

*St Bride's*

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*Newsletter*

Brodick Manse  
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Over the past 5 years I have been very much involved in the on-going youth outreach projects on the island, undertaken by Arran Churches Together and Arran Foundations, which have been trying to connect with our young people and to provide something for them to do, other than hang around the Coop on a Friday evening. It was with much excitement and anticipation at Arran Foundations that we were able to appoint our first full time Youth Worker Graeme Johnston last September. Shortly afterwards, all four North Arran Congregational Boards/ Deacons' Courts made a wonderful gesture of support by pledging £20 a month to go towards resourcing Graeme in his work. Now almost a year on, I thought many of you would like to know how things are progressing, especially as you all have a vested interest in this project.

In many ways it has been a difficult year, not least because of troublesome red tape placed in our way by the powers that be at Companies' House. This was due to Arran Foundations having to be registered with them to enable us to access certain funding options. Indeed had it not been for Shiskine Elder John McCarthy's financial expertise and tremendous hard work over many, many countless hours, successfully sorting out our accounting procedures, I fear we may have been sunk before we got properly started. The departure of local Salvation Army Envoy Lexie Andrade to take up a mainland appointment earlier in the year, was also a huge blow. Lexie was unstinting in her efforts for the island youth project since its inception. She will be sorely missed. At times too, it has been difficult to recruit and maintain enough volunteers to assist Graeme. Many are put off by the necessary child protection training and disclosure procedure involved.

Despite this at the coal face, so to speak, at our little cabin located down beside the tennis courts behind the library in Brodick, the real work has continued unabated. Despite tremendous effort by Graeme to engage and get alongside the young people, numbers attending however have been varied, from as many as 16 plus down to just 2. There have also been several 'no-shows', when Graeme and the volunteer for the night, simply sat for 2 hours alone. Besides opening every Friday evening from 7 - 9 p.m., a second night was trialled on a Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Alas this

had to be abandoned due to lack of interest.

Part of the reason for this is probably due to the severe space restrictions in the cabin. One solution would be to have a purpose built youth centre built to meet our needs. Indeed we already have planning permission to do so and plans drawn up. The big question remains though. Is it really worth investing perhaps as much as £40,000 for perhaps only a handful of teenagers? Even with a new building there is no guarantee that the project will ever truly take off in a major way. It is not just Arran Foundations that are experiencing difficulty in attracting regular commitment from teenagers. Other organizations are also finding that there is an apathy among young people, who seem to have a take it or leave it attitude to what is offered to them. However the recent success of the under 18 rugby squad have shown what can still be achieved. We have therefore reached a cross roads in our work and difficult or bold decisions now have to be made. To that end, thorough researches are currently being done to assess how we might proceed.

In the meantime, thanks to the generosity of the Brodick Board and the Men's bowling club at Brodick Church, who have agreed to give up their Friday evening slot, Brodick Church Hall will be the new locus of Arran Foundations activities over this forth coming winter. Here with much more space available, as well as scope to have multi activities going on at the same time, it is hoped more young people will be attracted to get involved regularly. The success or failure of this may dictate how we proceed.

Before that however, Arran Foundations have taken a stall at both the Agricultural Show and the Highland Games, manned by Graeme, regular volunteers and some of the youngsters. Hopefully, besides helping to raise funds, this will help to raise our profile and allow people to find out more about what we do and hope to do in the future.

On behalf of all at Arran Foundations, thank you for your continued support and for your prayers for our work at this important time.

*Angus*

### **Right Rev David K Arnott, MA, BD(Hons)**

David Arnott was born in Dunfermline, Fife and attended Burntisland Primary School and Lochgelly West Primary School before going to George Watson's College in Edinburgh. After a scholarship year at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, he was taught at the University of St. Andrews and the University of Edinburgh, graduating MA French and Spanish and a Bachelor of Divinity (Honours) New Testament. Following a probationary placement at St. Ninian's Parish in Greenock in 1971, Mr Arnott was ordained to Stobhill Parish Church in Gorebridge. The congregation had recently endured trying times before he confidently led them into a triple union in 1975 in the renamed Gorebridge Parish Church.

