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Another varied and there is a buzz tainly getting out paying off with people joining the church and more children coming on Sundays, Its wonderful to see and hear the excitement from the young (and not so) young ones. The Church is busy, warm Wednesdays, the Baby group, Craftin, the Guild and of course the Malawi Partnership.



interesting magazine I hope you will all enjoy. I think around the ITW Church and community. Fraser is cer- and about and is well liked, his "can do" attitude is

## Editor's Note

The work Pamela is doing in Cardrona is tremendous, it is bearing fruit and helping to build a community spirit in the village, I would just add that we need to remember that Pamela's tenure with us and in this task, is limited, she will be leaving at some stage in the not to distant future (not too soon either) and the wider congregation and community need to help to make sure all the good work and legacy does not go to waste and just die off when she leaves. In particular Pamela needs helpers, in all that she does, not that she needs the help, but she needs to introduce people to the work and community and build that important team, so if you can spare some time, keep an eyes on the notices, please get involved, and just remember many hands make light work. One thing I will say, from, personal experience and listening to others, you will get far more out of the experience than you put in, doing Gods work is certainly very rewarding.

*Dave Kerr (editor)*

## A Distinctive Blessing



Rev Jack Kellet found this Franciscan blessing in the Southern reporter, from Melrose Parish Church Christian Aid Sunday service.

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships. May God bless us anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation. May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world doing in God's name, what others claim cannot be done. And the paragraph ends with "Oh, if only!"



## Innerleithen Guild

After a most enjoyable session back together after lock-down, we finished our year in May with our summer outing for High Tea at the Green Tree in Peebles. We were blessed with a beautiful evening making us believe that summer really was on the way.

The good news is that our committee has already met to plan next session's programme. The theme for 23-24 is "NewWine, New Wineskins", encouraging us to consider changes in a changing church. We look forward to hearing the stories of our speakers as they have moved on with changes in their lives. Our first meeting is on **Monday 9th October at 2pm** and we look forward to meeting up again after the summer.

*Betty Scott.*

## Marjorie and Jim Wallace

... would like to offer their grateful thanks to all the lovely praying folk in ITW for their kind thoughts, good wishes, flowers and cards during Marjorie's stay in hospital. She is now making a good recovery.

*Jim Wallace*

**Growing  
Together  
in Faith**



# Update from Cardrona Connections

As we approach the summer holidays it's a good time to look back in celebration of ways in which God has been working in the Cardrona community, and to look forward in anticipation of His leading and guiding.



The monthly community-run lunch club that I've been coordinating, Cardrona Meet and Eat, remains popular – in May there were 41 guests! We've been supporting it as a church and particular thanks go to Ruth and Matt Kerr for all they have been doing.

**We will re-start after the summer on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September and all are welcome.**

We've been getting to know local young people too and in conjunction with Touchdown UK we ran an American football taster day. There was much laughter when the huge shoulder pads were donned! At the water break, Tom from TDUK shared a little of his own faith story about coming to follow Jesus, and left the young people to consider who they follow. Please do pray about future engagement with young people and their parents/carers.



We have also been running evening worship, aimed at people from any local church, every month in Cardrona Village Hall. Most recently, we have been exploring God's heart for community and what it means for all of us to be "sent ones", sent to the community within which we live. There is a very real sense in which our presence as a worshipping group in the village hall witnesses to the love of God for Cardrona. It is not yet clear whether these will continue after the summer – please do pray.

Finally, looking ahead, the **Cardrona Village Fayre takes place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 12-4pm** and Cardrona Connections will contribute. Offers of help would be much appreciated, and please do simply come along to the fayre – it is so important that the church demonstrates our love for and support of our local community, and time can be one of our most impactful gifts.

Your continued prayer for the community of Cardrona, and for our ministry there, is much appreciated.

