

STRATHKINNESS

KIRK & COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2010



Dear Friends

I trust that you are well and refreshed by a good summer which simply seems to have flown by, hasn't it? My granny, who never, as they say, was a half-full glass person, but consistently of the half-empty glass variety, when asked how she was feeling, would reply: 'I'm OK, but I think I've got something coming on!' Annually, without fail, on June 22nd, when somebody suggested that it was a lovely day, she responded immediately: 'Aye, but the nights are drawing in!'

Both Kirk and Community seem sometimes to be full of half-empty glass people, who thrive on doom and gloom, encouraged and nourished by the countless scare stories both in newspapers and on the TV. As a Kirk minister, I have to say the church is particularly proficient at the doom and gloom of the 'end is nigh' perspective, experiencing not only half-empty pews, but also far too many half-empty glass viewpoints expressed from these pews. We need to be reminded that the root meaning of the word Gospel is Good News.

Of course, you may opine that there is a lot to be gloomy about and that the recession in Kirk life simply reflects the recession in society, both ever threatening to tip into depression. I would suggest something of Mother Theresa's perspective here, who, when asked to compare the poverty in the streets of Calcutta and London, at once pronounced that the poverty in London was worse than Calcutta, because it was a spiritual poverty, the deepest poverty of all. I have always remembered first football millionaire Kevin Keegan's answer to Michael Parkinson, when asked what he would do now that he was a millionaire: 'Make another million.' It's never enough.

Did you see that TV programme a few weeks ago on the prospects for the Kirk? I didn't, but I know someone who did! Predictably the future is bleak and if current trends continue, the Kirk could cease to exist by 2032. One of my least favourite mantras from far too many present – in both senses – Kirk members is: 'Well, it will see me out!' I'm a great believer in tradition, but only as a transmitter, as in Paul's famous words: 'I received from the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you.' The question is, what exactly are we delivering, both in Kirk and Community?

Despite the tone of the bulk of the above, I'm very much a half-full glass person, optimistic about the future, precisely because the future is in God's hands. How dispensable or

indispensable is the church to His plans? I'll leave any attempt to answer that question for a future letter. Be warned!

Blessings,
Ian Petrie

Strathkinness Church

Services

Sunday 5 September	11.30 am
Sunday 12 September	11.30 am
Sunday 19 September	11.30 am
Sunday 26 September	11.30 am

Church Door Duty

5 September & 12 September
J. Backhouse & S. Adam
19 September & 26 September
A. Whyte & E. Whyte

Flowers in Church

5 September	Mrs Thompson
13 September	Mrs Whyte
20 September	Mrs Lawson
27 September	Mrs Watson

Notices

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club resumes in the church hall on Tuesday 7th September. This is an afternoon club for senior citizens and meets from 2 – 4pm. New members will be welcome.

Kirk Session and Congregational Board

The Congregational Board will meet on Wednesday 15th September at 2pm and the Kirk Session will meet thereafter.

Church Website

Strathkinness Church now has its very own web site at

www.strathkirk.com

and is no longer dependent on the Community Council web site, although we will maintain the strathkirk page there meantime.

BEAT BOBBY

From PC Brian Robinson, Community Officer:

I have always found it a pleasure to work in the Strathkinness area. The residents quite clearly take a lot of pride in their properties and the general appearance of the open space areas. An issue that comes to my attention is a very small number of dog owners that reside or visit the area are reluctant to clear up after their dogs. The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 makes it an offence for any person who is responsible for a dog, not to remove and appropriately dispose of any excrement after the animal has fouled in a public area. That is basically anywhere the public has access whether the Council owns the land or not.

Being an owner of a lively Golden Retriever I found that a "poop scoop" and disposal bags can be easily sourced from the local supermarkets and pet shops and I carry them each time I take my dog for a walk.

Although dog mess is unsightly, my biggest concern is disease-causing germs and parasites that is carried in dog mess that can easily be passed onto any young children who in the normal course of play can come in contact with it.

