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PULPIT SUPPLY ROTA - OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2014

DATE	LASSWADE (10.00 am)	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON (11.30 am)	ROSEWELL (please check times below)
7.9.14	Service at Rosewell	Rev Melville Schofield	Rev Melville Schofield COMMUNION(10 am) Harvest Thanksgiving
14.9.14	Rev Bill Armitage	Rev Bill Armitage	Eddie Yeoman (11.30 am)
21.9.14	Rev Melville Schofield	Re Melville Schofield	Janet McKenzie 11.30 am)
28.9.14	Rev Bill Armitage	Rev Bill Armitage Family Service & Harvest Thanksgiving	Service at Lasswade (10am)
05.10.14	Service at Rosewell	Rev Ian Dick Women's Guild Dedication Service	Rev Ian Dick (10 am) with Sunday School
12.10.14	Prof Kerrigan	Prof Kerrigan	Janet McKenzie (11.30AM)
19.10.14	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	TBA (11.30 am)
26.10.14	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield (Family Service)	Service at Lasswade (10 am)
02.11.14	Service at Rosewell	Rev M Schofield (COMMUNION)	Rev M Schofield (10 am) with Sunday School
09.11.14 Remembrance	Rev Ian Dick 9.30am War Memorial; Church 10 am	Rev Ian Dick	Rev W Armitage (10.50am)
16.11.14	Rev W Armitage	Rev W Armitage	TBA (11.30am)
23.11.14	JOINT SERVICE AT COCKPEN (11.30am) Rev F Harrison		
30.11.14 1 st Sunday in Advent	WORSHIP GROUP	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield (10 AM) with Sunday School
07.12.14 2 nd Sunday in Advent	Service at Rosewell	Rev Ian Dick	Rev Ian Dick (10 AM) with Sunday School
14.12.14 3 rd Sunday in Advent	(Nativity Play) Rev W Armitage	Rev W Armitage	Rev M Schofield (11.30 am)
21.12.14 4 th Sunday in Advent	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield Nativity (11.30 am) 7PM NINE LESSON AND CAROLS	Janet McKenzie (11.30 am)
28.12.14	Prof Kerrigan	Prof Kerrigan	Service at Lasswade 10 am

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (Wednesday 24 December 2014)

ROSEWELL 6.00 pm; Lasswade (CHRISTINGLE) 7.30 pm; COCKPEN 11.20 pm

Introduction by our Locum Minister

My name is Fred Harrison and whilst many of you may not know me as yet I hope you soon will.

I am presently the assistant minister at Howgate and Penicuik South Churches working with your interim moderator Rev Ian Cathcart.

I have been invited to provide Locum cover during the period of your vacancy. However I won't be providing regular pulpit supply but then you have a great team who already do that.

I have already enjoyed the honour of presiding at the wedding of Danielle and Ryan Fraser at Cockpen at the beginning of July which was before I had been asked to be your Locum as Ian was on holiday. I have also had the privilege of conducting the funerals of the late Margaret Fraser, Jessie Aird, Theresa McNaught and Doris Dobbie whose families remain in my prayers.

I did enjoy an opportunity to meet some of you recently when I was able to conduct a service of blessing for little Olivia Thomson on the 17th of August. Olivia is such a beautiful and contented little lass.

I hope you won't be too upset if I suggest that I hope not to spend too much time with you, either as a church family or as individuals. After all that would mean you either have a long vacancy or worse still that you require the services of a minister. That said I do look forward to meeting you as time allows over the coming weeks and months.

God bless
Fred

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH

BAPTISMS

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

13th April - Anna Papakyriakou, infant daughter of Kosmas and Emma.
13th July - Carli Rose Shand, infant daughter of Calvin and Cassandra.

'May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee.'

WEDDINGS

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

4th July - *Ryan Fraser to Danielle Pendreich (the Rev. Fred Harrison).*

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

BEREAVEMENTS

Mr. George Murphy, Dalkeith (February, 2014)

Mrs. Jessie Aird, Bonnyrigg (July, 2014)

Mrs. Marilyn Bee, Bonnyrigg (July, 2014)

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

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

From the Clerk.

As usual I'm 'caught out' yet again by running at the last minute trying to meet the deadline for articles to be with Willie and John. I write this just prior to heading south for a few days break and will make my article brief - that'll be a change I hear you say!