*Pamela Kennedy*

## Message from the Minister

As we move into the summer, we've been enjoying good weather and lighter nights. As I stopped to speak to someone in the street this week, they talked about how this puts everyone in a better mood. Good weather is good news! Over the last month or two we have been working our way through different passages in Mark's gospel. We've also been encouraging everyone to read through the whole of Mark at home. With 16 chapters it can easily be divided into half a chapter a day and then you can get through it in a month. We still have more copies of the magazine style edition of Mark so please get in touch if you would like one. You might also like to listen to it and on a smartphone you could try the app 'Youversion Bible' for an audio version.

Why have we been so keen for everyone to read Mark? Well, the word 'gospel' means 'good news' and so Mark is writing about the Good News of Jesus. If we've got good news, then we want to share it! The good news at the centre of the Christian faith is that Jesus' life, death and resurrection was for each of us that we might find forgiveness and can be in a relationship with God.

We want to be people who continue to grow closer to God, who are hungry to experience more of God and we find God revealed to us when we read the Bible. So, this is why we are encouraging everyone to discover the Good News that Mark has for us. It's so much better than just good weather and can do more than just improve our mood, it can change our whole life.

*Fraser*



Here is a rather poignant story from Ruth Kerr's sister, about their father. It should have been printed in the Easter edition, as it related to Lent, but we had just too much to include then, I think some of you may enjoy the story and relate to the time and attitudes, from your own parents and grandparents times.

Editor

## One hundred years on

My sisters and I never knew our Grandad on our Dad's side. Robert Currie Thayne Paton (known as Currie) died of pneumonia on **6<sup>th</sup> March 1926** when he was 30 and our Dad was only two. In his relatively short life, he worked as a blacksmith, enlisted as a gunner at age 18 in 1914, married our Granny, Jessie in 1919, started his own business as a coal merchant after the war and had two children: our Auntie Bette and our Dad, Robert. Currie is listed in his army pay book as a Presbyterian.

According to the Boys' Brigade website, the Boy Reserves, which was a forerunner to the Junior Section, was launched in 1917 for 8- to 11-year-olds. Currie was an officer with the Boy Reserves and we have a photo of him in uniform, flanked by two female officers (women were allowed to serve as "they understood small children"!) and with some of the boys peeking round the adults' legs – presumably to get in the photo – an early form of "photobombing"!



Currie clearly took his officer duties seriously. Wonderfully preserved among family papers is a speech written by Currie to be delivered to the boys. He refers to the war as "a few years ago" so we are guessing that this must have been written in the early 1920s – roughly 100 years ago.

Fast forward a century or so and I have been enjoying the first few weeks of the Lent Bible study group at St John's and King's Park Church and have, with some help, mastered the App on my phone which gives a daily bible reading, a devotional for reflection and an opportunity to share thoughts via the App (I haven't mastered this bit yet!). So, it was Day 14 of 40, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March (bit of a coincidence?) and I was reading Hebrews 12: 1-3:

"...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles... consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

Later the same day, I was reading Currie's speech again as I prepared to scan it so that the family have an electronic version in case anything happens to the original. Currie wrote exactly what he planned to say, beginning "Now boys....". He wondered how many of them had ever been involved in a fight. Ironically, it is likely that a fair number of them grew up to fight in the Second World War. He referred to the brave French boys around their own age who had risked life and limb to take chocolate and newspapers to soldiers on the front line knowing that God would protect them from the shells bursting close by. He urged the Boy Reserves to take on a different fight – against sin and temptation – and to be soldiers in the army of Jesus Christ who is the Captain and Leader. Bullets and guns aren't needed in this army, he told them – only Christian work. It was as if 100 years had melted away and the words of a grandfather I had never known were echoing. The similarities of the messages that day were not lost on me: resisting sin and temptation and doing Christian work with bravery and hope.

Let me finish with the prayer led by Currie at the end of his speech:

*O God our heavenly Father we thank you for the blessing of life and health which thou hast bestowed upon us, our parents and homes. We thank thee also our Father for the life everlasting which comes after death and which we obtain by believing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Kate Robertson, St John's and King's Park Church, Dalkeith  
(sister of Ruth Kerr, ITW Church & Diana Thomson, Denny Old Parish Church)





# Muli bwanji - How are you?

What an adventure we had. I am still unpacking my head and make sense of all that I experienced on our trip to Malawi.

