

ST. BRIDE'S BRODICK



AUTUMN

2010

Recently I was dismayed to read of the case of Homelessness Prevention Officer Duke Amachree, who lost his appeal for unfair dismissal against Wandsworth Council in London. The crime that led to him being accused of gross misconduct and subsequently losing his job after of eighteen years of dedicated service, was for suggesting to a client with an incurable illness, 'that she should not necessarily give up hope, but to try putting her faith in God'.

We do indeed live in an increasingly aggressive secular age, when a Christian can be sacked merely for passing an innocent remark made out of genuine love and concern for a 'neighbour' in distress. Of course on the other hand, ramming religion down someone's throat, especially someone who may already be extremely vulnerable, is unacceptable and rightly so. Hence, there is a fine balance to be struck in such cases. Just one of the many challenges posed to the witness and outreach of the Church of Jesus Christ in these so-called 'post Christian' times.

Against this background, at this year's General Assembly in May, the Church of Scotland as the national church, once again reaffirmed its 'care and duty to minister to the whole people of Scotland through a territorial ministry, in every parish in the land'. Within this position, it is understood that the parish minister has a responsibility for the 'cure of every soul' in his/her jurisdiction, be they church-goer or not. It can be a delicate business, requiring great sensitivity to respond appropriately to people of faith, other faiths and of no faith, who may be in need of comfort and consolation at a dark time of illness, worry or bereavement. Sometimes all that can be done without causing offense, is to send a card, simply letting people know that the Church is there for them, should they need it, and that there is a local congregation of people close at hand, who do genuinely have a concern for the well-being of a neighbour in distress.

Of course at the same time the Assembly was reaffirming this 'care and duty', enshrined in our Third Article Declaratory, it was outlining plans to reduce ministry numbers and further unite and link ever more parishes and charges together. Then came Mr Cameron's vision of the 'Big Society', which in these recession cash strapped times for local and national government, called for social care to be put more and more into the hands

of local communities. Add both these factors together and never before has the burden of care for our neighbours been so greatly placed into the hands of all church-goers.

To this end, I appeal once more that we all share information about concerns for folk in our villages during times of illness or difficulty. It frustrates me that time and again, I only learn of someone's needs long after a crisis or illness has past. I know Jean too shares this frustration. The days of the parish minister living in the parish and knowing everything around him/her are over. I rely on every church member to keep us both informed, that we might react appropriately. And I assure you that we will act appropriately, well aware as we are of the sensitivities of the secular times in which we seek to minister the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, at the same time trying our utmost to assist our congregations to faithfully witness to the gospel in the communities they serve. Mercifully, we have Pastoral Support Teams to help in this task, but they too need to be kept informed, that concerns about folk going through difficult times, might be passed on to Jean and myself and when appropriate, to whom we should send cards.

Communication is vital. Strangely for me this applies equally in Brodick, where I am required to live in the manse. Just because I live there doesn't mean I hear all that is going on, probably because I spend as much time out of the village as in it, attending to my duties in Lochranza, Pirnmill, Corrie and Shiskine. Possibly my best source of information comes at weekly drill nights from my Fire Brigade colleagues, most of whom are not even remotely church minded. The fact that they choose to share this information freely with me, I believe shows, that even the non-churched recognise the local minister and the Church, still have a vital pastoral role to play within our communities in these modern secular times.

I know that living on Arran we already have great community spirit, where good neighbourliness is part and parcel of everyday life. I know you all do your very best to be good neighbours to those around you. One of the reasons Arran attracts folk to come and live here is just such a quality, now no longer the norm in many parts of the mainland, particularly in urban areas. For example, often the new arrival will be greeted by a gift of soup or the offer of help the moment the removal lorry pulls up at the door.

A Christian greeting at such a time is also vital in our outreach. I always try to make a point of calling on new folk to welcome them on behalf of the church. Again a source of frustration is that I only learn of new arrivals months later and an opportunity is lost. However, I also recognise that the last thing folk want amid the packing cases and stress of flitting, is a visit from the minister. To help overcome this problem we now have welcome packs, which can simply be delivered with a word of welcome and little fuss, either by an Elder, a member of our Pastoral Support Team, or indeed by any church member.

