



## Chairman's Comment

AT BCT'S AGM IN APRIL, Jack Holt retired after three years as the Trust's Chairman, during which he made an immense contribution to the successful development of BCT. He is a hard act to follow.

To add to the changes in BCT, Robin Callander made known his wish to relinquish his responsibility for the overall management of BCT's affairs in order to concentrate on areas where BCT can make use of his special skills. The Trustees, therefore, recruited Tricia Heldman, who has responsibility for administration, which was previously carried out by Sandra Holt, the general operation of the Trust and certain projects.

My initial impressions are of the considerable challenges involved in being able to continue to deliver on the wide range of projects which BCT has undertaken. This requires getting not only the financial, but also the human resources, required for this to be carried out. I am lucky in being part of a knowledgeable and dedicated Board of Trustees. Under their leadership and with the continued support of everyone involved with BCT's work, I am confident that BCT will continue to build on its past success in delivering real benefits to the community of Birse.

Jim Gordon  
Chairman, July 2002



BCT's Trustees at Finzean Old School:  
Left to Right – Lynne Gordon, Robert Dinnie  
(Vice Chairman), Pam Taylor, Guy Haslam &  
Jim Gordon (Chairman)

## Acknowledgements

BCT is extremely grateful to everyone whose donations, grants, goodwill and other forms of help have supported BCT so far, including the following organisations for funding during the first six months of 2002:- Aberdeenshire Council, BP, Demigryphon Trust, Forestry Commission, Historic Scotland, North East Rivers Project, Rural Environment Action Project, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department and Scottish Natural Heritage.

## Supporting BCT

### Associate Membership

PLEASE SUPPORT BCT and its local projects by becoming an Associate Member of the Trust. The subscription is £20 (£25 overseas) per household for twelve months. Members receive free copies of BCT Updates, other mailings, special opportunities to visit BCT's projects and discounts on BCT's publications.

### Very Special Buckets



BCT sells at cost the buckets made by Stan Moyes at the Bucket Mill as part of conserving the mill and the skills that go with it. These very special buckets are made out of native pine and only a few are available each year. They cost £75. If you would like to buy one and support the vital work of maintaining the Bucket Mill, please phone the BCT office.

## AGM 2002

BCT'S FOURTH AGM was on 24th April and attended by over 100 members. The formal business of the meeting included the election of two new (and unrelated) Trustees, Jim Gordon and Lynne Gordon, and a special presentation to the Reverend Jack Holt to mark his retirement as Chairman of BCT.

Interspersed through the programme of the meeting were three tremendous local performances: Frieda Morrison and Alison Bell revived the parish's own Jacobite song "Owre the Water to Charlie", David Duncan told the humorous doric story "WPDI" and Sheena Blackhall recited some of her Birse poems.



BCT's AGM included an exhibition of material from BCT's Local History Archive and other projects.



"THE SUN PEEPS O'ER YON SOUTHERN HILLS"

### Joseph Farquharson Prints

BCT has a limited number of copies for sale of the marvellous Joseph Farquharson print above. These large prints measure 72 x 50 cm (27 x 20 inches). They cost £25 (£20 BCT members) each post free within the UK or £125 framed (£100 BCT members) from the Old School.

### Local Books

The following local history books are available direct from BCT post free within the UK:-

Robert Dinnie's "An Account of the Parish of Birse"

£8.50 (£7.50 for BCT members)

Robin Callander's "History in Birse"

£9.75 (£8.75 for BCT members)

"The Statistical Accounts of Birse Parish: 1792, 1842, 1950"

£3.95 (£3.50 for BCT members)

David Webster & Gordon Dinnie's

"Donald Dinnie" £12.95

(£10 for BCT members)

North East Scotland Family History

Society's "The Kirkyard of Birse" £2.25

Finzean Community Association's

"A History of Finzean" £5.00

### Donations

The Trust greatly appreciates any donations, as these are vital in enabling the Trust to take forward its work.

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