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From the Study

Dear Friends

It's not been much of a summer weather wise has it? It has meant that the days when the sunshine broke through have been really appreciated. There is one thing about our weather, it constantly surprises us. At the beginning of the year my husband Angus replanted the planters in the back garden and the tub on the front step of the Manse. We are not very good gardeners but even we looked at the finished results and thought that looks a bit poor.

Well the weeks went by and the rain fell! Well imagine our surprise when we took a second look one day and realised that what we thought looked a bit pathetic had actually blossomed into vibrant, blooming and amazing looking plants. We were quite impressed, we hadn't done very much, however now that Angus has seen how lovely the planters look he has got into feeding and dead heading!

There are times in life when things can seem ordinary and ineffectual. At the start of a new session especially when it seems that there we are just doing the same things again, gearing ourselves up can be difficult. However, just as our plants grew and blossomed who knows what will happen in people's lives and in the life of our congregation in the coming year. We plant and nurture but it is the spirit of God who works in people's lives, making a difference, enabling them to grow. I don't know what will happen in the coming year, what I do know is that if we trust in God and step out in faith it will be an adventure!

May God Bless you and yours

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Congregational News

George Goodall

Funerals Conducted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Member/non-member</u>	<u>Minister</u>
John Beaton	9 June 2015	Non member	Fiona Mathieson
Sheila Walker	27 July 2015	Non member	Fiona Mathieson
Irene Dobson	28 July 2015	Member	Fiona Mathieson
Isabella Wood	4 August 2015	Member	Fiona Mathieson
Caroline Dallas	25 August 2015	Member	Fiona Mathieson
Alistair Graham	26 August 2015	Member	Fiona Mathieson

Deaths

Irene Dobson	July 2015	Broomhall Drive
Isabella Wood	July 2015	Tyler's Acre Avenue
Caroline Dallas	August 2015	Broomfield Crescent
Alistair Graham	August 2015	Broombank Terrace

Wedding

Morven Buchanan to Andrew Langlands 2 August 2015

Departure

Mrs Marion Heatlie Stenhouse Drive To Inverness

New Member

Tracy McLaughlin May 2015 From St. Ninian's

Baptism

Luke Noble Smith 21 June 2015 Parents - Gary and Rachael



95thB Rainbows

Kathryn Clark

The 95th B Rainbows who meet on a Thursday evening from 6.30 till 7.30 are starting their new session on Thursday 3rd September. Leaders and girls are looking forward to a year of fun and laughter whilst following the Rainbow principles of 'Look, Learn, Love and Laugh'.

Lots of exciting activities are planned with a trip to the Churchill Theatre on Sunday 20th December to see Cinderella being one of the highlights. Further details on how to put names on our waiting list can be had by telephoning Eileen Donoghue on 0131 539 2273.





Pay for a Plank

Fiona Mathieson

Thank you and well done!

I am sure you will agree that the hall is now looking fantastic with its new floor, blinds and decoration. Although the floor had to be done to ensure that the hall was safe, all of the work would have taken a time to do if it had not been for the 'Pay for a Plank' appeal. As a congregation, and community we raised £ 8168.75 which after reclaiming tax on those who signed 'Gift Aid' declarations rose to £9174.25. With the grant that we received from the Church of Scotland General Trustees of £5,000 and monies which were allocated by the Congregational Board from other small funds available to us £ 2857.71 the total raised to date is **£15474.90**.

If you still have change cups please hand them in as soon as you can so that we can close the appeal.

This represents a huge effort from everyone involved, the congregation, hall users, and the wider community who also gave generously through envelopes distributed with our Christmas Cards.

The extra money raised will all be used, or has been used, for the hall. We have put up new blinds, replaced the old heaters in the Fraser Lounge and with the help of some of the Big Lottery Fund awarded to the Children and Families Project we will be able to replace the induction loop for the hard of hearing and install new speakers and a projector for PowerPoint presentations and films in the hall.

We now have a hall which will continue to serve the community in Christ's name for many generations to come. To all who contributed and who have made such a difference thank you so much. I am very privileged to work with such an enthusiastic, faithful and committed group of people, within a community who recognise all that we do to ensure that we remain 'The Friendly Church at the Heart of the Community'.

