

BULLETIN

JUNE 2010



The Bishop's Bridge was built over the water of Cruden by Bishop James Drummond in 1697 to prevent parishioners from having to wade through the water to get to Church.

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DIARY DATES

SUMMER 2010

Worship services will continue every Sunday morning in Cruden Parish Church at 10 am and will be conducted by the minister with the exception of the dates mentioned below when he will be conducting the Sacrament of Baptism in Deer Church.

June

Thursday 3rd : Guild Senior Citizens' Outing

Sunday 6th : Service conducted by Miss Alice MacLeod

Wednesday 16th : Acclamations Concert 7.30 am Church

Saturday 19 June Congregational Walk leaving Hatton Hall at 10 am
Speyside Way - Craigellachie to Ballindalloch

July

Sunday 18th : OPEN AIR SERVICE 11.00 am
followed by church picnic

Sunday 25th : Service conducted by Mrs Jenny Smith

Sunday 25th Congregational Walk leaving the hall at 11.30 am
Ratray - Fraserburgh

August

Friday 20 - 23 August Badaguish Centre, Nr Aviemore

Monday 23rd : Outreach Committee 7.30 pm Manse

Sunday 29th : Service conducted by Mrs Anthea Macnee

Monday 30th : Kirk Session 7.30 pm Hall

The Social Committee intend to resume the monthly Coffee and Chat mornings on Wednesday **1 September**. Remember to keep the first Wednesday mornings of the winter months free.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME
OUT ON **29 August**. Copy for inclusion to be handed
in to the Manse as soon as possible.



£3,443.93

On the Friday evening when we counted the money collected from the 'House to House' during the Week the total counted was £2,622.93.

To this we can add	Buttery Morning	£370.00
	Sunday Brunch	£155.00
	Other donations	<u>£296.07</u>

making a total of £3,443.93

Thank you all who have supported,

- Wilma Moir who organised the Buttery Morning.
- Marilyn Samways who organised the Brunch.
- Rosemary Reid who organised the house-to-house collection in Hatton.
- Mary Bratton who organised the house-to-house collection in Cruden Bay.
- Rosemary Pittendrigh who organised the count and who has now agreed to be our Christian Aid Organiser.
- those who helped with the 'House to House' collection;
- those who came along on Friday evening to help with the count;
- those who supported the buttery morning, being there, helping with the serving, giving and buying of raffle prizes;
- those who stopped off after the service to enjoy the Christian Aid brunch in the Hall and those who made it possible
- those who over the year collect coins in jars/boxes/bags etc.

The figure raised so far is a little less compared with last year but the important thing is that the parish of Cruden continues to support and help the poor and needy of today's world.



SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES OLD CHURCH 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas
6 June	Dorothy Cruickshank Robert Esson	Betty Forrester	Kathleen Craig Margaret Adams
13 June	Kate Clark Sarah Paterson	Margaret Cruickshank	Elizabeth Bruce Alison Neilson
20 June	Kate Clark Sarah Paterson	Bessie Sandison	Anne Cadey Betty Forrester
27 June	Mary McNaughtan John Lamb	Betty Forrester	Wilma Moir Liz Carnie
4 July	Mary McNaughtan John Lamb	Wilma Moir	Norman Forman Betty Morris
11 July	Marilyn Samways Jack Young	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Rosemary Reid Sharon Rennie
18 July	Marilyn Samways Jack Young	Margaret Cruickshank	Wilma Moir Elma Cumming
25 July	Betty Forester Sandy Smith	Joyce Willox	Beatrice Fawkes Margaret Jamieson
1 August	Betty Forester Sandy Smith	Marilyn Samways	Iris Durno Dorothy Cruickshank
8 August	Kathleen Craig Liz Carnie	Iris Durno	Mary Coutts Marilyn Samways
15 August	Kathleen Craig Liz Carnie	Betty Forrester	Margaret Adams Lewis McKechnie
22 August	Beatrice Fawkes Michael Buchan	Joyce Willox	Betty Forrester Elizabeth Bruce

Date	Children	Date	Children	Date	Children
6 June	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb	13 June	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb	20 June	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
27 June	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb	22 August	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb		

FROM THE MINISTER *19 MAY 2010*

Dear Friends

Service with a Difference

The Kirk Session has approved a proposal for a service with a difference to take place at Cruden Parish Church on 18 July. Please note the starting time will not be the usual 10 am. This service will begin at **11 am** and it will be **OUTDOORS**.

