March 2008

WELCOME HOME - DAVID and LORNA

Blue skies, coral sand, turquoise seas!

Lorna and I certainly did not go to the Bahamas for the blue skies, coral sand and turquoise seas, though we certainly got all of these. We went to Nassau in response to a plea to help out in a Church of Scotland congregation which had fallen on hard times. One might be forgiven for asking however a congregation came to have three unfortunate ministries in a row. But when

one is actually there, the answer is obvious. They are 'out on a limb', so to speak, and have no way of following up references for ministers from the United States, where two of the previous ministers had come from. But broken manse marriages with resultant alcohol problems were in no way the congregation's fault. So, in their own words, 'bruised and broken, they needed a period of stability and calm'.

We had a rather harrowing journey out. The flight from Glasgow to New York was delayed, and that meant the other two flights had to be re-scheduled. So it was a relief when we were at last met by the Session Clerk on our arrival and whisked off to our home for the next eight weeks.

A car was provided and the next day an elder came to show us the nearest shopping 'plaza' with a supermarketabout 5 minutes away by car. The temperature was 28 C, and palms, bougainvillaea and coconut trees abounded.

Nassau is a city whose 170,000 population is 85% black and 15% white. It is a place of contrasts: some streets full of pot-holes but also some new broad dual carriageways; roadside vendors but also vast modern shop-



St Andrew's Kirk, Nassau



ping malls; humble wooden shacks but also beautiful mansion houses. The traffic in the city centre is horrendous and about one car in every seven had huge bashes in the bodywork, mostly in the rear. There are literally scores of churches, each with locally invented names such as 'The Church of the Resurrection', or 'The Church of the Revived Soul', or 'The Church of Mt Tabor'. They are mostly independent with ministers who give themselves titles such as 'The

Revd Dr Bishop Zedekiah Sweeting'!

St Andrew's Kirk, Nassau, was founded in 1810 and until very recently had been a thriving, ethnically mixed congregation. There are two morning services, one at 9.30 attended by about a dozen people, and one at 11am with some 30. We learned that ten years earlier the church would have been full with a couple of hundred worshippers and full programme of weekly events. Now, only a 'Ladies Society' seems to have survived the traumas of their past six years - apart from a most loyal (robed) choir who present an anthem every Sunday.

It is good to be able to report that during our short stay many Kirk members began to return to Sunday worship. We met some of the nicest people in the world, sincere Christians who had been deeply hurt by shocking and disappointing behaviour that should never have come from men ordained to the ministry. The good news is that the congregation have now called a minister. While I cannot disclose the name of the new minister, as the call has to be affirmed by the Church of Scotland's World Mission committee, Lorna and I have met with him and his wife and we are both delighted he has agreed to accept the call. Suffice it to say that this Nassau St Andrew's Kirk is now constantly in our thoughts and prayers, and we look for good news in the coming months.

Email received on 8th January -

Dear Ken and Jane,

Today marks the beginning of our 7th week here in Nassau; we leave in exactly two weeks time. We have been subjected to living in shacks and having to wash in muddy water.

It has been quite difficult. In case you do not believe me, I attach a couple of pics of the shack we stayed in over the New Year, and of Lorna being forced to wash in an old outside tub. Best wishes for 2008.

David and Lorna

(Ed. - see pictures on back page.)

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

January / February 2008

Baptisms - Adam Biesok

Weddings - None

Funerals - Davie McCullough

DEADLINE DATES FOR DIARIES

APRIL EDITION

Please note that DEADLINE dates <u>must</u> mean exactly that, with all articles and pictures submitted beforehand, or on those dates.

Friday 21st March (Written/preferably typed) Tuesday 25th March (Word-Processed file)

SPREAD THE WORD

Do you have friends who would like to see Quest every month or listen to Martin's sermon each week? Then tell them about our website where they can download Quest and the sermon in a matter of a few seconds at www.arbroathstandrews.org.uk.

