

Cockpen & Carrington

The Link

Lasswade & Rosewell

Harvest 2016



*O taste and see that
the **Lord** is Good; happy are
those who take refuge in **him**.*

Psalm 34:8

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SERVICES SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2016

| Date | Lasswade & Rosewell at 10.00 am | Cockpen & Carrington at 11.30 am |
|---|---|---|
| 4 Sept | Communion Service Minister – Rosewell | Minister |
| 11 Sept | Minister - Lasswade | Minister |
| 18 Sept | Minister - Rosewell | Minister |
| 25 Sept Harvest | Minister - Lasswade | Minister – All Age |
| 2 Oct | Minister – Rosewell – Baptismal Service | Minister and The Guild |
| 9 Oct | Minister – Lasswade | Minister |
| 16 Oct | Minister – Rosewell | Minister |
| 23 Oct | Minister – Lasswade – Gift Day | Minister |
| 30 Oct | Joint All-Age Service Lasswade Church at 10.00 am | |
| 6 Nov | Minister – Rosewell | Communion Service Minister |
| 13 Nov Remembrance Sunday | Minister - Lasswade * tbc – Rosewell – 10.50 am ⁺ | Minister |
| 20 Nov | Minister – Rosewell | Minister |
| 27 Nov 1st Advent | Minister – Lasswade – Boys' Brigade Enrolment | Minister |
| 4 Dec 2nd Advent | Minister – Rosewell | Minister |
| 11 Dec 3rd Advent | Minister – Lasswade - Nativity | Minister |
| 18 Dec 4th Advent | Minister – Rosewell | Minister – Nativity Nine Lessons and Carols 7.00 pm |
| 25 Dec Christmas Day | Minister – Lasswade | Minister |

* Lasswade War Memorial at 9.30 am;

+ Rosewell War Memorial at 12.00 pm

Additional Christmas services:

23 Dec - Minister - Christingle Service – Lasswade – 6.00 pm

24 Dec - Minister – Christingle Service – Rosewell – 6.00 pm

Watchnight Service – Cockpen – 11.20 pm

From the Minister

Recent years have seemed to fly past very quickly and this year is no exception as we reach September already. It has been a busy time since beginning in the parish in mid-March.

I am very grateful to everyone for the warmth of your welcome and your encouragement as I have got started. It has been a delight to begin to get to know each of the church families and I have been constantly so impressed by the committed involvement and faithful hard work and achievement by so many, so often behind the scenes, in continuing the life and care of the church.

It has also been fun beginning to find my way about the different communities of Bonnyrigg, Lasswade and Rosewell as well as further afield in Gorebridge, Newtongrange and Dalkeith. With the exciting prospect of moving into the manse now much closer, I will look forward to getting to know my way around even better as I go out on foot or by bicycle instead of in the car.

In the coming weeks, we also have the encouraging prospect of the appointment of the new Pioneer Minister in Hopefield. They will bring with them all kinds of creative and innovative ways of engaging with the community, and we can look forward to supporting them in that.

While much may be uncertain and challenging for the church as it adapts to meet the needs of our changing times and culture, we have the reminder that it has ever been so, as the gospel of Christ has rippled out down the generations and into such diverse communities across the world. Our God is living and active. He's not static but ever moving on and full of hope. He delights to journey with us as we press on in fresh ways of being church today.



While on holiday in the Lake District this summer, I was reminded of this as I sat beside the beautiful top section of the Moss Force Waterfall above Buttermere. The water cascades down in a myriad of joyfully bouncing rivulets - never ceasing, abundant and ever flowing on their way. In the same way, God's love and presence are ever with us – never ending, abundant; bringing strength and hope in our onward journey of life and faith.

As the apostle Paul encouraged the members of the early church in Rome: *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* (Romans 15:13)

Your minister,

Lorna Souter

CLERK'S REPORT

I hope you have all had a good summer, whether it be relaxing holidays at home enjoying leisure activities, or appreciating the fragrance of the flowers in your garden, or basking in sunshine in some lovely far off places. Whatever the case, by the time you read this, I am sure that as we head into autumn it will be a distant memory.

We are now much more secure as a congregation having a Minister who will bring leadership and enthusiasm to our Church. Lorna has been with us for six months now and it is quite an arduous task for someone taking over a Church that has had no real leadership for such a long period of time. However, with time and patience I am sure we will once again be a vibrant Church.

Lorna is working exceedingly hard in bringing everyone together and we as a congregation must all pull our weight and work with her in supporting her new ideas. Often when left to one's own devices, we fail to see the bigger picture and don't want to accept change. However to be successful, we must move on and lose the "*Its aye been done this way*" ethos. Over the last 10 years, we only have to look at the way technology has changed, to see how important this is. Lorna can only do so much on her own. Even if she can't make water flow uphill, we must all work as a team.

To achieve:

- T - Together
- E - Everyone
- A - Achieves
- M - More

We need less me and more we.

Our organisations will be up and running by now and we wish them well for a successful session. The Guild service of rededication will take place in the Church on 2nd October and the Sunday School will be in Church on 25th September for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

In the coming months, we hope to hold some fund raising events, both for charity and for the Church. It is hoped that everyone supports these events, whether in the involvement of organisations, or coming along to support the various functions.

Finally, I would like to thank our editorial team and all who contribute to the magazine. It would be nice however to have some new contributors and ask that anyone with any little snippets of interest send them to John or Willie.

