
OUTREACH



Oil painting by Gilbert Wallace - Pages 11-12

**You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Aberlady Parish Church
Sunday 23rd FEBRUARY 2020
11.15am
All welcome**



SUNDAY THIRTY

A short, informal All Age Service led by the Aberlady Worship Team in Aberlady Kirk Stables at 8.45am on the third Sunday of each month, followed by coffee/tea, a chat and something to eat.

Dates for your diary are:

**(2020) 16th February, 15th March, No Sunday Thirty in April,
May 17th, June 21st**

All are welcome.

Please send items for inclusion in the next issue of OUTREACH (May) before **26th April 2020**. Details to contact the editor, Mrs Val Barrie, are on page 31. Sincere thanks go to all who contribute with interesting articles and photographs. Please keep them coming...

Many thanks also go to the local companies who help Aberlady Parish Church by advertising in OUTREACH. If you can, please give them your support.

If you know of someone who is ill at home, in hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please fill in one of the cards at the back of the church on a Sunday and let your District Elder or Session Clerk know, in order that a visit can be made.

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Christmas Gifts

Warm thanks have been received from Home Start East Lothian. Home Start was able to distribute Christmas gifts to 694 children. Equally, there has been grateful acknowledgement of the donations to Bethany Care Shelter and Muirfield Riding Therapy, each of whom was sent a cheque for £335.10 being a half share of the Christmas collections. Finally, East Lothian Foodbank continues to thank both congregations for the ongoing donations of tinned and dried goods; not least the Christmas Jingle bags.

Gullane Kirk Session: Welcomes and Farewells

We enjoyed a very happy morning service at Gullane on 19th January 2020, when eight new elders were ordained and admitted to membership of Gullane Kirk Session; three of whom were also Confirmed in their membership of the Church. Anne Dobie; Douglas Donaldson; Jim Donaldson; Joy Grey; Joan Logan; Hilary Smyth; Peter Smyth and Tracey Thomson will each bring gifts, talents and experience to the Kirk Session and you are encouraged to pray for them and all of our elders as the Kirk Session leads us forward. We welcome them warmly to this new role and offer our sincere congratulations upon their ordination.

Five elders have decided to step down from membership of the Kirk Session and the congregation; Keith and Janet Anderson, Keith and Sheila Cornwell and Frank Gerstenberg. Keith and Sheila Cornwell have lived in Dirleton for some years and they will now attend Dirleton Parish Church. Frank Gerstenberg [with his wife Val] have for some time spent most of the year in Dornoch and they are now moving to membership of Dornoch Cathedral. We extend our sincere thanks to all the above for their hard work and for the friendship and fellowship shared with them; wishing them health and happiness in the future.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE CONTINUED**Congregational Registers****Deaths of Members**

20.11.2019	Malcolm Shaw	Gullane
26.11.2019	Margaret Smith	Aberlady
05.12.2019	Fred Towns-Mason	Gullane
20.12.2019	James Sked	Aberlady
12.01.2020	Jane Simmonds	Gullane
13.01.2020	Margaret Hamilton	Aberlady
23.01.2020	Bill Foster	Gullane

Removals by Certificate

Keith Anderson	Gullane
Janet Anderson	Gullane
Keith Cornwell	Gullane
Sheila Cornwell	Gullane
Frank Gerstenberg	Gullane
Val Gerstenberg	Gullane

Admissions by Profession of Faith

19.01.2020	Douglas Donaldson
	Hilary Smyth
	Tracey Thomson

Baptisms

24.12.2019	Emily Siona Graham-Brown	Aberlady
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Weddings

25.01.2020	Katrine Madsen and Maxime Biret	Aberlady
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Dear Friends,

Radical Action

If you possess a smartphone, tablet or computer, then you are probably, already, very familiar with the worldwide web. Hopefully, that also means that you are a regular visitor to the website of the Church of Scotland; easily found through any decent search engine. It is well worth dropping in every two or three days as there is an ever-changing news section which keeps you up to date with events, national and local as well as sharing heartening stories of the wide-ranging life and work of the Kirk around the country and beyond.

One recent and important headline relates to the appointment, by Her Majesty the Queen, of Prince William, as the next Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The Lord High Commissioner represents the Queen and, during Assembly Week [May 16th - 22nd], will not only attend some sessions of the Assembly but will also make visits to various congregations and projects, as well as hosting formal occasions. Through the website you will also be able to “live stream” every session of the General Assembly. There is an AV feed as well as a simple audio feed, enabling everyone to tune in to the debates, worship and speeches; including that of Prince William.

