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Farewell lunch for Rev Janie Stuart

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Dear All

Here we are almost through August 2017. Our memories of summer holiday are fading rapidly. Sadly, though my waistline is not fading, but it is a time of change.

We said good bye to Rev Janie Stuart with a lunch on 6th August and then a presentation on 13th. During the year here, she has immersed herself in Banchory community. She leaves with our heart-felt thanks for all she has achieved and with the knowledge that her work will leave a lasting impression on us.

So now we look forward. All our organisations are starting up again. There is so much to get involved in at the East. Take a look at our calendar either on the website or the hall wall and see just what you would like to be part of this year.

One group which is very popular Banchory wide is our Messy Church on the 4th Monday of each month. Do you wonder what goes on at Messy church?* Is it actually messy? ** Is It actually church*** Who plans it and organises it? **** Well take a peak at what happens on our Facebook pages or on the website. Then again, here's an offer you can't refuse; the Messy church planning team invite you to an information morning on Friday 1st Sept. at 10:00am in the halls. Go on, come and discover the answers to all your Messy questions.

Your minister,

Alan

Answers: *lots; **No, ***Yes, ****a dedicated team

Remember details of what we have planned can be found on our new website www.banchoryeastchurch.com and our Facebook page

Need a Lift?

Just call the Church Office **01330 820380** if you find it difficult to get to the church, then arrangements will be made for someone to pick you up and take you home again after the service (or Church Coffees)

Friendship lunches for 2017.

There will not be any Friendship lunches served in September as it is the time for the annual kitchen 'Big Clean' Lunches will commence back on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month on 12th & 26th October; 9th & 23rd November; 14th December. Lunches are served from 12noon until 1pm

Thank you to the team who work together to create and serve the lunches.

Bellfield Memorial/Sensory Rose Garden Update

Progress is being made slowly due to lack of support and the organisers are appealing for volunteers to get the work finished.

Raised beds have constructed with the wood from felled

trees on site. Topsoil has been delivered and plants for the raised beds have been purchased.

The large tree stump has been carved. If you have not seen this it is well worth a visit. Photograph below.

To proceed with the bandstand, further funding will be required to be found.

The local council will reseed the area at the bottom of Bellfield drive once all the cut wood has been removed.

Parts of the fence have been painted. Items required for the Bug Hotel and Mud Kitchen are being listed in the hope that many of the items will be donated.

If you would like to help with this project please contact Isla Elliott at isla.elliott@hotmail.com, who is in charge. You can also give your name and contact details at the East Church Office.

Margaret Paterson.



Youth

If you would like to know more about our youth programme, please consider attending our training day on the 24th of September (more details will be in the bulletin soon). If the future of our small groups for young people is of interest to you, you would be very welcome to attend the next meeting of the BEAR (Banchory Edge and Rock) Team on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Hub at the West Church. We really value your prayers for our young people, and for the future of our youth work as we seek to make it even more effective in reaching young people with the good news of Jesus.



Christian Aid - Banchory Churches Christian Aid Group

Christian Aid week in May raised the sum of £2,645.10. As in previous years we had a Christian Aid Centre at the West Church on the Friday where there were the usual baking, plant and book stalls and the opportunity of raising awareness about the organisation's work in tackling poverty, oppression and inequality. Refreshments were served by the West Church Friday Coffees Team. Our grateful thanks to them for their support and also to all who donated items for the stalls. Further thanks to Foxlane for their donation of plants. Christian Aid also benefits throughout the year from the money from the collecting cans and fountain at Raemoir Garden Centre.

Below are set out details of the next fundraising event:-

Saint Andrew's Night Concert for Christian Aid by Aberdeen's Granite City Chorus Thursday 30th November: 7.30pm in Banchory West Church (further details will follow later)

Our group are still looking for new faces to join our committee; if you are interested to know more then please contact George Montgomery (01330 825625)

MEN'S GROUP

Our summer recess has nearly ended and our first meeting will be held in the East Church Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October. Ladies night will be on Wednesday 14th February, 2018.

Our numbers are receding so we are always on the lookout for new members. Anyone interested in joining us for evenings of fellowship, interesting talks and light refreshments then please contact George Montgomery 01330 825625

Quote

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results

Catch up with previous sermons?

If you would like to catch up to the sermons, prayers and children's talks they are available on the web site, www.banchoryeastchurch.com

Guild;

Here we are again with summer (if you could call it that) almost over, and our winter activities are about to begin.

