

The Parishioner

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A Letter from the Interim Moderator...



Dear Friends

Once again, it is a pleasure for me to be able to write to you and to pray, at the same time, that you will know the peace that passes all understanding, which is ours in Jesus Christ.

The summer feels almost over as I write to you. As the seasons change, so too has the locum minister. Maggie Whyte has left and will now be serving as probationer minister at Rubislaw Parish Church. We are very fortunate indeed to have the Reverend Ian Strachan acting as locum minister for the next part of the vacancy. I am personally very grateful to Mr Strachan for agreeing to help us out in his own retirement. To be frank, were it not for the willing help of retired ministers who have earned their rest after many years of ministry, the Church of Scotland would be in real trouble, unable to cope with the many demands placed on it up and down the land. Thank you, Ian.

Having briefly mentioned the ministry vacancy, your Nominating Committee has been active over the last couple of months, and has interviewed a number of applicants

for the position of Minister at Dyce Parish Church. The final interview has now taken place and the Committee hopes soon to be able to let the Kirk Session and congregation know the name of the minister who has been invited to be the 'sole nominee', the applicant whom the Committee feels is the one God is calling to be the next minister.

By the time you are reading this letter, it is likely that a minister will have been invited to become the sole nominee for this congregation. Once the minister has agreed to accept the Committee's invitation, and both the Kirk Session and the Presbytery of Aberdeen have been informed, we will arrange for the minister to lead worship in Dyce Parish Church within four Sundays immediately thereafter. Our hope is that as many of you as possible will attend that service, and we will give plenty of notice about the details.

Straight afterwards, there will be a ballot, and everyone whose name is on the electoral roll will be eligible to vote. The vote will be

'for' or 'against' the sole nominee filling the vacancy at Dyce. The Kirk Session and I will be responsible for giving due notice of the ballot and for its conduct. Ballot papers will be issued and placed in a ballot box on completion, unlike the show of hands which was the way such votes were conducted in the past. If the number voting 'for' exceeds the number voting 'against', the candidate will be declared elected and the Nominating Committee discharged. The result of the vote will then be given to the sole nominee who will be asked to provide a letter of acceptance. The 'Call' will be laid in the church for a period of time in order to allow as many as possible to sign it.

After that, it will be for the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee and for the Presbytery itself to arrange as early a date as possible for the induction of the new minister and a new chapter in the life of Dyce Parish Church will have begun.

I hope that gives you an idea of where we are in the process. You have been served

Purpose Statement

We seek to **Proclaim Christ**
Promote Fellowship
Produce Discipleship

In order that God's Kingdom may be extended in our midst through a **believing, belonging and becoming** community of faith.

excellently by a first-rate Nominating Committee of whom you can all be exceptionally proud. Their prayerfulness and thoroughness has been without fault.

We are near the end of the journey, by God's grace and I hope that it won't be too long before a new minister is standing before you, leading you all in worship and service, to the glory of God the Father. My own time with you will soon come to a close. I have enjoyed getting to know you and to helping you as best I can. Let me say how indebted I am to Raymond Mack, your Session Clerk and the Convenor of the Nominating Committee. You have, in Raymond, a Session Clerk of the first order. His wisdom, patience and judgment have been invaluable and no one will know, other than his dear wife, how much work he has done to keep the church functioning well in the vacancy.

Your Friend and Interim Moderator
Louis Kinsey

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30am Second and last Sunday in the month

11.00am Every Sunday

6.30pm No Services till further notice

2.30pm Service at Fergus House on the first Sunday of the month

MID-WEEK SERVICES

2nd Wednesday Victoria Grange

3rd Wednesday Berrymoss Court

Services start at 7.15pm

Parkhill Court – **No services meantime**

PARISH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

- July 19 Kersty Dawnlow to Robert Morgan
August 9 Kirsty MacInnes to John Fowlie
August 9 Jennifer Gibb to Stuart McAdam
August 30 Deborah Smart to Chris Waldron

FUNERALS

- June 5 Mr Adam Welsh, 28 Fifehill Park, Dyce
June 17 Mrs Margaret Gray, Pitcairn Lodge, Westhill
June 24 Mrs Margaret Patience, 2 Victoria Grange, Dyce
June 25 Mrs Jean McIntosh, Hamewith, Bridge of Don
July 22 Mr William Donaldson,
21 Glenhome Avenue, Dyce
July 26 Mr Herbert Yule, 24 Altonrea Gardens, Dyce
August 4 Mr Alexander Cowie, The Cottage, Mill of Dyce

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following persons into the Fellowship.

By Profession of Faith

Mr Gareth & Mrs Caroline Brown,
East Lodge, Parkhill, Dyce

From other Congregations

Mr Alexander & Mrs Hilda Morrice,
176 Victoria Street, Dyce

Warm welcome to Rev Ian Strachan

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of the Congregation to extend a warm welcome to Rev Ian Strachan, who has kindly agreed to serve as our Locum for the remainder of the period until our new Minister is in post.

Ian and his wife Moyra have been members at Dyce since Ian retired (has he retired?). Having said that where would the Church of Scotland be these days without retired ministers stepping in to fill the breach? It seems that all the retired ministers I know are still working. Perhaps like the wee boy in Holland popping his finger into the hole in the dyke, he and his colleagues are simply filling the gap, but we are grateful for his willingness to act as locum. You may say that you do not see him regularly in Dyce Church

but that is because he is away acting as a locum somewhere or doing pulpit supply.

Ian will be leading services on a Sunday and will be providing pastoral cover for one day a week, which might solely mean preparing and conducting a funeral service, but hopefully this will not be the norm. I know that he is already involved with pastoral work and there is not an issue with members of the congregation making direct contact with Ian but I would ask, in order that he is not inundated with calls on his time, members contact their elder with any initial queries or refer any matter to myself or the Pastoral Team.

