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MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE



JERRY EVE

One of the great strengths here in Busby Church has always been our Church Choir. Earlier in the year they took a whole Sunday morning service themselves, and this is something they've been doing at the start of Advent for a number of years now. Each Sunday, their beautiful voices, and harmonies, strengthen and enhance our own attempts to sing God's praise. It's always a joy to hear them sing. As someone who is called upon, though, to lead them in prayer each Sunday morning, I'm always challenged to come up with new words to encourage and inspire them for the hour ahead. Two humble examples of the way this has been done recently are as follows:

God, it is with cords/chords both vocal and musical that our Busby Church Choir seek to worship you today. One way or another, may they serve to bind us all together in Love, Amen.

God, just as the Choir in a Cathedral connects the High Altar (where you reside) to the Nave (where the congregation sit, stand and kneel to pray), may our Busby Church Choir help to connect all those who worship here today to You, and You to us, Amen.

God bless you all, Jerry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS

Sunday 30 April
Alfie Auld (born on 21 December 2022)

Sunday 28 May
Lucas Thomas Hansen Macleod (born on 5 November 2017)
Anna Gray Hansen Macleod (born on 5 August 2019)

'May the Spirit of God descend upon you, and dwell in your heart forever, Amen.'

WEDDINGS

Saturday, 17 June
Alice Eve x Fraser Stern

Saturday, 12 August
Jenny Black x James Valentine

BEREAVEMENTS

May 2023
Christine Ingram, Three Bridges Care Home
Marjorie Lamb, Waterfoot

June 2023
Stella Fry, Cartside Road
Ian Norie, Glenville Gate
May Linn, Westerton Avenue

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, Amen.'

FLOWERS

LINDA SMITH

The Flower Calendar for the New Year 2024 will be in the vestibule from November 2023. If you would like to choose a Sunday to donate, please add your name to the Calendar.

Our flower team is always on hand to help with arranging in vases. Our thanks to them for all their work throughout the year. Thank you all for your continued support for this lovely service and a special thanks from the recipients of the flowers every week.



GOODIES FOR MALAWI

MAUREEN POTTER

I was contacted some months ago by our good friends, Alan and Lesley from ALJ Workwear based in Lanark, to say that they had some surplus end-of-line children and adult clothing and would I be interested in sending it to Malawi?

Once I got permission from the Kirk Session for this project, I collected a full car-load of childrens' polo shirts (all sizes), sweatshirts, lab coats and sundry other items. I checked and re-packed all the items in boxes similar to "banana boxes" which are now hard to obtain as many supermarkets are now using re-usable crates in an effort to cut down waste.

Once packed and labelled, Dennis and Maggie Barr took them up to Dundee to the Banana Box Trust there. It now costs £17.50 per box due to escalating fuel and shipping costs and I am very grateful to several members of the Kirk Session for their generosity in covering the transport costs. These boxes will go out in the container being packed on 1st/2nd September and hopefully will arrive in Ekwendeni just in time for Christmas.

Anson and Maggie Singini have once again agreed to distribute the items to suitable recipients - childrens' clothing to the very needy in some of the very poor villages; lab coats to the local hospital for the doctors and staff.

All of the items will be very much appreciated, so grateful thanks to Alan and Lesley once again, to Maggie and Dennis for transporting the goods to Dundee and to our very generous Kirk Session members



BUSBY'S CORONATION WEEKEND

The weekend of the 5th, 6th and 7th of May saw Busby coming together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III with a series of events organised in a joint venture by Busby Community Market, Busby Masonic Hall and Busby Parish Church with a dance, a community market, a kids' mini disco, a service of thanksgiving and a garden party.

We were very grateful for the support of Busby Community Council and The National Lottery Communities Fund for their support and the whole weekend was a great success, well attended by all age groups.

The whole weekend, although planned to provide the community with a chance to come together and celebrate, also made a profit of over £500 which was donated to Busby Foodbank.

Erin Ramsay, Naomi Ramsay and Eva Park getting into the Coronation spirit



DESERT ISLAND DISCS

the selection of
John Lamb

Having asked others to select the eight pieces of music they would take with them to a desert island, John only now realises what a challenge it is to whittle all one's favourites down to just eight!

