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The Dean thanking our speaker for the evening Guild Brother Angus Annan at the Spring Court 2018 for his excellent talk about the life and times of the University of Stirling



The Dean enjoying the sunshine at this years Armed Forces Day held at the Kings Park Stirling on Saturday 30th June.

A photograph from the archives depicting a civic function held c1974/77. Attended by a number of weel kent faces. Including Dean William Jack CBE seated extreme right.



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The Guildry continues to be a lead partner in the successfully resurrected Walking of the Marches and the Dean has been meeting regularly with the committee taking this forward.

On the 26th of April, the Guildry of Stirling began its year long tenure as the lead Guildry at the Court of Deans of Guilds of Scotland. The incumbent Dean is duly sworn in as Lord President. The cities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee have Lord Provosts. The title of Lord is because the office of Lord Lieutenant for these four cities is automatically the Provost. The Dean of Guildry in those four cities, as second citizen, is therefore Lord Dean. In Edinburgh, the new Lord Dean is a female but as the title of Lord refers to the office and not the holder of that office, Lord remains and not Lady as one might assume.

A president presides and as that position includes presiding over four Lord Deans, the title Lord President is then conferred.

On the 30th of April, the Dean delivered a keynote speech at the Adam Smith Institute within Glasgow University. The talk addressed the historical context of Scotland's oldest Guildry and drew comparisons with the Northern Song dynasty in China, which was the ruling power there at the start of the twelfth century. The Dean shared the platform with the Consul General for China.

On the 4th June, the Dean, accompanied by past Deans and other brethren, attended a moving funeral for Bill Mair. The affection and respect for Bill from his family, friends and colleagues was evident. His hugely impressive service to the community as a senior doctor was fully acknowledged. Our condolences go to Linda and the family. Linda is a valued Guildry member and we will continue to offer any support we can.

On the 14th of June, the Dean attended the junior prize giving at Wallace High School. This ceremony is always a pleasure as the Dean attended the original Wallace High School as a pupil in the seventies and it's always nice to catch up with old friends from those days, many of whom are now parents and grandparents of prize recipients.

On the 26th June, the Dean and Past Dean Paul Miller attended the Balfron High prize giving ceremony. These ceremonies are uplifting affairs and it is always a privilege to share in the success of the schools.



D E A N S D I A R Y



The next day, 27th of June, again saw the Dean, Past Deans and Guild Brethren attend the funeral of Bob Cook. Bob was a Past Dean, a great servant to the Guildry and an accomplished man both professionally and as an active community member. His funeral was another celebration of a life well lived.

The 28th of June was the hottest day of the year and hopefully you can muster some sympathy for the Dean who wore the fur-trimmed robe for the entirety of the ceremony and then on to Pathfoot to deliver a short address and present the Guildry History Prize. The robes are always the most splendid on display at an event where so many different robes are worn. The talking point they become always helps to spark interest in the Guildry, especially amongst the myriad foreign families attending the ceremony.

The 29th of June, with the weather only slightly cooler, the Dean and Past Dean Paul Miller attended the magnificent Grand Day at Queen Victoria School. It really is a spectacle to behold and both of your stalwart Guildry representatives didn't moan once about wearing their full garb and regalia in the stifling heat.

The 30th of June was the day of the Military Show in the King's Park. Once again, the fantastic weather made the day even more successful and the Dean was able to enjoy the hospitality without a robe or chain in sight and Paul Miller was able to capture photographs of the event which are no doubt on Facebook by now!

The Dean had a meeting on first of July with Stephen Kerr MP and on the second with Debbie Miller, Head of Business Engagement at the University of Stirling and on the third with both Stirling's Provost, Christine Simpson and the Leader of the Council, Scott Farmer to introduce an exciting opportunity in China that is being led by the Guildry. The Dean will report to future Courts as this initiative takes shape.

Summer Court is on Wednesday 15th August 2018. The Oak Room Golden Lion Hotel 7pm for 7.30 The speaker will be Immediate Past Dean Robin Iffla DL . MBE. He will speak on ideas and plans for the Nona-Centenary year 2019

Walking of the Marches 15th September 2018 (details to be confirmed)

Guildry Autumn Meeting

Friday 26th October 2018 It is hoped another social evening will be held with the proceeds going to the Nona-Centenary fund. Details will be communicated asap