Our syllabus is all prepared and ready to go to print. The Guild theme this year is 'Be Bold, Be Strong, Go in Love' and the project we are supporting is 'Christian Aid.' We have a good variety of speakers, covering many topics, with some fun nights, and our Christmas dinner is already booked!!!!

Our first meeting is on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm, when our guest speaker is our minister, Rev. Alan Murray, and we will celebrate the start of our new session with communion.

Pat and I are looking forward to welcoming all our members, old and new, and hope that everyone will enjoy the new session. The syllabus will be on display in the Church and the hall, and is available to anyone on request, and if you, gentlemen included, would like to come and join us for an evening that may be of interest, we would be delighted to see you.

So please feel free to come along, where you will be assured of a warm welcome, with a cup of tea, and a fine piece.

Ray Thomson/Pat Thain.



HATS FOR THE SAILOR'S SOCIETY

Earlier this year Eileen Riach, (Guild member) completed no less than one hundred and thirty knitted hats for the Sailors' Society. Below is a picture of Eileen presenting the hats to the Society's Chaplain, Peter Donald, at Montrose port where he is based. Peter said they were extremely popular with the visiting seamen. Well done Eileen.

THE CHURCH PICNIC TO ABOYNE - 2017

Those people involved in the planning of the day were watching the weather forecast very carefully for the few days running up to the event. The forecasters had promised a bright sunny day with high temperatures for the time of the year. It was forecast too that the Banchory temperatures would be a little less than Aboyne and that too was fine since residents here are used to Aboyne's unusual micro climate.

Saturday 17th June arrived and was somewhat cloudy but very warm since we had been experiencing the heatwave affecting most of the UK. With a sunny day promised for Aboyne no one worried and there was excitement in many

households that morning as children, parents and more elderly folk decided what to wear and what to take. The journey itself was a great novelty for many of the children. A small queue formed in front of the church by 1.15 to await the arrival of the bus at 1.30pm.

The bus journey itself was a great novelty for many of the children, and for some of the adults too; all of whom travel too often by car and have forgotten the joys of a special trip in a touring bus. Unfortunately, modern buses with sealed picture windows have no openings out of which to drape coloured streamers as many of us did as children. The bus looked brand new and it wasn't too long before some inquisitive children discovered the modern toilet!!

Much interest was paid to the farmland en-route by our five farmer's sons who were observing the haymaking and the creation of the large circular bales. There seemed to be general acceptance that the harvesting was almost complete, in good time, and this met with their approval. What a very pleasant reminder to all of us that we live happily in a beautiful country area where such activities continue throughout the year and are part of our culture.

The Village Green in Aboyne is a rarity in Scotland and was designed by the Marquesses of Huntly who resided at Aboyne Castle. It is modelled on a traditional English Village Green and as such is considered quite an unusual asset in Scotland – there are few others in Scotland.

In no time at all the bus was unpacked and a corner of the village green was adopted by Banchory Ternan East Church. Table and chairs were set up, picnic carriers unloaded, tea and coffee jugs and a huge buffet set up whilst games were in motion.

The children had a great time in competitive races with hoops, eggs and spoons, sacks and gold medals awarded to the winners. A rounders game involved some of the adults too and great fun was had by all. At the end of the afternoon prizes were presented by Norma to much applause.

Picnic time arrived and queues formed to sample a wide variety of delicious sandwiches, crisps, iced cakes and caramel wafers of course. Hot and cold drinks were available and most people returned for seconds.

Highlights of the day included dozens of balloons which seem to take off and sail away over Aboyne since we had a windy afternoon. A balloon was found, a bit deflated, in a garden in Tarland that evening and the owner was puzzled about where it might have come from!! Bubbles were produced by the children, and some adults, and also flew everywhere to everyone's amusement. Coloured streamers were provided by Rachel and the whole event was so reminiscent of Sunday School Picnics of days gone past. The nearby playpark was also an

attraction and from time to time some of the children sneaked off to sample the swings. Some new friends were made in the process.

The weather was beautifully warm and the sky overcast which was not what had been forecast but no matter. The sun's rays were stronger than imagined and lots of rosy cheeks appeared on the children and adults noticing some hot patches here and there by the end of the afternoon.