Sunday Club Picnic

Christine Stewart

On Sunday 14th June, after a child friendly service which included our presentation of prizes, we boarded our coach bound for Lochore Meadows Country Park in Lochgelly, Fife.



We had a very comfortable journey (it was a new coach) with lots of singing especially "Will you sing a wee bit louder down the front?" It was a wee bit cold when we arrived at the park but that didn't seem to stop most of the children donning swim-suits and paddling in the water of the loch, brrrrr! We only got them out on the promise of lunch. The children's ticket included a picnic lunch that consisted of a filled roll, crisps, fruit, juice and a cake.

After lunch it was time for the races with sweets for prizes. Next was free time. The children made a dash for the play park whilst the adults headed to the café for a hot drink. We all gathered together again for the last half hour for parachute games. People were feeling chilly by this time so after a short wait for the coach to return, we boarded early and arrived back at the church tired but

happy!

Many thanks to Ratho Coaches who sent a new bus, nice drivers and all at 'mates rates'. Thanks also to McArthur Bakers on Saughton Road North who have been generous to us in the past but on this occasion refused any payment for the delicious rolls and yummy cakes. Three cheers for Ratho Coaches and McArthur Bakers!

**Sunday Club**

Wanda Clark

Hi! What a busy time the Sunday Club children have had during the Summer, we have been learning all about the Creation story and how to make/ keep the world as God would want it. We talked about recycling, being kind, what bullying is and what to do if we see or experience it.

Sunday Club formally starts back on the 30th August where we will be making our Sunday Club Family Tree. Sunday Club will now be running throughout future holidays so no holiday dates will be given.

We have said Goodbye to Alana as Sunday Club co-ordinator and wish her all the best for the future. Alana has given a great deal to us in this role and has ensured all the children enjoyed attending. We look forward to her visiting and would like to say a big Thank You.

A few dates for your diary -

27th Sep	Harvest
29th Nov	Advent Party
6th Dec	Gift Service
20th Dec	Nativity

Look forward to seeing you all

**Kirk Session News**

George Goodall

At the Kirk Session meeting on 24 August, we had a full agenda which included a presentation from our Children and Families worker, Wanda Clark. Wanda spoke for about 15 minutes giving the Session a good résumé of her activities over the summer and the meeting was impressed by their range. Comments from attendees at the events showed the initiative was clearly welcomed by the wider community. Wanda signed off by saying that she would welcome assistance from Church members to run some of the planned events as the numbers attending were growing substantially.

Another visitor was Hazel Hastie, the deputy Presbytery Clerk, who had joined the meeting to go over the aims set out in the Local Church Review paper from 2014 and review progress towards achieving those aims. Hazel went through the points in an easy manner and the dialogue with members present led her to the conclusion that Carrick Knowe was performing well and in a number of areas was 'ahead of the game'.

The Kirk Session welcomed the news that two members had agreed to join the Kirk Session - Mrs Mary Horne and Ron Smart. Mary had recently returned to Carrick Knowe having previously served on the Kirk Session and Ron had served on the Kirk Session of Stockbridge before joining Carrick Knowe. It was agreed that they be admitted at the Kirk Session meeting in October during a short service of Communion prior to the meeting.

**PLEASE REMEMBER
FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER
WORSHIP RETURNS TO AN 11.00 START**

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88th Scout Group

Kenny Goodall

After a fantastic summer during which we had sixteen Scouts and eight Explorer Scouts in Spain at our Group International Camp and one Explorer attending the International Jamboree in Japan, we return this week for a fun and action packed few months in the lead up to Christmas.

Two contributors, Robbie Beath, a Scout and Lewis Blair, an Explorer, write of their experiences at our International Trip to Spain in this report.