Raymond Mack
Session Clerk

Locum's Letter

On my first Sunday the printed intimation said "Ian Strachan will be our Locum for the foreseeable future". That sounds rather ominous, let's say "for the meantime", praying and hoping for an early settlement.

But the general picture is difficult. The national church is short of 200 ministers. A steady number of 35 come out each year, but some go to a form of Chaplaincy, a few abroad or to other areas of Christian service. At the same time we are joined every year by a dozen or so ministers from sister churches - USA, New Zealand, South Africa and many parts of Europe and from other denominations in the UK. Without these the position would be much worse.

At the moment there is an enquiry why fewer women are coming forward than was the case in earlier years (then approaching 50%).

I have a collection of sermons entitled "The Shaking of the Foundations" by Paul Tillich, one of the heroes of my youth. In these times of stress and uncertainty let us

remember that it is God who shakes the foundations. He quotes Isaiah 24 (and much more) and ends one sermon, "In these days the foundations of the earth do shake. May we not turn our eyes away. May we rather see, through the crumbling of a world, the rock of eternity and the salvation which has no end."

On a lighter note, I am enjoying seeing my parish church in a new light. The sea of faces is more interesting than the back of heads! It is also good to know who is who and how things are done. I hope to share some of this with the children in coming weeks and I have a project in mind for Rock Solid. Our young people are important members, but we pensioners still have a part to play!

Meantime with good wishes for all the parish.

Yours
Ian

Thank You

I and my family would like to say thank you to all who showed immense support following the death of my Mum. The way everyone rallied together was well beyond anything we could have expected at such a difficult time for the whole family. Just to know that people were thinking about and praying for the family was such a comfort to us all. Thank you again.

Pat, Allan and Patrice Sharp & family

Au revoir to Maggie

Maggie, never (Margaret) Whyte, became our Locum on 3 February 2008 and was working in our midst for 22 weeks. Despite that very short period, Maggie was warmly received by the congregation. She remarked in the Spring Magazine that so many people had gone out of their way to make her feel at home but of course this is a two way process. One member remarked to me she has just become like one of us. She comes into the house, drops her jacket on the floor and makes herself at home.

When Maggie started in February, she "hit the Parish running". The original plan was for her to work one Sunday plus one day a week but it quickly became evident that the sheer amount of work required with funerals and funeral visits meant there was a need for two days

a week and this was rectified.

I know that Maggie worked more than the two days a week, managing to cram funeral visits, sick visits, hospital visits, coffee morning visits etc., etc., into a tight schedule. My sources tell me that Maggie is still doing follow up visits which is indeed service above and beyond the call of duty.

As I write this it seems (with the greatest of respect) that Maggie has been with us much longer than 22 weeks because of the things she has done and the people she has become involved with.

In June Maggie carried out a Thanksgiving Service for Bereaved Families she had dealt with during her Ministry. At that Service she introduced a Rainbow of Hope. At her farewell service, she referred to that and produced

a Ribbon Board (now located at the entrance to the Church). She requested that this Board be used by members and families bereaved, in a commemorative way, by fixing a ribbon to the Board in the shape of the cross in memory of a loved one. Dyce Stitches have prepared ribbons for use and can provide more when required.

Maggie we wish you well at Rubislaw Parish Church during your Probationary Placement. I am sure that your baptism at Dyce will stand you in good stead and the experience you have gained in our midst will prove beneficial in the future.

God Bless

Raymond Mack
Session Clerk

Dyce Church Guild

As the summer is fast coming to an end our thoughts once again return to the things we enjoy doing over the autumn and winter months. If you are considering what you like to do why not come along to the Guild meetings on a Monday night where you will receive a warm welcome. We have a varied programme planned with something for all ages to enjoy.

The first meeting is on Monday 15 September in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker is Miss E Doran and she will speak on her experiences in China which will incorporate the Guild theme for 2008-09 "He restores my Soul". On 6 October Fiona Hulbert will speak on the Lydia Project (one of the projects the Guild supports) and on 20 October Clive

Fairweather's subject is "Combat Stress" which should be interesting.

As usual our Sale of Work is on the last Saturday in October (25) in the Church Hall. However this year it is to be held from 10am to 12noon. Tickets will be on sale from Committee members after the first meeting.

The Hike Bike and Trike event held in May was once again very successful raising over £3000. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way, whether it was cycling, walking, toddling, clerking, making tea or washing dishes. Your efforts helped to raise this fantastic sum for the Fabric Fund.

Margaret Whyte
Vice President

Letter from Maggie



Dear Friends

As many of you already know I am now settling into my Probationary Placement at Rubislaw Parish Church.

However, I could not move on without writing to thank each and everyone of you for the generosity which I have received from the congregation. This generosity came in many shapes and forms from the moment I arrived at Dyce Parish Church and has continued throughout my time with you and beyond. I have been overwhelmed by the willingness of people to share fellowship and offer support in so many ways.

Your generosity did not stop there. At the time of my graduation I received so many good wishes, cards and gifts! I felt that you were all with me on the day and this added so much to my enjoyment and my sense of achievement. Thank you.

I was left speechless by the generosity of the Kirk Session when

I received a cheque from them to buy a new printer for my computer. Many of you are aware that my printer had been at best temperamental and at worst completely useless. I have now replaced it with an "all singing, all dancing" model. What's more, I took great pleasure in taking the old one to the local tip and hurling it into a skip!

For some time now I have had the intention of making a new flower bed at the side of my house but a student budget never quite stretched that far! As there was money left after I purchased the printer I decided to use this to make what has been named my "Dyce Garden". Now every time I open my door I think of my time with you.