The Fife Council Dog Warden Service has taken the lead on enforcement of the legislation and can be contacted on the website www.fifedirect.org.uk by inputting "dog fouling" as a subject heading, by telephone on 08451550022 and asking for the Contact Centre (Animal Health & Welfare helpline) or by post to Fife Council, Forth House, Abbotshall Road, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1RU or contact me at the Fife Police number below.

Fife Constabulary is committed to allowing you to directly influence local policing. You can have your say on local priorities by coming to the community engagement meeting in your area. Contact your local community team on 0845 600 5702 Next meeting: Wednesday 22 September 2010 @ 7.00 pm in Strathkinness Primary School or visit www.fife.police.uk

The Editor apologises for the dreadful problems and

delays with the July & August issues.

Unfortunately my printer went on fire during the run of the July Strawberry Fair issue (it did not like too much red ink) and replacements machines have not so far managed to cope with the two thousand copies I print off within 24 hours each month.

I was using a Samsung CLP 300 colour laser and am now hoping to get a XEROX a.s.a.p. - any advice regarding printers will be gratefully received colour service shall (hopefully) resume next month.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2010

WHIST DRIVE

The Village Hall Whist Drives start this month. They are usually held on the last Friday of the month throughout the Winter. Entry is £2 and refreshments are served at the interval. There are prizes for both Ladies and Gents, and a Raffle is held to finish off the evening. If you enjoy playing Whist, you will be made most welcome.

The first Whist Drive will be held on **Friday 24th Sept.** at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

SAFARI SUPPER

Once again the Safari Supper, held on Saturday 21st August, was very successful.

A sunny and breezy evening saw 59 Villagers and friends meet at Claremont for drinks.

At 7.15 everyone then set off to their designated hosts to enjoy their first course. Following the move to their second venue for the main course, guests then made their way to the Hall to meet up for the sweet course and coffee. Before the raffle, chairman, Mrs. Maisie Graham thanked all the hosts and hostesses who had served a course in either their own home or the Village Hall. Those who had donated prizes for the raffle were also thanked, and it was hoped that everyone was enjoying the evening.

Mrs. Graham also took the opportunity to point out that the ceiling of the Hall had recently been painted by the trustees. This was a considerable undertaking, and had only been made possible by the use of a Cherry Picker. Grateful thanks were extended to Mr. Woods of Knockhill of Nydie, who generously lent us his amazing machine!

The raffle concluded the evening, which once again, judging by the happy atmosphere, had been a great success.

A total of £702 was raised towards Hall funds.

A REMINDER

Anyone who books a function in the Village Hall and wishes to have a licensed Bar should allow enough time for the licensee to apply for the license. Rules now require that **6 weeks notice** must be given to the Licensing Court by the applicant. Please make sure you book the Hall AND arrange for a Bar in plenty of time!

Our next Fundraising venture



RACE NIGHT

Saturday 2nd October

7.00 for 7.30 Start - First Race

Come and enjoy a Fun Evening!

Stovies - Bar - Live Music

Entry £5.00 - pay at the door

If you would be prepared to sponsor a Race please contact Dougie Gilbert - 850 590

The village hall ceiling has been painted and this is how it was done.



The painters were David De Angelis, Douglas Gilbert, Callum Walker, Robert Bruce, and the Ladies who painted the Radiators.

Master of work, Jim Backhouse was in attendance.

BOOKINGS

Please note - During the first two weeks of September, if you wish to make a Village Hall Booking, please contact Mrs. Ethel Mudie - 850 295. Thereafter bookings may be made with Jane Blyth - 850 661

OPEN GROUP

Wednesday 15th September 2010

A Fund of Malawian Memories

An illustrated talk by

Mrs Helen Donald

At 8pm

in the Church Hall



Bunny Slack

wants to thank everyone who helped her to collect £200 for Morven Santos's New Destiny Adventure Centre project in Brazil.

Morven and her parents,

Ted & Deirdre Collington (who used to live in Sunnyside) run a Christian adventure playground where disadvantaged children from the favelas can come for a spell away from the city, have fun and learn about Christian love and laughter.

