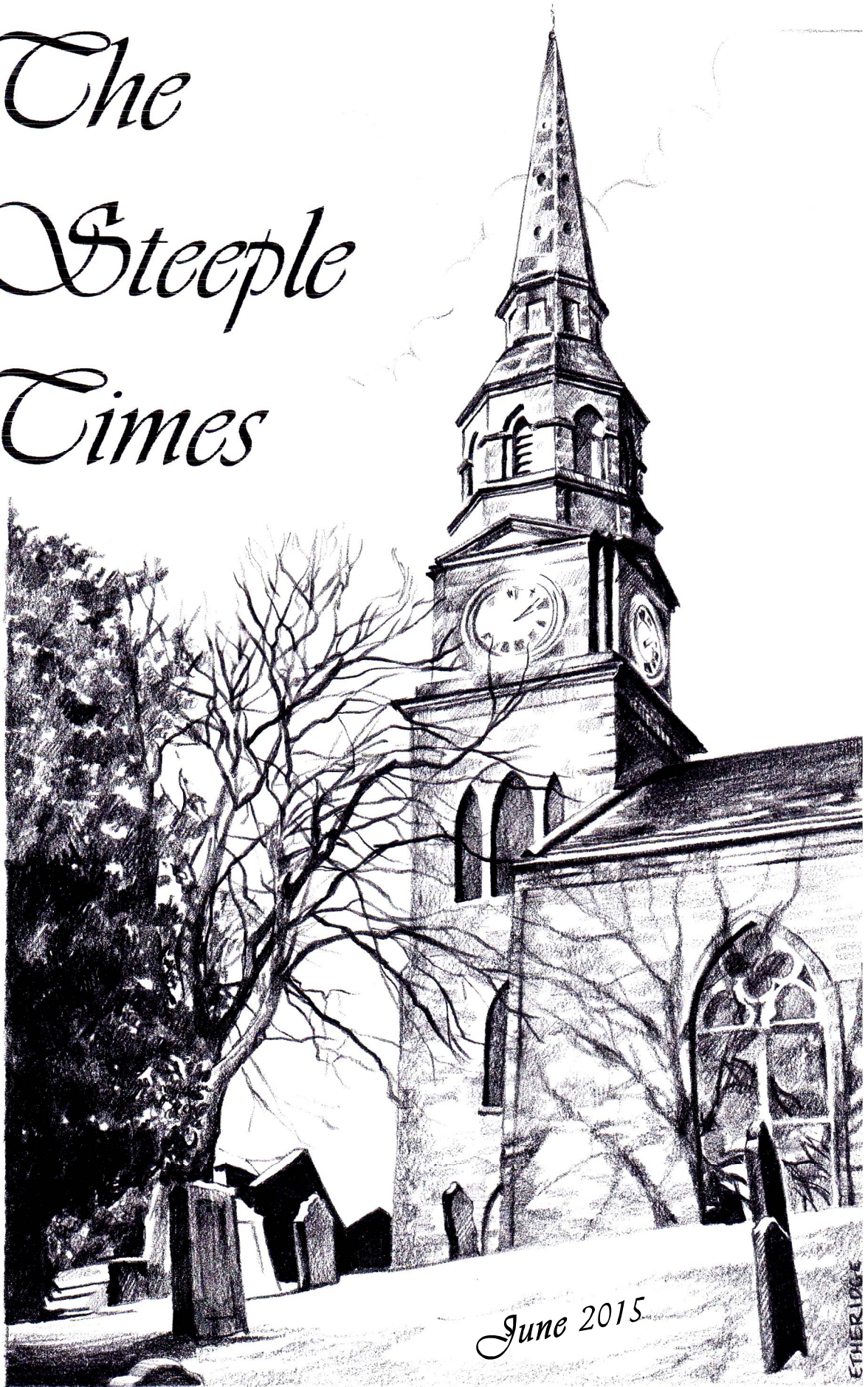


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ETHERIDGE

Services of Public Worship:

Every Sunday at 11. a.m.