Picture courtesy of BBC Radio 4

- 1. Jumping Jack Flash by The Rolling Stones**
They always say you should start with a bang! I have been lucky enough to see the Stones on many occasions and they have often started with this classic. For me it captures the spirit, the controversial 'dangerous' image and the sheer energy of the "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world".
- 2. God Only Knows by The Beach Boys**
The melodies, production and arrangement years ahead of their time and the Californian feel of the Beach Boys is unique. In the sixties, they and The Beatles competed with one another to be innovative with Paul McCartney having since said that he thinks this is the greatest song ever written. As far as love songs go, I don't know any better ones.
- 3. Fields Of Gold by Sting**
A beautiful and evocative song. This always conjures up fond memories of long hot summers on the Isle of Arran, working in the fields and of romantic walks.
- 4. Firth of Fifth by Genesis**
I have loved the music of Genesis ever since their first album in the sixties. I have seen them many times and, although it is difficult to pick just one track, I think this demonstrates their musical virtuosity and sheer uniqueness.
- 5. Sweet Talkin' Woman by The Electric Light Orchestra**
Another of my favourite bands. I saw them play in their "comeback" concert in Hyde Park in 2014 with the BBC Concert Orchestra. Jeff Lynn wrote and produced all their music, as well as producing many other famous artists, but not only is he a wonderful musician and producer he is very self-effacing, funny and a very nice person. It was one of two occasions that I remember tears welling in my eyes to music. This particular song is just a great example of them at their best.
- 6. Pistol Slapper's Blues by Rory Gallagher**
An amazing, and much under-rated guitarist, Rory Gallagher is sadly no longer with us, having died far too young. I wish I could play the guitar like this.
- 7. The Ninth Wave by Kate Bush**
I hope this isn't cheating! It is actually a suite of songs which make up one side of her album "The Hounds Of Love" In 2014, I was lucky enough to get tickets for her one and only set of live appearances since 1979 at the Hammersmith Apollo. The Ninth Wave is about a woman lost at sea, her battle to survive and her thoughts of her life and family as she struggles. It is also very metaphorical though. It epitomises the song-writing genius, perfectionism in production - all done herself - and the amazing voice of, I believe, one of the most creative artists of all time.
- 8. All I Need Is A Miracle by Mike and The Mechanics**
This always reminds me of driving up to my parents' house in the Highlands with my three daughters in the back seat - all of us singing along to Mike and The Mechanics. The other time live music brought tears to my eyes was seeing them playing this at the Royal Albert Hall with two of my daughters.
Book – Big Cherry Holler by Adriana Trigiani
This is a really heartwarming story of ordinary people in a small town in West Virginia, of ups and downs, excitement and pleasure in simple things, and real love.
Object Choice – A very large pad of paper.....and hopefully a pencil too.





LYNNE McGREGOR

BUSBY GUIDES

We finished off Guides last year in style. Two leaders and twenty guides attended East Renfrewshire Girl Guiding County Camp in June, held at the Scouts' Outdoor Centre at Auchengillan, near Blane field in Stirlingshire.

320 Guides and Guiders enjoyed sleeping under canvas for the weekend in glorious sunny, hot weather....the only down-side was the midges!

Activities enjoyed were the outdoor swimming pool, canoeing, kayaking, raft building, abseiling, paradrop, climbing, archery, zorbing (inside giant plastic balls), pole climbing, crate climbing, caving (inside a made up room), nightline (blindfolded in a forest), a huge campfire with singing, disco with photo-wall, face painting, animal balloons and various arts and crafts.

No-one went hungry....food was fantastic with a tuck shop on site to stock up for the midnight feasts in their tents. We all went home exhausted on Sunday for a rest.

Any girls aged between 10 and 14 years are welcome to come along to Busby Parish Church Hall on Tuesday nights from 7.00 - 9.00pm, starting back on Tuesday September 5th, to have fun, make new friends, arts and crafts, learn new skills and activities.



LHM CHRISTMAS 'KNIT TOGETHER' EXHIBITION



Inspired by Psalm 139: 13-16 which affirms that 'we are knit together' by God and our generous supporters who knit for us each year, we want to celebrate this Christmas with an Exhibition. The aim is to demonstrate the ways we are knit together as an LHM community of; churches, organisations, businesses, and supportive individuals.

The Christmas exhibition and sale of works will aim to raise awareness of Homelessness. The exhibition will feature patchwork single bed sized blankets. (122 x 183cm) . The blankets should be constructed from a patchwork of squares knit (joined) together.

