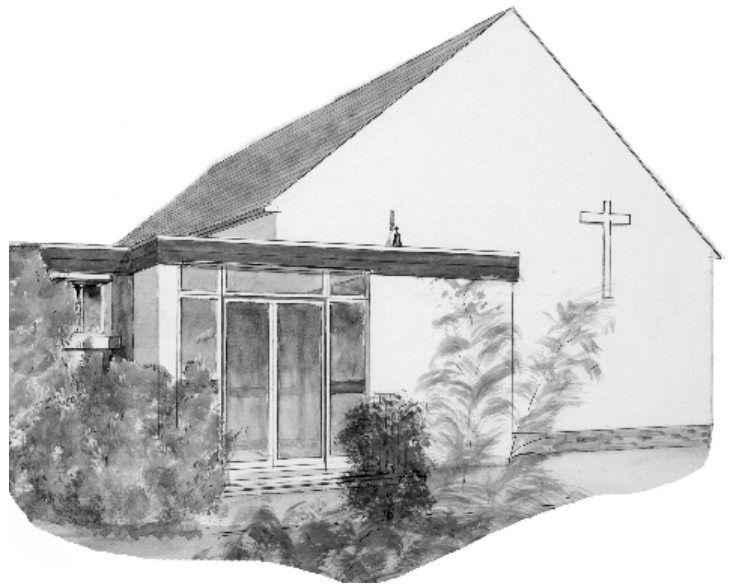


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General Assembly Report 15 – 21 May 2008

First time Commissioners were invited to attend an introductory get together at Rainy Hall on the Mound on the evening of Wednesday 14 May, to learn the 'ins and outs' of what goes on at The General Assembly. I attended on my own, as our minister, and the Polbeth Harwood Church Commissioner, Gordon Erskine had attended in previous years. I was greeted warmly and enjoyed wine and nibbles, before being shown along with 150 other commissioners where we were to collect our daily mail over the following 7 days, and was given a demonstration of how to use the hand held monitors in use, when voting. Counter Motions, Addendums, Resolutions and Amendments were all explained, though not fully understood at the time!

The three of us travelled in and out to Edinburgh by train each day. The General Assembly was opened by the moderator, The Right Rev. David Lunin, who in his speech mentioned the importance of keeping one day per week free for families and to recharge our batteries. The Lord High Commissioner George Reid gave an inspiring and amusing address, about his busy life, previously as an M.P. and his large involvement over many years, worldwide, with the Red Cross.

Over the weeks proceedings, in excess of 30 reports were presented and some debated. The youth were very much in evidence, attending each day, and were given time of the Saturday morning to ask questions. The Bible Society Report was very interesting, as we heard about the large amount of literature and Bibles that are sent to all parts of the world and their work continues to expand.

The Report from The Iona Community informed us that there is now an organic garden on Iona, and there are now 1800 associated members of the Iona Community. We also heard from the Guild, and of the 6 projects that they have been working with over this last year. There was a long discussion regarding 'Church without Walls', when we were shown a video of 'The Gathering', which took place at Ingilston over the weekend of 3-4 May 2008. It was inspiring to see so much enthusiasm, and joy. There appeared to be thousands of participants singing, praying and story telling, that everyone agreed it had been a great weekend. The cost of 'The Gathering' had been £250,000, which they reckoned, had been recouped. It was suggested that such gatherings be planned in the future, possibly at different venues. Each congregation involved had bought a tent or £300, and had laid on a variety of entertainment over the weekend. All tents were to be donated to places of need throughout the world, following the event.

A lengthy discussion took place on the topic of housing, and of the state of some manses and churches in Scotland. The problem of increased insurances for church properties has caused major concerns for many congregations.

On Saturday morning Prime Minister Gordon Brown spoke to The General Assembly, and in the afternoon the Garden Party was held for Commissioners at The Palace of Holyrood House hosted by, The Right Hon. George Reid, Lord High Commissioner.

The cakes and sandwiches were delicious, and it was fun meeting others that we'd met over the previous days at The Assembly. The weather was dry, though cool, with the sun appearing as we left for home.

On Sunday, I attended the Service at St Giles. The Moderator, The Right Rev. David Lunin, in his thought provoking, and sometimes amusing sermon spoke about

'Love'. He finished off by suggesting that, 'the Love of God', was "better felt than telt".

