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Remembering the Battle of the Somme

The Battle of the Somme began on 1st July 1916 and lasted until 18th November 1916. It was a bloody battle with an enormous number of casualties; one of them was my Great Uncle, John Milne.

John was born in 1897 and was brought up along with his nine brothers and sisters in the village of Fettercairn by his parents John and Margaret. Along with thousands of others, he decided to do his bit for King and country and joined his



local regiment, the Gordon Highlanders and before long he found himself in northern France as part of the 51st Highland Division.

On 13th November 1916 he was part of the battle to take the village of Beaumont-Hamel. Although it was a success, he sadly lost his life.

To mark the centenary of his passing, we went to the cemetery where he lies to lay a wreath and pay our respects to an uncle, never met but never forgotten. He is buried in Y-Ravine cemetery that forms part of the "Newfoundland Memorial Park" which is now a peaceful resting place but also a lasting reminder of this awful conflict.

He has many living relatives who visit him regularly and it was an honour for my brother David, our nephew Cameron, my husband Tony and me to pay our respects.



Photo: L to R David Pettigrew, Cameron Laidlaw, and Ruth Laidlaw



To mark the occasion, Cameron composed and read the following poem:

One man died, here in this place
One man sent to God's embrace
One man left his home to die
One man dead, I can't tell you why.

One man died who I know well
One man whose story I now retell
One man died, he was my blood
One man died, lost in the mud.

One man lies here amongst the rows
One man lost when the world came to blows
One man died, we might forget
Only one man, why should we fret?

A million men died in this place
A million men sent to God's embrace
A million men sent to die
One million men, I can't tell you why.

A million men died in France
A million gone, led in a trance
A million men sold a lie
A million men sent to die.

A million more died over there
A million taken from their mother's care
A million men we might forget
Only one million men, why should we fret?

A million men at heaven's gate were met
A million men we won't forget
A million men shouted their last battle cry
A million men we will never allow to die.

Remember the dead

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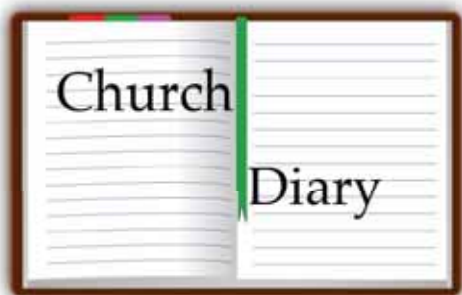
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- 3rd 9.30am Family Service
11.00am Morning Worship
6th 12 noon mid week service followed by light lunch
10th 11.00am Morning Worship
17th 11.00am Morning Worship
20th 12 noon mid week service followed by light lunch
24th 11.00am Morning Worship followed by a short service of Holy Communion
26th 4.00pm Strachan House

OCTOBER

- 1st 11.00am All age Family Service – **Harvest Thanksgiving**
4th 12 noon mid week service followed by light lunch
8th 11.00am Morning Worship
15th 11.00am Morning Worship
18th 12 noon mid week service followed by light lunch
22nd 11.00am Morning Worship
29th **9.30am Communion Sunday**
11.00am Communion Sunday
31st 4.00pm Strachan House

NOVEMBER

- 1st 12 noon mid week service followed by light lunch
5th 11.00am All age Family Service – Youth Sunday
12th **10.50am Remembrance Sunday**
15th 12 noon mid week service followed by light lunch
19th 11.00am Morning Worship
26th 11.00am First Sunday in Advent. Morning Worship followed by short service of Holy Communion
28th 4.00pm Strachan House
29th 12 noon mid week service followed by light lunch



FAMILY NEWS

DEATHS

17th July Mr James (Jim) Grant

BAPTISMS AND BLESSINGS

2nd July Blessing of Martina Emilia Rodrigues

30th July Baptism of Josie Anne Nicol



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WATCH COMMITTEE

This year the WATCH Committee, with the agreement of the Kirk Session, is supporting both the Blackhall St Columba's project Building for the Future and the Clowndoctors project which is part of the Hearts and Minds charity.(Scottish Charity no. SC027040)

Clowndoctors work with seriously ill children in hospitals and hospices and children with special needs in respite units and special schools. They are not doctors but they are professional performers who undergo specialist training to produce laughter and smiles. They use clowning and humour to provide sensitive, safe and individually tailored interactions for the participants. Working in pairs, they are a form of therapy, not party or circus clowns or entertainment.

The charity receives less than 10% government and local authority funding relying on the support of individuals, companies and other organisations to continue its work. We have committed to fully fund the specialist training of two Clowndoctors at a cost of £4,000 - anything raised above this going to the Building for the Future project.

Proposals for the Building for the Future project were presented to the congregation on August 20th.

The Committee has started the fundraising with the Summer Coin Collection which was well supported by all who attended the services in July and August.

We will be holding the Craft Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th October which provides an opportunity to view and purchase examples of craft work while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea with a scone or two. Our main event will be the popular Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December at 2 pm – a planning meeting for all involved in the organisation of this event will be held on Monday 11th September at 7.30 pm. More details about the Coffee Morning and the Christmas Fair will be published in forthcoming editions of the Kirk News and the Blackhall Bulletin.

Dates for your diary

- **Christmas Fair Planning Meeting** for Organisation representatives only on Monday 11th September at 7.30 pm in the Upper Hall
- **Craft Coffee Morning** on Saturday 7th October from 10 am to 12 noon
- **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 2nd December at 2 pm

The WATCH Committee very much appreciates the magnificent support given by the Blackhall St Columba's congregation and the local community over the last 25 years, raising over £250,000 and we hope that you will continue to support us this year.

George Millar, WATCH Committee Convener



The Blessing of Martina Emilia Rodrigues on 2nd July

Flowers in Church September 2017

This month the flowers will be donated as follows :

- 3rd Mrs Liliias Skea
- 10th Mrs Christine Morrison
- 17th Mrs Maida Sims
- 24th Mrs Ann Pugh

Miss Sheila Mackintosh and Mrs Kate Napier will deliver the flowers.

