

NEWSLETTER

ST. FILLAN'S

PARISH CHURCH

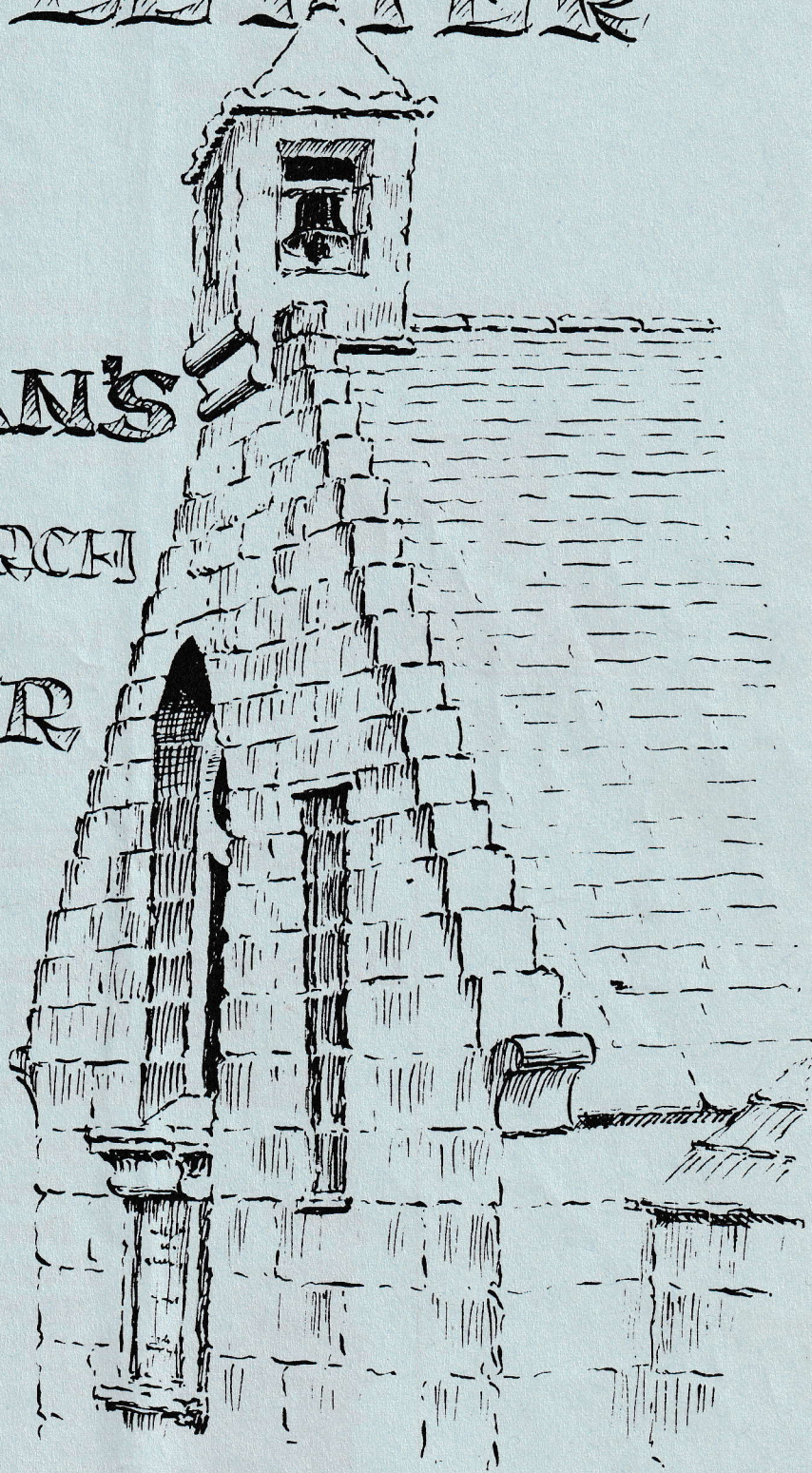
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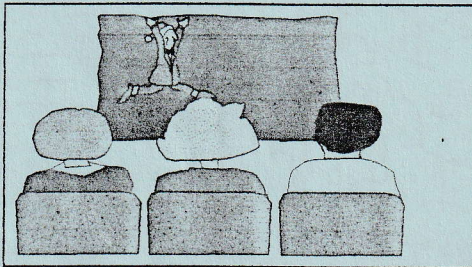
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Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter can be handed to any member of the committee or to the Beadle (while he is ringing the bell on a Sunday morning)



