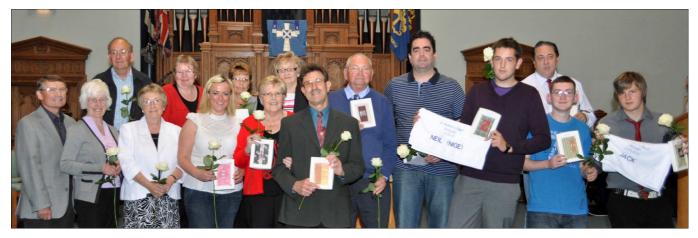
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# **New Members Formally Welcomed**



Tom Reynolds, Isobel Reynolds, Bill Nimmo, Hazel Nimmo, Pat Jackson, Kerry Bowick, Maureen Broomfield, Marie Baker, Edith Williams, Roy Baker, George Ross, Fraser Kelly, Neil Grant, Richard Sammarruco, Jordan Tasker, Jack Newth

What a joy it was, on Sunday evening 19th September, to welcome more new people into our Church family! Given that already this year we've received twenty-four new members, it is truly noteworthy that, here we are, months later welcoming another eighteen.

As always at these special evenings, we started with a meal, beautifully prepared by our Fellowship Core Group members. It's not every church that is able to offer three delicious choices of main course! Following the meal - to which the new members can bring family members and friends – we moved into the Church for the service itself. The highlight of the service was the point at which Nige and Jack were baptised, and then, joined by all the others, made

professions of Christian faith and commitments to the Church. (Also admitted, in absentia, was Carol Downie).

It's not easy being the Church in 21st Century Britain. There's a chill in the air when it comes to faith and the future of the Church - and the Pope, during his visit to these shores, was right to speak about the militant secularism and atheism that has taken hold in many quarters.

So, these are not easy times and it's unlikely to get any easier in the years that lie ahead of us. With that being the case, we've much to give thanks for in terms of the way St. Andrew's is continuing to experience the blessing of new life. Thanks be to God!

As we have highlighted in the last couple of editions of QUEST, we are going to start using the renowned Alpha course as a means of engaging as many people as possible in reflecting about Christian faith.

In times gone by we have used Christianity Explored and will do so again. But given its much higher profile – including a national advertising campaign with television adverts etc. - Alpha offers us the chance to reach a wider audience and to share with those who have little or no background within church.

So, our first course will run between the October holidays and Christmas. Though Alpha usually runs for ten weeks, in the first instance – for logistical reasons



- we'll be using the slimmed-down version of the course which is a little shorter. As inferred above, Alpha is primarily intended for people with no particular Christian belief but churches using it have generally found that some of their own members take advantage of it as a kind of *back-to-school* experience.

So, although we will be advertising our course widely, and very much hoping to attract people from beyond the church, there's nothing to stop any of our members from signing up. Experience shows that many end up declaring it to be the best thing they've done in years - even those who've been in church for far longer than they care to remember!

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## ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH REGISTER OF MEMBERS

September 2010

Baptisms - Tanya Ross and her daughter Kyla (the first ever Wednesday morning baptisms at St. Andrew's!), Neil (Nige) Grant, Jack Newth

Weddings - Laura Scott & Christopher Roberts

Funerals - Myra Reynolds, Lindsay Duncan

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **OCTOBER EDITION**

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

Friday 22nd October (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 26th October (Word-Processed file)

# **Erratum**

In last month's Quest details were given of the changes in the Leadership Group. To put the record straight, Liz Smith retired from the Group, not Elaine Anderson – sorry ladies.

Thank you Liz for all your contribution during the last three years and thank you Elaine for your continuing commitment.

# **CDs of Services**

These are available for any housebound 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 of them due to being on holidays etc.

### 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

October 2010

Dear Friends,

Elsewhere in this edition of QUEST, you'll find a report and photograph relating to the welcoming of new members into our congregation – a cause for rejoicing indeed!

It's easy to *say* "You're welcome here" but that counts for little if the person concerned doesn't *feel* welcome. That's why I was delighted when speaking to Pat Jackson, one of our newest members, to hear her speaking in just those terms. Committing it to writing, here's what Pat had to say:

It's July this year and, following a house move, I am looking for a new congregation. I am approaching St Andrews Church for the first time. What will I find? How will I be welcomed? Will it be a nod and a quick comment on the weather? Will I be ignored?

