



Newsletter

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President's Prize

Outgoing President, Ian Stephen said that he had a difficult task in deciding a winner among the high-quality entries for this competition, the theme of which was 'celebration'. Congratulations to Elspeth MacLachlan for her winning entry, on Perth and its 800th birthday.

Writer of the Year

Congratulations to Jim Waite, who amassed most points throughout the year, and was named 'Writer of the Year'.

Soutar Theatre Project – A Pocketful of Perthshire

After all the hard work that went into writing and rehearsing for this event, we were rewarded with a large, responsive audience at The Soutar Theatre, A K Bell Library, on 27 May. The event had been included in the listing for Fringe events of Perth Festival of the Arts, which in 2010 also formed part of Perth800. Silvie Taylor came to one of the rehearsals and gave us some voice coaching. We were pleased that she was part of the line-up on the day, reading her own contribution and that of others, despite having a heavy cold. With musical accompaniment from Stuart Duncan of Red Barn Studios, the audience was taken on a trip round Perthshire, through the ages. There was history, humour and whimsy through song, poetry and prose, with all pieces written by members. The overwhelming opinion was that the afternoon had been very successful and everyone wanted to know when the next one was. It's on 26 May 2011. Put it in your diary and tell all your friends.

Annual Dinner

On 23 April a dozen members and friends enjoyed dinner in the pleasant surroundings of a private dining room at The Aviator, Scone.

25th Stovie Night at East Inchmichael

Margaret's chapel was filled to capacity on 4 May with writers from groups as far afield as Falkirk and Dundee. After some entertaining reading, we all enjoyed Margaret Gillies Brown's famous mouth-watering stovies, followed by dessert from a groaning table, and a piece of celebration cake to mark the occasion. If it turns out that that was in fact the last stovie night (*though watch this space*) then a huge vote of thanks goes to Margaret for her kind hospitality down the years.

I hope the above information has been helpful. If you would like more/less please let me know. I am happy to be advised for future editions.

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