Liz Mills

Session Clerk, Cockpen and Carrington Church

Kira Noble

As many of you are aware, we are fundraising for 13 year old Kira Noble, the niece of Jim and Dot Scott. Kira has Neuroblastoma, an extremely aggressive children's cancer. Kira was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 11 and over the past two years has endured gruelling rounds of treatment with surgery and chemotherapy. Unfortunately after only twelve weeks in remission it was discovered that Kira's cancer had returned and she was faced with further unpleasant rounds of treatment. Kira had further surgery followed by chemotherapy and has spent weeks in isolation for the fear of infection. Throughout this most unpleasant treatment Kira amazes everyone by her positive attitude and acceptance of these horrible side effects saying; — You just have to get on it's no use complaining.

Survival rates for relapsed neuroblastoma are very low and there are limited options to treat neuroblastoma which has relapsed, all of which exist in the form of clinical trials, some in the UK and some abroad. Obviously Kira's parents want to be prepared for the future, and to enable them to access these experimental treatments to stop the cancer returning are anxious to raise funds to meet the overwhelming cost of treatment abroad.

As a church we are supporting this charity by holding an Afternoon Tea on 24th of August at 2pm with a raffle and home baking stall and a Continental Breakfast with an Auction and Tombola on the 24th September at 10am. Both these events will be held in the church hall and tickets are £5.

If you are unable to support either of these events, you may like to donate directly via your mobile text **KIRA89** and your amount £1 - £10 to **70070**.

Or donate online

<https://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/solvingkidscancer/kiranoble>

Or by phone to 0207 0284 0800 donate to Kira Noble.

If the money raised is not required for Kira then a child with the same disease would benefit.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

The Minister runs a prayer meeting weekly on a Wednesday morning at 11am. The group pray for around half an hour then have a cup of tea when everyone can get to know each other. The meeting is open to everyone in the three congregations Cockpen, Lasswade and Rosewell and it would be nice to see more people attending. You don't have to be committed to attending every week, you can join in on any week that you are available.

GUILD REPORT

The Guild finished on a high hosting an extremely enjoyable social with entertainment and refreshments in abundance. Over the summer break we held a very successful Afternoon Tea raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy and Motor Neurone Disease. Such was the success of this ever-popular event the sum of £600 was raised to be divided between the two charities. The Guild continues to flourish with three new members attending last session and enquiries from two more for this session. We are very fortunate to have such a vibrant Guild and are always more than happy to welcome new members. Our evenings provide a wide range of very informative speakers and gives everyone a chance to catch up and get to know better the members of the congregations over a cuppa. The committee have put together the new programme for 2016-2017, which starts with the dedication of the Guild on Sunday 2nd October in the Church and our first meeting in the Church Hall on Monday 3rd October at the usual time of **7-30pm** when the speaker will be the Minister.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Liz and Helen

USED STAMPS

Letter from **THE SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY, EDINBURGH**

“Thank you so much for the British and Foreign stamps which you have so kindly donated to our Operation Family via Dorothy Bennett. Please pass on our thanks to all those who contributed to this donation from Cockpen and Carrington Church.

For every £4 that we receive from the sale of your items, someone will receive a Bible, Children’s Bible, New Testament or Gospel. We greatly appreciate the support of your congregation.”

Used stamps may be left at the Church or the Church Hall where I will collect them.

Thank you

Dorothy Bennett

HALL CONVENOR

Unfortunately, we are once again looking for someone to take on the position of Hall Convenor. Jim Scott has done this job for a number of years since David Stocks retired, but feels it is now time for him to hand over the duties to someone else.

If anyone feels they could take on this position please have a word with the minister.

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH

BAPTISMS

We were delighted to welcome the following babies who, along with their parents, families and supporters joined us at recent Baptismal Services. We hope that all felt happy to be amongst us at such a special time.

Alfie James **Kidd**, Infant son of Kevin and Emma
3rd April, by The Minister

Esme Flora **Stewart**, Infant Daughter of Stuart and Becky
17th April, by The Minister

Piper Robertson **McCabe** infant Daughter of Ian and Rachel
24th July, by The Rev Elizabeth Curran

'May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee'

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couple who were married recently in Church and wish them every happiness.

László **Suti** to Marianna **Kun** on 20th May by The Minister.

(See Church website at www.church.cockpen.co.uk) for information and advice on weddings for all three of the churches.

BEREAVEMENTS

We continue to pray for those in our Congregations (and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Church, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

'Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to become a member of the church at either Lasswade & Rosewell or Cockpen & Carrington?

If you are not as yet a member of the church but would now like to become one, or if you would like to reinstate your membership that lapsed previously, please speak to the minister. A Confirmation Class will be available for those wishing to join the church for the first time.

SPRINGFIELD BANK NURSING HOME

Services at the nursing home take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm and are led by the Minister.

Over the last few months the number attending from the home has increased greatly which is extremely encouraging.

The Service lasts for around 20 minutes with residents and members of our congregation joining together in hymn singing accompanied by Walter on the keyboard and the Minister leading everyone in prayer and reflection.

After the Service we enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with the residents, giving them the opportunity to let us know what they like or dislike about the service.

For the residents, worship is very important to them and it is lovely to see so many happy people enjoying the Service and enjoying the company and friendship.

If anyone would like to help increase the numbers from Cockpen please speak to the Minister.

