Guildry of Stirling News

March 2015

NB ALL COURTS ARE 7.15 FOR 7.30PM

Spring Court, Wednesday 25th March 2015
Our speaker is Guild Brother Angus Annan, he will be giving an illustrated talk entitled "The Sinking of the Flying Enterprise"

Kirkin Service, Sunday 10th May 2015
The arrangements confirming this date have still to be confirmed. Notification via the Voice of the People section of the Stirling Observer will be made along with email and website.

Court of Deans of Guild of Scotland AGM
Held this year in Berwick upon Tweed on the 23rd May 2015. Berwick are also celebrating their 900th Anniversary. There is a full programme of events that weekend. Interested parties can contact the Dean or the Clerk, and an email will forwarded to them.

Summer Court, Wednesday 12th August 2015
The speaker is still to be confirmed. Please check the Voice of the People notice in the Stirling Observer the week before the Court, Email and Website.

Autumn Court, Friday 25th September 2015
This years function has still be confirmed. Please check the Voice of the People notice in the Stirling Observer the week before the Court, Email and Website.

Remembrance Service, Sunday 8th November 2015
The service at the Church of the Holy Rude will be at 10.45am. This followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Corn Exchange. Guild Brothers are requested to meet at the Guildhall before 10.30am.
A good attendance will be appreciated by the Dean

Winter Court and Annual General Meeting Wednesday 3rd December 2015
Concluding the AGM the Installation of the incumbent Dean will be carried out. The speaker is still to be confirmed. Please check the Voice of the People notice in the Stirling Observer the week before the Court, Email and Website.

Deans Dinner 2015

The Annual Guildry of Stirling Dean's Dinner took place in the Stirling Highland Hotel on Friday 6th February for the first time. Guest Speakers were Ms Ann Faulds Partner CMS Scotland and Dr. Sandy Jones CO of the PGA. The evening was a resounding success. Pictured above are the top table guests:

Standing: Councillor Mike Robbins (Provost of the City of Stirling), Dr Sandy Jones, Rev Alan Miller (Chaplain to the Guildry of Stirling). Mr John Barton (Guildry Councillor) and Mr Jim Mailer (Guildry Officer)
Sitting: Rt Hon Dame Anne McGuire DBE MP, Mr Robin Iffla (Dean), Mrs Marjory McLachlan (Lord Lieutenant Stirling & Falkirk) & Ms Ann Faulds.

Guildry of Stirling Council 2015
Standing:
David W. Brown, Tom RS. Sinclair, Tom Pollock, Norman A. Black, Michael Coleman, Ian Carmichael and William Weir,
Sitting: John Barton. Jim Mailer (Guildry Officer), G. Robin Iffla (Dean), Paul G. Miller (IPD & Clerk) and Robert RB. Blewitt PD, Missing Alasdair Gammack

Guildry History Prize 2015

Certificates will be awarded again this year to all participating High Schools in the Stirling Council area as well as the Queen Victoria School Dunblane 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 is due again in March. Thank you, to those who completed a Standing Order form. Those without standing payments and wish to, please contact the Treasurer, Ian Carmichael Tel. 01786 478338.

MacMillan Cancer Support

On the 26th September, the Guildry of Stirling ran the "Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning" here in the Guildhall. A very successful 2 hours saw the sum of £277 collected and donated to MacMillan Cancer Support. A big thank you to everyone who assisted and attended on the day. A big thank you must go to Sarah who runs the Cowane's Hospital Coffee Shop "Sprinkle a lot of Happiness" for the baking and donating the Teas & Coffee's.

Deans Diary

Following the **Remembrance Day Service on the 9th November 2014** in the Church of the Holy Rude, the Dean laid a Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Guildry of Stirling at the War Memorial in the Corn Exchange.

The Dean continues to represent the Guildry of Stirling on the **Cowane's Trust** and the **Cowane's Hospital Maintenance Trust**. He is ably assisted by Dean's Councillor's Tom Sinclair and Bob Blewitt PD. He also continues to meet regularly with the Provost of Stirling Councillor Mike Robbins.

The Guildry is also represented on the **Stirling Educational Trust** by Dean's Councillor Michael Coleman.

The **Deans Council** continues to meet on scheduled dates to progress the business of the Guildry

Walking the Marches

"The Birlaw Men"

A centuries-old Stirling tradition was reintroduced on Saturday 4th of October 2014. When a procession of 60 Including the Dean Robin Iffla, the Provost Mike Robbins, Vice-Lord Lieutenant James FS Parker, The Snawdoun Herald of Arms Elizabeth A. Roads and the Deacon Convenor of the & Incorporated Trades. In days gone by, the only way the boundaries could be protected was to walk them annually. This was traditionally done by the "Birlaw Men" carrying their Picks and Shovels who would turn over a sod of grass to mark certain points in the boundary, which were later replaced by march stones.

Guildry Tartan: Should any member wish to enquire about the range of clothing or gifts available in the Guildry of Stirling Tartan, please speak to Deans Councillor Willie Weir.

Newsletter Editor

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