The Communion Service on the Monday involved all Commissioners, and also visiting public sitting in the gallery. It was interesting to note that anyone can sit in the public area, at anytime during The General Assembly, but are unable to participate in voting.

The Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty Forces Report was presented on Tuesday morning. It was a heart rendering review of the year, noting the dedicated work performed by Chaplains throughout the world. Meantime there is difficulty in recruiting Chaplains, and there is a lack of leaders in the Territorial Army. We were asked to remember them in our prayers.

On our final day the HIV/AIDS Report was given. Several spoke on the subject, from around the world, and mentioned of the disastrous number of people affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. One speaker brought it home to us by comparing numbers affected with HIV/AIDS, in Africa by explaining – if a bomb was to drop over The General Assembly today killing all 700-800 of us, and the same was repeated every day, for 365 days – that signified the number of people affected by this dreadful disease in Africa. A tremendous amount of work is being done in training personnel, and in the treatment of HIV/AIDS victims, and the work continues.

This year is the 40th celebration of the Ordained Ministry of Women. Margaret Forrester, who was one of the first women to be ordained, was interviewed, and spoke of the difficulties she encountered, in being accepted by her Congregation initially. Joanna Hood, who has been an ordained minister for 3 years spoke about her experience, which had not included the problems Margaret had found 40 years ago. Joanna had been happily accepted by her Congregation and was enjoying her Ministry.

The General Assembly came to a close on the Wednesday, when The Right Hon. Lord High Commissioner, George Reid gave an account of his activities during the week of The General Assembly. He and his wife had visited several Church of Scotland Care Homes and properties, and had met around 1300 people.

This has been a glimpse of our week at The General Assembly, and I can recommend the experience. It brought to life the ongoing dedicated work done by The Church of Scotland worldwide.

B Henderson

Polbeth Harwood Dinner Dance

Our Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 11th October. It will be the usual format with dinner followed by dancing to Willie McFarlane's Scottish Dance Band. We hope to see all the usual people there with new people always welcome.



The tickets will cost £14, this will be confirmed when we have catering finalised. We need to sell 50 tickets to make it possible to run the dance and if we have not sold this number by 21st September, unfortunately, we will have to cancel the dance.

Tickets will be on sale from the end of August, so make a note in your diary!!!!

Marian Kinsman

The Key to Heaven

I was testing the children in my local Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to Heaven. I asked them, 'If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, **would that get me into Heaven?**'

'NO!' the children answered.

'If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the garden, and kept everything neat and tidy, **would that get me into Heaven?**'



Again, the answer was, **'NO!'** By now I was starting to smile.

Hey, this was fun! 'Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children, and loved my wife **would that get me into Heaven?**' I asked them again.

Again, they all answered, **'NO!'** I was just bursting with pride for them.

Well, I continued, **'then how can I get into Heaven?'**

A six-year-old boy from Glasgow shouted out, **"YOU'VE GOT TAE BE DEID"**

Youth Link Picnic

Due to the weather on 22 June, there was a last minute change of venue for the Youth Link Picnic, and instead of going to North Berwick, we stayed in the Church Hall, played some games, and were able to make popcorn.



It was still fun, as Gordon organised the games just as well as he did last year. Maybe not as much fun as a trip to the beach might have been – but (from an adult perspective), at least it was dry!

Rosanna Rabaeijs

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North Berwick 2008

The day dawned dull, wet and windy and it was with some trepidation that I ventured to the West Kirk on Sunday 22 June for our joint service followed by the outing to North Berwick.

The Youth Link decided to cancel their trip but the members of Polbeth decided to brave the elements and carry on as planned.

Thank goodness we did. On arrival at North Berwick the sun was shining and the sea was blue. The children hadn't even got out of the cars when they were changed into their swimming costumes.



After a delicious picnic it was time for the youngsters to get wet and they certainly did. They all had fun running in and out of the waves and even the very smallest of the children were able to enjoy the warm rock pools of water to explore and splash.

Rock climbing was also very 'high' on the agenda and they couldn't wait to challenge the highest rocks they could find to conquer. Maybe David will have some company on his hill climbing trips in the future!



After some birthday cake for Nicole who celebrated her 13th birthday on the day, it was time to visit the bird centre for some souvenirs followed by some fish and chips before the journey home.