Are you virtually housebound and therefore unable to attend Sunday Services? We record our services and then make a CD that can be delivered to your home on a fortnightly basis. If you would like more information about this, then contact Ken Miller on 875235.

For other members who miss a week or two when on holiday, or for other reasons, our 'digging deeper' sheets are available in print in the church vestibule, or online at our website along with the recording of the weekly sermon.

SUNDAY

10.30 am – Gathering for prayer in crèche room.

10.30 am - Choir practice in new hall.

11.00 am - Morning service (with short communion on the third Sunday of each

month. Tea/coffee after.

Creche – up to age 3 Infants – ages 3 to 5

Juniors – ages 8 and 9

Seniors – ages 10 and 11

Sunday Club – Elaine Fair (873238)

Teen Scene – S1 to S2

6.30 to 8.00 pm - Sunday evening ICE-BREAKERS - up to age 16

8.00 pm – Sunday evening Youth Group – age 16 plus

MONDAY

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135)

2.00 pm - Dorothy Dobson Over 50s Exercise Class

6.00 pm – Rainbow Guides – L Hadden (875379)

7.30 pm – St Andrew's Guild : Fortnightly – Joyce Lownie (430053)

7.30 pm – Flower Club : Fortnightly – R Spink (874690)

WEDNESDAY

10.30 am – Midweek Meeting Point – M Fair (873238)

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135)

5.45 pm – Brownies – Morag Scorgie (01674 820721)

7.15 pm - Guides

7.30 pm – Wednesday@Seven30

7.30 pm – Women's Group – first Wednesdays – Elaine Fair (873238)

THURSDAY

10.00 am – Parent and Toddler Group – Joan Archer (876522)

2.00 pm - Friend's Club: first Thursdays - L Smith - B Gerrard, secretary (434821)

6.00 pm - Anchor Boys - J Tasker (874664)

6.00 pm - BB Junior Section - W Ewart (876114)

7.30 pm – BB Company Section – M Clark (437758)

FRIDAY

9.30 am - Coffee morning, main hall

11.00 am - Havilah - Drop-in Centre - Church Office (431135)

Intimations, changes of address, hall bookings etc., please contact Alison Davie at the Church office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and for 15 minutes after Sunday Service, telephone 431135.

Printing, tickets, syllabi, etc - W Marshall (873376).

Please call 875235 in the event of corrections or omissions, and an updated sheet will be produced.

Martin



Fair

February 2008

Dear friends,

While some of us are still recovering from Christmas and New Year, others among us are getting ready for Easter! With Easter Sunday falling on 23rd March, it will be with us before we know it.

But for Christians, Easter is an all-year-round experience. We live every day in the light of the Easter events; the death and rising again of Jesus. If nothing else, Easter is about hope – hope that light is stronger than darkness, that life is stronger than death.

At the end of February, I was privileged to lead *Time for Reflection* at the Scottish Parliament. Here's a rough draft of what I said. As you'll see, I chose to speak about hope, believing that *hope* is a gift we Christians have to offer to the world.

As a sixteen year-old, growing up on the south side of Glasgow, I was so left-wing, politically-speaking, that you'd have had no room for me here...even over there at the far end of the chamber! And at that time, for me, it was all about changing the world – seeing so much of what was going on around me and reckoning it not to be fair.

Twenty-seven years on, I still want to change the world – it's just that now my tactics are: **one person at a time.**The congregation I lead in Arbroath runs a ministry service that we call Havilah. (A prize for any of you who know the origin of the word Havilah and a topic for your researchers for those of you who don't!) Havilah is a four-times-a-week open door, designed primarily for those who usually find that doors are shut to them. Recently, we've been welcoming something like twenty to thirty men and women into that open space, all of them suffering in one way or another. Most of them have serious alcohol and/ or drug addictions; many have mental health issues; some are registered as being homeless. And all of them, without fail, are lost, lonely and living without that one thing which makes life liveable – hope.

But there is hope.