The main news is that we continue to be in a vacancy and, likely to be for the foreseeable future. The process has been slower than I would have wanted but, we have been through all this before and, I'm sure it will all work out for the best in the end.

On the 27th July the Nominating Committee was chosen, 7 from Lasswade/Rosewell and 6 from this Church. In my opinion the 13 men and women elected on that day were all excellent choices with a fair mix of age and experience. They all have a very responsible task to perform on our behalf and we thank them for accepting the job in hand.

A vacancy for any Church is a difficult time but, we at Cockpen and Carrington, Lasswade and Rosewell are blessed in having such a team of guest preachers so making the difficulties that bit easier. We thank all our pulpit supply folks for all they do.

Just recently, it was decided, in consultation with our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Ian Cathcart to have a Locum Minister who could help with visits to the sick and elderly at home or, in Hospital. The Locum will also help with weddings and funerals.

The person who has been appointed is the Rev. Fred Harrison who is assistant to Mr. Cathcart and we appreciate that Fred is able to divide his time between his 'home Churches' of Howgate linked with Penicuik South and ourselves. Fred has already officiated at a wedding and a number of funerals with us as well as a Service of Blessing held recently.

I ask again that you think of **your Church** at this time of vacancy - a healthy Church certainly would be a better 'draw' for possible candidates - it would be so nice to see more of you Sunday by Sunday.

George.

Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota

September 2014

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| 7 th | Free |
| 14 th | Dorothy Bennet |
| 21 st | Dot Scott |
| 28 th | Nancy Richardson |



October

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| 5 th | Jim Dyer |
| 12 th | Jean Sharpe |
| 19 th | Margaret Robson |
| 26 th | Wilma Sweeney |

November

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| 2 nd | Agnes Dalgleish |
| 9 th | Lindsay Stevenson |
| 16 th | Cathie Robertson |
| 23 rd | Liz MacDonald |

With thanks to all of you who have helped in any way to keep our church looking good with lots of lovely flowers and the people on the receiving end really do appreciate the kind thoughts from you all. As always you know how to contact me if you wish to join the flower rota.

Yours

Irene

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and good wishes for my recovery following my operation earlier in the year. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Moira (Scott)

CAKE STALL

Another good year at the stall when we've been able to meet many old and new friends. The dates for the stall (at the Pitcairn Centre) are -

28th August.
25th September.
23rd October.
27TH November.
None in December

We again thank Bonnyrigg Church for the use of the Pitcairn Centre and, to all of you for your continued support which is much appreciated.

Helen, Isobel, Wilma.

Bric A Brac

It's been a pleasure to welcome so many of you during the early part of 2014 and, I'm sure you'll be back with us now that we've all had a well-earned break for a few weeks during the summer. We're so fortunate in having a great team Thursday by Thursday and we thank them all for the time they give to this venture.

Best wishes to you all and thank you for the support you give.

The Thursday Team.

CHURCH DANCE

The Church dance will be held in the Masonic Hall, Bonnyrigg on Friday 17th October when it's hoped to see the many good friends who have supported us over many years. The Masonic Hall is an ideal central venue now and, we are grateful to the Lodge for this facility. These functions were never intended to be 'profit making' but, over the years quite a lot of money has been raised and, has helped the Church (and others) in many ways.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

As always we begin our Sunday School update by looking back over the past few months.

1. Fond Farewell

We joined the rest of the congregations at Rosewell at the end of March to say goodbye to Matthew & Kristina. A packed service paid them a fitting farewell. Matthew had chosen many favourite hymns of his and the children (& adults!) coped admirably. The service ended with presentations from the churches. Devon, Meadow & Ryan presented Matthew with a photograph and gifts. This was followed by a lovely buffet brunch.

2. Easter Service

We returned to Rosewell in April for our annual Easter service. This was led by Rev. Bill Armitage. Bill had hidden lots of eggs in the grounds & we had great fun finding them. Again Rosewell treated us to wonderful "eats" afterwards & we were all outside enjoying Easter fun.

