



Tall and Small
Nige Grant and Niamh Hammond

Fun for All - Tall or Small

Glorious sunshine welcomed the St Andrew's Church family outing to a fun day at Crombie Country Park.

The day had begun with our morning worship when our young folks were presented with well deserved prizes. Andrew Fair won the BB Crichton Cup for perfect attendance at church for the second year running. Daniel Jamieson received one of the Crabb memorial prizes and Martin Fair gave a special account of his contributions to St Andrew's Church. We were also treated to two songs from our excellent Junior Praise Band and, of course, Fat Cat just could not resist his usual attempt to get in on the prizes act - hilarious!



Andrew Fair with the Crichton Cup
presented by BB Officer Wilma Ewart

Fat Cat joins the platform party for the United Nations Lifetime Achievement Award - Guess who won the cup!!



We are blessed with having so many young ones, and their exuberance spilled over into the fun and games of the afternoon. Special thanks to Elaine Fair and helpers who made the prize-giving and the picnic, such a success. Thanks too for our youth group who reminded us of the joys of having simple fun, and who happily shared their enthusiasm with even the very youngest who were there. Our pictures say it all.

Daniel Jamieson
received a Crabb
memorial prize from
Martin Fair

Some of the pre-school Sunday Club class about to receive their prizes - David Barton, Eilidh Hammond, Kai Esplan, Emily Mineard, Emily Hamilton and Matthew Scot-Emuakpor



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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

June 2009

Baptisms - None

Weddings - Pamela Slater and Robert Brewster

Funerals - Shirley Hodgens, Linsey Stewart,
Eliza Bridges, Elizabeth Duncan

DEADLINE DATES FOR DIARIES

SEPTEMBER EDITION (NO AUGUST)

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

Friday 21st August (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 25th August (Word-Processed file)

OUT OF BOUNDS!

We thank our members for being patient in not being able to see the church build-
ings progress for themselves.

Recently however, someone was wander-
ing around inside the church buildings
until he was noticed and asked to leave by

the site foreman. The intruder made a
comment about 'just looking around
from a Christian point of view'! Now it
may, or may not, have been someone
from our church, but if one person thinks
they can do that, then why can't anybody
do the same thing whenever they like?!!!!

Our church is still an official building site
and is entirely out of bounds. Under
Health and Safety regulations, this must
be strictly observed.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

New Venues are shown below

SUNDAY

10.15 am – Gathering for prayer.

10.30 am – Choir practice.

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 (Guild Hall, Ogilvy Place)

MONDAY

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

2.00 pm – Dorothy Dobson Over 50s Exercise Class (West Kirk)

6.00 pm – Rainbow Guides – L Hadden (875379) (Guide Hall)

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

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

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) (United Free Church)

7.15 pm – Guides (New Life Centre)

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

THURSDAY

10.00 am – Parent and Toddler Group – Joan Archer (876522) (Old & Abbey Church)

2.00 pm – Friend's Club : first Thursdays – L Smith – B Gerrard, secretary (434821)
(Green Street Hall)

6.00 pm – Anchor Boys – S Jamieson (431942)

6.00 pm – BB Junior Section – W Ewart (876114) (Sea Cadet Hall)

7.30 pm – BB Company Section – M Clark (437758) (Sea Cadet Hall)

FRIDAY

9.30 am – Coffee morning (Old and Abbey Church)

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

**During the refurbishment please contact the church office for information on
alternative venues. 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

July 2009

Dear Friends,

Recently, I had cause to remember a piece of research that was carried out into 'growing churches in the U.K.' The study in question (conducted by the Christian Research Association) identified eight factors which are almost always found in churches that are healthy and growing. Among them, was this: *presence of people of all ages*. Simply put, growing churches tend to have a wide range of age groups represented – from young children to elderly people with everything in between! The converse is also true. It is undeniably difficult to attract younger people to a church that is almost exclusively 'older' and, by the same token, it is difficult to attract more mature people to a church that is populated by (and caters exclusively for) younger people.