Many individuals also gave me

cards and gifts during my last week with you and I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I will always treasure my memories of my time in Dyce and I will treasure the friendships I have made there. You truly are a special congregation and your new minister, whoever they might be, will be blessed by their time with you.

Again let me thank you for the generosity you have shown me. I thank God for you in my prayers and I trust you will continue to pray for me.

Yours in Christ
Maggie Whyte

DYCE OAP CLUB

The first session of meetings ended on 28 May when the club members enjoyed the annual bus run visiting Donside and enjoying an afternoon tea in the Lonach Hall at the Colquhorne Hotel, Strathdon. Although the weather that day was not kind to us it would take more than a few showers of rain to dampen the spirit of our members who enjoyed the return trip via Deeside and ending up at the Thistle Airport Hotel where they enjoyed an evening meal. Those members who were unable to go on the bus run had their meal at Green Trees.

At the conclusion of the meal the President addressed the company and thanked all who had contributed to the success of the club during the session. He also congratulated members Mr & Mrs Fred Minty who were to

celebrate their Diamond Wedding on 3 July and presented them with a card and gift on behalf of the club members and wished them many more years of good health and happiness.

It was with great sadness that club members learned of the death on 26 July of Herbert (Hebbie) Yule, the register helper at the club for many years. Hebbie was a committee member and assisted in the running of the club in many ways. Those who knew Hebbie will testify to his many acts of kindness and spontaneous friendship. He will be sorely missed by the club. Our sympathy and condolences are extended to his wife Helen and his family.

Eric Galashan
President

Tuesday Coffee Mornings



Coffee Mornings resume on **Tuesday 7 October 2008**, from 9.45am – 11.15am. All welcome. Anyone willing to help please contact Margaret Mack on 724798.

Air Cadets

The Air Training Corps, or Air Cadets, is a youth organisation supporting youths aged between 13 and 20 years old. We take great pride in being able to provide a vast array of activities to cadets including flying, gliding, adventure training, target shooting, 5 major sports, Duke of Edinburgh Award and many more!

The benefits that young people can gain by being a member of the Air Cadet Organisation are numerous and the skills and training we provide for them will go a long way in improving their potential for employment, help them get into university or college and most importantly make them better members of the community.

On the academic side, the cadets can gain 3 separate nationally recognised qualifications that are equivalent to 3 Standard Grades by just doing

the normal cadet activities. The cadets will also gain much more than just exam passes, they will gain teamwork, leadership and problem solving skills that no amount of school work can teach them.

2368 (Aberdeen Airport) Squadron meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 7pm and 9.30pm. We are recruiting both boys and girls ages between 13 and 17 and we are always on the lookout for new staff members so if you know of anyone who might be interested please contact Scott Thomson on 01224 724565 (Monday and Wednesday, 7pm to 10pm) or email oc.2368@aircadets.org

Pilot Officer
Scott Thomson RAFVR(T)

A new men's group who have decided that actions speak louder than words...

In January of this year after wrestling with all the good reasons why I should not get involved in setting up a Men's group (aside from the political incorrectness of it I hear some say...!) I realised that I could not leave this "gap in the market" any longer. Once I had shared my thoughts and ambitions with some open minded friends it became apparent that a formal initial meeting was called for.

The initial meeting held in late January was to decide what we would be about and also what we would hope to achieve and of course being men, a name for our group.

Most men based activities in my experience traditionally revolve around the trinity of sport, alcohol and discussion about those people from "Venus"...! (But even we rely on their help and support – where would we be without them!!)

This group, we very quickly agreed, was to be based on very different core values with an emphasis on fellowship, open honest discussion about issues affecting us as men in this day and age and very importantly a firm desire to put something back into the community that we live in...

The group is now known as PAR Dyce with these letters standing for the following:

PONDER – We intend to spend a fair amount of time in discussion which is the best way to get to know each other but also to identify community issues that

we could apply our time and talents towards.

ACTION – This is what men love best, after fully discussing what we are going to do we will do it (I have been to too many groups and organisations where people talk a good talk but that is all they do).

REFLECTION – Something men do not generally do enough of, we will look as a group at what we have done, any positive and negative outcome to the Action we have completed and establish if we could do this again and how we could make it more effective next time.

Over the last few months we have spent 2 Saturday mornings cleaning up the Central Park area of Dyce (the large field and path areas between Dyce Primary School and ASDA). We have done this in conjunction with Aberdeen City Council who kindly provided all the cleaning equipment. We had 10 people attend the first clean up with 14 at the second. On each occasion about 12 black bin bags of rubbish and 3 buckets

of broken glass were collected.

We also carried out a free car wash on a Saturday morning in July which was very successful and is to be repeated again in September. This time, volunteers permitting, for the whole day. This event proved to be a great laugh for all involved with the fun of the day only being surpassed as the highlight by the look of surprise and disbelief, on mainly men's faces, when the people realised that they were getting their car washed for free with no strings attached. It appears that people are no longer used to random acts of generosity where cynicism is the first response to almost every situation.

We have also spent a fair amount of time building a comprehensive website which has full information about PAR along with a section on Frequently Asked Questions. This site also allows people to submit ideas and suggestions which we are always glad to receive. The address is www.pardyce.co.uk.

I can honestly say that the friendships I have developed with men who have "joined"

PAR (we do not have formal membership procedures or an established hierarchy making us all equals in the decision making process) would not have happened if not for the group as we are coming from all different backgrounds and also age groups. Our youngest attendee is in his early 20s while the oldest is in his 70s with many of us filling

in the gaps in between.

We are not looking to grow quickly or to achieve a set amount of members by a determined timescale. We are looking to greet any like minded men looking to make some new friends in an open and relaxed environment where no pressure or expectation will be made of them but who have a desire to put something back into

the community of Dyce.

