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Review...

There is a great community group on Facebook for the village of Fenwick running under the title of "Friends of Fenwick". If you are a Facebooker and you haven't joined the group give it a wee search and ask to join. If you want to know what is going on, it is on there!

Recently there was a post concerning the recent refurbishment of The Kings Arms (I haven't been in yet but I hear good things and I am about to give it a try - table booked as I write). The post in question was a rather negative review, someone just did not like the new decor. What followed was a host of replies all standing up for The Kings Arms and saying how wonderful it is and just what a great job the new owners are doing.

Cheekily I thought of joining the conversation and inviting someone to come along to the Church on a Sunday morning to give us a negative review. Then sit back and wait for the barrage of comments stating what a wonderful job we are doing etc! Then I thought the negative reviews of Church are already out there in the community and you are probably party to one or more of them. Some are based on fact, though facts from many years ago and some based of pure hearsay! So what are some of these negative reviews?

***Its only old people that go to Church?** Anyone who has been in Fenwick Kirk on Sunday recently will know that is not true. Yes, we are biased towards the older age group but there is a good number of younger folk and families involved in the life of the church. "Creche corner", as it has become known, is fairly busy most Sundays with babies, toddlers and pushchairs so much so that I am thinking of creating a second such space!*

***Church is strict and old fashioned!** Again you have not been along on a Sunday recently. The congregation is friendly, worship is relaxed, the atmosphere is informal while still maintaining a level of dignity. Worship is led by piano and instruments as well as the church organ. Song words are displayed on screens and video clips and other material are used to enhance our experience. We may not be cutting edge but we do bridge the gap between contemporary and traditional.*

***Church is for the religious and I am not religious!** Think again! I would say we are more relational than we are religious. We are a community of faith relating to each other but we are also a community of faith relating to our Father in heaven through Jesus the Son enabled by the Holy Spirit. Religions lay down the rules and the right way to do things. Access to God is about following the tenants of the religion, whatever that religion may be. Relational Faith is about walking in relationship with God. Christianity is a relational faith. Jesus the Son makes it possible for us to enter the presence of God as child of God and to walk in relationship with him. The human way is to try and bind that with rules and regulations.*

So yes the Christian Church often appears to be religious but that is not what is at the heart of the Christian faith.

Fenwick Kirk is happy clappy! *We sing modern worship songs and worship is relaxed. There is room for laughter and there is also room for tears. But happy clappy? Hardly! We still have that Scottish reserve when we are in Church. One song or two may get a wee clap going or a few people tapping their feet but it is hardly wild! There again the Christian faith is about knowing and experiencing the love of God. That experience brings us peace and joy, so why shouldn't we express that with a smile on our faces and a swing in our hips.*

Church is too early / at the wrong time / I am busy on Sunday morning (delete as appropriate). *I acknowledge that Sundays have changed from what they were many moons ago. Whether that change is for the better or not is for another conversation. Sundays are a day for having a long lie, going shopping, catching up on the housework, just chilling, playing sport, watching sport or a normal working day. As a Church we stick with Sunday morning worship as it is the tradition of what we have always done. We are aware that we could offer an alternative but when is the question? Whatever time we picked it would not suit everyone. So if you would like to see worship at a different time let me know. If there are enough voices merging on something like a similar time I will see what can be offered.*

So is Church such a bad place? Clearly not! So what is left is your assumption that it is just not for you! I would disagree. Church might just be the place where you find the peace and significance you are looking for!

The folk who founded Fenwick Parish Church joined the Covenanter struggle against the king simply because the king wished to control the Church. They declared that Jesus Christ was the sole head and king of the Church. For that they gave their lives. At The Kings Arms you will find food, drink and undoubtedly convivial company. In the Kirk you will find food for your soul, fellowship and the "King's arms" (you might have to think about that one).

My final thought is this... the walls of the Kirk as some 4 foot thick they are yet to fall down when anyone has walked in!

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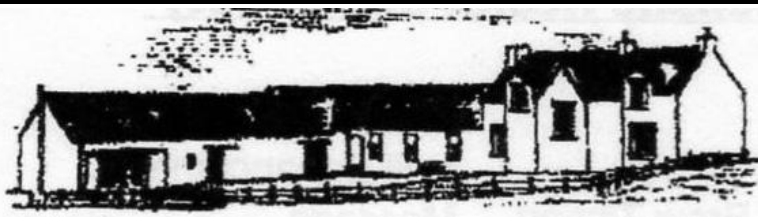
On February 23rd an excellent talk on Mrs Wallis Simpson was given by Wendy Sandiford. This was enjoyed by all and we were able to contribute to her charity and purchase items made to raise money.

