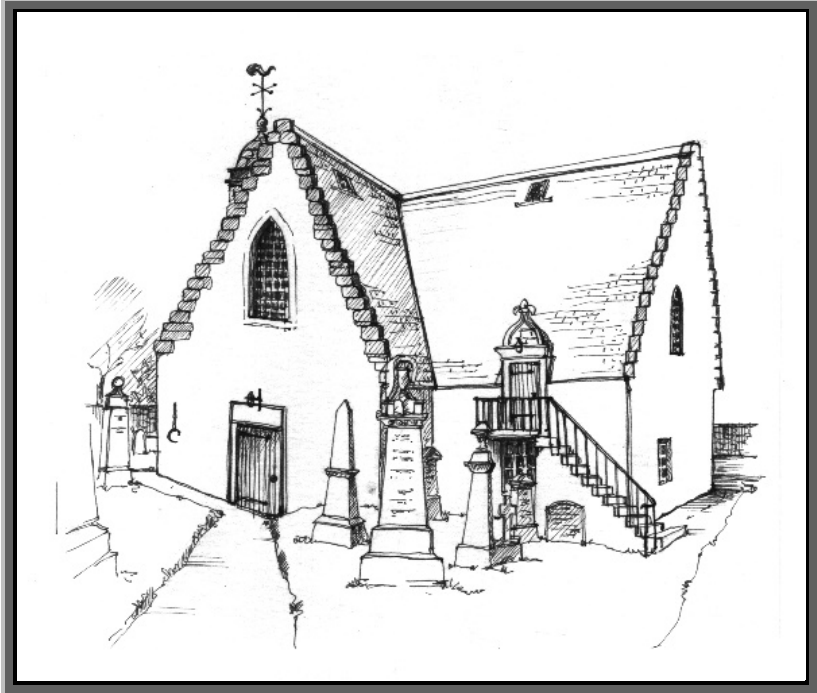


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Bill McNab



Earlier in the summer, Bill McNab decided to retire from being the editor of the *Covenanter*, a post he has held for almost 20 years. For many years before that, Bill was part of the publicity committee and had an active role in the production of the *Covenanter* and other publications which marked milestone events in the life of the church congregation and community, including publications such as the commemorative calendar to mark the 350th anniversary of the Fenwick Parish Church.

The *Covenanter* first came into being in 1967 with the editorial board made up of Rev Cameron Gibson, Maxwell Wilson, Jim Aitken and Gibby Armour. It's 30th Anniversary was celebrated with a special service on the Sunday morning of 26th October 1997 followed by lunch in the hall.

In the early days, the *Covenanter* was produced by collecting items, articles and adverts, using stencils and manual publication, collating and stapling each magazine and, I've been reliably informed, these 'stapling' parties each month were a social event not to be missed! We shouldn't forget the elders and others who, each month, volunteered to deliver a copy of the *Covenanter* to every household in the parish, Fenwick, Waterside, Moscow and the landward areas.

By 2004, Bill's name appeared in the Covenanter as Convenor of the publicity committee, responsible for advertising and copy and he soon took up editorial responsibility. For all of my time at Fenwick Parish Church, including my time as a student in 2011-12, Bill and Jean Bowes have been the double act which make sure that the Covenanter is ready for distribution in time for the beginning of the month. I'm sure many of you will have your own memories of Covenanter production and the many people who have been part of the publicity committee over the years. We owe Bill heartfelt gratitude for all his time, diligence and effort in the editorial and production of the Covenanter over the years and wish him all the best and God's blessings as he puts his typewriter in the cupboard and finally closes the Covenanter file on his computer!

We are glad that Jean is staying on in the production team and we welcome our new Covenanter editor, Lesley Hamilton. May Lesley know all the support of the community and the many businesses who advertise monthly and may she know God's rich blessing and strength as she takes up the editorship of the Covenanter.

As summertime becomes autumn and we hear the robins once more chirping in our gardens, I hope that all of you have found rest and restoration over the summer months. I came down Kirkton Road this afternoon and saw the school cones out on the street once more, a sure sign that the school holidays are over and pupils, teachers, students and staff members are all back in the school and early childhood centre.

At the beginning of the summertime, we had the Gala Week and a huge thanks must go to the organisers. There was something for everyone and a week of lovely weather to enhance all the events. The Cricket match took place and the Bowling Club event in the middle of the week saw the green busy with families trying out different bowling challenges. There was something for everyone and the bunting, sharing of resources and generous goodwill enhanced the community for sure.

In July, the Fenwick Show took place and even though the weather had been wet and didn't look promising, there seemed to be plenty activity and stock. The army of judges and organisers were kept busy, yet still found plenty opportunities for chat with everyone.