We hold meetings on the last Wednesday of the month with the venue being confirmed on the PAR website.

If you want to know more please call me on 01224 722458 (Home) or email me at Gregor.Howitt@sjpp.co.uk or visit the website at www.pardyce.co.uk

Gregor Howitt

In praise of the green cone

After reading Ken Knight's tale of woe (*Parishioner; Summer 2008*) about his kitchen composter, I spoke to him about the comparative success Anna and I have enjoyed with our Green Cone. We've had this in our garden for about 4 years now where it has lived happily on a diet of fruit and vegetable peelings, fish and chicken bones and the occasional stale bun.

We have never managed to fill it above ground level – a writhing mass of worms in the underground open-mesh section eat away steadily and completely. It does work better in warm weather than in cold but, if installed in a sunny position, it works away throughout the year. It does not smell. Our only slight complaint in the summer is the hatch of tiny fruit flies from under the lid.

When we bought the Cone from the Council for £10 it came with some accelerator powder and a small “starter” bin for the kitchen window sill. After a short

time we gave up using both of these and just put our peelings direct in the cone on a daily basis. This doesn't seem to cause any indigestion to the cone.

Our Green Cone is not a “composter”, it is a food “digester”. There is nothing to clean out or to put on the garden, the waste just disappears. I suppose that with Anna and I now being on our own and also being away from home quite often, we do not test the cone's stamina as much as other households might. But we like it because it does reduce greatly the amount of organic waste we put out in our bin. Ours is not the only green cone attached to Dyce Parish Church.

The Green Cone still seems to be available from the Council and still for only £10. Go to www.aberdeencity.gov.uk and then type the words green cone in the “search” box. Remember that it likes a warm sunny position!

Anna & Alan Smail

MIDWEEK SERVICES

After nearly 30 years of playing for Midweek Services at the sheltered homes, Thelma Milne has decided to call it a day.

Thelma says it has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been involved with these lovely

informal evenings of worship but feels that to allow further development of the format of the service it is time to step aside.

On behalf of the Congregation and in recognition of her devoted

service the Session Clerk presented her with gift vouchers.

If anyone wishes to become involved with providing accompaniment for these services please contact the Session Clerk.

The following is an extract from the full financial report presented and approved at the Annual General Meeting held in the church on Sunday 4 May 2008

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

GENERAL FUND	2006	2007
INCOME	£	£
Offerings		
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	22,866	24,326
Gift Aid	36,509	37,797
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	10,331	11,542
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	3,305	3,553
Other Offerings, Donations, Gift Days, etc	3,098	4,755
	76,109	81,973
Other Ordinary General Income		
Contributions from Congregational Organisations	—	—
The Guild	900	500
Visiting and Caring Group	600	900
Income from:		
Weddings & Funerals	2,600	2,097
Deposits (Interest)	207	214
Use of Premises (Note 1)	2,105	2,983
Rev Moffat presentation		2,240
Tree Festival 2006	2,029	1,675
Total Ordinary General Income	84,550	92,582
EXPENDITURE		
Total Ordinary General Expenditure	75,385	76,480
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	9,165	16,102
Extraordinary General Income		
Life and Work (net)	20	4
EXCESS GENERAL INCOME	9,886	16,106
General Fund Balance as at 1 January	9,071	28,211
Transfers:		
To Fabric Fund	(10,000)	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER	9,071	28,211
Unrestricted Legacies 2COS Deposit account	20,000	3,550

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE	2006	2007
National Ministry and Mission & Wider work	£	£
National Stipend Fund Allocation	53,341	53,441
Less Endowment Income	(565)	(565)
Less refund from 121 (COS)	—	(512)
Presbytery Dues	650	740
Local Staffing Costs		
Minister's Traveling Expenses	960	960
Minister's Telephone & Other Expenses (Net)	1,149	551
Salaries:	4,740	3,729
Building Costs		
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	1,140	777
Heating & Lighting	3,700	3,280
Water Charges; Insurance and Manse Council Tax	5,071	5,570
Other Local Costs		
Outreach – Elder Training Breakfast Meeting/Tapes	11	100
Telephone; Postage; Printing; Stationery & Photocopying	2,945	4,567
Congregational Organisations – SC/RS/ETC	370	259
Presentation Expenses – R Moffat – E MacLean	—	2,550
CCL/PRS	554	523
Other Expenses – Tree Festival, Piano tuner, Com.Wine etc	1,319	510
Total Ordinary General Expenses	75,385	76,480

NOTES

From 2004, Congregations no longer pay directly for the stipend and related costs of their own Minister. All congregations now contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all Ministers' stipends and Employer's contributions for National Insurance, Pension and Housing & Loan Fund. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the National Stipend Scale, which is related to years of service. For the year under review, the minimum stipend was £22,247 and the maximum stipend (after 10 years' service) was £28,500.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007
continued

STATEMENT OF FUNDS

As at 31 December 2007

2006	FUNDS	2007
£40,450	General Fund	£60,963
10,919	Fabric Fund	7,571
35,732	Special Funds	38,032
7,131	Trust Funds – Capital	7,131
16,559	Revenue	18,508
£110,791		£132,205

Represented by:

	ASSETS	
£23,780	Investments at Cost	£23,780
59,232	Short Term Deposits	62,034
27,779	Bank Current Account	46,391
£110,791		£132,205

Dyce & District WRI

Summer has flown past this year and it seems ages ago since our members, along with Guild members and friends, enjoyed our summer outing to St Andrews. We were blessed with beautiful weather and had a lovely high tea at Montrose on our way home.