Assembly 2019 was a momentous occasion, when a Radical Action Plan for the Church of Scotland was given strong approval. One consequence of this is that the number of Presbyteries [currently 49] is going to be reduced to around 12 or less. At the same time many powers [and attendant responsibilities] currently exercised centrally, will be devolved. Our own Lothian Presbytery will become part of a very much bigger Presbytery, and that will have inevitable consequences.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

But the changes extend further. The General Assembly has always had several constituent Boards or Committees which, [under Assembly authority and control] take responsibility at a national and international level for discrete areas of the life and work of the Kirk. Since 1st January 2020 most of these have been disbanded. A Chief Officer has been appointed [Dave Kendall] and two new Forums have been established. They, in turn, have working groups undertaking research and review in specific areas with a view to establishing a mission-centred future for the Kirk.

All of this, of course sits alongside the radical planning already being demanded of each Presbytery regarding the future provision of ministry within each Presbytery area. Every Presbytery is required to share in the cuts to the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament and to recognise the need to deploy this shrinking resource in the best interests of mission. This is particularly relevant in our own Presbytery which covers Midlothian and East Lothian. The number of new houses being built in this Presbytery exceeds that in any other part of Scotland and the Church is already appointing Pioneer Ministers to try to develop new congregations in areas with huge population increases. This will inevitably mean that more existing congregations will have to share a Minister.

These are challenging times for the Kirk, but challenge also brings opportunity. We have a resurrection faith, at the heart of which is the conviction that no matter what “externals” may change, God is constant and unwavering in love for all creation. There can seldom have been a better time in modern history for God’s people to demonstrate our faith in God by embracing change and adapting our own expectations and demands in the interests of the greater need. How desperately the world needs examples of such faith and selfless dedication. Please pray for our leaders, nationally and more locally; but please also pray for yourself that God will give you the grace and the courage to respond boldly and positively to the challenges before us; ever secure in the knowledge that God is greater than anything we can ever ask or conceive.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Brian

MINISTER'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

A beautiful gift to Aberlady Congregation

Gilbert Wallace joined our congregation some time ago and he has been generous in sharing with us the fruit of his skills as an artist. Most recently, Gil made and donated to us a stunning salver which is pictured here on the south east aisle window alongside an earlier gift of a stained-glass cross in the Celtic design. Heartfelt thanks to Gil for his generosity and to Susan Struthers who has made a beautiful felt bag in which to safely store the salver when it is not in use.

Brian Hilsley

See back cover for a closer look.



Church Finances -Treasurer's update

The Church financial year runs from January to December. I am working on the 2019 accounts and hope they will soon be ready for the auditor. The Annual Stated meeting will be later in the Spring at which you will have the opportunity to have the accounts explained. This is an information meeting as members of the Kirk Session are responsible for their approval. 2019 has been quite expensive with the installation of a Fire Alarm system at the Stables. pointing of external walls there, essential work on the drive at the manse and other maintenance. I hope that we shall have a reasonable surplus.

I am grateful for your continued support in your giving both through your offerings and support of events. Please continue to do so. You can do so by using Freewill offering envelopes, Quarterly envelopes, Gift Aid envelopes or by Standing Order via the bank. For further information, please speak to me.

If you know of any group looking for premises to meet regularly, you could let them know that the Kirk Stables have some daytime availability and Wednesday evenings are free, and that they should contact me in the first instance.

Kaye Macaskill (Treasurer)

TREASURER'S REPORT**Fellowship and Outreach**

Hospitality We continue to provide soft drinks and nibbles after Sunday Services. The number who stay varies but this provides an opportunity to chat with others and to be sociable to visitors. Both the minister and Session would appreciate your participation .

Light Lunches These are running again until March. Homemade soup and roll and a choice of puddings will be served along with tea and coffee, all for the modest sum of £3.50. All proceeds go to church funds. All are welcome. We would welcome seeing more faces!!

Dates for you diary:

Valentine Coffee Morning - Saturday 15 February 10-12noon in Kirk Stables £3.50 which includes tea/coffee and scones/shortbread. Cake and Candy and Raffle. Donations for stalls are welcome. All welcome!

Plant Sale- Saturday 9 May in Community Hall.

Please get your plants ready! Look out for posters and details later.

Christmas Fair - November - date to be agreed

These events all help to boost our income. We appreciate your support.

We would welcome suggestions for fresh fundraising activities to help boost funds both for day to day running and special projects which may occur in the near future. If you have any bright ideas, please let us know either at church or by phoning me on 870371.

World Day of Prayer Service

On 6 March 2020 at 3.00pm we will be joined by the members of the congregations from Gladsmuir Parish Church, Gullane Parish Church, Longniddry Parish Church and St Adrian's Episcopal Church, Gullane for the annual World Day of Prayer Service. This year it is Aberlady Parish Church's turn to host this Service. Please do come along. You are all welcome.

