



NEW HORIZONS

*Innerleithen, Traquair and
Walkerburn Parish Church*

Summer Edition

2025

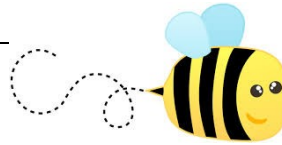
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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Well, as they say, "when the cats away the mice will play" I always thought that meant the minister when we referred to a church, but I suppose we asked for trouble when the minister and the magazine editor both went off too Malawi with the Summer Magazine due right when we got back. I came back on Saturday to find only two articles for the magazine had been sent in. However, I have to say, a call for help and the troops circled and have produced all that I have needed to be able to show something for the Magazine. Thanks to all that have responded. The Thondwe part is going to be skinny, but the team that travelled (Fraser, his daughter Anna and myself) are just back and we will over the next few weeks and months fill you in with all that happened.

It was exciting, it was exhausting and at times frustrating (not so much roads with lots of potholes as lots of potholes with a little bit of road! including their M3 motorway!!!) but the same bright smiles, bright wide eyes and warm welcome I have always received.

Dave Kerr



FACT

The Fellow and Care Team (FACT) held another afternoon tea event on Thursday 22nd May. A very happy afternoon was had by all who came along and the musical entertainment from Robin Wilson and his friends and Jim Wallace and Don Cameron was excellent and much appreciated.

These events are hosted to spread fellowship and care among the congregation and community members. As always there was no entrance fee but there is a collection plate for those that want to donate something, but it is entirely voluntary and around £200 was donated to Church Funds.



CHRISTIAN AID

The money collected from the Christian Aid envelopes amounted to £613 there were 80 Gift Aid slips totalling £470 00 Thanks to everyone who donated.

Ella



CHURCH LUNCHES

The Church Lunches have finished until September, on behalf of the team may I thank everyone who contributed by making soup and traybakes, those who helped to clear the tables and by no means least everyone who came along and enjoyed the fellowship, there a real buzz around the Hall of Friendship - a sure sign that folks are having a good time!

Ella

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

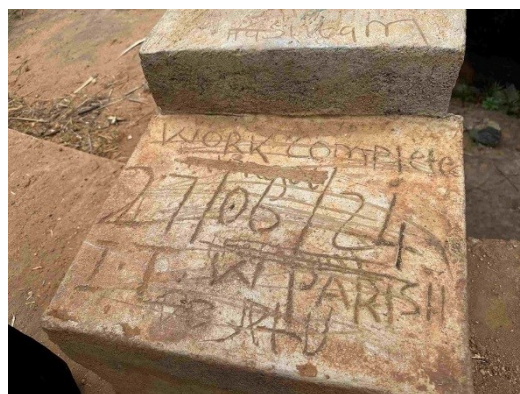
Dear Friends

As I sit down to write I really have no idea how to begin to summarise our recent trip to Malawi to meet with our friends in Thondwe CCAP. The time passed in an incredible blur of new experiences, new people and new places. Our eleven nights away included two overnight flights, seven nights in Zomba, one night in Liwonde National Park and one in Blantyre. We touched down in Edinburgh 24 hours ago and I'm not yet sure if my brain has caught up! I think I will be telling the stories of the trip for a long time to come but here are some initial reflections.

Malawi is called 'The Warm Heart of Africa' and now I know why. Everyone that we met extended such a warm welcome to us and seemed so pleased that we had made the journey to visit. Nothing was too much trouble in terms of looking after us. Luke 3:11 says *"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."* In Malawi I could really see this in action and people who have relatively little are much more willing to share than we might be in the UK. The ministers I spoke to all shared that regularly the people of their parish could turn up to their door needing food and would go away with whatever the minister had, even if the minister and family would go hungry to do this. Their faith goes deep and their trust in God is inspiring.

Our long term partnership is bearing real fruit all around the community

One of my goals on the trip was simply to get my bearings in Thondwe. I've heard about the school, the church, the bridge, the garden and more but I wanted to see them and understand how they relate to each other. Our first day was in the community and everywhere I went there were signs of the partnership at work. The Walkerburn Crafts4U banner hangs with pride of place in the church, the finishing stones of the bridge linking parts of the community has 'ITW Parish' etched into the concrete, the bookcases in the Library have small plaques with the names of ITW Church members, photos of the Kirk Session hang on the wall of the Headteacher's office. The long-term benefits of the partnership are seen throughout the community and there is a close relationship. This is not just about sending donations but working together for the benefit of the whole community over many years.