BEADLE

David Robinson has retired from the position of Beadle due to personal circumstances. We thank David for the wonderful job that he did in the time he held the position, and for the many extra duties he did involving D.I.Y., saving the Church a great deal of expense and making life a lot easier for many.

We were very fortunate however, that we had a very willing successor - Ian Bee applied for the position on David's retiral. We thank and welcome Ian for taking on this role and that he has settled in so well, and he too has been busy with the D.I.Y.

The role of Beadle can be a very demanding and time-consuming job and we thank both David and Ian for their time given to the job.

E. Mills

Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota

2016

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| September | 4 | Liz MacDonald |
| | 11 | Maureen Peden |
| | 18 | Dorothy Bennett |
| | 25 | Ena Cockburn |
| October | 2 | Jim Dyer |
| | 9 | Jean Sharpe |
| | 16 | Mrs M Robson |
| | 23 | Wilma Sweeney |
| | 30 | Liz Mills |
| November | 6 | Mrs Dalgleish |
| | 13 | Lynsey Stevenson |
| | 20 | Mrs C Robertson |
| | 27 | Liz MacDonald |
| December | 4 | Susan McKechnie |
| | 11 | Betty Finlay |
| | 18 | Dorothy, Helen and Katherine |
| | 25 | Liz Laidlaw |



Thank you for all the donations received and to all who supply and arrange the flowers in the Church. I and the other members of the Congregation who deliver the flowers on Sundays after Church enjoy the pleasure of brightening up someone's day. Please contact me on (0131) 663 8517 or see me in Church if you have any queries.

Nancy

Lasswade and Rosewell Choir

Once again I extend my thanks to the regular choir for all their support during the summer months and I also thank them, plus those who augmented the choir, for their work over the Easter period. As I have said before the choir is a team and without their enthusiasm our worship would be all the poorer.

Just after Easter Moira and I spent a few days at Crieff Hydro with members of our family and en route to Crieff the main road skirts Dunblane. Easter was just a few days after the twentieth anniversary of the massacre of children and their teacher in Dunblane Primary in March 1996.

Two thoughts crossed my mind. The tune which accompanies the hymn “Far round the world thy children sing their song” is called “Dunblane Cathedral”. It was composed by Dr. Archie Fairbairn Barnes who went to school in Bristol and subsequently studied at The Royal College of Music and Keble College, Oxford. Dr. Barnes served with the British Expeditionary Force in France in World War One and was Headmaster of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane. His associations with that Town no doubt gave him the inspiration to name his tune after the Cathedral. For many years the band of the Queen Victoria School provided the music before the start of the rugby internationals at Murrayfield.

One of the more prolific contributors to CH4 is Rev. John Bell whose words are thought provoking and whose music is haunting. The tune which he wrote to accompany the words of Hymn 746 is called “Dunblane Primary” for reasons which are obvious when one reads and/or sings this emotive message of reflection.

HLRD

Lasswade and Rosewell News

By the time you read this, our new Minister, Lorna, will have been with us for six months. It was a great joy for us all here and at Cockpen and Carrington to be, at last, settled after a period of uncertainty.

Lorna was ordained and inducted to her charges on Thursday, 10 March in Cockpen and Carrington Church followed by a social and then a wonderful tea and goodies.

Many people, too many names to mention, worked very hard to make the evening a success and my grateful thanks is extended to them all.

I hope that you will come along to join in our Worship either at Lasswade or Rosewell as this is a new beginning for us all. For those who are housebound or unable to attend Church on a Sunday morning, Lorna has already made a start at visiting those people. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit, Lorna would be more than happy to hear from you either directly or through one of the Elders.

Dorothy

CHANGE TO PATTERN OF WORSHIP

Following approval from Lothian Presbytery at its meeting on 30 June 2016, from the start of September 2016, the new pattern of worship for Lasswade and Rosewell Parish Church will be:-

1st and 3rd Sundays at Rosewell Church at 10.00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays at Lasswade Church at 10.00 a.m.
5th Sunday Joint Service with Cockpen and Carrington at 10.00 a.m. – rotating venue

If you would like to come to a Church Service but you need transport or a friend to go with, please contact the Session Clerk or your District Elder and we will do our best to help.

OBITUARY – ISABEL HENDERSON

It is with great sadness that I write this. Isabel died on 3 July 2016 at the Marie Curie after a relatively short illness which she accepted very courageously knowing what the outcome was going to be and even planned what she wanted to happen when her life came to an end. On 11 July 2016 a very meaningful service of celebration of Isabel's life was held in Rosewell Parish Church followed by a short service at Hawthornden Cemetery, both services being conducted by Rev Lorna Souter. Both Services were very well attended by both family and friends.

Everyone would know Isabel in different ways but I think I speak for everyone when I say Isabel was a very kind and caring person.

Isabel was Clerk to the Board and Hall Convener from June 1998 to March 2013, and ordained an Elder in June 2003. She was very supportive of Rosewell Church and this continued when we were united with Lasswade and on occasions Cockpen and Carrington.

I could say I have known Isabel all her life but more so when she retired and came back to the village and became more involved in Church life.

On a lighter note, Isabel never left herself time to spare before Church/meetings. It was often said Isabel would be late for her own funeral – that was wrong – Isabel was early!!

Isabel was a very private person but could show her disapproval without saying a word – that way she did not cause any hurt.

Isabel will be sadly missed by all who worked with her and knew her.