Following arrangements made for an outdoor service after a treasure hunt a couple of years ago, the service will take place, hopefully in the sunshine, in the section of the car park nearest the back door of the hall. There will be enough seats for everyone and the intention is to have a Songs of Praise. In the weeks running up to 18 July those attending church will be given an opportunity to indicate what hymns they would like sung that day so those coming can be assured we will be singing a whole lot of favourite hymns.

After the service it is hoped everyone will stay on for a picnic on the basis of bring your own food. Tea and coffee will be available. In the event of bad weather, the service will take place in the church and picnic in the hall!

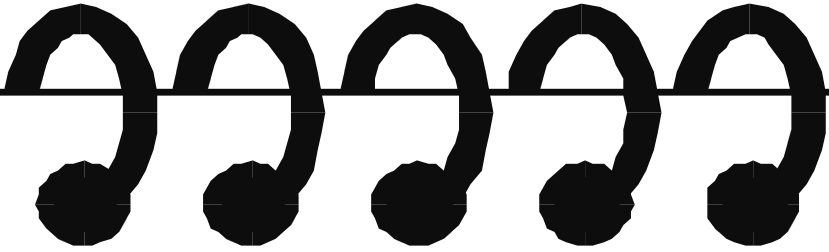
I hope you will think about coming to something different.

Essential Repairs

Many people attending worship will have been aware of a problem with the east wall of the church (facing the hall). The most obvious symptom is flaking plaster. This has been a problem for a number of years but the Kirk Session is now determined to get to the root of the problem and deal with the dampness in the plaster. A joiner will be contracted to remove skirting boards and clear away hidden debris and insert ventilators as appropriate. As this is being done we shall maintain heating in the church to try and dry the wall out. We shall endeavour to minimise any disruption while the work is being carried out but I am sure we can expect the patient understanding of those who like to sit at that side of the church.

Your friend and minister





**An Obituary printed in the London Times
Interesting and sadly rather true**

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain;

Why the early bird gets the worm;

Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (**don't spend more than you can earn**) and reliable strategies (**adults, not children, are in charge**).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, **Truth and Trust**, by his wife, **Discretion**, by his daughter, **Responsibility**, and by his son, **Reason**.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

APRIL CHURCH WALK

Another Aberdeen March Stone Trail

Our group of 9 gathered at Old Ford Road overlooking the River Dee, our initial objective being the Alpha Stone at the north end of the parapet over the mouth of Ferryhill Burn. From there, our route along South College Street and Millburn Street took us through the ancient 'Lards of Clayhills' and the site of a thriving Brick and Tile Works of the late 1770s. The equally historic Hardgate was the location of the next two, the first flush in the roadway, and the other in a shrubbery next to the car park at Ferryhill Library.

Having tasked James and his sister Sophie to find the stones, we ticked off easily the next two at Nellfield Cemetery and the Short Mile respectively. The "intermediate stone", number 6 at Hammerfield, was visible in the rear garden of a private house and led us on to Craigton Road where the frequency and prominence of the stones increased. The gradient of the hill past Slopefield Reservoir and Woodlands also increased and the steep downhill section into Cults took its toll on tired backs and knees. We were pleased to sweep past Stone 12 in the amenity area off Friarsfield Road and down to the Cults Hotel for a reviving cup of tea.

Our thanks to Beatrice (and Allan and Marilyn) for a preliminary recce of the course, for organising the coffee stop, and arranging the dropping off and picking up of cars at either end of the route.

