



Memorable Guild Evening



**Ruth Bell, Linda Gray, Ian Dunn, Betty Dunn,
Martin Fair, Mary Calcott and Rick Calcott**

The East/West Angus Rally was held in our own church on the evening of 12th May and we were very privileged to have our National Convenor, Betty Dunn as our special guest. A meal was served by the ladies of our guild, for the guests and members of East and West Presbyterian Councils. Around 120 guild members attended.

Betty Dunn gave a talk on her year as National Convenor and it was very interesting to hear where she had travelled to and in all sorts of weather, the many people she had met and of even having to hold a meeting in a 'night club.' (She had never been to a nightclub before so it was definitely a new experience!)

The entertainment for the evening was by Alison McDonald (soprano), Ruth Black (mezzo-soprano) and Alison Hart (accompanist). As usual these ladies gave us a lovely programme and we were delighted they were able to be with us. The evening was rounded off by a cup of tea and a gorgeous display of cakes.



Ruth Black and Alison McDonald

Doris Bowie



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**ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH
REGISTER OF MEMBERS****May 2010****Baptisms** - Daniel Merryweather,
son of Ian and Lynsey**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Jean Falconer, Margaret Cowie**IMPORTANT DATES****JULY EDITION**

Please note that **DEADLINE** dates **must** mean exactly that. Information that needs to be Word Processed should be handed in to the **office** by the **first** date and **not** to the Editor.

Friday 18th June (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 22nd June (Word-Processed file)

CDs of Services

These are available for any house-bound members who are unable to attend either Sunday or Wednesday services. If interested, please contact Ken Miller on 875235.

For all other members, please note that the weekly sermons go on our website and are therefore accessible for those who may miss some due to being on holidays etc.

Not Official Photographer!

Because I occasionally carry my camera and take pictures when I see fit, and because I edit Quest, it is very understandable that some folks think that they should request my attendance at functions (etc etc etc) to take photos. Regretfully, I feel that I cannot do more than at present and have had to say no on many occasions.

However digital cameras abound, and I am always happy to receive any photos by email.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**Organisations will alert members when changes to venues are made.****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

MONDAY

12.00 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 – M McIntosh (876993)

WEDNESDAY

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

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

5.45 pm – Brownies – Morag Scorgie (01674 820721)

7.15 pm – Guides

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 – S Jamieson (431942)

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

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

FRIDAY

9.30 am – Coffee morning

12.00 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.

Please call 431135 in the event of corrections or omissions, and an updated sheet will be produced.

Martin



Fair

June 2010

Dear Friends,

With Margaret Esplan enjoying a fantastic two weeks in Senegal and Mary Scott a follow-up trip to Malawi, it's clear that the sky really is the limit in terms of what we can do and where we can go nowadays. Formerly, African travel was the reserve of long-term missionaries; the thought of jumping on a plane and being there within a few hours would have sounded ludicrous to them! Not only that, but with Margaret being on just the wrong side of her *youth*, and Mary a little beyond that (sorry, ladies!!!), it's clear that you don't have to be just out of university to explore the global village in which we live.

As for the intrepid Becky, she's just completing her first year at university but already has several African trips under her belt together with the whole year that she spent there after finishing school.

Yesterday (17th May) Becky was due to return to Malawi on a three-week trip to revisit those she had spent the year with and to do some forward planning for the 2011 trip which our young people are even now building towards. Unfortunately, she didn't get off the ground with the volcanic ash cloud putting paid to her plans. (Can't these nice Icelandic people keep their ash to themselves!!) Hopefully, she will depart tomorrow on a re-scheduled flight.

Even so, such happenings come to us as a sharp reminder of our frailty in the face of the awesome power of nature. The power required to get the hundreds of tonnes of metal that is an aircraft off the ground is nothing compared to the power unleashed by a volcanic eruption. Yes, there would seem to be no end to human ingenuity – no end to what our finest minds can come up with in terms of technological advance and awe-inspiring feats of engineering. But it all counts for nought when this planet of ours decides to let off some steam!