We arrived at our hotel in darkness, in the middle of a thunderstorm, with water pouring out of the sky and down the steep, narrow road we travelled up.

We had power cuts at the hotel and temperamental internet connections. We had no water for long periods of time. No water to flush the toilet, no water for washing or showering. Fortunately, we were able to order water from reception; hot, warm or cold. This was delivered to our room (some considerable time later) in plastic drums.

These deprivations, to our eyes, were good for us to experience in the light of what most of the people we met live with all the time.

Most have no electricity. When it's dark, it's dark.

Most have outside toilets; mudbrick-built cubicles with a hole in the ground and sheets of paper hanging on the wall.

The people we met showed us nothing but kindness, generosity and warm hospitality.

Mervis, the Session Clerk, who acted as my prompter as we walked about, encouraged me to greet people in their own language. She took the time and trouble to write out a beginner's vocabulary list. I'm working on it!

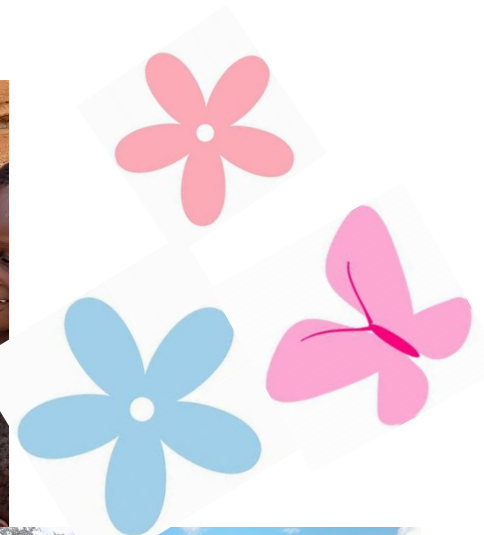
Christos, the Deputy Session Clerk, who sat next to me in church on Sunday and encouraged me to join in and dance with the choir, which I did.

Annie, the Headteacher of Thondwe School, who invited us to her house for lunch and who cooked the most delicious pumpkin over a charcoal stove.

Zione, the Good Samaritan, who stopped to help when she saw our car was stuck in the mud and lent Reverend James Chigoli her bicycle so he could go and get help.

Thank you for reading

Zikomo





## Cyclone Freddy

During our visit we were able to visit families in Thondwe that had been affected by one of the worst storms to hit Malawi. Rev James and his elders accompanied us as we walked around the community to meet villagers and learn of their suffering. As a result, the partnership pledged to provide food and shelter as best we could with the following plan of action agreed with the church elders.

**Feed 20 families** that were identified by the community as having lost food stored in their homes. The elders bought and distributed maize on our behalf.



# Cyclone Freddy



**Repair 5 homes** that were damaged by the storm, Chikumbutso, Lucy, Moreen, Nellie, and Emma. The partnership has provided funds for the church to employ a contractor to repair the homes which should be complete by end of June.



## Repair 5 homes wrinkly roofs



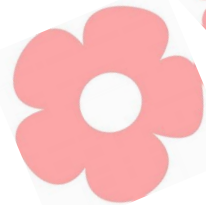
Replace thatch with **3 wrinkly roofs** for Letisha, Emmanuel and Tione. Once again the partnership has responded to the budget provided by the church elders and work should begin in June.



The partnership would like to thank everyone in the congregation and community for their donation of recorders which were put to good use during the visit. Teachers and learners were given some lessons and we have been informed that they continue to make progress.



## Thank you



Rev James Chigoli now inducted as parish minister into Thondwe CCAP church.

Rev James was keen to recognise the power of the partnership as we come together to help both communities in times of need. He looks forward to learning and bringing his own style of leadership to the partnership. He is joined in this celebration of the twinning link by his elders and congregation.