Agnes Anderson

Baptism

On Sunday 27 March 2016 Addilyn-Rose MacAulay, daughter of Allan and Stephanie was baptised by the Rev Bill Armitage at Rosewell Parish Church.

Refugees from Syria – MidAid Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to helping the refugees from Syria settle into their homes in Midlothian. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £483.55 for this year's Christian Aid appeal. This generous amount was raised from a Coffee Morning, 'Big Brekkie' and donations.

Coffee Mornings

On the second Saturday of each month a Coffee Morning is held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have not been before please do come along and bring your friends. There are always lots of lovely home baking, jams, sweets, books and lots more.

Cake Stall

A big thank you to everyone who supports our Thursday Cake Stall at the Pitcairn Centre.

If you are able to help on the stall please speak to Cathy Drysdale or Norma Sangster.

Forthcoming dates are: 8 September, 13 October, 10 November and 8 December.

Many thanks from the Team.

Diary Dates

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| Sunday 4 September | Sacrament of Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. at Rosewell Parish Church |
| Sunday 25 September | Harvest Thanksgiving 10.00 a.m. at Lasswade Parish Church |
| Sunday 23 October | Gift Day 10.00 a.m. at Lasswade Parish Church (postponed from May) |
| Sunday 27 November | BB Enrolment Service 10.00 a.m. at Lasswade Parish Church |

Lasswade and Rosewell Kirk Session Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22 September at 7.00 p.m. in Rosewell Church Hall.

Annual Christmas Fair

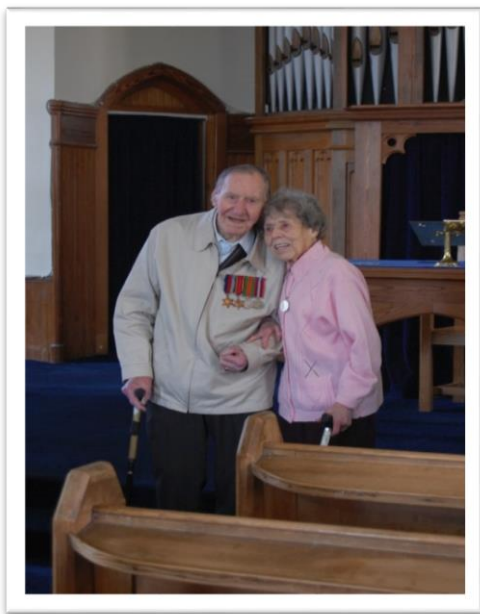
The Annual Christmas Fair this year in aid of Church Funds will be held on Saturday 10 December in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Stalls will

include Christmas crafts, books, bric-a-brac, cake and candy, plants, tombola and a raffle. Teas/coffees will also be served. Donations for the stalls and helpers on the Friday evening and on the Saturday morning would be greatly appreciated.
Agnes, Dorothy and Pat.

PLATINUM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (70 years)

On Sunday 16 May 2016 Don (97) and Ruby (92) Glasspool made a trip up north from Shropshire, where they had spent most of their married life, with their family. After meeting in Loanhead Don joined the Lincolnshire regiment and went to France. Ruby was living in Rosewell and Don did not return home until 1946 when they were married in Rosewell Parish Church. They returned for a Church Blessing this year, which was conducted by Rev Melville Schofield to celebrate this very special occasion. The Service was very meaningful and the congregation were delighted to be a part of this special occasion. Don and Ruby were delighted to be back in Rosewell and took away some very happy memories (visiting the house where Ruby was living at the time) and the new owners making them very welcome. This was a very happy occasion for the family and also the congregation of Rosewell Parish Church.

Agnes Anderson



GOLDEN WEDDING

George and Wilma Sweeney, and Andrew and Vi Gibson

During worship on Sunday 5th July, the minister presented George and Wilma and Andrew and Vi, who celebrated their Golden weddings on the 3rd and 4th June respectively, with baskets of flowers from the congregation. After the service everyone joined the couples to celebrate their great achievements with a cup of tea and a piece of celebration cake.

Below is a photograph of the two couples.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Charlie the Dolphin

In April, I went my holidays to a caravan in Nairn. One day I went on a boat trip to look for dolphins. We saw Charlie and his mum. Charlie's mum lived out in the sea and she came to the Moray Firth to give birth to Charlie. Charlie was born with a not very straight spine. He couldn't swim like a normal dolphin so couldn't catch and fish for himself. His mum stayed in the Moray Firth to look after Charlie and stunned the fish so he could catch them himself. His mum loved him very much and was very kind to him. When he grew up his spine straightened and he

swims properly now. He lives out in the sea and has his own pod but comes back to visit his mum once in a while, so we were very lucky to see him. The skipper let me drive the boat.

By *Rosie Skirving*, aged 5



Thank you for taking the time to find out all what's been going on in Sunday School:

1. NEW ADDITION

We were thrilled to welcome the arrival of Piper Robertson McCabe on 29 February 2016 - our own very special leap year baby. Parents Ian & Rachel and big sister Meadow are all thrilled. Piper joins us for Sunday School and is a very good baby. It was a great joy to see her baptised at Cockpen on 24 July with a beautiful service led by Revd Elizabeth Curran. Piper's baptism photo is here for you to see.



Piper Robertson McCabe

2. OUR MINISTER

We have been delighted to work with our new Minister Revd Lorna Souter and appreciate the time she takes in preparing really exciting all-age services. The Minister is meeting regularly with Sunday School Teachers.