The good folks of my church who run Havilah give tirelessly of themselves, without thought of reward or recognition, but are not experts in any sense of that word. None of them are trained counsellors or addiction specialists. They don't have a diploma or a degree between them! But they've got time and they're willing to give it. They've got compassion and they're ready to listen, with their hearts. And their faith has given them a love for people that would bowl you over...yes, a love for the kind of people who most of us try our hardest to avoid.

There's a young man in his late-twenties who comes to Havilah — let's call him Jim. He's known nothing apart from heroin for as long as he can remember, until he walked through the door of Havilah. At first he sat in the corner, silent, hiding in his hood. Now he's bright and more alive then at any time since he was a child. He's going into long-term, indepth rehab and he can't wait to get started because he wants a new start, a new life. And he's glimpsed something of what that might be.

Because he's got hope.

Cynics will tell me that it'll take more time than I've got to change the world...one person at a time. Maybe so. But to change one person's world...

That's what gets me going every morning. Here's to the next twenty-seven years!

God bless,

Martin, Elaine, Callum, Andrew, Fraser and Flossie!

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It Makes You Think!

I dreamt death came the other night, and heaven's gates swung wide,

With kindly grace an angel came and ushered me inside.

There, to my astonishment, stood folk I'd known on earth, Some I had judged as quite unfit, or of but little worth. Indignant words rose to my lips, but never were set free, For every face showed stunned surprise - no-one had expected ME!

Home and Away - OUTREACH - Home and Away

Prisoner 94101

Through the Havilah ministry, we have regular contact with people in our community who have problems with drugs and alcohol. Here is something else on the subject to get us all thinking...

I will speak out for those who have no voices, I will stand up for the rights of all the oppressed; I will speak truth and justice, I'll defend the poor and the needy, I will lift up the weak in Jesus name. I will speak out for those who have no choices, I will cry out for those who live without love; I will show God's compassion
To the crushed and broken in spirit, I will lift up the weak in Jesus name.

Dave Bankhead, Sue Rinaldi, Ray Goudie & Steve Bassett. © Word's Spirit of Praise Music/adm. By copycare.

Every drug addict is someone's son. Every drug addict has left a broken heart behind by breaking their own lives. Prisoner 94101 is known to many in the church. He hasn't been seen around for over 3 years, but for two and a half years he was familiar to you and part of our church family. He was also a big part of my family. He was one of my foster sons. He was well loved by us all, but he had an unfortunate family circle. Going back to that family circle, after care, led to drug addiction. Despite my spending two years trying to get through to him about all the risks of drugs, knowing what he was facing, he jumped in with both feet. He began injecting heroin.

If you read last month's article in the words of a drug addict, you will have learned a part of what their life is like. The drug gets priority; it has to, because they are addicted. It is not a drug where you can get up in the morning and say "I'll just stop this today". It controls your life, not the other way round. Imagine your teenage son phoning from a bail hostel, totally hooked on drugs, wanting money for drugs. It is a Sunday afternoon. He is in the hostel for offences relating to drugs - mostly shoplifting. You cannot give him money for drugs because that would be just wrong. You phone all the drug agency help-lines only to find that everything is shut over a weekend. There is nothing anyone can do for him. To be accepted on a programme there is at least a three months waiting list. The boy is left with three choices: try to suffer unbearable pain; go shoplifting; borrow money. What is the most likely option? Unfortunately it is theft that is left being the only way out he can see.

A mum still loves her son. A mum knows it is the drug that is the problem and not their child. Their child has disappeared in a haze of heroin. A mum would want you to know that she loves her son. A mum would want you to love her son. When drugs get a grip on her child, a mum would want you to know that any effort at cutting down, getting on a programme is a cause for great celebration. The mum is proud that her son is trying. Small achievements probably cause more pride than anything they could have done at school. Seeing a child get clean, and it is only a small percentage, causes the best feeling for parents;

better than any work they could ever do. A mum doesn't want to see people shun their kids or cross the street to avoid them.