I am welcomed at the door with a smile and a greeting. I enter the church and am aware of a wave of love that seems to rise from the congregation. People are chatting, hugging, interested in each other. I sit down and am immediately greeted by people sitting beside me. They introduce themselves, are interested in me. I enjoy the service. Yes, I'll be back next week I say in answer to a neighbour's question.

One week later, I am back. I sit in a different part of the church but I am greeted equally warmly. I get the same feeling of welcome I felt last week. People tell me about St Andrew's, explain items in the bulletin. Even better, people I met last week are looking out for me and bid me welcome again. The same pattern is repeated each Sunday.

Now it is September. I am beginning to get to know people, put the right name to the right face. I even get the odd hug! I have just become a member of St Andrew's. Why did I join? Was it because of the preaching, the singing, the music, the organisations. No, good as these are, I've joined because of the welcome I received. Is St Andrew's a welcoming church? Yes it is!

That's a *good news* story as far as I'm concerned. But complacency must never creep in. All of us must constantly be on the lookout for newcomers among us. The person leading the service can say it from the front but experiencing it in the pews is what counts (even though we don't have pews anymore!!) And, yes, we have teams each Sunday with the special task of welcoming people to our worship services but it still falls to all of us to make sure that the welcome is much more than the *official* one.

Every other aspect of church life can be without fault but if people don't feel welcome, the rest counts for nothing. Let's continue to do everything that we can, then, to make sure that St. Andrew's continues to be the kind of place where people like Pat really are welcomed!

God Bless,

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

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# **Sabbatical**

As the time gets nearer, we'll be able to inform you of all of the necessary details of how St. Andrew's Church will be led and managed during the minister's sabbatical leave. That period is being scheduled to run from the beginning of May to the end of August, 2011.

Though a programme for the whole of the sabbatical is being worked on, a four-week period will see our own minister exchanging pulpits and manses with Dan McCoig, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Virginia. Both Martin and Dan are thoroughly looking forward to the experience of being in another church in another cultural setting.

The idea of Sabbatical is based, of course, on the principle of Sabbath – that rest from work that God ordains and which makes so much sense, especially in those careers and vocations which are primarily about serving and giving out. By next summer, Martin and Elaine will have been with us for nearly twenty years

and the time is right, therefore, for them to take time out.

As far as the congregation is concerned, life will go on pretty well without interruption. St. Andrew's is so much more than a *one man band* and there will be no sense of the church being *vacant* during this period of time. On the contrary, it will be a time during which we will see the wealth of gifts and talents that we have at our disposal. And, as Martin has said, it will give everyone a break from him...which will be no bad thing!!

# 7TH ARBROATH **B.B. REPORT**

We started a new session on the 9th of September. We have 6 Anchor Boys, 5 Junior Section and 12 Company boys. We would like to see more 5-10 year olds coming along and enjoying our programme of activities.

This is a very special year for our Company. It is 50 years since the Captain Earl J. Matthew M.B.E. started the

Life Boys (Junior Section) with the help of Officers Beatrice Gerrard and Sandra Coffin (nee Laing). Many boys have come through the sections and 24 have gained the highest award of the Queens Badge. Captain Matthew raised the flag on this special year and we enjoyed gold biscuits and orange juice.

#### (See back page for photo)

There are to be other special events throughout the year which we will be keeping you informed of. The first one is a Coffee Morning on 23rd of October in the Church Hall 10-12. Tickets available shortly.

# **Display Your Purpose - An Opportunity**

On Sunday 19 September, Martin spoke to us very clearly about how our purpose as a church is to display to the world what we believe in the way we live and conduct ourselves.

I would like to suggest to you that the way we care for one another as a family will show those outwith our congregation how we put God's love into action.

We are taking stock at this time of our Pastoral Care system, keeping in place the parts that work and looking at ways we can improve what we do.

We have opportunities for practical service in:

- 'Pew' watch
- Magazine distribution and door step contact
- Driving, cooking and shopping
- CD delivery
- Befriending

And for pastoral service in:

- Hospital visitation
- Bereavement visiting
- Prayer support

We have seen new members joining us recently, increasing the levels of support required amongst the congregation but of course this also means we have more people to give time to caring for others. You do not need to do all of the above and do not have to offer vast amounts of your time to make a big difference to others. The more people we have who offer, the smaller the task for everyone.

I would ask you to consider carefully what you could offer to your church family members and if you feel you can help then please contact me in one of the following ways -

- ♦ Leave your name at the church office
- ♦ Phone me on 01241 430505
- Speak to me after church on a Sunday morning.

Thank you, Kim Marr.