Margaret Wisely

CONGREGATIONAL WALKS THROUGH THE SUMMER

Saturday 19 June	Speyside Way - Craigellachie to Ballindalloch
Sunday 25 July	Ratray - Fraserburgh
Friday 20 - 23 August	Badaguish Centre, Nr Aviemore.

Notice in church vestibule:

'Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, and it will be appreciate if parishioners will cut the grass around their own graves'.



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

JUNE

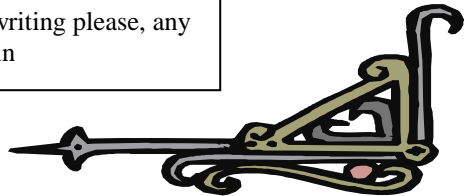
to **Mr Norman Stewart, 5 Kilmarnock Drive, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating his 90th Birthday.

to **Mrs Eveline Smith, 177 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday.

to **Mr & Mrs G Bruce, 15 Rowan Terrace, Hatton** who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding.

to **Mr & Mrs Robertson, 20 Hatton Farm Gardens, Hatton** who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin



The hymns sung during the summer will be from CMP.

Cruden Church Photo Album

Just added to our website are photographs taken at the recent Christian Aid Lunch in the church hall. Below is a list of the photographs now available at <http://www.crudenchurch.org.uk/photoalbum.htm>

- [Christian Aid Lunch](#) (May 2010)
- [A very special sunday:long service certificates and a baptism](#) (Nov 2009)
- [Ythan Singers](#) (March 2009)
- [Presentations to Sandy Beedie and Andrew Clyne](#) (June 2008)
- [Cruden Churches Walk , Sands of Forvie](#) (May 2008)
- [Snowdrop Dinner](#) (February 2008)
- [Souper Sunday](#) (January 2010)
- [50s Afternoon Tea](#) (May 2009)
- [Open air service](#) (July 2008)
- [Kirk Session honour retired elders](#) (May 2008)
- [National Gathering, Ingliston](#) (May 2008)

GUILD SPONSORED WALK & SENIORS' OUTING

The Guild would like to say a big thank you to all those who took part in the Sponsored Walk on 26 April in aid of the Senior Citizens' Outing and Guild Funds and also those who sponsored them. £822.50 has been raised so far.

This year the **Senior Citizens Outing** is going to Mains of Drum Garden Centre, Drumoak followed by high tea at Lochter, Oldmeldrum on Thursday 3 June. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents.

A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton at 1 pm. Due to the high cost of buses, we want to know numbers in advance. If you would like to come please can you notify any Guild Committee Member – Kathleen Craig, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Shonah Taylor, Irene Will.



From our Website Guestbook (and a subsequent email).

Your web site is wonderful. I was born Jennifer Louise Maitland in 1952 at Ardiffery Mains. I was born in the cottage on the left of the road as you go up the hill towards the farm. My parents were Stewart and Kathleen Maitland; my father passed away 28 years ago and lays in rest in your cemetery. I was christened by the Rev John McQueen and attended Sunday School and Church until we moved when I was 16.

Generations of my family are buried in the cemetery and it gives me great comfort to see how the church and cemetery are so well cared for. I also enjoy seeing all of the pictures that are on the web site of all the events. I may have gone to school in Hatton with some of you. Thank you all so very much for taking care of my great childhood memories of the church that I dearly miss.

I am still blessed to have my mother who now lives at Dyce. I have attended several churches in the US but can never find one that gives me the peace and sense of belonging that I felt while attending Cruden Parish Church. My 9 year old granddaughter was looking at your web site and she thought it was the most beautiful church she had ever seen. Even though I have been gone from Scotland for over 30 years it will always be home. I plan to come home and spend some time with my mother in the near future as she is no longer able to travel very far anymore due to her health, and of course we will visit the church and cemetery.

MAY CHURCH WALK - LOST !