We look forward to the start of our regular monthly meetings, the first being on 11 September when Margaret Farquhar (former Provost of Aberdeen) will give a talk on "Lifeboats". Further ahead to October we have Arlene White giving a demonstration of her embroidery and in November Mrs Avril Linton will give a talk on the work of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Charity.

On Tuesday 21 October we are holding a Whist Night in the Church Hall at 7.30pm and in November Dyce WRI will host our Group Social Night.

Dyce WRI can look forward to a varied programme of entertaining, informative and educational topics in the coming session. Visitors are always made very welcome. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

We look forward very much to seeing members and friends, old and new.

Jessie Milne

Dyce Gardening Club

Many summer activities of the Gardening Club have contributed to Dyce in Bloom and also to the fitness of those who donned weekly their old togs to plant, weed and generally tidy the Community Garden at the traffic lights by the Bank of Scotland.

This spring both walled gardens at the entrances to the village were looted. Rabbits on the south side chomped their way through most of the supposedly rabbit proof greenery and bulbs as they emerged. The north side by the Don bridge however, suffered a human raid when two adults walked away with an armful of daffodils and red tulips! The rabbits will always regard the salad bar as a perk but the aim of planting the garden is to have a colourful welcome to Dyce at every season.

One May activity was an evening clean-up of the Farburn, behind the Marriot and down the side of Riverview Drive towards the Don.

Although it was hard work and a bit smelly on occasion, the twenty helpers clearly enjoyed themselves and made a difference. Debris collected included a fire extinguisher, most parts of a bike and many bottles and plastic. Self seeded garden shrubs and weeds were docked enough to fill three industrial wheelie bins. Next year another part of the burn will be targeted.

The May plant sale raised over £1000 towards the purchase of plants to fill hanging baskets on the streets. For nearly 10 years now, Dyce in Bloom committee has sought sponsorship from businesses in Dyce so that every year more baskets can be bought and filled by residents. Judges from



Community in Bloom and Britain in Bloom came in July and August to look not just at the flowers and green spaces but also the involvement of residents in improving their surroundings.

In June Mike Rattray, gardener at Tillypronie Tarland, walked members and friends round the Golden Jubilee garden planted with yellow and green to celebrate the Queen's 50 years of reign. Dr Tom Smith's spectacular garden in Rubislaw Den North was also visited. He has cherished his garden over more than fifty years, having planted the very tall trees when a young man.

After all their hard work this summer, members felt they deserved a treat and had a fine barbecue in the Community Garden.

The last summer activity was an entry in the Community Garden Challenge open to all community groups to create a one metre square display garden at the Royal Horticultural Show at Hazlehead in August.

The winter syllabus begins with the inter-club quiz at Westhill to try and get back the challenge cup we lost last year. On Tuesday 7 October members visit the extended Parkhill Garden Centre at 7pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome at monthly meetings in the Carnegie Hall on Tuesdays. Details are posted on the Dyce Community notice board on Victoria Street and available from the secretary, Kevin Mavor on 01224 722011

Evelyn Shearer

2nd Dyce Rainbows

Welcomes new leaders Kathryn Stuart and Sarah Barrie.

If anyone would like more information about Rainbows please contact Kathryn on 07745 829706.

Earth Keepers

In the last issue of the Church magazine I gave a report on the Bokashi waste food digester. I said I was not impressed with the results, perhaps I was doing something wrong, perhaps someone else may have had more success.

Within two days of the magazines being issued I had an email from Alan Smail telling me of the success he was having with his green cone food digester. Shortly after that I had a visit from someone else, again extolling the virtues of the green cone which they had installed in their garden. You may also remember that I offered a green cone and a compost bin "free to good home" in a previous magazine but had no takers. We have decided to install both of these units in the manse garden in preparation for the new Minister, whoever he or she may be, coming to serve in Dyce. The manse garden is quite big and over the last months we have been carrying out maintenance gardening just so that the garden did not become unmanageable, so it is hoped that the new incumbent in the manse will use these units and recycle as much as possible.

I recently picked up a copy of *Waste Aware Scotland* magazine which had a special article on food waste. A new campaign has started "Love Food, Hate Waste" launched by Scotland's Minister for the Environment Richard

Lochhead and food writer Nell Nelson, she of *The Woman Who Ate Scotland* fame on TV.

Food waste is often created by cooking or preparing too much in the first place, letting food go past its sell by date or even forgetting we have it in the freezer or store cupboard.

Do you know that:-

- Over a third of the food we buy in Scotland is thrown in the bin and at least half of this could have been eaten?
- Scottish households throw out around 650,000 tonnes of food waste each year?
- Over £800 million worth of food is wasted in Scotland each year – an average of £366 per household?

Can you or I afford to throw away so much especially now when we hear and experience the ever-increasing cost of living? – I don't think so! To reduce food waste we have to plan our shopping and meals, don't buy so much and prepare only what you will eat. Do we really have to eat something different every day? What is wrong with having the leftovers of a meal the following day just like we did in the "good old days"!!

The government has set new targets; recycling to be

increased to 60% by 2020, 70% by 2025, landfill reduced 5% by 2025. We can and we should do our part to help achieve these targets.

Aberdeenshire, Perth and Kinross and East Renfrewshire are all introducing trials of collecting food waste along with garden waste. "What's new?" I hear you say, "we did that in Dyce some time ago". Perhaps it is time it was re-introduced again. Rumour has it that it might restart. If it does please be sure to get involved.

Elsewhere in this magazine there is an article by Alan Smail on his successful use of the green cone. If you would like more information or perhaps are encouraged by Alan's report to install one yourself there is information on the Earth Keepers notice board in the lounge.

Ken Knight

Church Seats

Is your 'place' in church your seat?

Do you forgive anyone who does you wrong – as Christ has forgiven you?