A short service is also held on the first Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 12.10 p.m.

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FROM THE MANSE

June 2015

Hello once again my dear friends.

The votes are in and counted and the politicians are off to Westminster, so if the party you support got in – congratulations, and if they did not – commiserations, but the nation has chosen! The Presbytery has chosen me as interim moderator for Arbirlot Church linked with Carmyllie Church as Rev Stewart Lamont prepares for his retirement and by the time you read this I will have had my first Kirk Session meeting with the elders at these churches. This position will impact on the amount of work that I do in East and Old in a small way so I pray that you will support me in this role and that you will keep both these churches in your prayers also.

As I write this letter I am getting ready to attend the 2015 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. This is not a favourite part of my remit as a minister but all ministers should take up their commission when their turn comes around (at least it is only every four years). The Church of Scotland cannot operate without decisions being made and like all Presbyterian decisions some people will agree with the decisions while others will not – decision making by committees is being Presbyterian! This is also the case with our own Kirk Session in East and Old. Varied opinions are put forward; sometimes there is discussion while on other matters no discussion appears to be necessary. My job as moderator of the Kirk Session is to chair the meeting and also to make sure any rules and regulations are not broken. It also gives me a chance to share my vision for East and Old Parish Church which I hope and pray will take us and future generations into another new century.

A number of our elders are getting that bit older and their mobility is not as good as it used to be. The Kirk Session took the decision that more elders are required to keep our church functioning well and looking after our members. A number of names were suggested by the Session members who over the next few weeks/months will be approached by either myself, Bob Kidd or Margaret Scrimgeour. Can I ask that you do not dismiss it out of hand if you are approached but find out what the job really entails – eldership in the 21st Century has moved a long way from the traditional roles of many years ago?

One of the decisions that the Kirk Session took many months ago now was to send some of our youths to our twinning church – Zuglo Church – for their annual summer camp and hopefully they will come back with lots of ideas to inspire us. Karen Liddle is taking three youths over; Liam Rattray, Jack Wilson and Ellen Wilson and we wish them a safe journey and a great time.

On that note can I wish you all a very happy, relaxing and refreshing summer break but keep your eyes open as we have a few new ventures starting during the summer and you will find out more later in this edition.

Every blessing to you all

Barbara Ann

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY



service in the church was relatively well attended but more people would have been better but thank you to the 40+ people who attended this reflective service and celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion – although Barbara Ann did state on the evening it was not Communion – it was the Last Supper that was celebrated.

On Good Friday members of the congregation walked in to find a coffin at the front of the church with unlit candles in the shape of a large cross on top of the coffin. The candles were lit during the eulogy for the followers who followed Jesus in his ministry and after they were all lit they were then blown out one by one as his followers let him down that final week. This service then became like a funeral service for Jesus with a eulogy being read. This was once again a very moving service. At this service we were joined by the boys and leaders of the Company section of our Boys' Brigade and we were delighted to have them there.

As you know Barbara Ann talks about the fact that most people come to church on Palm Sunday and then not again until Easter Day and miss such an important part of Christ's story and life. The boys were a bit disappointed to find that the coffin lid was screwed shut because they had wanted to try it out!!!

EASTER SUNDAY

what a busy day it was for East and Old Church. There was the early morning service at the Lochside at 8am organised by FACT and thank you to Isabel Farquharson for being our rep in organising this service. Then it was a quick hop up to the church for the 9.30am early morning service with communion which was well attended. It was so good to see familiar children and visiting children coming along for the service at 11am and we wondered if the Easter Egg hunt had anything to do with it. The children went away with loads and loads of Crème Eggs!!! Bill Duthie did manage to find three eggs that the children had not found the following week.