3. Prize Giving

We were delighted to invite Mrs Cecile Gillespie to present our prizes at the prizegiving. Cecile has long been associated with Rosewell Sunday School & a great supporter of us. It was particularly fitting that she presented our prizes as her granddaughter, Louise Gillespie, was leaving us. Louise has been our Sunday School monitor for some time. She was joined by Amy Watters who also left. It has been a great joy to watch these girls grow from toddlers into beautiful young ladies. We have also been fortunate to get to know their parents, grandparents, Aunts & Uncles - all enriching our Sunday School family. Good luck in all you do, girls, we will miss you.

All our children receive a certificate & book and we are indebted to the Guild for presenting Bibles to the leavers.

We were so thrilled to meet Rev Ian Cathcart, our Interim Moderator, who was so at home at a Family service.

Devon Boyle is becoming our new Sunday School monitor.

4. Picnic

We ended our session with our picnic to the Five Sisters Zoo at West Calder. We all had great fun. You may remember that a devastating fire had killed many of the animals. We can report that they are successfully rebuilding. We had an interesting animal handling session for children & adults - you can tell from the photographic evidence who enjoyed it more! We also had a walking safari.





5. PVG

You may recall in previous magazines, reference to the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups). This replaces our Disclosure Scotland legislation. All teachers and helpers are currently being registered under the new scheme which should be complete for us by December 2014.

6. Significant Birthday

One of our great friends, Mrs Winnie Brown, reached an amazing milestone birthday in June. Winnie is 100 years young & we all send her much love.

7. The way forward

Some of our parents met recently with Catriona Anderson, Church Development Officer, to consider how we can enhance our worship.

8. Our return

Summer's almost over, which means we return with a Family service at Lasswade Church on 24 August. Our theme is the Commonwealth Games & we are encouraging children& adults to dress accordingly as athletes / Usain Bolt / Clydesiders or even Tunnock's teacakes!

9. Harvest thanksgiving

Our harvest service will be at Cockpen & Carrington on 28 September at 11.30am. We have decided to support Midlothian's Food bank this year. We know how generous all members of our congregation are. We are particularly keen to accept the following goods:

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Sugar

Fruit Juice (Long life) or Squash

Soap

Pasta sauces

Tinned sponge puddings

Tinned tomatoes, meat, fish, vegetables

Cereals

Tea bags / Instant coffee

Rice / Pasta

Instant mashTinned rice, custard, fruit.

In recent years it has become more difficult to gain access to Jericho House, as their soup kitchen is now run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, so we have decided to donate to the Food bank instead.

10. Family Service

We also have a Family Service at Cockpen & Carrington on 26 October.

11. Christmas Outing

Make sure you don't miss our Christmas outing to the pantomime (Aladdin) at the Kings Theatre on Sunday 30 November 5pm performance. Forms are available in the foyers at our Churches or directly by contacting Rosalind. Our ticket order has to be placed by 23 September.

12. And Finally

Our Nativity plays will be staged at Lasswade on 14 December, and at Cockpen & Carrington on 21 December. Auditions are being held soon. Cast members require 'Equity' cards & budding thespians should arrange for their Agents to contact the Sunday School !

Paraprosdokian

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect, sometimes producing an anticlimax. A few issues ago we included some examples, here are a few more:

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted paychecks.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "In an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

From a book - ‘Facing the Storm’

As you’re now aware, I’ve included a few stories from the above book in previous issues of ‘The Link’ and would like to share one more with you. I have enjoyed these books very much and would commend them to you.

G.S.

A Church Minister was being interviewed on television. His wife had been a Deacon in the Anglican Church. She had died, just two weeks earlier. The day she was ordained she had been told that she had leukaemia. “After the initial shock,” he said. “she made it clear that she didn’t agree with God about it”.

I warmed to that. Our discipleship shouldn’t make us unthinking zombies, accepting everything that happens without question. We have a right, even a duty, to use the minds God gave us. Not simply to repeat the well-worn platitudes.

“Did prayer help?” he was asked. A thoughtful pause. “Yes but don’t ask me how. Prayer is learning to rest in God.”

Resting in God. After the questioning, and not necessarily getting the answer you want, or think you need, resting in him is all there is. Leaving it with him, even when we disagree. Relying on his love.

I get less and less satisfied with the sort of prayer that’s constant petition. Of course asking is part of prayer, but it tends to take over. I suspect it’s the activist in us - we want things done, decisions made, goals accomplished.

But in the end, the relationship between God and me has to go beyond that - to resting. Learning simply to sit with him, quietly. Leaving the final decisions with him. They’re his anyway, and if he’s not competent to deal with them, nobody is.