Two years later he was called to Netherlee Parish Church in Glasgow. During his time there he encouraged the wider mission of the congregation by strengthening its ties to St. Andrews Church in Colombo and the wider community in Sri Lanka, making new links with a local UPA congregation and establishing firm relationships with a church and school and its wider community in Transylvania. The links he formed still remain strong today

During his time preaching in Glasgow, he spent two years as a part-time chaplain at Barlinnie as well as serving on many committees in Glasgow Presbytery and was Convenor of its Business Committee, during which time he directed the restructuring of its committee system.

In 1996 he was inducted to his last charge at St. Andrews Hope Park which was linked to Strathkinnes Church in October 2005. While there he served as a local hospital chaplain and chaplain to two primary schools. He also served as an honorary Church of Scotland chaplain at the University of St. Andrews. During his time in St. Andrews he was Convenor of both the Ministry Committee and the Superintendence Committee and was Moderator of the Presbytery in 2007.

Throughout his church career Mr Arnott has served on various Church of Scotland boards and committees both at presbytery and national level.

He has been Convenor of the Education for the Board of Ministry. Having been assessor of the then Selection Schools, he was invited to join a small working party which remodelled the selection process for applicants to ministry. From 2006 to 2009 he was Senior Director of the Kirk's new Assessment Conferences. Whilst on the then Board of Practice and Procedure he was invited to convene a commission for the General Assembly examining the future of the Presbyteries of Europe and Jerusalem. He was also the Convenor of the General Assembly's Arrangement Committee and also the General Assembly's Business

Committee. For several years he was asked to address an annual conference for Church of Scotland candidates on preaching and other subjects.

He was a regular presenter on BBC Radio Scotland's 'Thought for the Day' for more than 36 years. He has also contributed to Radio 4's 'Prayer for the Day', and Scottish and Grampian Television.

Mr Arnott and his wife Rosemary have three grown-up children and six grandchildren. He enjoys cooking, golf and photography and is passionate about Peebles Rugby Club.

### **Editor's Remarks**

With the Centenary Celebrations behind us, one memory which has stayed with me is the story told by the Moderator, the Right Rev David Arnott, at the Rededication Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

The famous English cricketer, Denis Compton, (he of the Brylcreem advert) achieved a carefully constructed century in a test match and then, throwing caution to the winds, batted recklessly and was bowled out having scored only six more runs.

After the match his captain, Wally Hammond, took him aside and told him that once a century was achieved, he had to start again to achieve another century and not rest on his laurels.

Perhaps this is the challenge which faces us all, not only in our own community, but also in the wider world.

As always, my thanks to all who have contributed to this edition.

### **Sunday School**

The Sunday School Session concluded with the prize giving when Isla and Annie McKelvie, James, Jessica and Isabella Reid, Megan, Kyle and Freya McNicol, Cameron and Scott McKay and Ross Dobson received their chosen books.

Special thanks to Ann McKay for her faithful leadership throughout the year.

### **Church Hall Bookings 2012**

In order to commence the pre-booking of the Church Hall for regular groups for the year **2012**, may I ask all groups who have had regular weekly or monthly this year to register again with me before the end of **2011**. I would also ask any groups who may wish to discuss their options, to please contact me as soon as possible. Thanks for your co-operation.

Alan Milligan. 303968



## MEMORABLE CENTENARY.

Who will easily forget the summer of 2011, which saw the final events of a busy year celebrating the church's centenary?

First there was the visit of Govan Salvation Army Band on 8th May, when they conducted an excellent service in the church, followed by a mini service at Montrose House, and then a concert at Bilslands before they left. We were truly grateful for their willingness to share their musical skills and their witness with us.

In June we held our first ever Arts and Crafts Exhibition, and judging by the response from our many visitors to the high quality of works on display – some of which were sold – this may not be the last event of this kind that we mount.

Finally July saw the magnificent Flower Festival over three days when some very talented floral artists from within the congregation displayed their considerable skills, which was much appreciated by the many visitors who marvelled at the way the church looked with flowers everywhere.

The most memorable of all the celebrations, however must be the inspiring Re-dedication service on 3rd July when the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rev. David Arnott, preached to a packed church. The baptism of the four McKelvie children was a very moving part of that service, which took place on a day of glorious sunshine.

The whole year was summed up by the feelings of those who had come from all the corners of the world to join the service, followed by the Gathering in the Public Hall in the afternoon. Brodick Church clearly meant so much to them, and we were delighted to see so many local families coming back to church for that day's events.

We are grateful for the hard work of all those who, in so many ways, made the events of this centenary year so successful. They must surely be due a short rest after all their considerable labours?