COMMUNION



Once again the Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on the fourth Sunday of April. Now the date should never surprise anyone because communion is ALWAYS held on the fourth Sunday of April and October so it was a little disappointing that the numbers were down by approximately 30 people but there again there was still 210 people worshipping God and celebrating communion. The evening communion service was well attended with over 60 people being present. Barbara Ann would like to thank everyone for coming along and a special thank you to all the office bearers for the setting up on the Saturday night and also the serving of communion on Sunday morning.

RETIRING OFFERING

As you are aware on communion Sunday we normally have a retiring offering in aid of the Fabric Fund for the church however Barbara Ann sought the Kirk Session's approval to change this on the day to an offering for Nepal which was devastated by the earthquake. The retiring offering was taken at both services on 26th April and then at the following two services on 3rd May and a wonderful total of £1269 was received and has been sent off to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

AFTERNOON COMMUNION

The Kirk Session realise that some of our members have a problem getting out for 11am on a Sunday morning due to a variety of reasons therefore an afternoon communion was arranged for Sunday 10th May where everyone present could bring along their communion cards and then stay for tea/coffee and cake after the service. Once again this was well attended with over 40 people present.

EAPPI



stands for **Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel** and one of their representatives Rebecca McGonagall who works for the Church of Scotland at 121 George Street, Edinburgh came along and gave a very interesting and informative talk and presentation about her 3 months presentation you then realise how much worse it actually is. You can be an EAPPI volunteer until the age of 70 so some of you might like to think about taking a 3 month sabbatical and going out to monitor human rights issues.

THE MUSIC CAFÉ

continues to be a popular event in the church for people with dementia and their carers. However, many of the helpers also get so much from helping out at the Music Café and we are always on the lookout for more volunteers. Pat Brodlie and Maureen Black do a great job at the Music Café along with Margaret Anderson on the piano and helped by Bruce Simpson.



COSY CORNER



is proving to be a busy little café with soup and sandwiches. However, we **URGENTLY** need another one if not two volunteers to help out. If you don't make soup then you can do sandwiches and vice versa. Please think about helping out folks because this café is popular and is part of the mission of this church in Christ's name. There must be two people in the Roll of over 800 people who can help out. Please speak to Barbara Ann or Jean Alexander.

FRIDAY FLING

is a great activity for people with dementia and their carers. The physical exercise helps in numerous ways along with the companionship and the tea and cake half way through. This venture only operates every two weeks so it is not an onerous task and once again we **URGENTLY** need two people to come on this rota. At present people are on the rota once every 6-8 weeks. It does not matter whether you can dance or not as some of the people just walk/shuffle on the dance floor – and we mean some of the helpers!!! Please speak to Barbara Ann or Jean Alexander.



THE FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

is held once a month and has a steady participation from the people who attend. They have covered numerous topics during the last few months but will take a two month break during July and August. Is there a topic you would like to discuss or find out more about in relation to a life of faith? Just let someone in the group know.

DROP AND SHOP

This was supposed to be an aid for mums, dads and carers to help them out while they were shopping. Our research showed that parents and carers were interested in this new initiative but after 3 months there has still been no one to this venture. We have now stopped the club until September and will re-launch it then because the research was carried out in the Autumn last year when parents and carers were maybe starting Christmas Shopping and there was more demand for it then.

THE CHILDREN'S FILM CLUB



is proving to be pretty popular with a number of children attending who have no connection with the church. A small band of volunteers help out at these events and the children receive a drink, snack and popcorn and is held on the second Saturday of every month at 3pm. Can you help supervise the children? We need extra helpers so please volunteer.

FILM NIGHT

is run by Mary Daun and is held in the session room on the third Saturday of every month. During April to September the films will be shown at 6pm and from October to March they will be shown at 2pm in the afternoon.

The film that was shown in May was 'The Imitation Game' which has not long been released on DVD.

Does anyone know her all-time very, very favourite film? Check the answer out on the last page.

STEERING GROUP

The steering group consists of 10 office bearers of East and Old with the remit to raise funds for our big renovations. Chairperson – Mabel Martin, Secretary – Ian Robertson and other members; Sheena Ewart, Muriel Fairley; Isabel Farquharson; Elizabeth McLeod; Elma Milne; Angus Spence, Jim Stewart, and Barbara Ann.