On the day of our Sunday Club Prize-giving, as part of our worship we sang, *I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together*. The final verse declares that: *I count if I am ninety, or nine or just a baby!* This song is being used widely throughout churches in Scotland. I'm glad to say that at St. Andrew's, we actually mean it! On that particular day, during the singing we had a group of pre-schoolers dancing at the front (spontaneously!), the singing was being led by our Junior Praise Band (with two eight-year olds playing guitar!) and as the congregation was leaving at the end of the service, a ninety-one year old warmly enthused with me about how much she had enjoyed the service! Everyone counts at St. Andrew's!

Then in the afternoon, at the Church Family Trip to Crombie Park, we had yet more evidence of the *all-age* nature of St. Andrew's. Our teenagers were leading the tiny tots in parachute games, mums and dads were enjoying the sunshine and others of our men (some of them grandparents!) were cooking up a storm at the barbeque! Everyone was taking part and everyone counted.

For as long as I am minister, that's the way it will be. No one group will be considered more important than the other. Every person will count...and that means you, whether you are nine or ninety or just a baby! It's easy to sing about it. Let's ensure that we continue to make it a lived-out truth.

God bless,

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

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Leadership

As members will know, St. Andrew's is operating with a new system of leadership. The Kirk Session still exists, and meets at various key points throughout the year, but much of its decision-making responsibility is delegated to smaller groups. There is, therefore, a Core Group representing each area of Church life and, holding it all together, there is the Leadership Group.

On the second Saturday of June, the members of the Leadership Group, together with the Core Group leaders, spent a day together reflecting on our purposes as a congregation and on what our priorities need to be. Led by The Rev. Dr. George Whyte, Clerk to Edinburgh Presbytery, the group devoted itself to analysing, debating, sharing and discerning – all with the aim of working out what our next steps need to be, as a congregation. And that's the point of leadership!

It would be easy for a congregation to drift, blown by the winds of the age – with no real sense of direction or purpose. If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there! At St. Andrew's, we have been developing a clear vision of who we are and what we are called



to be. Of course, not every detail is fixed in stone. We need to be ready to change and adapt as God speaks anew. But with that being true, you can be sure that your Leadership Group is working its hardest to steer the right course.

In its next meetings, the Leadership Group will be working through the conclusions of the *away day* with a view to translating grand designs into concrete plans and proposals. Watch this space!

Home Communion

During recent weeks, the minister has been delighted to share communion with various of our more elderly members in their homes. This ministry is offered to those who are unable to join with the other members of the church on Sunday (or Wednesday mornings) due to age or infirmity etc. If possible, an elder of the Church joins with the minister in this short and simple service and, without fail, those who receive it are appreciative of being able to share in the Lord's Supper. It serves as a reminder that we share a mystical communion that is regardless of whether or not we are physically present together.

If you would like to make use of this service, please contact the minister directly or channel your request through the Church Office.

Home and Away - OUTREACH - Home and Away

Malawi 09 team

At the end of morning service on Sunday 28th June, our congregation gathered to wave farewell to our Malawi 09 team as we departed for a whole month - we will arrive back on Tuesday 28th July.



**Thomas Coutts, Fraser Dunphy, Neil Grant, Sheila Dunphy, Michael Marr
Naomi Dunphy, Alison Skea, Leigh Addis, Caitlyn Beattie
Jade Gordon, Cara Lee, Gemma Woodcock, Rachel Martin**

We will join Charis and Becky out there, assisting with sports activities, arts and crafts sessions and being classroom assistants. This time we are organising and running an inter school sports day between some of the schools in the area - the top school will win the Scottish Cup!

Our two main projects for the trip are building a play area for the children at the St Andrews Day Care and Residence at

Thyolo, and getting a clinic up and running at Namisu. We are taking £12,000 with us to enable us to do this and other work at our two centres. This money is what has been raised through gifts and fundraising. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank all who have given gifts and supported us in our many fundraising events. Hopefully you enjoyed them and will now be encouraged to know the money will be put to such good use.