## Rev James Chigoli's inducted





# Rev James Chigoli.

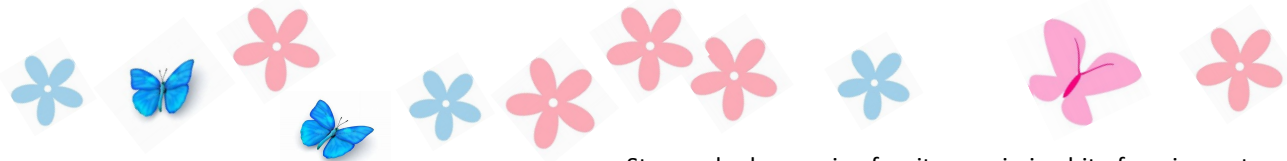
A little more background, James born in 1973, he was originally a primary school teacher for 10 years, before going on to the Zomba theological college in 2007. In 2011 he was ordained as a minister and from the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 he started serving the Lord at Thondwe CCAP.

He is a great fan of the Thondwe partnership and told us, he has seen with his own eyes, sick people like Gift and Lameck with big problems, getting medical help in the community from ITW, He has seen School children having a library with books and laptops. After Cyclone Freddy he has witnessed, food being supplied, houses being reconstructed from Partnership funds. Villagers enjoying themselves with football and netball equipment supplied by the partnership. They are looking for help with the very vital bridge reconstruction, after some of it was swept away in the biggest flood they have ever had with cyclone Freddy, the partnership are hoping to find sponsorship to help with this.

## Partnership success

James ended by mentioning kind-hearted coordinators like Fraser, Denis, Dave, John and Jackie, in his first 2 months of the new charge. He also sends his regards to the ITW congregation and all community members.

Editor



## New Sound System

Strange looks, moving furniture, missing bit of equipment and now the barriers seem to have come down and the technical operators can see the congregation and the congregation can see the operators all for what?

The Sound of music! Several months ago we embarked on a program to improve the sound system in the Innerleithen church and the on line service experience, for those in the church you will all remember the terrible howls of feedback and lack of clarity. For those online, you will remember, and told us, the speech was not clear, the music was too loud, or too quiet, generally it was not very good.

We have now installed a new mixer system, with the help of Andy Wright, (the real expert) from the Etrick and Yarrow valley churches and Dougal Kennedy, this allows us to control every input fully, that means every microphone, every instrument, the Video input, the Piano, guitars etc. and when I say control its not just the volume (which we could do before) it's also the frequencies (which has helped eliminate the feedback problems) and the output to the online service stream separately from the internal church sound.

I hope you have all heard the difference already, there is no longer that horrible feedback, the clarity is many time better, the readers voice from the lectern is clear and loud and the ministers voices are also clear and loud, The online stream is also much better, we can ensure the video sound or the organ does not drown out the congregation singing, so you can feel part of the service even when your not in the church. (when you see me with the head phones on, that's what I am doing, I can then hear exactly what is being streamed out to the YOUTUBE service, which is separate from the in church sound, so I/we can make sure the volume levels are correct. We will continue to tweak and learn as time goes on.

The next phases are not yet agreed, and we are not rushing in to spend more money unless it is justified, but we will keep you informed, I will just add, as a consequence of the new mixer, we also fixed the Hearing Loops system, so if you wear a hearing aid with a T setting, you will now get a really good improvement in the sounds you hear.





## From The Red Button Craft Room....

### How to make a Woven Lavender Pomander

Don't you just love when the lavender comes out! Here is a lovely craft to keep that lavender scent in your home all year long.

You will need:

19 flowering lavender stalks

(freshly picked and as long as possible),

About 1m fabric ribbon (thin ribbon works best)

Scissors.