Robbie Beath - Scout

As one of the youngest Scout members I was a bit nervous about going on the International trip to Spain, however when we got there it was amazing. The journey was very long but a great experience. It was very hot in Spain so we had to apply sun cream every hour! The beach activities were great fun; I took part in paddle boarding, sailing, kayaking and snorkelling. We slept in cabins with 3-4 people, my advice - remember to take your packed lunch out with you or your cabin will be invaded by ants! On our day off from the activities we went to Barcelona to visit Barcelona's football stadium Camp Nou. It was amazing, and the size of the stadium was overwhelming. I really enjoyed the trip. I made some new friends and got to know some of the others even better. I'm looking forward to starting back with the Scouts after the holidays.

Lewis Blair - Explorer/Young Leader

Our 2015 Spanish International Camp was my second trip abroad with the "88th" and it was, yet again, a fantastic experience.

Some would think that a 36 hour bus journey would be a difficult ordeal but the scouts made it a fun filled part of the trip.

The first hours were hardly noticed as everyone caught up with each other's news and holiday stories. After that we entertained ourselves by watching films provided by the leaders, playing on a variety of computer devices and even looking at the scenery!

Once we arrived at Calla Llevado we were given our lodgings which were cabins and headed for dinner. The food was good and everyone found something they liked, chips every night always goes down well with Scouts!

Activities started on our very first night and continued right through our stay to the brilliant end of trip disco when even nondancers like me were up to a variety of fun tunes.

We all had the chance to try a variety of water sports which included snorkelling, paddle boarding, sailing and kayaking/canoeing. We also had climbing, archery, football, swimming, crazy golf and a variety of challenges and forfeits. Every single Scout participated and even after some very strong challenges we had people signing up to do the activities again.

Although you wouldn't think we had any time left to sightsee we also had a trip to Barcelona's football stadium, The Camp Nou, which impressed even the nonfootball fans. We also had two trips to the local town of Tossa de Mar which had everything from great ice-cream to a castle!

It was great to be part of such a great group who got on remarkably well and our leaders were proud that everyone commented on how well behaved all the scouts were no matter where they were, service stations, on the bus and ferry, in the nearby town and especially at the site. The sunshine brought out the all our good manners and behaviour and had everyone sharing sun cream, hats, sweets and treats. Overall the trip was a great success and I think everyone is really keen to hear where the "88th" are off to on our next trip. Thanks to all the Leader Team for giving up their time and money to take us.



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We run a number of sections in the Group which is open to both boys & girls of all age groups. Our section details are shown below:

Beavers (Age 5 3/4yrs - 7 3/4yrs)

Mackenzie River Beavers	Wednesday	6.30pm-7.30pm
Fraser River Beavers	Friday	6.30pm-7.30pm

Cubs (Age 7 3/4yrs - 10yrs)

Anderson Pack	Monday	6.30pm - 8pm
Cameron Pack	Tuesday	6.30pm-8pm

Scouts (Age 10yrs - 14yrs)

Scouts	Wednesday	7.45pm-9.15pm
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Explorers (Age 14yrs - 18yrs)

Graeme Allan Explorers	Sunday	7.15pm-9.15pm
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If you would like to get your child involved or know someone who would, please contact recruitment@88thcraigalmondscoutgroup.org or pop along on a section night and speak to one of our Leaders.

Some Fundraising dates for your diary!

Saturday the 3rd of October we are holding our first Psychic Night at 7.30pm in the Scout Hall. Tickets are £5 per Adult

Saturday the 28th of November we are holding the ever popular family Quiz Night at 7.30pm in the Scout Hall. Tickets are £1.50 per Child and £3 per adult

Please  our Facebook page @88Th Craigalmond Scout Group to keep up to date with our group.

Rainbows

Aileen Buchanan

The new session for the Rainbow Section of Guiding (Wednesday Group) is now up and running and we are looking forward to a fun session. In the youngest group of the Guiding Association for girls between the ages of 5 and 7, a varied programme of activities is provided.



First Thursday Group

Aileen Buchanan

Autumn is fast approaching and we will have the chance to meet up with friends old and new at the new session of First Thursday. If you are retired or if you would enjoy some fellowship over the Winter months, then First Thursday may be for you! The group meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Main Hall. The first meeting takes place from 2-4pm on Thursday, 1st October. Do come along and enjoy the entertainment from visiting guests and fellowship over tea and cakes. Please spread the word and as always new members and their friends are welcome!