We would look forward to giving you an update on our return. Please continue to pray for the team and our work in Malawi.

See you at the end of July!

Sheila Dunphy

7th ARBROATH B.B. PARENTS' NIGHT

The 48th Annual Parade and Parents' Night took place in the Sea Cadet Halls in East Abbey Street, due to the refurbishment of St. Andrew's Church. Captain E.J. Matthew M.B.E. welcomed everyone and introduced Mr Derek Scott, Treasurer of St. Andrew's Church, as Inspecting Officer.

The evening was in two parts owing to space within the halls. Anchor and Juniors Sections took place first and Mrs Sharon Jamieson, O.I.C. Anchor Section, gave a detailed report of the Company activities throughout the year highlighting the recent sponsored walk and family day out at Crombie Park to raise funds for our own company and for the B.B. 125 project to raise funds for the Children's Hospices. The sum of over £1,000 was raised and £500 was sent to CHAS.

The Company Chaplain, The Rev. Dr. W. Martin Fair conducted the opening devotions. The boys started the evening with songs that they had sung at the Special

Friends night a few weeks ago which was also part of their 125 B.B. Challenge. After inspection the following awards were made by Mrs I. Scott to:

1st year Anchor Dylan Roberts. 3rd year Anchor Gregor Milne, Leon Gibson, Jack Webster, Joshua Gall, Conner Townsend, and Fraser Fair.

Junior Section Awards were announced by Mrs. Wilma H. Ewart O.I.C. as follows:

Best Boy 1st year Calum McIntosh, 2nd year Calum Ferguson, and 3rd year Graeme Hamilton. The Marshall Shield went to Andrew Fair.

After a short break the Company Section formed up and was inspected and the main awards were announced by Mr Michael Clark O.I.C. as:

Christian Education Trophy, Daniel Jamieson, the Findlay Memorial Cup, Ryes Cuthbert. The Attendance Trophy was shared among 7 boys this year.

Mr Derek Scott spoke to both sections and congratulated them on a very smart turn out and wished them continued success when they return to the refurbished church in the autumn. Daniel Jamieson presented Mrs Scott with a basket of flowers. Captain Matthew closed the evening with prayer.

Final Preparations

The last month has been extremely busy with my final preparations for my trip to South Africa. Thank you to everyone who has so generously offered support over the last few months. It has been extremely encouraging and greatly appreciated. Thanks also to everyone who has asked to receive prayer letters while I'm away.

The Family Quiz Night which was held on the 19th of June was a huge success and was enjoyed by all. The winning team was 'Keith's Eggheads' and the winner of Guess the Bear's Birthday was Jorja Southwick. The combined total raised was £355. Thanks to everyone who supported both of these fundraisers. A huge thank you must go to Gaynor for all her hard work prior to the quiz and on the night itself.

I'll be away now until the beginning of August but will hopefully manage to keep you all updated with what I'm doing through email and prayer letters.



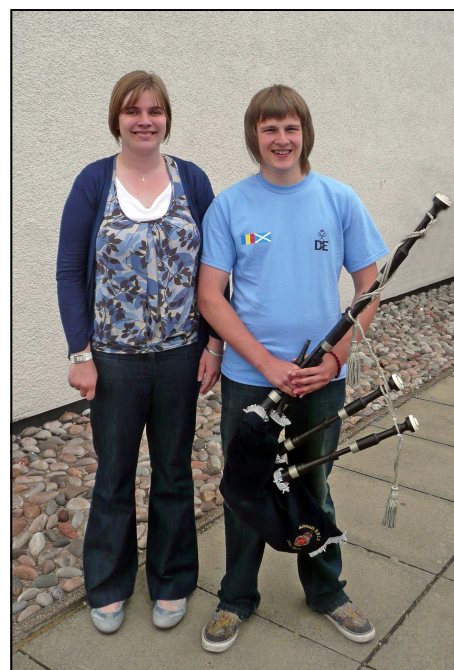
The Eggheads - Jenny Burns, Laura Bailey, Lesley Bailey, Margaret Stibbles, Keith Scott and Sarah Bailey

Thanks again for all your support.