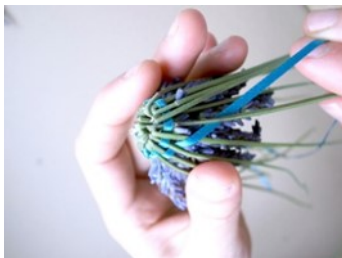


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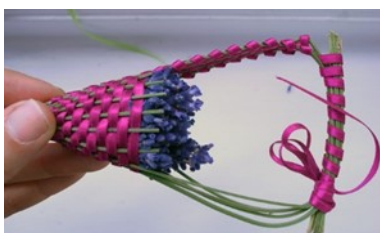
1. Strip any leaves from the stalks so the ribbon doesn't get caught in them while weaving.
2. Line up the base of the flowerheads and tie the ribbon tightly around the stalks.
3. Bend the stalks over the flowerheads. You are now ready to weave.



4. Weave the ribbon over and under the stalks, pushing the ribbon up and the weave closely together as you go. Make sure that the lavender flowers are behind the weave.



5. Finish with winding around the ribbon at the base and tie a bow.



Happy weaving!



# A CraftTin we will go!

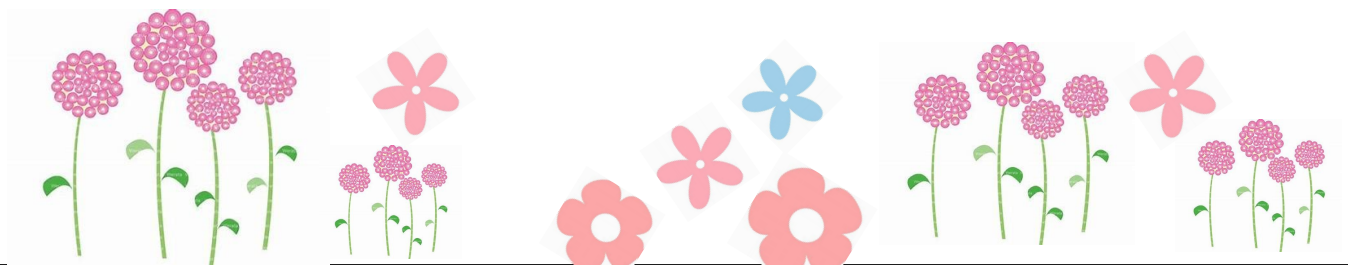
Dear readers,

I thought it was about time I wrote a little piece about the wonderful CraftTin project that ITW has supported over the last year. The project provides free craft classes for senior citizens in Innerleithen, Cardrona and Walkerburn. We try out different craft skills and materials and there is always a lot of laughter as people have a go! So far this year we have tried winter nut garlands, metallic painting, Easter lollipop stick cards, yarn Yorkshire buttons and cotton bud printing. It's a great way to relax and be sociable. Not everyone can afford to go out, but because our classes are free, anyone can come along without worrying about their purses. And because they are all held in the village centres, no one has too far to travel to get to them. We have 4 fantastic volunteers at the classes, who sit with people who need a bit of extra help. People might have poor eyesight, arthritis, or be hard of hearing, so it is important that we can make everyone feel welcome and able to have a go. We work with the SBC LAC team and the Red Cross, who refer people to our classes. We like to support the wider community by holding the classes in community spaces. The Innerleithen class is held in the Friendship room, the Cardrona class at the village hall, and in Walkerburn, we are at the Henry Ballantyne Club where we follow on from the lunch club. The classes are always busy and as well as laughing a lot, we make lots of mess (which is important when you are being creative!)

We have secured funding to continue the classes for another year which is wonderful news, and we look forward to making lots more crafty things! If anyone would like to come along to take part, or to help as a volunteer, you are very welcome! Just give me a ring on 07958158181. The dates of all the classes are also in the Peeblesshire News District section.

*Mandy Durkin*

**Here are the Lollipop birdhouse cards and the Cotton bud printed summer meadows.**



**christian  
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The collections at the CO-OP and the envelopes from ITW and St Andrews Churches raised £1, 106.30 so far, there may be a few more envelopes to come in (it's never too late!). Thanks to everyone who donated and to those who helped at the CO-OP and to Ruth who filled in the forms and sent the money off to Christian Aid.