The next meeting is on Tuesday March 22nd and is the AGM. Susan Wadsworth is going to tell us a little more about “Lest we forget” when she went to France and Belgium.

On 29th March it is our “Spring Tea”. We are happy to welcome friends and guests of our members – please tell Nan so that there is food for all. The entertainment is by “Blend”. There will be a raffle and any contributions will be welcome.



Fenwick Church Guild were recently awarded funding from the Guild initiative fund to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Events will include a Service of Thanksgiving, a Movie Night, A Kite Making and Flying Workshop and a Family Picnic. Further details to follow.



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Does this sound like something you would like to help organise? If so please come to the Annual General Meeting of the Fenwick Community Group on **Tuesday 29th March at 8pm in the Fenwick Hotel**. The committee needs 16 members to run efficiently and this year some of the long standing members will retire, leaving us short of manpower to organise the Gala Week. Do you have any experience of organising community events and are looking for a channel for your skills, we would be delighted to have you along. Have you been thinking about ways to improve the Gala Week experience, come along and share them with us! New to the village or long term resident all are very welcome. If you would like further information before the meeting please contact Isobel 01560 601199 or Leona 07901 713418.

Fenwick garden club meetings:-

Thurs 17th March - M. Hitchin (speaker) followed by bulb show

Thurs 21st April. - Alan Burns (speaker)

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Moscow SWI

At the meeting on 1st February, members and the speaker braved the elements to get to the Hogg Hall, Galston, for a demonstration of card and box making by Mrs Mary Adams. The members present enjoyed making Easter cards from the materials given out and the results were most impressive.

The competition results were as follows:-

Favourite Letter Opener 1 Lily Watson, 2 Christine Taylor 3 Margaret Donaldson, Three Tattie Scones 1 Lily Watson, 2 Anne Borthwick, 3 Anne Craig. The hostesses were Nancy Anderson and Mary Montgomerie and the vote of thanks was given by Helen Green.

Moscow member Catherine McInnes (along with Fenwick members Margaret Dykes, Donna Elliot and Ann Campbell) won the Ayrshire Rural Curling Competition for the second year running. They are now looking forward to the National Competition in Hamilton on 21st March.

The catered afternoon whist drive took place in Fenwick Church Hall on Wednesday 10th February. Twenty-one tables enjoyed the whist and a good catch-up as well as the food and refreshments. The winners were:- 1 Shiona Jamieson, 2 Alice Goldie 3 Moira Young 4 Margaret Smith 5 Agnes Land and 6 Margaret Donaldson, booby was Flo Oliver and the prizes were given out by Rosie Morris. Catherine McInnes gave the vote of thanks in her own inimitable (rhyming) style to the helpers, catering and serving, for the raffle donations and to all those who attended and made it such a pleasant afternoon.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm, on Monday 7th March when Brian Young will be taking about “The Creation of Horticultural Flower Displays” and the competitions will be “Favourite Scarf” and “Cactus Plant”. The classes for the bulb show are:- “3 pink hyacinths” and “10 miniature daffodils”.

A Few Thoughts

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small?
Because our past is not as important as our future.

So, look ahead and move on.

3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn,
but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace .

FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH
err, Gogh is pronounced 'Go' if you're Dutch

His dizzy aunt ----- Verti Gogh

The brother who ate prunes----- Gotta Gogh

The brother who worked at a convenience store----- Stop'N Gogh

The grandfather from Yugoslavia ----- U Gogh

His magician uncle ----- Where-diddy Gogh

His Mexican cousin ----- A Mee Gogh

The Mexican cousin's American half-brother ----- Gring Gogh

The nephew who drove a stage coach ----- Wells-far Gogh

The constipated uncle ----- -Can't Gogh

The ballroom dancing aunt ----- Tang Gogh

The bird lover uncle ----- Flamin Gogh

An aunt who taught positive thinking ----- Way-to-Gogh

The little bouncy nephew ----- Poe Gogh

A sister who loved disco ----- Go Gogh

The brother with low back pain----- -Lum Bay Gogh

And his niece who travels the country in an RV --- Winnie Bay Gogh

I saw you smiling. There ya Gogh !