Children and Families

Wanda Clark

Wow! What a busy Summer - full of fun! We have had Dinner and Movie night, The Big Lunch, Arts and Crafts, Gardening, Summer holiday activities such as a Treasure hunt and a Family Picnic. And this weekend we had a Party Night to celebrate our new hall. These events are very popular and numbers attending has risen to being in the 50's!!!

This term we look forward to even more events happening - listed below are a few dates for your diary:

SEPTEMBER 2015

Cooking with children 11th 1.30-3pm 18th 1.30-3pm 25th 1.30-3pm

"Masterchef for Families" Come and join us in cooking a healthy meal for all the family! Please tell Wanda you are coming along to ensure we have enough ingredients etc.

Dinner and a Movie 26th 5-6.30pm

Come and Join us for a lovely dinner, watch a movie and have lots of fun!

Young Women's Group 29th 7pm - 8.30pm Jubilee Hall

The Young Women's Group this month will be learning how to make gorgeous hand made cards for all celebrations. Please come and join us if you can.

OCTOBER 2015

Cooking with children 2nd 1.30-3pm 9th 1.30-3pm

"Masterchef for Families" Come and join us in cooking a healthy meal for all the family! Please tell Wanda you are coming along to ensure we have enough ingredients etc.

Gardening Club 3rd 1.30-3pm 10th 1.30-3pm

Come along and help us get our flower pots ready for winter.

Young Women's Group 27th 7-8.30pm Jubilee Hall

The Young Women's Group this month will be learning new cooking skills from Chef Alistair! Please let Wanda know you are coming to ensure we have enough ingredients etc.

Pizza, Movie and Fancy Dress Party 31st 5-7pm

Come along in your best fancy dress for a pizza dinner, Shrek movie and party games with prizes.

NOVEMBER 2015

Nearly New Toy Sale 21st 10am-11.30am

Come along and buy gifts, sample our baking and have a cup of tea!
(donations of home baking and children's toys needed please)

Young Women's Group 24th 7-8.30pm

This month the Young Women's Group will be learning how to crochet.

Dinner and a Movie 28th 5-6.30pm

Come and join us for a lovely dinner, movie and lots of fun!

DECEMBER 2015

Christmas Arts and Crafts 4th 1.30-3pm 11th 1.30-3pm
18th 1.30-3pm

Come along and make some festive gifts from a variety of materials!

Young Women's Group 8th 7pm

The Young Women's Group will be going to the White Lady for a festive dinner. Please join us if you can.



I look forward to seeing you at an event or two!

Wanda

**From my Notebook**

Rodger Thom

A continuation of the series 'Extracts from the Session Clerk's notebook' 1987

- January session meeting postponed for a week - heavy snow!
 - In March, four new elders were ordained. Of these only Andrew Liston remains an elder.
 - At the March Session meeting, it was suggested that an elder be appointed to advise the minister about members needing a special visit from the minister but it looks as if this was not followed up. A sort of brainstorming came up with about thirty items to be discussed at subsequent meetings. There would be no joint holy week services as it was felt they were largely attended by members of the "home" Church.
 - Jim Rawlings gave a report on the state of the NHS including an item on AIDS. This was followed up in the Minister's teaching session which also included an item on AIDS. He commented that it was helpful for the Church to take a lead in this and to encourage members to discuss matters like this, previously seen as a taboo.
 - 15 new members were received by profession including Christine Stewart.
 - The minister was due a sabbatical and hoped to go to San Francisco to study the effects of AIDS.
 - At the May Session meeting Alex Gilmour was congratulated on completing the London marathon.
 - It had been suggested that as the founder of Tea Break was standing down it should be discontinued. However two elders had visited the organisation and had persuaded the members to carry on. The Anchor Boys was reported as having 27 boys of whom 24 were present when George Dickson had visited. Mrs Pettigrew had resigned as President of the Welfare after many years and Jean Browning took over. It was mentioned that the Minister was interrupted often before morning service and asked if members could wait till later to see him.
 - August meeting. The joint meeting with Craigsbank and Old Parish was reported on. It had gone well but had been poorly supported by our own elders. The new student attachment was to be Norman Grant. The Jubilee Fund had reached £20,000 with the target of £30,000 felt to easily attainable. The minister had had a "non" wedding recently as the bridegrooms divorce had not been finalised in time!
 - Congregation representatives would start a series of visits to other Corstorphine Churches and the Corstorphine Churches group had become the 4C's.
 - At the October meeting it was intimated that the Jubilee Fund now totalled £21,500 with some Smartie Tubes still to come. The Jubilee Hymn, written by the minister with music by organist Ian Cochrane was introduced and the wording explained.
 - In December, representatives from Presbytery explained what the sabbatical would entail including a locum and an interim Moderator.
- Much of year was given over to the Golden Jubilee. Some events were fundraising for the Jubilee fund and they included a silent Auction in February (£300), Kevock Choir the same month £500 with over 240 attending), Country dance in May (£200), Sponsored walk also in May and in October a big Band Night with the piper at the foot of the Mound playing his bagpipes. A former Student attachment, Marion Dodd also put on a concert. There was a concert where all the organisations put on acts over two nights. On the second night the limit on the numbers attending was well and truly exceeded. The floodlighting of the church was said to "enhance the Church".