## Treasurer's Report.

Givings – January to June

	<u>2011</u>	<u>(2010)</u>
Freewill Offering Envelopes	<b>£6,440</b>	(£6,512)
Open plate collections	<b>£1,870</b>	(£1,491)
Standing orders through the bank	<b>£9,748</b>	(£9,861)
	<b>£18,058</b>	(£17,864)

Giving via the FWO envelope scheme, or by standing order, means the church can benefit from your regular committed giving. If you would like to take up either method, please have a word with Elizabeth McKellar or me at any time.

Gift Aid recovered **£3,863** (£3,727)

These amounts were received without any cost to the donors. All they did was sign a standard form stating that they wanted their givings to the church to be subject to Gift Aid so that we could claim back the income tax on their gifts.

This is the last year in which we can claim a 28% refund, next year it drops to 25% meaning a potential drop in this type of our income. Anyone who pays income tax, and has not yet signed up for Gift Aid, should speak to either of the above, when we will be happy to provide the necessary forms or answer any concerns you may have, to the best of our abilities.

John Lauder.

## Worship (4) - The Word

*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them" (Romans 10: 14-15)*

This is the 4th study in our series of WORSHIP, what we do in a 'Worship Service'. Worship is the worth of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In past issues we have been thinking about Prayer in worship and last time we were thinking about the importance of reading the Scriptures in our services. In this study our thoughts turn to the preaching of the Word whether that is in a sermon or a sermonette, a talk or an address. Whatever way the word of God is preached it is an important part of the worship service, some would even say that it is the most important element in the service, central to our act of worship. It's not only the time in the service for passing out the polo mints, or contemplating what you have to do at home, in the garden or what to make for the dinner, The preaching of God's word is the medium by which God uses to speak through His servants a message to His people and He needs His people to listen to His voice. The preacher is God's mouthpiece who explains the Scriptures for us. In Paul's letter to Timothy we read there "*All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God can be thoroughly equipped for every good work*".

Hearing God's word preached helps us by the power of the Holy Spirit, to clarify our understanding of God. As the Scriptures are unfolded for us it helps us to know God more through Christ and deepen our walk with Him It also offers us an opportunity to respond in faith to the hearing of that word.

The Psalmist writes "I rejoice in Your word as one who finds great treasure". Is that the way it is for you Sunday by Sunday as you hear God's word preached to you,

rejoicing in the word as one who finds great treasure? Is the teaching of God's word an important element for you in a service of worship? I hope and pray that it is.

Jean Hunter

## Congregational Board

On August 1<sup>st</sup> the Lady Jean Fforde has invited us to Strabane for an open garden day which will also be open to the public. We are indebted to her for her generosity.

The format will be the same as last year which entailed manning the gates and tea tent.

Details of duties, possibly in blocks of 2-3 hours, will be available soon on the church hall notice board and announced at Sunday intimations in the church.

## Mary's Meals

The Board agreed that an appeal be made to the congregation to support this very worthwhile cause. This would entail collecting copper coins and placing them in money bags to the value of £1. Please put 1p and 2ps in separate bags and leave them in the church vestibule.

Also, in connection with Mary's Meals, St. Bride's Ladies have decided to fulfil their commitment to fill children's backpacks with all the recommended items. Your help will be much appreciated.

Thanks again to the generosity of St. Bride's Ladies, 12 new tables have been purchased at a cost of £1400. These are smaller and easier to handle. The Highland Games Committee has taken some of the large tables and donated a generous amount to church funds.

It has been suggested that the team on Sunday door duty be increased from three to four to assist the people on tea and coffee duty set up the hall.

## St. BRIDE'S LADIES

*O busy Ladies of St. B's  
Give me your attention please.  
The Highland Games will soon be here,  
Do I hear a joyful tear?  
Or will you shed a silent tear  
Because the time is drawing near?  
Remember, Ladies, what it takes –  
Sandwiches and home-baked cakes.  
The Flower Festival is past,  
(Only plastic flowers last),  
But you'll agree it's hard to beat  
A FLOUR show we all can eat!*

In spite of all the extra demands on their time made by the centenary celebrations, the Ladies have as usual been busy compiling the programme for 2011/12, and this is now well under way, although some dates and speakers have still to be verified.