We are asking groups to join us and get involved to collaborate with the KNIT TOGETHER Exhibition. Can you or a group you are part of create a KNIT TOGETHER PROJECT and make a blanket locally and donate it to the exhibition in support of our work in the wider community? The blankets can be knitted, crocheted, or quilted blankets as long as they are a patchwork construction. They can be as basic and irregular as a beginner or as elaborate and decorative as a professional crafts person - all are welcome here! The deadline for Blankets to be handed into LHM is 1st December 2023. They will then be exhibited in LHM during our Christmas Carol Service on 13th December. After which they will be sold to raise funds for our work amongst people who have experience of homelessness.

It is hoped the exhibition will better represent the ways we as individuals are knit together into community. Firstly, as unique creations represented by each unique square crafted by different individuals - building confidence and skills as we learn.

Which in turn come together to form patchwork single blankets of comfort representing the way together our communities and supporters are knit together in to make a difference. Finally, the KNIT TOGETHER EXHIBITION features single person blankets as a powerful representation of the many individuals across the City of Glasgow who live in need of the security and warmth of a home for good. Raising awareness at this particularly difficult time of year for our guests.

Please help us to spread the word, share this information with groups and amateur crafters everywhere. Get involved, have fun and come along to support the exhibition. For more information email cherbert@churchofscotland.org.uk