Aberdour Players are putting on a 3 act play
by
Colette and Anita Loos
"Gigi"
Date 14th and 15th Nov
Time 7-30

Place Aberdour Primary School
Tickets from all members of the Players

**St.Fillan's Family
Ramble 2**

**Dollar to Glendevon
and back**

8th november

details
from
**David
Hannah
860866**

closing date
for names oct
28th

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St Fillans Church, Aberdour

PUBLIC WORSHIP: Sunday at 10.30 a.m. October to May.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

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

Minister: Rev. Peter Park, The Manse, 36, Bellhouse Road. 860349
Session Clerk: Mrs C. Duncan, 43, Humble Terrace. 860611
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Organist/Choirmaster: Mr J Fairlie, 3, Cullaloe Court, D/Bay. 822392
Church Officer: Mr K Hodge: Hillcrest, West End. 860537

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Dear friends,

In Matthew's Gospel there is a parable about two builders; one built on strong foundations and his house withstood storms and wind, the other built on weak foundations and when the bad times came his house collapsed. I suspect that parable has been in many minds during the hall refurbishment programme as we have withstood and overcome many problems and delays. Fortunately our foundations were strong ... we were determined to complete the work to help further Christ's work ... and we are delighted that the work is almost complete. The major work is finished and once some snagging items are remedied and a few extras such as slabbing and kitchen tiles dealt with we will have an excellent suite of halls. The fund raising and building work has not been easy and we should not lose sight of the fact that during the halls exercise we have also changed manses and maintained the Church. All this has taken time, money, effort and commitment and there have been many occasions when we wondered whether it would all come together. Despite all the problems we have succeeded, and now find ourselves having a quite unique collection of buildings all in good order. We are unique in having a 12th century church, a modern manse and refurbished halls. We are also unique in having achieved all this while still meeting (indeed often exceeding) our financial commitments to the wider work of the national church, taking special collections for various charities, and not having to burden ourselves with an overdraft. We have built on strong Christian foundations and at our service of thanksgiving for the halls on 31st August it was good to give thanks to God for all that has happened. I think everyone involved past and present deserves a big thank you for their generosity and a pat on the back for all their efforts.

Peter Park

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: This will be celebrated on
Sunday 19th October at 10.30 am and 3.00pm.
Sunday School will meet in the school at 10.30am.
There will be a crèche in the Vestry at the Church.

OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES

<u>Sunday 12th October</u>	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
<u>Monday 13th October</u>	2.00pm	Primary School Harvest Service
<u>Sunday 19th October</u>	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Service of Holy Communion
<u>Sunday 26th October</u>	10.30am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 2nd Nov</u>	10.30am	Morning Service
	6.30pm	Evening Service

An open invitation is extended to everyone to all Services

If the World was a Village.....

If the world was a village with 1000 inhabitants then there would be:

565	Asians
210	Europeans
85	Africans
80	South Americans and
60	North Americans

If the world was a village with 1000 inhabitants then there would be:

700	non whites
300	whites

If the world was a village with 1000 inhabitants then there would be:

300	Christians (159 coloured and 141 whites) and
700	would have other religions or none at all

If the world was a village with 1000 inhabitants then there would be:

About 700 unable to read or write

If the world was a village with 1000 inhabitants then:

About 500 would go to bed hungry or insufficiently fed

If the world was a village with 1000 inhabitants then:

half of the total income would be earned by 60 people
while the other 940 would need to do with the other
half

If this were the situation in our village, it would give us something to think
about....but, infact, it is our village because it is our world and that world is
not so big any more!

PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

- June 8 - Kirsty Mackenzie, daughter of Mr & Mrs Clarke, 9 Hopeward Mews, Dalgety Bay
29 - Finlay Craig, son of Mr & Mrs Williamson, Templeland, 9 Main Street.
July 6 - Lucy Elizabeth Ellen, daughter of Mr & Mrs Johnston, Rockcliffe, Shore Road.