Prisoner 94101 is currently in Perth Prison awaiting sentence on several charges, mainly shoplifting. Most addicts will try every route possible before moving into the criminal route. They are not criminals by nature. Sure you have to take precautions around them for the protection of yourself and your family, but you don't have to make it obvious either. You just don't leave temptation in his way. Don't give him money, your money is buying drugs, do you want that. But hey, you help meet their needs. You can give toiletries etc, just don't buy anything that is valuable and can be sold. They will be more devastated than you if they do it, but it's hard to believe. Again it's not their choice to do this, it is the drug that is in control.

The song words above could be the theme tune for Havilah. However, if you read the words and take them in, every line could apply to a junkie. It's a fantastic, to the point song. We need to pay attention when we're singing it. The words really do mean something. So for the sake of every drug addict and every drug addict's mother, think about that meaning as you sing the words. Can you sing it/ say it and mean it? Every drug addict and those with similar problems that comes into Havilah is/was someone's son. They come to a place where they are made welcome, loved and find people who are willing to 'stand up', 'cry out' etc., and not stand in judgement over them. Over time, I've got to know a lot more drug addicts in Havilah too. I've learned more and more not to put them in boxes. They are all people. Like 94101, they are someone's son or daughter. They couldn't feel worse about themselves as it is, without us judging them. Boost their morale by caring and you will go much further toward helping them help themselves than you ever could by judging them. Judge them and you confirm that they are right in how badly they see themselves. I could go on and on. I love my foster son still and would like to believe that all those that cared about him before still would too.

Karen Reaney

A CUT ABOVE THE REST!

By the time of the next issue of Quest the Dunphy girls will have shoulder length hair! Thanks to all so far who have sponsored them, and if anyone still wants to do that please speak to one of them – trust me they ALWAYS have a sponsor form and pen in their pocket! The school



have agreed for them to get it cut in school so that they can sell tickets to those who want to come to watch. For those wondering what they are going to do with their long locks, they will be donated to a cancer charity for making wigs.

Tuesday 19th February saw 9 young people – some of the Malawi group and some of their friends – be involved in Slave for the Day at Arbroath High School. This involved teachers bidding for the use of them during the inservice day. Jobs included cleaning windows, filing, cleaning, organizing and even sharpening pencils. Well done to all those who gave up their day off to raise money in this way for Malawi and a big thank you for all the work that Caitlyn put in organizing it.

Fundraiser for March will be a Soup & Bread lunch. This will take place on Saturday, 8th March in the Church hall from 11.30am to 2pm. Tickets will be £2 and will be on sale from one of the group or on the day. Please come along and support the young people. (Sheila Dunphy)



MALAWI SNAPSHOT FROM AQUAID

Women and children rejoicing over new Aquaid borehole at Milli village near Namisu. This is the first source of clean water since the village was founded 110 years ago! The old water supply was a polluted stream, far away in the floor of the valley, and dysentery and cholera have long been common killers. The relief is self evident!

Clerk's Corner

You will remember that in the last Clerk's Corner the first detail of the proposed audit of the many skills of the members of the congregation was mentioned. At the last meeting of the Leadership Group, the final version of this audit was approved and we are now ready to issue it to every member. Indeed, many of you will have already received your copy at church and others of you will have found it included with this edition of Quest.

You will find a very extensive list of opportunities for service and we would ask each one of you to prayerfully consider how you may offer your talents in the service of our Lord. Of course, we know that many of you are already giving very freely of your time and talents, and you will see that there is an opportunity to record this on the form. Equally, you may look at the list and see the range of areas where you could definitely assist.

The information which you will provide will be so valuable to us all and will enhance the work of the Core Groups. We look forward to a superb response!

Jane Miller

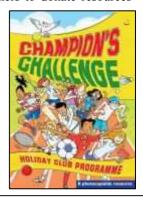
Holiday Club 2008

Through the years, our Holiday Clubs have proved to be highly successful ways of bringing children together to learn more about Jesus and to have great fun! They work equally well for church-family children and for those who, otherwise, have no grounding in the faith. Indeed, it is usual for about 60% of those who attend to be from non-church backgrounds.