# **GUILD NEWS**

The new Guild year began with six of us going to the Caird Hall to the Annual Meeting on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August. It was a great day with interesting speakers on the Guild theme: Called to love Mercy. There was also a musical interlude during the afternoon. A full report is available on the Guild board.

Then on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September we had our delayed bus trip. It was pouring rain when we left Arbroath. Thankfully the rain stopped with only a shower at Crieff, and, as we headed through the most beautiful scenery by Lochearnhead and Loch Tay to Aberfeldy and then on to Scone for tea, the sun just shone. It was a great day and hopefully everyone enjoyed it. It was good to have other members of the congregation with us and we hope they can join with us at other times too.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September some of us went to Carmyllie Guild and were entertained by Ruth Black, Alison Hart and Alison Mc Donald and the Carnoustie Traditionals. Both groups had excellent programmes, so the audience enjoyed a good variety of music, funny interludes and stories.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we were at Inverkeilor Church for our Dedication and Communion Service. A good number of Guild folk attended this and the service was led by Mary Caldcott and Rev. Peter Phillips. At the end of both these evenings we enjoyed lovely suppers, sandwiches and cakes, and a time of fellowship together.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, the end of a busy week, Shona and Joyce L. were our representatives at the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Special Friends. A great evening was had by all with friendships and acquaintances rekindled.

Finally our own Guild began of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Martin led our opening night with a Dedication and Communion service. We were delighted to welcome some new members to the Guild and hope they felt at home in our company. We have a busy syllabus ahead for 2010/2011 with lots of interesting talks, visitors and fundraisers. Our syllabus will also be on the Guild board so why not take a look and see if something interests you - we would be pleased to have you join us.

Our next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October is 'Tangible Texts' and then on the 18<sup>th</sup> Bob Carswell will talk on the history of Arbroath Police.

# Malawi Update

This is a copy of an update that Christina Chipanga, director of St. Andrews Day-care and residence sent to Becky and which all those involved in our Child Sponsorship Scheme have already received:

"The new residence is now up and running and fully functional with around 18 children. This a very exciting development as so many of the children in the surrounding area of our daycare centre are incredibly needy and are living in abject poverty.

As for the day-care centre itself, it is doing very well. The children have just returned from their winter break and are now beginning a new year. Several of the children performed exceptionally well in their end of year exams and passed top of their year groups at school. Special merits go to Brian Phiri, Chrispine Wesley and Visia Ntaja who passed top of standard 7, 3 and 6 respectively.

This is a great achievement for a small day-care centre, but Kiri is keen to improve on this and perform even better next year. The children at the day-care centre have been very busy this month in their Agriculture lessons. They have been cultivating a vegetable garden to grow the vegetables for their meals. This has been very beneficial in teaching them new farming methods and encouraging them to use less destructive farming methods to the traditional Malawian methods. They have also been learning some needlework and other craft work. They have been making mops and black board dusters from off cut pieces of cloth. They have also been learning to weave hats and small mats from palm leaves, which are all valuable skills to have in Malawi. These are skills which the children can use when they leave school to earn a living. This is a great opportunity for these children to learn these basic skills.

As you can see the day-care centre has been going well this month and were pleased to receive John Searle, who was very pleased with the progress of the centre."

We are hoping to get a regular update for everyone from Malawi and with progress now being made to complete and open the residence in Kambilonjo, we will soon have two centres to report to you about. To make a difference in even a small number of these children's lives is an incredible honour for this church. We want to encourage you all to continue to pray for the really important work we are all involved in supporting there.

# **FUNDRAISING**

Just a few dates and more information for the up and coming fundraisers we mentioned last month:

#### **Saturday 6th November:**

**Car Wash** – Windmill Christian Centre – 10 to 12 Noon. Come and let us clean your car for you!

Ready, Steady, Cook – Church Hall, 7pm, Tickets £7. This will include a meal and entertainment which will be St Andrews Church's own version of Ready, Steady, Cook. Come and watch Martin Fair and Alan Marr compete for the coveted title and have your say by voting Red Tomatoes or Green Peppers!

# Superhero with Jose Zayas



On Friday evening, 26<sup>th</sup> November, St. Andrew's Church is hosting what should be a great evening of worship, Christian witness and performance music. Joining us again are *Superhero*, the Christian indie-rock band, who will lead congregational praise before offering a concert of their own music. But joining them on this tour is Jose Zayas, international evangelist.