I hope that you will bear this in mind and hopefully respond to this appeal for your assistance, in what is vitally important work, either by contacting Jean or myself directly, or simply by passing on information to our Pastoral Support Team conveners, Morag Watson and Elizabeth McKellar at church on Sunday, or by phone on 30 2751 and 30 2230 respectively. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed in any way to our Harvest Thanksgiving Table. There was an amazing, colourful selection of goods on display again this year. Gift parcels, with best wishes from Brodick Church, were again distributed to many of our older friends and to some people who were ill. These tokens of our love and concern are greatly appreciated. Again many, many thanks for your generosity which greatly enhances our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations.

E McKellar (Pastoral Group)

INDOOR BOWLS

Now that Autumn is here our indoor bowls' sessions have restarted in the church hall every Friday. In the afternoon at 2pm there is the Ladies' Bowling Group and at 7.30pm the Men's Association.

If you have not been before, this is an invitation to come along and enjoy a period of fellowship, and of course refreshments. No previous experience is necessary. We do not take ourselves too seriously, and the results can be quite hilarious.

WORSHIP

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the splendour of holiness'

(Psalm 29 vs2)

Richard Foster says this, 'Worship is our responding to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father.'

What is your life? What are the events and activities which make up your life? For so many today life is nothing more than the rush of working, eating, leisure activities, sleeping, and then working again. Life seems to have been lost in this cycle of work and sleep. Is this all there this? But deep within us we reject this notion. There must be something more.

The something more which modern men and women are seeking is Worship. Many people think worship is what happens within the Church building on a Sunday, and nothing else. While joining together to hear God's word and share with one another may be part of worship, it certainly is not the whole thing.

God wants us to learn that worship is how we live, every day of the week.

Worship is responding to God's love. Before anything happens God loves us. When we realise this truth and respond to God's love, that is worship.

Worship is thanking God for each new day, and for every gift of love which He gives us.

Worship is praising God, telling Him and one another, just how great He is.

Worship is depending upon God, seeking His way for our lives and walking in it.

Worship is sharing God's goodness with others, letting everyone know of the love which God has shown us in Jesus Christ.

Worship is recognising God's worth and giving Him glory just for who He is, so we see that worship is for every day.

It is how we live. It is a life of worship which makes sense of this world and all its turns.

Worship is how we live every day of the week and not just on Sundays. However, when we come together in Church to worship, we learn how to live this life of worship. You can meet with us at 10.30am. each Sunday morning.

In the next issue of the magazine we will consider the elements of a worship service: Prayer, Praise and the Bible.

Jean Hunter

Arran Churches Together

The sum of £507.07 was sent to Mary's Meals from the offering at the 'Songs of Praise' service on 20th June.

Taize services are working well with the new format of three teams leading the services, and numbers are remaining stable.

About £120 a month is being donated by the Churches towards the work of the Arran Foundations. As from 13th September 2010, Graham Johnston has been appointed as Youth Worker, and funding is secure for at least a year.

It is a measure of the respect and affection felt for Father Noel Colford that so many people of all denominations, not all A.C.T. Members, turned up to help him celebrate his 70th birthday in Whiting Bay Hall on 20th August. The Bible Society held a weekend of events on 18th /19th September. This took the form of a Children's Session on Saturday morning with storytelling and games, a ceilidh with storytelling in the evenings for adults, and a Praise Service led by Arran Brass on Sunday afternoon. Arrangements are on hand for a St. Andrew's Service in November, and the Service of Christian Unity is scheduled for Sunday 23rd January 2011 in Lamlash Church.

Brodick Church Centenary Celebrations- Wall Hanging

Centenary celebrations took a significant step forward at morning service on Sunday 8th August when the Rev. Angus Adamson B.D. dedicated a beautiful wall hanging commemorating 100 years of Worship at Brodick Church.

This is the culmination of nearly two years of work by a dedicated team of ladies, mostly from the congregation, but ably assisted by experts in artwork and stitchcraft from around the island.

The scene depicts the warm, red sandstone building of the church in its wonderful setting in the bay among the heather and tree clad Arran hills with the unique outline of Goatfell and the Castle in the background. The Church is, of course, the people and several groups are making their way into the Church with St. Bride featuring in the foreground with her staff in hand and the 'Pillar of Fire' around her head. Legend calls her St. Bride of the Fiery Dart.