Marriage

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| June | 13 - | Norman William Kidd Barr, to Ann McDonald MacLean, | Resident now |
| | 21 - | Kenneth Allan Marshall, to Heather Theresa Fawcett. | Linlithgow. |
| | 28 - | Brian Robert Sidell, to Lorna McBeth. | Livingston |
| July | 5 - | Martin Fergus Pearson, to Fiona Elizabeth MacInness, | Aberdour |
| | 19 - | Alastair John Steele, to Kirsty Jane Liston, | Edinburgh |
| Aug | 17 - | John McLaren Rodger, to Lesley Anne Brodie, | Stirling |
| | 30 - | David George Robb to Alexandra Kurth | Edinburgh |
| Sept | 1 - | Rachel Worrall, to Peter Curtis | Germany |
| | | | Aberdour |

Deaths

- May 13 - Mrs Nan Rylance, Hawkcraig Road.
June 10 - Richard Clark, 5 Home Park.
16 - George McArthur, 20 Humble Terrace.
July 1 - Tom McArthur and Kathleen McArthur, 13 Inch Avenue.
2 - Maurice Barker, 16 Dovecot Park.
Aug 5 - William Doidge, 24 Morayvale.
8 - Tom Holberry, 19 Inch Avenue.
13 - Eric Kent, 7 Manse Street.
21 - Bert Jamieson, 29 Morayvale
Oct 3 - Leslie Weatherup, Braehead Cottage, Parkend Farm.

Members Joining

By Transference Certificate

Mr Geoffrey Thow and Mrs Ann Thow, 30 Bellhouse Road.

By Resolution of Kirk Session

Richard and Davina Aikman, 15 Swallowcraig, Dalgety Bay.
Mrs Sadie Younger, 14 Telny Place.

Members Leaving

The Reverend John Scott and Mrs Catherine Scott, 32 Whites Quay, Dalgety Bay to
Dalgety

If you know of anyone interested in joining the Church please ask them to speak to the minister.
Members of the Church moving into the area and wishing to join St Fillan's should obtain a Certificate of Transference from their previous congregation and hand it in at the Church door at any service.
Members moving away from the district should obtain a Transference Certificate from the Minister.
The Minister or Session Clerk should be notified of any change of address so that the congregational roll can be kept up to date.

Visiting Other Churches.

Gladys Hunter

On a warm beautiful sunny Sunday morning of June 23rd last year (1996) I went with my daughter who resides in Vancouver to the Presbyterian Church she attends in the outlying district of Burnaby B.C., Canada. The service commenced at 1030am. I found it a most pleasurable and uplifting service of which I was greatly impressed.

We entered into a large reception area, greeted by smiling faces and cheerful "Good Mornings". I was introduced by my daughter to several ladies and gentlemen on duty and I don't think I have ever been, as a visitor, in such a friendly atmosphere where everyone was so eager to shake hands and make me welcome.

The service programmes were laid out on a table to be picked up as you entered the church so that one would be able to follow the service and read of the various events and activities in connection with the church. It was a light modern church but with no beautiful stained glass windows such as our own, never the less, very pleasant with wide spacious pews, beautifully upholstered in a soft shade of blue velvet. The congregation were mostly middle aged and elderly....very few men of in-between ages or teenagers. A small Sunday school were seated in the front pews for a short while before going to an adjoining room for their own service.

The church service commenced with what was called a "Quiet time" when everyone sat silent with their own thoughts or prayers. Then came the call to worship, when the minister gave out a text which was responded to by the congregation. The sermon was based on the Canadian General Assembly which the minister had been attending.

The offering I noticed was chiefly the envelope freewill system of giving and was accompanied by soft music and the quiet singing of a hymn by the congregation during the "open plate" collection.

It was nice to hear the minister read out names of several of the congregation who were ill or had problems for which special prayers were spoken for their healing.