The afternoon ended with the bus ride back to Banchory and some very happy and tired little folk with many tales to tell. The adults enjoyed themselves also and were happy participating or simply watching the fun and games. The whole event, now the second successful outing in recent years, was planned by the dedicated helpers whose energy and commitment was appreciated by everyone. A great team – Rachel, Charles, George, Nancy, Una, John, Michelle, Ann, Victor, Margaret, Andy, Janie and Norma. I hope that no helper has been left out of this list of very special people who made the day a great success. A memorable day and we will all look forward to the next one.

BILL CUTHBERTSON

21st JUNE 2017

School Children's Answers Back

Teacher; "Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?"

Donald; "H I J K L M N O"

Teacher; "What are you talking about?"

Donald; "Yesterday, you said it's H to O"

Teacher; "How old is your father?"

Child; "He is six years"

Teacher; "What! How is that possible?"

Child; "He became father only when I was born!"

Teacher; "Glen, how do you spell crocodile?"

Glen; "K R O K O D I A L"

Teacher; "No, that's wrong"

Glen; "Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it"

Teacher; "Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested"

Harold; "A teacher."



Parish Funerals

Mrs Joyce Taylor

Mrs Agnes Bashforth

REMEMBER.

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you plann'd
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that I once had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI 1830-1894 (born in London)



Congratulations to Stan and Sheena Hendry on the Birth of their first great granddaughter on 16th August Paisley Jane arrived into this world at 13.44hours (USA time) 18.44hrs UK time

Parents, grandparents and great grandparents are delighted with their 'bundle' of joy

USED STAMPS

It is wonderful to be part of a congregation which unconcernedly pop in their used stamps at the box at the church entrance – sometimes singly, in an envelope or in a small plastic bag. It is not the quantity that matters but the thought preceding this action.

These contributions have augmented, along with other churches – the Church of Scotland “World Mission Stamp Appeal”. The record for the past few years from the income generated reads as follows:

2013 - £4000 – Evangelical Church of Czech Brethern in provision of environmental education from a firm base.

2014 -£4627 – Greek Evangelical Church in provision of a Refuge House as a safe haven.

2015 - £3511 – Towards Church of Scotland’s HIV Programme

2016 - £4334 – Ecological innovations by the Church of South India

2017 - This year’s appeal is for the Church of South Sudan in building up resources and a library for students of different tribes at Kakuma in Kenya.

We all know that correspondence by post is almost a lost art so receipt of any mail bearing stamps – including that

From the UK, should remind everyone of a need to save them

Mike Jamieson (Session Clerk) is keen to learn of someone willing to undertake the task of ‘Used Stamps

Co-ordinator’ who should not be a philatelist but rather who will enjoy, perhaps with others, the revision involved in

Geography and history associated with used stamps, at a small expense of posting them infrequently, to the Church

Scotland central location at Wishaw, Lanarkshire.

(The Co-ordinator does not have to become captivated or spell-bound in

‘sorting’ these stamps – simply forward them – but it can be hugely intriguing)

Submitted by Forbes Burn.

*“Let us feed the hungry, house the homeless, stop the killings
And provide medicine for the sick
When we have accomplished that, we can sit around
And argue about religion”*

My Birthday Treat

My Grandparents gave me a very special present for my 12th Birthday. It started at Aberdeen. I looked out of the window and saw a beautiful silver bird – an AIRBUS which would fly us to London. Very quickly we climbed the boarding stairs and were seated. The engines started and we moved slowly and quietly to the end of the runway.

Then W H O O S H, the engines roared, I felt like I was being pushed back in my seat. Finally, the time had come for my first flight. We climbed higher and higher. Seeing the views from up so high was amazing. There was a little turbulence as we flew. The plane shook occasionally. Watching the screens in front of me was good because I could see where we were. Eventually we were above the clouds. The sun was out, which was great, because it was raining down below. I felt like a bird soaring through the sky. Before I knew it we were nearing landing and we had to put our seats and little tables up. Touch down. We had landed, then taxied to our spot. We got off the plane and went and got our bags. Then we went to the taxi that was picking us up, the man was really nice and very talkative.

We got to our hotel and were welcomed with a smile. We checked in and went up to our room, it was beautiful. The first thing I did was jump onto my new bed, it was so comfortable.

We did many things in London. Including going to the London Eye on Friday, which was the best out of everything. It got very high and I began to get nervous, but I carried on and thought it was great.

Saturday morning, we got up bright and early and got on a tube to the London Zoo. The zoo was great fun. I got to see my favourite animal, a sloth. I even bought a sloth cuddly toy and I called him Sid the sloth. We went to a park to play, and it was late when we got back so we headed to bed.