Humbling it may be, but it does us all good from time to time to be reminded that we are mere creatures, God alone the Creator. When humility really takes off – even when planes can't! – we realise that, for all the inequalities, we're really not that different from our brothers and sisters in far-off African lands after all.

God Bless,

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

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When is an SO not an SO?

Answer - when it expires! Which is what happened, last November, to all the Standing Orders of those good folks who had pledged for the previous 18 months in May 2008.

Recently, in connection with our Refurbishment Appeal Fund, we circulated a letter to those who had not returned a

card from our second pledge day of last November. At least two folks were surprised to have got a letter because, quite understandably, they thought their SO was ongoing - and now they have gladly re-pledged for another 18 months.

If you also had not realised this, and would like to renew your pledge, then please return the card to our treasurer, or contact our Administrator, Alison Davie, at the church office for further information (431135).

AID FADES?

As always, a big *thank you* to the team of door-to-door collectors who covered the streets of our parish on behalf of Christian Aid. Every penny counts in terms of fighting poverty and inequality throughout the developing world and right here in the U.K.

There seems to be little doubt that the recession is having an effect on charitable givings. Several of our collectors commented on there being a lower return rate than in previous years and on the number of people who said that they had nothing to give. (In one particular street of over eighty houses, only eleven envelopes were returned.) Whether that is true or not is another question but there is no doubt that

there are people who are looking at aid programmes and questioning whether they can be maintained in hard times. The Church doesn't get to ask that question! We're called to put others first and to stand alongside the poor and the marginalised in every season.

With that in mind, Rab Bramhall and David Cochrane are undertaking the gruelling London to Paris cycle run this summer. (See their picture on the back page.) Along with a group that will number over a hundred, they will cover the three hundred miles on behalf of Christian Aid. Even now, both of them are in hard training for the 21st July start date! If you weren't able to attend their *Curry Night* event (which raised over £850 of donations and pledges) but would like to support them, you can leave an envelope at the Church Office or see either of them on Sunday mornings.

Havilah Funding

As the Havilah Management Committee continues to pursue additional funding for the project and to pursue the possibility of dedicated premises, there has been encouragement on a number of fronts. As yet, there is nothing specific to announce but various avenues for potential financial support are being discussed with both statutory and voluntary sources. At the same time, we hosted an evening for local business people and key figures from across the community to inform them as to the nature of the Havilah Project and to ask them to consider offering their support. Similarly, initial discussions have taken place in relation to premises.

Please continue to pray for this key part of our outreach ministry as we seek to take it forward to the next level.

Almost a year ago, *Insight* established an office in Arbroath, as an expansion of their service into the Angus area. Formerly, they had operated only in Dundee. Guild members may well remember the visit that they had from Mary Rodgers, who is the Service Manager, and all of us had the chance to meet Mary when she shared with us during worship one Sunday morning.

In a nutshell, *Insight* offers the full range of counselling services, from a Christian perspective. Whether a person is suffering from depression or from anxiety or is struggling to recover from a painful bereavement or relationship break-up, *Insight* counsellors are there to help. At this point in time, there are around one hundred people on their Arbroath office waiting list, which is proof enough of the need for such a service.



Next on their agenda, is the establishing of a counselling service for children – another area of real need. As adults struggle to cope and as families suffer accordingly,

so children become subject to stresses and strains for which they are not nearly equipped. *Insight* is aiming to make a difference in that area. Isn't it great that we have a Christian-based organisation active in this kind

of service!