3. MANGER MAKER

Thank you to for all the generous offers to replace the manger. We have found a very kind volunteer.

4. FORMER PUPILS

Emily Gray, one of our former pupils, has headed off to Istanbul to teach English to Syrian refugee children on the border - many children have had no lessons for 3 years. Please keep Emily in your prayers. We send Emily all our love.

5. FRIENDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

We continue to be supported by some very generous friends. One very special friend is Jim Dyer. Jim remains in our prayers and we send him and Kath all good wishes.

6. PICNIC

We had a fabulous day at Blair Drummond Safari Park - we were also joined by the Minister.

7. PRIZEGIVING

We were especially pleased to have our prizegiving this year at our joint service in Rosewell. This was a beautiful all-age service led by the Minister. Prizes were presented to all Sunday School children by Jessie Dolan - at the request of the children. Jessie has had a long association with the Sunday School and as you can see it was a very happy day all round. We were sad that Drew Crombie has decided to leave. Drew has been a wonderful pupil and we will all miss her but welcome all in our churches in future.

8. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - YF

YF (youth fellowship) is now in its 3rd year. The idea behind it is to give space for young people in Bonnyrigg to meet up with other Christians their age. In bringing young people together from all the churches there is a larger and more diverse group.

They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 7-9pm in the Pitcairn Centre .

The group spends time socialising (games, chat, food) and there's also time for discussion of how faith impacts on the young people's lives. Subjects have included social media, the history of Christianity, parables and an interesting bible study on unicorns!

Some nights are purely social - BBQ, walks at Portobello, Christmas party etc. and they also try and attend PowerPoint Scotland events (4 a year) which is a large gathering of high school age Christians in Edinburgh.

At the moment, there are 3 leaders - Ali Wilson, Stuart Blair (Bonnyrigg Parish) and Rev Peter Harris (St Leonard's Episcopal) with Katie who is late teens and comes along to help out. There are currently 7 regular attendees. If you are interested in joining this group please speak to Rosalind who can arrange introductions - young leaders would be most welcome too, or email Ali Wilson: weeali1000@gmail.com

9. CHILDREN & BEREAVEMENT

The Sunday School has a range of books which can help to deal with this difficult subject. Please contact Rosalind if you want to borrow any.

10. PANTOMIME

We're off again to the Kings Theatre on 27 November 2016, 5pm performance of Jack & the Beanstalk. Tickets must be ordered and paid for by 16 September. Details in church or from Rosalind.

BRIC-A-BRAC THE END OF AN ERA

1999 – 2016

It was with a tinge of sadness that it was decided we should stop the Thursday morning Bric-a-Brac but, all good things come to an end.

The Bric-a-Brac was started in February 1999, when we had trouble with the Church Tower and had to raise funds for the repairs.

Disappointingly, Presbytery wouldn't give us the required permission to carry out all the repairs necessary to qualify for grants via Scottish Heritage and other sources for our List 'A' building. But, determination by many made us 'buckle to' and raise the money from Bric-a-Brac, car boot sales, flower festivals, dances, cake stalls, bridge afternoons plus other activities.

When the Tower was eventually repaired it was decided that work was required at the Church Hall and so, we continued the fund raising in all sorts of ways. We think perhaps the Bric-a-Brac has been the main money maker and, over the years we have raised approximately £128,000 – this is indeed, some effort! Hopefully, this money will be used sooner rather than later to upgrade the Hall so that it can be used to greater effect by the Congregation and Community.

Can we just express our thanks to all involved in this fund raising whether you have been a sales assistant, tea maker, a packer, a customer or a donor, because without you we could not have come this far.

We will miss the chat with all the customers, some who just came for a chat and others who became regulars to seek out a bargain all (we hope) going away happy with their purchases. We have enjoyed making friends with them all.

In the meantime, we will continue with the monthly Cake Stall at the Pitcairn Centre on the 4th Thursday of each month – the dates to the end of the year appear elsewhere in this magazine.

Many thanks again to you all, and all the many new friends we have made over the years.

Helen and Wilma

My Memories of the Bric-a-Brac

When I heard the Bric-a-Brac Thursday sale was closing my mind went back to the beginning and all the people involved and no longer with us. It started off with a few tables and soon grew till the hall and stage was filled and it became a hub for locals and beyond gathering to have a chat and did not leave empty-handed – especially if they went near Bella Sobik's stall. Bella could sell snow to the Eskimos! A poor-unsuspecting gasman came to read the meter went home with a ceramic coach and horses. Another one went home with an old radio. Bless her memory. When you were retiring you never told Wilma or Helen or you got a job for holiday relief that lasted for years. I had one go at selling, I was passing this stall and there was a lady looking at a tea set, there was no staff available and I spoke to her. The tea service had been there for some time and I said, "No-one wants these nowadays". End of sale! I was severely reprimanded by Wilma and Helen and sent back to the kitchen. I often wonder how many cups of tea and coffee I made; very important for staff morale, and if I had a cake it was even better. It was because of ill health I had to retire.

I think of all the laughs we had – I'll never forget the day poor Davy Stocks was packing boxes under the stage, someone noticed the door was open and locked it with Davy inside! It was only when we heard him tapping on the door that he was released.

It is sad that this time has come to an end but I'm afraid time has caught on the people who set up the stalls, which was heavy work. That was the heavy part – setting up and putting away. 18 years makes a difference to folks' fitness.