We have so much to learn from our friends in Malawi

I was so inspired by the faithfulness and joy that I saw in church. Our partnership minister, Rev James Chigoli, looks after four churches and Thondwe is just one of them. Early on Sunday morning he took me to share in a wedding service in Mpita CCAP. I have never seen such joy, singing and dancing in church! Psalm 100 was definitely being followed

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness come before him with joyful songs."



The depth of faith was also inspiring. We visited various people around the Parish and I had no idea the parish was so big. Some folk in the Thondwe Parish have to walk for an hour to get to church each Sunday. Could we be so keen and committed to get to church that we would walk for an hour in the hot sun?

These are just a few initial observations from our trip. Every day I was delighted to see the work that ITW Church has done over many years and long before I was called here. Your generosity, faithfulness and commitment to the people of Thondwe is changing lives and I was regularly asked to return with greetings and thanks from the people of Thondwe.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the trip, for releasing me from normal duties and to Rev Colin Sinclair, Rev David Taverner and Rev Jim Wallace who have covered services while I was away. I'm also very grateful to David Kerr who led the trip and managed to bring us all back safely.

There will be time to share in more detail at a future date but please be encouraged about the impact our partnership has and continue to hold Rev James, his elders and the congregation in our prayers.

Fraser

Whitchester Retreat Day

On a lovely sunny day on Saturday 17 May we arrived at Whitchester Christian Centre, a Victorian house set in lovely grounds. We gathered in the lounge area where Heather outlined the plans for the day and all enjoyed the crumbly shortbread, tea/coffee! A tour of the house followed and each person decided whether to go the art room; find a wee corner in the house or gardens for quiet reading, reflection or to take some photos.

We all gathered together after an hour or so for a short time of worship in the lovely chapel where we reflected on Psalm 23 and John 10 verse 11 - Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep". Peace descended as we prayed together, finishing each line saying "We journey in your light".

Then before we knew it, it was time for a delicious lunch in the dining room. We then chose our activity for the first part of the afternoon. Fraser had offered to lead a walk in the hills above Whitchester, stopping to admire and reflect on the beautiful scenery around us, using our senses of touch, scent and sight.

Once back from the walk, we all gathered in the lounge for delicious lemon drizzle, tea/coffee. We reflected on the day and the benefits of having a 'quiet day' with time taken away from the usual 'busyness'. We hope to arrange another date for folks who couldn't manage this time, perhaps in the Autumn. Thank you to Heather for organising, Fraser for leading the walk and not forgetting Amanda at Whitchester for the amazing food.



Ruth Kerr

Guild report

We finished our session with our AGM with Marjorie Wallace joining our Committee. The afternoon finished with several quizzes and lots of fun making Easter Bonnets out of newspaper, feathers pins and sticky tape. The resulting hats were impressive!

We then looked forward to our Summer Outing when 26 of us including several husbands, enjoyed High Tea at the Green Tree in Peebles. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day in May.

Since then our committee have met to plan our meetings for the new session beginning in October. We are hoping that the guests we are approaching will agree to come to our meetings and give us many interesting afternoon presentations.

Betty Scott

Safe Guarding

At the General Assembly, it was decided that all church volunteers who work with vulnerable and elderly adults should participate in safe guarding training as well as those who work with young people. Please watch out for intimations on when you can access this training. Also safeguarding training and police checks must be updated every 5 years.

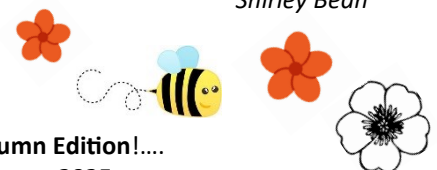
Your Safe Guarding coordinator at ITW is Shirley Bean so please contact her if you have any concerns about safe guarding issues or training.

Shirley Bean

ADVANCE WARNING

Articles for the next magazine our **Autumn Edition!**... need to be submitted by **Friday 8th August 2025.**

These can be sent to Karen or David at any time before this date. Email is great if it is possible.



