

# By the Way Together

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and  
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## KILLER NUPTIALS!

***Body of bridesmaid found in Hall  
cupboard!***

***Guests retained and questioned during  
wedding breakfast!***

***Suspects tell their stories.***

*(The Murder Mystery Evening was a huge success – with fabulous wedding outfits, kilts and hats on display. The story unfolded, the clues were given, brows were furrowed... but by the end of the evening the murderer had been discovered and a great time had been had by all!)*

***Photos of the whole event inside!!***

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## THE GENEROSITY OF LOCAL FOLK CONTINUES TO SUPPORT BOTH FOODBANKS!



Local girl **Joanne Davies** organised a fabulous fundraiser specifically for St Augustine's 'Food For Thought' – motivated by stories of the poverty in her community and wanting to do her bit to help those who have less than her! She is pictured here with Fr Kenny and Ghislaine presenting a cheque for £510.

Thank you, Joanne!

*St Mungo's church was packed for the memorial service to **Margaret Harrison** and it was a fitting tribute to a remarkable woman who had*

*campaigned all her life for the promotion of love and peace between nations and communities. Anne, her daughter, suggested that a collection be taken for the Lomond Foodbank based at St Mungo's and was pleased to be able to present £80 to the girls who run it. Later that week Anne sent another cheque for £60 to be given to St Augustine's Food For Thought. "I think Mum would have wanted the money to go to her brothers and sisters who were in need," Anne said.*

*Many thanks to the family.*



When the van came from Asda with a delivery, 27 boxes of supplies were unloaded!

This remarkable shopping spree was due to the generosity of local lad, **Andrew**, who, whilst enjoying good times himself, had not forgotten his home town and how hard life can be for those who struggle on much less. The delivery was received and unpacked with great glee!

Many thanks, Andrew!



*Many thanks also go to the **Renton Celtic Supporters Club** who held a Charity Night and donated a trolley load of food to Food For Thought. A wonderful effort, lads, thank you!*

Thanks as always go to **everyone** who, on a day-to-day basis, call into the Church and the office to donate tins, packets and cash. Without each and everyone of you we could not continue to feed the hungry and help those in need. God bless you all.



## **From Kenny.....**

One of the things that clergy feel most uncomfortable about is speaking or writing about money! It is the "great unmentionable"!



Partly it is due to the fact that we clergy are expensive people to keep, and if we ask for more money from a congregation, it is usually because there is a problem that someday our stipend will be unable to be paid, or work needed done to the house which the parish is required to let us live in.

We therefore shy away from questioning people's giving, and especially so if we live in a poor area, or in times of austerity as we have at the moment. I have worked in at least two parishes where nobody in the congregation worked, and certainly had no investment money or pension top-ups!

However, often with help, we just made it on a monthly basis, and everything got paid. When Miriam Byrne came to St Augustine's in the days not so long past, she had to stand on a Sunday and tell the people that there was not enough money in the pot to pay her that month, even although the Diocese were augmenting her stipend. That must have been a dreadful experience for her to go through.

It is a bit like trying to sing for your supper, or worse, standing and trying to justify your work and having it evaluated by the folk in the pew. Is he or she worth the money? Clergy responses tend to be to work 16 hour days, often seven days a week to justify the amount they are paid, or flog themselves with self-blame because they feel a sense of failure that they can't manage to raise more money themselves, or motivate the people to do it for them. God's grace is free, but Morrisons don't take grace at the till, unfortunately.

It's not easy, especially in the sort of days in which we are living. You know yourselves how much the cost of energy has gone up simply by looking at your gas and electricity

bills. Other commodities have gone up too, and you will be finding that there is less wriggle room in the family budget, or the home budget than there was even two years ago.

The church is not immune to this either. When a priest asks for increased giving, it's not always because of a stipend issue, but is also about bills coming in, repairs needing done, and a whole host of other things. The Bible has plenty to say about money, apart from the biblical direction of giving 10% of your income, even if you consider that to be 10% of your disposable income. That is called tithing, and I know that some of you give in this way. Jesus certainly had a lot to say about money and in the Acts of the Apostles, it is clear that the first disciples lived from the common pot, each chipping in all that they could.

I know it's hard at the moment, especially for those of you on benefits or pensions. In fact I know that it is impossible for some of you to give any more than you are giving. However, there must be some of us who could give a little more to help us through these hard times. That is a matter for you and you alone to decide.