It so happened during the period I was in Vancouver there was a 3 week all out strike of major supermarkets, Safeway amongst them, causing a great deal of inconvenience to people. The minister prayed for everyone and that it might soon be resolved. A young voice piped up "What about the employees?" Apparently one of the workers was present in the congregation who felt they were due prayers also. So a prayer was put up for them.

During the service I was surprised and a little embarrassed to hear my own name mentioned by the minister from the pulpit. A lady from Scotland in their midst on a visit to whom a warm welcome was extended and hoped I would have an enjoyable holiday in Vancouver.

The minister knew Edinburgh well having trained for the ministry there. I actually met a lady who had visited Aberdour and had fond memories of the lovely seaside village.

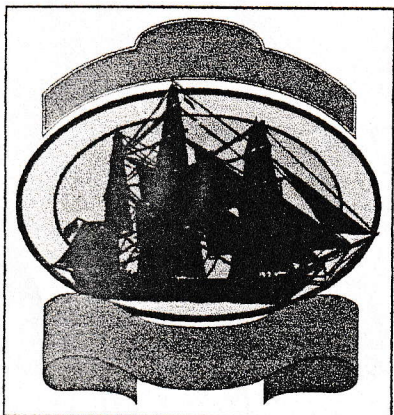
It was a memorable service and it was difficult to leave the friendly company.

A Garden

The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth

St Fillans Kirk - July 23rd 1923

Old and wasted and neglected, its interior open to the winds, yet serene and beautiful that ruined kirk appeared to me. On the wall of its porch, adobe the low door densely studded with nails, was the year of building-1608. I wandered round the hallowed walls; I looked up to the little square belfry, perfectly poised upon an unbroken crow-stepped gable, in which was a pleasant pointed window, whose tracery and mullions time had hardly touched. But soon I came upon a mournful scene of unarrested ruin. Where the mortar was like dust, beside a bit of wall, respected for the sake of the memorial to Robert Blair, the faithful minister whom Archbishop Sharp ejected from St Andrews, I stepped into the kirk. The flagless floor was overrun by the rankest, wildest weeds. Against the stronger wall, in a gruesome row, leaned broken tombstones, whose lugubrious symbols of mortality, with warnings to the living, made one grateful for life and light. In midst of all this desolation a lateral arcade, with pillars round and massive-said to be very old-seemed to defy decay. Out in a peaceful, well-kept kirkyard the sun was shining; a whisper ran among the leaves, and a black cat roamed among the graves.



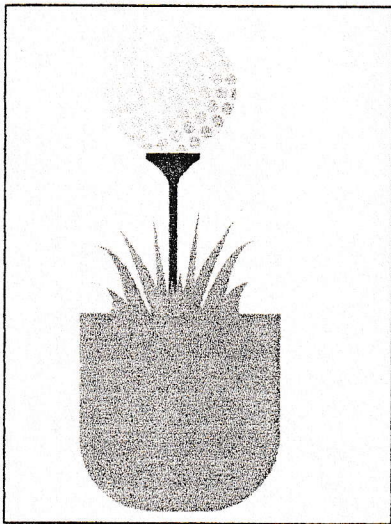
Captain William Morgan - born Nov 1st 1762. A son born and on the 10th baptised to Mr William Morgan, shipmaster in Aberdour, and Betty Martin his spouse a son named William.

Thus reads the extract from the register of births of Aberdour. Nothing unusual perhaps but this particular child later carried out such deeds of derring do that he was presented with a silver gilt cup. On his death he wished it to be returned to the place of his birth. From accounts the executor forgot to send it on and it did not reach Aberdour till the executor for the executor found it and so it came to rest in the vault of the bank..... till now when it will be used during the forth coming communion service.

Lt William Morgan was given the post rank 'captain' while in charge of the ships Jane and Lion in the West Indies at the end of the 1790's. The ships were possibly 10 or 12 gun cutters but we do not know what action he was involved in. There is a reference to a William Morgan laying the delaying charges as the British forces were evacuating Toulon. Meanwhile a certain Captain Bonapart, gunnery officer, was doing his best to upset plans.

The cup was presented to William Morgan by Alexander Donaldson who was in the habit of making such presentations to Naval Officers who upheld the good name of the service. It is surmised that he was a merchant with a lot to lose if the Navy was not there to protect.