Surrounding the central panel is a variety of emblems worked on cotton squares of material depicting significant facets of island life including the

red deer, a thistle, an oyster catcher, a squirrel, foxglove and irises. Also featured are buildings including the village hall (where services were held before the building of the church), the Heritage Museum, the War Memorial and, of course, our own Arran Ferry.

Important symbols such as the Burning Bush, emblem of the Church of Scotland, and the Celtic Trefoil, symbolising the blessed Trinity and the nearness of God are also included.

The wall hanging is suspended from a pole mounted on the West wall of the building behind the Pulpit and greatly enhances the internal appearance of the Church.

Editor's Remarks.

I always find the Autumn issue's articles difficult to balance as some of the summer events were too late to be included in the last edition but are too important not to be included here. I refer, of course, to the enormous success of the Summer Fete and Auction which raised the fantastic sum of over £5000, so ably and enthusiastically organised by Susan Dobson and Janet Ramage. Thanks girls.

At this time of year we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and remember too, those who gave their lives for their country, so their articles are a must.

By the time the next issue comes out, Christmas will be over so it would be inappropriate not to include Christmas articles here.

The Centenary Events have got off to a great start with George Macphee's excellent organ recital. I was very impressed with his musicianship and intrigued by his footwork. How worthwhile it has been to have had the organ completely renovated.

The next event on the calendar was the performance of 'Messiah in a Day', performed in Brodick Church by a group of opera students and Arran residents and from what I have heard was a remarkable achievement.

Many more events, to suit all tastes, will take place in the coming months. Please come along and enjoy yourselves.

My thanks again to all who have contributed to this issue.

Sunday School

The Sunday School has resumed after the summer break and would welcome any children who would like to come along.

HELP

The Sunday Church Bus is looking for two volunteer drivers.

We have lost two of our stalwarts: Alan Reid and Russell Coyne- grateful thanks to them both for their help. You would only be driving the bus once every six weeks.

As well as drivers we would welcome more passengers!!! Rain, sleet, snow---door to door service ---heated bus---comfy seats---service with a smile---every Sunday (come and join us) !

Please phone Alison 303505

(away 10th ---26th Nov.-sorry)

Brodict Church Christmas Cards

As part of our Centenary Year Celebrations a Christmas Card featuring the Centenary Wall Hanging has been produced. This is available from the Church Foyer or the After Service Coffee meeting in the Church Hall each Sunday. Cards are available in packs of 10 for £3.50 or 5 for £1.75 or individually at 30p each.

Commemorative Mugs priced at £5 each and Coasters priced at £2 each are also available.

A souvenir DVD of the Centenary Performance in Brodict Church of Handel's 'Messiah in a Day' costing £6 is also available as above or by telephone: 01770 302 397 or by e-mail: messiah@positivepictures.co.uk.

Looking forward to Christmas 1910 style.

Most people will agree that looking forward to Christmas in 2010 is totally different to those who planned and built our Church nearly 100 years ago. Looking back in history, I am reminded that electricity in the home and public places was in its infancy and doubt very much if the lovely, bright, colourful displays of lights on trees, in the windows of houses, on seafronts and on our own Church Christmas tree would have been so popular as nowadays, leaving everything a little grey and dark for that time of year.

One quote I saw in a book reminds me that life for the ordinary people was not easy in 1910 and the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd George said, "Four spectres haunt the poor: old age, accident, sickness and unemployment. We are going to exorcise them."

Children, of course, have always been encouraged to get excited prior to Christmas time, making home-made decorations, preparing for school

holidays, Sunday School parties, taking part in Nativity plays and wondering about a small present or two. Girls opted then for prams and dolls made from wood or papier mâché and wool or other toys made from various materials. Boys' favourites were toy train sets, footballs, toy soldiers, bogies and barrows, many again home-made, none costing much and certainly did not have 'Made in China' stamped on them. These toys were cherished and in many cases, when the children had outgrown them, they were passed on to the next in line in the family. How different to the expensive toys of today!

In 1910 wages were of course very low which was reflected in prices of food and goods eg. 1 lb of butter 5p, pint of beer 2p, a ton of coal 11p and women's shoes 46p.