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February afternoon whist took place, with Myra Seton as cardmaster. The pink card winners were - 1st Nan Morton; 2nd Irene Couper. White cards - 1st Margaret Shanks; 2nd M Cook.

The annual evening whist was held on 12th February, and a large number of members and friends attended. Tom Paterson was cardmaster, and after a lovely supper, provided by the ladies committee was served, the prizes were presented by Rose Davis. Ladies - 1st Margaret Dykes; 2nd Lesley Wilcox; 3rd Marrette Craig; 4th Marilyn Morton; 5th Anne Morton; consolation Mae McGavin. Gents - 1st Jean Speirs; 2nd Sylvia MacDonald; 3rd Jane McVey; 4th (equal) J Hope & Hugh Morton consolation Shaun Kerr. Rose, assisted by husband Joe, drew the tickets for the many raffle prizes. Douglas Shanks proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the evening.

The dates for the March whists are Thursday, 3rd in the Church Hall at 2pm. The evening whist will be held on Saturday 12th at 7.30pm. This will be held in the newly refurbished clubhouse and, as always anyone interested in a game of whist will be made very welcome.

The AGM was held on 23rd February. The gents opening day is Saturday, 23rd April and the ladies Wednesday, 27th. Anyone wishing to join should contact a committee member.

The annual Bridge Lunch, organised by the ladies committee of the Bowling Club takes place on Saturday, 2nd April, in the Church Hall at 12 noon. If you would like to book a table, contact a committee member, or Marilyn on 01560 600650.

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Notes:

March			
Sun, 6 Mar 2016	10.30am	What is it worth?	Mark 12:28-44
Sun, 13 Mar 2016	10.30am	What awaits?	Mark 13:1-8, 24-37
Sun, 20 Mar 2016	10.30am	What next?	Mark 11:1-11
Thu, 24 Mar 2016	7.30pm	Celebration of Holy Communion	
Sun, 27 Mar 2016	7.00am	Son-Rise Service at Netherraith Farm	
	10.30am	Who do we go on?	Mark 16:1-8
April			
Sun, 3 Apr 2016	10.30am	Promised Spirit	Acts 1:10-14

- 1) **Children of all ages are catered for each Sunday** whether by learning zones, holiday fun club, creche, Junior church, YCam or All Age Worship services.
- 2) **Junior church** (playgroup to P7) and **YCam** (Youth) meet each week joining with the whole Church family for the first part of the service before going to their own learning zones or activity. YCam leave at a later point in the service.
- 3) The quoted scriptures are the Bible base for the week, readers should contact the Minister to obtain their readings for the week.

Parish Register

Weddings

20th Feb Vhairi Bell & Stuart Hunter, both Kilmarnock
26th Feb Fiona Leitch, Newmilns & James Menzies, Thornhill

Funerals

3rd Feb Margaret Gordon, Hallhouse Nursing Home, Fenwick
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13	Guthrie	2 – 6pm	Photography Workshop
20	Both	1.15 – 7pm	Cycle Rally
Mondays:			
7	Guthrie	2 – 4pm	Introduction to Computers
7, 14, 21	Guthrie	9.30 – 11.30am	Mothers & Toddlers
14	Guthrie	2 - 4pm	Using the Internet
7, 14, 21	Guthrie	7.30 - 9pm	Guides
21	Guthrie	2 – 4pm	Tracing your Ancestors
28	Both	2 – 5pm	Easter Fun Day
Tuesdays:			
All	Guthrie	3.30 – 6pm	Creation Dance Co.
1	Upper Rm	6.30 – 8pm	Meditation Group (TBC)
1	Paton Rm	7 – 9pm	Action Plan Steering Group
1	Guthrie	7 – 8pm	Community Fitness
8	Paton Rm	7.30 – 10pm	Kirk Session
22	Paton Rm	7 – 10pm	Guild AGM
29	Both	6 – 11pm	Guild Spring Tea
Wednesdays:			
2	Upper Rm	6.30 – 8pm	Meditation Group (TBC)
All	Guthrie	10am – 12noon	Badminton
All	Guthrie	3.15 – 5.30pm	Anne Coyle Dance
All	Paton Rm	5.30 – 6.30pm	Rainbows
All	Guthrie	6.30 – 8pm	Brownies
Thursdays:			
All	Guthrie	9.30 – 11.30am	Mothers & Toddlers
3	Paton Rm	7 – 9pm	Book Group
3	Guthrie	1.45 – 4pm	Bowling Club Whist
3	Paton Rm	7.30 – 9.30pm	Fenwick WRI Cttee
10	Both	7 – 10pm	Fenwick WRI Bulb Show & Guest Night
17	Paton Rm	7.30 - 10pm	Garden Club
24	-----	-----	Maunday Thursday
31	Guthrie	7.30 – 10pm	Photography Workshop
Fridays:			
11, 18	Paton Rm	3.15 – 4.45	Cookery Class (children)
18	Both	5 – 8pm	School Parent Council Fundraiser
25	-----	-----	Good Friday
Saturdays:			
5	Both	11am – 5pm	WRI Federation Whist Drive
12	Both	10am – 12.30pm	Action Plan Launch
12	Guthrie	7 – 10pm	Bowling Club Whist Drive (TBC)
19	Both	1.30 – 4.30pm	Children's Birthday Party