Later in July, a Conventicle was held in the Kirkyard to worship God together and to commemorate the significance of the National Covenant

and the martyrs lying quietly in the Kirkyard and in other places. John Douglas called out the report giving permission to begin, a task formerly performed by the Cameronians. William Caldwell of the Aoelian Choir was the precentor leading the psalm singing, scripture was read by Graeme Paton and Donald McCorquodale. Lord Rowallan read out the names of the Covenanting martyrs followed by a lament played on the bagpipes by James Richmond.

This was my first conventicle and it was very moving to be standing in the afternoon sunshine on the Rowallan steps to give the address, on the 56th anniversary of the gifting of the ancient farm of Lochgoin, long part of the lands of Rowallan and for centuries tenanted by the Howie family and famous in Covenanting history.

The Lochgoin and Fenwick Covenanters Trust were pleased to receive the farm buildings on that day in 1967 and now the museum attracts visitors from far and near. We were delighted to welcome visitors to the Kirkyard for the conventicle that afternoon from the Trustees, from the Covenanters Memorial Association along with previous and local residents from Fenwick, Waterside and members of the congregation.



Earlier in the summer, the congregation set out to make enough money to twin one of the church toilets with a community toilet somewhere in Africa. Toilet twinning is a Tearfund project designed to improve the health and welfare of communities with the provision of a community toilet, running water and health education. A toilet is something we take so much for granted yet many communities, never mind households do not have access to a toilet and a clean running water source. I am so delighted that the 'potty' soon began to fill up with cash and the toilet roll totaliser in the pulpit soon gained so much height that we were able to twin not just one toilet but all four toilets. The three in the church hall and one in the church twinned with toilets in Siankali Village in Zambia, Rubaya in the Kabali District in Uganda, Bechani in Malawi and Mukolwe in South Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. What an achievement for you all to make this happen and what a commitment to world mission and the very practical and basic compassion and caring for other families in communities far from Fenwick.

Jesus said to his friends and followers, love one another, a theme taken up by Mother Theresa who said, 'Jesus has no hands on this earth but ours to do good.'

As summertime turns to autumn, our hearts are filled with thankfulness for the many blessings of community and church life, for one another, for friends and neighbours and for God's provision that we know from the compassion and care of others.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Kim Watt

Rev Kim Watt

Locum Minister and Interim Moderator.

Family Faith

We are delighted to announce three family faith events for all the family.

These are very informal active worship events for children and their parents and of course grannies and grandpas are always welcome too!

Saturday 7th October from 3-4pm

Meet at Nether Raith

The Lost Teddy Bears

Come and search for the lost teddy bears and hear about how Jesus told his friends and followers stories of people who were lost and then found.

Celebrate with all the found teddy bears and join in the teddy bears' picnic.

You can bring your own teddy bear too!

Saturday 18th November from 3-4pm

Meet in the church hall

The Tented Village

Find out about the great feast of the tents. What did the Israelites do and what was the feast?

Bring along your own Wendy House or pop up tent or help to make tents so that we have a tented village ready for the feast.

Saturday 2nd December from 3-4pm

Meet in the church

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THE GUILD

The first meeting of the new session will be our Friendship Afternoon on Tuesday 26th September, at 2pm in the Church Hall. This is an open meeting, so please bring a friend! There will be entertainment from the Ukulele Band, afternoon tea and a raffle. Subscriptions will be due from the October meeting, and we will let you know the amount at the September meeting. We have some interesting meetings lined up, so please come and join us!

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, kind thoughts and offers of help when I came out of hospital. It was very much appreciated. **Irene Couper**

FENWICK FARMERS SOCIETY: 2023 SHOW

The Society's Annual Show at Aitkenhead Farm on Saturday 15 July was a perfect day, despite the very wet Friday.

The second year on this site proved very successful made even better by the good weather.

The appeal for helpers for the show provided a fantastic turnout of volunteers who helped with setting up, running and dismantling the show and the Society wishes to acknowledge this support and thank everyone involved for their efforts and assistance in whatever capacity.

Fenwick Bowling Club season is coming to an end this month. The members have played in various competitions against other members, friendly games against local clubs and also, for the top players, (or more experienced!) competitions in the Ayrshire, West of Scotland and Scottish playdowns. We also host open competitions, when bowlers from others club come to compete and these days are always friendly and a chance to meet up with other like minded people.

The internal competitions are at the last stages, before we take part in the Champion of Champion competition against Dunlop, Kilmaurs and Stewarton on 9th and 10th September at Dunlop Bowling Club.

The weather surprisingly wasn't too unkind to members and playing the fun games, which is what most members do, were enjoyed by those attending.

Closing day for the ladies is Wednesday, 20th September and gents, Saturday, 23rd. This is when the trophies for the successful people are presented.