You may think what strange questions to ask but I found myself asking this after an incident that occurred a couple of months ago in church. Like most people I generally sit in the same area of church (my comfort zone) although not necessarily in the same seat every week. However one Sunday recently I decided, for practical reasons, to sit in a totally different area of church and was greeted with comments from more than one fellow church member such as "Oh you can't sit there that's so and so's seat!" and "Oh I usually sit there and Mrs X sits in that seat!"

Was I really in Dyce Church? Yes! I rapidly realised that none of the comments made were said nastily, more just matter of fact but I did wonder if they would have been said to a visitor

(I hope not) and how would they have felt. We are all creatures of habit and don't like our 'comfort zones' being invaded. So I thought no more about the incident until I read this article in a magazine and realised that God was trying to teach me through my experience and that I should share this thought.

This light hearted but revealing commentary appeared in a newspaper.

"A lady took my seat in church. She's very nice – a good friend, in fact. I can sit any place – no big deal. My seat is on the right as you enter the sanctuary. I can rest my arm on the end. It's a good seat, but I wouldn't raise a fuss about a seat. Never hold a grudge. Actually, it was 3 months ago she took it and I really don't know why. I've never done anything to her – never taken her seat. I suppose I'll have to come an hour early now to get my seat. She had no business taking it and I'm not

going to church 2 hours early to get what is rightfully mine! This is the way social injustices begin: abusive people taking other people's seats! It's the way seeds of revolution are sown. A person can only stand so much. Where is it all going to end? If somebody doesn't stand up and be counted, nobody's seat will be safe. People will sit where they please, and next they'll take my parking place. World order will be in shambles!"

We smile, but it's amazing how quickly we get bent out of shape when our routine is disrupted. Paul writes "Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong – as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything. When you truly love God and know that he loves you nothing shall offend you." (Psalm 119). So please remember this next time someone sits in "your" seat.

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Festive Fairtrade Event



It is my intention to have a Traidcraft festive weekend on **Friday 10 October from 7pm – 9pm and Saturday 11 October from 10am – 12noon** in the Lounge and Dr Cox Room. It seems early to be thinking Christmas I know, but it is necessary so that products ordered can be delivered in good time.

As in previous years, any offers of home baking or serving teas and coffees or selling at the sales tables will be greatly appreciated. I do rely on much generosity on your part as you can see.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help in any way.

No admission charge but a donation towards tea and coffee while you browse at the Traidcraft catalogue or at the sales table would be appreciated. I hope you will find a time suitable to come and support this worthwhile venture which in turn will help the small producers in the developing world support their families.

Yours in anticipation

Thelma (Tel 722088)

List of Elders 2008

Surname	First Name	Address (Dyce unless otherwise stated)	Telephone	District
Adams	Mrs Kathleen	15 Glenhome Terrace	729187	11
Aitken	Mrs Anna	26 Glen Avenue	722075	31
Alexander	Mrs Lesley	3 Glenhome Court	724462	22
Barber	Dr Alexander	20 Parkhill Avenue	723589	38A
Barbour	Mrs Jacqueline	4 Glenhome Walk	729616	33
Barrie	Mr Archibald	1 Overton Walk	724242	
Baxter	Mrs Jean	86 Denview Road, Potterton	01358 743420	41
Beagrie	Mrs Helen	11 Fifehill Park	724659	26A
Bolton	Mrs June	31 Gladstone Place	722825	36
Brewster	Mr Gordon	35 Overton Avenue	723703	
Bruce	Mrs Roslyn	6 Fifehill Park	723487	7
Brown	Mr William	11 Glenhome Crescent	723007	29
Cattanach	Mrs Margaret	1A Glenhome Avenue	723158	35A
Chapman	Mrs Jean	27 Gallowhill Terrace	724818	
Cheyne	Mr Brian	12 Glen Drive	722398	35
Clark	Mrs Ann	6 Parkhill Circle	724555	32A
Cruden	Mr Alex	Woodlands	791033	2
Cruden	Mrs Barbara	Standing Stones Farm	770001	
Cumming	Mrs Senga	17 Gordon Terrace	722054	25
Drummond	Mrs Valerie	30 Glen Drive	722812	28
Duffton	Mrs Elizabeth	18 Berrywell Road	770454	
Duffton	Mr Mark	18 Berrywell Road	770454	
Dunne	Mr David	29 Parkhill Avenue	722557	40B
Fraser	Dr David	11 Glen Road	722595	
Gordon	Mr Alfred	10 Pitfichie Place	771185	
Grant	Mr Charles	6 Victoria Grange	724490	39
Greenhorn	Mrs Elizabeth	11 Glen Avenue	723310	34
Gunn	Mr Robert	3 Glen Drive	722831	
Henderson	Mr Harvey	4 Brimmond View, Stoneywood	712050	19
Hendry	Mr George	20 Parkhill Crescent	724247	12
Howitt	Mr Gregor	10 Gordon Terrace	722458	18
Innes	Mr Herbert	43 Parkhill Circle	724634	5
Irvine	Mrs Ella	23 Hopetoun Court, Bucksburn	714573	2B & 42
Johnstone	Mr John	5 Berrywell Gardens	722251	
Kelly	Mr Brendan	Hillcrest, Parkhill	725529	40
Kelman	Mr William	20 Gordon Terrace	722629	14
Knight	Mr Ken	1 North Beach Road, Balmedie	01358 43236	41A
Lamb	Mr Alex	48 Parkhill Avenue	723722	16
Lawson	Mr John	17 Hopcroft Drive, Bucksburn	713824	2A
Logan	Mr William	26 Glenhome Gardens	723239	
Lynn	Mr Alistair	36 Victoria Grange	771132	