*And so I ask, Lord, not necessarily to understand the way things are,
But just to find the grace to rest in you. To let my problems wait, to still my mind
And in the blessed peace and quiet that comes when I relax, and lift my arms,
Surrender to your presence and in your nearness find that’s all I need.*

From Meditations and prayers by Eddie Askew. (with grateful thanks).

Lasswade and Rosewell Church News.....

On Sunday 30 March 2014 the Rev. Matthew Ross preached his last service, after 5 years of ministry in the linked charge of Cockpen and Carrington with Lasswade and Rosewell, in Rosewell Parish Church. During the service Matthew was presented with gifts, on behalf of Cockpen and Carrington by Nat Fisher, on behalf of Lasswade and Rosewell by Agnes Anderson and presents from the Sunday School. Kristina received a beautiful arrangement of flowers.

Also, during the service, the Minister presented Catherine Tait with a Long Service Certificate, having completed 30 years as an Ordained Elder.

Afterwards fellowship continued in the Hall where a delicious Brunch was served and was very much enjoyed by all.

We all wish Matthew well in his new role.

Locum Minister:

We (along with Cockpen & Carrington) would like to extend a warm welcome to The Rev.Fred Harrison, Assistant Minister at Penicuik South and Howgate who has been appointed as our Locum Minister, to carry out pastoral duties, this includes school and hospital visits along with home visitations. He will also be prepared to conduct Parish funerals and weddings. (Fred's start date is still to be confirmed). We look forward to working with him (along with Ian Cathcart and all the other preachers) during the time of the vacancy.

Gift Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Gift Day, to date the sum of £1,445 has been raised.

Sunday 7 September 2014

Rosewell Parish Church 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Harvest Brunch will be served in the Hall after the service. Everyone welcome.

Doors Open Day in Midlothian – Saturday 13 September 2014

Rosewell Parish Church will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. and Lasswade Parish Church from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Kirk Session:

The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 23 September at 7.30 p.m. in Rosewell Church Hall.

Christmas Fair / Coffee Morning – Saturday 13 December 2014

This will be held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of home-baking, soft goods, bric-a-brac, gifts for the tombola and raffle would all be very much appreciated. If anyone is able to help please speak to Agnes, Dorothy or Pat.

Cake Stall:

A big thank you to everyone who supports our Cake Stall at the Pitcairn Centre.
Forthcoming dates are: 11 September, 9 October, 13 November and 11 December.

From the Team

Holiday News:

Last year on our river cruise, May and I visited an Eastern Orthodox Church in Romania, where the use of icons featured prominently in the service, which to us was full of elaborate ritual. No doubt any members from our 3 Churches who may have visited that country thought likewise. This was in complete contrast to the last time in the late 1970s, when under the Communist Dictatorship, Church worship was very risky and when we looked into a Church the icons lay scattered about covered in dust. Although their form of Christian Worship may be a bit strange to us, it is pleasing to note that a form of Christian service is once more being practiced in Eastern Europe.

Ian Murdoch

Blythwood Care Shoebox Appeal

This is a reminder for the above appeal which I hope as many as possible will take part in. The boxes are greatly appreciated by the recipients. Leaflets are available at Lasswade and Rosewell Churches.

Thank you

Agnes Anderson

**World's Biggest Coffee Morning – Macmillan Cancer Relief
to be held at 44 Carnethie Street, Rosewell
on Friday 26 September 2014**

Times: 10-12 noon : 2-4 p.m. : 7-9 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

Thank you

Agnes Anderson

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 22 November 2014

The local Alzheimer Scotland Group is holding a Christmas Fayre in Rosewell Church Hall from

10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Please come along and join us.

Thank you

May Murdoch

Lasswade and Rosewell Choir

I would like to thank both the regular members of the choir, and those who augmented it at Easter and other times for their continued support and enthusiasm over the spring and summer months. Your help and loyalty are much appreciated

Our thoughts will shortly be turning towards Christmas. Personally, I am not sure if future Christmas services will be in their traditional form or not but I am assuming that , for this year, it will be business as usual and I have been thinking about possible music the choir could sing. As I have said before, the choir rise to whatever challenges are presented to them. Sometimes, however, there is safety in numbers and if we had some more bodies we could perhaps widen our repertoire. If anyone would like to come into the choir for the Christmas period then please have a word with me.