Although we have raised money for the Church, rebuilding the Tower and someday, hopefully, refurbish the hall, new friendships were forged and old friendships strengthened. After we finished on a Thursday and all the goods were packed away, some of us went for lunch starting off at the Twins' Café, then to various hostleries in the town, (although not all on the same day!) we finished up going to the Golf Club where we still meet on odd Thursdays. We gathered various grand children on the way.

All happy memories of the Bric-a-Brac.

Jean Sharpe.

COCKPEN AND CARRINGTON, LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL

Harvest Services – Sunday 25th September 2016

Supporting the instrumental connection that our current Moderator, the Right Revd. Dr. Russell Barr, has with 'Fresh Start', the produce gathered for the Harvest Services this year will go to support the work of this worthy on-going project. Any of the items below are very welcome and they will then be made up by the Fresh Start team into food packs that are given to help people when they are first moving into their new homes and don't have much money available.

| TINS AND JARS | PACKETS |
|---|---|
| Tins of beans Tinned vegetables Tins of new potatoes Tinned meals such as macaroni, spaghetti, ravioli etc Jars of pasta sauce/cooking sauces Small jars of coffee Tinned fish & meat Tins of soup | Pasta (preferably 500g or less) Rice (preferably 500g or less) Sachets of instant porridge Packets of instant noodles Packets of instant soup Packets of instant pasta snacks/savoury rice etc Packets of biscuits Mini boxes of cereal |
| OTHER ITEMS | |
| Cartons of UHT Milk (preferably 500ml or less) Small pots of salt and pepper Tubes of tomato puree/cartons of passata Tea bags | |

Rosewell Flower Rota

2016

As most of you will know we are changing the pattern of worship between Rosewell and Lasswade churches from September 2016.

Rosewell will now have services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10am and Lasswade on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10am.

Any 5th Sunday will have a joint service with all 3 churches (10am) in rotation.

This has meant rearranging our flower rota and obviously affects anyone who gifts flowers on the 2nd Sunday of any month and I realise many people wish a specific date in remembrance of a loved one.

The list has been rearranged for the rest of 2016 and a new one will be made up for 2017 when I hope to make it suitable for everyone concerned.

Jean Lindsay

September 4th Ella Thomson
18th Ella Livingstone

October 2nd Kenny Wight
16th Billy Grant
30th Joint service – Lasswade

November 6th Una Warden
20th Billy Chapman
Jim Campbell

December 4th Jean Lindsay
18th Christmas flowers



Lasswade Church Flower Rota

The Flower Rota has a new look to it this time as the new rota for services starts in September.

I am so grateful to the people who donate flowers to decorate the church and these flowers in turn are distributed to people to show that they are in our thoughts.

The garden and the display of colour help many people to cope with life.

Our 'Singapore' branch of the family have been enjoying their garden. The children are not bothered about the weather even though it appears we can have four seasons in one day! The harvest in the garden has caused great excitement and the collecting of wild strawberries and raspberries means that 'we' can enjoy the fruits during the winter.

If anyone would like to help with the provision of flowers please let me know. Thank you.

Moira Dryden

September 11th Moira Scott
September 25th Harvest

October 9th Mary Campbell
October 23rd Marion Haggerty
October 30th Margaret Stewart

November 13th Joan Campbell
November 27th Norma Horsburgh

December 11th Gillian Renwick
December 23rd Pat Lawrie/Cathie Connar
December 24th
December 25th

Travels to Peru

A few years ago May and I sailed into Peru on board the Norwegian Crown which some of the members of our Churches may have been on, as it is now cruising with Fred Olsen as The Balmoral.

We were a bit apprehensive about transport as we thought people travelled in rickety old cars and buses, which were falling to bits. To our surprise we boarded a double deck Mercedes Benz coach, with every mod-con available.

When we reached Lima our group was escorted by small armed policemen, and we had to pass a water cannon as there was a political rally at the end of the street.

We also noticed a vulture perched on top of a nearby building, not the most welcoming of sights.

When Pizzaro and the Spanish conquistadors arrived in the 16th Century, two things terrified the local inhabitants, first the sound of cannon fire then men riding on horseback that they thought of as some form of Mythical Beasts.

We were driven past the Palatial Mansions of the Diplomatic Quarters, stopping briefly at a beach resort, which would not have looked out of place in the French Riviera.

We did notice however, what looked like shanty towns in the distance. As expected, these were avoided by our guides.

We then visited the Museums where there were small, mummified bodies and our guides proudly informed us that the Ancient Egyptians were not the only ones to do this.

Time did not permit us to go the Machu Picchu excavations, as this required an air and rail journey so, if any from our two churches has the opportunity to do this, they will have an exciting and momentous experience.

Ian Murdoch

CHURCH DANCE

The Church Dance will be held on Friday 28th October in the Masonic Hall, Bonnyrigg at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are £6, which includes the price of the buffet and can be obtained from Jean, Wilma, Dorothy or Helen.

The National Library of Scotland and Newhailes House, Musselburgh

In April, the Scottish Brewing Archive Association, of which I am a member, was given a tour of The National Library of Scotland, and in July, as part of the Musselburgh 'Riding of The Marches' celebrations, I also enjoyed a tour of Newhailes House, hosted by the National Trust for Scotland. Here are some of the highlights from these tours that I hope will be of interest to readers of 'The Link'.