Research is still going on to extract information so, watch this space. To date Simon Fraser has located the Kirk Session records relating to the acceptance of the cup and the birth extract. He is also trying to identify the ships more accurately and the present information comes from the MoD(Navy) library at the Empress State Building, London and the Mary Rose project director. West Indies records were normally made and kept by the Governors and at the close of the 1790's a Governor Abercromby held Trinidad. Any records would have been kept by him and his family assuming he had made his official reports to the appropriate authority. Who knows where they are now?



Thank you for participating, sponsoring and helping in this years event, the proceeds from which have been donated to Christian Aid and the Fife Macmillan Fund.

Almost 90 golfers took part and the following sums have been disbursed.

Total sum raised....£1370.60
 Christian Aid.....£1000.60
 Macmillan Fund.....£370.00

The David Rutherford Trophy was won by the Aberdour team 260 points to 240.

BARNARDOS

This village has a great tradition of support for the children's charity BARNARDOS through its box collecting group, mainly within the Aberdour Primary School. The children collect their change in the little cottage boxes, which contain a good amount when added together. This years box opening in June amounted to the excellent sum of £117-90.

Every penny raised for Barnardos in Scotland is spent in Scotland. There are two projects in action in Fife supporting disturbed youngsters and their parents, helping to keep families together and promote good citizenship. Barnardos has always been in the forefront of good practice and has been prepared to tackle the most difficult problems. The local children are to be congratulated for their efforts to help other youngsters less fortunate than themselves.

Apart from the school boxes, others are out with loyal adults in the village, who continue to collect for Barnardos after their children have left primary school. There may also be boxes in homes where the owners are not recorded, and who wish to have the boxes emptied or who no longer wish to keep the boxes. If this is the case in your household, would you kindly contact Linda Brown on 860247.

TeenagersDo you find Sunday nights a drag ?

Would you like the opportunity of meeting with your own peer group - discussing some of the religious and moral issues of the day - finding out what the Christian angle is on what influences your life - and enjoying yourself?

If so you might like to find out more about St.Fillan's Youth Fellowship which we are thinking of restarting if there is a demand from teenagers Target age is S3 + Details from Ronnie Kerr (860848) or the minister.

Seen in a Swiss restaurant: "Our wines leave you nothing to hope for."

The protection of children and young people in the Church

Last May the Church of Scotland introduced a Code of Good Practice concerning the protection of children and young people. A copy of the policy statement is given below. St. Fillan's are keen to implement the policy and have appointed one of our elders, Mrs. Marnie Rennie, as our Child Protection Co-ordinator. Over the next few months Marnie will be speaking with our organisations to familiarise them with the policy details and issue guidelines etc.

We pray that none of our young people become the victim of abuse but as you will appreciate require to take steps to ensure that any abuse is identified and dealt with as soon as possible.

We ask you all therefore to help us If you are aware of any child or young person being the subject of abuse please ask them to speak with either Marnie Rennie (860711) or the Minister who will ensure appropriate action is taken.

Policy Statement

The Church of Scotland has a deep concern for the wholeness and well-being of each individual. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of all people, regardless of age, who come into contact with the Church and its organisations. It is the responsibility of each individual within the fellowship of the Church to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people.

A Missionary or a Sales Representative?

Just like in any other business God and the Bible can be related to a product which is for sale, the salespeople being the elders, the congregation their customers with ministers as directors and the General Assembly as the management.

We are lucky in that we have a long established and marketable product which has stood the test of time.

Despite there being other brands of the same product, which are sold under different labels ours is the best, we know this because it is the one we know, love and continue to buy.

However, through constant use and practice our belief in the product seems to be weakening.

Although we still purchase it regularly we no longer:

Tell everyone else how good it is. How great we feel for using it. Encourage friends and family to use it too. Let people know that we'd die for it, as our forebears did. Carry our Cross before us to let others know who we are.

Why? Are we afraid that:

Our product will not live up to the advertising. We'll be sued for making false claims about the product. Our adverts may be offensive to others. We may not be able to withstand the criticism, persecution and ridicule of non-believers.