Thondwe News

Wrinkly Roofs



We were delighted to get the news that Paul Faris, President of Carlisle Castle Rotary club has been successful in securing a Rotary grant of £3000 to repair 8 roofs in Malawi. The families selected to receive a metal roof were visited during the recent trip to Thondwe and Rev James introduced us to single parent Victoria with her 4 children, just one of the families who received the joyful news.

Phalyce Solomon

We regularly correspond with Phalyce who was sponsored through her college education by a church member after she visited us in 2019. She recently shared her good news that she has secured a job as a sales assistant in an agricultural supplier. We fondly remember her visit



Sunday Porridge Club

It is reported that 40% of Malawian children are affected by poor nutrition, limiting a child's potential. Because of repeated cyclones and droughts hunger in Malawi only seems to worsen. As the Thondwe partnership waited for a decision from Mary's Meals on providing free school meals a decision was made to start up a Sunday morning Porridge Club during the 3 Hunger Months from January to End March.

Providing a cup/plate of Phala (porridge) has been extremely popular with an average of 80 children appearing each week. During the recent Thondwe visit the Twinning Committee recommended that it be repeated next year and that the time to buy the maize is now when the price is at its lowest.

We will continue to press Mary's Meals for an answer to a formal school programme for Thondwe CCAP. Maybe from humble beginnings mighty things might grow!

We would like to recognise mother and Daughter Judith and Rebecca, Rotarians in the USA for sharing the cost of this trial Porridge Club.

Water Borehole

The contractor appointed to repair the broken borehole has been busy cleaning out the base where bricks and sticks have gathered. Unfortunately, so much mud has gathered that a compressor is now required to finish the job. A former pupil at the school has offered to do the work which hopefully will start soon.

GET-IT Girls

The Girls Education Together In Thondwe (GET-IT) project has involved sponsoring five girls each year through secondary school. These girls all attended Thondwe primary school however after passing their exams and being accepted into St Anthony's secondary school they needed financial support in order to pay the fees to attend. The ITW partnership ensured that not only were the girls tuition fees paid but that they had the correct uniform and supplies (e.g. stationery, school bags etc) to ensure they excelled in secondary school. The first group of girls to be sponsored through secondary school graduated this year after 4 years of hard work

During our trip to Malawi we visited St Anthony's secondary school to meet with the deputy head teacher, Maria along with the GET-IT-GIRLS. This was a great opportunity as we received feedback from the girls about how beneficial the sponsorship has been. It was amazing to hear how much the girls valued their education and how ambitious and driven they were to continue to progress towards professional careers. Each of the five graduating girls has a clear hope to go to college and study their chosen subject.



We first spoke to Deborah Njala who told us her favourite subject in school was social studies and that she was keen to further this interest by attending college to study law. Mary Nandewe said that she preferred maths based subjects and hopes to become an accountant. Margaret Arnold spoke about her ambition to attend college and become a nurse. Apatseni Nazombe told us her dream of completing college and becoming a Doctor. Also graduating was Brenda Malata, however we didn't get an opportunity to speak with her at St Anthonys. We spoke to many of the other GET-IT-GIRLS who were in second or third year. These girls also had a clear idea of what they want to do when they graduate such as an electrical engineer and doctors. We learnt that after the girls receive their exam results at the end of summer they can begin to apply to college for the following year. Most girls told us that in order to attend college they would need to receive a scholarship or financial support from elsewhere.

GET-IT Girls cont

When speaking to Maria (deputy head teacher at St Anthony's) she explained that unlike in Scotland, the girls need to wait until the following year after graduating to attend college due to the way the applications work. She emphasised that it was hard for the girls to support themselves through this year while they wait to hear back from colleges. Mary Nandewe and Margaret Arnold showed initiative and determination as they already had a plan to start their own business during this year in order to support their living costs and ensure they were ready for college when the time came.

After church on the Sunday we held a graduation ceremony for the five girls which was attended by their family and friends. We heard speeches from the girls about the impact that their time at secondary school had had on their life and how it has given them the opportunity to apply for colleges and pursue their dream careers which may not have been possible otherwise. We also heard a speech from the mother of one of the girls who was incredibly grateful and joyful that her daughter had been able to achieve so much.