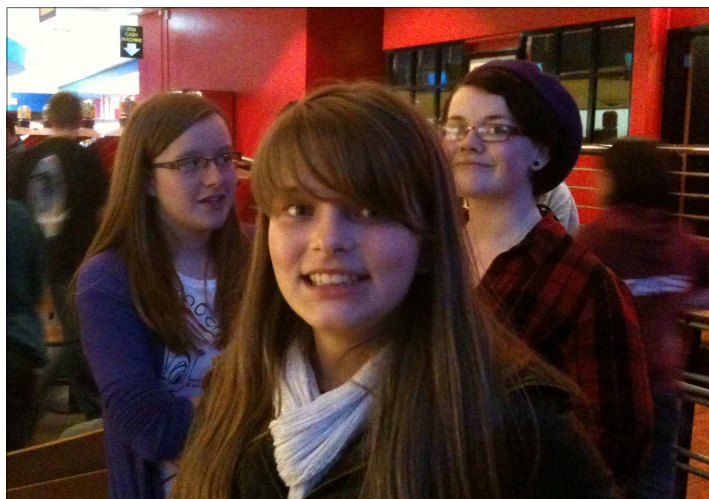
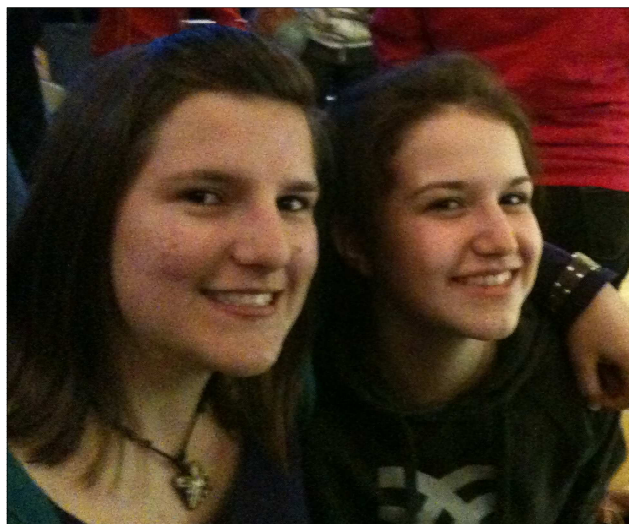
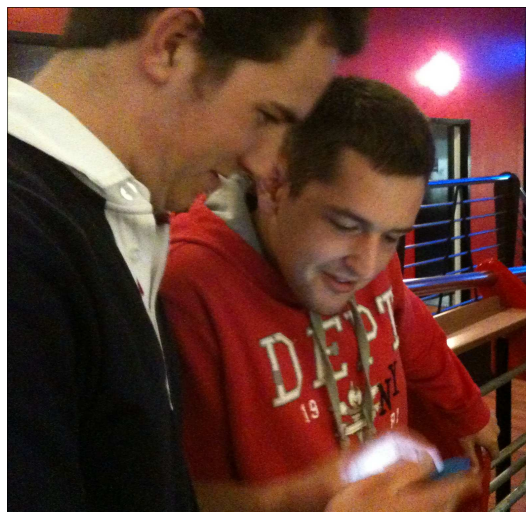
For further information or to enquire about services offered, contact:

Insight Counselling at 125 High Street, Arbroath

TEL: 01241 871140

www.insightcanhelp.co.uk

Youth Group Goes Bowling



Rachael Stewart and Jenni Marr

Carla Ingram, Bronwen Barton, and Leigh Addis

Top right - Michael Marr and Nige Grant

Church Family Trip



As usual, our Church Family Trip will take place following the Sunday Club Prizegiving, this year scheduled for Sunday 27th June. We're heading to Wellbank where there is an excellent hall and park, meaning that we'll be covered whatever the weather. Although the weather was brilliant last year, some folks who were with us the previous couple of years will appreciate the change of venue!!

Alongside the BBQ, there will be all of the much-loved fun and games, together with traditional races and tuck shop. Bring your own picnic but expect to enjoy a great-tasting burger about half-way through the afternoon. You can make your own way there or come aboard the bus that will leave the church at 1.30pm. Tickets will be available throughout June. Details can be had from Elaine Fair, Sunday Club Co-ordinator.