The National Library of Scotland

The present building stands on the site of what once was the Sheriff Court. Construction work was started in the late 1930s but suspended owing to the outbreak of War and one of our members remembered the uncladded steel structured framework pointing skywards looking bare, forlorn and neglected.

Building works re-started in the early 1950s and the Library was officially opened to the public in 1956.

Access to the Visitor Centre is at the George IV Bridge entrance. On entering visitors would be unaware that they were standing on the 11th level of a 15 storey building with the 10 levels below going all the way down to the Cowgate.

The Visitor Centre features an exhibition space, a shop selling books, stationery and gift items and a cafe with lots of 'goodies' on sale. Next to the cafe is a bank of PC terminals providing access to library facilities and in support of this the NLS are maximising the use of digital technology.

The Library hosts many exhibitions and to give readers a flavour of these the May exhibition called 'Plague' gave gory details of the Cultural History of Contagious Diseases in Scotland showing how the Black Death and other deadly diseases devastated Scotland down the centuries. For details of future exhibitions, please refer to www.nls.uk/exhibitions.

Joining the Library is free of charge (EMail enquiries@nls.uk) giving access to a collection of more than 24 million printed items, 2 million maps, and 32,000 films, three miles of manuscripts, thousands of photographs and, believe it or not 124 miles of shelving. There are items going back to the 8th century, and, if that was not enough, every week 6,000 new items are added to the collections.

The Library, full of priceless material, is not open to the general public but staff are always on hand dealing with requests and enquiries. There are around 290 staff employed within the 4 locations of the NLS.

The Library, (reference only, no borrowing), is open to everyone with an interest in the collections (including 'brewery' items) and a Library card can be obtained online at <https://auth.nls.uk/registration>.

Within the confines of the Reference Reading Room, unlike most libraries today, the golden rule of **silence** must be observed (not a bad thing in this day and age of constant hustle, bustle and noise).

It was exciting to be taken down to the lower levels (not open to the general public) to see the vast collections of row upon row of books of all shapes and sizes and it was interesting to note that these are stored by size and not by subject, all with a unique method of selection and speedy access. This huge area of storage is secured against theft, fire and water damage with special equipment in place to deal with humidity, condensation and dust.

In addition to the George IV Bridge Library, the NLS has premises in Glasgow, Chesser (not open to the public) and Causwayside with the latter specialising in maps and documents covering many centuries. The curator explained how these maps could be overlaid showing how areas, buildings, streets etc. have changed and emerged over time.

In 1976, The Scottish Screen Archive, a film and video collection of more than 100 years of Scotland's history with more than 32,000 items, mostly non fiction, was set up at Hillington Park Glasgow and we were informed of the exciting news that this collection is now being extended and in the process of being relocated to the former Transport Museum at Kelvinhall, Glasgow and planned to be opened to the public in September 2016.

Given the public's current thirst for details of family history the curator informed us that although the National Records for Scotland are the official source for the records of births deaths and marriages, in addition, the NLS also have a wide range of resources in its collections that might be of use to people researching family history. These include Old Parish registers, Monumental inscriptions indexes, Newspapers, Maps etc.- www.nls.uk/family-history.

This was my first visit to the NLS and following this most informative and interesting tour I am certainly looking forward to many more visits in the future.

Newhailes House, Musselburgh

The original House, then known as Whitehill, was built in 1686 and in 1709 was purchased by Sir David Dalrymple who renamed the house Newhailes (as his other estate was known as Hailes). Between the years 1718-20 Sir David added west and east wings to the original structure with the entire east wing being designated as a library. It is worth noting that this library was built at a time when very few, if any, Estates possessed enough books to justify a building of such magnitude for books only, but to get this into perspective, here we are talking of about a collection of 80,000 tomes!

Over the years Newhailes House was visited by many learned scholars and philosophers and played host to some of the leading figures of the 'Scottish Enlightenment'. Dr Johnston, who was introduced to Newhailes by James Boswell a friend of Sir David's, called the Newhailes library 'the most learned room in Europe' and in keeping with this, Sir David Dalrymple's 'Annals of Scotland' was one of the earliest histories of the country.

Over the next 250 years the contents of the library remained intact but following the death of Sir Mark Dalrymple in 1971, (age 56 and without a direct heir) Lady

Antonio Dalrymple, his widow, in lieu of Estate Duty, passed title of all the books to the Treasury. These were then transferred to the care of The National Library of Scotland where they have remained to this day.

In 1997 Newhailes House was taken over by National Trust who have carried out a magnificent job in retaining and bringing to life the untouched baroque splendour of the House, their motto being 'we have carried out as much work as necessary, but as little as possible'.

Newhailes House, open to the public since 2002, has often been described as 'Scotland's Sleeping Beauty' and within this context here is a final thought.

While standing in the middle of the library absorbing the ambience of the room, I focused my attention to the empty shelves while thinking, would it ever be possible to have the Dalrymple collection of books relocated back to Newhailes?

Bill Brown

Wedding Dresses through the Decades

Thank you to the person who put the article in the Easter edition of *The Link* about this exhibition.



A few of us from Cockpen enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Roslin Parish Church on Saturday 4th June. The exhibition of Wedding dresses were on loan from members, families and friends of congregations of Bilston, Glencorse, Roslin and covered the period 1909 to 2015.



