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### Message from President Edwina

*Happy New year to all,*

*The year just past has gone by so quickly we are already half way through my presidential year. I do hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have,*

*We have hosted numerous interesting speakers and enjoyed a most entertaining international evening. In October, 20 of us headed north to Inverness to the District Conference quickly followed by our participation at the Braemar Gathering. Although I was unable to attend a wonderful day was had by all.*

*In mid December the entertainments committee organised our Xmas party with the help of our resident Santa. The Burns Supper on 19<sup>th</sup> January seems set to be another great occasion.*

*After a few years break we returned to Scot Skinner Square before Xmas to meet the people and share our mulled wine and mince pies. This was a fantastic success. Thanks to all who took part.*

*2011 is going to be a busy year, organising our 40<sup>th</sup> Charter celebrations and hosting our Norwegian visitors and in March we will again organise our senior citizens show.*

*Thank you all for your continued support, I am looking forward to all your company in the coming months.*

*Edwina*

## Record Schools Response to Rotary Shoebox Appeal

On 10<sup>th</sup> December, International Deputy Convener Dave Edmonds reported on the huge success of this year's Shoebox Appeal. Over 400 boxes were collected from Hill of Banchory, Banchory Primary, Drumoak, Durriss and Durriss Nursery schools. The boxes, collected by Club members in blizzard conditions, were then delivered to the transport point at Dyce carriers for onward transport to Eastern European countries. Dave also told members that the recipients are of all ages from small children to pensioners in Eastern Europe, Romania, Albania etc. For most it will be the only present they receive this Christmas and for the orphan children maybe the only present they have ever been given. The children who filled boxes will have provided a lot of happiness to many very poor people this Christmas. Well done pupils.



Some of the P4 pupils at Hill of Banchory School with their shoeboxes and teacher Lyndsay Stewart

## Dictionaries 4 Life a Hit with Pupils

Following the successful distribution of 170 Dictionaries 4 Life to local schools by Club members David Needham and Ralph Singleton in September 2010, President Edwina reported on a very encouraging follow-up at a recent Club meeting, when she read out a letter from a Primary 6 Banchory Primary pupil, Kazio Wolowski.

In his letter Kazio not only thanked the Club for the gift of the dictionary, but also went on to say that he had learned about Rotary's final fundraising push in the Polio Plus campaign and he concluded his letter with: "On the back of this letter I have made a donation of £2 out of my own money to help your work towards your £100 million goal!" What a lovely gesture from this young man. There was also another letter from P6 pupils, Chloe Ledingham and Rosa Donaldson, also thanking the Club for the Dictionaries on behalf of all the P6 pupils at Banchory Primary.

### **25 Years Ago**

*Our Club Bulletin belongs to all of us - and all of us can do our share to help keep it interesting and informative. The next time a fast breaking news story comes your way, or you hear of something that would fit nicely into our bulletin - pass it along, or write up the story yourself.*

Written by the editor of the Club Bulletin in January 1985 and as true today as it was then!

### **20 Years Ago**

Bob Davidson the Club President for 1989 / 90 in his message in Club Banter wrote as follows:-

*You may have noticed that I invariably start each meeting with the sincere wish that you have had a good week. This is my way of trying to foster Fellowship because so much can happen before we meet each other on a Thursday (remember the Club at that time was a lunchtime Club meeting on Thursdays). This was forcibly brought home to me the other week when a member of the Club informed me rather unexpectedly that indeed it had not been a good week for him. Yet he bravely came to the Club luncheon looking for Fellowship. I sincerely hope he found it.*

Do we make all Rotarians, including visitors, feel welcome at our meetings? This is a challenge for all of us and as true as it was in 1990.

### **10 Years Ago**

We welcomed our latest international youth exchangee.

