

*CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH*

*BULLETIN
SEPTEMBER 2010*



The Walking Group at Badaguish

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DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2010

EACH WEEK

Sundays 10.00 am Children's Sunday Club in the Old Church & Stables

Wednesday 1st :	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Old Hall
Sunday 5th :	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
Wednesday 8th :	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Sunday 12th	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
Monday 13th :	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	
		Burnview, Main St., Cruden Bay	
Sunday 19th	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
	Cruden Churches Walk	11.30 am	Mormond Hill
Wednesday 22nd :	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Sunday 26th :	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 a	Church
	SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
Monday 27th :	Guild	7.30 pm	Old Hall

CRUDEN GUILD

The Guild begin their new session on 27 September at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall. Former and new members will be made most welcome.



The Boys' Brigade Company (Anchor Boys and Junior Section) begins its new session in Cruden Bay School on 1 September. Further details are available from Colin Skinner (812402).

FROM THE MINISTER *25 August 2010*

Dear Friends

CRUDEN CHURCH SUFFERS FROM WET ROT

That is a headline which I would have hoped not to write but it is important to let all our members know that we face ONE HUGE CHALLENGE.

I wish I had been given £5 for every time someone, after a wedding, a funeral or any other occasion when a visitor has been in the church, has said "what a beautiful church". There would have been enough money to have allowed me to have retired early to frequent Caribbean beaches!

The fact is we do have a very attractive church and the onus is on the congregation – on all who choose to belong to Cruden Church - to look after it.

But looking after it is about to get so much costlier. It has been confirmed that the problem with the east wall is extensive wet rot. Fortunately this is not as bad a problem as dry rot – but it is bad enough.

Bad enough to the extent that preliminary steps already taken will lead to the Kirk Session being informed that it looks as if, to deal properly with the problem, we shall be needing to find

£45,000

And possibly a lot more.

After the Kirk Session has considered the matter, I promise that we shall keep all our members fully informed. At the same time I look forward to all our members coming together to do their utmost to ensure that we rise to the challenge and have the wet rot dealt with AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

PARISH REGISTER

*denotes Cruden Parish Church member

DEATHS

*Mrs Maimie Brown, 6 Manse Road, Hatton.

Mr Andrew Cobban, Abu Dhabi.

Mr John Jamieson, 2 Morrison Place, Cruden Bay.

*Mrs Elsie Mundie, Cedar Villa, Station Road, Cruden Bay.

WEDDINGS

12 June

John Kensett and Susan Robertson, 2 Gordon Close Boddam.

18 June

Edwin Smith and Sarah Kidd, Whinnyfold, Cruden Bay.

14 August

Andrew Kent and Kerry Neilson, 2 Walmer Gardens, London.

**HOLY
COMMUNION**



26 September
Old Church 10.00 am

Duty Elders Annette Garden, Betty May, Betty Forrester, Sandy Smith, Jim MacDonald, Judith Taylor, John Lamb, Irene Will, Sandy Beedie, Beatrice Fawkes.

CRUDEN CHURCH CHOIR

Practices will take place on certain Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall. The Diary Dates page will indicate which Wednesdays but it is expected they will be fortnightly. The Choir would be delighted if anyone wanted to join them to practice the hymns for Sunday and some of the special anthems that occasionally enhance our worship.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **26 SEPTEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Junior Church
5 Sept	John Lamb Sandy Beedie	Anne McNaughton	Doreen Buchan Dorothy Cruickshank	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid (C or S Skinner) Joyce Fowlie Charlie Lamb
12 Sept	John Lamb Michael Buchan	Pat Donaldson	Liz Carnie Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger (C or S Skinner) Mary Bratton Charlie Lamb
19 Sept	Margaret Adams Jim MacDonald	Anne Smith	Alison Neilson Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid (C or S Skinner) Helen Smith Charlie Lamb
26 Sept	Margaret Adams Jim MacDonald	Marilyn Samways	Betty Morris Lewis McKechnie	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger (C or S Skinner) Joyce Fowlie Charlie Lamb
3 Oct	Anne McNaughton Betty May	Rosemary Reid	Wilma Moir Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid (C or S Skinner) Joyce Fowlie Charlie Lamb
10 Oct	Anne McNaughton Betty May	Marina Bruce	Margaret Adams Anne Cadey	Harvest Thanksgiving
17 Oct	Wilma Moir, Lewis McKechnie	Betty Forrester	Margaret Jamieson Beatrice Fawkes	
24 Oct	Wilma Moir, Lewis McKechnie	Anne Smith	Marilyn Samways Norma Forman	
31 Oct	Dorothy Cruickshank Kate Clark	Jean Beedie	Betty Forrester Jessie MacDonald	

SMILE *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 was H to O.

SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE

Ten Years of Love Scottish Love in Action, a charity with its roots firmly in the Church of Scotland, celebrates its first decade.