Before starting his own ministry, Jose was on the staff with the Luis Palau Association. "I've worked with Jose for over a decade," Luis Palau

says. "I've observed his passion for preaching the Gospel. And I have no doubt God is going to use him to help reach the next generation for Jesus Christ."

Whether in the United States, Asia, Europe, Africa, or India, sharing the Gospel in a culturally relevant way is the heartbeat of Jose's ministry. Using humor and everyday illustrations, he communicates the timeless truths of the Bible in today's language.

So, what a treat that we've got such an event coming to OUR Church! Now is the time to be marking the date in your diary and to be letting others know about it. Why not get thinking now about who you might invite to come along to share in the evening!



#### Saturday 11th December:

Coffee Morning – Church Hall 10 – 12 noon. Includes Cake and Candy Stall and special festive goodies. Children's Murder Mystery – Church Hall 3 -5pm. A children's version of our Popular Murder Mystery Evening. This event also includes a meal. A chance too for you adults to leave the children and do some last minute Christmas Shopping!

Watch out too for our **Cake & Candy Stall** at the Young Women's Fundraising Event on **29th October** and **Soup Stall** at the High School PTA Christmas Fayre on **20th November**.

# **FAIRTRADE**

Now that we are registered as a Fairtrade congregation, it is required of us that we promote the Fairtrade agenda in every way that we can and that we make Fairtrade choices when buying teas, coffees etc. for use in the Church.

It was with that in mind, that we hosted an evening built around the film *Black Gold*, which deals with the way in which coffee makes its way from the rural areas of countries like Ethiopia to the *Starbucks* coffee houses in our towns and cities. The bottom line is that with the international price of coffee being at a real low, those farming the beans are falling further and

further into poverty and finding themselves, as often as not, having to turn to growing other crops, such as *chat*, which is a narcotic. Again and again in the

film it was stressed that populations in developing countries do not want to have to rely on handouts from richer countries. Rather, they want to be able to trade on a level playing field and thus provide for themselves. That's why buying Fairtrade products is so important and can make such a difference – and it's why it really is a Christian priority!

Alongside the film, we had a sales table from Oyster Craft shop and excellent presentations from Jill Smith, a teacher at Ladyloan P.S. and the Fairtrade Group from Arbroath High School. Both of these presentations made it clear that there is a

> real commitment to this matter in these schools and that it might well be the case that our younger people will lead the way in promoting it in the coming years!



# Ladyloan Newlife Tools Helping Malawi

This is a project to refurbish old tools for reuse in Malawi and other needy areas within the region who desperately need these resources. After people have been trained through workshops and College in using the tools, they are better able to provide for their families.

The project is being led in this area by local dentist Peter Macdougall, Brian Anderson and a few volunteers. We are currently situated in the former Ladyloan School. This is a huge project with a very rewarding outcome. There is no money whatsoever involved in anything we doit's just people's generosity, hard work and time. These tools and skills can make such a difference to others in need of this little help to survive.

We refurbish any tools – electrical, old, broken, unused, rusty, and even old sewing

machines. These can be damaged or just in need of repair. We also require old garden tools, old blacksmith tools, bike tools and shoe repair anvils which are in strong demand. In other words – any tools, large or small will be welcome. We can even take old washing machines and vacuum cleaners, which can be stripped down and the parts used. These are things that most homes will have, perhaps no longer being used, gathering dust or rusting. With a little knowhow they can be brought back to life and their use in Malawi will contribute greatly to helping in the lives of others.

Please spend five minutes of your time to have a look and get rid of the stuff you might regard as useless. You can drop anything off, if you wish, to me at 82, Grampian Gardens, Arbroath or I can get them picked up for you. You can contact me on 01241 878000 or Peter Macdougall on 01241 874000. Please help all you can as it means a lot to these people.

Brian Anderson

## The Shack

Before the summer holidays, we had to cancel – at the very last minute – an evening that had been planned for reflection on the multi-million copy bestseller, *The Shack*, by William P. Young.

People the world over have read the book and been moved by it – not least by the wonderful way in which God is

represented and by the way topics such as forgiveness are dealt with.