During the ceremony each girl was called up individually to receive a certificate and a gift to recognise their hard work over the last 4 years. This was a very memorable moment as the whole congregation cheered, sang and danced to show their congratulations towards the girls. This was a very special time as it showed the girls how much support they had and that they should be proud of all they have accomplished.



After this ceremony we were able to catch up with the girls and hear not only about the academic side of the sponsorship but also how much they had enjoyed their time at school. All the girls had formed amazing friendships and were supportive and encouraging to one another.



I hope we can consider supporting a new cohort of GET-IT Girls and also explore the possibility of helping the Secondary School leavers to continue into further education.

Anna Edwards

Thondwe Girls Project

Menstrual Hygiene Day #MHD2025 is about creating change, and we are proud to have supported, for 7 years, #PeriodfriendlyThondwe by providing hygiene education and products to girls, as one of the core objectives of our community partnership.



Cicilia's Story

I am Cicilia Gimusole from Chikapa village. I am one of the beneficiary of the pads in 2017. This pads help me a lot as I was managing to attend every lesson per month without missing any including activities that were conducted at school e.g. sports. I was very comfortable when I was in period because of this kind of pads. I was finishing my secondary school level then I work with an NGO as a field worker but was contract for 2 years and the contract was over 2023.

As I am writing I am a nursery school teacher. I decided to open my own nursery school in my house. My ambition is to have a class room so that children must learn in the class not a house like that. I am 27 years old.

Ellen's Story

Dear TGP

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the pads provided to me in 2017. Your contribution had a significant impact on my life particularly during that time. The pads helped me to manage my menstruation with dignity, ensuring I that could continue my dairy activities without interruption or discomfort.

Your support boosted my confidence and enabled me to focus on my studies, work and other activities. As of now I finished my secondary school, and I have Malawi secondary certificate of education. For now, I am working for a certain white woman who is also teaching me how to cook different types of food and how to sew. My ambition is to have my own restaurant in 2 years coming. I like cooking because it helps me to know how to prepare health food for everyone.

I appreciate your organisation's effort to provide essential resources to those in need your initiative has made a lasting difference in my life

Thank you for your kindness and support.

Sincerely

ELLEN SOLOMON
(THONDWE CCAP ZOMBA MALAWI)



Update on Traquair Kirk Sale

On 11th May we had a special service in Traquair Kirk and we wanted to give an update here so everyone knows what was happening.

In a wider programme of cost reduction the Central Church of Scotland has been reducing costs by selling buildings. Although in our local parish we never wanted to lose the Kirk building we were obliged to look for a new owner.

Our worst fears were for this building to be closed and become derelict but now there is new hope.

A new charity 'A Future for Traquair Kirk' was formed and completed the purchase of Traquair Kirk. We are grateful for the excellent relationship we have with the trustees.

The special service was held to mark the handover, taking part in the service were Norman Donald, Rev Peter Wood, Very Rev Colin Sinclair and Fraser.

Worship will continue in Traquair Kirk, our monthly Thursday afternoon services on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm will continue. We'll be at Traquair Kirk for Remembrance, Christmas and Easter for our special services.

There are records of Christian worship at Traquair for more than 900 years and now that future is secure.

The charitable trust 'A future for Traquair Kirk' will continue to care for this building and seek to find wider community use too.

Following this service the congregation were invited to Glen House for afternoon tea and many people took up that kind invitation and enjoyed the hospitality.

We feared closing the building but last Sunday was a good opportunity to celebrate the future and although the ownership of the building has changed our worshipping presence will remain the same.

Dave Kerr





Prayer Corner



Last November the Fellowship and Care team first began to talk about ways that this corner might be used once all the tech equipment had been re-located upstairs and we came up with the idea for a prayer corner or space.

Why a prayer corner?

At the end of a service we all do at least one of 5 things:

- We turn and chat for a while to the person next to us
- We get up and head home
- We move into the Hall of Friendship for tea or coffee
- We sit for a few moments to think about the sermon
- We pray either by ourselves or with someone else



All of these things are part and parcel of a lively, busy church and that's just as it should be. But if you feel you would like just a few minutes to either pray by yourself or have someone pray with you then it can be difficult to have that little bit of space. This is why the Fellowship and Care Team felt that a prayer corner would be a helpful use of this space.

There are several ways you can make use of the Prayer Corner if you would like to.