The Hospital Window

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, and where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and

imagine the picturesque scene. One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find that the man by the window had died peacefully in his sleep.

Days later, when it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate to describe such wonderful things outside a window that did not exist. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue:

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.

Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present.

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

Sunday 6
11 am - Worship Service
including presentation of
Boys Brigade senior awards
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L.

Sunday 13
11 am - Worship Service

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

Sunday 27
11 am - Worship Service
Including
Sunday Club Prize-giving

There will be
No Messy Church in June;
we will be enjoying the
Church Family Picnic instead!

JULY

Sunday 4
11 am - Worship Service
including Service of Blessing

Sunday 11
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 18
11 am - Worship Service
Main service followed by
short Communion

Sunday 25
11 am - Worship Service

GUILD NEWS

The Songs of Praise evening at Dun church on 25th April was very well attended and a good number of our favourite hymns were sung. I had never been there before but it is an absolutely lovely church, tucked away up a wee country road, and the hospitality from the ladies of the Guild was really superb.

Thank you to them all.

Doris Bowie

Calling all bookworms!

One of the joint ventures between St Andrew's and Old & Abbey Churches is a small and friendly book group which meets at Old & Abbey once a month on a Sunday morning before church. The group is open to everyone who likes a good read, so you can bring along friends who aren't church members, and then invite them to stay on for the service afterwards...

Our discussions often veer away from the book in hand to encompass anything and everything! I've found it's a great way of reading books that I wouldn't otherwise choose, and we all throw in suggestions about titles for future months. We always go for titles that are available through the local library, so there's no need to buy any books. For the past couple of years we've also read the nominations for the local teenage fiction

competition called the Angus Book Award, so if you have teenagers in the family it's a good way of keeping in touch with what the younger generation are reading. It doesn't matter if you don't manage to finish a book either - in busy months when I don't have much time to read, I've still enjoyed the discussions at the book group.

Our next few meetings and books are:

- Sunday 27th June - *Joseph Knight*
by James Robertson
- Sunday 25th July - *Warnings of Gales*
by Annie Saunders
- Sunday 22nd August - *Boy A*
by Jonathan Trigell

If you'd like to know more, speak to Linda McDonald (ph: 876727). If you are interested in joining us, we meet in the Old & Abbey session room at 9.45am so feel free to come along.

Summer Fair Community Centre Saturday 12th June 10am - 4pm

The time is nigh! Organisers and stall holders are now asking for a final push to make this event a great success.

Please look at the May edition of the magazine where the full lists of stalls and the details of contact people are listed.

The various leaders of the stalls are now actively approaching members of the congregation for help to staff everything. If you have not been approached and know that you could offer help, then please let us know. There is a particular need for volunteers to serve the teas and coffees throughout the day.

Please remember that we do not want any bric-a-brac, but will welcome good quality toys, books, DVDs and CDs. The Accessorize Stall will have jewellery and scarves available for sale, and who knows, you might get a designer handbag at a knock down price.

We know that many of you have been gathering and making articles for sale and storing them at home. Now you will be able to either bring them to the Community Centre on the evening of Friday 11th June or bring them to the church on any day from Sunday 6th June onwards.

Please invite your friends and family to come along and enjoy the fun of the fair. Children are especially welcome and there are activities specially planned for them. We would like to be rushed off our feet!

A Whole lot of Fun for the Whole Family

Teas, coffees

Face art
Tattoos
Hair braiding



Soup lunches

Displays inc:
junior instrumental band
Showcase The Street



Stalls

cake & candy
accessories
books, cds, dvds
crafts
mystery parcels
toys
plants/flowers

Draws,
Competitions
Prizes!!

Games
keepy uppy
wii and
much more

Clerk's Corner

Have you ever thought about the work that goes into the production of Quest?

First of all articles to fill its pages are needed and you know that along with a considerable amount from

Martin Fair,

there are regular contributions from the

leaders of our organisations and others.