*Sixteen-year old Paula das Neves Fernandez left a temperature of 35° C behind her when she flew out from the Brazilian town of Sao Paulo on 24 January 2000 and arrived in a shivering Scotland the following day to be met by her first host family, Frank and Betty Garden.*

*"Apart from the cold, I am enjoying myself very much in Banchory," says Paula. "Everyone is very friendly and Banchory is a very nice town."*

*She saw snow for the first time in her life during a visit to Glenshee and immediately e-mailed a photograph of herself in the snow back to her family in Sao Paulo.*

## New Member Profile



### Peter Medley

Peter Medley has been living in Banchory since June 2001 and is married to Norwegian Sigrid Medley-Tellefsen.

Peter works as Director and General Manager for Skene House Hotel Suites in Aberdeen. The company has three properties in Aberdeen with a total of 186 suites. The hotels attract corporate business during the week and leisure at weekend. The Skene House Rosemount property also has a conference centre accommodating conferences up to 80 delegates.

Skene Investments is part of The Skene Group, which owns the Inchmarlo Continued Care Community in Banchory.

Peter is the current chairman of Aberdeen City and Shire Hotels Association, which has 32 members.

## Club members out and about in November/December



Alistair, Sandy & Ryan selling Charity Car Raffles in the Bon Accord Centre



Rotarians work at the Mulled Wine stand in Scott Skinner Square



A large number of customers enjoyed the Rotary mulled wine



Banchory Rotarians pictured with First Minister Alex Salmond at Dyce 25 Charter Celebration

## Christmas Party Celebrations

The annual Rotary Christmas party was enjoyed by a large number of Rotarians, friends and Rotary Guests.

As always, Robert and his team put on a superb meal, followed by a visit from Santa, Doric Carol singing, a selection of accordion music from Rob McCombie and rounding off with everyone joining in more Carol singing.

Thanks to PP George and his team for a great evening, enjoyed by one and all.



Santa entertains a group of Rotarians and friends



President Edwina with Honorary Rotarians, Guests and Entertainments Chairman George

## Good News from our Curlers

The good news from the curling team is that at the midpoint of the season our team is sitting second in the league, only 2 points behind the leaders Westhill 1, who sadly beat us quite resoundingly earlier in the season. But we meet them again for the return game on the 4 January so it will be a bit of a grudge game on our part. Here's hoping we play well.

Also we are now into the District semi finals of the competition for the Ramshead trophy, a competition that is played in sections throughout Scotland. Our next opponents are Turriff Rotary Club and if we win that game we go on to meet either Inverness or Forfar to qualify for the next round before the finals in Perth in March.

Ian managed to be in the team that came second in the Friendship Bonspiel. No one was more surprised than he was but it did help to keep a Banchory member (usually it has been Chris) in the prize list this year.

Ian and Leonard both played against the Canadian Curlers when they visited Aberdeen at the beginning of November. Five games were played on the Sunday and Monday and Aberdeen curlers won by 14 shots overall which was a respectable result for the north east and a great day of fellowship.

The not so good news is that Banchory are almost certainly out of the Inter-league competition, a competition that we usually do well in. We only won 2 of the 5 games in the Round Robin, but we still have the Double Knock Out competition to look forward to in the New Year.

If any Rotarian is interested in joining us for a fun game or just to have a go at curling, let me or one of our curlers know and we will try to organise a session in the New Year. It would probably have to be played on a weekday at 4pm till 6pm.

Happy New Year to you All  
Ian P

## My Home on Deeside -1986

A chance conversation recently with Honorary Rotarian Phil Taylor resulted in a discussion on a Rotary project, involving the local schools community some twenty-five years ago.

My Home on Deeside was a selection of school essays which was first run as a competition in 1986. The schools which participated were Banchory Academy, Banchory Primary, Crathes, Crossroads School, Durris, Drumoak School, Strachan School, Torphins School and Woodlands School, Durris. Pupils were invited to write an essay with the title "My Home on Deeside", the objective being to stimulate good essay writing through competition and reward.