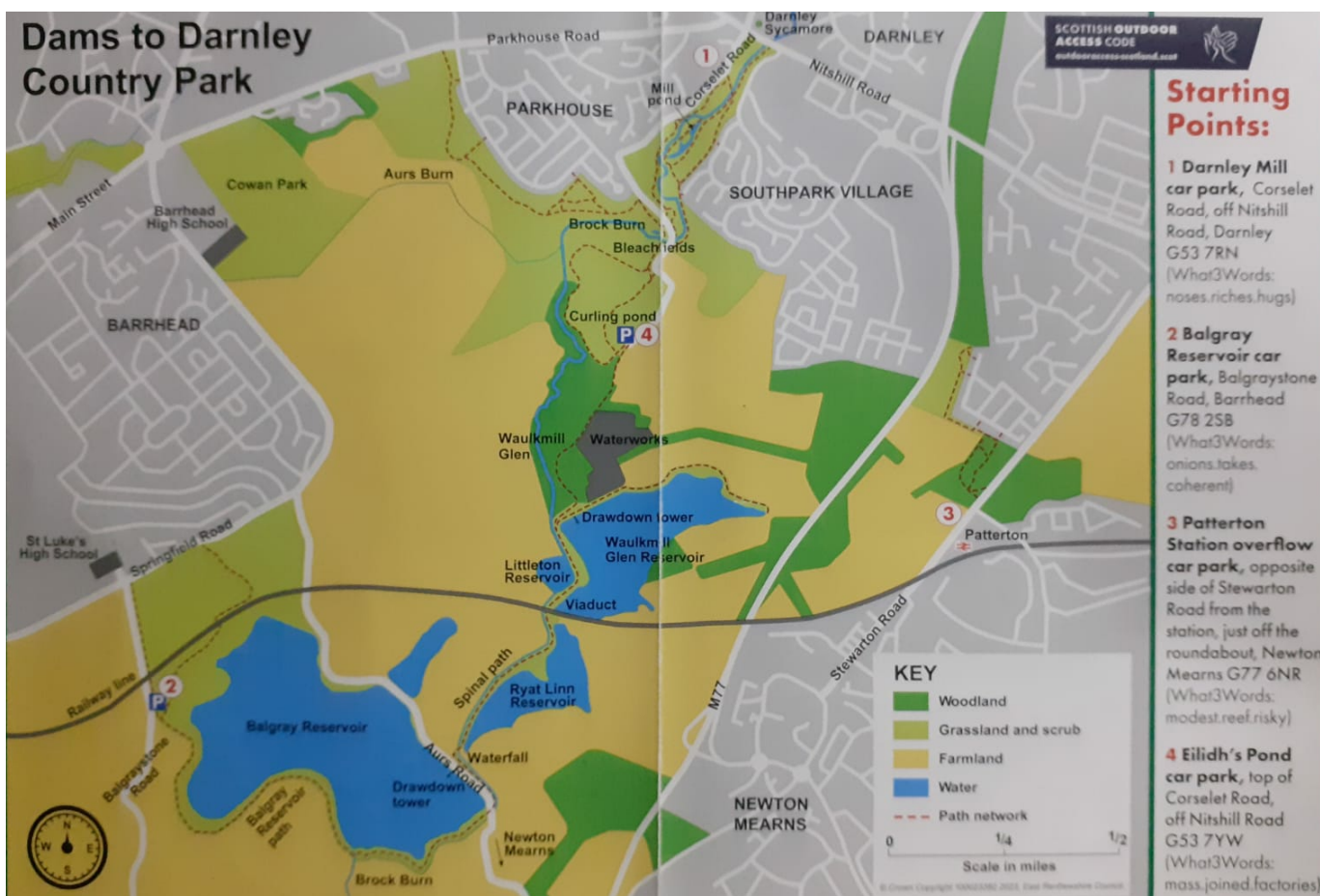


WALKING DAMS TO DARNLEY COUNTRY PARK

ROBIN BULMER

In April this year Busby Men had a talk from Rennie Mason about “Dams to Darnley Country Park and Industrial Heritage”. I finally got round to taking in this walk in late August at the suggestion of a visitor we had staying with us at the time. East Renfrewshire and Glasgow City Councils are working together to create the Park in the greenspace separating Barrhead, Darnley and Newton Mearns.

The map shows 4 car-park starting points. We began from number 1, ‘Darnley Mill’ and followed the network of flat paths to the point where the ‘Corselet Road’ crosses the Brock Burn, which leads to the ‘Spinal Path’ to the Dams and their 4 reservoirs. Ultimately arriving at Car Park 2 we were advised by other walkers that it might be possible to return by an unmarked route favoured by dog-walkers that would bring us back to the Spinal Path in the vicinity of the railway viaduct, however only a short distance from the car-park we found this route cut-off by fencing surrounding the construction site of the new Barrhead South station. So by and large retracing our steps and completing the walk on the quiet Corselet Road we arrived back to Darnley Mill. This was a round trip of 12Km, 7.5Miles and made for a very enjoyable afternoon. Information about the walk and the various aspects of this can be found at <https://www.damstodarnley.org/walking-cycling-horse-riding>. Why not try it out sometime.





CHRISTIAN AID RECEPTION AT HOLYROOD PALACE

MYRTLE MCGREGOR

It seems only yesterday that I joined the Clarkston and District Christian Aid Committee at the request of the Rev Lawrence Whitley. It was in fact 1980 with seven churches working together and members serving for at least 2 years. I would replace the late Mary Thomson artist, teacher and well-loved member of the Busby Congregation. Little did I realise I would still be there over forty years later.

It seemed then that little profit was being made at coffee mornings so I suggested we sell some paintings and that is how it all started in a very small way in 1981. Every year since then on the 2nd Saturday in March we have displayed over 300 paintings in Clarkston Hall then later the Carmichael. With artists getting 2/3 of sales we made large profits reaching a maximum of over £8000 one year, missing only one year due to the first Lock Down and with a successful website during the second. So now we have just passed the 42nd Show with a profit of £4000. At the end of each Show a guest will present our 2 trophies to winning artists and this year it was Charlie Meiklejohn from the Edinburgh Christian Aid Office.

Christian Aid supports people of all faiths and none, in this country and abroad. Since 2016 the Rev Sally Foster-Fulton has been leading Christian Aid Scotland and, in May 2023 she was appointed Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

Just after our Art Show this year I was very surprised to get a message from Charlie. She wondered if I would like to join them at a reception in the Palace of Holyrood. An invitation arrived from Lord Hodge who had been appointed by Queen Elizabeth to represent her as Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland's 2022 General Assembly.

I'm so glad I was able to go, thanks to the help of my daughter, Esther. It was all very formal and I soon realised it was all for guests who were fund-raisers for Christian Aid and of course the new Moderator, The Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton was there along with Charlie. We were in the beautiful Throne room with a military band playing in the corner and met people from all over Scotland and a couple from a Palestinian farm located in the West Bank of Palestine.