On Sunday, we went to the London Bridge, it was amazing. I loved seeing all the boats under us, the glass on the floor was amazing. We got to see the engine for lifting the bridge. We went for lunch and saw beautiful water fountains that went high into the air. We then went back to the hotel early to have a swim in the pool.

Morning came fast and it was time to go to the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum. The Science Museum was better than the Natural History Museum. Wonder lab was really good. Later that day we went to Kensington Gardens to see Princess Diana's memorial playground. There were lots of children playing there.

Tuesday was the last day of our trip. I went for a swim with my Granddad before we headed to the Airport. We had our lunch in the Airport before we flew

home. The flight home was good. It was raining in London but when we touched down in Aberdeen it was sunny.

This was one of my favourite holidays ever. I liked the London Eye the best. The biggest difference between Aberdeen and London was travelling by tube. It was great fun and I would love to go back to London again.

Steven Grant

CRAFTY CHURCH

Crafty Church is a monthly event which provides fun, creativity, brain teasing, participation and Fellowship in a Christian setting.

Meetings take place on the third Thursday in each month and include an opening Devotion, some kind of activity with considerable variety, a sing- song and chat over a friendly cuppa! It commences at 1.00 pm and finishes around 3.00 pm.

The programme for the rest of the year is as follows;

Thursday 21st September;- a Musical Discovery with Bill Cuthbertson

Thursday 19th October;- Make Dragon's Eggs (Part 1) with Sarah Reid

Thursday 16th November;- Make Dragon's Eggs (Part 2) with Sarah Reid

Thursday 21st December;- Christmas Collage with Bridget Mary-Clare.

Craft Church welcomes all Church Members, but is open to non members as well, and if you know of anyone who might appreciate, benefit or enjoy the event please encourage and invite them along.

Any questions, get in touch with Charles Robertson, 01330 823549 and charles.robertson03@gmail.com

Banana Ice cream

To make the ice cream for one person, peel two very ripe bananas, break them up into small pieces and freeze for 1.5 hours (not more than 2 hours), then put into a blender with a good pinch of cinnamon and blend – et voila!

Easy peasy ice cream which tastes marvellous

You multiply the quantity depending on how many mouths you are feeding.

Enjoy

Charles Robertson.



Holiday Find

On a recent holiday we were camping on Westray, one of the Northern Isles on Orkney. The campsite has a campers' kitchen where you can wash your dishes and a tea towel is provided. On the first morning we were both surprised to see hanging up the tea towel from Banchory-Ternan East Church, the 175th anniversary in 2000! We couldn't believe it. When speaking to the campsite owners later, the owner said he thought he could explain it. They have

an aunt who is now living in a care home on Westray and they had recently cleared out her house. At one point she had lived in Portlethen. She had collected tea towels wherever she went and they had found over 300 new unused ones! Included would have been the one from our Church. What are the chances of them putting out that particular one the morning we were there?

David & Elizabeth Culshaw

In Jamaica a steak & kidney pie will cost you £2.30. An apple pie will cost £1.90. A chicken & mushroom pie will cost you £2.25. A cherry pie is £1.20 and a mince pie is £1.90.

In Trinidad & Tobago a steak & kidney pie will cost you £3.00. A Rhubarb pie is £1.35 and a chicken pie (without mushrooms) is £1.20

..... these are the pie rates of the Caribbean



WORD SEARCH RUGBY

The words below can be found in the grid below Words can either horizontal; vertical; diagonal; backwards;

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BALL **DROP KICK** **FLY HALF** **FULL BACK** **GOAL**
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TOUCH JUDGE **TRY** **WING**

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

CHURCH VISIT TO ORKNEY – 2017

Saturday 24th June witnessed a group of 29 souls, in the silent streets of Banchory at 5.00am, preparing to board a coach for the initial part of their journey north to Scrabster. Everyone was in good spirits at that very early hour despite grey skies and a storm warning for our crossing of the Pentland Firth. The early departure time would enable us to catch the 1.15pm ferry departure to Stromness, Orkney and a journey of some 250 miles lay ahead of us. First stop was at Inverness some two and a half hours later – very good going on quiet roads with little traffic. The one assistant tending the Tesco Coffee shop was taken by surprise by so many people needing refreshment and snacks at such an early hour.

Within one hour we were proceeding north across the Kessock Bridge into beautiful highland and coastal scenery. The storm warning for the sea crossing had not been broadcast but the usual Scottish habit of weather study for immediate activities had made a few folk uneasy. The 30-minute announced delay to the incoming ferry "Hamnavoe" became one hour and we eventually departed almost 2 hours late.

