

AN EVENING WITH JACK WEBSTER



The sell out audience in Mintlaw village hall were treated to a spectacular evening's entertainment with Robert Lovie interviewing Jack Webster in a gentle but probing manner. The audience was held spellbound for more than two hours.

Under the questioning Jack took us through the highlights of his career in great detail whilst reflecting and expanding on the characters he had met and those he had interviewed.

Jack started his journalistic career in the most unconstructed manner with the Turra Advertiser before moving on and upwards via the Aberdeen Press and

Journal, Daily Express then the Glasgow Herald. In pursuit of his career, with perseverance the key word, he obtained "scoops" from Munich to Beverley Hills.

He obtained an interview with Charlie Chaplin, who famously would not give interviews, and also signed doodles from the great man for each of his children. He also interviewed Mohamed Ali and Viscount Montgomery and many others. Jack expressed a great thanks to Bing Crosby for many introductions to celebrities.

The interplay between Jack and Robert exuded great charm and humour.

The evening was rounded off with a concert, presented by Bill Gray, in which the appreciative audience heard Gregor Allan, still a schoolboy, but a champion accordionist; Nichola Auchnie a virtuoso on the fiddle and the sweet voice of Moira Stewart. Bill linked the proceedings with humour and an occasional song.