Amy Ramsay

Well Done, Jack

Yet another of our young men is about to serve others. Jack Newth is going to Romania to help in an Orphanage as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Amy Ramsay and Jack Newth

Along with Amy and our Malawi Team, Jack received a blessing from Martin Fair and, afterwards, in a very moving farewell to the Malawi team, Jack used his excellent piping skills in 'Highland Cathedral' and 'Scotland The Brave'.

Yes, we have every reason to be extremely proud of our young men and women.

What if His people prayed?

Sheila, our Youth Worker, phoned me to tell me that one of our young people had suggested a week of prayer prior to the Malawi trip, to take place each morning in OBs at 7am. I was delighted that there was such a desire – that our young people were willing and wanting to prepare for their trip in this way!

The first morning at OBs began with a song by the *Casting Crowns* being played: 'What if his people prayed?' And then we did just that; we prayed together – for our young people, for the final preparations being made, for Becky and Charis already in Malawi etc. etc. It was a joy to be there. Our young people pray so comfortably and so naturally. They don't try to use special *religious* language – they just use words that come from the heart. Sometimes they mumble and stutter and get their 'ps' and 'qs' in a muddle but of course none of that matters.

Older generations of Christians have got a lot to learn from these, our youngsters. Others were, of course, raised in an environment in which *the minister* was the one who did the praying. There was no need or expectation that others might share in that; certainly not in public. But these are different times. Sharing in prayer is much more common. Some of us remain very reluctant, not sure what to say and how to say it. Out youngsters have no such inhibitions!

There is much that these young people can learn from older Christians. And there is much that older Christians can learn from them! That's the beauty of all-age Church.

P.S. Did you know that every year there is an event for young people from around Scotland called *Strictly Come Praying*? And did you know that the youth group from St. Andrew's was unable to go this year because the event was sold out!!! Wow! Can you imagine an *adult* prayer gathering selling out?

Back Door Sale

More Help Needed

As you are aware we had another successful year last year with the Back Door Sale even although we had a rather wet start.

A tremendous amount of work goes in beforehand in the months and weeks leading up to the event but, unfortunately, the work beforehand is left to the same folks year in and year out. It would be great if a little more help could be provided as it is certainly one of the biggest fundraisers for the church annually.

Mary, Lena and her usual team of helpers do need some more support in this very worthwhile venture, and with a little more help and effort we can make it a success again this year.

Thanking you all in anticipation,

Iona Paton

Converted to the Blues for Malawi!

First of all I have to explain a few things about this concert. Number One! It was held in a Church. Number two! 90% of the audience had never heard a blues singer and admitted to me that they had no idea what blues was all about and had bought a ticket to support the church's Malawi Group where all the profits were going. In the presence of about sixty



people aged from teens to senior citizens, we were fortunate to have someone in Doug MacLeod with the intelligence, the humour, the patience, and the downright talent to convert this audience to a new genre of music. I can say with all sincerity, of all the concerts and festivals we have organised, this particular one gave me the most satisfaction of all. I can only compare it with having a horrible game of golf and wanting to get into the clubhouse as soon as possible, then coming down the eighteenth you hit a beauty and make a birdie and all is well again.

When Doug spoke at the start he explained exactly what the blues was all about, not the doom and gloom many people relate to it. The first song, "Take my blues", was in itself a explanation of the individuality of the music. Next Doug talked himself into "Working man blues" and by this time you could feel the audience loosening up. By the time he got to "Brand new eyes" he had the audience well and truly going and, with a great repartee between each song he carried on with "Welcome in your home". When Doug announced a short interval you could sense the disappointment as this audience were hearing something they had not expected and were up for more.