The Daily Record and Mail (halfpenny) reports a major worry for Scottish Investors, as the Charing Cross Bank goes bust, but not to panic as they are being looked after by The Royal Bank of Scotland!!! The popular paper also reported that some 3,000 people, many young, well dressed wives and mothers had left from Glasgow to follow their husbands out to a new life in Canada and the USA. I wonder if any came from Arran.

So, what would be in the minds of our predecessors, who, even before the Church of Scotland had been officially recognized by the 1921 Act of Parliament, through their devotion, love, sacrifice, generosity and courage, gave their all to create and dedicate such a wonderful legacy to us, and did they and all their families have a very Merry Christmas in 1910?

I sincerely hope so.

Alan Milligan

*We have a list of people we know all written in a book,
And every year at Christmas time we go and take a look,
And that is when we realise that these names are a part
Not of the book they're written in but of our very heart.
And while you may not be aware of any special link,
Meeting you has shaped my life much more than you may think,
For once you have that special link, the years cannot erase
The memory of some pleasant times or of a friendly face.
So never think my Christmas cards are a mere routine
Of names upon a Christmas list- forgotten in between,
For when I send this Christmas note that is addressed to you
It's because you're on that list of folks that I'm indebted to,
And every year when Christmas comes I realise anew,
The finest gift that life can give is meeting people like you.*

St Bride's Ladies

Many years ago, in Newton Mearns Church, the minister was addressing the children at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. He stood, arms outstretched, in front of a wonderful display of fruit and vegetables, flowers, and pots of homemade jam and said "God has given us all these lovely things". "No!" came an indignant voice from the ranks of the Sunday School, "We brought them!"

Fast forward to 2010. God may have provided all the basic ingredients, but St Bride's Ladies were responsible for preparing and presenting the delicious buffet enjoyed at Brodick Church Harvest Supper on Monday 27th September.

John Lauder warmly thanked, not only the ladies, but the men who acted as wine waiters and helped with all the cleaning up, Jean Hunter for saying grace in the minister's absence, Alex Lawrie for his lovely background music, and of course all the entertainers.

James Burge's relaxed style of singing to guitar accompaniment and the songs he had chosen went down well with an appreciative audience. It was his first visit and we hope it won't be his last.

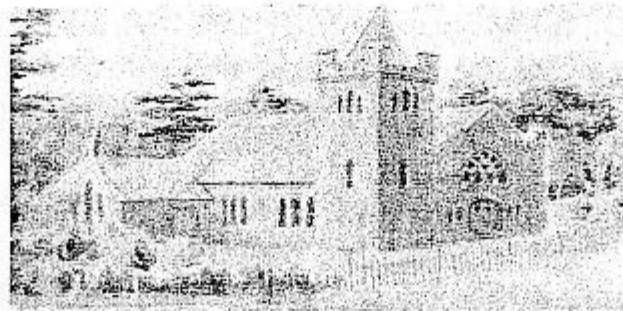
Liz Lawrie is beginning to make quite a reputation for herself as a reciter of humorous verse, and on this occasion she had chosen two 'mousy' poems, very suitable for harvest-time. She brought a mouse with her but didn't allow it to escape so there was no panic.

We had a visit from a Glasgow minister's wife, standing in for her husband who had a previous engagement. The stories she told caused much hilarity so it was to be hoped they were all meant to be funny. Her face seemed familiar, even under a large hat, so she may have been related to one of our own ladies. A very happy evening ended with – what else? – Auld Lang Syne.

The first meeting of the 2010-2011 session of St Bride's Ladies is on Monday 27th October when Fiona Crawford will tell us about her trip to Cambodia and Vietnam, postponed from last year due to snow (the talk that is, not the trip!). Thereafter the programme is as follows:

Monday 8th November - Galapagos Birds (Jim Cassels),
Monday 22nd November - Fair Trade (Jan McGregor),
Saturday 4th December - Christmas Fayre,
Monday 6th December - Christmas Party,
Monday 10th January - Wildlife Protection (P.C. Fraser Gibb),
Monday 24th January - Scots Night,
Monday 7th February - I Remember (St Bride's Ladies),
Monday 21st February - Visit to Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle,
Monday 7th March - Mary's Meals (Rev. Gillian McLean),
Monday 21st March - AGM (with illustrated talk by Jean Hunter),
Saturday 9th April - Spring Fayre,

All ladies welcome.