On Saturday 15 May when the weather was very kind, our walk took us to the picturesque district of Strathdon - an area never given the credit it deserves for its scenic countryside.

A group of 9 left from the car park in the village of Bellabeg following the direction to The Lost Art Gallery. Having taken photographs at the famous signpost, we set off - soon to be joined by a collie dog from Lost Farm and it took some degree of persuasion to make it understand that it must go home. The tarred road finished after a few hundred metres, in the yard of Lost Farm, after which we followed a track which leads beyond Lost past Belnabodach (town of ghosts) en route to other ruined and deserted settlements.

The first part of our walk had two fairly steep rough paths; so having completed them, we had our first picnic seated on felled logs and admired the view of the predominately birch and/or larch woodlands - also the areas of heather hills - burned in what seemed like sculptured designs.

We then enjoyed a very pleasant walk by the riverside before we embarked upon another climb to The Gallery where we were met by a very anxious owner requesting that we should be silent as an oystercatcher was nesting near the entrance and the eggs were soon to hatch! A comment was heard to be made that birds, of the same species, nesting by the side of the A90 were never afforded the same degree of respect!

The Lost Gallery is housed in a 19th Century farmhouse set deep in Glen Nocht on the side of Moss Hill - one of the 'gentler sisters' of the nearby Cairngorms. We spent some time studying the exhibits of Scottish and International Contemporary Artists and Sculptors, made use of 'the facilities', then started the return journey.

Robert kindly provided transport back to the car park for those who wished to view the Doune of Invernochty - an imposing motte and one of the best to be found in Scotland. Developed from a much earlier Pictish fortress, it was sculpted into its current form in the 1100s to house the main castle of the Earldom of Mar before that became redundant when Kildrummy Castle was built in the 1200s.

A stop was made at The Mossat Tea Room where coffee/teas and home bakes were appreciated before a visit was made to the amazing Antique Store which makes all our own loft spaces seem 'minimalist'.

Once again, a huge 'Thank you' must be said to Robert Petticrew for his meticulous planning of the route which, as usual, included a potted history of the area - thus helping greatly in the writing of the report.

Marilyn Samways

WATCH & TALK GROUP

The Indian Hospital Train

The train is virtually a hospital travelling the length and breadth of India taking the hospital to people who live in remote areas and also to those who cannot afford to take their medical problems beyond the help and advice of their local doctor. Also known as the Lifeline Express or the Magic Train, it has an operating theatre with state of the art equipment, manned by 6 permanent members of staff and volunteer doctors and anaesthetists who give freely of the time and expertise to help people in need.

The train was the brain child of Sir John Wilson and is funded by the government. The running of the train is now organised by retired Colonel Vishwan who has to overcome many obstacles to ensure the smooth running of the train and to get the various professional volunteers from Delhi to wherever the train is stationed. Only his hard work and persistence keeps the whole organisation operational.

The story we watched was about the 4 weeks the train was stationed at a small town called Mandson. During those weeks people with ear problems, after effects of polio, cleft lips and eye problems were given the treatment the specialists were able to supply. Not everyone got the help they had hoped for and there seemed to be virtually no follow up care for those who were lucky enough to be treated but they were very grateful for the work done by the doctors. It did not seem to occur to them that the work done on their own particular disability may not be the perfect cure they had hoped for and it will probably be many months, if not years, before the Lifeline Express would visit their area again but they had been given some hope which is surely better than nothing.

The 10 May meeting was our last of this session and we were pleased to have with us Alan Fawkes and Rodger Neilson. The meeting finished with a short Communion Service and brought to a close what has proved to be a year of some very interesting DVDs and meetings.

Jenny McGarrol

At the completion of our very successful winter meetings the Watch and Talk Group would like to thank the following – our Minister for his support and for celebrating an informal communion with us on our last evening, Allan Fawkes for recording the DVD's which have provided us with an interesting series of programmes, Jenny McGarrol for her prompt and comprehensive reports and Marilyn Samways for her very welcoming hospitality.

Annette Garden