Well done everybody!

*Ella*





# Kings Coronation



Kings Coronation celebration 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Garden Party and FUN day.

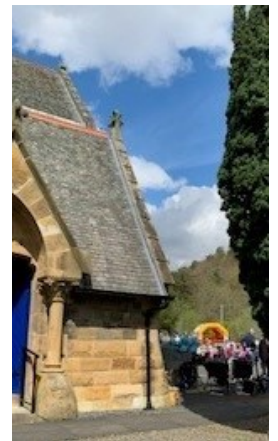
Special thanks go to Innerleithen Silver band who did the majority of the organising of this special celebration in the Church Grounds



Thanks also to the many volunteers that helped, we had Tea and Coffee and home bakes etc in the Church, The St Ronan's Silver Band opened the Fun day and the pipe band and musical group, the Ra'ah Band also entertained the crowds.

We had face painting, Coconut shy, Caldwell's Ice Cream, Bouncy Castle, Childrens crafts, Raffle, Cupcake Stall, The Cleikum Belle and a Prayer space (tent), what started out as an overcast morning turned into a glorious sunny and warm afternoon, but mostly we had a great day of chat and laughter and togetherness.

Well done everybody.





# The Tuesday after the Coronation .....

I was still relishing in particular the new King's testimony that as far as he was concerned the service would

be about continuing to serve rather than being served when suddenly I found myself being installed in the NHS Palace commonly called The Borders General Hospital and now the centre of attention for more courtiers than Edward the Second ever had at Westminster!

Of course, I had not been at all surprised when right at the start of the Coronation Service King Charles the Third broke with the traditional Order for all his predecessors because in 1981, when newly back in Balmoral from his honeymoon, the young Prince of Wales with "Ich Dien" on his epaulettes had quizzed me about multi-deprivation in Leith and then gone on to do more than one thing to bring about improvement. Then, later on, when the last mill in Walkerburn closed, local youth leaders had been taken aback to find themselves invited to Holyrood Palace and find Charles inviting business leaders to provide computers for the distraught village so that youngsters could get the new skills needed to get a job. Indeed, I knew that over the decades, the Prince's Trust had helped more than a million young people set up in business.

But now, out of the blue, summoned by the excellent St Ronan's Health Service, a gold and green carriage had carried this *actual servant* - ordained sixty-one years before as a minister "ad vitam aut culpam" - and installed him in their Palace. Four gifts of tried and tested no doubt appropriately blue blood replenished the proletarian dregs left in my arteries, and a huge range of highly skilled professional NHS Staff from countries all over the world were taking turns, sometimes four or five at a time, to give me all the care and attention they decided I needed. This Palace even provided a room better than Balmoral. I was a King surrounded by subjects!

Over the Coronation week-end, it was not just the dedication as a Servant King that this ninety-four year old Bolshie Scotsman reader was relishing, but also the memory of Charles and Camilla quietly savouring that song they'd chosen about the other couple whose families had prevented their marriage years before.

Less than a week later, the Borders Palace Planning Staff even arranged a re-baptism before bearing me back to my duties in the world. Realising that there are an increasing number of Jacks around these days, and caringly alert to the risks of older-age confusion, they ushered me into a larger Reception Room. There they first welcomed me with non-skid blue-for-a-boy socks, offered me a choice of orange juice instead of ordinary water for the ceremony, and then named me "Ward 4 Room 4 Bed 20."

Long Live the NHS! (My wife's Alzheimer's has not shut out her memory of marching along Princes Street when she was sixteen, carrying a banner for a free NHS.)