There may not be much left in our own pockets or purses, but there is money "out there", and a church will always depend on fundraising, and earning money from folk who would never set foot in our buildings. Perhaps we need to look at our fundraising endeavours and see if they can be honed a little better than they are.

Both of our parishes are struggling, but things could be made a little easier. It's not wrong to ask God for money, but sometimes we have to play our part too.

**Kenny**

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## HAVE A SCONE AT SCONE! AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>

Friends of St Augustine's invite you to join them in a fabulous day out at Scone Palace, Perthshire!

Tour the palace,  
explore over 100 acres of grounds  
get lost in the maze!

**GET YOUR NAME ON THE LIST IN THE HALL FOR A GREAT SUMMER OUTING**

### News from '*Friends*' AGM

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May the AGM of Friends of St. Augustine's was held and an excellent season 14/15 was reported. As we go forward to 2015 /16 we hope you'll join again and help to support the work of St. Augustine's. An entertaining social events programme is being planned.

Subscriptions for the new season are due anytime from now, please, and should be paid to our Membership Secretary, Margaret Hardie. The price of membership is unchanged and is as follows:

Ordinary Membership £15  
Family Membership £25  
Business Membership £50 (includes advertising)

Thank you.

**Remember.... it all happens at '*Friends*'!**

### MID-WEEK SERVICE

The mid-week service in both our churches is one of the hidden gems of our tradition.

The half hour service starts at 9.30am in St Mungo's and 10.30am in St Augustine's and provides a quiet, thoughtful time of worship in a beautiful setting.

This time is ideal for anyone who cannot manage Sunday service or prefers a shorter, quieter service. It also gives us a much needed spiritual boost mid-week. So, if you are ever free at 9.30 or 10.30 on Wednesday morning, go on... give it a try!

### GLASGOW AND GALLOWAY DIOCESAN NEWS SERVICE

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## COMMUNITY AUTUMN FAIR!

29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
St Augustine's Hall and Church



**OOOOOOH – ARGGGGH!**  
**PIRATES OF ST**  
**AUGUST-EANS RULE!**

*Followed by a*  
**"Musical Blast" Evening**  
**7pm**  
**St Augustine's Church**



We haven't always been a nation of holiday makers... in fact 'going away' for a wee bit of R&R is a relatively recent phenomenon. Back in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries only the elite

could afford to travel, taking tours of Europe to broaden the mind and prepare young men for government (!)... In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries travel around Europe became prohibitive because of the hostilities with France followed by waves of unrest across the European continent and people began to consider Britain as an alternative travelling destination. At the same time, bathing in the sea became 'the thing to do' as it was believed to be good for the skin and body and so the seaside 'Spa' resorts of such towns as Scarborough and Brighton boomed in popularity. Now of course many think nothing of taking families or just themselves to far away destinations, to experience exotic cruises or just to find the ultimate 'hot' fortnight on some white beach with British pubs and music a stone's throw away! Holidays are definitely 'in'!

Of course, there are many different attitudes to holidays... some like to visit a new place and spend their time delighting over the history, ancient sites and culture.... Some like to pack as much action into the week as possible with activities such as scuba diving, water skiing, white water rafting and parascending... Some like to find their favourite sun-bed or spot on the beach and not move AT ALL for a fortnight... Whatever the style of your holiday it's a time to take for yourself, to please yourself and to escape the rigours of usual day-to-day living. Thank goodness for holidays!

But to balance this rosy picture of holidays, it has to be recognised that for many, holidays come with their own stresses and strains. Apparently 25% of us get stressed about the actual travelling arrangements....68% of us worry about dealing with crowds and queues... and 37% of us worry about putting on weight with all the unaccustomed extra calories of holiday food and drink... sometimes it's a wonder that we go away at all!

Perhaps there is a mindset that may well help us here – wherever our destination and whatever we end up doing whilst away. Here's a few suggestions....

- ✓ Travel with an open mind... open to possibilities... open to change... open to the unexpected
- ✓ Do not travel 'alone' – but be open to encounters with others, delighting in their differences and listening to their stories
- ✓ Wherever you go tread lightly... with sensitivity and respect for you are walking on another's beloved ground
- ✓ Expect to learn something new about yourself, to gain a new insight or truth about yourself, your thinking or attitude
- ✓ Travel with the expectation that you will not return home exactly the same person as the one who left... the changes might be slight, they may be more significant... but expect that change within yourself

All sound stuff. But as I write that I realise that what is good advice about going on holiday can also be applied to our whole Christian life. God's people have always described themselves as 'pilgrim people' – we should always be on the move spiritually and personally. Jesus called himself "the Way" – and he is the path, the journey, the road which we try to follow daily. In our faith, in our church, in our community we should check that we are 'travelling' with an open mind, in the company of others, treading lightly as we go and gaining insights into our own souls. And as for expecting to return home a different person, I pray that that will be so. When I get to those heavenly gates I only hope that I will have used my time here on earth to become a better person and more closely akin to the person God knows I can be.