They were over to give a presentation to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland about their situation. The farm has been owned by their family for over a hundred years back to the time of Ottoman rule and the property ownership was registered with the British in 1924. However, the farm is in dispute with the Israeli government about ownership of the land and has an ongoing court case. The farm is in zone c which is controlled by the Israeli military. This means that the Palestinians are not connected to mains electricity or water supplies. They are also surrounded by 5 illegal Israeli settlements which are expanding and encroaching on their land and have had to set up solar electricity and collect rainwater for their farm of olive trees. The farm upholds Christian values and has the motto 'We refuse to be enemies' despite numerous attacks on the farm. The farm also encourages international visitors and this has helped to increase awareness of their situation and to reduce the attacks on the farm. Their website is HOME- tentofnations.com

Lord Hodge told us he is allowed to choose a member of each of the armed forces to help him during the week of the Assembly. These three were especially smart, one of whom from the RAF is his nephew. He also said he feels like Cinderella at the end of the week when he has to give up the flag and other insignia on his car and drive home with no escort. What a nice man.

Everyone was smartly dressed and so I was surprised that Sally was wearing very bright blue trainers with her elegant black dress. She explained that, when she left the Christian Aid office they wanted to give her a present. She chose a pair of trainers so that they would all be walking along the road with her on her journey this year, What a nice thought!

I felt we had been given recognition for all the hard work the members of the Clarkston and District Christian Aid Committee had done over the years. The Art Show has become a social event when visitors and artists meet up once a year to enjoy a coffee, a chat and raise money for the poor of this world.



Lawrence came back in 2009 to present prizes, seen here with Ed Hunter, Rosanne Barr and Baby.



New Moderator, Sally Foster-Fulton



BUSBY MEN

Programme 2023 - 2024

Meetings on Tuesdays at 10.30am. Free to visitors.

White Cart Pub & Grill, 61 East Kilbride Rd, Busby,
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2023

26 September "Let's talk about food" Members
Round table talk. Members are invited to talk for a few minutes about any interesting experiences, good or bad, they had with food. Could be about a restaurant in a holiday destination, or your favourite recipe, or growing vegetables etc. Perhaps you had to unexpectedly cook for a mass of people.

31 October "Natural Environment Team, Glasgow" Gary Linstead
Countryside ranger for South Glasgow, Gary elucidates on the work of the The Natural Environment Team in his area. Discover the pleasures of natural woodland, streams and wildlife.

28 November "Clara Bow" Video presentation
You've probably never heard of her but back in the day Clara Bow was the most famous silent movie star of her era. This recently discovered BBC film documents her rise and fall.

2024

30 January "Adventures on a Lighthouse" Bob White
Member Bob gives an account of holiday jobs carried out in his younger days. The most interesting one was his adventures on a lighthouse. As always Bob is sure to be entertaining.

27 February "Living for two years with an EV" John McIlhagger
EV = Electric Vehicle. Traffic expert John fancied owning an electric car. Come along on this date to find out how he got on with it.

26 March "From Dubno to Dundee reprised" Ostap Melnick
For new members and those who missed it, Ostap tells the story of his father's odyssey from Ukraine to Scotland. For those familiar with the story be prepared for a dramatic and shocking development.

30 April "Whitelee Windfarm, Ranger Service, Wildlife & History" Kate Elliot
The Whitelee Countryside Rangers will talk all things Whitelee - from windfarm and outdoor access, to wildlife and history.

28 May "Three of the most watched TED talks" Video presentation
Gathering over 100 million views these three talks are sure to be of interest. Julian Treasure on "How to Talk" (10 mins). Fashion model Cameron Russell on 'Looks aren't everything' (10 mins). Benjamin Zander on 'Classical music' (20 mins).





BUSBY BAKES BLACK FOREST SCONES

SHONA PARK

This is an autumnal twist on two classics.

These scones are best eaten on the day they are made and delicious served with whipped or clotted cream and cherry jam.

Ingredients

- 180g self raising flour
- 20g cocoa powder
- Pinch salt
- 50g cold block margarine or butter
- 25g caster sugar
- 25g glace or dried cherries
- 25g plain chocolate chips/chunks
- 100ml milk
- 50g dark chocolate (optional)

Method:

1. Sieve flour, cocoa powder & salt into a large bowl.
2. Place margarine or butter into a large bowl with the flour, cut margarine into small pieces and *rub in*
3. Add sugar and chocolate chips
4. *Chop* the cherries if they are particularly large. Add to the large bowl and *mix*.
5. Gradually add the milk and mix using a round bladed knife to make the dough.
6. Turn onto a floured surface and knead very lightly.



Top-tip: Handle the dough as little as possible to avoid overworking the gluten - resulting in tough scones.