The Harvest Supper is on Monday 26th September, and the first meeting of the new session is on Monday 24th October. The committee has decided that some winter meetings will be held in the afternoon (watch this space).

The committee for 2011/12 is as follows:

President: Mrs Morag Watson  
Vice-President: Mrs Liz Lawrie  
Secretaries: Mrs Myrna Boal and Mrs Lavinia Hendry  
Treasurer: Mrs Lesley Murray  
Press Secretary: Mrs Jean Robertson  
Committee: Mrs Fiona Brown, Mrs Margaret Bryce,  
Mrs Dorothy Cross, Mrs Valerie Cross,  
Mrs Anne Green, Mrs Ann Lauder, and  
Mrs Nan Meteyard.

Some of the Ladies are new to the committee and are warmly welcomed.

## **Friends of Montrose House Association**

### **Summer 2011 Report**

With the passing of the Summer Solstice and the Annual Summer Fete but a memory it is difficult to imagine that, at the time of writing, the 'Fair' holiday weeks are still to come. Whatever happened to the summer sunshine? At least the gardens are flourishing and the colourful displays in the raised bed and the 'Polo Mint' are pleasing and up to standard.

The most important fund raising event of the year, the Annual Summer Fete, was held on 1st July. Doubtful weather prompted an early decision to hold the event indoors with only the Plant Stall left to brave the elements. Despite a downpour at 2 o'clock the event was reasonably well attended and the total sum raised was just over £1000, of which £600 was credited to 'Friends'.

The other main event since our last report was the *Annual General Meeting* held on 9th May. Despite attempts to improve publicity we had no new interest and the existing committee was once again re-elected to serve for another year. Subscription remains at £5 and our Treasurer reports a healthy Balance at Bank despite prevailing economic conditions.

Prospects of a new building are assured providing a realistic price can be raised from the sale of the present site. Neighbour Notification has been issued regarding possible 'Change of use' to proposed Affordable Housing for the site but this still very much at the planning stage. Meanwhile we continue to meet our commitment to ensure that Montrose House is a pleasant place in which to live.

In-house events have included a 'Songs from the Sixties' programme led by Ann Lockhead followed by Afternoon Tea. We are always interested in any more offers of help to maintain fresh input to these activities.

Outside events to which residents have been escorted include the Flower Festival at Brodick Church. Forthcoming outside events to which we are available to support residents, if they so wish, include the Brodick Church Summer Fete and the Brodick Highland Games.



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2011

St. Bride's Church Brodick, along with our friends from other churches on the island will be asked to support the annual Blythswood Care Christmas Shoebox Appeal during the month of October. This is one of our principal charities which we have supported over the past ten years, each year sending more boxes to those in need in Eastern Europe. Northern India and Bangladesh.

Last year we saw photographs of those receiving their boxes and one cannot fail to be moved by the expressions of wonder and joy on their faces. It does make our efforts worthwhile and is a wonderful exercise in practical Christian giving.

At the end of August letters will be arriving on your doormat with details of this year's collection. In the meantime, please start collecting your shoebox and items to fill them. This can be done either individually or by sharing a box with another person. Your efforts are desperately needed and much appreciated. Please, show that you care.

Hamish Mitchell

## Arran Churches Together

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, the service in St. Bride's, Brodick was conducted by the Govan Salvation Band. There was a sizeable congregation including members of other churches, and the singing, led by the band, made the rafters ring. After the service the Ladies' Group provided a soup and sandwich lunch for the band, who later split up, some members going to play at Montrose House and the rest to entertain the public at Bilslands. The annual 'Songs of Praise' service was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June in Lamlash Church, The weather not being sufficiently settled for us to risk having it on the village green. There was a fair attendance in spite of the weather, and Arran Brass, as usual, lent volume to the singing of well-loved hymns and songs. The offering was given to Open Doors for the Persecuted Church. The Flower Festival, held over three days in St. Bride's, Brodick as part of the Centenary celebrations, was a joy, and was visited

by people from many denominations. A lot of talented effort had gone into the display, especially the different themes on each windowsill, and it was wonderful to have the church looking so beautiful for the Moderator's visit and the Centenary Service. As a summer social event, a Quiz is planned to take place in Brodick Church Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30p.m., and it is hoped that a good number will turn up to ensure this is a fun evening.

## Church Stories

### **Higher Power**

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces"

### **Moses and the Red Sea**

Nine year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned at Sunday School. "Well Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well no mum, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it.