Although we were ploughing our way through a force 7 gale it was hardly noticeable and vouchers had been provided for lunch. Most people were enjoying very decent food in a fine cafeteria with panoramic windows and splendid sea views.

The ferry had very comfortable lounges throughout and a few worthies spent most of the time on the sun deck, in glorious sunshine! We were not troubled by the sea conditions and the "Hamnavoe" took a longer crossing to Orkney, of two and a half hours, to avoid the worst of the storm.

Our base for the next three nights was the Kirkwall Hotel which turned out to be most welcoming, comfortable, cosy with excellent food, if just a little old fashioned. The Manager and her staff were charming and she commented at the end of our stay that we had been most welcome guests and the staff had enjoyed looking after us. We had enjoyed the space and facilities that an older style hotel provided.

On Sunday morning, we attended morning service at St. Magnus Cathedral and were privileged to be there just at the close of the week-long St. Magnus Festival celebrating 900 years since his martyrdom. It was also a day of Celebration of Holy Communion and our church party sampled Communion from the Holy Cup and enjoyed the beautiful singing of, not only the St. Magnus Cathedral Choir, but of the visiting Bergen Cathedral Choir of Norway. The singing was delightful and left a most lasting impression on all of us visitors.

After the morning service and a brief look at Kirkwall town centre we returned to the Cathedral for a guided tour. The original Cathedral was built by Earl Rognvald in 1137 in honour of his uncle Magnus. The stained-glass windows were beautiful and the nave was decorated by the hanging of ancient ship sails on both sides. This visit was certainly the highlight of our trip to Orkney and left a memorable impression for our group.

In the afternoon, we boarded the coach and enjoyed a tour of the south end of Orkney. We crossed the Churchill Barriers which were built after the sinking of the "Royal Oak" in Scapa Flow where 833 sailors died as the result of a German U-Boat attack in The Second World War. The barriers then prevented the further invasion of enemy ships.

74 ships of the German Navy were interned in 1918 Scapa Flow at the end of the First World War and eventually scuttled there in June 1919. It had been part of the Armistice Agreement at the end of the war that the ships were surrendered and they were scuttled in the following year when the Germans were under the mistaken belief that peace talks had failed.

The tour continued to the Italian Chapel which was built by several hundred Italian prisoners of war, captured during the North African Campaign of World War II. The beautiful paintings of the interior have been restored several times by some of the Italians returning to remember their times in Orkney with great affection. The wrought iron sanctuary screen was also admired and was the work of Signor Palumbi who had learned his skills in America. Signor Chiocchetti was the mastermind and designer of the Italian Chapel. The prisoners were, of course, held captive in Orkney to construct the Church Barracks. The Chapel was constructed in what spare time they had.

Our first day's programme on Orkney was interrupted by the occasional rain shower but this did not spoil our activities and interest in all that we were seeing.

Our second day was sunny and bright and turned out to be a delight. With its clear atmosphere and zero pollution colour photography was a dream and the colours of landscape, wildflowers, and inlets of the sea, golden sands and the boats seemed to be magnified. The sea is everywhere and makes its way alongside the roads and villages. Wild birds are abundant and whilst we were not particularly on a bird watching expedition many in the group spotted buzzards, eider ducks, lapwings, curlews, swans and cormorants. Some inquisitive seals popped their heads out of the waters of the Bay at Scara Brae during our afternoon visit that day.

The morning visit, however, was to Maeshowe to visit the finest chambered tomb in Western Europe built before 2700 BC. To enter the tomb and very

narrow passage with low ceiling had to be negotiated and all of us had to stoop to half height to do so! The more elderly members of the party managed this with ease and seemed to have no painful effects as a result. The writer had severe backache afterwards and took some days to recover full flexibility!! The older members of the party were admired for their dexterity and congratulated by all.

The most stunning find in the main chamber at Maeshowe were the numerous runes or scrawlings by the Vikings using an axe head on stone. Disappointingly this surprising find did not contain any important messages or descriptions of life long ago but scores of unsavoury graphite writings almost identical to the lewd messages left on public toilet walls today!

The Great Stone Circle of Brodgar was also on the morning agenda and the local custom of hugging the stones was observed. Some of the party decided to hug each other at this point since no one seem to know why we had participated in the former. The sun shone down on all of us and more photographs were taken of the beautiful landscapes, the inlets of the sea and the wild flowers.