Violet Troup
Flower Convener



The Virtuosity of Gentleness



Dear Friend,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and feeling refreshed, rested and good to go!

If you are like me, going off on holidays for a well-earned rest with family (ideally to a warmer climate, such as my beloved Majorca), this is a highpoint in any given year. However, the thought of having to make my way to the airport, struggling my way through the busy Edinburgh traffic and then having to queue through the cut-throat process of the checking in, with difficult 'me first' individuals, is something which fills me with trepidation and dare I say, anxiety. Oh for a time when the world was (at least in our collective memory) a more considerate place. Do you sometimes find yourself wishing for those times? Do you yearn for a return to civility?

Author Robert Fulghum addressed the problem of a general lack of courtesy and politeness this way: *"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in nursery. . . Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people . . . Say you're sorry when you hit somebody."* Then he went on to mention that the world would be a better place if everyone, including the leaders of governments, lived by these basic principles.

The truth is that much of the interaction between people today has degenerated into a harsh, inconsiderate exchange. Few seem to understand the value of gentleness. Instead, roughness and sarcasm are the accepted ways to express our opinions and impose our wills. Many people however, are totally unaware that they are rude or that the way they speak and act impacts on others. They may even deny their prejudice because, to them, they mean no harm. The standard response to any negative reaction is to growl, *"Life is tough. Get over it!"*

But it is the quality of gentleness that bonds the new-born to the mother, which births trust in the heart of the child, and that creates the atmosphere in which loving and caring can do their greatest work. Cardinal Newman once said, *"It is almost the definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never inflicts pain."*

Gentleness serves as the shock absorber in human relationships. It may not change the road that must be travelled, but it can make the bone-shattering roughness of life's bumps and potholes much easier to negotiate. Gentleness proactively informs us on how to interact with people, and it simultaneously refuses to inflict pain on others.

Let's face it; even though we've come to expect rudeness and roughness in society, all of us prefer to be treated with a gentle manner. Doctors, dentists, chiropractors and other health care practitioners know this. That's why they advertise that they cause as little physical pain as possible in their work. By the same token, those who make a sincere effort to practise gentleness in the give and take of spiritual life will attract others to them.

Is it time to seriously analyse our treatment of others? Time to learn to choose our words more carefully and monitor our entire approach as we interact with others? This exercise goes beyond the conventional sensitivity training that may be offered in other venues. Rather than any superficial behaviour modification technique, it starts with the deep, spiritual qualities of the heart and builds a new outlook of respect and appreciation of others.

You see, respect is not just something you do; respect is an inner quality that becomes exposed when challenged! Jesus, the Gentle Shepherd, becomes our role model. *"Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28).

As you reflect on this, let me wish you every blessing to you and yours,

Benjamin
Minister



Prayer Corner

Of course, my brothers I do not think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. Philippians 3, v3

No race has ever been won or great work achieved by looking back. In order to live effectively, you must realise that your victories and defeats are only brush strokes in the larger picture of your life. Your purpose can only be finally realised if you diligently carry on painting after them. True, there is a worth in evaluating your experiences, they teach you pitfalls to avoid and flaws to fix. However, there comes a point when analysing your past paralyses you, when it defines your brush strokes and stops you from being creative. In the gentle beckoning and sweet call of encouragement to come into the presence and be nurtured. Where tears can flow as cleansing dew in the morning as is His steadfast love new every morning, great is his faithfulness. How wonderful it would be to relax into His will. Do we realise that He is always trying to get our attention? We have a great helper in the Holy Spirit to get us there.

Be glad that we belong to him. Let all who worship him rejoice! Go to the Lord for help and worship him continually.

1st Chronicles 16 v 10-11.

There are so many treasures in God's Word for us to find, discover and take to heart and to put into practise, little by little and bit by bit because Jesus is surely the complete satisfier and soother of our souls!

Praise the Lord, who carries our burdens day after day; he is the God who saves us. Psalm 68 v19

Dear God, thank you for loving the real me – even the hidden parts. Help me to open to you so that I can fully experience your love through Jesus. Amen

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The congregation will be aware that for the last year members of the Building for the Future Committee, have visited various churches throughout Scotland to see what can be done with traditional buildings to make them more “user friendly” and welcoming in the

21st century. We were all agreeably surprised at the results. As a consequence a wish list was drawn up and circulated to firms of Architects who have experience in this field of work. Three firms were invited to speak to us and present their ideas based on the original wish list. Lee Boyd was chosen to be our Architects. They have a great deal of experience in renovating Churches and we investigated their work carefully before making a final decision.

A feasibility study was then started which involved a detailed inspection of Blackhall St Columba’s buildings and area including a digital survey. The Architects issued a questionnaire to all groups using the Church buildings. There was a good response. Then more detailed plans were drawn up and inspected by the committee. There has been a lot of ongoing discussion about these plans, which involve both the Sanctuary and the halls. At the time of writing the study has been completed after further discussions with the Architects, along with structural engineers, and services engineers. Quantity surveyors have also been involved so that costings can be done. Decisions have still to be made about cost, feasibility and possible phasing.

This will all have been presented to the congregation (with a 3D computer graphics model) on Sunday 20th August after the morning service. The deadline for the Bulletin meant that we could not report on the outcome at this time. There will be more news in the December Bulletin.

Fundraising is actively being considered. The first step of this is the sale of Church house, which is now being actively marketed.

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Latest News from Pirie Mission



We hope to welcome our African friends, Reverend Sibusiso Gwala and Mrs Thobeka Kashe to Blackhall on the 8th October when they will be with us for a week. So far there is no programme arranged as their flights have yet to be booked, but we hope that you will all give them a warm Blackhall welcome when they do arrive. Life seems to be as busy as ever for them as you will see from Thotho's email which was entitled "Official Opening of Pirie Mission Substation" - I think they use substation as we used to use the term "church extension churches".