After the short interval, "Nature of the man" was the first song. All the songs were penned by Doug and the humour of "Bread ain't done" brought the house down - we were really in the swing of it now. After "One good woman", "Sun shine down", "I respectfully decline" and "Long black train", Doug finished off with a tribute to Mary with "This old river" and you could see hands reaching into pockets for tissues. With the beautiful slide guitar accompaniment this was a night when the blues gained a new audience. No rock, no loud music, just one man and a guitar. If you did not see Doug on tour this year you will have to wait until next year now, but don't you dare miss him if he is near you next year.

Alfie Dickson, Smokie Blues

Clerk's Corner

We are all eagerly looking forward to the return to St Andrew's and the recent glimpses we have been able to have through the open doors has shown us that we are going to have a beautiful sanctuary. It will, however, need regular work to keep it beautiful week by week.

So, in order to be well prepared, we would like to have a large team of people who would be prepared to help with the cleaning of the sanctuary on a rota basis. Obviously the more people on this rota, then less demand is made on each one. We already have a number of volunteers from the existing cleaning team who will be continuing with this work.

At this stage it is not possible to decide on which day/evening of the week cleaning will take place and it is possible that there

will be flexibility about this depending on how great the demand will be from outside organisations for lets of the building. Some anxiety has been expressed about the possible need to move all the chairs every week to allow cleaning to take place, but we do not anticipate that this will be necessary on a weekly basis.

If you can wield a duster, use spray polish, manoeuvre a Hoover or slosh a mop about then we would love to hear from you – both men and women. Putting your name forward at this stage will not mean that you are definitely committed as we do understand that the arrangements are rather fluid at the moment.

Is this a service you could offer? If so, then please contact me as soon as possible - 875235. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jane Miller

LOOKING AHEAD

(N.B. Services throughout the school summer holidays will be held in Knox's Church with the exception of Sunday 26th July. Details of arrangements for that day will be published in due course. Please note 11.30 am start times.)

JULY

Sunday 5

11.30 am - Worship Service

Sunday 12

11.30 am - Worship Service

Sunday 19

11.30 am - Worship Service

Sunday 26

11.30 am - Worship Service

AUGUST

Sunday 2

11.30 am - Worship Service
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L. in the Windmill Christian Centre

Sunday 9

11.30 am - Worship Service

Sunday 16

11.30 am - Worship Service
followed by short celebration of Communion

Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service
(Arbroath Academy)

Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service
(Arbroath Academy)

N.B. As well as the services above there is the following:

♦ **A 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30am in Old and Abbey**

♦ **Messy Church, from 4-6pm, on the last Sunday of every month – 2 hours for all the family, with games, craft, worship and an all-together meal - in Old and Abbey**

Voucher Schemes

Tesco and the Daily Record are issuing vouchers to collect for equipment for schools and sports clubs. If you receive these vouchers and have no group to pass them on to, please hand them into the church office and we can direct them to groups in our area.

Friends Club

We held our May meeting and Birthday Party in the Green Street Hall. Liz Smith, President, welcomed everyone to our 47th Birthday Party and introduced our guest, Ruth Bell and our entertainer, Mike McEwan and his wife, Helen. The cake was cut by Mary Laing and Jessie Calder and the opening and prayers were led by Jackie Carnegie.

Our entertainer, Mike, played a variety of Scottish tunes, show tunes and sing-a-long tunes. He also gave us a very enjoyable quiz. The vote of thanks was given by Irene Sim and a cheque for £100 was presented to Mr Fowles for the Renal Unit at Arbroath Infirmary. We then enjoyed a birthday tea of sausage rolls, jelly and fruit and birthday cake.