The good news is that we're now ready to re-schedule that evening and so we look forward to sharing with many St. Andrew's members *and others* concerning the book's themes. If you haven't read it yet, why not get hold of a copy and read it in advance of the special *Shack* evening –

Friday 29th October, 7.30pm.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **OCTOBER**

Sunday 3 11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 10 11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 17 11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 24 11 am - Worship Service With Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration

> Sunday 31 11 am - Service of Holy Communion

4-6 pm - Messy Church

#### **NOVEMBER**

Sunday 7 11 am - Worship Service

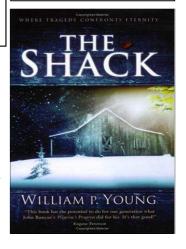
Sunday 14 11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 21 11 am - Worship Service Main service followed by short Communion

Sunday 28 11 am - Worship Service 4-6 pm - **Messy Church** 

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

- ◆ A 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30am.
- Messy Church, from 4-6pm, generally on the last Sunday of every month. Two hours for all the family with games, craft and worship and an all-together meal
- ♦ OFF the W.O.L. contemporary worship on the first Sunday of each month, 8 9pm



## **Fellowship Core Group**

The Fellowship Group has had a busy year since moving back to the church after the refurbishment. There were formal and informal events to cater for during the celebrations and also Ruth's Ordination in December. The group coordinated the soup lunch at the summer fair and then during the year we also had some private functions: a Baptismal lunch, Male Voice Choir evening, two Havilah events and the Wedding reception for Kevin & Kerry Proctor. We hope this kind of activity will increase year by year.

We have as our ministry team member, Kim Marr, pastoral care coordinator. The role between the group and Kim is a developing one with her knowledge of the needs within the congregation, but she is always an active member when the group undertakes an event and has devised a great way of dealing with pledging donations of food stuffs. We are also fortunate in having Joan Hainsworth as our new link person from the Leadership Group and look forward to developing this relationship too.

The group are a happy bunch and though sometimes it is a hot and demanding job in the kitchen, we always have time for a laugh and squeeze in a coffee break. We have had some changes to the group recently and so the team is currently Mary Nicol, Lena Whyte, Norma Beattie, Joan Walker, Jean Low, Val Cargill, Beatrice Gerrard, Jenny Burns, Liz Smith and Doris Bowie. We try to involve others from the congregation who are on the audit list to make soup, do preparation, bake, etc so if you are on the list beware if we approach you!!!

We have all attended the Food Hygiene course with others from different organisations. It is imperative that any organisation that uses the kitchen has at least one person in their group who is certificated, otherwise a member of the group requires to be in attendance. The course is to be offered again in the next month so anyone interested should contact the office or Doris Bowie on 872690. It is not too daunting but interesting and refreshes your memory on information you forgot you knew.

The Fellowship Group's remit is:

- ◆ To ensure that our family is a welcoming and inclusive one and that we remain "open" to all.
- ◆ To oversee the hospitality that we offer lunches, dinners, etc.

## St Andrew's Church Structure



- To ensure that every member of the congregation knows that pastoral care is available to them as and when needed
- Through our neighbourhood groups, to make sure that all our members have the opportunity for belonging and close fellowship

Hopefully this article helps to make the group's work a bit clearer.

Doris Bowie.

## Clerk's Corner

We sit on beautiful comfy chairs in the sanctuary – much appreciated by us all and admired by visitors. You will remember that there was an opportunity to donate the cost of a chair and to include, if you so wished, a dedication. The details of all of this have now been put into a booklet and you can have a look at it at any time. It is situated on

the windowsill outside the office.

Thank you to Morag Shaw who compiled and word processed the list, and to Ken who designed the presentation.

The list is easily added to, so if anyone still wishes to donate and dedicate the cost of a chair (£50) then please contact Alison in the Church Office.

# The Whole Truth and Nothing But The Truth!

Judy Rudd an amateur genealogy researcher in Southern Queensland, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that (now former) Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's great-great uncle, Remus Rudd, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Melbourne in 1889. Both Judy and Kevin Rudd share this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows at the Melbourne Jail: On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: 'Remus Rudd horse thief, sent to Melbourne Gaol 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Melbourne-Geelong train six times. Caught by Victoria Police Force, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So Judy recently e-mailed Prime Minister Rudd for

information about their great-great uncle, Remus Rudd. Believe it or not, Kevin Rudd's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

"Remus Rudd was famous in Victoria during the mid to late 1800s. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Melbourne-Geelong Railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the Victoria Police Force. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

The whole truth and nothing but the truth! David Searle.



The start of the new session for 7th Arbroath Boys' Brigade



Some of the Men's Group starting out on a day's fishing

A pleasant evening to return to harbour

It takes guts to gut a fish - Rab Bramhall tries his hand!



When it's getting cold, sunglasses and a mobile phone are always useful!

David Tarrant and Gary Wylie

Michael Rennie makes another catch!



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