Good evening Margaret,

Today we had a very big event at Cwengwe location, where we invited the Moderator of the General Assembly to open a sub-station named after the late XB Makina, who was killed in car hijacking in 2000, while he was a Minister at Pirie Mission Congregation. In fact this was formally known as Rankin, I'm not sure of my spelling, but it is said to be one of the sub-stations that were built by Rev John Ross. As you have seen the first picture, it was demolished long time ago by heavy rains and storm and the congregation of those times did not have means to rebuild it. Their children, together with the assistance of the late Rev Makina and the surrounding community members who claim to have been educated there, took it as their responsibility to rebuild, but soon thereafter Rev Makina died and the project was not finished until Rev Gwala arrived! It was such a touching event. Rev Makina's family was there including his wife and two daughters.



For the past two months I have been busy at home, my brother in law had a stroke, but thanks to the Lord he can now walk with assistance. It's better than before, although my sister and her children are struggling to come to terms with it. He is a policeman and was about to retire in December at 60. My small holding is doing just fine, we now have cows, sheep, goats, pigs and chickens which are keeping us very busy. Fortunately both of us grew up in the village so at least we have a background knowledge although it needed to be upgraded because many things have changed. I will bring you the photos of my place.

Warm Regards



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Fellowship Afternoon Group

We will be starting our third year this September instead of October at the request of our members. To keep costs down we will be making a £5 charge for our syllabus, payable at the first meeting you are at, with a £2 charge for visitors at each meeting they wish to attend.

We are launching our programme with a Beetle Drive at 2.15pm on Tuesday 19 September and hope as many people as possible would like to join us both ladies and gentlemen. We are a Community Group so all are welcome.

Our programme for the year is in place, with monthly meetings held in the Small Hall at Blackhall St Columba's up to and including April. Refreshments are available at the end of our meetings. In December we have a Christmas Lunch out which we pay a nominal charge towards.

We are a friendly group with twenty or so members but would like to see some new faces. Come to our meetings and see if you enjoy them!

F.D.



Thank you to everyone who has donated items of small household goods for Fresh Start starter packs during the past year. A list of items that Fresh Start use in their packs is on the corridor notice board. You can bring items to the church halls on a **Friday morning between 10 and 12**.

For larger items they suggest you contact either Bethany on 0131 561 8904 who work in tandem with Fresh Start or Edinburgh Furniture Initiative on 0131 557 7900.

The difference which your items make are seen in a post received from Fresh Start

John (not real name) moved into his first tenancy in early January this year. He became homeless one year prior to this after a family dispute. This led to him presenting himself homeless at the Council and the allocation of a hostel in a rough suburb of Edinburgh. He found this experience quite 'unsettling' and it led to periods of what he describes as 'ups and downs' in his mental wellbeing (he suffers from schizophrenia).

He also found the initial stages of moving into his new flat quite challenging. As he is living on benefits for ill health he had no money to furnish his property. He was able to access state funds for some furniture but still lacked many of the items one needs to make a home. In February we received a referral for our Hit Squad Service, which led to John working alongside two of our volunteers and decorating two of his rooms. We were also able to help John with the provision of a number of our starter packs, including pots and pans, towels, cleaning items, lamps and a vacuum. In addition, unusually, we had received some beautiful new couches from CALA Homes enabling us to provide him with a three-piece suite.

John was very grateful for the help that he received from Fresh Start commenting that the assistance that he received 'definitely' made the transition of moving into his first home 'go a lot smoother'.

Fresh Start also has an exciting new gardening project starting in Pilton. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, or know someone that would, please get in touch for more details at admin@freshstartweb.org.uk

CAMEO CLUB

Come And Meet Each Other

The Cameo summer outing this year took us to a new venue. On Friday 26th May, 31 members and helpers boarded the special coach (one with a lift), which took us along the coastal route to the Old Manor Hotel in Lundin Links.

It was a beautiful day and the view we had from the conservatory overlooked the Lundin Links golf course. There we had a two-course lunch with tea/coffee. According to some members who had chosen fish and chips, it was the best fish and chips they had tasted in a long while! Altogether a very happy outing in perfect weather.

The Cameo Club was launched on Friday 2nd October 1998, so we will have been going for 19 years this October. Quite an achievement. However, the Club would not survive without the help of our wonderful volunteers – drivers, those organising the entertainment and food, setting tables, serving coffee/tea and washing up in the kitchen. We are a happy band and enjoy meeting and chatting with our members.

If you would like to offer your services in any capacity then please do be in touch. Cameo meets fortnightly on a Friday morning from 10.15/30 – 12 noon throughout the year. We would love to hear from anyone who would enjoy coming along for a coffee and a chat. Transport can be arranged, if required.

Margaret Brown 332 5957 Fiona Drinnan 343 6762



Young Wives' Recipe Book

You may remember the recipe pages from the Young Wives and Mothers Group printed in the last edition. We have had some correspondence about it.

Apparently the President was Elizabeth Thom and the Secretary Jane Linklater.

Jane tells us *"We produced the Recipe Book in 1969. On 9th December 1969 we had a joint Christmas Party with the Women's Guild and our Recipe Book was available that evening. We sold a lot for Christmas presents. Lots of ladies still use it today."*

Many thanks Jane for that information. I can quite understand many ladies still using it today. Here is another page with some "winter warmers" for the months ahead.

HOUGH CASSEROLE

1 lb lean boneless hough
2 carrots
1 onion
piece of turnip
Heat oven to 300—reg. 2—3

Dice the hough and vegetables and brown them very quickly in a little hot fat. Cover with the beer and add the cube, salt and pepper. Cook for 3 hours.

1 bottle of beer
1 Oxo cube
salt and pepper

Frances Provan

MEAT BALLS IN TOMATO SAUCE

Meat Balls
½ lb mince
2 slices bread made into crumbs
1 egg
1 level teaspoon salt
pinch of mixed herbs

Mix all the ingredients for the meat balls together and roll into balls. Brown them and cook them very gently in either of the sauces.