Happy holiday time everyone! And whether you go away or not, happy Christian travelling!

*with love, Liz*

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## “A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BISHOP”

The day began bright and early as we had the happy problem of finding extra chairs to squeeze the folk into the wee side Chapel in St Mungo's for the Eucharist.

Copious cups of coffee and plates of cakes later the Bishop travelled across to Dumbarton where he was plied with yet more coffee and fancy biscuits as he talked to Dumbarton folk.



As a breather from the caffeine, the next hour was taken up with learning about our Food for Thought programme, being shown our food store and grappling with the issues and reality of poverty which pervade our local community.

Lunch was a sumptuous affair in the Hall at St Mungo's followed by a treasure hunt. (*What else would you expect!?*)

700 sparkly spades had been hidden about the grounds and hall and as the rain poured down brollies and hoods were applied as we all pitched into the fray and became like weans again, whooping excitedly as each spade was found! The prize for the most was a box of Roses – and the booby prize a bag of sprouts!

A definite highlight of the day.



The afternoon was spent in deep conversation with the clergy... followed by dinner... before the troops from both parish Vestries descended on the Rectory for wine and nibbles.

The Bishop left, probably exhausted, at 8.30 having spoken to many, many members of both churches and seen first hand what we are up to and how we are trying to build the Kingdom in our wee corner of God's earth.

Thank you to all who came, chatted, organised, cooked and enjoyed themselves!





# CHILDREN ARE THE SAME THE WHOLE WORLD OVER!

## DUMBARTON LONDON CORNER NURSERY SCHOOL: EXCURSION REPORT

**On April 24<sup>th</sup> the school's annual excursion took us to the Model Horticultural Garden, Sannehmentereng historical site and to Sanyang seaside.**



Our first stop was at the horticultural garden, where we were welcomed by the centre's coordinator Mr. Samuel Demba. Our visit coincided with the Horse and Donkey Trust and their Chairperson, Mrs. Hayes Amstrong, did a brief presentation about their work. The Trust aims to help donkey and horse owners to handle and care properly for these animals who play an important and integral role in our daily lives, helping in our domestic work and in farming.

At the end of her brief presentation the children had the chance to ask questions. The children also sang a song about donkeys. We were then taken on a conducted tour around the garden where the



children were shown how to make compost manure and a variety of crops and plants which included grafted oranges, cabbages, tomatoes, paw-paw just to name a few. The tour was punctuated by songs about plants and animals. We departed from the garden at around 12 noon and the next stop was at the Sannehmentereng historical site in Brufut.

At Sannehmentereng we were free to explore the area. It is a sacred area and Mr. Sanneh summarized the history of the sacred site. We took some photos and then returned on board the coach to travel to our final destination, Sanyang.

We arrived at Sanyang at 14:10 pm, and the children were seated and lunch was served. After eating the children changed from their uniforms into their playing gears, ready to have fun in and around the seaside under the supervision of the staff and the parents who had chosen to join us in the trip.

The whole day and excursion was thoroughly



enjoyed by the children and was not only educative but lots of fun too.

The trip as usual was entirely sponsored by Dumbarton Gambia Education Association (D.G.E.A.) who provided the coach, food, refreshments and snacks at no cost to the parents. In conclusion, on behalf of the children, staff, parents and my own humble self I thank the (D.G.E.A) for their magnanimity, the Administrator, Helen for her facilitation and moral support during trip and also to the parents who came to help with the cooking and during the trip.

*Written by: Sulayman Saidy*



# MURDER MOST FOUL!

The guests arrive at the wedding...

the scene is set....