One for those who have trouble with their computer.  
To err is human but to really foul things up requires a computer.

### Coffee Morning Rota

July 6 <sup>th</sup>	E Lawrie	E Cooper	J Cameron
20 <sup>th</sup>	S Dobson	C Smith	I McDonald
Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	E Sillars	G Dickson	M Watson
17 <sup>th</sup>	M McNicol	F Brown	M McRorie
31 <sup>st</sup>	N MacLeod	V Sim	M Cuthbert
Sep. 14 <sup>th</sup>	M Boal	G Sillars	D Cross
28 <sup>th</sup>	E Lawrie	A Lauder	J Robertson
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	L Hendry	M Bryce	E Sillars
26 <sup>th</sup>	I Rollo	F Brown	E McKellar
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	M McKay	M Cuthbert	M McNicol
23 <sup>rd</sup>	J Cameron	V Sim	N MacLeod
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	G Dickson	G Bleakley	M Boal

### Centenary Visitors' Book

Anyone who was present at the Centenary Rededication Service and did not sign the visitors' book can still do so by contacting Alex Lawrie -302782 or Morag Watson -302751.

### Corrie Church News

We are so lucky that, despite the disappointing start to the summer, we do not suffer the extreme temperatures and droughts experienced in so many parts of the world and particularly at this time in the Horn of Africa.

In the last few months we have celebrated the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper with Lochranza Church; followed the Labyrinth at Shiskine; raised our voices in Songs of Praise at Lamlash and again in the service broadcast from Lamlash on 10<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate Maritime Sunday.

Another highlight was our Royal wedding party held in the village hall.

It was good to share in the presentation of books and service with the Sunday School members in June, and we have rejoiced in and enjoyed many of Brodick Church's Centenary events. Here too in Corrie, the work continues and we have welcomed some of the new residents in the Quarry housing to our coffee

mornings, to church and Sunday school and happily their numbers will add to the school roll when it resumes in August.

Our annual summer fete enjoyed a fine summer day, with many supporting all the stalls, the barbecue and tearoom. As the work of the day now falls on fewer and older members, we would gladly accept offers of help at any of our fundraising events.

We shall miss our Summer Serenade, hosted so ably by Stevie and Elma in previous years, and we send good wishes to George McIlwham.

We were privileged to offer our church for the funeral of a most loved Sannox man, James McKinnon, when the service was taken by Rev. David Karoon. How truly did Burns write, "An honest man's the noblest work of God."

Our thoughts and prayers and prayers are with those attending or remaining in hospital, and for the worried and anxious whoever and wherever they may be.

**Property:** Maintenance continues and we shall have another onslaught on the garden in the autumn.

**Finance:** Finances will be augmented by income from the summer fete and we thank all our office bearers and willing helpers for their input on all occasions.

### Diary Dates

Marriages: April 13<sup>th</sup> Rory McLean and Jillian Thompson

Death: May 1st James McKinnon

Notices: August 7<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of The Lord's Supper.

Coffee mornings 29<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> September  
28<sup>th</sup> October



## Brodick Church Notices - Summer 2011

### Baptisms :

Eva Jennifer McCrae	15.05.11
Faith Helen McKelvie	02.07.11
Abbie McKelvie	03.07.11
Isla Anne McKelvie	03.07.11
Annie Grace McKelvie	03.07.11
Andrew Alexander McKelvie	03.07.11

### Bereavements :

Mrs Eunice Barbour, Kikcare 14, Glen Estate,	22.05.11
Mrs Jean Nichols, Montrose House.	15.07.11

### Transfer in :

James C. McMillan from Lochranza/Pirnmill	01.06.11
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### Transfer out :

Mrs Anne Purcell to Whiting Bay & Kildonan	21.06.11
Miss Marjorie Duncan ~ ~ ~ ~	21.06.11

### Communion :

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Brodick Church on Sunday 7th August 2011 at 10.30am. We welcome to the Lord's Table any who are members of any branch of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Dates for your diary :

Saturday 23rd July	Brodick Church Summer Fete	at 2.00pm.
Thursday 28th July	~ ~ ~ ~	Auction at 8.00pm.

### Coffee Mornings :

July 20th  
Aug 3rd, 17th, 31st  
Sept 14th, 28th  
Oct 12th, 26th  
Nov 9th, 23rd  
Dec 7th