

Chairman's Report 20th January 2014

2013 was a proper year. A proper winter then a proper spring and a proper summer, which made a huge difference to everyone and helped with all of our events one way and another.

The year started with our 'Has Glass Got Talent', and ofcourse it has oodles of it. However we were all a bit blown away by Sonsi and Petra's film and live performance, it was absolutely stunning. I certainly had mixed emotions when it became glaring obvious that my chances were blown into dust yet again. But then I again I never had a cats chance really. The rest of the acts were tremendous and all credit to those who are brave enough to do a party piece in public.

This year there was an Easter Service in the Kirk which started at 7.30 in the morning. Lead by Father Tom, which was a lovely start to the day.

On Sunday 28th April it was the pet show. It was a truly great day with lots entries in all categories. The show was judged by Karen Ingleby and Hannah Wilson, brave folks, so many thanks to them. It was truly a first for the community and many thanks go to the committee members and other volunteers who lent a big hand.

Results, Large dog, 1st Callum Duff and Mac, 2nd Lorna Murphy and Isla, 3rd Zoe Robson and Nel.

Any pet, 1st Connor and Jamie Wilson with a Canary Ernie, 2nd Nicola Wordie with Legs the lamb, 3rd Lorna Murphy with Rocky the Ancona cockerel.

Pet like their owner, 1st Anna West with her hamster Little Miss Tiggywinkles, 2nd Angus Montgomery with Jimmy, 3rd Sarah Wordie with Teal.

Best turned out pet, 1st Lizzie Montgomery with wags, 2nd Hilary Wilkinson with Juno, 3rd Vince Sellare with Dougal.

Happiest pet, 1st Samantha Robson with Sophie, 2nd Lola and Madison Brown with Fidget, 3rd Jenny Cheyne with Millie.

Ideal pet, judged by Lilian Cameron, 1st Connor Wislon with Spotless, 2nd Kirsten West with a Rainbow Fish, 3rd Jamie Wilson with Perry the platypus.

Dog Agility, 1st Alice Orme and Rosie, 2nd Mike Taitt with Angus, 3rd Emma Cheyne with Bramble.

The sponsored walk was Sunday 30th June. As is now tradition, the walk was organised by Alan Duff, with approximately 25 walkers who set off in cars to near Dufftown, beside the railway/loch park. The walkers then walked back to Glass, 10 mile walk. Very good, lovely day a breeze throughout got hotter as folks got nearer the hall. The BBQ again was organised and run by George Wordie and Eoin Harrold, burgers and bacon rolls. Everyone ate outside this year, with tea/coffee available but beers and soft drinks preferred. It was Frances birthday that day too, so gave her a small cake! She's still young. We had some home bakes left from the school coffee morning the day before and Marion provided some home bakes. A great day and a good turnout.

The walk raised £1448.60 in sponsorship, which is just incredible. £200 was donated to Glass School for outdoor equipment.

Afternoon teas was held on the 1st Sunday in June, a great turn out of cakes and helpers but not many folks unfortunately. Just too nice a day so everyone was down the beach. But those who did come along had a lovely tea.

During the evenings of the 14th 15th June See Thru Productions, which is part of the Community Association, played sell out performances of 'Where there is a Will, there is a way'. It was a fantastic show and a huge thanks go to everyone who was involved but in particular Alison Sellar and Petra Farquhar. There was so many folks involved, it was truly a community effort.

Our annual duck race on 25th August, we sold all the tickets, and the competition produced some lovely entries. It was perfect weather and we definitely have the only 'extended boom' duck drop thanks to Eion Harrold. Winners - Ducks, 1st Sue Brown, 2nd A Hillgarth, 3rd K Nunn. Competition adults 1st Rachel West 2nd Joanne Wilson . Children 1st Anna West, 2nd Connor Wilson

On Saturday 7th September it was Aswanley Horse trails. Thanks to all helpers and bakers for serving tea and coffee from 12noon until 6pm. Great afternoon. Thanks also to Pam who invites the community to do this each year and raise funds.

On Saturday 5th October it was Glass Coffee morning in the Stewarts Hall. A great turnout from everyone, thanks for all supporters, bakers, donations and helpers as well as all who came along for coffee. Takings around £850

Reels night was on Saturday 23rd November. It was a great turnout once again and a very successful evening was held, with some good dance practises held prior to the night. It was great to have some folks attend from Inch and Rothiemay. The raffle went to support Marie Cure Cancer, the local branch. Many thanks to Mike Tait for organising the evening and Frank and his accordion.

The young person's concert in the Glass Church on Friday 13th December was another great success and £230 has been donated to the Aberdeen Sick Children's hospital from donations received on the night. Special thanks to Fiona Hill for organising.

Sunday 22nd December the carol singing around Glass was another great night, with the only snow this winter so far. Around 30 enthusiastic youngsters and friends / parents and drivers turned out to sing around Glass. Nearly £400 was raised and will be shared between the Huntly Area Cancer support centre and the Glass Hall upgrade. I am sure we will be the only community who does this every year and also provide sherry and cake to our older citizens, which makes sure the community knows and cares about them.

On Tuesday 24th December in Glass Church we had the Christmas Eve service at 6pm, at an earlier time than before, however this was very well attended and the money raised £186.00 will be shared between local charities. Special thanks to Father Tom and also to Christine Yuill who made a welcome return to Glass kirk and her beloved kirk organ.

Some other thanks are due. Firstly to Sonsi Reeve who cleans the hall and does a fine job. Sonsi is such an enthusiastic supporter of the various events and so has a real attachment to keeping the hall spic and span.

Secondly to Graham Archer for keeping the web pages fresh and appealing, they are a real asset. Many thanks Graham.

Thirdly thanks to the Committee, it just would not be possible to run so many excellent events without them. I am always bowled over by their enthusiasm when turning up, organising and providing everything from raffle prizes, wonderful bakes and cups of tea, soup and so on.

Fourthly a huge thanks to Rachel West who is our treasurer, making sure our finances are handled properly and for preparing the accounts. Also to Atholl Scott who certify the accounts.

Lastly, but certainly not least, on behalf of the whole community I would like to thank Margo for the power of work she does, her diligence and huge passion for the community and making sure everything is done correctly and on time. We all owe you a debt of gratitude.

Bob Yuill. 20th January 2014