Sauces
15½ oz tin condensed tomato soup, diluted with ½ pint of water
or ½ pint of stock made with a beef cube and two teaspoons tomato purée

Toby Methven

BAKED LIVER

½ lb lean bacon
½ lb calves' liver
1 teacupful breadcrumbs
1 egg
milk

Heat oven to 355—reg. 5

Mix breadcrumbs, seasoning, herbs, and chopped onion with the beaten egg. Lay slices of liver in the dish and spread breadcrumb mixture on top, place bacon rashers on the top. Put tomato ketchup in a cup and fill up the cup with milk, mix and pour round the liver. Cover with greased paper and bake for 45 minutes.

seasoning
pinch of mixed herbs
1 onion
2 tablespoons tomato ketchup

Marjorie M. Easton

PINEAPPLE LAMB CASSEROLE

4 lamb chops
½ lb chipolata sausages
½ lb mushrooms
Heat oven to 375—reg. 4

Trim the chops and fry till they are golden brown. Lightly brown the sausages. Place the chops, sausages and mushrooms in a casserole, add seasoning and pour in juice. Bake for one hour or until the chops are tender. After 45 minutes lay a pineapple ring on top of each chop to heat through.

4 pineapple rings
pineapple juice
salt and pepper

Toby Methven



BLACKHALL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The meetings of 'the horti' start again on **Monday 11th September** at 7.45pm with a Welcome Back meeting. Do bring along something from your garden – your favourite flower or vegetable as a talking point - and also any plant cuttings or seeds to swap, and over some light nibbles and drinks, you can exchange the successes and failures of summer 2017. At our October meeting we are glad to welcome back Simon Crutchley and look forward to hearing about recent happenings at the Edinburgh Botanic Garden. Some of these are bound to be a bit smelly as he reminisces about the giant *Amorphophallus Titanum* that flowered a couple of years ago, and again more recently, in the glasshouse range and had a strong smell of rotting flesh, as well as the smells of hardy annuals such as fresh cut sweet peas and night scented stocks, *Matthiola longipetala*. Another recent development has been the opening of the Botanic's Cottage, which is situated on the north side of the Garden and is used widely by groups for educational purposes such as schools or training those involved with RHS Green Plan It Challenge. Don't miss Simon on **October 9th**!

On **13th November** we look forward to hearing from Euan Cameron who will tell us his secrets of Fruit Growing. Euan runs the highly successful Pittormie Fruit Farm and for some background do check www.pittormiefruitfarm.co.uk. It is always enjoyable growing one own's flowers for cutting and so it is with much pleasure we welcome Tricia Kennedy to our meeting on **11th December**. Tricia's cut flower business is based at Newhall walled garden and is one of over thirty similar businesses scattered throughout Scotland.

2018 will bring us the benefits of mulching, and learning about permaculture with its message of self-sufficiency and sustainability, as well as choosing plants for the Scottish climate and simple garden design.

Our monthly meetings are held in the small hall at St. Columba's church at 7.45pm on the second Monday of the month (September to May) and are ideal for learning the simple approaches to gardening, which is claimed to be the world's oldest hobby.

John MacLennan: Hon President



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WHAT IS A CARER?

A carer is an unpaid person who looks after a relative or friend who cannot live at home without additional support. Many carers do not identify themselves as such. They see themselves as someone's husband/wife, brother/sister, mother/father, daughter/son, friend, or neighbour. If you offer unpaid care or support for someone else due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, and they cannot cope without your support, **you are a carer.**

Wi Rascals

Our young carers project (Wi Rascals) supports children up to 16 years of age who take on a caring role, usually for a sibling, a parent, or grandparent. This can be as either a primary or secondary carer.

Wi Rascals allows young carers to take a break from their care responsibilities in the company of peers who share their experiences.

Side by Side

The main aim of our dementia carers project is to offer befriending, peer-support and to increase quality of life for carers of people affected by dementia or cognitive impairment. This project also enables carers and the person they care for to meet others, share experiences and benefit from peer support.

Alternative to Day Care

This is a respite service which is an alternative to traditional day care and provides the carer with time away from their caring role by supporting the person they care for, for a few hours. This service is open to Carers over the age of 65.



For additional information about NWCC or to join any of our events / mailing list, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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OPERA CAMERATA'S FINAL CURTAIN CALL



Back row; Alan Denham, Douglas Mulholland, Mike McKinnell, George Leishman, Pete Price, Elspeth Williamson, (stage director)
Front row; Philip Allanson and Christine Price



Gordon Hughes lighting designer and operator and Jonathan Towers Stage Manager



Back row: Alan, Pete, Douglas and Philip to left of pillar and Elspeth and Mike to the right with Kay Rich- costumes (standing) and Anne Seaton - props (kneeling)

A couple of years ago I wrote an article about a group of enthusiastic retired men that get together every Monday morning on the stage at Blackhall St Columba's church hall.

They design and build the sets for Opera Camerata's annual production at the Church Hill Theatre.

While they have been working together since 1992, it has not always been for Opera Camerata. The designs are a collaboration between them and Elspeth Williamson, a member of the church who has been responsible for many musical and drama productions at the church over the years.

Led by Pete Price, they will be working away throughout the summer to have the set ready for the show in early October and have actually added to their number this year with Philip Allanson, a new and younger member of the team.

The production this year will be *La Belle Hélène* by Jacques Offenbach and sadly will be the last for Opera Camerata. Due to dwindling numbers in our chorus, especially men, and also the advancing years of most of the chorus, we have decided to close the company. Still, we hope to go out with a flourish and end on a high note.

La Belle Hélène is a glorious romp of sparkling dialogue and beautiful music set among the Greek gods and goddesses on Mount Olympus. The set will include a galleon and some Greek pillars and should be easy for the crew who, in recent productions, have produced a working well, a moving dragon, a piano and a gondola.

While Pete and the crew also carry out various maintenance jobs for the church when required, they will also be open to suggestions as to what to do with their time next year.

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OPERA CAMERATA

Jacques Offenbach's

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Blackhall St. Columba's Art Club

Our annual Art Exhibition held in the Church Hall in May was a huge success and we were delighted that so many of you bought paintings and cards which enabled us to send a cheque for £1500 to Maggie's Centre, our chosen charity for this year.