The Growing Church Martin's Memorial Church, Stornoway.

Buildings and Blessings Profile of James Wells, Kirk Elder and chief executive of EMMS International.

Communion at Calvin Jackie Macadam reports from the Uniting General Council of the newly-formed World Communion of Reformed Churches in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Meaningful Changes Laurence Wareing describes how congregations are giving their own brand of overseas direct aid.

Suffering and Destruction Lynne McNeil reports on the response to the flooding in Pakistan.

Stepping Stone to the Future In the second of our series examining the great characters of the Old Testament, the Rev Martin Allen analyses Isaac.

Plus all the regular columnists, news, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £1.60.

If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, contact Isobel Young on 812360

If any of our members still have any old copies of Yellow Pages to throw out, please bring them along to the church or hand them in to the Manse. The Minister will take them to Hatton School where they will be used for a project the children are undertaking

HYMNBOOK FOR ALL OF SEPTEMBER WILL BE MISSION PRAISE

Copies of the Church of Scotland's Annual Review 2010 are available in the Church Welcome Area. If you would like to have a copy please take one from the table.



A Cup Or A Mug

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Having a cup /a mug of tea or coffee and also enjoying a chat with others after the church service is very much a part of fellowship within Cruden Church. I am very grateful to all those currently on the teas rota for their continued help and commitment, ensuring these welcome cuppas are provided every Sunday morning.

I would very much appreciate new volunteers (male or female!) and wish to reassure anyone considering being on the teas rota that it does not require much commitment. At the moment volunteers are used once every 2/3 months. Naturally more volunteers means fewer times on teas rota - welcomed by those teas ladies (+men!) of many years' assistance! If an allocated date is unsuitable you may swap with another person.

If you feel you can offer help and wish to go on the teas rota, please let me know.

Wilma Moir (Tea Convener) tel: 01779 841516

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

The first meeting of the Watch and Talk Group for the new session will be on **Monday 13th September** at 7.30 pm and once again Marilyn Samways has kindly agreed to host it at 3, Main Street, Cruden Bay. A very warm welcome is extended to new and former members of the group, to view a number of interesting programmes over the winter period. So come along and enjoy fellowship, discussion and a stimulating evening. *Annette Garden*

PAKISTAN FLOOD DISASTER

EACH Sunday in September, there will be an opportunity, by means of a retiring offering, for worshippers on Sunday mornings to make a contribution to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for Pakistan. As before, we will channel our contributions through Christian Aid.

CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP

19 JUNE – SPEYSIDE WAY

This 12-mile section of the Speyside Way is one of the most attractive of the whole route being close to the river, predominantly flat, and with regular and easily managed 2/3 mile sections to break the journey. Our starting point was Fiddich Park at Craigellachie and while Rodger, Alison, Marilyn and Muriel shuttled one car to Cragganmore we set off along the track bed of the former Strathspey Railway to Aberlour, pausing at the excellent visitor centre to let Rodger and Alison catch up with us.

Marilyn and Muriel meantime were planning to take in some of the visitor attractions like Ballindalloch Castle, Walkers Shortbread Factory, or Speyside Cooperage but found they were all closed. They nevertheless walked the same first section to Aberlour and bussed back to Craigellachie where they found a splendid wool and craft shop. They then criss-crossed the route by car to arrive at our destination point. Along the way, they were 'accosted' by an Australian woman and redirected back from Archiestown.

For us, Carron Bridge, just under the halfway mark, was an excellent spot for a break. With a promise of remaining quiet, we prevailed upon some local fishermen, sitting beside their rather splendid high-ridged chalet to allow us right down onto the riverbank. From there we spotted common sandpipers, the sparkling river apparently too fast for any kingfisher.

We crossed onto the north bank and sped along the track past more distilleries at Knockando and Tamdhu to Blacksboat. We had passed the mansion house at Pitchroy, built in the style of the nearby Ballindalloch Castle and one time dowager house for the late Countess, when we met a couple of cyclists, commandeered by Marilyn as her special messengers, and informed by them that they were waiting for us at our destination. Back in Aberlour, we headed for the Pastry House for a welcome cup of coffee before setting off for home.

Margaret Wisely

25 JULY - RATTRAY HEAD TO ST COMBS

Our group of 12 assembled at Rattray Head Light Station having shuttled several cars to St. Combs. Heavy rain forced us to prolong our picnic and we swithered about postponing for a week, or going ahead. Ten of us did set off with Marilyn and Beatrice deciding to remain a little longer, their options being to follow or drive to St. Combs and walk back towards us.