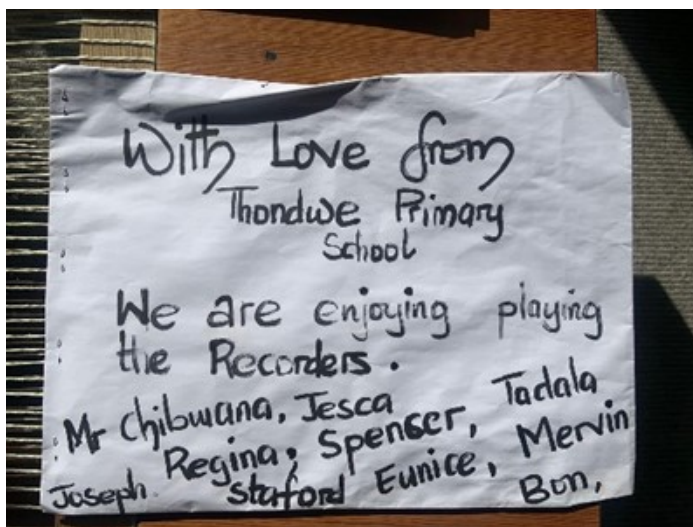
Glory to God for the Bible's inspiration to campaigners for a better world! And long May this King and Queen reign over us!

(Rev) Jack Kellet.

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## Letters Letters



The simple exchange of letters from the schools is one small but wonderful part of our twinning programme. Receiving a letter maybe an unusual thing for a child these days yet they still bring joy and smiles to faces.



# A Time of Waiting

As most folk in ITW will know, I have been struggling with worsening osteo-arthritis in my knees since we came out of the Covid lockdowns. With my GP's support and referral I explored whether it was time for one (or both) knee joints to be replaced. This all happened when the BGH, in particular, was overwhelmed by a huge demand on their resources. The NHS list was not an option for me, something that broke my heart as an ex-NHS nurse. A second private opinion led to a knee joint replacement in April (thanks to the consultant and his robot, Robbie!) and now onto a time of recovery.

For me, this has been an extraordinary time of waiting. It's not something I'm very good at. But I think it's also increasingly something that Western culture is bad at coping with too. So much of our living nowadays expects an instant response or gratification. I'm also a "do-er" or "fix-er". It's probably why I became a nurse, we are expected to be able to make decisions quickly. Often we have to otherwise we could have a very sick patient (or worse). Also our patients expect us to have answers to their problems and we can be afraid to answer "I don't know".

So how have I coped with all that waiting? Maybe it's best to ask my husband or close family and friends to see if they think I've been patient, kind and cheerful. But maybe I might not like their assessment! Certainly, over the last two years at least, I have been struck how much time I have needed to wait and just face uncertainty. Often those times have coincided with the Church year when as the Body of Christ we are called to wait - Advent, Lent, Ascension, Pentecost.....It's been a helpful discipline. So much of my reading of the Scriptures have taken me to the words "Wait on the Lord", "Abide in me", "Go and wait" and recently "Be still..."

We tend to think of waiting as inaction but I don't think God views it that way. Often when the Lord asks us to wait then it's also a time of preparation and expectation. But it's not that we are going to do or achieve something, it's because God is going to do something and we just need to be ready and open for that. The waiting involves prayer - not always words, though I find it often involves me asking God "what's going on?" It's being willing to listen - to God, others and ourselves - "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". It's being aware of what might be happening beyond our immediate surroundings or situation.

What does God have in store for me, for you, for our church? I can't say I know. I can give thanks for all that the Lord is already doing in me, in you and in our church. I can look with expectation that he will do great things in the future. But for now I just need to "Be still..." and know that He is God.

*Heather Martin*



## St Ronan's Border Games 2023

Congratulations to all the school pupils and principles selected to take part in the Cleikum Ceremonies 2023.

Special congratulations to Standard Bearer and his Lass Ryan and Rachael Simpson



**8-15 JULY 2023**

Innerleithen Kirkin Service will be held at the ITW Parish Church on Sunday 9th July 2023 at 11.00am—please note slightly later time

For full details about Games Week 2023 or to book tickets visit [www.stronangames.org.uk](http://www.stronangames.org.uk).



On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**, I'll be doing the Kiltwalk BigStroll, raising funds for ITW Church for outreach work in our Parish.