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MacInnes	Mr Donald	35 Parkhill Avenue	722826	27
MacInnes	Mr Roderick	5 Sluie Drive	772108	26
Marjoribanks	Mrs Ann	13 Brucklay Court	725147	24
Martin	Mr Gordon	12 Ardlair Terrace	723669	9
Milne	Mr Ian	110 Corrennie Circle	722088	8
Milton	Mr James	19 Overton Avenue	723939	33A
Morren	Mr Alexander	32 Glenhome Walk	722760	
Murray	Mr David	7 Aryburn Row	723818	34B
Murray	Mr Eric	30 Glenhome Gardens	723748	38B
Orr	Dr Douglas	15 Glenhome Walk	722801	1A
Paul	Mr Graham	West Lodge, 324 Stonywood Rd	715392	19A
Pirie	Mrs Sheena	'Cumbrae', Parkhill	722187	4
Preacher	Mr James	27 Parkhill Avenue	772956	
Ramsay	Mr John	60 Overton Circle	723504	30A
Reid	Mr David	93A Victoria Street	725170	
Reid	Miss Morag	Top Left, 19 Summerfield Terrace, Aberdeen	640548	17
Rennie	Mr William	48 Berrywell Road	723085	
Roach	Mr Ken	2 Glen Avenue	722723	13
Ross	Mr James	8 Hopetoun Green	713467	43
Secker	Mr Scott	5 Gourdie Park, Potterton	01358 741168	
Sharp	Mrs Patricia	8 Goval Terrace	724887	
Shearer	Mrs Evelyn	12 Overton Crescent	723044	32
Smail	Mr T Alan	46 Parkhill Avenue	723214	31A
Smith	Mr Albert	19 Fifehill Park	724267	38
Swanson	Mr James	23 Parkhill Avenue	723931	39A
Taylor	Mr Russell	4 Fairview Drive, Danestone	828357	
Thomson	Mrs Edith	2 Fifehill Park	723913	23
Thomson	Mrs Jean	14 Lickleyhead Way	723058	21
Thurley	Mr John	9 Glen Drive	722396	37
Wilson	Mrs Fiona	38 Glenhome Gardens	729688	30
Wood	Mr Stuart	5 Pitfichie Lane	722996	40A
Whyte	Mrs Margaret	81 Corrennie Circle	723396	10
Yule	Mr John	179 Victoria Street	722441	

VISITS TO ORGANISATIONS (2008 – 2009)

Organisation	Leader/Contact	Place & Time	Elders	Telephone
Junior Club (age 3 1/2 – 8+)	Mr James Swanson	Church/Hall	Dr Orr	722801
	23 Parkhill Avenue	Sunday 11am	Mr Roach	722723
	Tel 723931			
Kidzone (age 9 – 12)	Ms Tina Gunn	Church	Mrs Baxter	01358 743420
	14 Hollybank Place Aberdeen	Sunday 11am	Mrs Greenhorn	723310
	Tel 588310			
Rock Solid (Secondary 1 – 3)	Mr Roddy MacInnes	Church/Scout Hut	Mr Paul	715392
	5 Sluie Drive	Sunday 11am	Mr Ramsay	723504
	Tel 772108			
1st Dyce Guide Company	Ms K MacLeod	Scout Hut	Mrs Marjoribanks	725147
	40 Grampian Gardens	Tuesday	Mrs Alexander	724462
	Tel 772649	7.15pm – 9.30pm		
1st Dyce Brownie Pack	Mrs P Henderson	Church Hall	Mrs Bruce	723487
	163 Victoria Street	Wednesday	Mrs Adams	729187
	Tel 723040	6.15pm – 7.45pm		
4th Dyce Brownie Pack	Miss Louise Stratton	Church Hall	Mrs Whyte	723396
	Beidlestone Farm	Friday	Mrs Beagrie	724659
	Tel 791381	6pm – 7.15pm		
5th Dyce Brownie Pack	Mrs J McLean	Church Hall	Mrs Cattanach	723158
	192 Victoria Street	Tuesday	Mrs Shearer	723044
	Tel 722300	3.30pm – 5pm		
1st Dyce Rainbow Guides	Mrs Sheila Stratton	Church Hall	Mr D Murray	723818
	Beidlestone Farm	Thursday	Mr Smail	723214
	Tel 791381	6pm – 7.00pm		
2nd Dyce Rainbow Guides	Miss Kathryn Stuart	Church Hall	Mrs Barbour	729616
	291A King Street	Tuesday	Mrs Wilson	729688
	Aberdeen	6pm – 7.00pm		
	Tel 07745 829706			
Boys' Brigade	Mr A Smith	School Hall	Mr Milne	722088
	19 Fifehill Park	Friday	Mr Brown	723007
	Tel 724267	7.30pm		
Junior Brigade	Mrs Anna Aitken	Primary School Hall	Mr E Murray	723748
	26 Glen Avenue	Friday	Mr Thurley	722396
	Tel 722075	6.30pm		

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Anchor Boys	Miss Patrice Sharp	Primary School Hall	Mr Kelman	722629
	8 Goyal Terrace	Friday	Mr R MacInnes	722108
	Tel 724887	6.30pm		
Parkhill Cub Pack	Mrs M Milligan	Scout Hut	Mrs Clark	724555
	5 Pitfichie Place	Wednesday	Miss Reid	640548
	Tel 724156	6.30pm		
Dyce Guild	Mrs Morag Gunn	Church Hall	Mr Milton	723939
	3 Glen Drive	Monday 7.30pm	Mr Hendry	724247
	Tel 722831	Fortnightly		
Senior Citizens	Mr Eric Galashan	Church Hall	Dr Barber	723589
	6 Lickleyhead Way	alt Wednesdays	Mr Lamb	723722
	Tel 723928	2pm		
Air Training Corps	Mr Scott Thomson	ATC Hut	Mr Knight	01358 743236
	Pitmedden Road	Mon and Wed	Mr Howitt	722458
	Tel 724565	7pm – 9.30pm		
Creche	Mrs Suzanne Douglas	Lounge	Mrs Cumming	722054
	8 Berrywell Walk	Sunday	Mrs Pirie	722187
	Tel 722270	11am – 12noon		