Either side of the cross the wall is blank. If you have a favourite prayer, if you see a prayer perhaps in a magazine or online or if you feel inspired to write a prayer, please feel free to pin it on this wall for others to see and read. There is a tub of pins on the shelf.

We have a lovely prayer tree which came from Traquair Church. Beside the tree is a basket with little red hearts. There isn't really room on a heart to write a prayer but you could write the name of someone or something you are remembering in prayer. For example you could simply write 'Ukraine'. If you are writing someone's name just put their first name. You know who they are.

We also have a box for any confidential prayers you would like brought to the monthly prayer meeting. The box will be emptied before each meeting and used as part of the prayer time. Everything prayed for at the prayer meeting is confidential. There are slips for you to write prayers on and pop in the box.

Finally we have some chairs here in the corner for anyone who would like to come and pray for a while either by yourself or with someone to pray with you.

We hope this will grow and develop as time goes on and everyone will take time to either read what is on the wall or contribute in some way.

As you can imagine, something like this doesn't just pop up over night. The Fellowship and Care Team put a lot of time and effort into the planning and then creating of the space. Over and above that there are a few other people we would like to say thank you to.

Thank you to Dave Kerr who spent a lot of time moving equipment upstairs, covering the wall with cork tiles and putting up the shelf.

Thank you to Martin Hobbs who found a great match for the existing paint and painted the tiles and he and Dave put up the cross.

Thank you to Shirley bean for making the curtains and to Dave Barbour for securing the 2 screens to the floor.



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Prayer Corner cont

Finally, last week in Sunday Club we looked at the Lord's Prayer and Hannah and I used that model to write a prayer.

I'm going to finish with that prayer now and if you listen you will learn what Hannah really likes to eat!

Let us pray

Dear God,

Thank you that you always help us, especially when we are sad.

Help us to make the world a better place.

Please give us food and water and lots of oreos.

Bless my little brother and all my family and all the people in the church.

The Howgate Cross

This all began as a result of a conversation with Rhona McGlasson who was a member of Howgate Church at the time. She said how nice it would be to have a cross up on the wall, it would make such a difference to the whole place. I was making household furniture at the time, so it wasn't a great change of work to make a cross!

I decided to make it a Celtic Cross with a plain cross for Christianity and a Celtic circle which stands for eternity - having no beginning and no end.

At that time there was a scrap merchant in Old Leith Docks who stripped out houses and churches and on a visit to him I saw an old pew which I was told had been taken from an ancient church in Leith. It seemed fitting to use this for the cross materials, so I bought it. When I cleaned it up, I discovered that it had superb Scots pine back rests and a piece of laburnum on one end piece so it must have come from an old and loved community.

The cross body was made from the old Scots pine and the circle from the laburnum. The wall foot piece was made from a piece of soft wood I found in Ephesus when I was working in Turkey. Again, the source seemed fitting for the cross.

The cross was finished with wax polish, not varnish as I believe that wood, as a living thing, should be allowed to breathe and be handled with care.

I think it should be noted that Irene and Martin Hobbs were instrumental in the cross being moved from Howgate to Innerleithen after Howgate Church closed.

I must admit I am delighted that the cross has been returned to a church and that the timbers have returned to a holy place where I believe it was always intended to be.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION



The moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson presented ITW Church a beautiful Tile, in a lovely Tartan Bag on his return visit to our church on 2nd March 2025.

We have had this mounted as shown, which is a copy of the mounting that Thondwe did for their Tile Presented on the Moderators visit in August 2024. Ours will be placed in the Malawi Corner for all to see.

Funeral

Alice Innes
06/05/25



Congratulations to Festival Lass
Maisie Sealey
 and
Essay Winners Maisie Sealey &
Thea Leslie

Walkerburn Festival Service - Sunday 22nd
June at 10:30am - 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.*

Craft Box at
 Innerleithen Parish
 Church - a positive
 community arts project

Craft Box is a free class for senior citizens, that focuses on relaxing through creativity. We do make lots of different things, but its also about getting together with others and doing something positive. It makes you feel better. And in a constantly stressful world, that's something we all need. Our free crafting classes have now been running successfully for 5 years (including in postal form during the pandemic!) and we have made everything you can imagine, from felt brooches to pop up cards to mini photo albums. And we have learnt so many skills, including decoupage, collaging, modelling and felting. And most importantly we have made great friendships and had great fun! Many people who come along are not 'arty types'. They come along to see what we do and end up staying! Anyone is very welcome to pop in and see us, so if you fancy trying something new, or have a friend or relative who might benefit, please get in touch, we'd love to see you. Call Mandy on 07958158181.