Our next exhibition will be a small one, in Blackhall Library, from 16th December to 13th January and we hope that many of you will pop by for a look and perhaps do some Christmas Shopping there! Next year's annual exhibition in the Church Hall will take place on from Wednesday 2nd – Sunday 6th May 2018.

The new 2017/18 session kicks off on the week beginning Monday September with classes on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Please do contact our membership secretary, Anne McLennan on 336 4326 or annemclennan@gmail.com if you fancy joining us - both confident and terrified painters welcome. Anne will advise you on the current vacancy situation.

We continue to update our noticeboard in the Church Hall and on the Art Club section of the church website, so please have a peak at these.

St Columba's Scottish Country Dance Club

We hope you are looking forward to the Scottish Country Dance Club starting up again for the autumn term.

So, ladies and gentlemen, get the dancing shoes looked out and come along to the large hall on THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER at 7.30 pm

We will meet for 12 nights, including the Christmas Party, which will be held this year on 7th December. The fees are remaining at £16 for the term or £4 per night, with a cappa at half time. Excellent value!!

Please do come along. You can be assured of a warm welcome..

Margaret Brown 332 5957

Edinburgh Floral Art Club

Edinburgh Floral Art Club are pleased to invite you to their Opening Meeting on 8th September at 2pm in Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall. The Demonstrator will be John McDonald from Auchterarder and his title is "A Floral Walk". Come and have a lovely afternoon watching beautiful flowers being arranged. Afterwards have a cup of tea and a chat with friends. Season cost £40 and visitor £7. Ray Oliver

Tuesday Topics

Tuesday Topics is a group (mainly ladies) meeting for friendship, interest and enjoyment. We are open to any age or denomination. The meetings are on alternate Tuesdays from late September until May at 7.30 in Blackhall St Columba's small hall.

We have a healthy membership of approx. 40 and we also welcome visitors to our meetings. Our members pay £15 and visitors pay £2 per meeting. The meetings take the form of a presentation from our speaker of the night and then a tea or coffee and chat finishing around 9pm.

over the summer break our committee has been busy compiling the new syllabus for this session and we feel we have a very interesting and varied group of speakers.

We start our new session on the 26th September with a well known speaker - Sir Geoff Palmer, who is giving a presentation titled 'Scottish Caribbean Historical Connections'. I am sure there will be a lot of interest in this talk. Then on the 10th October, Mary Welsh is going to stimulate some memories with a talk on 'the Forgotten Years' (1950s).

We will have a charity evening, a theatre visit, a post Christmas meal, as well as lots of talks.

A warm welcome is extended to our regular members as well as new members or visitors. If any more information is required prior to our first meeting please contact either our President - Diana Taylor. 0131 336 3616 or our Secretary - Sheena Wilson 0131 332 4078

North West Heritage

21st September 2017 – St. Kilda and the Islands. Speaker George Geddes. St Columba's Parish Church Hall. 7.30pm

12th October 2017 – History of the Cramond Estate Speaker Bill Weir. Davidson's Mains Parish Small North Church Hall. 7.30 pm

23rd November 2017 – Archaeology Discovery during the Edinburgh Tram Project. Speaker John Lawson. St. Columba's Parish Church Hall. 7.30 pm

Charlotte Cowe Secretary North West Heritage

Badminton Club



The badminton season starts on

Wednesday, 20th September. The morning sections play on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 am until midday and the evening section plays on Wednesdays from 8 pm until 10.30 pm. We are looking for new members.

For more information please contact:
lindafrinnie@hotmail.co.uk

Blackhall Nursery News

Summer Term



Blackhall Nursery is situated within the wonderful nature resource of Ravelston Park and Woods. At Blackhall Nursery, we put the children at the heart of everything we do. We provide a safe, healthy and happy environment where children grow and develop through play and active learning. The past few weeks have seen the children settling into the new routines of Nursery and building new friendships. As always our focus is on learning through play and the children will be playing lots of games this term to help them learn about colours, shapes and patterns. Playing 'I spy a rectangle' in the Nursery playroom always results in many examples, however, 'I spy a hexagon' is usually a bit trickier! The children will be learning to follow patterns and create their own using paints, counting bears, Lego and many other materials.

In June this year, we were delighted and very proud to have been awarded our fifth Green Flag from Eco Schools Scotland. The new children in Nursery are learning the words to our Eco Song which helps them to understand what tasks they have to do on a Friday for our 'Eco jobs', such as, recycling, composting, watering the plants and feeding the birds. This term the children will give their views about their Nursery by drawing pictures for our 'Let's talk about our Nursery' evaluation floorbook. We are also looking forward to our Woodland Walks in Ravelston Woods where the children will be singing Nursery Rhymes and learning about rhyming words. Blackhall Nursery is a registered Scottish charity working in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council. We offer places in morning and afternoon classes, providing sessions of 3 hours 10 minutes for 3-5 year olds during term time. We are a feeder nursery for Blackhall Primary School and **all places are free and funded by the City of Edinburgh Council**. You can place your child's name on the Nursery waiting list from their 2nd birthday by downloading an application form at www.blackhallnursery.co.uk or by contacting the Nursery for an application form on 0131 332 8296.



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BLACKHALL BABY & TODDLERS GROUP

at St Columba's Church, Blackhall

Looking for somewhere to have fun with your Baby or Toddler or both that doesn't cost a fortune? Why not try Blackhall Baby & Toddler group, St Columba's Church on Tuesdays 9.30am-11.00am. A small fee per term includes tea/coffee and biscuits for adults and a snack for the children.

If interested contact blackhalltoddlers@yahoo.co.uk



BLACKHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

In this issue Primary 5 report on their visit to Mamma's Pizzeria and Primary 6 tell us about what they've been doing in the last few weeks.