Centenary Year 1910/11 – 2010/11

The next event on the Centenary programme, takes place at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th November and promises to be a sell-out, so it would be advisable to get your tickets quickly either at church on a Sunday in the hall after the service, or at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

It is billed as a **Laurel and Hardy Film Show** presented by 'The Sons of the Desert'. That alias describes Willie McIntyre of Largs who has been actively involved since 1976 in the world-wide Laurel and Hardy appreciation society. He is the author of two books on the comic duo, as well as editing their regular UK magazine, and screen-ing their films in many parts of Scotland.

Willie is a regular visitor to the island, but this will be the first time he has been invited to show his films here. We are looking forward to an unusual and nostalgic evening's entertainment for all ages.

Friends of Montrose House Association

With such a changeable summer behind us it is good to know that some things stay the same. One thing you can depend on is the commitment and dedication of the small group of people who work tirelessly to ensure that life for the residents of Montrose House is a pleasant and fulfilling experience.

Despite severe financial restraints imposed by N.A.C. and uncertainties about the long term future of the establishment, there is evidence of acceptance that the status quo will be maintained at least in the short term and work has commenced in upgrading the lighting in the main lounge, replacing ancient fluorescent fittings with modern dimmer-controlled flush fitting units and uplighters, to be followed by redecoration - albeit to be done in-house! 'New' lounge furniture has been provided by re-allocation from mainland establishments and the entrance foyer adapted to meet the preference of residents who wish 'to see what's going on' from that vantage point!

Outside the gardens have been maintained to a high level - thanks to our 'garden gang' - with a pleasant colourful display providing plenty of blooms for in-house decoration by the staff. The alternate deluge and *dry* spells of hot sunshine have made life difficult for the gardeners with a constant vigil necessary for watering of the hanging baskets which tend to miss the deluge and completely dry out in the sun!

Recent events to which residents have been escorted have included the Corrie Summer Serenade, the Corrie Harvest Festival Supper, the Centenary Performance of Handel's Messiah in Brodick Church and a first ever visit to Brodick Church Harvest Festival Supper in the Church Hall. 'Friends' have also been involved in supporting Evening Dining Out events at the Kinloch Hotel and, more recently, the Kildonan Hotel. Unfortunately there are only a few residents able to participate in these events, much to the envy of those less able to travel.

At the time of writing plans are well advanced for Hallowe'en on Sunday 31st October in which we hope to involve as many children as possible. Arrangements for the Christmas Party on 8th December are also well in hand. It is hoped to involve as many residents as are able in the various events around the festive period.

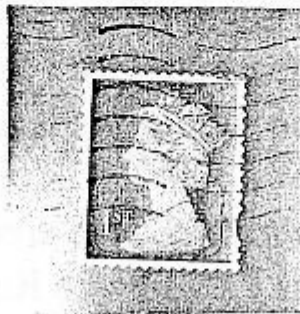
A memorial service was held for Billy Burrows who passed away after a short stay in Montrose House.

World Mission Stamp Appeal.

Thanks to so many of you who collect all your used stamps, leaving them in the container in the church vestibule. For several years now they have been sent to Church of Scotland World Mission.

It takes a second or two to trim them to leave at least a quarter of an inch all round, otherwise I have to spend valuable time removing excess pieces of envelopes before they can be despatched.

SEE THE EXAMPLE BELOW:



At least five times a year they are sent off in a large parcel. On receipt they are sorted by home-workers and sold to collectors, so administration costs are minimal. The money raised is given to a different challenge each year, and for 2010/11 it supports the girls' hostel at St. Columba Religious Training Centre in Sailkot, Pakistan.

Any one can join in and the more the better, so why not encourage your friends and neighbours to bring you their stamps as well, and of course companies receive regular mail deliveries so what about asking them to pass on their used stamps to you.

Every little helps, so keep up the good work.

