

NEWSLETTER

ST. FILLAN'S

PARISH CHURCH

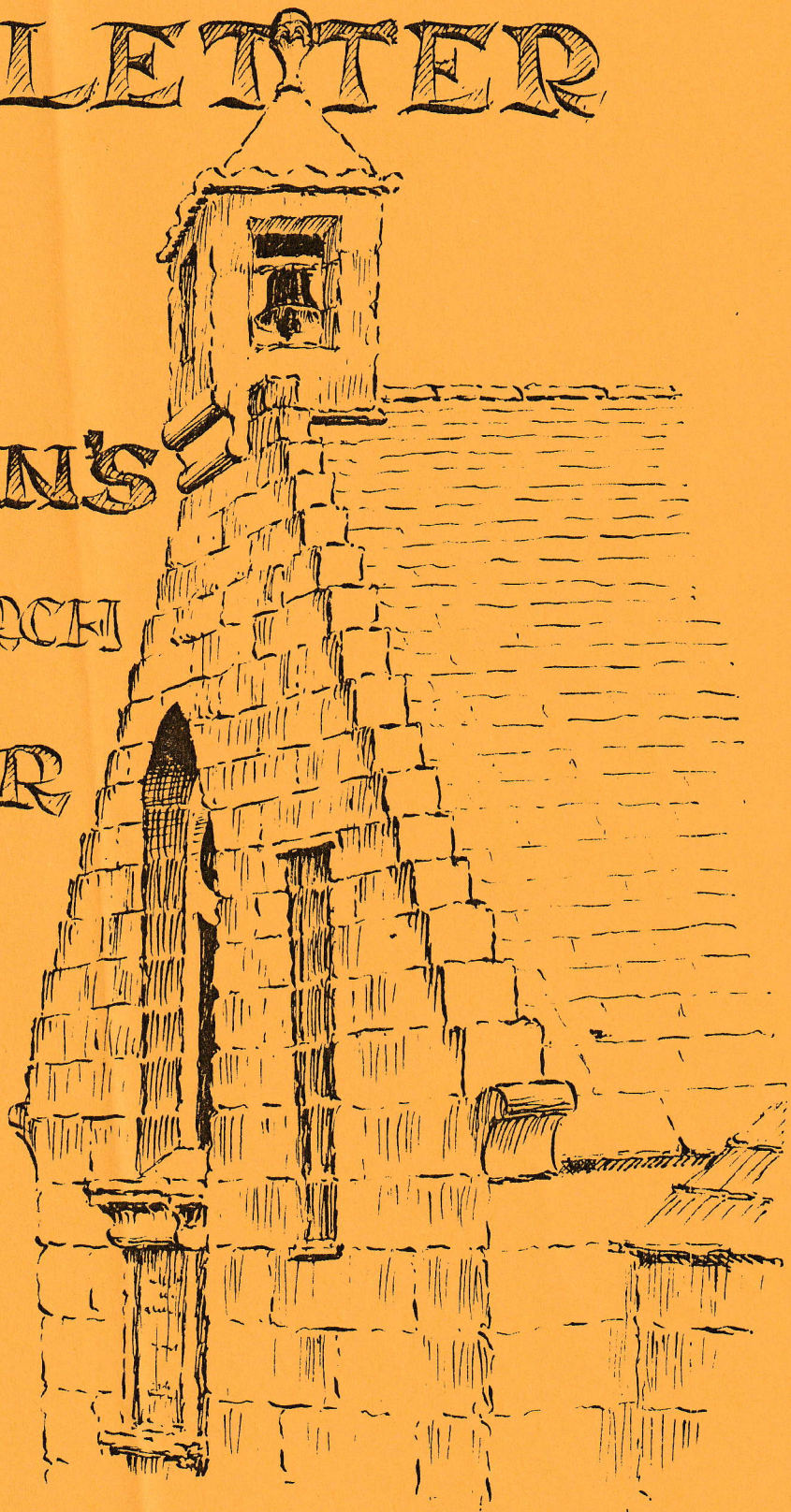
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ST. FILLAN'S CHURCH, ABERDOUR

PUBLIC WORSHIP: Sunday at 11.15 a.m. and on the first Sunday of every month except January at 6.30 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME

HOLY COMMUNION: Celebrated on the third Sunday of March, June and October, and at Christmas and Easter.

HOLY BAPTISM: By arrangement with the minister.