On Tuesday 13th June, the whole of Primary 5 went to Mamma's Pizzeria and O'Oliviero in the Grassmarket as part of our "World of Work" topic. We were invited by Mr and Mrs Duncan who own the restaurants. We were split into two groups. One group went to O'Oliviero and the other group went to Mamma's Pizzeria and then we swapped over. When we went to O'Oliviero, we got a demonstration of how to fillet a fish and prepare and cook a lobster. When we visited Mamma's, we got to make pizza and choose our own toppings. We learned about how to make American style dough for our pizza and used sugar and yeast in the mixture.

We had a great time and everyone had their favourite thing. Ross' favourite part was eating the pizza, Isla and Alexander's favourite thing was making pizza, Alex's favourite part was going to O'Oliviero and Orlaith enjoyed everything!

P5 really enjoyed their trip to Mamma's Pizzeria and O'Oliviero and really recommend it!

By Isla, Ross, Alex, Orlaith and Alexander

PRIMARY 6

Bowling Tasters

For 3 weeks P6 had a taster at Blackhall Bowling Club. When we arrived we were told the rules of lawn bowling. Some of the rules were:

- wear flat shoes
- throw at an angle
- get as close to the jack (yellow ball) as you can

Some of us really got the hang of it! The first week we had to get as close to the mat as we could, but the next 2 weeks we used the jack. Some of us liked it so much that we joined the club. Overall the whole class really enjoyed our bowling taster.

-By Rohit Modak (P6M)

Swiss Students

One Tuesday in May, P6 got a big surprise when they walked into their classrooms - helpers! Mr Mathys and Mr Pelzmann are university students from the heart of Switzerland. They came to see what it was like teaching in Scotland, whilst lending a much-welcomed hand to our teachers. Sometimes they gave us lessons on music and also the beautiful art of yodelling. We sounded *ahem* brilliant!

Sadly they left last Friday and we're all going to miss them so much and hope they had fun teaching here!

-By Rose Crook and Catriona McLachlan (P6M)

Gym

In P.E. we have been learning about how to play cricket, football, high jump and long jump.

Cricket

In cricket we have been learning how to bowl, catch, bat and field and we have played games involving these skills.

Football

In football we've learned the skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, speed and agility and put our skills into games.

High Jump

In high jump we have been learning how to jump between 70cm to 1m. We learned the technique of the run up and the jump.

Long Jump

In long jump we have learnt the technique of starting and finishing the jump.

-By Alex Severn, Jacob Harron and Abraham Soleiman (P6M)

Interscholastics

On Monday 29th May, some P6s and P7s went to an athletics competition. There were various events such as running, jumping and throwing. Some of Blackhall Primary's participants won medals. Cameron Allan was 1st in the P6 boys' 80m sprint, Ollie Duncan was 3rd in the P7 boys' High Jump, and Lois McIntyre was 2nd in the P7 girls' High Jump.

-By Cameron Allan, Lewis Harrison and Scott Brown (P6M)

Swimming

In swimming Scott Brown came 2nd in a competition. He swam 150 metres front crawl and the club swims for is Warrender. Ailish Young did a 200m backstroke with her club, Hearts. Her time was too fast and had to be slowed down so she could race.

Running

Catriona McLachlan came 15th out of 160 competitors in the 2km junior park run on her first try! Cameron Allan, Scott Brown, Lewis Harrison and Emma Baillie were chosen to take part in interscholastics at Meadowbank. Cameron and Emma did an 80m sprint, Camron came 1st in his heat and finals.

Wider Achievements

Ailish Young got through to the second round of the BBC Radio 2 500 Words competition. She got into the top 50,000 out of 131,798 entries!

Rohit Modak came 1st in a badminton league on Saturday at Mary Erskine with his club EBA (Edinburgh Badminton Academy).

Emma Baillie came 3rd at a gymnastics competition at Meadowbank on the vault event.

-By Emma Baillie and Ailish Young (P6M)

Drama

Katie Stockton has the main part of Macbeth in Captivate Drama's Macbeth. Also with Captivate Drama, Amy Blackie and Sarah Glenima did solos in their drama show. Amy was Talulah and Sarah was Lena.

Blackhall Guiding

It has been a fantastic summer for all units in Blackhall Guiding, and the weather has certainly been kind to us. From outdoor adventures with younger sections to attending an international Scout & Guide jamboree for 8000 young people from all over the world we have been keeping very busy! We are also welcoming a third Guide unit, who will meet on a Tuesday, which allows more girls and young women to experience the fun and excitement that Guiding has on offer.



trees at Bonaly Activity Centre - the girls all being so much braver than me! -Seona, Leader, 157A Rainbows

Rainbows have been outdoors as much as possible over summer, having mini camps, campfires and plenty of sun and games! One highlight was zip-wiring through the



After a great summer term, Brownies have chosen to complete their Entertainer interest badge this term with a focus on all the magic that goes on behind the scenes as well as the actual performers. We are looking forward to designing



scenery & maybe even some special effects! -Nicole, Leader, 202 Brownies



We are just back from Poacher 2017, an international jamboree. It was all about Guiding & Scouting coming together as one family internationally and experiencing many new activities & cultures and



meeting people from all over the world. I made new friends from Lincoln, Kenya & America!

-Cora, 17, Senior Section



Guides.

Blackhall Guides

We went to the Tartan Gig, a Girlguiding only pop concert for 10,000 Guides from all over Scotland! The acts were all really good (my favourite was Jess Glynne) and we spent the whole time on our feet singing & dancing along! With that many Guides we made a lot of noise!

-Ruth, 11, 157 Guides



Volunteers are needed to help at Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units at Blackhall St. Columba's

What do we want from you?

- Able to spare 1-2 hours a week during term time. (It's no problem if you can't make every week)
- Willing to complete a DBS check (paid for by Girlguiding)
- Enthusiasm for volunteering with children

What's in it for you?

- Great CV experience and potential for references
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- Opportunities to go on trips and try new things
- A chance to meet new people
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Contact Alison Will on 332 8425
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The Guides at Poacher 2017



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Let's get cooking!