THE BIG KIRK SHOP

was the idea of the Steering Group and is going really well. Can we thank Nicola Wilson for taking on the huge challenge of organising and running the shop and for all the volunteers who help out on a weekly basis. In the first twelve weeks we were open we brought in £7,000 after expenses were deducted.

We are in negotiation with Mr Ul-Haq about the rental costs of the shop after the 6 months are up that he gave us rent free and if the figure is suitable then the shop will continue. Remember we are always on the lookout for goods especially bric-a-brac and toiletries!!!

WEDDING DRESSES

Joyce and Dave Stewart kindly donated two wedding dresses for us to sell in the shop. We asked two young ladies to model them for us and after the photographs were taken we put the images up on our Web page, Face book page and also in the shop.



The dresses are new and have only been worn by the models. Joyce and Dave then said once these were sold they would give us another two! Thank you Joyce and Dave we really appreciate this.

ACCORD



is the music group made from church members and adherents. Over the last year or so Accord have performed at many gigs around Angus and are having a ball.

Their repertoire is ever increasing and now sing songs from the following categories: Scottish, War Time, Musicals, Music Hall, 60's, Around the World and a selection of other songs that don't quite meet these categories.

Their list of stories and jokes are also on the increase and they are always on the look-out for new material. Barbara Ann would like to try out a mime sketch but the other members are not too sure. Watch this space!!!

LADIES NIGHT OUTS

are normally held in Chapter and Verse but a number of ladies have suggested that we change the venue but as of going to print a new venue has not been arranged yet.

Watch out in the notice sheets and in the Dispatch for further info.

MEN'S NIGHT OUTS

have also changed venue and the men now meet in the Queen Street Tavern normally on the last Thursday of the month. The men have promised Barbara Ann they will not cheat at the quiz that is being held on that night.

INTERIM MODERATOR

for Arbirlot Church linked with Carmyllie Church is of course our own minister.

Although the current minister Rev Stewart Lamont does not retire until the first week in September Barbara Ann's duties start now so that a nominating committee can be formed and once again by the time you read this she will have held her first Kirk Session meeting with them to get everything organised.

The process is a bit different when a minister is retiring from his/her charge which makes the starting process a whole lot faster.

Watch out Arbirlot and Carmyllie a whirlwind is about to hit you!

BIG DAY OUT

is an event organised and run by Angus Presbytery and is held every 2 years in Arbroath. A number of members from East and Old attended this event on Saturday 9th May and had a good time.

The opening worship was lively with St Andrews Church praise band and the keynote speaker was the Very Rev Lorna Hood who gave an inspired talk.

Our minister has known Lorna for over 20 years so she found the time to stop and chat to her. The first thing Lorna said to Barbara Ann after the initial hellos was, 'I'm seeing you again tonight in the Science Centre in Glasgow' which was very true. Rev Peter Gardner of Renfield St Stephen's Church in Glasgow was organising the closing worship which was well received. Once again one of our members witnessed Barbara Ann going to say hello to Peter at the beginning and then discovered that Peter writes alongside Barbara Ann for Spill the Beans. Talk about a small world! Then Barbara Ann spoke to Rev Shuna Dicks who was speaking on 'Out of Africa and into Malta' and guess what – Shuna writes for Spill the Beans too.

GIRLS' BRIGADE SCOTLAND



As you are aware Barbara Ann is the National Chaplain for this organisation and this is where she and Lorna Hood met on Saturday 9th May in the evening at the Science Centre for the National presentation Awards for girls and leaders who received special awards; Queens Award, Duke of Edinburgh and long service. It was a wonderful event but no girls or leaders were from Angus Division. What a day our minister had; Big Day Out in the morning, a wedding in the afternoon and off to Glasgow for the presentations and then back home before midnight!!!