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A woman walks into a Council office, trailed by 15 kids . . .

'WOW,' the social worker exclaims, 'Are they ALL yours?'

'Yeah, they are all mine,' the flustered mother sighs, having heard that question a thousand times before. She says, 'Sit down Terry.' All the children rush to find seats.

'Well,' says the social worker, 'then you must be here to sign up. I'll need all your children's names.'

'This one's my oldest - he is Terry.'

'OK, and who's next?'

'Well, this one, he is Terry, also.'

The social worker raises an eyebrow but continues. One by one, through the oldest four, all boys, all named Terry.

Then she is introduced to the eldest girl, named Terri.

'All right,' says the caseworker. 'I'm seeing a pattern here. Are they ALL named Terri?'

Their Mother replied, 'Well, yes - it makes it easier. When it is time to get them out of bed and ready for school, I yell, 'Terry!' An' when it's time for dinner, I just yell 'Terry!' an' they all come runnin.' An' if I need to stop the kid who's running into the street, I just yell 'Terry' and all of them stop. It's the smartest idea I ever had, namin' them all Terry.'

The social worker thinks this over for a bit, then wrinkles her forehead and says tentatively, 'But what if you just want ONE kid to come, and not the whole bunch

'I call them by their surnames!'

Church Duties March and April, 2016

Beadles

March

6 K Wadsworth
 13 W McNab
 20 A Patrick
 27 D Barbour

April

3 I Pirie
 10 K Wadsworth
 17 A Crosbie
 24 W McNab

Finance Team

March

J Douglas
 M Morton
 F McKellar

April

C McInnes
 J Bryson
 S Greer

Welcome Team

March

A Crosbie
 H Morton
 P Parkin
 E Muirhead

April

I Couper
 R Davis
 R Roberts
 A Murray

Bible Readings

March

6 Anne Naismith
 Derek Mason
 13 Nora Shanks
 David Barbour
 20 Y CAM
 Irene Couper
 27 Sharon Redmayne
 Mark Young

April

3 Moira Scott
 Richard Roberts
 10 Linda Young
 Kevin Wadsworth

Prayers

March

6 TBA
 13 Geoff Redmayne
 20 Mark Young
 27 Nora Shanks

April

3 Gerry McGeever
 10 Sharon Redmayne
 17 Pat Parkin
 24 Richard Roberts

Flowers

March

6 Mrs Anne Borthwick
 13 Mrs Nan Tivendale
 20 Mrs Edna Muirhead
 27 EASTER

April

3 Mrs Janice Bryson
 10 Mrs Grace Freel
 17 Mrs Marlyn Graham
 24 Miss Irene Couper

Crèche

March

6 Marilyn Morton & Isobel Murray
 13 Jean Bowes & Nan Tivendale
 20 Manuela Barbour & Gillian Madden
 27 Martha Speirs & Joyce Dell-Robertson

April

3 Catherine McInnes Kerri Knox
 10 Marilyn Morton & Isobel Murray

Tea And Coffee After Service

March

6 Anne Borthwick & Senga Loudon
 13 Catherine McInnes & Moira Anderson
 20 Catherine McInnes & Rose Davis
 27 Frances Gibson & Sheena Greer

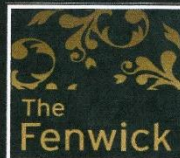
April

3 Janet Park & Susanne Young

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