**"Aahhhhh!"**

**A body is found in the  
cupboard....**

***Who is looking shifty?***

**The suspects line up...**







**SURROUNDED  
BY WATER...**

**ON A REMOTE  
ISLAND FAR  
AWAY...**

**INTREPID  
TRAVELLERS  
SPENT THE  
DAY....**

Despite the blue  
skies, it was warm  
jackets that were

required for the latest Country Trip to the island of Inchmahome and its Priory. After a short boat trip we explored the ruins, wondered over the names on the memorials and gravestones, and wandered around the grounds where Mary Queen of Scots played (for all of 3 weeks). Ace ornithologist, Tim spotted an osprey, novice twitcher, Linda Mac, saw a swan and a duck! The only red squirrel I saw was a wooden cut-out, painted red. Soon it was time for tea, this time at Benview Garden Centre, no not in Dumbarton, but just south of Aberfoyle. A great afternoon out. Thanks to Tim and Rosemary.

## **‘A-GATHERING’ WE WILL GO...**

On a bright Saturday morning in May eighty Episcopalians from the four corners of the Diocese made their way to the centre of town to sample the hospitality of St Silas. The day began with the Eucharist followed by inspirational speakers who competently got the brain cells moving and the intellectual juices flowing!

Much of the value of the day, however, was found in being together as one Diocese, exchanging news and encouraging each other. It is always good to share stories and learn what our fellow Episcopalians are doing!



It was a good day.

## **Words! Words! Words!**

Lexophilia is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submission is written in bold!

- ... A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months
- ... The batteries were given out free of charge
- ... A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail
- ... Police were summoned to a day care centre where a toddler was resisting a rest
- ... A boiled egg is hard to beat
- ... The guy who fell on an upholstery machine is now fully recovered
- ... **Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end**





## On why people complain to the priest – and how to ignore them

From The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.

The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your waste paper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled “Urgent”. You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital – when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday’s sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long.

The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.

Letters of complaint will arrive in November, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in April saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer procession of witness generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was

particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.

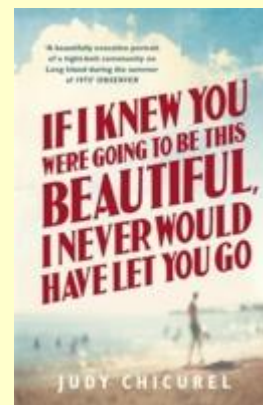
The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### **‘If I Knew You Were Going to be this Beautiful, I Never Would Have Let You Go,’ by Judy Chicurel**

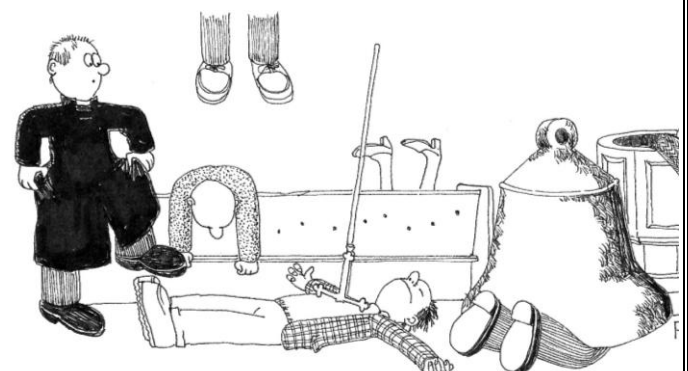
This is the story of a 1970’s summer in the fictional location of Elephant Beach, a close-knit community on Long Island. It focuses on the life of Katie, who dreams



of a boy suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder after fighting in Vietnam, and the lives of her friends, many of whom end up leaving the area in order to pursue better and more promising options.

This was an interesting book; while there weren’t very many happy endings it made the book club think a lot about different social issues and how a small community can become fragmented. It covered a lot of issues that are relevant to today’s society. However, it’s not the book for you if you like a story with a happy ending.

**The final meeting for this session will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 pm in The Haven. The book under discussion will be “Jonathan Livingston Seagull” by Richard Bach.**



*It was a normal Sunday Morning in Midsomer Parish Church*



## ***'Wait Till I Tell You.....'***

*Janette recalls a very busy May at St. Augustine's with a Murder Mystery and a visit to the Vale before looking ahead to summer .....and the holidays!*

### **JUNE – A MONTH OF ANTICIPATION.**

June is when we look forward to summer and even in the face of unseasonable weather we live in hope. June takes its name from the Latin word 'iuvenis' meaning young and it also has associations with Juno, the goddess of young women. Is there another kind? After all, in today's world sixty is the new forty!

In Scotland June has always meant getting ready for the holidays!