The Essay Competition was spread over four age groups, two from Primary and two from Secondary and one winner in each of the age groups was selected as a winner and presented with a £15 gift voucher by the Club. Over two hundred entries were received, presenting the adjudicator Mr Duncan Reid, Advisor in English, Grampian Region Education Service with a difficult task. The top twenty essays were then printed in booklet form and copies were sold to the public for £1. The competition was run by the Club Community Service Committee, whose Convener was Phil Taylor; the others in the Committee were Robin Grant, the late Sandy Hay and Ian Hendry.

Phil was good enough to lend me his copy of the booklet and the winning essays in each category will be published in the next few issues of Ternan Times. We hope you enjoy reading them.

Ed

## My Home on Deeside

I live on a farm. I am six miles from school and one mile from my nearest neighbour. To get to my house you have to go along a rough road. The river Dye is at the side of our road. In good weather we go down to the river to paddle. My Mum takes a picnic with us. When there's been a lot of rain it overflows and washes away bits of the road. Then my Dad fixes it with the digger. In summer I collect branches from the trees at the side of our road. I do not know all the kinds of trees yet but there is Spruce, Fir, Larch, Rowan, Oak, Willow and Scots Pine. There are all sorts of wild flowers but my Mum does not let me pick them because we want more to grow.

My brother and me plant flowers in the garden in front of our house. Tom Thumbs are the only things that grew well.

My Mum says its like a jungle in front of our house. Our house is quite old. It is a brownish creamy colour. It has three bedrooms, a living room, a bathroom, a kitchen and there is a little bit joined on to our house where we keep our sticks and coal because we have no central heating, just a fire and a little white heater which we use by electricity. We have two pianos – one in the bedroom and one in the living room.

When I look out the back door I see Kerloch Hill. Last summer we went to the very top and we could see all the towns and villages right out to the sea. There was a big monument on the top which the soldiers put there during the war I think. Dad says it's a place for using a compass and measuring distances. Usually Kerloch looks purple because of all the heather. Last year we picked cranberries, blaie berries and cloud berries. In winter snow is usually on the hill before it is anywhere else about the place.

When I look out the front door I see Cloch Na Ben. It is the hill with the funny rock on top. I have never been there before. Maybe we will go this year. My Dad has been there already. He goes to gather his sheep and helps our neighbour to gather his. In school we had a story about Cloch Na Ben and we acted it out. There was a giant and he threw the big stone over his wife's head and killed her and then realized what he had done and he threw himself down the hill.

Down below our house we have a haugh. There is a field there which is surrounded by trees. Sometimes Scouts come and camp. There is a little river runs alongside which is the river Dye. At Easter we go there to roll our eggs. When I look around the fields I can see sheep, cows, horses, some hens, a goat and calves. We had ducks but foxes ate them. On our road and near our home I have often seen wild animals. When the turnips are in the field wood pigeons come out to eat them. Pheasants eat the corn. I saw a buzzard teaching its little ones to fly. I often see roe deer. On our way to the taxi I sometimes see a heron standing on a rock in the water. I once saw a mink by the bridge.

There is always plenty to do at my home. I help my Mum and Dad too and we play with our bicycles when the weather is good. We often go for walks. Animals need different things doing to them. My favourite thing is dipping the sheep. I also like watching my Dad and Uncle clipping the sheep.

When snow comes I have fun. If the taxi gets stuck I don't need to go to school. In the snow I play on my sledge and I slide as well and build snow men. We have snow ball fights too. If the weather is too bad there is a barn where my brother and I can play. We play on the bales of hay and there is a smooth bit where we can play with our motors. I like living at Heatherhaugh because it is never boring.

Douglas Petrie  
Strachan Primary School

(Winner)

And just for a Laugh - Festive Fun Cartoon Selection



Wishing all Ternan Times readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.  
Keep the literary contributions coming – we need them.

Ed