John Lauder

Christmas Quotes

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year. ~~~Charles Dickens

"Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white.'" ~~~Bing Crosby

Christmas Gift Suggestions

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect. ~~~Oren Arnold

Corrie Church News

After a busy summer's fund-raising, which included the ever popular Summer Serenade, the Annual Fete and Barbecue (blessed with beautiful sunny weather and lots of summer visitors) Marilyn and Robbie Brown's Open Garden Days (a garden full of secret places and surprises) we are once again engaged in our winter activities which so far have included the famous Harvest Supper which as usual came up trumps with its fantastic buffet and a varied, entertaining programme which included artistes both old and new. The Harvest Thanksgiving Service, combined with Back to Church Sunday, attracted an increased number of worshippers.

Our village coffee mornings continue to thrive, making social contact for so many. These take place on the last Friday of each month and we would be very grateful to anyone who could spare some time to help on these mornings.

Funds raised on these mornings have enabled us to send donations to the hospital in Ethiopia, Haiti Earthquake Relief, HIV prevention in Malawi, the Macmillan and Marie Curie Nurses, the Village Hall and Corrie Church .

The Sunday School has resumed after its summer break and we have enjoyed the girls' participation in some of our services. We have also enjoyed the services taken by our trainee lay preachers, Liz Clarke and Sharon Macleod.

Finance Report

We have no major outlay pending but increased membership and donations would always help future expenditure.

Property Report

Maintenance of the church and upkeep of the grounds continue with the dedicated work of several volunteers. Our grateful thanks to them.

The Fire Officer has inspected the building and has recommended an increase in lighting and signs.

Marriages

Nicholas Underdown & Nicola E McLelland 27.08.10

Coffee Morning Dates

29th Oct. 26th Nov. 10th Dec. 2010

28th Jan. 25th Feb. 25th March 2011

Many thanks to all who help on these mornings. It is much appreciated.

Diary Dates

- 7th Nov. Joint North Arran Churches
11.am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Shiskine
7.pm Thanksgiving Service at Corrie
Dec. Peter Wilson Concert with friends.
24th Dec. Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year we are again asking all Brodick Church members to join with members and friends from other island churches to participate in the annual Blythswood Shoe box appeal.

Having seen a video of the distribution of boxes, I realised the great joy and wonder on the faces of the recipients to receive a box of basic items such as toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, hats,, gloves scarves and socks. These are things we take for granted but are precious to them.

These are difficult times for all of us, but more so for those in Eastern Europe, India and Bangladesh, the poor in these countries being hit the hardest. By filling a shoebox you will be making a practical donation that will reach those in most need. Please follow the instructions on the leaflet and ensure that you include some or all of the items that are marked essential.

Time is running out and all boxes must be handed in to the church by **Sunday 31st October.**

Please join with us and make this an even more successful appeal than last year. Show that you care and fill a shoebox and bring a BIG SMILE to someone's face this Christmas. Thank you.

Hamish Mitchell.

An After Thought

I dreamed death came the other night and Heaven's gate swung wide,
With kindly grace an Angel came and ushered me inside,
And there to my astonishment stood folk I'd known on earth.
Some I had judged as quite unfit or but of little worth.
Indignant words rose to my lips, but never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise—NO ONE EXPECTED ME!

Just a Minute

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With the Centenary of Brodick Church upon us it seems appropriate to cast a backward eye over events which have taken place over the last 100 years.

Unfortunately the most significant historical events undoubtedly were the Depression of the Thirties and, of course, the two World Wars.

There is remarkably little reference in the official Church records to these events although they must inevitably have affected life here in Brodick.

In December 1914 a minute from the Deacons' Court Book of the Brodick U.F. Church reads : 'Owing to the issue of a Police Order demanding that all windows that can be seen from the sea are to be obscured, the Court agreed to obscure the East Gable window and the three on the North side of the Church'

This was later extended in February 1915 to all lights following the threat of Zeppelin raids!

Incidentally, an interesting minute from March 1915 reads : 'It was agreed to fit blinds on the two windows on the South side of the Church to keep out the sun during the summer'!!

In December 1916 a minute reads : 'Owing to Charles Henderson, the Church Officer being called up for National Service, the Court arranged with Mrs Henderson, his wife, to carry on the duties of this office as far as she is able.'

In February 1917 it is minuted : 'The Court took into consideration the probability of Thomas Walker the Precentor and Organist being called up in a short time for Military Service.'