Our two guests from St. James', namely Steve and Jill, led the way briskly with the two Roberts and Annette. They noticed some activity with men and netted birds on the beach but, unsure of the legality of the operation, they continued on their way. For our part; we stopped to watch as the three men from Grampian Ringing Group in Newburgh, carried out their task. They expertly removed the small birds from the nets, some 3 or 4 in their hands at a time, checked them over, and separated the Dunlins from the Sanderlings into a specially designed hessian-covered crate. The differences between the species of shape and size of beak and markings were clearly visible when seen at such close range. They intended to ingather the whole catch of 30/40 birds and check any existing rings, note the data, and ring and release them all again.

Our unscheduled stop had allowed a big gap to develop between the leading group and us as they marched on and receded into the distance, disappearing and reappearing like a mirage as the contours and vegetation changed.

At the small inlet where the burn from Strathbeg Loch reached the sea, we spotted Beatrice and Marilyn heading towards us from St. Combs, but there was no sign of the others. Eventually, we could make out the two bright orange jackets of Steve and Jill well to the west as they took a short cut back to Rattray and, from the other side of the burn, the rest of the party emerged from the high grasses and reeds, having crossed by a bridge several hundred yards upstream. We followed, and, we glanced back at the lighthouse, which, from that distance, appeared to lean landwards! as Rodger and Alison paused to observe a flock of Sandwich and Common Terns (with a possibility of Arctic Terns among them)

The sandy beach gave way to grassy tracks as we headed into St. Combs, the Tufted Duck being a prominent feature on the coastline. Again, the leading group had vanished and lack of phone signals had foiled our attempts to make contact. Marilyn soon reappeared, however, and we joined up by the village's "Buchan Ice Cream Shop" to compare notes. Our total wildlife tally also included some Turnstones, a Heron and Cormorant, a couple of Arctic Skuas pursuing a Tern, and four seals.

To have gone on to Cairnbulg or Fraserburgh would have involved further shifting of cars and we therefore decided to leave that section for next year's programme. Our final dates after the Badaguish Weekend are Sundays 19 September and 17 October to Mormond Hill and Port Elphinstone respectively, and we hope the new and former members of George, Robert, Jill and Steve can join us on one or both of these walks.

Margaret Wisely

WALKING GROUP BADAGUISH WEEKEND

A happy group of Cruden Walkers, some soon to be renamed "walkers and talkers" set off for Badaguish, near Aviemore, on a foggy morning in August for a hopefully sunny, dry Highland weekend. The weather improved further west so by Friday teatime, ALL were ready to walk around Loch Morlich before the BBQ planned for dinner accompanied by fellowship and laughter.

Saturday brought the sun, cloud and blustery wind but not the dreaded showers. The first section of the intended walk was a 6 mile walk from Granton-on-Spey to Nethybridge where there would be a lunch stop. The terrain was pretty flat but included some unusual gates, stony pathway and towards the end a ferocious wind in the face. After lunch, some of the group were to carry on a further 5 miles to Boat of Garten. The wind died down for them but then they contended with hot sun. We are never contented with the weather! The day was completed by a fish supper and a delicious strawberry crumble and of course more talking, setting the world to right.

Sunday began with sunny skies and with thoughts of Cruden Church. Breakfast was followed by a service at the kitchen table which started at 10 am and included the same scriptures readings as in church. This was followed by a short walk down a steep hill towards a beautiful valley where a river ran over boulders between purple heather covered hills. The midgies were glad to see some of us and welcomed us in the usual way! Returning to the lodge for a bit of relaxation before preparing lunch, eating as many leftovers as possible, it was time to gear up for the last walk of the weekend.

The skies were blue and temperature perfect for the trek from Boat of Garten to Aviemore. Spirits were high with expectation for Shonah, Alison and Rodger as this was to be their completion of the whole of the Speyside Way. We ALL set off in warm sunshine as the path made its way through forest ,heathery moorland and village streets.

The final mile into Aviemore within our sights, a steam train passing overhead, with weary legs and bodies, we were ready for a sit down. It had been a long 7 miles but pictures needed to be taken to record a goal achieved for the three intrepid walkers. Dinner awaited us in the Cairngorm Hotel, we were hungry and thirsty and longing for a sit down! Getting up from the table was difficult for some. Back at the lodge there was still energy left though for talking and remembering past successful walking weekends and the fun had by all.

Sheila Harris

(PS The Walking Group was delighted when Sheila accepted an invitation to join them.)



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mr Sandy Smith, 20 Skerry Drive, Peterhead**, who will be celebrating his 80th Birthday this month.

to **Mr & Mrs Buchan, Sanak, Aulton Road, Cruden Bay**, who will be celebrating their Silver Wedding this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin. He feels that it should not simply be a list of anniversaries and birthdays.



MEMO

RESTARTING Sept 1st Cruden Church Coffee and Chat

(with homemade pancakes)

in Old Hall on Wednesdays
at 10.30 am to 12 noon

ALL ARE WELCOME

2010 Sep 1 Oct 6 Nov 3 Dec 1
2011 Feb 2 Mar 2 Apr 6