These are so much appreciated as they keep all our members informed of what is going on in our very busy church family.

Once the articles are sent to the editor,

Ken Miller,

he begins the monthly task of arranging these and all the photographs into a format that is attractive (and fits - the most difficult part). Many people think that this part of the work is done at the printers - not so! If it was, then the costs would be prohibitive. We are lucky to have an editor with the IT skills and the commitment who can undertake this task which takes **at least** two full days every month.

Once the proof-reading has been done, the file goes on a

memory stick to City Press in Brechin. (Too big for email.)

How does it get there?

Mary and Alex Spink

have an outing to Brechin each month and then, four days later,

Ian and Jean Scott

collect the printed copies and deliver them to the church.

The next step in the chain is for

Alison Davie

to provide all the latest lists for the Contact Team districts in packs for

Beatrice Gerrard and Isabel Mitchell

to make up all the bundles going out the following week, and finally we all see the

Contact Team Member

who knocks on our doors with our copy of Quest.

Let's remember with thanks all these people who work away in the background to make this happen.

A little financial fact for you! It costs £230 each month to produce the magazine. Thank you so much to those of you who, when Quest is delivered to you, make a donation each month to defray the cost.

Cycling For Christian Aid

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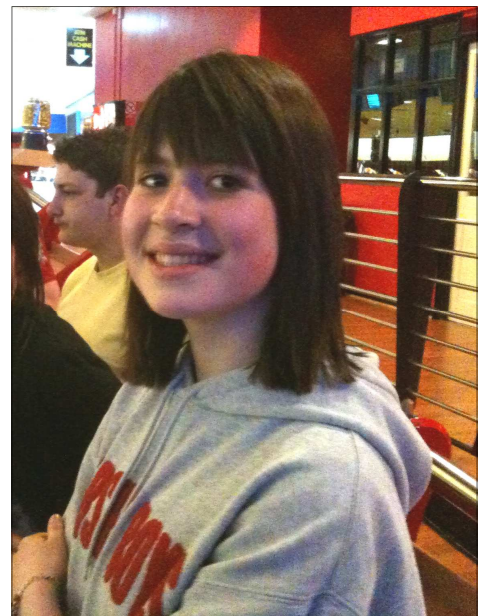
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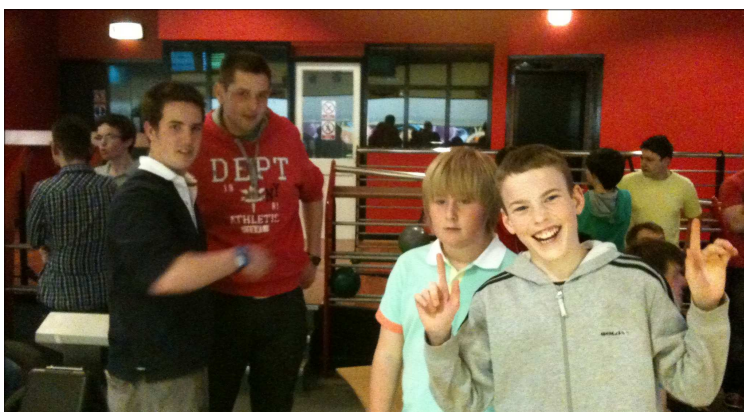
Youth Group Bowling Trip

Our Youth Group enjoyed a great night at *Megabowl* in Dundee, followed by a trip to McDonalds, on the evening of 16th May. Expert bowlers and novices alike had great fun, even though the more competitive elements among them were trying their hardest! Talking of *competitive*, our minister joined us for this particular evening and proved to be the most fearsome competitor of the lot!! His run of four straight *strikes* was warmly appreciated by all (??) and will now be entered into the annals of *great achievements* on Youth Group trips!

(Ed. - Guess who wrote this article!)



Jill Finlayson



Michael Marr, Nige Grant, Michael Jamieson, Graeme Hamilton



Jack Newth