7. Pat out to 2 cm thick & cut using a medium sized scone cutter. Alternatively use a knife to cut into 8-6 wedges.
8. *Glaze* with remaining milk and place on a floured baking tray.
9. *Bake* at 200°C /Gas 7 for 8 – 10 minutes or until risen.
10. Allow to cool.
11. Melt the dark chocolate and drizzle over the top of the scones for a descendant finish, if desired.



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OBITUARIES



IAN NORIE

Ian was born in Cardiff in 1935. He grew up in Bexley, south east of London, though he spent most of the war years back in Cardiff with his grandparents. He attended grammar school but by all accounts was not the most studious pupil! His devoted younger sister Susan was born when Ian was 10. Soon after National Service in Malaya (as was Ian) entered the world of advertising, which brought him to Glasgow in the early sixties. There, he met Jan Sidey and they were married in 1964. By this time Ian was working in Newcastle and he and Jan lived there for a couple of years. In 1966 Ian got a new job with the SSEB in Cathcart and they moved to Kippen Drive, Busby, which was to be the family home for the next four decades. Their children Stephen and Jane arrived in 1969 and 1971 respectively.

Ian had many interests which he pursued with enthusiasm throughout his life—rugby, travel, music, politics and good food and wine. He made many lifelong friends through all of these. Ian also played an integral role in East Kilbride Sports Club committee as both Rugby representative and for the Sports Club where Susan Miller knew him and fondly remembers that “Ian was part of the Rugby and Sports Club family for many, many years. He always made such a valuable contribution. He was a true gentleman with such a cheery, happy disposition which made everybody warm and naturally drawn to him. He is sorely missed by all at the Rugby and Sports Club.”

In retirement, Ian became a tireless volunteer. He helped run the Glasgow branch of Christian Aid for many years, and took on various roles to support Busby Parish Church where he was ordained as an elder in 1992 and was latterly the church treasurer. After losing Jan in 2007, Ian made an effort to stay active and busy and spent a lot of time with their beloved grandson, Danny. As he entered his eighty-eighth year, Ian’s health was declining. He was determined to buy Danny his first pint on his 18th birthday, and fulfilled that ambition in April. His last few days were spent in Edinburgh with Stephen and Jane and he passed away there on June 11th.

All of us whose lives Ian touched appreciated his generous spirit, his sense of humour and his hospitable nature. We rejoice that he kept living life as fully as he could to the very end.



MARJORIE LAMB

Marjorie was born in 1920, the youngest of four children, to George and Sarah Corbett, in Epsom in Surrey. She had an extremely happy childhood growing up with her two sisters and brother on the edge of Epsom Downs, in an idyllic landscape with great friends. Her dad’s work with and love of horses was a huge influence on her and her love of all animals and, throughout her life, mum had dogs. In her later years, she loved watching the birds feeding at her bird table and the squirrels playing in the garden as well as visits from her grand-daughters’ dogs.

At the age of 19, at the outbreak of the Second World War, she enlisted in the Womens Royal Naval Service because, she said, they had the nicest uniform, although ironically at first there was a shortage of uniforms and the girls had to wear the most appropriate items they could find themselves. After graduation from Greenwich Naval College, she received her first posting to Invergordon where she met a young Naval Lieutenant called Jimmy Lamb. It was to be the beginning of an on-off relationship. From Invergordon she was posted to Plymouth and Liverpool as a cypher officer, processing the messages to and from ships in the Battle of the Atlantic, before being posted to Alexandria in Egypt as a chief cypher officer and then to Athens to set up a cypher office there, days after its liberation.

When she left the Navy in 1946. Mum worked in London before working in private girls’ boarding schools in Winchester, Liverpool and then Helensburgh where the on-off relationship with Jimmy became permanent and they were married in 1951, living in Helensburgh where, two years later, I was born.

We moved to Busby in 1956 where Mum made many close, lasting friendships as well as qualifying as a Nursery Nurse, and being actively involved in King George’s Fund For Sailors. When Jimmy retired, they moved to Newtonmore and then Laggan in the Spey Valley, beginning another very happy and active chapter in their lives, again forging many close friendships and re-discovering the delights of the rural life of her childhood as well as becoming Chair of the King George’s Fund For Sailors Highland Branch, where, for her fundraising achievements, she was presented with an award by the Duke of Edinburgh. Mum stayed in the Highlands for a few years after we lost dad before moving back to Busby and then Eaglesham and finally Waterfoot. She wrote her memoirs of her wartime years, calling it “The Making Of Me” and how true that was. Her love and pride of the Royal Navy lasted all her life and, when inspired by Captain Tom during the pandemic, she walked a hundred laps of the garden raising over £17,000 for charity, she was visited by two serving members of the Navy to make a presentation to her. She was thrilled.