The Commonwealth Games are over but every Sunday we have at hand a rich common wealth of resources from around the world. CH4 contains hymns and tunes written by authors and musicians from New Zealand, South Africa and other African countries, the Americas ,Europe, the countries and islands of Asia and of course from the Home Nations. What I find interesting is that the wide tapestry of thought contained in CH4 challenges us to think of the different situations which confront us on a daily basis.

Metrical psalms, which have played a large part in Scottish worship for centuries, feature prominently in CH4. I want to mention Andrew Mitchell Thomson, who was born in 1778/1779 in Sanquhar in Dumfriesshire. He was educated at Markinch. He left Edinburgh University in 1820 and although he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Kelso he first of all became a teacher, at Markinch, before serving as minister at Sprouston in Roxburghshire, then at the East Church in Perth, at New Greyfriars in Edinburgh, and finally at St. George's Church in Edinburgh when it was opened in 1814. He was an agitator for the abolition of slavery in the British Colonies. Although St. George's, on the west side of Charlotte Square, is now West Register House, it lives on in psalmody because Andrew Thomson wrote a tune which he named after his church, "St. George's Edinburgh" which accompanies the words "Ye gates, lift up your heads on high"

Alex Waugh

An Appreciation

We were all saddened to hear of the passing away of Alex Waugh on Thursday 24th July. It was only a few short weeks ago that he told us about the tests that he had carried out at hospital and the diagnosis and we were all aware of the seriousness of the situation.

Alex was born at Wadingburn, grew up in Lasswade and attended, the then, Strathesk Church. He was ordained as an elder more than 50 years ago on 27th March 1960 and he diligently carried out his duties, visiting those in his district regularly (not necessarily church members) and he also undertook hospital, care home and home visits to those who were unable to attend church. Over and above his duties as an elder Alex, in the early/mid 1950s held office in the Men's Guild of Strathesk Church and subsequently became the leader of the Youth Fellowship of Lasswade Parish Church. In later years he was the President of the Lothian Presbytery Office Bearers Union and played an active part in the church bowling club. Alex will be missed for the work he did but also for being in church on a Sunday morning. He was a big part of our church family.

Alex had a wide range of interests outside the church which spanned many years. He worked for Social Services in the Craigmillar district for over 30 years. He was a Local Councillor and it is after him that Bonnyrigg's Waugh Path is named. He was a Special Constable and this enabled him to police the traffic going in and out of the Park on Summer Fair days for a number of years. He also officiated at Murrayfield, Musselburgh Races and Tynecastle Park. He was also a staunch supporter of the Local History Society for a long time and held the position of Vice Chairman for a while and in that Organisation, just as in the church, his gift of being able to talk to people and make them feel welcome endeared him to many.

In his life he touched many lives and the attendance at his funeral at Mortonhall reflected this. Rev. Wendy Drake conducted a very uplifting service after which someone remarked that it was good to hear people singing. One of the hymns that was chosen was "Thine be the glory" which must have been a special favourite because Margaret and Alex requested it for the service following their Diamond Wedding in March of this year.

Everyone will have their own memories of Alex but probably we shall remember him for just being Alex. Alex, we thank you for the contribution which you made to the lives of so many people.

Our thoughts at this time are with Margaret, Fiona and Heather and their families.

Rosewell Flower Rota

Thank you to all the people who provide flowers for our Sunday worship and to the helpers who faithfully organise and distribute these flowers each week. To save confusion because of the irregularity of having a 5th Sunday in a month, we use our flower fund for those few occasions.