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Minister: Rev. John Scott, The Manse, Manse Street . . . 860349
Session Clerk: Mrs. Catherine Duncan, 43 Humble Terrace. 860611
Clerk to Board: Mrs. Karyn Crowe, 13 St. Fillan's Cresc. 860721
Treasurer: Mr. Fred Jeffs, 3 Inch Avenue 860820
Organist/Choirmaster: Mr. Alan Wark, 1 Bellhouse Road . 860816
Church Officer: VACANT

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The Manse

Dear Friends,

It has been a long haul, but the end is in sight. As you will see from elsewhere in the Magazine, plans are now well advanced for the long-awaited renovation of the Church Hall. The money for it has come in a bit more slowly than hoped for, but it has come in and the generosity of the people of the village is much appreciated. The initial appeal was launched in September 1992, and in the three years since then £45,000 has been raised - a splendid effort.

There are however, parishes in Scotland where it is quite impossible to raise funds for much needed new projects simply because the money isn't there. These are areas where various issues such as long-term unemployment, a high number of single-parent families, elderly people living alone, poor housing, isolation and lack of community facilities combine to have an adverse effect on the lives of individuals and on the life of the community as a whole. To help the situation in such areas, and with the full backing of this year's General Assembly, congregations throughout Scotland are being encouraged to participate in the "Priority Areas Appeal" with the aim of setting up a Fund which would support church and community projects in Scotland's most disadvantaged urban and rural parishes. The Church aims to raise around £1½ million from this special one-off Appeal. The Kirk Session decided that the best way to make a contribution to this Fund would be through the retiring offerings at the October communion services, with an appeal to members to give, if possible, a little more than they normally would. Priority Areas are often defined by negatives. But the words and actions of ordinary people within the community together strive to bear witness to a loving Christ who cares. If you are not at communion but would still like to make a donation, put it in an envelope marked "Priority Areas Appeal" and put it in the offering bag any Sunday. Or you may send it directly to: 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN.

Your minister and friend,

John Scott

WOMAN'S GUILD

The St. Fillan's branch of the Woman's Guild resumes on Tuesday 3rd October at 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. The theme for 1995/6 is "Sing a New Song" for which a thought by Patience Strong is not inappropriate:

A tuning-fork will strike the note from which you take the key - for the making of the music of the melody It cannot sound a range of tones and semi-tones for you. One note and one alone it strikes, but that one note is true. Love is like a tuning-fork that gives the note we need - for making life harmonious in thought and word and deed; the note we have to strike before we find the magic key - in which to play the music of the daily symphony; the symphony of living; blended themes that rise and fall. Sweet the sound if Love be found, the keynote of it all. (Patience Strong: The Keynote)

The Woman's Guild meets in the Church Hall at 2.00 p.m. on 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month and new members will always be made most welcome.

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ORGANIST AND CHOIR

Before and after Sunday services during the period September 1995 to March 1996, the church organist, Mr. Alan Wark, intends to play all the major organ works of J. S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn. He has set himself quite a challenge in providing something of great interest particularly to those who enjoy the music of these composers.

The CHOIR is now desperately short of male voices with only two basses and no tenors. If no one rallies to the call there will be a ladies-only choir after Easter 1996!

Weekly choir practices resume at 1 Bellhouse Road on Thursday 5th October at 7.30 p.m. at which new members will be made most welcome.

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SITUATION VACANT - PART-TIME CHURCH OFFICER urgently required for attendance at Church Services. This is a job that may well be shared. Further particulars from and applications to minister or Session Clerk (Mrs. Catherine Duncan).

SALE OF WORK

This will take place on Saturday 28th OCTOBER, opening at 2.30 p.m. The Church Hall will be open during the morning to receive donations for the various stalls, a list of which appears on the back page of this magazine. The Convener of the Sale is Hamish Hardie, tel. 01592 872232. If you cannot come on the day but would like to support the Sale, any donation would be gratefully received.

Help to set up the stalls on the Friday evening and to clear up after the Sale on the Saturday would be much appreciated.

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SPONSORED GOLF COMPETITION

Unfortunately, for various reasons, it has not been possible to arrange the competition this year. It is hoped that it will be possible to have it next year when St. Fillan's players will be urged to redouble their efforts both to regain the David Rutherford Trophy and to increase their fund raising for Christian Aid by their golfing abilities.

PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

- Apr. 9 - Marcus Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, 42 Bellhouse Road
July 2 - Harry David, son of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, 19 Manse Street
Aug. 27 - Beth Carrie Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, 38 Shore Road

Weddings

- Mar. 25 - Walter Heggie to Rowena Goodwill, 57 High Street
Apr. 29 - Neil Maclean to Fiona Drever, 15 Inch Avenue

Deaths

- Mar. 12 - Mrs. Edith Duff, formerly 3 Murrell Terrace
Apr. 6 - Ronald Cox, 11 The Glebe
20 - Mrs. Janet Hunter, formerly 36 Shore Road
May 18 - Thomas Brown, Dunster, Seaside Place
June 25 - Harry Cant, 6 Manse Place
July 26 - Angus McKenzie, 26 Morayvale
Aug. 5 - Mrs. Jenny Murray, formerly "Lindisfarne", The Shore
18 - Sandy McAdam Clark, 21 Dovecot Park
22 - Mrs. Margaret Henderson, 6 St. Colme Crescent
Sep. 3 - Evan (Jock) Shaw, 17 Manse Street

Members Joining

By Confession of Faith

- Mrs. June Bouaoun, 79 Main Street
Mrs. Wendy Struthers, 2 Murrell Road
Mrs. Shelley Law, 7 High Street

By Transference Certificate

- Alastair Gibson, 38 Dovecot Park
Mrs. Catherine Stokes, 9 Telny Place
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Liddle, The Golf Club, Seaside Place

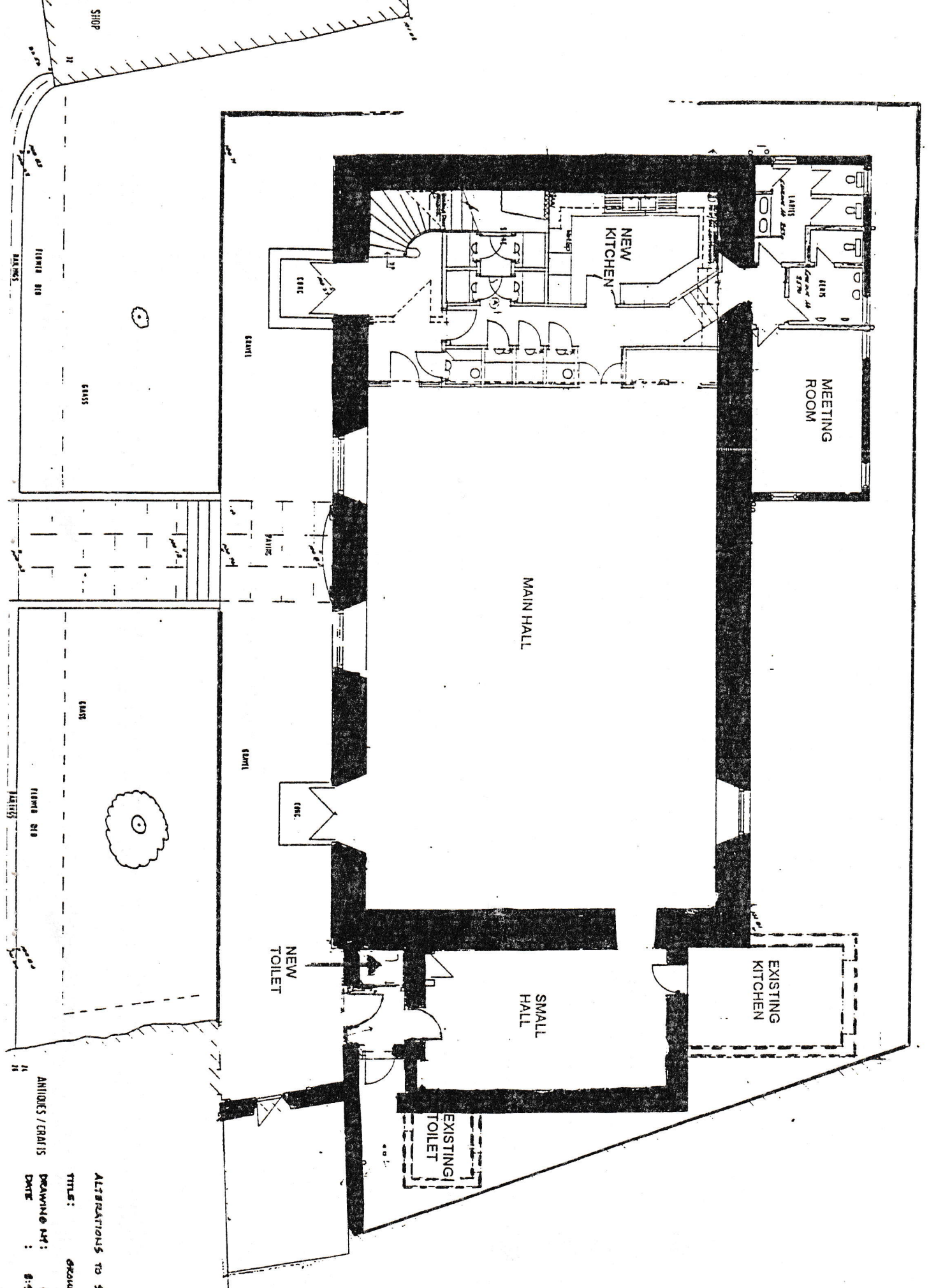
By Resolution of Kirk Session

- Mrs. Margaret Benfield, Tigh-na-bruach, Station Road, Windygates
Mrs. Maxine Ross, 110 Main Street
Mrs. Christine Whyte, 13 Telny Place
Mrs. Gertrud Campbell, 42 Bellhouse Road
Mrs. Suzanne Macdonald, 19 Manse Street

