

Glass Community Association

Chairman's Report 31st January 2011

Last year's events got off to a great start in January with a Burns Supper 'Lite', which is a new event for the community. It was a real community supper with Hugh Ross piping in the Haggis which was ably carried and presented by Betty Smith. Christine Yuill addressed the Haggis and Ken Hamilton said grace. Following the meal, Phyllis Goodall proposed the toast to the lassies and David Mackay was brave enough to provide the reply. All done with tremendous wit. It's with sadness that I must give our sincere condolences to Phyllis who lost her husband Tom, he attended the Burns Supper that night and was a tremendous supporter of Phyllis.

The committee decided that it would be best to make the Burns Supper a biennial event, this would keep it fresh and well supported. To be honest I think it was because the first supper is a really hard act to follow.

On to Easter; unfortunately a planned event 'The Easter Eggstravaganza' had to be cancelled because of snow on the 3rd of April. This was to be a recurring theme of 2010, the year when we had about 20 weeks of lying snow all told.

The plant sale, which was a great success, had to be postponed due to the late Spring until Sunday 6th June, but at last it heralded the start of some mildly better weather. Many thanks to all those who provided teas and home bakes and, off-course, the plants. The sponsored walk is a main event of the summer and this is organised by Alan Duff who did his usual tremendous job. I trust Alan is well on the mend after his bad bout of Flu which took him to Aberdeen and a spell on oxygen; Alan we all hope you get fully recovered. The walk also held a barbecue for returning walkers and supporters, and our thanks are due to George Wordie and the family who ran the barbecue.

On the 22nd of August we held the annual Duck Race and photo competition. At least this year there was a reasonable amount of water, that is not too much, and I heard duck crew even found some lost ducks from previous years. The winner of the Duck Race was Dorothy Ross Archer, and the Archer's held their luck on the day with Graham winning the people's vote for the best photograph, which was of mice feeding on top of the snow in the middle of a hedge. Great Photo! Kitty West won second duck and a new addition to the community, Lucy Harrold, won third duck. The other winners of the photo competition were Steve Wright, Sarah Wordie and Connor Wilson in the wildlife categories, and Brian Shanks, Sarah Wordie and Connor Wilson in the pet categories.

We must also thank the many people who provided teas and home bakes and manned the community tea table at the Aswanley Horse Trials.

Quiz night on the 2nd of October brings out some real competitive spirit and the memories are getting longer, so everyone knows the teams to beat. The winners this year were the Wordie team, well deserved. Many thanks to Nick Forbes for setting the questions and particularly his object table which provides for some tremendous

conversations and argument. Also to Robin Pakeman who has to keep the tally of the scores and some semblance of order.

On the 16th of October the community ran the Coffee Morning which is always a great success taking Glass to the town and meeting lots of folks with fond connections with the community. I must thank all of the Community for their support - the table waiting and the stall holders – and all those who contribute so generously to the raffle, bottle stall and bakes table.

On the 29th of October Saskia Dickson and many helpers ran a hugely successful Halloween party for the bairns, they just absolutely love it. Many thanks to all who helped

The carol singing didn't miss a beat this year despite the snow on the evening, I think that's at least three years in a row we have travelled and sung carols throughout Glass in snow drifts. The kids and the parents who support this great Glass institution are a great tribute to the community, also, and not least, all the households who receive the carol singers each year and give so generously.

The last event this year was the Junior Talent show on the 16th of January, which was postponed from the 28th of November because of snow. We nearly had to postpone it again because of the flu bug which had affected so many youngsters. However, they all made it a great afternoon, we had Angus Montgomery on drums, Harriet Hearn who did a mini variety sketch, Euan Pakeman on the piano, Kitty Sykes who recited nurse rymes, Liam McIntosh on the snare drum, Lola and Madison Brown who danced the sword dance, Connor Wilson on the xylophone, Nicola Wordie playing the Chanter, and Lizzie Montgomery who recited a poem. The winner by popular vote was Liam, second was Kitty and third was Lizzie. A hearty congratulations are due to all those who took part.

To make all of the years events happen requires an excellent committee, who have been nothing less than most enthusiastic during the year, and I would like to thank them personally for their continuing support. Also Ken who keeps all our finances in excellent order which requires much patience and a steady head. We must also thank Rita who keeps our hall spik and span, she does a very special job and its all too easy to take it for granted. Thanks Rita.

Lastly, I would like to propose a huge thanks to our secretary Margo. You might notice the lovely new windows in the hall; if it wasn't for the forbearance and tenacity of Margo I doubt if we would have had them fitted yet. This is only a wee example of the hard and exemplary work she does for every meeting. A substantial amount of the success of last year, despite the weather, is in no small part due to her. Thanks Margo.

Bob Yuill
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