THE LEPROSY MISSION

in Forfar holds two meetings a year and a coffee morning and because of the great success of the last coffee morning it came to the notice of Linda Todd who is the CEO of Leprosy Mission Scotland. She phoned our minister (the chair of Leprosy Mission in Forfar) and asked to meet. They would like Forfar to be more involved in Leprosy Mission and what could they do to help. Linda drove up from Glasgow to meet Barbara Ann and to that end a few people of the church went through to a coffee morning in Dundee to support the Leprosy Mission branch there and on Monday 8th June East and Old Parish Church is hosting two speakers from Pakistan – a husband and wife – Dan and Barbara Izzett who both had Leprosy themselves and are of course now cured.



Please come along on that evening and hear their story. Barbara Ann has kindly offered to put them up in the manse that evening before they get the train to Inverness the next day.

WORLD MISSION COUNCIL

of the Church of Scotland has a number of committees under that banner and one of which is the Local Development Committee which our minister is now the Convener of. The only downside to this appointment was that they didn't tell Barbara Ann that being a convener also means you are automatically on the Business Committee of World Mission also – another 4 meetings in Edinburgh!!! That also got us thinking of who our next visitors will be because no doubt Barbara Ann will be saying – come to us!!!

FACE BOOK

East and Old Parish Church is our name on Face Book and we need you to like our page. It is updated at least twice a week with news of what is coming up and what has been happening. If you are not on Face Book then your children or grandchildren will be so ask them to like us please?

ARCHITECT



As you know we have been fundraising so that we can get the go ahead for the alterations in the church. The plans are on the wall of the church if you would like to look at them along with the costings and the time frame.

Our plans have been submitted to Presbytery, General Trustees and CARTA both at 121. We now need to show Presbytery where we will be getting the money to do the work which we hope to submit to them at the beginning of June after the Kirk

Session meeting.

If you have been thinking of donating any money to this project then now is the time to do it. Once again you can speak to Barbara Ann, your elder, Bill Duthie or Mabel Martin.

DONATIONS

Now and again we hear from Mabel Martin our treasurer that someone has donated money to the church funds and they wish to remain anonymous. So can we say a big thank you for the extra donations to the funds because they are always well received and are used for furthering our work here in East and Old and also in our community, nation and worldwide.

Barbara Ann would also like to thank those who out of the blue hand her an envelope with money in it also to help with our valuable work. On other occasions she is weighed down after she has been house visiting because people keep giving her 10p pieces and now people are giving her 5p pieces because they know she goes to the bank and changes them into 10p pieces. The clerk at the Bank of Scotland when he sees Barbara Ann heading towards the Business section in the bank just starts getting out bags of 10p pieces!!!

WHAT'S COMING UP & WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

WEDDING SHOW

A Wedding Fashion Show is to be held in the church on **SATURDAY 25TH JULY FROM 2PM TO 4PM** and the cost is £5 which includes wine and nibbles.

Everything that is shown on the day is for sale and we hope to model at least 60 wedding dresses ranging in prices from £50 to £150. There is also a few bridal outfits for the more mature bride, bridesmaid dresses, flower girls dresses and a very few veils, headdresses and shoes.

Please come along and support this wonderful event. A huge, huge thank you goes to Dave and Joyce Stewart for donating the dresses and to Nicola Wilson and Marlene Sim who have taken up the challenge of putting on the show.

We have a few models already lined up but if you would like to model some of the dresses let us know and a few of the 6th year boys from Forfar Academy have offered to be the models escorts as they walk down the aisle (how brave are they!!!)

SUNDAY 5 JULY

SUNDAE ON SUNDAY will be happening immediately after the morning worship and it is exactly what it sounds like - an ice-cream sundae on a Sunday. During the six weeks of the summer period the focus of worship and community gatherings will be 'At the Seaside'.

SATURDAY 4 JULY

We will be hosting a 'Mama Mia' evening in the church on this date at 7 pm. You are welcome to dress up as though an Abba fan, there will be food, drink, quizzes, competition, karaoke and lots, lots more - so put the date in your diary and come along and have some fun, fun, fun. Cost of a ticket will be £5.