I think it is safe to say that we all had a fantastic day and look forward to future similar trips.



Sandra Dixon

Life & Work – August Issue

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Saturday Night Mission

Jackie Macadam spends a dramatic evening with the Street Pastors in Perth.

A 'Benign Hurricane'

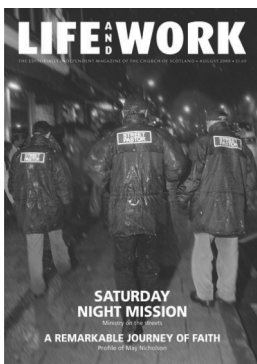
This month's profile is May Nicholson. A reformed alcoholic, May set up the Preshal Trust, helping disadvantaged people in Govan.

A Wing and a Prayer

The work of Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Be prepared

In his first column, the Moderator, the Rt Rev. David Lunan explains his approach to the Moderatorial year.



Bottled Up

A Christian Aid project helping dairy farmers in Haiti.

The Story of a Book

Maisie Steven chronicles the creation of 'An Anthology of Hope'.

Centre of Community

The Rev Bryan Kerr continues his series on the rural church by highlighting an innovative project in South Lanarkshire.

A spiritual haven

John Hume's series on Scottish Cathedrals reaches Dunblane.

Plus – Our Presbyteries focuses on Sutherland, all the regular columnists, news, letters, book reviews and crosswords – all for just £1.60.

A Short History of Medicine:

"Doctor, I have an ear ache."

2000 BC - "Here, eat this root."

1000 BC - "That root is heathen, say this prayer."

1850 AD - "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion."

1940 AD - "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill."

1985 AD - "That pill is ineffective, take this antibiotic."

2000 AD - "That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root!"



My Favourite Things

To celebrate her 70th birthday (back in 2005), Julie Andrews decided to write new words to one of her favourite songs.

Once you've got the tune in your head, give it a go!

*Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting'
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings'
Bundles of magazines tied up with string,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses
Pace makers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinning,
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames
When we remember our favourite things.*

*When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had
And then I don't feel so bad.*



Liz Dyer

Original Lyrics

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens;
Bright copper kettles and warm woollen mittens;
Brown paper packages tied up with strings;
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cream-colored ponies and crisp apple strudels;
Doorbells and sleigh bells and schnitzel with noodles;
Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings;
These are a few of my favourite things.

Girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes;
Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes;
Silver-white winters that melt into springs;
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the dog bites,
When the bee stings,
When I'm feeling sad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Polbeth Harwood Church Holiday

The Church holiday this year was from 28 June until 5 July.

Unfortunately, due to illness and other commitments there were only 4 of us set out from Hamilton Bus Station on the Urquhart Tour bound for Newquay in Cornwall.

We stayed at the Sandy Lodge Hotel, which was in a nice quiet area in Newquay.



Our first trip was to the Eden Project, which we all enjoyed very much indeed. On our return there was an optional tour around Newquay taking in all the beaches, which were very busy with sunbathers and surfers. It was great to see the surfers but we were not tempted to join them!!!! (According to our bus driver Wee Stevie, we would all have been known in Cornwall as "Silver Surfers" rather than "Old Fogies")

Next morning we visited Padstow a beautiful fishing village where we had time for a look around and to have a bit of lunch. In the afternoon there was another optional trip to Perranporth so the 4 of us decided to join in. Unfortunately, while we were there one of the ladies on the coach fell and broke her arm. However, after a visit to Truro hospital to have her arm put in plaster, she was back to join us on the rest of the tours.



On our free day we opted to visit Truro, the capital of Cornwall, where we spent a while in the cathedral and had a lovely lunch there.

On Wednesday afternoon we went to Bude, another beautiful village.

Thursday was a very full day, taking in a visit to a jewellery outlet. Some of us were weighed and got certificates to tell us how much we were worth in gold. (I'm sure we are all worth more than the certificates said!!!) We then went on to St Ives, which was the favourite place for all 4 of us. Our first view across the bay from the car park on top of the hill was marvellous with the sea a brilliant turquoise. Then we went on to Land's End and finally to Penzance before heading back to the hotel feeling rather tired.