No! It is because we have become possessive of our product, secretive and afraid to share.

We are all sales people and we are on commission to sell our product, Christianity - through our faith and encouragement to others.

Our product is the best Buy now.

David Hannah

A Year Out

by Andrew Marion

"You're what?" was the reply I got from many people. "Hang on, so you are going to spend one year of your life washing dishes and cleaning toilets.....Oh well."

When school leavers take a gap year, they usually Au pair in France, teach English in India, do voluntary work in Africa or hitch hike around the U.S.A - not stay in Scotland doing the work that most teenagers despise. But I had made up my mind. I was going to work for the Abernethy Trust, a Christian organisation running four exciting residential outdoor centres around Scotland. I had spent many happy weeks at the Nethybridge centre on holiday with Aberdour Youth Fellowship and with friends, and wanted to give back some of what I had gained while spending time there.

The Nethybridge centre is the largest of the four, accommodating about eighty five guests in four chalets and a main house, and has excellent facilities including sports hall, indoor swimming pool, artificial ski slope, games room, tennis and squash court..... the list goes on. The centre offers a large range of holidays, breaks, weekends and courses to a large range of people. For most of the year, we open our doors to primary schools who occupy the centre (and the staff) from Monday to Friday doing various outdoor activities under the supervision of our instructors. Then, the weekends are available for families, specialist courses, church and youth groups, individuals..... anybody looking for the time of their life. The Nethybridge centre also offers ski holidays and adventure holidays for families and unaccompanied children, so we were never short of things to do or people to meet.

My job title was "In-house assistant" which meant that I worked in a team to cater for the guests and staff, and look after the accommodation and facilities. The majority of my working time was spent in the kitchen preparing, cooking, serving and clearing up after the guests and staff, and the rest was spent in the housekeeping department, cleaning the accommodation and facilities and doing piles and piles of laundry. This sounds like most normal folks worst nightmare, but it was not the work that I will remember most, but the people I was working with and Who I was working for.

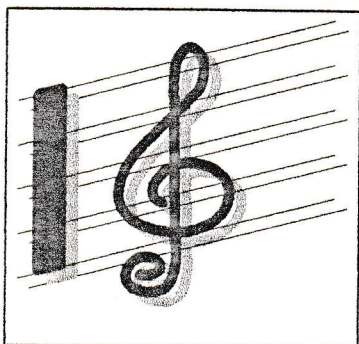
So where does the Christian bit fit in to all of this? Well, all of the staff and leadership team are committed Christians who have been called to use the outdoors and the centre facilities as a way of sharing their faith with others. The spiritual programme for guests is carefully designed and planned to illustrate the gospel in an imaginative and exciting way. The primary school children take part in "Time Outs", a short epilogue each evening filled with sketches, video dips, songs, Bible teaching and fun. The staff also need spiritual input, and this is supplied through weekly staff fellowships, church, prayer meetings and a daily morning reading at the staff meeting as well as Individual discussions, prayer and quiet times.

I learned a huge amount while I was up North, not just the riveting intricacies of mopping floors and peeling potatoes, but about myself and about my faith. One of the centre's policies, boldly typed on the bottom of the fire safety notices is "People matter more than things" and this is one of the truest things ever said. I learned about working and living with people, I learned about serving God through serving people, and I learned about the importance of friendship. I learned NEVER, EVER, under ANY circumstances to judge people on first impressions, in fact never judge them at all. Easier said than done I know, but we are all only human. I learned about the amazing potential that young and old alike can have when they focus on what is right. I learned that we are all only human; we all make mistakes. I was daunted by the prospect of living and working in such a close-knit Christian community, and was terrified that I would really have to watch what I said and did. What would happen if a swear word or a cruel remark just slipped out? What would happen if I did something wrong? Well, I wasn't the only one with those worries, and I wasn't the only one

who made those mistakes. Never be fooled into thinking that someone is better than you; there is no such thing as a "Super Christian" - we all have our gifts, our talents and our faults. It is a matter of using what we have to serve God and each other, and working on improving our faults so that we can become more Christ like. If I was asked to sum up what I had learned in a simple phrase, I would say this: "Strive to please people to please God, but don't try to please everybody"

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile year, not only the spiritual side but the fact that I had free use of all the centre equipment and facilities, I had the chance to take part in outdoor activities such as sailing, canoeing, climbing and skiing, I worked with fantastic people and that I was staying in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland. What more could one ask for? I would heartily recommend taking a year out to do something different to anyone. It is a time to break out of the system and to find things out about yourself and others that you never knew before. And it is a whole lot more. You'll never know unless you do it!