Count your garden by the flowers
Never by the leaves that fall;
Count your days by golden hours
Don't remember clouds at all

Count the nights
By stars, not shadows
Count your life by smiles, not tears
And with joy on every birthday
Count your age by friends, not years

FLOWER ROTA

October 2008 – January 2009

October

5	Mrs S Knight	1 North Beach Road, Balmedie
12	Mrs B Cruden	Standing Stones
19	Mrs E Murray	11 Glen Drive
26	Mrs S Maclean	24 Victoria Street

November

2	Mrs P Lamb	Sagatoum, John Street
9	Mrs S Ritchie	3 Glenhome Terrace
16	Mrs H Swanson	23 Parkhill Avenue
23	Mrs M Duncan	9 Westwood Crescent, Westhill
30	Mrs M Cushnie	17 Glenhome Terrace

December

7	Mrs D Gittins	3 Glen Gardens
14	Mrs C Duncan	Hillcrest, Station Road, Newmachar
21	Mrs T Welsh	11 Glenhome Terrace
28	Mrs L Thurley	9 Glen Drive



January 2009

4	Mrs J Chapman	27 Gallowhill Terrace
11	Mrs J Yule	179 Victoria Street
18	Mrs M Parley	23 Berrywell Place
25	Mrs H Strachen	35 Parkhill Circle

Convenor October, November & December

Mrs Lucy Thurley Tel: 01224 722396

Convenor for January 2009

Mrs Audrey Ross Tel: 773121 (H) / 772424 (W)

NOTE:

The Church is open on Saturdays from 10am until 4pm.

Please collect flowers for delivery after the 11am Sunday Service.

WINTER ISSUE



Thanks to all the contributors to the Autumn Edition, without you the magazine would have been pretty bare this time round. Items for the Winter Edition can be submitted any time now and up to **Sunday 9 November**.

I would encourage all Youth Organisations to provide an item on their activities for the first part of their year. It's good to let people know what our young folks are doing.

Please remember that "snippets" relevant to the Dyce community will also be considered for inclusion.

Parental permission must be granted before any photographs where children are involved are submitted.

Where possible please send items by email to thelian@btinternet.com or post in the Editor's Box (beside the lounge at back of Church) or to my home address, 110 Corrennie Circle.

Thank you
Ian

DOOR COLLECTION AND FWO DUTIES

9.30am Services First named TWO in roster will officiate at early morning services

11am Services First named TWO bring in offering for dedication during singing of last verse of first hymn
First named SIX will officiate as follows:-
a) TWO at door
b) TWO at inner doors and
c) TWO within Church directing worshippers to seats
ALL EIGHT will assist at count in four teams of two.

6.30pm Services Last named TWO will officiate at evening services

Communion Services A separate detail will be issued for Communion Services

If you cannot attend please arrange a substitute.

PLEASE CHECK MASTER ROSTER FOR ALTERATIONS

October 5 Service at 11am only

Mr Paul, Mrs Pirie, Mr Ramsay, Miss Reid,
Messrs Roach, Ross, Mrs Shearer, Mr Smail
R Mack

12 Services at 9.30am & 11am

Mr Thurley, Mrs Whyte, Mrs Wilson,
Mrs Adams, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Alexander,
Dr Barber, Mrs Barbour
G Hendry

19 Service at 11am only

Mrs Baxter, Mrs Beagrie, Mr Brown,
Mrs Bruce, Mrs Cattanach, Mr Cheyne,
Mrs Clark, Mrs Cumming
A Lamb

26 Services at 9.30am & 11am

Mrs Drummond, Mrs Greenhorn,
Messrs Gunn, Henderson, Howitt, Innes,
Mrs Irvine, Mr Kelly
D Dunne

November 2 Communion Services at 11am and 2pm

Messrs Kelman, Knight, Lawson,
D MacInnes, R MacInnes,
Mrs Marjoribanks, Messrs Martin, Milne,
Milton, D Murray, E Murray, Dr Orr
B Cruden

9 Services at 9.30am and 10.45am

Mr Paul, Mrs Pirie, Mr Ramsay, Miss Reid,
Messrs Roach, Ross, Mrs Shearer, Mr Smail
J Thomson

16 Service at 11am only

Mr Thurley, Mrs Whyte, Mrs Wilson,
Mrs Adams, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Alexander,
Dr Barber, Mrs Barbour
R Mack

30 Services at 9.30am and 11am

Mrs Drummond, Mrs Greenhorn,
Messrs Gunn, Henderson, Howitt, Innes,
Mrs Irvine, Mr Kelly
A Lamb

December 7 Service at 11am only

Messrs Kelman, Knight, Lawson,
D MacInnes, R MacInnes,
Mrs Marjoribanks, Messrs Martin, Milne
D Dunne

14 Services at 9.30am and 11am

Messrs Milton, D Murray, E Murray, Dr Orr,
Mr Paul, Mrs Pirie, Mr Ramsay, Miss Reid
B Cruden

21 Service at 11.00am only

Messrs Roach, Ross, Mrs Shearer,
Messrs Smail, Thurley, Mrs Whyte,
Mrs Wilson, Mrs Adams
J Thomson

28 Services at 9.30am and 11am

Mrs Aitken, Mrs Alexander, Dr Barber,
Mrs Barbour, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Beagrie,
Mr Brown, Mrs Bruce
R Mack

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