On Friday we went to the Lost Gardens of Heligan where we enjoyed a walk round and went into the hide to observe the birds. We were very lucky to see a greater spotted woodpecker! Just as we headed to the café for lunch the rain came on so we spent the rest of the time in the café and the shop before making a dash back to the bus.

All in all, we had a wonderful holiday, helped by our super driver Wee Stevie, who always had a story and a joke for us.

We hope that when the decision is made for next year's destination, more people will be able to join us. Look out for information in *The Link!*

Betty Upton

The Perfect Church

If you should find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness' sake don't join that church
You'd spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church
Where all is perfect peace,
Then pass it by, let joining it
You'd spoil the masterpiece.



If you should find the perfect church,
Then never, ever dare
To tread upon such holy ground
You'd be a misfit there.

But since no perfect church exists,
Made up of perfect folk,
Let's cease our looking for that church,
And make our church bespoke!

Of course it's not the perfect church,
That's simple to discern;
But you and I and all of us
Could cause the tide to turn.

What fools we are if we pursue
Our futile, fruitless search.
We'll find it's just where problems loom
God proudly builds His church.

(Source: unknown)
from Alan Mercer



West Lothian and Falkirk ECO-Congregation Outing June 2008

“Following our Blue Bins”



The West Lothian Council truck arrives to empty its content at the SHANKS Waste Solutions Depot, East Mains Industrial Estate, Broxburn.



Left to Right:

- **Helen Ward:** Strategy Support Officer, Waste Management, West Lothian Council,
- **Robin Barr-Hamilton:** St Michael's, Linlithgow
- **Rosanna Rabaeijs:** West Kirk of Calder
- **Raymond McDonagh:** Shanks Manager
- **William Ross:** St Michael's, Linlithgow,
- **Myra Macpherson:** Strathbrock Church, Uphall
- *Photography:* **Marjory McGhie:** Knightsridge Church, Livingston



Our rubbish is tipped into a hopper, which feeds a trommel, a large drum with different-sized holes, which rotates. The drum releases shredded paper (which cannot be baled for recycling) so the best place for your shredded paper is in one's own compost!

The rubbish drops through the holes and is slowly fed on a conveyor belt up to an enclosed platform where workers will handpick and sort. A large magnet picks out the iron and steel and drops it into a bay below. The workers will handpick the aluminium from the plastic waste.

Here's one of the many bays situated below the sorting platform. This is **plastic waste**.

There are also **newspaper** (grade 1 paper), **aluminium**, **textiles**, **plastic bags** containing rubbish (not cost effective to open and sort out and goes directly to landfill), large pieces of **cardboard**, small pieces of **waste paper** (grade 2 paper)





Raymond explains the content of this compressed plastic bale.

Currently, a milk container is the only plastic that can be recycled back into a milk container without the addition of other chemicals. It is therefore much sought after by manufacturers. Other types of plastic bottles can be recycled into items like garden furniture, compost bins, and even fleeces!

Left of the picture:

Compressed bales of **aluminium** are ready for reprocessing.

Right of the picture:

Textiles arriving through the blue bin system are items, which are not of a suitable quality for the charity shops to re-sell. These low-grade textiles will be recycled and made into industrial wipes.



Left:

Raymond explains the content of this **grade 2 waste paper**.

This paper is a mixture of pamphlets and flyers. This will be recycled into coloured textured papers and card.

On the other hand, **grade 1 waste newspaper** will be recycled to produce a high quality white paper.

Recycle Now! Or The Earth Gets It

**Rubbish-filled plastic bags found in a blue bin
are not cost-effective to open and sort out,
and therefore go directly to landfill!**

We urgently need to reduce the amount of rubbish sent to landfill. At present 10% of the blue bin collection ends up at landfill and that is not only environmentally undesirable but a big headache for the waste company.

There needs to be a much greater awareness of what can and can't be put in the blue bin so that there can be MORE high-grade bales of recyclables and FEWER low-grade, and NONE for landfill.

What goes in?

- Plastic bottles – ***rinse out and loosen bottle tops.***
- Food and drink cartons
- Newspapers and magazines
- Junk mail
- Scrap paper
- Tins & cans – ***rinse out***
- Unwanted clothes
- Thin cardboard packaging (cereal, tissue boxes etc)
- Directories & catalogues, including Yellow Pages

What stays out?