Their much-needed building work is nearing completion and I have a grateful letter of thanks for the money.

I hope to continue to raise funds for the project and am happy to take people to hospital or doctor's appointments, take them to and from Leuchars, or to shop in exchange for a small donation.

Tel 01334 850669

email: elizabeth.slack@btinternet.com

Check New Destiny out on

www.ndaventura.org

Strathkinness Scots Fiddle Players

Strathkinness Scots Fiddle Players will meet every Saturday in the village hall from 9:30 am until 11 am.

If you play the fiddle please come along as a warm welcome awaits.

If you have a music stand please bring it along too.

After a successful first week rehearsals will continue on Saturday, the 11th September.

UPDATE

Just to let the person who was cruel to my cat know that unfortunately as she didn't respond to treatment she has had to be put down after nearly three months of treatment at a cost of nearly £500 pounds. The impact of this cruelty is devastating. Arial was only 18 months old and did not deserve to die, she was such a loving little cat and I will miss her dreadfully. I was so looking forward to my holiday but this had to be cancelled as a result of the costs involved in treatment. I hope the person concerned feels some remorse for this mindless act.

Jenny King

Strathkinness Primary

Keep up to date
at

[www.radiowaves.co.uk/
strathkinness](http://www.radiowaves.co.uk/strathkinness)

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date of next meeting: -

Tuesday 7th September 2010.
7.30pm Strathkinness Village School.

SEPTEMBER WASTE BIN COLLECTION

BLUE (landfill) & **BROWN** (food & garden)
Fridays 3rd & 17th

GREEN (cans & plastic) Friday 24th
GREY (paper) Friday 10th

THE TAVERN

HIGH ROAD, STRATHKINNESS,
KY16 9RS

01334 850085

SEPTEMBER SUNSHINE

QUIZ NIGHT

ON

MONDAY 6TH AT 9

P.M.

In aid of

BREAST CANCER

£2.00 PER PERSON

LOOK OUT FOR MORE SATURDAY MUSIC NIGHTS

MEALS EVERY EVENING FROM 5 p.m.

BOOKINGS ADVISABLE

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**JENNY KING'S
ACADEMY OF DANCE**

Term recommences Monday 23rd August

VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY

Children - Ballet, Tap and Jazz from 5 yrs, Adults -
Line Dance and Beginner Tap

THURSDAY

Boys only - Tap and Jazz from 5 yrs,
Ballet, tap and Jazz from 12 yrs

FRIDAY

Drama from 3 yrs

CHURCH HALL

FRIDAY

Nursery ballet and tap, Highland from 5 yrs, NEW
CLASS - Scottish Country from 5 yrs

JENNY'S GYM

MONDAY

from age 6 mths upwards in the Village Hall

PLACES AVAILABLE IN ALL CLASSES

PLEASE PHONE

01334 850712 FOR INFO ON DANCE
CLASSES

01334 880269 FOR JENNY'S GYM

Events
**SEPTEMBER
2010**

3 rd	Fri	BLUE & BROWN BINS	
4 th	Sat	Strath Fiddles	9.30 am
5 th	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am
7 th	Tue	Friendship Club	2pm
		Community Council	7.30pm
10 th	Fri	GREY BIN	
11 th	Sat	Strath Fiddles	9.30 am
		Leuchars Air Show	
12 th	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am
15 th	Wed	Congregational Board	2pm
		Kirk Session	
		Open Group	8pm
17 th	Fri	BLUE & BROWN BINS	
18 th	Sat	Strath Fiddles	9.30 am
19 th	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am
22 nd	Wed	Beat Bobby	7pm
24 th	Fri	GREEN BIN	
		Whist Drive	7.30pm
25 th	Sat	Strath Fiddles	9.30 am
26 th	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am

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CHURCH WEBSITE:

www.strathkirk.com

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Any items for the **OCTOBER** issue to me by
23rd **SEPTEMBER 2010**

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