If you are interested in finding out more about the Abernethy Trust and what it has to offer **YOU**, contact them and they will be pleased to do everything they can to design a holiday programme to suit your requirements. Telephone or Fax - 01479 821 279.



The Classic Trio have been invited to give a concert in the Institute on Wed 22nd Oct at 7-45pm.

Geof Haydock - clarinettist, has been a principal player in the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra for many years and his wife Penny Smith is also associated with the orchestra as piano accompanist. They are joined by Donald Gillan -cello,

originally from Aberdour, who has studied at the London College of Music with Eileen Croxford. He has played with the SCO and the Edinburgh Quartet and has won many music prizes and competitions.

Tickets will be on sale at Just 'U'
and from Mary Sutcliff-860516

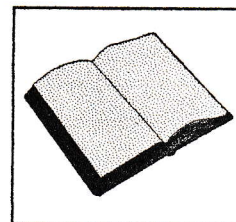
Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be available during the interval.

Advent Bible Study

**Are you interested in an advent bible study?
It will be held on 4 Monday nights, Nov 24th, Dec 1, 8,**

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7.30 - 9.00 in the Church Hall



Everyone is welcome to attend - No previous experience of Bible study is required.

Details from Ronnie Kerr(860848) or the minister

**Thank You to everyone who helped in any way
with the refurbishment of our halls.**

**We now have a splendid suite of halls and are sure all users
will appreciate the transformation.**

The Church Hall convenor is Bruce Drever and all enquiries regarding bookings should be made to him on 860353.

Church Hall Events

Monday	10.30 - 12.00	Bible Study	
Tuesday	4.30 - 6pm	Brownies	Caroline Cameron(860609)
	7 - 9pm	Guides	Moira Meiklejohn(01592873115)
Wednesday	2 - 4pm	Line dancing	George Connell(860304)
	6 - 7.30	Cubs	John Henderson
	7.45 - 9pm	Country Dancing	Sandra McSkimming(823454)
Thursday	12 - 2pm	Lunch Club 1st Thursday monthly	
	6 - 7.30	Beginners line dancing	George Connell
	7.30 - 9.10	Keep fit disco dancing	George Connell
	7.30 - 9pm	Choir practice Upstairs	Jim Fairlie(822393)
Friday	6 - 7pm	Beavers	Mairi Waugh(860208)
	7 - 9pm	Scouts	Ian Smith(860045)

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 12th October

This year we want to celebrate Harvest
by helping Dunfermline Eurosave supply and deliver food boxes
to Croatia and Bosnia.

The groceries which we hope to send are in short supply in these countries and
- anything we provide will be most welcome.

The items required include:

Rice Pasta Spaghetti Noodles Flour Sugar Dried Milk
Biscuits Baby Food Jam and Marmalade(not lemon curd)
Tinned Foods - Fruit Vegetables Deserts and Soups

Please no meat or baked beans

If you would like to help please bring or send your gift to the Harvest service or drop it into
the manse as soon as possible. The newsletter is timed to the Communion service-hence the
short notice but the minister will advise as to latest time for collection.

Notices

Remembrance Day Service.

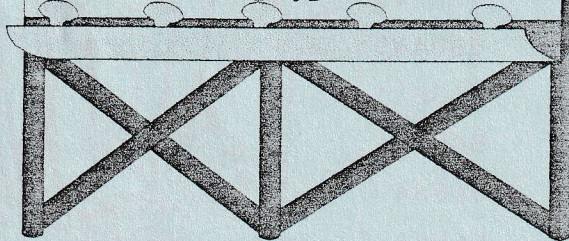
This years service will be on Sunday 9th November and will be held in the Church Hall at 10.30. As part of the service wreaths will be laid at the war memorial.