This year, we are expecting the Club to be as exciting as ever and to be a great way for Elaine and Audrey to involve the many children they have made contact with through their school lunch-time zones and after-school zone. As well as being great for children, these clubs offer wonderful opportunities for the wider church family to pull together. Around thirty team leaders and helpers are needed as well as those who provide kitchen, technical and craft support. We need lots of people to make soup for the team lunches and many others to donate resources

for junk modeling etc. The Holiday Club Coffee Morning (which coincides with Club Registration Day) takes place on Saturday 29th March, from 10am to 12noon; that is the ideal opportunity for you to come along and lend your support to the club if you are not involved in a more direct way.

So, *Champions Challenge* is nearly with us. Get the word out to children you know and help to make sure it is a club to remember... and one through which lots of children move a little nearer to trusting in Jesus.



Holy Land and Oberammergau

The last issue of QUEST gave outline details of two trips that are on offer – to the Holy Land in 2009 and to Oberammergau in 2010! Both of these trips are entirely dependent on numbers and will not happen if there is insufficient interest. To allow us to begin to assess the level of interest that there might be, there will be a meeting on

Thursday 13th March, at 7.45pm.

All those who are even vaguely interested – in one or other of the trips or both – are invited to come. Your attendance at that information meeting will not be taken as meaning that you are signing up...simply that you want to find out more. If you are interested, but cannot make the meeting, then please speak to the minister at another time.

National Gathering 3-4th May 2008

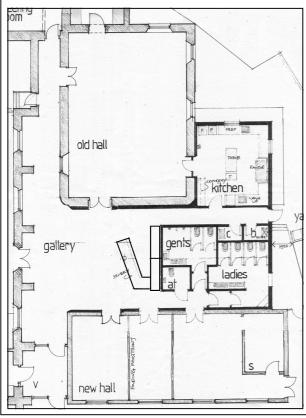
Elsewhere, or through the pages of QUEST, most of you will by now have heard of the *National Gathering*, set to take place at Inglestone Showground, Edinburgh, over the weekend of 3-4th May 2008. Potentially, this is going to be the biggest gathering the Church of Scotland has ever hosted – a great coming together to celebrate our shared faith and to seek inspiration for our mission to the people of our nation. There will be dedicated streams for children and youth and all kinds of options for adults, with the climax of the event being an all-age worship event led by

Stuart Townend. People might choose to go on the Saturday, or the Sunday, or for the whole weekend. In that case, there are camping options on-site or B&B or motel options in the local vicinity.

As a congregation, we are going to be represented – one among hundreds of congregations who have bought a tent to have as their base. These tents will form a huge tented village with each congregation telling its story in one way or another. At the end of the event, all of these tents are being donated to a relief agency for use in emergency situations as they occur throughout the world.

So, if you have never made T in the Park, and you have been looking for a Christian version of the festival experience, then this is for you. See you there!

The Buildings Project - Update



Working with our Architect, the project group have made improvements to the draft plans. You will see that we have now been able to incorporate a new and much larger kitchen in a more central location, while still keeping the central toilet areas as planned earlier. The Link Block (gallery on the plan) has also increased in size and there will now be an access door from the sanctuary directly into this superb gathering area which gives easy access to all other facilities. Our current kitchen will be converted to a store.

Although our plans have expanded, we have also been working hard to balance this with economies in other ways and we therefore anticipate that our projected budget will not increase significantly.

Within the next few weeks we will be submitting this final plan to Angus Council.

LOOKING AHEAD

In addition to those detailed below, we have -

A 40 Min service every Wednesday at 10.30 am

MESSY Church, 4-6pm, last

Sunday of every month, for all the family, with games, craft, worship, & all-together meal

MARCH

Sunday 2 11 am - Worship Service 8 pm OFF the W.O.L.