Remember the school prize giving ceremonies of yesteryear when we crowded into the now derelict Burgh Hall on the last Friday in June? Summer began after we had sung 'Old School that Bred Us, Old Town that Bore Us' – the school song that was supposed to inspire and send us out into the world rejoicing. If ever there had been a song to parody this was it! And the last verse was really quite scary 'And when we come to our journey's ending, and settle ourselves in the Inn of God!'

*Jings, crivvens and help ma Boab!* We were only twelve – straining at the leash for freedom and the endless days of summer that beckoned.

June blasted in last Monday - a day to indulge in some tennis with the central heating on and to listen to the cuckoos coughing in Perray's Wood! Come on, Andy!

### **WEDDING MURDER SOLVED BY THE HEIDI TEAM**

Everyone has at least one wedding outfit in their wardrobe – some destined to last longer than the marriage – so this was an opportunity to give it an airing and respond to 'R.S.V.P. to Murder' - Friends latest murder mystery. The idea of a wedding theme may seem strange but it occurred to me at a recent wedding when my mind was wandering from a surfeit of ceremony.

Our hall was filled to capacity when the 'usual suspects' were rolled out and displayed at the top table rather like the now defunct 'Shows of Presents'. Remember them? *'This teapot is from Auntie Jeannie in Alclutha Avenue'* 'Aww - lovely

*teapot but I wish she'd get the sausage rolls in the oven!'*

Our host and hostess for the evening were Kenny and Maggie as the Father and Mother of the Bride - Victor and Michelle, both of whom had excellent reasons for disposing of the unfortunate bridesmaid who was discovered stabbed in the hall cupboard (or even in the neck!) Our Bride (Sharon Rowatt) and Groom (Roddy Dyer) were also under suspicion as the horror unravelled. This guest list contained some really dodgy relatives!

There was Ghislaine, outrageously common as Babs C. Nesbitt, maternal Aunt of the Bride. Every family has one! Then there was Linda as Olwen Leeke, the Welsh cousin of the Groom who had no trouble with the accent! Another suspicious Auntie was Iona Pugh played by Roberta –she was too good to be true! Sandra as Norma Knowall could also have 'dunnit' as could Ina, single Mother of the Groom, better known as Margaret Hardie. But it's always the one you least expect. David Rowatt was the murderer and only one team guessed it – Heidi's Team. David was playing Adam Chancer - the evil Best Man. So, well done to the Heidi Team consisting of Margaret Murnin, Christine Jackson and Annie Stitt for being best detectives. Each went home with a prize bottle of Prosecco for their efforts. So enjoy, girls, there's a world shortage! Also appearing in our epic production were Rachel and Jackie as the surviving bridesmaids, Chrissie and Margaret Swan as the waitresses who discovered the body and the Rev'd Liz as Granny McCludgie in rollers and dilapidated slippers! Next time, Liz, you may get promoted to the Princess but no guarantees! Remember +Gregor's been playing the same supporting role for years now with the same lines! The audience participation was excellent as the teams struggled with red herrings and clues between courses of the delicious buffet, aided and abetted by Detective Inspector Hattie Solvitt (Janette) and the Mistress of Ceremonies, Honor Tottie (Fran). The booby prize went to a team called CS-Naw led by Mischa Sakulin. This team accused the poor murdered victim of being the worst sinner in the room and consequently would have to go to hell!

And so ended another most enjoyable Friends' event with a profit of around £500.

### **THE GREAT BAG AND SPOON RACE.**

This was the chance to show a different competitive spirit when we joined with St. Mungo's to welcome +Gregor to the Vale on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The idea was that, after a delicious lunch in



the hall, we would venture out onto the site of their new garden and find as many ice cream spoons as possible. Oh, +Gregor got himself prepared with a large bag for his loot and rushed off into the pouring rain sporting a borrowed orange umbrella! He certainly looked like a winner until it was realised that sole operators were doomed against a consortium from Dumbarton that had planned a team approach and pooled their resources. Sorry, Gregor, you had no chance! As booby prize winner (4 spoons) I was awarded a packet of Brussels Sprouts. Should I eat them or plant them! They've got all things carbon in the brain out there!

Just think how confused the archaeological experts of the future will be when the site of St. Mungo's and its new garden is eventually excavated to reveal a buried myriad of plastic spoons.