SATURDAY 23 AUGUST

A Contemporary Communion Evening Service will be held at 7pm - Barbara Ann would like everyone to note this date in their diaries. This will be a communion service with a bit of a difference and she hopes you will be able to join with her on the evening. The whole service will last no longer than 45 minutes and we will enjoy some time of friendship and fellowship afterwards over a cuppa!

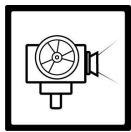
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225 - watch out for these numbers in coming months because our church is 225 years of age this year but everything will come to a climax in January of 2016 when the current building we are in finished its work and re-opened its doors.

There will be a variety of celebrations over the winter months and watch out for the numerous ways in which you can be involved in this historic moment.

One of the reasons Barbara Ann wants to celebrate this milestone is because she will not be our minister when the church is 250 years old!!! She will have retired by then!!! Do you have any old photographs or memorabilia from days gone past or any stories your relations passed down to you? Contact Aileen McKenzie who is the convener of our Outreach Group.

SATURDAY MOVIE NIGHT



Those who have attended the Saturday film shows agreed that in the summer months we meet in the evenings at 6pm. Films are shown in the Session Room.

Saturday 20th June The Blind Side

The real life story of Michael Oher who became an American football star, starring Sandra Bullock.

Saturday 25th July The Proposal

A comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.

FAMILY SUMMER CAMP

In the middle of July three of our youths; Liam Rattray, Jack Wilson and Ellen Wilson along with our elder Karen Liddle will be travelling to Hungary to join our twinning church - Zuglo Church at their family summer camp.



We wish them all well and that they have a great time and a safe journey and pray that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit at this event and bring us some ideas back home.

If you feel you would like to give Karen a few pounds to help them have a good time then give it to Karen and I am sure they will be more than happy to spend other people's money!

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

This is a great way in which to learn new skills, give service to others and become a fitter person and when employers and further education interviewers see this on CVs it shows commitment and dedication.

Over the next couple of months we will be, at last, starting our Duke of Edinburgh programme. This is open to all people aged 14 to 25 years of age whether at school, college, university or working.

We will be an open unit under Angus Council. Contact Barbara Ann if you are interested as time and days to suit will need to be arranged.

THANK YOU

One of our members Stewart Davidson organises a golf tournament every year in memory of his late wife Lorna Davidson.

Each year East and Old put a team into the tournament and we are delighted that Bob Sim, Danny Bell and Brian Carr have taken part over the last two years (even though they have not won - mind you it is the taking part!). T

Thank you guys for taking part and well done to Stewart Davidson who once again handed over a cheque for £3000 to Lippen Care.

A MILE OF 10 PENCE PIECES!

**WE'VE NOW COMPLETED 752 YARDS AND RAISED A TOTAL OF
£2743**

**Well done!
But a long way to go, keep them coming**



AROUND THE GROUPS

THE GUILD

There is one remaining item on our Guild syllabus for this session. – The Council Songs of Praise which will be held on 28 May at Inverarity Church. This is always an enjoyable evening with lots of favourite hymns.

A committee meeting was held on 6 May for discussion and planning of the syllabus for next session.

The Guild Theme for 2015-2018 is “Be Bold, Be Strong!” and the 2015-2016 theme is “Go In Peace”.

The Presbyterial Council has asked all Guilds for a monetary contribution towards the building of a house for an Indian project, costing £1000. It was decided to send £200 towards the cost, All the arrangements are complete for the outing to St Andrews and the Fife Coast which takes place on 11 June.

Hopefully you all have a happy summer and we look forward to seeing you at our Afternoon Tea, which will be held in the church on Thursday 10 September at 2 p.m.

PRAYER/STUDY MEETING

We met in the Manse on Thursday 16th April to study “A hope that never tires” from Isaiah Ch. 40 and on Thursday, 14th May for a different type of study which we will be able to let you know about in the next Steeple Times! You will be assured of good fellowship and interesting discussion.