This community project is funded through different grants secured by ITW Church and is run by Red Button Arts.

ST. RONAN'S BORDER GAMES

CAR TREASURE HUNT

Purchase clue sheets at Caldwell's from 12 noon on Friday 11 July. Can be completed at any time during the week.

SATURDAY 12th JULY

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

VICTORIA PARK, 12 noon

STANDARD BEARER'S BALL

ST. RONAN'S MARQUEE, 7.00pm-1.00am

SUNDAY 13th JULY

KIRKIN' PARADE & SERVICE

PROCESSION LEAVES HALL STREET, 10.30am

INNERLEITHEN PARISH CHURCH, 11.00am

TOWN BANDS ENTERTAIN

HIGH STREET, 2.00pm

CHILDREN'S SPORTS & TREAT

VICTORIA PARK, 3.00pm

TUESDAY 15th JULY

OVER 60s PARTY NIGHT

MEMORIAL HALL, 7.30pm

Free Tickets available from The Thrift Shop

WEDNESDAY 16th JULY

QUIZ NIGHT

856 SOCIAL CLUB, 8.00pm

THURSDAY 17th JULY

FANCY DRESS PARADE

JUDGING in VICTORIA PARK, 7.00pm

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

VEHICLES (MOTORISED & NON MOTORISED)

JUDGED in HALL STREET

Classes listed in Official Programme

FRIDAY 18th JULY

ST. RONAN'S CLEIKUM CEREMONIES

commencing in MEMORIAL HALL, 7.00pm

(Doors open 6.15pm; close, 6.55pm)

"FOR THE FALLEN" 7.45pm

CEREMONY at

ST. RONAN'S WELLS, 8.30pm

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION to

MASONIC CEREMONY from Hall Street, 10.15pm

See separate poster for full details

SATURDAY 19th JULY

CHILDREN'S FLOWER PARADE

leaves HALL STREET, 11.00am

RACE ROUND THE TOWN

from HALL STREET, 1.30pm

Followed by

'GAMES OPENING PARADE

from VALE CLUB with MASSED BANDS

198th ANNIVERSARY of ST. RONAN'S BORDER GAMES

VICTORIA PARK, 2.00pm

See separate poster for full details

BEATING THE RETREAT

HIGH STREET, 7.00pm

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

from VALE CLUB for CAERLEE HILL,

9.30pm

BURNING THE DE'IL

CAERLEE HILL, 10.15pm (approx.)

For further details please see
 the Official Programme or email
 secretary@stronansgames.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

to Jamie Patterson
 and his Lass Amy
 Ralston and to all
 twenty four
 youngsters from St.
 Ronan's Primary
 School named to take
 leading roles in the
 Cleikum Ceremonies
 and other Games
 Week events.



Innerleithen Kirkin' Service

is Sunday 13th July at 11am

– the later time allows for the parade

For full details about Games Week 2025 or to book tickets visit
www.stronansgames.org.uk.


Sheilagh Sommerville

It was with great sadness that we learned recently that Sheilagh Sommerville had passed away.

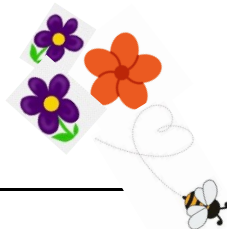
Sheilagh had been ill for some time and was in Hay Lodge Hospital in Peebles, where many of her friends from the Church visited her regularly.

Sheilagh was loyal and incredibly active in the Church at Walkerburn, she was a long serving Session member as she was for the Guild and the Village Hall.

When the Guild in Walkerburn closed down, she swiftly moved to join Innerleithen Guild and was also a member of the ITW Fellowship and Care Team (FACT) helping organise and cater for the social events, such as the afternoon teas, bereavement Cafés and she was without doubt a legend in the Shortbread department.

 We will all miss her and I will always remember her greeting to me, "Hello YOU!"

Dave Kerr (Editor and friend)



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