Sacrament of The Lords Supper

Sunday 19th October at 10.30 and 3pm

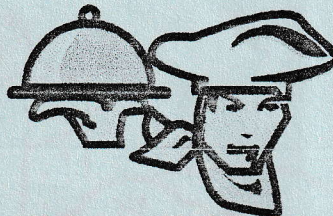
We hope that as many members as can manage join us at the Lords table

Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30. Children join us in church for 15 minutes then go to the Primary School until 11.30. The change to time and venue allows many parents to join us for morning worship but we realise there may be some Sundays when parents cannot attend church yet their children come to Sunday School. To avoid children crossing Hawkraig Rd. unaccompanied we ask parents who have to drop children off to leave them please at the Church gate, rather than in the school playground.



Sunday Creche
We have a weekly creche for babies which meets in the vestry at 10.30am. If you would like to be included in our creche rota please advise Collette Adam(860515)

St. Fillan's Lunch Club



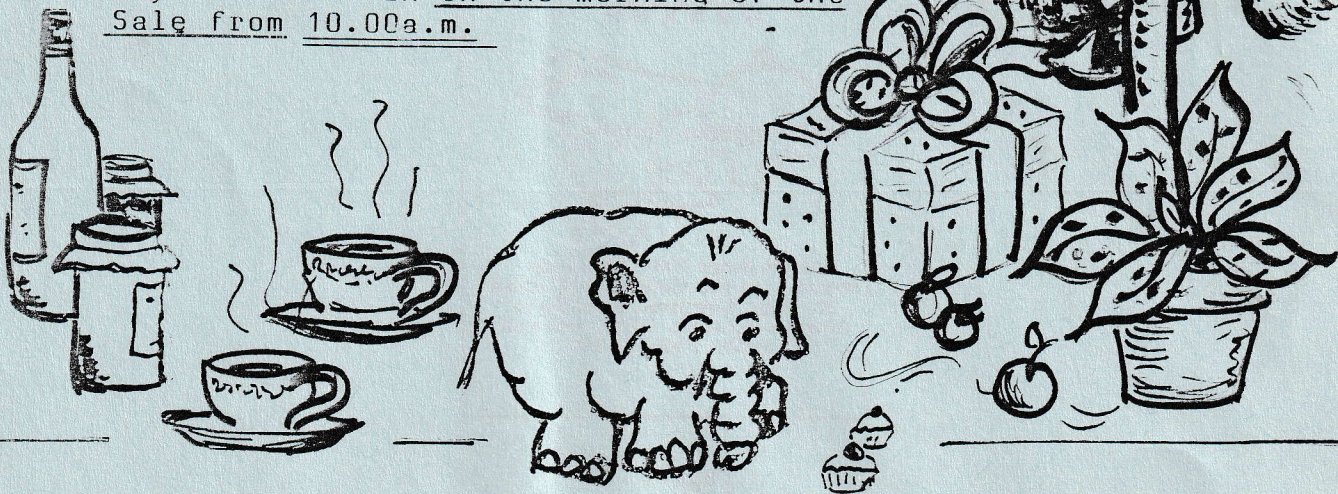
Meets every first Thursday monthly in the Church Hall from 12 - 2pm. Everyone welcome to drop in for soup, filled roll and coffee. Price £1.50.

SALE OF WORK

in THE CHURCH HALL
SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER '97
at 2-30 p.m.

<u>STALLS</u>	<u>CONVENERS</u>	<u>TEL.</u>
BOTTLES	D CROW	860291
BOOKS	D ROBERTSON	860297
WORK	Mrs M RENNIE	860711
GIFTS	Mrs L HUTCHISON	860444
PRODUCE & PLANTS	Mrs M DICKINSON	860449
CAKE & CANDY	Mrs C DUNCAN	860611
WHITE ELEPHANT	Mrs I COCHRANE	860786
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Mrs L BOWIE	860642
TEAS	Mrs J SMITH	860045

YOUR contributions for the various Stalls are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, and may be handed in on the morning of the Sale from 10.00a.m.



Thank YOU for YOUR support!