Members Leaving

- Paul Smith, 34 Shore Road (to Edinburgh)
Mrs. Christina Butler, 34 Shore Road (to Edinburgh)
Mrs. Wendy McHattie, 3 Hawkcraig Road (to Shropshire)

The Treasurer has received a cheque for £2000, a legacy from the late Margery Hill of Murray Place who died in September 1994.

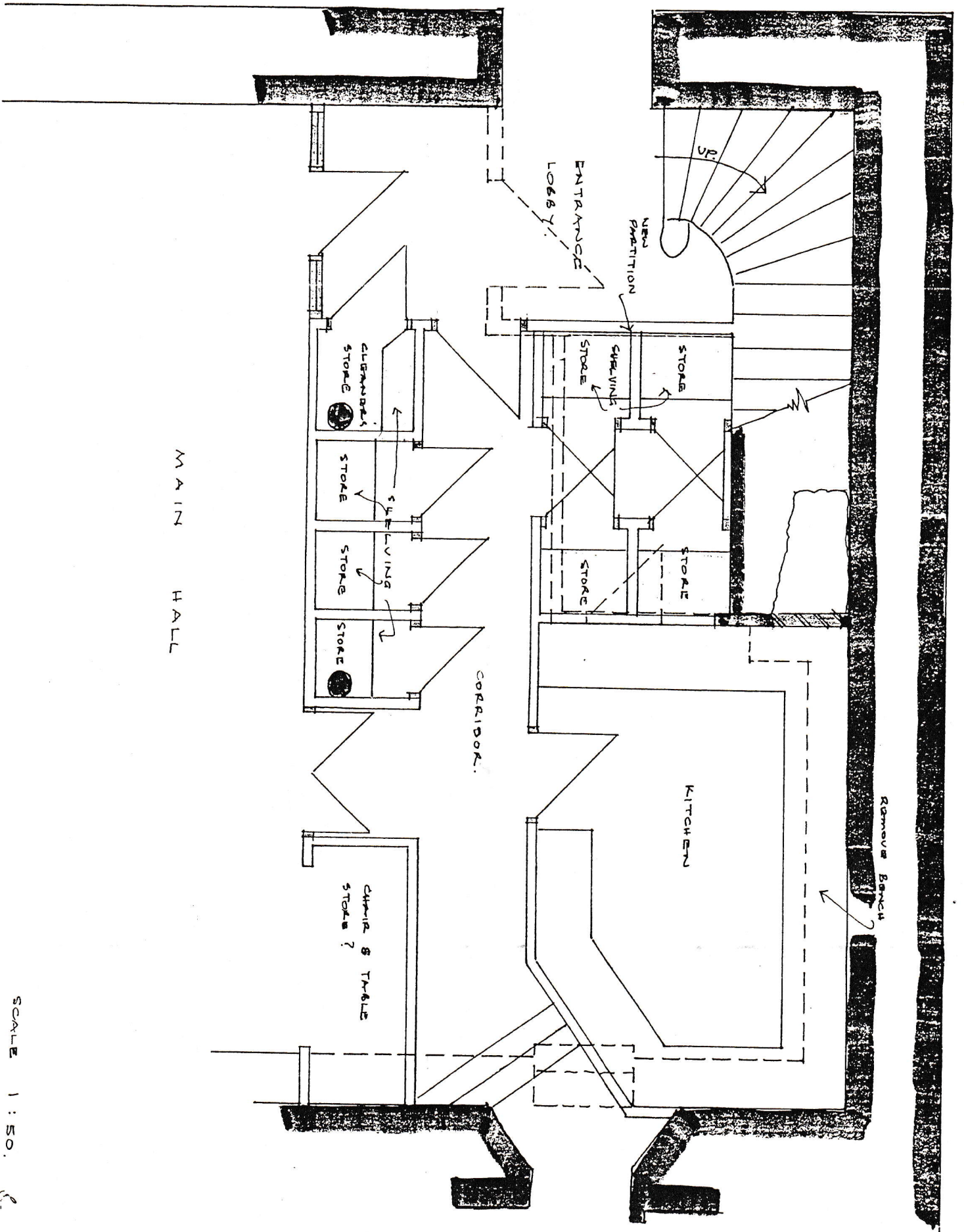


ALTERATIONS TO ST. FILLAN'S CHURCH HALL

TITLE: GROUND FLOOR PLAN

ANILDES / CRATIS DRAWING NO: 01

DATE: 8-9-95



MAIN HALL

KITCHEN

CORRIDOR

CHINA & TABLE STAIRS ?