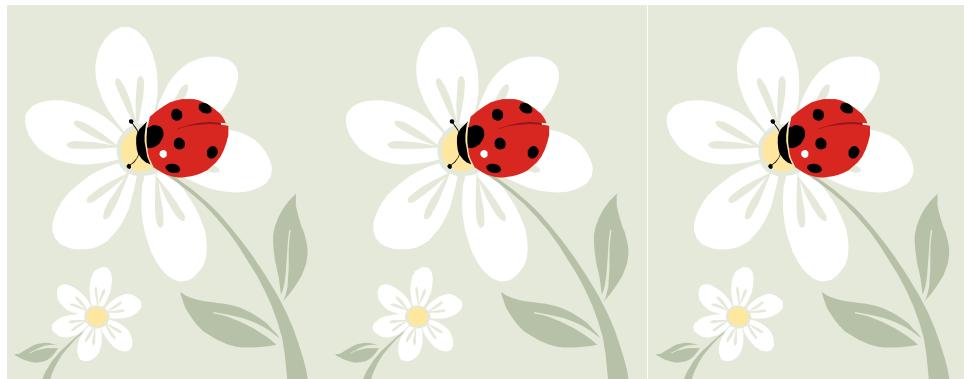
Jean Lindsay

Sept. 7th Isabel Henderson
14th Ella Thomson
21st Betty Thomson

Oct. 5th Kenny Wight
12th Ella Livingstone
19th Billy Grant

Nov. 2nd Una Warden
9th Billy Chapman/Jim Campbell
16th Celia Kimont

Dec. 7th Jean Lindsay
Christmas arrangement for month of December



Lasswade Flower Rota

Thank you to all the 'Flower Rota Folk' who help to enhance the beautiful church in Lasswade. Your help is much appreciated. It is great to have every Sunday filled with no one having to cope with another slot! I think this is a 'first' for Lasswade!

Moira Dryden

September 14th Margaret Stewart

September 21st May Murdoch

September 28th Margaret Thomson

October 12th Mary Campbell

October 19th Dorothy Spence

October 26th Morag Rennie

November 9th Joan Campbell

November 16th Marlyn Davidson

November 23rd Marion Haggerty

November 30th Norma Horsburgh

December 14th Shona Howden

December 21st Pat Lawrie

December 28th Cathie Connor



Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Local History Society

The Society was founded in 1982 and continues to meet on the third Wednesday of each month from October to April, excepting December, in The Pitcairn Centre, Bonnyrigg Church Halls at 7.30pm. We have a speaker on, usually, a local history topic and then there is a “cuppa” which provides an opportunity for members to speak to one another and/or to talk to the speaker informally if they wish to raise a point of interest with our guest.

In recent years one of the highlights of the session has been the Dr. Mary Noble Memorial Award Presentation. Dr. Noble graduated with an Honours Degree in Botany from Edinburgh University and went on to produce an outstanding thesis on the effects of fungi on seeds. Because of their mutual interest in mycology (the science of fungi) Dr. Noble became fascinated in the life and works of Beatrix Potter. Dr. Noble was also a very keen golfer and was for a spell the Ladies Captain at Broomieknowe. She was also very interested in local history and was one of the founding members of the Local History Society in 1982.

In recent years the Society has benefited from a sum of money left to it in her will. We felt that it would be in line with her wishes to create an annual competition between the local Primary Schools with a monetary award and a cup being presented to the winners. Topics for each year's challenge are chosen by the Society as a means of encouraging children in the primary 5 age range to undertake research into local history. The 2014/15 challenge is on Castles or Stately Homes of Midlothian, with each school selecting one castle of their choice and researching not just the history of the building but the history of the families, or some of them, who lived there and also any folklore connected to the property.

As usual, the Society is always looking for new members- and not just “people of a certain age” - but younger citizens too. Our provisional syllabus for the 2014/15 session is given below and all new members will be very welcome. It may be that one topic appeals to you and if you want to come just to that one then you will be equally welcome. I look forward to welcoming you. If you have any questions please contact me either at church or on 663 8895.

October 15th 2014: David Hand of Lasswade Athletics Club (the Athletics Club
was also founded in 1982)

November 19th: Members Night

January 21st 2015: Rev. John Mitchell on Armoured Trains of Midlothian

February 18th : Dr. Ken Bogle of Midlothian Local Studies on his project on
WW1 Memorials to casualties in Midlothian

March 18th: Dr. Mary Noble Memorial Award Presentation

April 15th: AGM

Herbert Dryden

Dr. Elsie Maud Inglis

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Inglis whose name will be well known to many of you. The information which follows might be of interest.

Elsie Inglis was born in 1864 at a hill station in the Himalayas. Her father, John, was an Indian civil servant and her mother, Harriet Thomson, was the daughter of an Indian civilian. Elsie had two older brothers and a younger sister, Eva. When she was small her nursing powers were obvious. She painted little red spots over the faces and bodies of her family of 40 dolls because an epidemic of measles had broken out and as her patients recovered the spots were wiped off each doll until the epidemic was over. In 1876 her father retired and the family, before returning to Scotland, spent some time in Tasmania where Elsie's two brothers were living. It was Elsie who instituted school colours for the college she attended by sewing blue and white ribbon on to a safety pin and wearing it on the lapel of her coat.