She simply adored her three grand-daughters, Felicity, Emily and Penny, relishing the holidays they had with her in the Highlands. She loved her grandsons-in-law, Paul and Euan, and her great-grandsons, Bernie, Monty and James. She was so proud of all her family and all our achievements, as we all are of her. She is loved and missed by all of us.

John Lamb



MAY LINN

May Linn was born in Glasgow's Kinning Park but due to the depression her Mum and Dad moved the family to Saltcoats. Her Dad worked in the ship yard in Troon. When May was 10 the family moved back to Glasgow's St George's Cross area. While going to work she passed Bill regularly as he was working in a furrier's in Sauchiehall Street and they got to know one another and eventually got married in 1951. After they married they moved in with May's Mum and Dad and before long moved up stairs in Shamrock Street to a bigger house and had their two children, Billy and Patricia. They lived next door to Renfield St Stephens Church which May and Bill joined. Bill became an Elder and May joined the young mothers group and May would sing with 3 other Mums for elderly groups and hospitals. May and Bill moved from Shamrock St to Springburn because the area was being demolished to make room for the Kingston bridge.

Then in 1973 May and Bill moved to Kings Park. May got a job with the electricity board in Cathcart. Where she stayed till she retired. and in 1997 May and Bill moved to Busby to help look after Alexander one of their grandchildren. Sadly Alexander passed in 1998 and Bill passed 9 months later. However, May decided she would get right into village life in Busby joining clubs etc. She remained living by herself, with only a cleaner and hairdresser to assist her, in Busby till she passed away.

When my brother and I were looking for certificates etc pertaining to our Mum we came across a letter that she wrote at Christmas 2005 which was addressed to us both. It said a friend of hers had died unexpectedly which had made her think that could happen to her. She told us she loved us both and enjoyed being our mother through good times and bad. She loved our lovely families and stated they were her's too. Mum was glad she had put pen to paper (and hadn't had a gin).

She also left a note written not long ago saying:

'God, grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change.

The COURAGE to change the things I can and the WISDOM to know the difference.

I close with a small poem to everyone who has lost a nearest and dearest

'Remember the stars how they shine and glow?

Some of those stars died a long time ago,

Still they shine in the evening skies,

Love like starlight never dies.'

Thank you to everyone who knew our Mum.

Trisha Stewart and Bill Linn

BUSBY DRAMA GROUP

STEVE SMITH

Following a couple of years' inactivity due to the Covid outbreak, the Group is finally up and running again and endeavouring to stage another "Supper and Song".

Rehearsals commence on Monday 4th. September at 7.30pm and the shows will be staged in the second full week of January.

They will take the usual format of a One Act Play, then the usual superb Supper and, finally, a continuation of the Play with a great selection of Songs by the entire Company – solos, duets and choruses!

We do hope you will be able to attend – all our profits go directly to the Church as they have done throughout the years and your support is much appreciated by everyone in the Group.

Dates and timings of the Shows will be intimated later and, provided we are not hit by any other restrictions, we look forward to seeing you in January 2024!



BUSBY BOWLING CLUB

I'm Heather the current President of Busby Bowling Club. We are a friendly club who welcome new members. Although the bowling season finishes at the end of September there are a number of social functions available throughout the winter months. For example, in December we draw the grand raffle for hampers combined with a Christmas quiz. A Hogmanay Party brings in the New Year

The opening of the green for next season is in April. Membership for the first year is half price with free tuition and use of bowls. We also offer a social non-bowling membership to those who just want to use the club facilities. The club is situated in The Crescent behind the White Cart.

DOWN WITH SKOOL!

(after Geoffrey Willans & Ronald Searle)

JERRY EVE

At school we learn: 1066,
An arrow in the eye
Was Harold's fate. But then we find
Out this could be a lie.

The same is true: Henry the VIII,
We're told he wrote Greensleeves.
This, though, is something, later on,
We find no-one believes.

Or Nero, there's a problem with
A fiddle, fire and bow.
And that's the violin itself
Came later. Now I know.

Marie (of France); our teachers liked
To quote, 'Let them eat cake.'
In fact, though, this is poppycock:
Fake News, for goodness' sake!