I'm not alone as many others will be tackling this walk & raising funds for their chosen charity – hopefully all resplendent in a bit of tartan or wearing kilts. This includes walking with my sister Kate and friend who will be raising funds their chosen charity, St John's & King's Park Church of Scotland, Dalkeith.

The 'Big Stroll' is the Kiltwalk middle-distance walk of just under 15 miles from Musselburgh to Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

I realise September is several months away but wanted to raise awareness now. I'm hoping for as much sponsorship as possible and thought that plenty of notice would be good. Nearer the time I'll have a sponsorship form and a Just Giving page if you prefer to make donations that way. Watch out for details nearer the time.

If anyone fancies doing the walk with me, let me know & I can help you go through the Kiltwalk registration process. In the meantime, I'm heading out to get my fitness level up to make sure I can tackle 15 miles!

Yours Ruth Kerr. KIITWalk trainee!



### Ingredients

- 6oz/175g desiccated coconut
- 3oz/85g icing sugar/powdered sugar
- 1 packet raspberry flavored jelly crystals/jello powder
- 7oz/200g condensed milk (half a tin) 8oz/225g dark chocolate, to cover

## Raspberry Ruffle Bars

### Method

1. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl, add the jelly powder and the condensed milk and mix well.
2. Add the desiccated coconut and stir until it's a sticky, dark pink, 'coconutty' mixture.
3. Press into a lined 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ /20cm tin.
4. Melt the chocolate and pour over the coconut mix. Leave to set. Cut into bars and enjoy!



# Walk & Talk

Since the last report in the Spring magazine, Walk & Talk enjoyed a return to Elibank Castle circular on 8 April - last walked by the group in November 2021 – before Storm Arwen. Great views up and down the Tweed Valley and again our ‘walk & talk historian’ Ross McGinn shared his knowledge of the Murray family and others who have owned the castle down the ages. We heard about Muckle Mouth Meg and were glad not to have the choice of Young Wattie Scott, apparently ‘one of the handsomest laddies in the Scottish Borders’ to ‘hang by a tree to die.....or marry Meg’. Good job he chose the latter as they were ancestors of Sir Walter Scott. Good news – by all accounts they had a long and happy marriage.



A shorter walk beckoned on 6<sup>th</sup> May to allow folks to return in time to see the Coronation of King Charles on television, so we headed at the earlier time of 9am from Innerleithen church car park. Ross explained the background to the plinths at the top of Pirn Hill and the stories they told by illustration.

Walk & Talk is taking a break over the summer months but if you fancy a local walk, you could join the 2023 Heritage Walks organised by Innerleithen Community Trust on Wednesday 7 June 6-8pm, Saturday 1 July 10-12 noon, Wednesday 2 August 6-8pm, Saturday 2 September 10-12 noon. Each walk focuses on a different aspect of the history, industry and people of Innerleithen etc.

Enjoy your walks over the summer months and hope to see you back with Walk & Talk in the autumn.



Ruth Kerr



## Walkerburn Summer Festival 2023

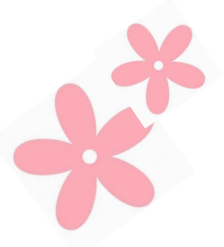
**Congratulations to Essay Winner Grace Hardie and Festival Lad Declan Hunter.**

There will be a full week of events starting from

**25th June to 2nd July 2023**

**Walkerburn Festival Service Sunday 25th June 2023—Village Hall at 10.30am**

*PLEASE NOTE, there will be no service at Innerleithen this day and we encourage everyone to come to the Walkerburn service.*



# Deaths

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Allan Watt 14/03/2023  
James Whiteford 26/03/2023  
Robert Scott 12/05/2023



## ADVANCE WARNING!!!

# Next Mag

Articles for the next magazine our Autumn Edition!.... need to be submitted by **Friday 4th August 2023**. These can be sent to Karen or David at any time before this date. Email is great if it is possible

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