A fly-by for Blackhall



Relax



BLACKHALL PROBUS CLUB



We welcome retired PROfessional and BUSiness men who would like to join us to come along for social chats over coffee/tea/biscuits and listen a series of illustrated talks given by experts in their subject field. We meet at The Blackhall Bowling Club, Keith Row at 10am on the first and third Thursdays of the month from October through to April. Meetings normally conclude around 12 noon. Our first meeting and talk of the 2017-2018 session will be on Thursday 5th October.

- 5th October - Drone Photography
- 19th October - Corstorphine Transport
- 2nd November - Shaving - My Time as a Design Engineer with Gillette
- 16th November - The Third Reich's Celluloid War - Exploding the myth about Nazi film propaganda
- 7th December - Me and my Ships
- 21st December - Christmas Lunch with Wives and Partners
- 4th January - Talk to be arranged
- 18th January - Barnton Quarry - Air Defence of the UK
- 1st February - Russia - Past, Present and Future
- 15th February - Talk to be arranged
- 1st March - The Scottish Caribbean Historical Connection

We have enjoyed a varied programme of talks since the last Bulletin.

Rob Murray, Scotland Manager of Changing Faces delivered a very interesting and well-illustrated talk entitled "Face Equality in Scotland". Changing Faces supports children, young people, adults and families with face disfigurements and helps to build their self-confidence and achieve their life goals. He explained that the organisation campaigns for face equality in schools and at work while challenging misrepresentation and discrimination.

John Grace followed with "Rain Forests and the Global Carbon Budget" and explained the uptake of carbon dioxide by rain forests and savannas; the impact of vegetation on the atmosphere and climate change; upland microclimates and their impacts upon plants; effects of drought on plants and plant water relations; carbon sequestration by vegetation; long-term effects of environmental change upon forests; elevational limits of trees.

The early March talk was given by author Alan Ness who spoke about his book "A Man's Game" which is a contemporary crime novel exploring issues of violence, addiction, and misogyny, both in "the beautiful game" and in wider Scottish society.

An excellent talk "War and Peace: Military Army Chaplaincy" accompanied by a brilliantly compiled video and evocative music was given by The Rev (Lt Col) Benjamin Abeledo, Minister of Blackhall St Columba's Church about his career and experiences as a Senior Army Chaplain on his tours of Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

We also had two outings; The National Museum of Flight in East Lothian - a journey of discovery at this former airfield exploring the history of aviation from the First World War to the present day with interactive exhibitions and of course, the iconic supersonic Concorde. On 4th May a group of our members experienced the slower pace of a cruise on the Union Canal from Ratho with The Seagull Trust.

On our final meeting of the season, which was also attended by wives and partners, we heard about "The Work of The Vine Trust" followed by a splendid Spring Lunch at The Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh.

Our final outing of the session was our Summer Outing to the Pitlochry Festival Theatre to see High Society, a musical comedy based on a book by Arthur Kopit with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The plot centres on pretentious Oyster Bay, Long Island socialite who is planning to wed an equally pretentious executive when her ex-husband arrives to disrupt the proceedings. This was a most entertaining way to spend the afternoon after a pleasant lunch set against a backdrop of rolling Perthshire hills.

So please join us on Thursday 5th October or alternatively, contact the Secretary for more details and to receive a copy of our interesting and varied 2017 – 2018 syllabus.

Neil McIntosh, Secretary, Blackhall PROBUS Club.

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Blackhall St Columba's Golf Outing 2017



The Church golf outing, held on 2nd June 2017, was once again played over Ravelston Golf Course. The weather was beautiful, with fifteen playing and eighteen staying for tea.

The winners this year were:

Involvement'88 Cup: Pat Horn

Murrayfield House Ladies' Cup: Sally Foster

Murrayfield House Handicap Cup: George Millar

A big thank you to Ravelston for the use of their course and for the delicious meal, which was much enjoyed. Thank you also to Alastair Wood and Pat Horn for their assistance with the score cards. Also a huge thank you to Murrayfield House for their sponsorship of this event. Altogether a very successful golf outing.



Bob Brown

And thank you, Bob

After nearly 30 years of organising the Involvement'88 Golf Outing Bob Brown is handing over the reins to Mike McKinnell. As a token of appreciation for all Bob has done in making this event an enjoyable and successful one, a presentation was made to him. Well done and thank you, Bob.

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Blackhall Community Trust: Update

We are very grateful to the Blackhall community for your continued interest in, and support for, Blackhall Community Trust. **Our next public meeting is on Tuesday October 3rd at 7.30pm in St Columba's Small Hall.** All are very welcome.

Ravelston Park Pavilion and the Community Asset Transfer Process

By the time of our public meeting, we will know the decision of the City of Edinburgh Council's Community Asset Transfer (CAT) panel. The panel meets in August to consider our Stage 1 application for a Community Asset Transfer of Ravelston Park Pavilion from the Council's ownership to the Blackhall Community Trust, on behalf of the Blackhall community. The panel includes a member of the Craigleith Blackhall Community Council, Reverend Benjamin Abeledo and Inverleith Ward Councillor Iain Whyte. If this is approved, a Stage 2 application follows which requires a business plan and detailed proposals for the community's usage of the building. Whilst we consulted extensively last year on unmet community needs that could be addressed if we had a community hub, we are happy to hear of any other needs from local groups and residents. Please share your views via the contact details below.

Coffee Mornings

We are now hosting regular coffee mornings in Cloudberry (Blackhall) for those who are new to the area, are recently retired, who wish to feel more connected to the community or who feel a bit isolated. If you know of anyone who might like to come along for an informal chat and coffee, please share our contact details (below). **Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 31st August 10-11.30am at Cloudberry in the Blackhall Dip (Queensferry Rd).**

Book Club



If anyone is interested in joining a new Blackhall Book Club, please get in touch ASAP. We have almost enough expressions of interest to launch a book club in the autumn.

Membership of Blackhall Community Trust and Board

Blackhall Community Trust is now a company limited by guarantee, a charitable trust as well as a member of the Development Trust Association Scotland. If you would like to be kept informed about the Trust, please join our growing number of Company Members. Membership costs nothing, ensures you have a say and demonstrates your support. We are also seeking new Board Members with legal, accountancy or fundraising skills or a general enthusiasm for community activism. Please email us for more information. You can also join our email list to receive news bulletins and community dates for your diary from us.