### **SNP'S BLOOMING DEBUT AT WESTMINSTER.**

On the day of the Queen's Speech, Scotland's contribution to UK politics, the SNP 56, were almost upstaging the Chelsea Flower Show with the display of roses on their buttonholes. Was everything coming up roses for them? But no, 'the little white rose of Scotland' that was patriotically praised by poet Hugh MacDiarmid, was nowhere to be seen. Shock! Horror! Hashtag! Where were 'the Roses o' Prince Charlie' - the White Cockade of the '45? These blooms were wedding day corsages and 'oor Alex' looked like a woebegone Father of the Bride after the Daily Mail exposed this embarrassing horticultural error. The roses had been purchased from an English florist who had imported them from Africa - just what one needs as a symbol of patriotism! Well, you can't win them all and after their splendid election win they certainly deserved a round of applause. What? Unfortunately the Speaker was aghast and stated in no uncertain terms '*heh, you'se lot - gonny no' dae that!*' Or words to that effect.

### **SCONE AND A SCONE!**

This year's Friends' Outing is on 15<sup>th</sup> August and will be a trip to Scone to see the spot where the ancient Kings of the Scots were inaugurated and then crowned. It now has a replica Stone of Destiny so you can relive the whole historic occasion. Our party will tour the magnificent Scone Palace with its stunning furniture and famous paintings. Guides will be available to answer questions. There are places to buy souvenirs, gifts and refreshments. The Palace

grounds are also much to be admired with beautiful gardens, a Pinetum, a famous Douglas fir and a maze. St. Auggie's people can enter this maze at their own risk but anyone not returning to our coach at the appointed time will miss their High Tea. There is a notice in the Community Hall for names of those wishing to attend - it is a full day out with a stop for a scone and coffee on the way, lots to do at Scone and a delicious tea on the way home. Further details soon when the fully inclusive cost will be announced. Whatever the weather this promises to be an excellent day out - Scone Palace has recently been awarded Rural Attraction of the Year. Bring your cameras.

### **AFTER ALL, WHAT IS A LIE?**

Lord Byron wrote '*'tis the truth in masquerade*' and lies are certainly in the headlines these days. In a YouGov study it was revealed that the Scots are prepared to be economical with the truth up to five times a day. One in ten of us lie about our age - is that all? Do the other nine look in the mirror and face the truth? Oh no, they don't! One of my favourite parts in DPT was that of the Queen of Elf land - this was a long time ago! My role was to captivate the famous Borderer, Thomas the Rhymer, in the woods and send him '*back tae the leein' world wi' a tongue that wullnae lee!*' How very inconvenient for poor Thomas and how embarrassing it would be to always have to tell the truth. Indeed, the former deputy leader of the Lib Dems, Sir Malcolm Bruce, said in a radio interview that 'the Commons would empty very fast if lying MPs had to quit' and he was speaking in support of a colleague who is in trouble at the moment. No wonder we've stopped believing in today's politicians! But what about the punters? The average Scottish male who is not known for his ability to flatter the ladies would struggle to truthfully answer that well known question from the wife '*Does ma bum look big in this?*'

### **THE DUG THAT DIDNAE DAE IT!**

I was so thrilled for Matisse the Britain's Got Talent canine contestant that won on Sunday night. I even voted for him. But what a disappointment it was when it was revealed that Matisse was not as smart as he looked and did not in fact do the clever trick he was credited with - walking precariously along a clothes line! He had a stunt dog - so were the viewing and voting public duped? Was money behind it? The prize was £250,000. But by far the greatest disappointment would be felt by the royal corgis.

They were looking forward to accompanying her Majesty to the Royal Variety Performance at which Matisse would star – for them it would have been a sort of ‘One Direction’ moment. But I suppose we’ll all get over it – even TBag!

### **‘OFF THE RAILS’ AND ‘REMEMBER WHEN?’**

As we go to press with this magazine we are busy organising the Friends’ double bill June event – a wee boutique in which to augment our holiday wardrobes followed by a fun quiz of nostalgia with Lindsay Rodgers. There will be a light summer buffet in the hope of an improved weather situation. So thanks to Lindsay for organising the entertainment – there’s sure to be plenty of laughs! Photographs of members trying to squeeze into frocks that are too tight will definitely not be appearing in the next issue of ‘By the Way Together’.

### **AND IN THE NEXT MAGAZINE....**

...due for publication after the holidays, there will be details of St. Augustine’s Community Autumn Fair which this year will have a piratical theme and be entitled ‘Pirates of St. August- eans’. So this means treasure chests, pirate ships, maps, islands, Captain Hook and the black spot. Everyone is welcome, our hall users can also raise some money and St. Mungo’s congregation are welcome to join us again and take part in the day. A wee chance to make some money to pay for all the seeds that are being sown up there!