On the final afternoon of our Orkney expedition Scara Brae was visited. An ancient Neolithic settlement dated between 3200 and 2200 which had remained hidden, undiscovered until 1850 when a raging storm uncovered a mound under which was a dwelling place. Excavations continued over the years until most of the site was exposed. Further severe storms helped in this process.

The sun continued to shine during our final evening and after another excellent dinner few, if any, people in our party were awake at midnight to witness the amazing northern twilight. An early breakfast was served next morning and the party reluctantly packed their bags, boarded the coach and set off for Stromness and the return crossing to Scrabster and Thurso. Our journey followed the outward route to Inverness and Banchory which was achieved in good time for our arrival at 6.50pm on Tuesday 27th June. This most successful Church Outing was over and participants talked of the plan in 2018 to visit Mull and Iona.

BILL CUTHBERTSON

4TH JULY 2017

A Follow On to our trip to Orkney

When we were waiting to board our ferry a few of us got chatting to an Orcadian lady also waiting to board Her name was Linda Harcus and she told us that when the ferry company were building the new ferry, the company decided to have a competition for the people of Orkney to name the ship. Well we were only talking to the very person who had won. I spoke to Linda later on and she

told me that not only did she win but also got to travel to Finland to see it being built. The naming ceremony on the 19th October 2002, at Stromness The ship's name is "HAMINVOE" which means 'Safe haven'. Linda also remarked that she was sure that Stromness was also called that many, many, years ago.

We had a very interesting conversation and in the course of our chat I asked her if she knew a lady called Janice (I won't mention her last name).

Of course remarks Linda. She has known Janice for many years, and was wondering why I was asking. I told her that Janice and I had started our Sick Children's Nursing together way back in the early sixties. Linda was able to give me her address and with help from the hotel staff was able to get a contact number. (Everyone on Orkney knew Janice and her husband)

I duly phoned her and arranged to meet up that night. Well, the years rolled away and we spent a lovely time reminiscing on our nursing career and what had happened since. Janice certainly had spent a very exciting life. She went on to complete her Adult nursing; Midwifery and Health Visiting; with all that qualifications behind her Janice went off to Vietnam to work through an American Agency. She had a wonderful time there but when 'things got a bit difficult' in Vietnam, the Americans flew out all their personnel for safety reasons.

Janice eventually came back to Orkney and met her husband. They have 2 boys and both married In fact one of the boys got married in July. Janice has brought many a baby into this world. She took on a different role in life when Janice was elected as a local councillor. A post that she held for nearly 25years, before retiring in May this year.

Janice is a keen gardener and hopefully will be able to spend more time in the garden. Janice created a 'lean to' greenhouse entirely from plastic bottles (which I did not take a photo of) long before recycling came to the fore.

It is true what they say that life is only a dash between birth and death. To Janice and myself. It just seemed like yesterday since we last saw each other, when In fact it was 50 years ago. (Both of us are slightly! larger in size)

An Orcadian experience that I will always treasure

Margaret Thom.

"I am a strong believer that whoever is meant to be in your life will always gravitate back towards you, regardless of how far they wander"

Church Calendar

Groups that use the Church Facilities on a Regular Basis

Mondays

9.30am -11.30am Tom Toms

Tuesdays

9.30am – 11.30am Mother & Toddler

1pm -4pm Craft Group

7pm – 9pm The Rock

Wednesdays

1.30 -2pm. Prayer Meeting

7.30pm – 9.30pm Guild or Men's Group (Oct – April)

Thursdays

10am (Weekly) Walking for Health

2nd & 4th 12 noon – 1pm Friendship Lunch

2-4.30pm Crafty Church (3rd Thursday of the Month)

7.30pm – 9pm Choir

9pm The Vigil (John & Anne Music)

Fridays

10am (weekly) Walking for Health

6.30pm – 8pm Fusion

Our church calendar is now online at

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Articles for the next edition of the magazine must be submitted to the editor by the 15th November 2017

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A Jumble Sale & Book Sale will take place on Saturday 9th September

Admission will be **£1.00** for adults and children **FREE**

As well as the usual stalls, teas and coffees will also be available.

Money raised will go to Church Funds & Charity.

Items for the sale will be gratefully accepted from **Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th September** between **9am – 1pm** and on **Friday evening** from **6pm - 8pm**. If you need something collected please contact **Andy Thom 824134** OR **John Wills 824419**. Sorry we cannot accept Electrical Goods.

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