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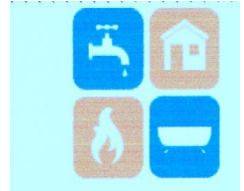
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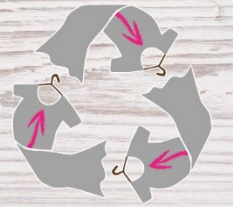
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- **Ethical benefits:** reusing goods means outsourced sweatshop labour is not involved in the creation of new stock.
- **Volunteering opportunities:** we welcome volunteers who can make new friends, help the community and learn new skills.

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Re : Ayrshire East Foodbank Donation

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All donations, whether food or money, help make a real difference to families within East Ayrshire who are going through a tough time. Monetary donations are kept and used when we run low on something and need to purchase it ourselves.

Thank you again for your regular support. We really appreciate the kindness, generosity and continued support of the local community especially when things are getting harder for everyone.

Yours Sincerely

Carol Foster
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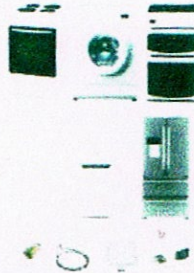
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DAY/DATE	HALL	TIME	EVENT
<i>Sundays:</i>			
All	Guthrie	11.30 – 1pm	Tea/Coffee after service
All	Paton	11.30 – 1pm	Count Team
<i>Mondays:</i>			
ALL	Guthrie	9.30 – 11.30am	Mothers & Toddlers
ALL	Guthrie	6.30 – 7.30pm	Sign Language Classes (TBC
11	Guthrie	1.30 – 4.30pm	Moscow WI
<i>Tuesdays:</i>			
26	Guthrie	1 – 4.30pm	Guild Friendship Afternoon
<i>Wednesdays:</i>			
ALL	Guthrie	10am – 12noon	Badminton
ALL	Guthrie	6.30 – 8pm	Tai Chi
<i>Thursdays:</i>			
ALL	Guthrie	9.30 – 11.30am	Mothers & Toddlers
ALL	Guthrie	4.30 – 6pm	Dance Class
14	Guthrie	4.30 – 6pm	Fenwick WI
21	Guthrie	2 – 4pm	Garden Club
		7 – 10pm	
<i>Fridays:</i>			
8	Guthrie	10.30 – 3.30pm	Quilting Class
<i>Saturdays:</i>			
2	Guthrie	2 – 12pm	Birthday Party

* - at 10.08.23; bookings taken after this date not shown. To book the halls, lease phone Irene Couper on 01560 600520, or email irenecouper@btinternet.com

FENWICK SWI

We hope you have all enjoyed what was supposed to have been summer – have the seasons all changed!! As September is fast approaching it is now back round to 'Rural' meeting time or to give us our proper title SWI. Whatever you like to call it Nora Shanks (president) and Norma Barr (secretary) will be pleased to welcome all regular and new members to our first meeting on 14 September 2023 in the Church Hall, Fenwick at 2pm.

Sadly the news from Cumnock Factory Outlet during the summer was not so good and due to a fire they are unable to give us the Fashion Show we had hoped to arrange but we are hoping this will take place later in the year. Watch this space!

So the committee have now organised an Afternoon Tea and get together for a catch up for that day. Competition - Single Bloom

Moira Anderson will also be happy to take your Membership money for the year which will be £30 or the Visitors fee of £5 per meeting from the October meeting.

To give you an idea of what we have planned, at the moment, our syllabus looks like this: October 12th - Douglas Boatman from Scotplants who will also have a sales table

November 9th - Ayrshire Hospice

December 14th - Xmas Party Afternoon (games to be arranged)

January 11th - Artic Adventure – Dr Liz Rait - Travel Talk

February 8th - Whitelee Windfarm Ranger Talk

February 21st - Afternoon Whist Drive

March 14th - Birthday Lunch

April 11th - Crime Prevention Talk from Police Scotland

May 9th - AGM

May 23rd - Outing

As members of SWI there are also a wide range of classes available, arranged either by Ayrshire Federation or online through the SWI website. If you would like any further information about these or have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact Nora on 01560 600202 or Norma on 01355 500288.

Look forward to seeing you in September

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Church Duties for September and October, 2023

Beadles	Finance Team	Welcome Team
September	September	September
3 K Wadsworth	J Bowes	K Crawford
10 B McNab	A Borthwick	G Watt
17 G Watt		M Young
24 J Logan		
October	October	October
1 K Geddes	T Geddes	N Shanks
8 K Wadsworth	M Anderson	M Anderson
15 B McNab	K Geddes	A Naismith

Flowers

September

- 3 Garden Club
- 10 Edith Ronald
- 17 Marjory Seaton
- 24 Averil Murray

October

- 1 Harvest Thanksgiving
Anderson
- 8 Annie Tivendale

TACAS

September

- 3 John Logan & Nora Shanks
- 10 Nan Tivendale & Averil Murray
- 17 Janette Dunlop & Isobel Hardie
- 24 Alastair & Anne Naismith

October

- 1 Catherine McInnes & Moira