There are several references to Financial matters reflecting a significant drop in income from Church Door collections owing to there being fewer summer visitors, and a sharp increase in Insurance Premiums for Church and Manse to cover the increased cost of building materials and to reflect the increased risk of War Damage to property.

Moving on to the Second World War the scenario was very much repeated with a minute from the Congregational Board in September 1939 reading : 'With regard to holding services in the Transept during the Blackout period it was stated that the Session had agreed that services be held, and the cost of the Blackout Cloth was one and ninepence halfpenny per yard. The amount required to cover the windows approximated to 50 yards. This was agreed to.'

In October 1941 a minute reads : 'A Policy for £1000 had been taken out in respect of War Damage Insurance on the Church property at a premium of £6.15.0 per quarter.' Also in January 1943 it is minuted : ' The Clerk stated that he had received a letter from the Church Officer asking if in the event of his being called up for National Service Duties, his wife could carry on his duties. The meeting agreed to his request.'

In August 1944 a minute reads : 'Mr Neil McBride on behalf of the Session and Board of Management expressed their regret at the departure of Rev Dr J. Haultain Brown, their Minister, to take up a post in the Naval Chaplaincy Department, and while they regretted his loss they wished him every success in his new sphere.'

During the entire war period the Church Organist, Mr Lockhart, was relieved of his duties whilst serving in H.M.Forces.

Financial records show that much assistance was given to the War Effort with donations to Red Cross Parcels for Prisoners of War, Ardrossan Presbytery's Middle East Mobile Canteen Fund, and to Brodick Service Men and Women etc. Also in December 1943 a minute reads: ' The Clerk indicated that the Church Officer had accepted the Board's offer of a War Bonus of £2.10.0 payable on 31st December each year while the war lasts, and was continuing in office.'

Surprisingly there is no War Memorial as in most other Churches on the island. Admittedly the Brodick Village War Memorial is sited nearby between the Church and the Manse but perusal of Church records confirms only one name on the Memorial, that of Tpr John Mitchell of the Lovat Scouts who was killed in 1918. Records show that one other member of the congregation, Duncan Bruce was listed as 'Killed at War' in 1916 but his name mysteriously does not appear on the Memorial.

A Session minute in January 1947 quotes.' In connection with the proposed new Church Hall Mr Lithgow (Minister) proposed that it be named Brodick Church of Scotland War Memorial Hall and this was agreed to.' There are several subsequent references to fund raising for the new Memorial Hall and it is referred to in documents relating to Property Inventory for insurance purposes but nowhere is there any indication of the Hall being formally dedicated and commissioned after its arrival from Benecarrigan in April 1954. Perhaps this could be resolved as part of our Centenary Year Celebrations.

N.B. Any further information on the war years would be welcomed while there are those of us still around who lived through the experience. Service records whether active or not, even school or evacuee experiences would be useful in compiling a more comprehensive account of the last 100 years.

Brodict Church Notices - Autumn 2010

Weddings :

Alan Lawson & Lorraine Paton, Auchrannie 18.09.10

Bereavements :

Jimmy McRorie, Drummore, Knowe Road, Brodict 05.09.10

Billy Burrows, Montrose House 12.09.10

Transfer Out :

Alan Mochrie, Millhill House, Lamlash. To Lamlash Church 22.08.10

Communion :

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in **Shiskine Church** on Sunday 7th November at **11.00am**. We welcome to the Lord's Table any who are members of any branch of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in **Corrie Church** at **7.00pm** in the evening of the same day.

Transport will be available to and from both events.

Dates for your Diary :

Saturday 6th November : Joint Board and Session Meeting in Brodict Church Hall followed by Supper at Brodict Golf Club.

Sunday 14th November : Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.00am at Brodict War Memorial followed by a Service in Church at 10.30am.

Saturday 20th November : Centenary Celebration Laurel & Hardy Film Night with Willie McIntyre in Brodict Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Thursday 25th November : A.C.T. St Andrew's Service at Shiskine at 7.00pm.

Sunday 28th November : Service of Prayers for Health & Healing in Brodict Church at 7.00pm.

Saturday 4th December : St Brides' Ladies' Christmas Fayre, Brodict Church hall at 2.00pm.

Coffee Mornings :

10th & 24th November

8th & 15th December