- Corrugated cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Garden waste
- Kitchen / food waste
- Animal bedding
- Plant pots
- Plastic carrier bags
- Aluminium foil
- Cling film / polystyrene
- Envelopes
- Old shoes / handbags
- Duvets and pillows
- Nappies

Rosanna Rabaeijs

Blythswood ShoeBox Appeal 2008

The journey is beginning again ...

At this stage in the project the Lawton Family are looking for any donations of empty shoeboxes for wrapping, Christmas wrapping paper and sellotape.

SHOEBOXES SHOULD BE OF AN AVERAGE STANDARD SHOEBOX SIZE.

NO BOOT SIZED BOXES.



This is to help with the effective packing of the boxes for transportation. It also can be difficult for those people distributing the boxes if there is a huge difference in the size of boxes being handed out - it can look unfair if one or two children or adults get a huge box compared to everyone else.

More information is available on www.shoeboxappeal.org

Collection boxes will be in the vestibules of both Churches from late August. (Filled boxes and donations of goods will start in October)

It is hoped to be able to offer the same service as last year whereby Ready Wrapped boxes were sold for £1. This raised £120 for Project Stedfast and saved a lot of time re-wrapping incorrectly wrapped boxes.

There will be more information and leaflets advertising the project in the coming weeks ... WATCH THIS SPACE.

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SHARE THE WORKLOAD OF ORGANISING OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHY CAUSE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

Anyone wanting more information regarding this or to volunteer please contact Rhoda on 01506 871172.

Rhoda Lawton

Email Issues

An amazing story about an email gone wrong:

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier.

Because of hectic schedules, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and, without realising his error, sent the email.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who had a heart attack and died. The widow decided to check her email, expecting messages from relatives and friends.

After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room and saw the computer screen which read:

TO: My Loving Wife

DATE: 18 October 2007

SUBJECT: I'VE ARRIVED

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

PS Sure is freaking hot down here!

The Ant and the Contact Lens

A True Story

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was very scared, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took hold of the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens.



Well, here she is, on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there.

Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff.

She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it on it's back.

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

It would probably do some of us a lot of good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will."

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. God is my source of existence and my Saviour. He keeps me functioning each and every day. Without Him, I am nothing, but with Him... "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)



West Kirk – Rota Information

West Kirk Crèche Rota

17 August	Margaret Farquhar
24 August	Kathy Black
31 August	Shirley MacRae
7 September	Mary Calder
14 September	Olive Gibson
21 September	Aileen Hull
28 September	Val Occardi
5 October	Margaret Farquhar
12 October	Kathy Black
19 October	Shirley MacRae

West Kirk Tea Rota

Contact Olive Gibson 01506 871291
Note: Tea Makers, please bring milk.

17 August	Moira McRae	Jill Murray
24 August	May Arnott	Olive Gibson
31 August	Margo McEwan	Hettie McIntyre
7 September	Olive Gibson	Isobel McChesney
14 September	Jim Allan	Juanita Allan
21 September	Alison Baxter	Alison McNaught
28 September	Olive Gibson	Kate Jessiman
5 October	George Stott	Morag Stott
12 October	Olive Gibson	Katie Albon
19 October	Irene Grindlay	Margaret Rennie

West Kirk Flower Rota

If you cannot manage your turn to arrange or deliver flowers, please either swap, or contact Margaret Greenhorn (01506 871139) for help in finding someone.

The calendar is on the wall in the Church entrance, but this rota covers a long period so there are still quite a few gaps.

If you would like to donate flowers in the coming weeks, please still do so, by speaking to whoever is the arranger for the relevant week.

We also could really do with a few more folk on the rota, both to arrange and to deliver – please consider this and let it be known if you can help.

	Given	Arranged	Delivered
17 August		Rosanna Rabaeijs	Irene Grindlay
24 August	Viv Vinter	Katie Albon	Kathy Black
31 August	Andrew, Jean & Bob	Isobel Graham	Ivy Johnstone
7 September	Helen Forde	Evelyn Paterson	Moira McRae
14 September		Rosanna Rabaeijs	Irene Grindlay
21 September	J. Moore	Katie Albon	Kathy Black
28 September	Jean Fairley c/o 871139	Margo McEwan	Ivy Johnstone
5 October		Rosanna Rabaeijs	Moira McRae
12 October		Katie Albon	Irene Grindlay
19 October		Margo McEwan	Kathy Black