Sunday 9 11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 16 11 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service

Sunday 23 8 am - Easter Day Sunrise Service 11 am - Easter Celebration with all-age communion

Sunday 30 11 am - Worship Service 4 pm - MSSY Church!

APRIL

Sunday 6 11 am - Worship Service 8 pm OFF the W.O.L.

Sunday 13 11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 20 11 am - Worship Service Main service is followed by short communion

Sunday 27
11 am - Worship Service
4pm - MSSQ Church!

Pictures

If possible, would contibutors please submit photos as attachments to emails, rather than as embedded web pictures which have a very low resolution. A jpeg image of around 400 to 800 Kb should give quite good quality for printing - and even 200 Kb might suffice. Thank you.

One Day

One day, when I was a freshman in High School, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle and it looked like he was carrying all of his books.

I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd."

I had quite a weekend planned (parties and football game with my friends the next afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him.

He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives."

He looked at me and said, "Hey thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude.

I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school before now. I would have never hung out his speech, so I smacked him on the

talked all the way home, and I carried some of his books.

He turned out to be a pretty cool kid, so I asked him if he wanted to play a little football with my friends and he said yes. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same of him.

Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are going to really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, and that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship. Kyle was valedictorian of our class and I teased him all the time about being a nerd.

And now he had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. On graduation day, I saw Kyle and he looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Boy, sometimes I was jealous and today was one of those days.

I could see that he was nervous about with a private school kid before, but we back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll

be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach...but mostly your friends... I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story."

I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his Mom wouldn't have to do it later and that was why he was carrying all his stuff home.

He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable." I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his Mom and Dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile.

Not until that moment did I realize its

Never underestimate the power of your actions.

With one small gesture you can change a person's life, for better or for worse.

God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way.

Look for God in others.

Valentine's Day Giveaway

Did you get a Valentine's Day card this year? So many people are let down and disappointed each year when the postman comes and goes with nothing to deliver but nastybrown-bills. This year we wanted to change that - by giving out 1000 Valentine's Day cards and chocolates! I designed a Valentine's Day card, written as if from God to the person receiving it. The words were:

Happy Valentine's Day!

My heart beats with never-ending love for you. Your life is so valuable - more precious than a bucketful of diamonds! I'm so excited to see the person you're becoming,

and all you will achieve. Never forget, through thick and thin, now and always...I'm here for you. All my love, God

We gave the cards and chocolates to everyone at Arbroath Academy (700 people), as well as 300 on the High Street in Arbroath. The responses we received were very positive, with a few people saying it had really made their day.

Please pray for everyone who received a Valentine's Day card from us, that God's love would touch their hearts and would draw them closer to knowing Him.

If you never received a Valentine's Day card this year take those words above to be for YOU! Everyone has a (Chris Barton) Valentine...God loves you so much!

Smokie Blues Donation

Arbroath Smokie Blues, a not for profit organisation, hand over a cheque for £1000. This is the profit made from their very successful gospel workshop weekend which took place at St Andrews Church, Arbroath in September last year. The photo shows some of the participants who took part, and Ruth Dickson and Lyla Martin handing over the



cheque to the Rev. Valerie Allen from the Old and Abbey church who accepts it on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.



15th Arbroath

2008 sees the 21st Birthday of Rainbows within the Guiding Association. There are various events being

planned all over the country with a special week during May being dedicated to the birthday celebrations. There has been a special birthday badge made which the girls will work towards using a resource pack called Olivia's Favourites.

This term we have been going around the world, learning about different cultures. How Scottish people like haggis and aborigines eat widgity grubs!! On Monday 11th February, Kirsty and two of her friends, Kirsty L and

Lauren entertained us by playing African Drums. One of the drums was made in Senegal and the other two were made in Guinea. The girls enjoyed dancing to the music.

We currently have places for 4 girls, aged 5 to 6. If you know of any girls who would like to join us, please contact Linda on 875379.





The 'shack' and the 'muddy water' bathtub !!!

David and Lorna stayed in a nice manse but, over the new year, they were invited to stay for two days in this luxurious flat.