- The Jubilee services were held in November, four in all. The first one was the BB service for Remembrance, starting at 10.50 (the previous year's start of 10.55 not having worked) next one was a songs of praise using hymns chosen by the congregation (the top one was the BB hymn, "will your anchor hold") and the third one was the Jubilee service. Many had been invited including Mrs Chalmers and son Robin, local Churches, former assistants and others with significant Carrick Knowe connections. Our first ever assistant, Reverend Alan Old from the forties attended. The preacher was a former Moderator, Robin Barbour who did go on a bit long. This was followed by a buffet lunch in the Hall. It had been agreed that the duty team would not count the offering until the Monday! The last service one was a youth service for all youth organisations and would not be a uniformed one. The Jubilee Fund now totalled £21,500 with some Smartie Tubes still to come.
- All this was achieved by a committee without the help of mobile phones, personal computers and many still working full time. Much credit must go to our Minister and his secretary for all the help given with the typing of material and steering us as we went along. To finish the year, we had our advent service (125 attended) and the Christmas service with 250 present. The numbers are known because they consumed that number of Christmas pies!

Fresh Start

Lorna Bowry

As Fresh Start's services continue to grow from strength to strength, the on-going support of the churches in Edinburgh is more important than ever. With our newest services now up and running in Craigmillar, and our other services continuing from Ferry Road Drive and Harrison Place, I write to encourage you to spread the word of our work and ways in which people can support our mission of 'helping people make a home for themselves'.

For over 15 years Fresh Start has been at the forefront of helping people who have been homeless establish their new home. With the steadfast support of the churches in Edinburgh and our incredibly committed volunteers, the range of services we provide has continued to grow year on year.

Since beginning in 2013, our cooking classes and community growing space at our Food Station have proven a great success with those who have participated; both service users and volunteers. Earlier in 2015 we replicated these services and launched the Helping Hands project in Craigmillar, working in partnership with Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association. Our long standing Starter Pack and Hit Squad services also continue to be a success; over 11,200 Starter Packs were distributed in the past year, and 100 people received help to decorate their new home.

So, a massive thank you for your continued support. We can only help so many people each year make a home for themselves thanks to churches, communities and people like you giving their time, money and goods. We encourage anybody who is interested in volunteering or supporting us further to get in touch by calling 0131 476 7741.

We are also excited to tell you that Fresh Start has been fortunate enough to be chosen as Lothian Buses Charity of the Year 2015. So, over the coming months, please look out for our bus on the streets of Edinburgh!

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The Guild

Helen Liddle

As the days become shorter we are all looking forward to our new session at The Guild.

With the help of my committee we have a wonderful variety of talks. Our first evening on the 6th of October we have Fiona, our minister, talking about her 7 years as chaplain at Glasgow Universality. Fiona's talk is entitled, Spires, Soirees, Strides and Success.