West Kirk Duty Rota

	Door Duty			Car Run
17 August	Alan Jessiman	Beryl Henderson	Alison McNaught	Richard Bryce
24 August	Jill Murray	Stewart Munro	Christine Nicholl	Hugh Clarkson
31 August	George Stott	Angus Baxter	Juanita Allan	Robert Hawes
7 September	Richard Bryce	May Arnott	Hazel Tod	Beryl Henderson
14 September	Jeanette Ferguson	Victor Ferguson	Liz Dyer	Alan Jessiman
21 September	Lorna Graham	Alex Easton	Irene Grindlay	George Stott
28 September	Alison McNaught	Beryl Henderson	Alan Jessiman	Richard Bryce
5 October	Christine Nicholl	Stewart Munro	Jill Murray	Hugh Clarkson
12 October	Juanita Allan	May Arnott	Angus Baxter	Robert Hawes
19 October	Richard Bryce	Liz Dyer	Alex Easton	Beryl Henderson



Polbeth Harwood – Rota Information

Stewart Court Taxi Rota	
17 August	Margaret Marr
24 August	Charlie Sturrock
31 August	David Prentice
7 September	Eleanor Davidson
14 September	Margaret Marr
21 September	Charlie Sturrock
28 September	TBC
5 October	Eleanor Davidson
12 October	Margaret Marr
19 October	Charlie Sturrock

Polbeth Harwood Cleaning Rota		
(for week commencing)		
17 August	Dot Cibbald	Norma Wilson
24 August	Anna Muirhead	Betty Macauley
31 August	Marian Kinsman	Joan Philips
7 September	Ann Watson	William Watson
14 September	Margaret Marr	Jocky Marr
21 September	Esther Hamilton	Pat Erskine
28 September	Linda Eardley	Hazel Speirs
5 October	Ena Prentice	David Prentice
12 October	Mary Mabbutt	Frank Mabbutt
19 October	Laura Carroll	Petrona Carroll

Polbeth Harwood Duty Rota				
	Door Duty			
17 August	Anna Muirhead	Tom Walker	Reeta Griffin	Tom Griffin
24 August	Ena Prentice	David Prentice	Wilma Dickson	Lilias Fairley
31 August	Hazel Speirs	Linda Eardley	Margaret Hampson	William McCallum
7 September	Moira Mushet	Marian Kinsman	Jimmy Greer	Charlie Sturrock
14 September	Chrissie McCormack	Esther Hamilton	Betty Upton	Margaret Dempster
21 September	Etta Walker	Eleanor Davidson	Effie Halliday	Frank Mabbutt
28 September	Alice Mackay	Kenneth Mackay	Jenny Doyle	Janice Doyle
5 October	Jessie Kelly	Tom Kelly	Ann Watson	William Watson
12 October	Betty Macauley	Gordon Erskine	Janet Russell	Alan Mercer
19 October	Anna Muirhead	Tom Walker	Reeta Griffin	Tom Griffin

Polbeth Harwood Café Rota		
20 August	Chrissie McCormack	Esther Hamilton
27 August	Wilma Dickson	Jessie Kelly
3 September	Betty Upton	Janet Walker
10 September	Grace Peace	Janet Russell
17 September	Frank Mabbutt	Gordon Erskine
24 September	Chrissie McCormack	Esther Hamilton
1 October	Wilma Dickson	Jessie Kelly
8 October	Betty Upton	Janet Walker
15 October	Grace Peace	Frank Mabbutt
22 October	Effie Halliday	Gordon Erskine

Church and Worship

A Baptist church in West London advertising a celebration service accidentally printed on the flyer: The service will be Spirit-led. It will be gin with prayer.

The BBC was not allowed to broadcast the wedding service of the future King George VI and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in 1923 because the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey objected, stating that 'men may be listening in public houses with their hats on.'

From Chagford Parish Newsletter 'There will be a pot-luck supper in Chagford Church Hall next Thursday, followed by prayer and medication.'

From Henry Hawkins, a nineteenth-century diarist, writing about a sermon: It was a divine sermon. It was like the peace of God - in that it passed all understanding. And like God's mercy - it seemed to endure for ever.

Contributions for the next edition ...



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Paws... for thought



Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.

Just walk beside me and be my friend.

Albert Camus
French Novelist