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## Montrose Society 2005 Awards

The Annual Awards Evening was held at the Old & St Andrew's Kirk Hall on Friday May 20 and was again well attended by over 80 members and guests. Montrose Academy String Group again provided a beautifully performed musical programme.

### Civic Awards for Architecture and Restoration Developments

This year three awards made were for Building Restoration and one award for Improvement to Townscape.

The townscape award deservedly went to Angus Council, and their architects and contractors for the wonderful improvements achieved in the Mid Links and Churchyard Walk restoration. Montrosians can be rightly proud of the Mid Links, which are such a unique and wonderful asset to our lovely town.

Top award and the **Dunfermline Building Society Award** went to Mark Walker of Logiealmond for his imaginative restoration of Logie Mill near Craigo which miraculously brought a restored Snuff Mill back to life following a disastrous flood from the nearby North Esk. An additional storey was added to the mill, with stunning effect, truly turning a disaster into an architectural tour de force. Awards were also made for an imaginative conservatory extension to St Martins at Hillside, and for a sympathetic and very well designed coach house conversion at Gordon House, Hillside.

### Civic Commendations for Retail Premises

This scheme run by the Society with the valued support of our sponsors has been a very well received way of saying "well done and thank you" to those companies and retailers who take pride in presenting a good

face to the public and their customers.

First prize and **The Keyline Award** for £300 went to The Barbers Shop in Market Street, second prize and the **Links Hotel Award** of £125 to Clever Kids in Baltic Street and third prize and the **Harry Maiden Award** of £50 to Halo in Murray Street.

Other Commendation winners were 4 Kidz, P M Roberts, Highland Scene, T Duncan & Co., By Design, Barclay Butchers, Inx Minx Tattoos, Alan K Smith, The Health Haven, Neil Watt Butchers, Elizabeth's Shoes, Clover Fashions, Touch of Dutch, Egerton Jewellery, Headline, Blooms, The Hair Shop, The Albert Bar, W J Johnston, and The Southesk Inn.

A special Award was also made to Angus Council for the colourful redecoration of the Beach pavilion, which is such a distinctive period building from the 1920's.

Sincere thanks go to our sponsors, to Colin Smith and Judith Wilson of Ethie Studios, who so ably judged the Civic Awards, and to Paul Mitchell, Conservation Officer with Angus Council, who judged the Commendation Awards.

### A Golden Moment

Next year we see the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Montrose Society. Sponsorship Proposals and Ideas to celebrate this Golden Moment will be made most welcome. Contact any committee member to let us know what you think!!

*Sandy Munro, President*

### MEETINGS

are held in the Legends Suite, George Hotel, Montrose at 7.30pm.

Annual membership is £8.

Visitors £1.50 per evening.

Juniors are free.

Coffee and Tea available.

Meetings are held from September to March.

*Do please come along to any/all you are interested in. You will be made very welcome.*



First place went to The Barbers Shop, Market Street, owned by Maureen Barbour

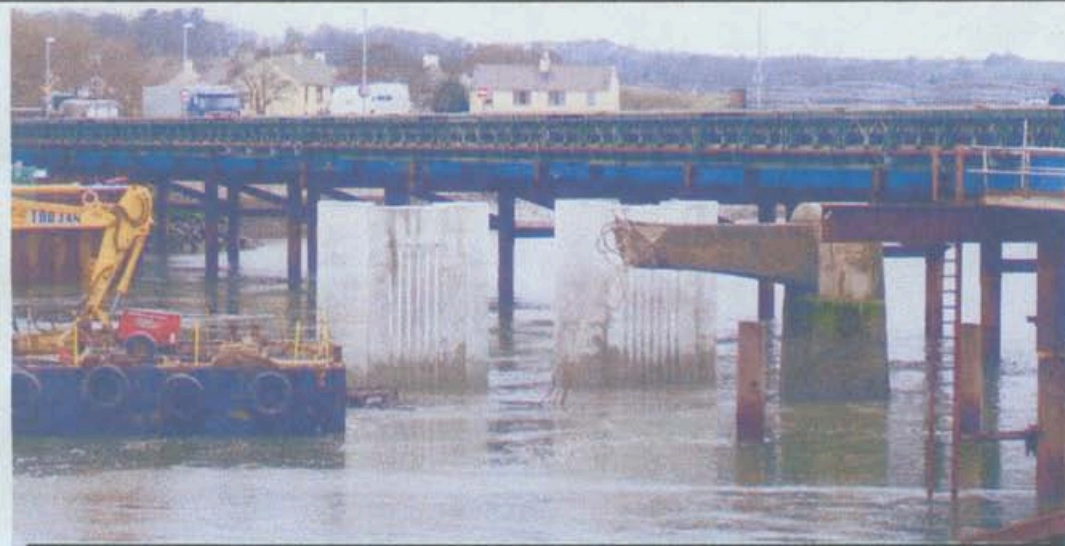
## Replacement Bridge Progressing

Weather plays a huge part towards progress of the bridge. High winds have hampered the installation of the temporary coffer which are set in place by huge cranes and work must stop when winds exceed a maximum regulated speed.

In April I witnessed the removal of the piling from the north side revealing the new concrete columns. The old bridge supports are being broken up and removed with the assistance of a barge and mechanical machine. The first sections of the bridge were due in mid-May to arrive from Ireland by barge and lifted into place on the north elevation first by means of a huge crane brought in for lifting the remaining parts of the bridge sections.

If any reader can think of an appropriate name for the replacement bridge then contact any member of the Montrose Society.

*Raymond Sutton*



This shows the completed supports on the north side of the bridge with the temporary bridge behind.

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