On the 13th October we are having A Magical Evening with Bill McGillivray. Then on the 20th we are joining with the other Guilds at St Anne's Church at 7.30 pm. There is a speaker from Medecins Sans Frontieres. On October the 27th we are having a talk by Alan Herriot on Wojtec the Bear who escaped from German occupied Poland. The title of the evening is The Happy Warrior.

At the start of November Carol Finlay is talking about The Church in Castro's Cuba. Carol's photographs are always wonderful and we're all looking forward to the talk.

A definite date for your diary is our coffee morning on Saturday the 7th November 10am till noon. On the 17th November we have John Stirling talking about Friends of The Pentlands and to finish November, on the 24th, we have our open night with Rose McBeth. Come along to our sing - a - long.

To finish our autumn session on the 1st December, Liliast Brotherston will be creating Christmas Arrangements which will be raffled at the end of the evening. Our last evening in December is our Christmas Party on the 8th. This is for members only.

On all the other meetings visitors are very welcome. Why don't you come and join The Guild? It is well worth the £11 subscription, and remember, we are open to both men and women. We are looking forward to welcoming new faces.



Eco-Congregation

Finlay Buchanan

Carrick Knowe Church is now a member of the Eco-Congregation Scotland movement. This is an ecumenical group of around 350 congregations, set up to encourage individuals and communities to consider environmental issues.

Our first activity was to take part in the Climate Change Baton Relay, raising awareness of the UN Conference in Paris in December 2015. The baton came to Carrick Knowe at the end of July, carried over part of the John Muir way on its journey across Scotland before arriving in Paris in December where it will be presented to the Conference. We are challenging the world's leaders to come to an agreement on carbon reduction that brings justice, both to the Climate and to the poorest and most vulnerable people on our planet.

As part of our commitment to the Eco-Congregation movement we'll also be looking closer to home, seeing how we can be more energy-efficient in our church and halls. Please look out for details and get involved if you can!





Operation Christmas Child

Elsie Laird



As Santa put in an appearance at Selfridges in London last month and Christmas Cards are for sale in the shops, I didn't think it was too early to remind those who wish to fill shoeboxes that it might be a good time to start. I will put leaflets and any spare empty boxes in the Cloisters.

Thank you, looking forward to a good response.

CrossReach

Anne Dunn

Christmas Card and Calendar Collection 2015

Selecting just the right Card and Calendar for a loved one or friend shows how much you care. Selecting a CrossReach Card or Calendar gives you another opportunity to show you care for others. We hope, as you browse this year's Christmas Card and Calendar Collection, you can feel, and be, part of the CrossReach story of supporting people across Scotland.

Together we can make a difference.

We hope you will enjoy shopping with us.

Visit the shop at www.crossreach.org.uk/shop or call 0131 454 4374 for your free catalogue.

Traidcraft

Suzie Stevenson

FAIR NECESSITIES feedback.

Many of you will remember our Fairtrade Fortnight Appeal in March where donations from Carrick Knowe collected for tea, coffee and home baking would be matched £ for £ by UK Government's Dept. for International Development.

MESSAGE FROM TRAIDCRAFT - JULY 2015 FAIR NECESSITIES BREAKS ALL THE RECORDS!

"We started the Fair Necessities Appeal aiming to raise at least £300,000 - it was a target designed to be ambitious but still achievable.

The amazing news is that we smashed that goal! You helped us raise £615,000 - more than double our expectations and our biggest fundraising appeal to date.

It really shows what a fantastic group of supporters we have at Traidcraft. Thank you for all your hard work!

And the news just keeps getting better because these donations will be match-funded by DfID as part of the UK Aid Match scheme - so expect that total to rise significantly.

The money raised will help thousands of farmers to escape poverty and build better lives - farmers like Josna Begum who lives in north-eastern Bangladesh. Working with Traidcraft as part of the APONE project (Alleviating Poverty in North East Bangladesh), she has seen her profits from crops grow by 700% in one year. This is down to learning new growing techniques which have transformed her farming, and also her life."

THANK YOU CARRICK KNOWE CHURCH!