It was a beautiful day and excellent exhibition. Afterwards we enjoyed a cup of tea and home baking.

The proceeds from the donations placed in the "Wishing Well" at the front door of the Church were being split between Roslin Church, Oxfam, Kidney Research, Lifeline and Bernardos.

Thanks again for making us aware of this event. It was great to see how the fashions and materials have changed over the years.



Dot Scott

The Cake Stall

The following are the dates for the cake stall at the Pitcairn Centre in Bonnyrigg High Street.

23rd September
27th October
24th November
22nd December

Thanks for all of your support.

Helen, Isobel, Wilma

THE HOLY HIKERS

*"There is nothing like walking to get the feel of the country.
A fine landscape is like a piece of music; it must be
taken at the right tempo. Even a bicycle goes too fast"*
Paul Scott Mowrer



In the last copy of "The Link" I left off at the end of our February Walk. I left you all, I hope, hanging in the balance, waiting for the March walk in the beautiful Scottish Borders, one of my favourite places for walking. We parked in the lovely village of Stobo and proceeded up the Harrowhope Valley following part of the John Buchan Way. Looping round Harrow Hill we returned by way of Stobo Castle grounds. Stobo is well known as a Spa and is in a most beautiful spot in the Tweed Valley with the Broughton Heights rearing up behind it.

In April we went on our Walking Weekend to Inverary on Loch Fyne. We met on the shores of Loch Lomond at Tarbet and after a coffee stop drove on to the outskirts of Inverary and completed a lovely 5-mile circuit of Glen Shirra and the Dubh Loch. The Loch Fyne Hotel was lovely and comfortable and after an enjoyable evening and a good night's sleep we set off for our Monday walk. We did a 6 mile route from the hotel into the grounds of Inverary Castle. After passing close to the Castle we continued into the forest and back to the town. The walk was called The Coille Bhraghad Trail but please don't ask me for a translation. We played some quiz type games in the evening and enjoyed our time together. The next morning after a walk round the town we returned home. I will have to get my thinking cap on for next year.

Our May walk took us to Newtown St Boswells, where 12 of us walked to Trimountium Roman Camp and The Leaderfoot Viaduct.

In June, July and August, we always do our walk on the 2nd Wednesday in the evening and our first one this year was led by Hilary who took us to Penicuik and Silverburn. There were only 4 of us there that night but it was a lovely walk. On Saturday 9th July I organised a longer walk in the Lammermuirs, again due to holidays only 4 of us were there and we cut it short because of bad weather. I will save it for another time. On Wednesday evening 13th July, David led us to the Ormiston Yew tree near the village. The yew is about 1000 years old and it was something I had never seen before. It was a lovely evening and everyone enjoyed the short walk. The report for our August walks will be in the next issue of "The Link".

Happy Hiking
Jim Scott



THE STORY OF THE BONNYRIGG, LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL RANGER GUIDE BANNER

Fund Raising In 1976 a special bank account was opened by the Ranger Unit for funds towards their own Banner. Over the next few years the amount was slowly growing but no definite plan was put into action. Early in the 80's when I took over the Unit, we decided to go for it and organised fund raising events such as Brownie discos, coffee evening, etc, etc to get things going.

Heraldic Approval Getting the money together was only one of the hurdles we would meet. We asked Helen Renton to put on paper our ideas of the design and with the help of Morris Blair in

Lasswade, we submitted our efforts to Charles Burnett, the Heraldic Adviser. We had to make one or two alterations to the design, keeping to the specific measurements of a Banner, and also keeping in line with Heraldic symbols and the limits set down by the Lord Lyon, but eventually our design was passed.

What the symbols mean The yellow and blue border signifies Girlguiding colours, as does the Ranger Guide Trefoil. The white Saltire for Scotland completes the top and our registered name is at the bottom.

White and pink Hawthorn trees are for Bonnyrigg and Lasswade with white and blue bands representing our boundaries of the Esk Rivers.

Rosewell is depicted by the mining pick and shovel and the proud black cock for Cockpen stands in a yellow circle. The Sun in the middle comes from the crest of Midlothian.

Handstitched The total cost for the materials was £52.78. All the beautiful stitching was carried out, or our efforts overseen, by Dr Margaret Symonds, who was a past leader of the Unit. She went on to become County Commissioner and remained very interested in our work and ready to help us in many ways.

Mr Ian Donaldson, whose two daughters were former members of the Unit, made the cabinet in which the Banner is displayed and his skills show it off to perfection.

The Banner Dedicated The Ranger Unit and Guider at the time, Kate Devlin, invited guests to attend the Dedication Service on Sunday 23rd February 1986 (a Thinking Day service) at Cockpen Parish Church. Among those guests were all ex-Rangers and those who helped. Our special guests of honour were Dr Margaret Symonds and Mr Charles Burnett. As our Banner was dedicated there, we asked for it to be displayed in this church although girls from every church are welcome to the Unit.

Our Banner is a great source of pride to every member of the unit and we hope you enjoy seeing it displayed.

Kate Devlin, Ass. Senior Section Adviser for Scotland *and* Former Ranger Guider of the Unit.

Olympic Word Scramble

Unscramble the Olympic themed words and join them to the pictures on the right. We've done the first one for you!

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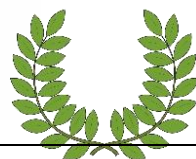
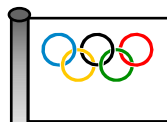
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