Have a great summer!

**Janette**

## **THE ACCORDION LIKE YOU’VE NEVER HEARD IT!**



### **ACCORDION CONCERT**

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from Kiev

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### **Smile Lines: Miscellaneous observations**

- ~ I’m supposed to respect my elders, but it’s getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
- ~ If I agreed with you, we’d both be wrong.
- ~ A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
- ~ Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for President and 50 for Miss America?
- ~ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- ~ Where there’s a will, I want to be in it.
- ~ In filling out an application, where it says, “In case of emergency, notify ...” I answered, “a doctor.”
- ~ Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ~ I didn’t say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.



## ROTAS FOR ST MUNGO'S

### Sunday June 14th

Reader/Intercessions Pauline Dow  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Tom & Ian Marshall

### Sunday June 21st

Reader/Intercessions Pat Brooks  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Tom and Ian Marshall

### Sunday June 28th

Reader/Intercessions Jean Brown  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Alicia Steele

### Sunday July 5th

Reader/Intercessions Pauline Dow  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Tom and Ian Marshall

### Sunday July 12th

Reader/Intercessions Pat Brooks  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Alicia Steele

### Sunday July 19th

Reader/Intercessions Pauline Dow  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Tom & Ian Marshall

### Sunday July 26th

Reader/Intercessions Jean Brown  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Tom and Ian Marshall

### Sunday August 2nd

Reader/Intercessions Pat Brooks  
Chalice Tom Marshall  
Sidesperson Alicia Steele

### CLEANING

7th June/12th July Iona and Mary  
14th June/19th July Margaret  
21st June/26th July Jean  
28th June/2nd Aug Eveline  
5th July/9th Aug Finella

### FLOWERS

31st May/7th June Pauline  
14th/21st June Finella  
28th June/5th July Pauline  
12th/19th July Pauline  
26th July/2nd Aug Finella

## ROTAS FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

### Sunday June 14th

Readers Barbara Barnes & Liam McLarnon  
Intercessions Maggie Wallace  
Chalice Fran Walker & Sharon Rowatt  
Sidespersons Linda J & David Ansell  
Flowers Barbara Barnes

### Sunday June 21st

Readers Ghislaine & Margaret Hardie  
Intercessions Sharon Rowatt  
Chalice Barbara Barnes & David Rowatt  
Sidespersons David Ansell & Ronnie Blaney  
Flowers Fran Walker

### Sunday June 28th

Readers David Rowatt & Evelyn O'Neill  
Intercessions Margaret Hardie  
Chalice Sharon Rowatt & Margaret Hardie  
Sidespersons Roberta M & Chrissie Ashman  
Flowers Margaret Hardie

### Sunday July 5th

Readers Margaret Hardie & Kirstin Wiggins  
Intercessions Fran Walker  
Chalice Janette Barnes & Maggie Wallace  
Sidespersons Liam McLarnon & David Ansell  
Flowers Maggie Wallace

### Sunday July 12th

Readers Linda Macaulay & Janette Barnes  
Intercessions Maggie Wallace  
Chalice Barbara Barnes & David Rowatt  
Sidespersons Linda J & Maggie Wallace  
Flowers Linda Macaulay

### Sunday July 19th

Readers Ghislaine Kennedy & Morag O'Neill  
Intercessions David Rowatt  
Chalice Sharon Rowatt & Maggie Wallace  
Sidespersons Chrissie Ashman & Roberta Mailley  
Flowers Maggie Wallace

### Sunday July 26th

Readers Barbara Barnes & David Rowatt  
Intercessions Linda Macaulay  
Chalice Barbara Barnes & Janette Barnes  
Sidespersons Margaret Swan & Ronnie Blaney  
Flowers Barbara Barnes

### Sunday Aug 2nd

Readers Maggie Wallace & David Ansell  
Intercessions Sharon Rowatt  
Chalice Margaret Hardie & David Rowatt  
Sidespersons Linda Jenkinson & Liam McLarnon  
Flowers Margaret Hardie

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Apologies are due to the family of Margaret Harrison. Contrary to what it said in the May edition of this magazine, Margaret Harrison had never been 'thrown out of the Houses of Parliament'. Sorry for the inclusion of this misinformation.

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