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Website/Blog www.blackhallcommunitytrust.wordpress.com

Dates for your diary

- **Blackhall Community Trust Coffee Morning**, Thursday 31st August 10-11.30am, Cloudberry, Seaforth Terrace, Blackhall – please RSVP via blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com as places are limited!
- **Blackhall Community Trust Public Meeting**, Tuesday 3rd October 7.30-9.15pm, St Columba's Church Hall - Tea/coffee and home-baking will be served.

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The men of Craigleith Probus are gearing up for their winter talks, and on offer is a wide range of subjects ranging from Music Therapy to The Work of a Meteorologist. Probus is a great way of keeping those brain cells active in the cool autumnal weather and an ideal way to socialise over a cup of tea or coffee (with chocolate biscuits but don't tell anyone!).

As regular Bulletin readers are aware Probus is a club for the retired, or semi retired as we never ever fully retire, and in the Blackhall area there are clubs for gentlemen, and for ladies; probably the main criteria is being retired and we meet at 10am for refreshments followed by our talk at 10.30am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We use the excellent facilities at Blackhall Bowling Club, just along Craigcrook Road from the Café Citron.



Our session starts on **4th October** when we welcome Jim Ruxton who will be telling us about 'Hospital Radio', how it is funded and how to become a presenter who can then play their favourite music to all! A fortnight later, on **18th October**, Ian Campbell will tell us about 'HG Wells and his Science Fiction'. For many of us we will relive our teenage years of 'The War of the Worlds' or 'The Invisible Man' while forgetting the major influences that Wells had on Edwardian society and that in 1934 he co-founded The Diabetic Association.

For light relief we have an outing arranged to Murrayfield – Home of Scottish Rugby - on Wednesday **25th October**. Over numerous years Murrayfield has been an innovative stadium and while some of our members have only stood on the terraces or sat in the stands, others have used the changing rooms and the turf.



November brings a change in the weather with fogs and frosts and so **1st November** is the ideal time for Martyn Sunter, whose work with the Met. Office involves training the TV & radio forecasters, to tell us the hidden secrets of his work. From the subject of weather, Scottish Plant Conservation is our next theme and on **15th November** we are delighted to welcome Heather McHaffie MBE. This meeting will also be our Ladies' Day when we also welcome our wives and partners to our Club. Heather will explain her work over numerous years in conserving some of our native flora and how her team managed to gather these specimens while hanging upside down on rocks and cliffs in the freezing fog.



The theme of our meeting on **6th December** is 'Silver Darlings' when we welcome Simon Fairnie who will tell us about the life of the herring fishing community in Musselburgh. For our final meeting of 2017 on **20th December**, we welcome Carolyn Nurse who will tell us about the charity Music Therapy

Craigleith Probus is always pleased to welcome new members -it's only £25 per year for fifteen or so talks and outings – for more information please look at our web page – [www. craigleithprobus.myfreesites.net](http://www.craigleithprobus.myfreesites.net). or drop us an email to infocepc21@gmail.com. Alternatively Les Hutcheon, our Secretary, looks forward to your phone call 0131 334 3832

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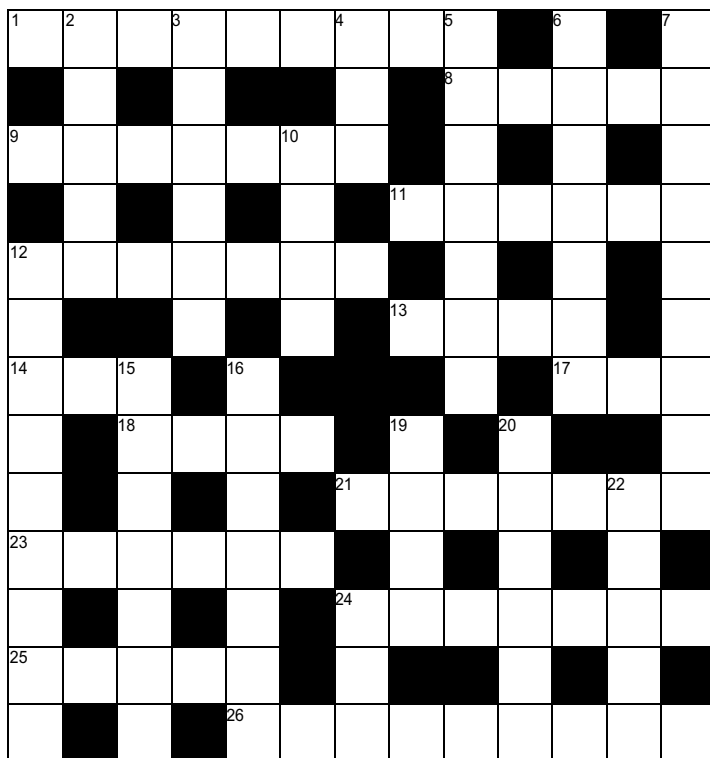
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Across

1. No clue to solve for this one, just enter the word **SEPTEMBER** (9)
8. Sung musical work (5)
9. Assume to be correct (7)
11. A strict nautical term (6)
12. Strong wind (7)
13. Mr Denis goes South for a reduction (4)
14. Short raincoat (3)
17. Slippery creature (3)
18. Goes before Sesame (4)
21. Cant do without (7)
23. Imitation (6)
24. Contempt(7)
25. Enough layers to make you weep (5)
26. Monotonous routine (9)

Down

2. Each one (5)
3. Three times (6)
4. Insect busily spelling (3)
5. Bird giving wake up call (7)
6. Driving gear going backwards (7)
7. Needs scraped off boat bottoms (9)
10. Where the grapes ripen (4)
12. One who accompanies another (9)
15. Hold in (7)
16. Mr O'Connor unable to sing arrangement (7)
19. Abominable snowman (4)
20. Not often (6)
22. Exercise for soldiers (5)
24. Payable as debt or obligation (3)

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