As is the tale of a Scots king,
The one they call the Bruce.
That spider story's nonsense. Scott,
With truth played fast and loose.

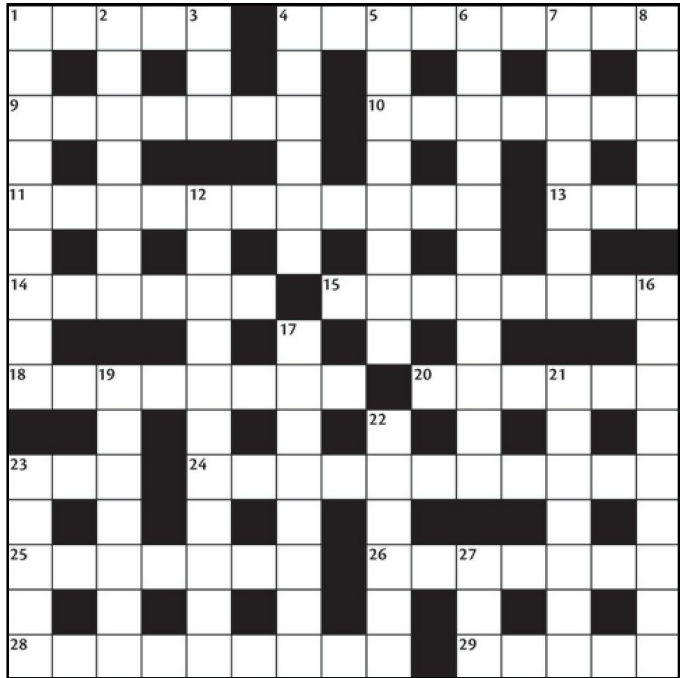
Like Washington's biographer
Who wrote that when George felled
A tree, he owned up. Nonsense man!
You ought to be expelled

For telling whoppers. Alfred Burnt
Some Cakes is fiction too.
And Newton: Apple Falls on Head.
Oh, what are we to do?

Well, if we think what's learnt at school
Was honest, maybe Halt.
And think again, perhaps it needs
A modicum of salt.

CROSSWORD

Courtesy of Life & Work Magazine (compiled by Peter Chamberlain)



ACROSS

- 1 Lady heard to come before a meal (5)
- 4 I went into curiously uncommon service (9)
- 9 Cutter on excise duty? (7)
- 10 Scholars back to come clean for a day (7)
- 11 Having strong beliefs about Eve with a calling (11)
- 13 Jewel little Margaret returned (3)
- 14 Going down having wrong entry in ship's record (6)
- 15 Pardon me arranging casually to mention someone (4-4)
- 18 Coming round about five past six and at home with gin cocktail (8)
- 20 Offender breaks reins about mid-morning (6)
- 23 Biblical mount (3)
- 24 Bright red plant when forest is on fire? (7,4)
- 25 Several times find Frenchman in a quiver (7)
- 26 Tenacious one taking drug is criminal (7)
- 28 One not in agreement suffering abnormal tiredness (9)
- 29 Country, say, variable part (5)

Down

- 1 Hot evangelist (9)
- 2 A bishop features amount owing (7)
- 3 Lady prevented from entering (3)
- 4 Wicked light (6)
- 5 One of a noted band? (8)
- 6 Sceptical about blue vein developing in middle of night (11)
- 7 Look back at this whilst developing hot displeasure (2,5)
- 8 Hebrew prophet in Adana humbled (5)
- 12 Scriptures from Switzerland? (6,5)
- 16 Penny Bridge intended, say, for this to be written on (9)
- 17 Geraint's becoming most annoyed (8)
- 19 Strives personally to include service (7)
- 21 Only slightly indecent when badly behaved (7)
- 22 One of the family in hospital (6)
- 23 A lightweight Edgar performed on stage (5)
- 27 Exploit said sheep (3)



CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Grace; 4 Communion; 9 Surgeon; 10 Sabbath; 11 Sinner; 23 Ass; 24 Burning bush; 25 Tremble; 26 Toughie; 28 Dissenter; 29 Egypt.
DOWN: 1 Gospeller; 2 Arrear; 3 Eve; 4 Candle; 5 Musician; 6 Unbelieving; 7 In anger; 8 Nahum; 12 Geneva Bible; 16 Parchment; 17 Angriest; 19 Vespers; 21 Naught; 22 Sister; 23 Acted; 27 Use.