - Past Dean, chaired Winter Court and AGM in the Guildhall.

14 December 2011 Dean met with Provost Fergus Wood

15th December 2011 - Past Dean presented a History Tablet to Bannockburn High School.

15th December 2011 - Along with Past Dean P Miller and Dean's Councillor W Weir, the Dean presented a cheque to our former Caretaker Mr Robert Allan on behalf the Guildry of Stirling.

22 December 2011 - Attended Balforn High School Christmas Concert

25th January 2012 - Chaired Guildry Council Meeting.

5th February 2011 Past Dean attended "The Incorporation of Skinners" Annual Burns Supper in the Golden Lion Hotel.

10 February 2012 Hosted the Annual Dean's Dinner

21st February 2012 Attended inaugural meeting of Patrons of Cowane's Hospital Maintenance Trust and the Patron of Cowane's Trust Meeting at Cowane's Hospital.

10th March 2012 Attended the ceremony awarding the Freedom of the City of Stirling to The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

14th March 2012 Chaired Guildry Council Meeting



Past Dean Paul Miller presenting the Guildry of Stirling History Tablet to Mr Tom Black Head Teacher Bannockburn High School



Back Row: Rev. Alan F Miller Chaplain to the Guildry, Mr Robin Iffla Dean of the Guildry of Stirling, Mr John Barton Guildry Clerk
Front Row: Mrs Marjory McLachlan Lord Lieutenant, Stirling and Falkirk, Dr James Naughtie Chancellor of the University of Stirling, Councillor Fergus Wood, Provost of Stirling, Mrs Belinda Greer Head of Education Services Stirling and Clackmannan

Dean's Dinner Friday 10th February 2012

80 Guild Brothers and guests, attended the Dean's Dinner in the Park Lodge Hotel Stirling. Belinda Greer gave a very enjoyable talk on her career in education. She spoke of the challenges and opportunities faced with the introduction of the Curriculum for Excellence. Outlining her position as the Head of Service for Education within Stirling and Clackmannan Councils, she spoke with

passion about her vision for the future provision of education within our area. She finished by proposing the toast to the Guildry of Stirling. Guild Brother Alan Donald presented a very interesting and historical perspective of John Cowane in his toast to the Benefactors which was very well received. Dr James Naughtie provided a highly entertaining and thought provoking perspective on his time as a journalist, radio presenter, author and Chancellor of the University of Stirling. In closing he proposed the toast to the City of Stirling. The vote of thanks was eloquently given by Guild Brother Colin O'Brien. Overall the evening was a great success which was due in no small part to the hard work of all of the Guildry Council members. and by the excellent food, speeches and company.

Guildry History Prize

The Guildry History Prize Certificates will be awarded again this year to all participating High Schools in the Stirling Council area as well as the Queen Victoria School and the University of Stirling History Department. Each school and the History Department of is awarded £100 of book tokens to share among their winners.

Annual Levy

The Annual Levy of £15 is due in March. Thank you to those who completed a Standing Order form. Those without standing payments please contact the Treasurer, Ian Carmichael Tel. 01786 478338

Guildry Website - this can be viewed on www.guildryofstirling.co.uk

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