CLEANING STAIRS

STAIR

STAIR

STAIR

UP

ENTRANCE LOBBY

NEW PARTITION

STAIR

STAIR

STAIR

STAIR

REMOVE BRACK

SCALE 1:50.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES - ABERDOUR

Registration for those residing within the parishes of Aberdour and Dalgety is available at:

The Registrar's Office,
6 Heriot Street,
Inverkeithing.

(Telephone: Inverkeithing 417742)

Opening Hours: Monday and Tuesday - 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
Thursday and Friday - 1.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
(There is no opening on Wednesday or Saturday)

In emergency, the Registrar at Cowdenbeath should be contacted:
Mrs. Margaret Clark - Telephone Cowdenbeath 510855

CHURCH HALL APPEAL

The Church Hall Appeal Fund currently stands at just under £45,000 against a budget cost for the renovation work of £55,000 including VAT. It is planned to bridge this gap through application for local authority and Church of Scotland grant aid, interest accrued on money raised to date, and further fund raising. FURTHER DONATIONS WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

Plans for the work are substantially complete now and planning permission has been applied for. The first costs in this stage of the programme have been incurred, this being £500 in respect of fees for planning consent and building control approval. The work will include demolition of the existing kitchen and toilet adjacent to the small hall, a new porch entrance to the small hall, general refurbishment of the main hall, the provision of a new kitchen and improved storage for hall users under the St. Colme Hall, and an upgrading of the west entrance to make it more welcoming (foot of spiral staircase). The small hall, rear meeting room and St. Colme Hall will also be renovated to give enhanced comfort levels and redecoration. If funds allow, a suspended ceiling will be installed in the main hall. A copy of the plan is included with the magazine. The outline timetable for progressing the work is as follows:

October 1995 . . Tenders issued to contractors
November 1995. . Tenders evaluated and Presbytery approval sought
December 1995. . Contract accepted
Mid-January 1996 WORK STARTS

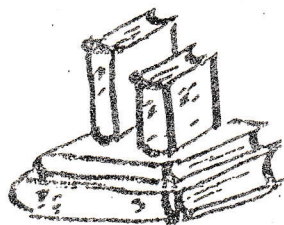
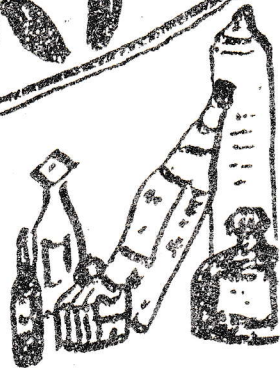
FUND RAISING CONTINUES. £470 was raised from the open garden day organised by Bruce and Dorothy Drever in August - a very successful repeat of last year. A date for your diary is Friday 3rd November, in the Primary School Hall, when there will be a concert by the Ynysbwl (?a prize for pronouncing it properly) Male Voice Choir from Wales, who usually stay in Aberdour at the time of the Scotland/Wales rugby internationals. Other possible fund-raising projects include an auction and a "charity" shop. Please give your support.

O Jesus, be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life;
Be the rudder that keeps me on a straight course
Be the outrigger that supports me in times of great temptation.
Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day.
Keep my body strong, so that I can paddle steadfastly on in the voyage of life. Amen
(A Prayer from the Solomon Islands)

SALE OF WORK

in THE CHURCH HALL
SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER '95

at 2.30 p.m.



STALLS

CONVENORS

TELE.

BOTTLES	D. CROW	860291
BOOKS	D. ROBERTSON ...	860297
WORK	Mrs. M. RENNIE ...	860711
GIFTS	Mrs. L. HUTCHISON ..	860444
PRODUCE & PLANTS	Mrs. B. CRAIG	823252
CAKE & CANDY ..	Mrs. C. DUNCAN ...	860611
WHITE ELEPHANT ..	Mrs. C. SCOTT	860349
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..	Mrs. C. CAMERON ..	860609
TEAS	Mrs. J. SMITH ..	860045

We need YOUR contributions.

PLEASE bring them along!

(Hall open from 10am on morning of Sale)

THANK YOU for YOUR support!