OUTREACH

We are busy gathering information to put together a book regarding the 225th year of our Church. Although there was a place of worship on the site long before that, the PRESENT building is 225yrs. old this year. Please e-mail - mckenzie872@btinternet.com with any information of interest you may wish to pass on or hand it into church for our committee. Thanks.

PARTNERS by Liz Nicoll



Lynda and Raj Samuel visited family and friends in Chennai, India over Christmas and enjoyed a family wedding and also celebrated Lynda's 70th birthday in February.

The Samuel Chorus aren't in Forfar this spring but had a concert in Fowlis Easter Hall near Dundee at the end of April and I'm sure it was as good as usual. Lynda and Raj are not going to India this summer but we hope to see them in Forfar for their Christmas concert.

WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL

In 2014 World Mission raised over £4600 from sale of used stamps. The new project is the Church of Scotland AIDS programme which supports 29 projects in 17 countries, including Scotland, Malawi, China and Egypt. A very worthwhile cause, so keep your stamps coming (put them in drawer beside 10p collection slide)

ART GROUP

Numbers attending the art group have increased to 15 over the last few weeks. However, new members would be made very welcome. We meet in the Church Hall, Chapel Street, Thursdays 1.30 -4.00pm.

We currently have an exhibition in Academy Street Health Centre. Members are busy getting paintings ready for next year's calendar. Last year's proved very successful and we sold 150. There will be no art group throughout the month of July.

2ND FORFAR BOYS BRIGADE

The Officers and Boys are looking forward to the summer break.



Both the Junior and Company Sections will once again head for Scott Lodge at Glen Doll. Always a great favourite.

Parents Day this year will be held in the Church on Sunday 7th June. Two of our Senior boys have gained their Queens Badge. This is the highest award to be presented in the Boys Brigade. **Keiran Dear** and **Nathan Dryburgh** have been members of the Company since Anchor Boy Days. We are all very proud of their achievements. Their badges will be presented to them by their Mum at the Service

In the afternoon we are to have a fun day at the Manse. All are welcome to come along to make this a family day out.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the Company in any way over the past year.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

GIFTS & BLESSINGS FROM THE CHURCH!

Did you know that over 1000 blessings cards and almost 900 small gifts (tea/coffee/sugar sticks) have been distributed at the Church gate over the last two years?

The distributions have been carried out at weekends before Christmas and Easter, in the hope that they may help in passing on the Christian message of the free gift of love and faith.

Have you ideas about other small items that could be distributed at appropriate times of the year? If so, we would be delighted to hear, either in Church (Margaret or Ian Robertson) or on the phone- 463613. We would be grateful for your ideas- if possible before the end of August!

There will also be a distribution of World Mission booklets with global news on a monthly basis in the Church in the period up to Christmas and at Christmas there will be a distribution (with the Steeple Times) of 650 booklets, one per household for all the Congregation!

We continue to provide a bookstall in the Church each week, which is changed monthly. Please feel free to come and browse. Daily notes, entitled The Upper Room, are also available on order at the stand.

WALKING GROUP

The following walks will take place in February and March

6 June Tentsmuir Forrest

4th & 18th July

1st & 22nd August

Meet at The Myre 10am For more details contact Billy Sweetin on 01307 248228 or bjs801@talktalk.net

VISIT TO THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Over 20 members of the Church enjoyed a visit to the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 26th March, following an early-morning bus trip from Forfar.

The visit was arranged following an earlier visit by members accompanying our twinning-friends from Zuglo Church, Budapest, as a result of which M.S.P. Nigel Don offered to arrange a similar visit for members of the East & Old.

We departed on a rather dull, wet morning and, after a slow-stop journey through Dundee traffic and a view of the third Forth bridge under construction, we enjoyed a morning 'cuppa' in the Parliamentary restaurant before meeting Mr Don and his assistant, Mafalda Morley.