Elsie Inglis received her first medical lesson at Edinburgh School of Medicine but women medical students acquired knowledge to take degrees under very difficult conditions – in fact Elsie went to Glasgow where conditions to study clinical work were easier than in Edinburgh. She qualified in 1892 and pioneered the way for women to study medicine. She became a surgeon at the old Bruntsfield Hospital in Edinburgh and she opened the way for ladies to receive proper medical attention because, until then, they were treated as second class citizens medically wise – they could not, for example, undergo operations without their husbands' consent. Dr. Inglis set up a small maternity unit at 219 High Street in Edinburgh (and there is a plaque to commemorate this above Celtic Connections) before a larger and more complete maternity hospital bearing her name was set up in the Abbeyhill district.

When war broke out in 1914 she offered her services to the Royal Army Medical Core but they turned her down because she was a lady but she beavered away and finally set up a hospital, staffed by ladies, in the Paris area to treat the casualties from the fields of operations. She organised the setting up of similar mobile, all ladies, hospitals in Serbia, Greece, Romania, Corsica, and Russia, all centres of war.

Ill health caught up with her and in 1917 she had to return to the UK and died the day after she landed at Newcastle. Her funeral service was held in St. Giles Cathedral where there is a plaque to her memory and she is buried in the Dean Cemetery in Edinburgh. She was a remarkable lady and the work started by her perseverance continues today.

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THE HOLY HIKERS



All walking is discovery. On foot we take the time to see things whole.

Hal Borland.

At the end of my last article we were eagerly anticipating our approaching trip to Pitlochry which turned out to be a great weekend. We eventually found the car park at Inver after much confusion. The walk was beautiful. The Hermitage is a lovely place. We passed through Ossian's Hall, saw Ossians Cave and the falls of Braan. The weather was a bit showery and we were all happy to get settled into our hotel in Pitlochry. Scotland's hotel & Spa was lovely and some of us had a swim before getting ready for dinner. The food was excellent (as was the wine). The walk on Sunday round Loch Faskally was a little longer than expected but was completed. After dinner we played one of my Grandson's games "Pass the Bomb" which went down well and we also had a Quiz, both were hilarious. The next morning we checked out and carried on a little further north, to Blair Athol where we completed a 6.5 mile circuit of the lower part of Glen Tilt, we then headed for home.

Eleven of us walked 5 miles round Limekilns on 12th April and in May, as I was on holiday, Denise and Ian took the group round Gore Glen, a changed place with the building of the new railway line to Galashiels.

Our first evening walk in June was led by Hilary & Glen who took 3 of us into the Bush Estate. It was a lovely evening and it was really nice to see somewhere I had never walked before (and so close to home). The first of our longer walks on 14th June was cancelled due to bad weather. This was my mistake as it brightened up and was dry by 10.30am and turned out to be a lovely day.

Hilary & Glen led July's evening walk from Loanhead down through Bilston Wood to the Maiden's Castle in Polton Glen. Another lovely walk and right on our doorstep

The longer walk in July was changed and we did a circuit round Lammer Law and the Hopes Reservoir. This was about 10-11 miles on a beautiful day with spectacular views from the top, over East Lothian right down to the Forth and over to Fife.

Our last long walk of this year took place near Lauder on Saturday 9th August when 5 of us walked part of the Southern Uplands Way, (on the Lauder to Longformacus section), and managed to stagger round a 13 mile circular route. (Honest guys the book said it was only 10!)

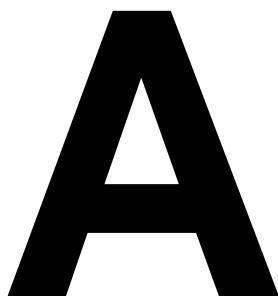
Our final Wednesday evening saunter was a short walk round Penicuik using part of the Old Railway Line.

The last walk on our programme is on 13th September in Duns.