Our June meeting and AGM was held in the West Kirk Hall and Jackie Carnegie, our Vice President welcomed everyone including Ruth Bell and our entertainers for the afternoon, the Friendship Concert Party. Ruth led us in prayer and after the business, took over the Chair for the AGM. Office Bearers elected for next session are: President, Liz Smith; Vice President, Jackie Carnegie; Secretary, Beatrice Gerrard; Treasurer, Isobel Mitchell; Catering, Norma Beattie; Kitchen, Nancy Craig; Pianist, Jocelyn Slater and new committee member, Jean Beattie. Ruth gave over the chair to Jackie who then welcomed our entertainers, Edith Garrow, Margaret Gibb, Margaret Gellatly, Emmy Lewis and Iris Singer. They started off with a number of animal songs followed by the hilarious 'Five Bonnie Lassies from Arbroath'. Margaret Gellatly and Edith then did a routine from 'Scotland the What'. The vote of thanks was given by Earl Matthew. We then enjoyed refreshments of cheese and biscuits, shortbread, strawberries and cream.

Beatitudes for a church without walls

Blessed are you when you smile at me - for then I know I'm welcome

Blessed are you when you look at me with love - for then I know I am special

Blessed are you when you wait for me - for then I know I belong

Blessed are you when you walk with me in public places - for then I know you are proud of me

Blessed are you when you ask me for help - for then I know I matter

Blessed are you when you are gentle with me - for then I am sure that I am loved

Blessed are you when you believe in me - for then I know that I am valued

Blessed are you when you hold my hand - how else can I feel God's compassion?

Heaven and Hell

A holy man was having a conversation with God one day and said,
"God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

God led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished.

They were holding spoons with very long handles, that were strapped to their arms and each found it impossible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful.

But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

God said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one.

There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water.

The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple", said God. "It requires but one skill."

"You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

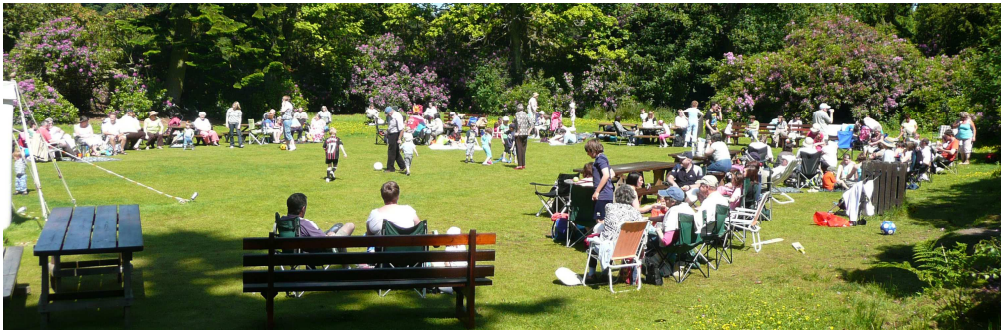
BACK DOOR SALE

Saturday 1st August 2009

Items are now being collected for the stalls at this year's BACK DOOR SALE. Baking, produce, books, good-as-new, bric-a-brac, furniture, lucky dip, BBQ, tea and coffee. In fact, anything, however big or unusual.

Please consider having a 'clear-out' and donating any unwanted items. All proceeds go to the Fabric Fund.

Contact Mary Nicol (877601) for more information or if you would like any items uplifted.



A large gathering, on a beautiful day, enjoying the games and a barbeque



Emily, Sarah and Eilidh



Michael Marr rocket



What is Martin doing now! - Alison Davie, Margaret Esplan, Fiona Esplan, Lawrence Davie



Bairns having fun!



Real effort from Kai, Lewis, Heather, Josh, Caitlin, Lucy, and Fraser



Lee, Jenni, Aaron, Nige, Michael, Thomas, Jordan and Jack / Cailin, Laura, Caoilphin, Callum, Cally and Rebecca



The Ladies' race being taken seriously / Even the editor tries to prove he is still young at heart!