We then had a brief introduction to Parliamentary committee procedure by Mr. Don, who is one of the chair persons of Parliamentary committees. This was in one of the committee rooms, so members of the group were able to sit in the seats normally occupied by MSP's while Mr. Don explained how committees operate and take soundings on proposed legislative initiatives. Thereafter we had a tour of the building and the special features of the construction and decoration were all fully explained by Parliamentary guides.

The highlight of the trip, however, was a visit to the debating chamber itself, where we watched as the various ministers were quizzed with regard to a wide range of issues before First Minister Nicola Sturgeon came into the chamber to face questions from representatives of all the other parties on even more subjects! The proceedings were very well managed, and although there were occasional noisy outbursts from members of the various opposition parties, the to-and-fro of the Question Time session appeared to be a less noisy affair than the equivalent in the House of Commons.

Members of the group were able to have lunch in the restaurant before free time in the city, exploring the nearby Royal Mile.

Our thanks to Mr. Don and his assistant, Mafalda, for their arrangements, have been passed on.

FRIENDS OF EAST AND OLD

Our most recent venture was our Love Food/Haste Waste evening held in the church and £440 was raised for the funds but more importantly the evening has educated us in so many ways: from the cost of waste as a nation to landfill amounts and what we can do with the many leftovers in our fridges and cupboards.

Elizabeth and Susan as per usual were excellent, absolute stars – well done ladies but you better watch out Barbara Ann will probably start hiring you out for funds for the church.

Thank you to all those who came along and supported the evening and to the team for organising the wine and nibbles and raffle prizes.

We had hoped to run a fashion show this summer but unfortunately M & Co have stopped organising these events, however it was a blessing in disguise with the wedding show going ahead.

FRIENDS ANNUAL WALK ON 1ST AUGUST

Why not come along and join us for the annual friends walk where the church walking group will be joining us. We are heading for the Loch Leven area and more details will be announced in church and on our web page.

A sign-up sheet for transport and food will go up on the notice board sometime in June. As per usual for those who do not wish to walk there will be shops and coffee shops nearby before we all head off for our high tea.

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER is a date for your diary. This will be the **Friends Renewal Night** with entertainment

MEMORIES - OLDER THAN DIRT QUIZ !!!

Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about.

1. Sweetie cigarettes
2. Coffee shops with juke boxes
3. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
4. Party lines on the telephone
5. Newsreels before the movies
6. TV test pattern that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (There were 2 channels if you were fortunate.)
7. Wash tub wringers
8. Trouser clips for bicycles without chain guards
9. 33 rpm records
10. Ignition switches on the dashboard of a car
11. Hi-fi's
12. Using hand signals for cars without turning indicators
13. Headlight dip-switches on the floor of the car.
14. Cork popguns

If you remembered 0-3 = you're still young

3-6 = You are getting older;

7-10 = Don't tell you age

11-14 = you're positively ancient!

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

DEATHS

Apr	21	Morag Irving	79 Viewmount, Forfar	*
May	2	James Strathdee	Benholm Nursing Home, Forfar	47
	2	Rose Donaldson	Windyedge Cottage, Forfar	22
	5	Jessie Rough	90 Lordburn Place, Forfar	12
	18	Elizabeth Smith	Neech Hill Court, Forfar	20

Baptism

May 3, Kali Skye Milne

WEDDINGS

May 16 Rachel Ross and Kenny Whittington

RENEWAL OF VOWS & BLESSING

May 9 Lanie and Gordon Stewart

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Jun	14	Alistair McDonald	July	12	Kathleen Warden
	21	Mrs Morris		19	Shiela MacTavish
	28	Barbara Ann		26	Stewart Davidson
July	5	Helena Todd	Aug	2	P B Greenhill

ANSWER—APOLLO 13

HAVE A COMPUTER? THEN YOU CAN HELP

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ou can help raise funds for East & Old's Dedicated Improvement Fund by clicking on the links below. It costs nothing but will help our funds.

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