Happy Hiking

Jim Scott

A Letter from the Editors



Puzzle corner

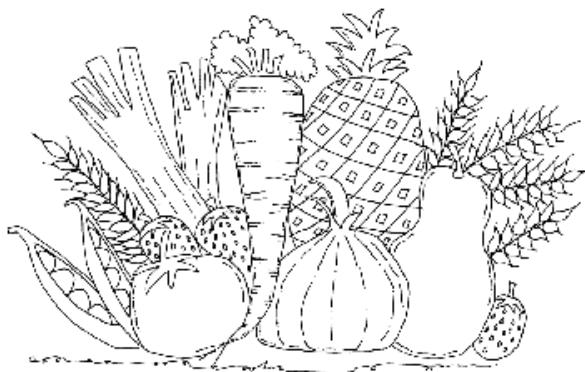
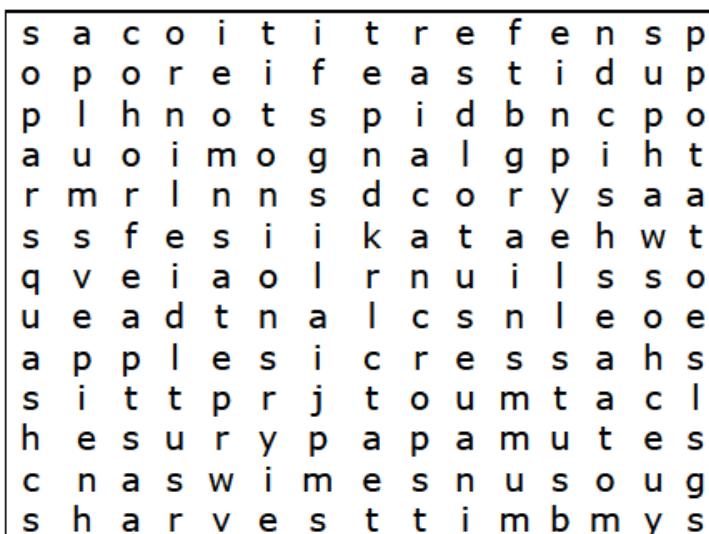
Can you spot the differences between these two pictures, filled with Australian animals? Fun to colour in, too!



Find the differences!



Harvest Word Search



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SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014/15

<i>Sunday 31 August 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 7 September 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10am & at Rosewell Parish Church.</i>
<i>Sunday 14 September 2014</i>	HOLIDAY
<i>Sunday 21 September 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 28 September 2014</i>	<i>Family Service & Harvest Thanksgiving, Cockpen & Carrington Church at 11.30am with Rev Bill Armitage. (Please bring donations for the Midlothian Food bank.)</i>
<i>Sunday 5 October 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10am & at Rosewell Parish Church.</i>
<i>Sunday 12 October 2014</i>	HOLIDAY
<i>Sunday 19 October 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 26 October 2014</i>	<i>Family Service at Cockpen & Carrington Church at 11.30am</i>
<i>Sunday 2 November 2014</i>	<i>Communion at Cockpen & Carrington. No Sunday School at Cockpen. All welcome at Sunday School at Rosewell Parish Church at 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 9 November 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 16 November 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10-12. Nativity rehearsals</i>
<i>Sunday 23 November 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10-12. Nativity rehearsals</i>
<i>Sunday 30 November 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10-11am*</i>

<i>* Sunday 30 November 2014</i>	<i>Christmas outing to Pantomime (Aladdin) at Kings Theatre 5pm performance</i>
<i>Sunday 7 December 2014</i>	<i>Sunday School in Cockpen hall 10-12. Nativity rehearsals</i>
<i>Sunday 14 December 2014</i>	<i>Family Service & Nativity Play at Lasswade Parish Church at 10am.</i>
<i>Sunday 21 December 2014</i>	<i>Family Service & Nativity Play at Cockpen & Carrington Church at 11.30am with Rev Melville Schofield</i>
<i>Sunday 28 December 2014</i>	<i>HOLIDAY</i>
<i>Sunday 4 January 2015</i>	<i>HOLIDAY</i>
<i>Sunday 11 January 2015</i>	<i>Sunday School returns at 10am in Cockpen Hall</i>

The Calendar is also available and may be updated with any changes on the church website: <http://www.church.cockpen.co.uk/services/sundayschool.php>

Please send your news to the Editors for the Christmas Issue of "The- Link" on or before Sunday 9 November 2014