V E Day – Friday 8 May 2020

This has been designated as a bank holiday by HM Government to enable as many people as possible to join in the celebrations over the **V E 75 weekend 8th - 10th May 2020.**

With this in mind, and in association with the **Central Council of Church Bells Ringers, Churches and Cathedrals** are being encouraged to take part by ringing their bells at 7.00pm on the 8th May in a collective celebration of peace that evening.

Aberlady Parish Church will be taking part in this event.

Hazel Phisatory - Session Clerk

Gullane Day Centre

Our Day Centre continues to be a very busy and happy place for our members.

We now open on Fridays, which makes five days a week and means there are only two days that our members need to be at home.

Our staff and volunteers work very hard to make such comfortable and fun days for everyone, including very nourishing meals and making sure they are transported safely from their homes and back. Many friendships are made and you can always hear laughter around the centre.

As always, we would welcome any volunteers who could spend a few hours a month to join our happy team. Please call in and see our manager, Margaret Mack.

Paula Jackson



Community Choir : Update

Happy New Year to you all. Following a very successful winter term, our Community Choir has now returned back to regular Tuesday night practices at Gullane Church Centre. Last year, as well as having great fun learning new challenging pieces and revisiting some familiar ones, we were able to share our music with both the Church and wider community.

We were delighted to support the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity in December by carol singing at the Dome, Edinburgh. Although the weather was against us as it rained heavily throughout, we all thoroughly enjoyed it and managed to collect an impressive £266.63 for the charity. We did look like drowned rats by the end and one of the biggest casualties was, unfortunately, our music. It required some gentle drying at home with some even taking to ironing to get the main creases out!

All this was good practice for Lessons and Carols at Gullane, which was, as ever, a wonderful service and we were most grateful to be given the opportunity to support and contribute to this service.

Now that we are in a new year (and even new decade), we have taken the decision to change the name of the community choir. Our chosen name is **Chorus Con Spirito**. This new name was selected to reflect our roots (the Church and Community). Con Spirito is a musical term meaning "with spirit, life, vitality, soul". Spirito also holds the Holy Spirit present at heart and in our music-making, reflecting our Church roots; and in addition Spirito reflects our Community spirit, the mindset/intention to bring joy, love, peace and hope to those here in our own communities, and also to other communities where people are less fortunate.

With this new name we are embracing a very new exciting challenge for the new year. We will be learning new pieces for a concert to be held at St Mary's Church, Haddington on Saturday 25th April this year where we will be supporting Spatz and Co Showband - a professional nine piece showband. We will be embracing some different musical styles with a programme full of uplifting fun, lively music focusing on pop, jazz and gospel. This event is in support of the Jess Mackie Fund for provision of Music Therapy at Edinburgh Children's Hospital.

Over the last few years we have been building a good repertoire of music and in addition to the St Mary's fundraiser hope to arrange another fund raising concert more local to our community later in the year,

Susan Ritchie

My Story - by Gilbert Wallace

I was born in 1934 in Newhaven, Firth of Forth, becoming known as a 'Bow-Tow'.

Aged 15 in 1949, I enrolled in Leith Nautical College for one year (including three months on TS Dolphin, Leith Docks). I then served four years as a cadet with the Cairn Line of Steamships.

In 1950 I volunteered for three years' service in the Royal Air Force (Provost) Police. I then returned home and joined Edinburgh City Police (later Lothian and Borders Police) for 30 years, retiring as a sergeant.

In 1988 I became a civil servant with the Crown office, Edinburgh.

When I finally retired in 1998 after 50 years of gainful employment, I was looking for an interest to keep me occupied and decided on painting. Not decorating the house I might add, but the watercolour and oil variety.

To acquire some formal instruction, I enrolled in summer classes at the Edinburgh College of Art which proved invaluable. Although you were left to immerse yourself in the various processes there was always help and advice when necessary and I particularly enjoyed the drawing class where we were encouraged to use charcoal as a medium.

I had no inhibitions regarding subject matter. I was happy to tackle anything from cartoons to emulating the Masters (Van Gogh and Monet in particular) and I probably undertook up to 400 projects during this time. I later used many of these images when I came to printing bookmarks, notecards and calendars.

As the years passed I was looking to expand into another medium and so I joined the Fisherrow Stained Glass Club in Musselburgh. After a few breakages along the way I found my niche in the technique of Fused Glass and completed a varied selection of pieces.

Always on the lookout for another challenge, I tried my hand at pottery and ceramics but it soon became apparent that it was not for me!

Another side project took me away from the applied arts as I began writing the first of two volumes charting the history of the Cairn Line of Steamships. As a cadet I served on two of their vessels, Cairnesk (III) and Cairngowan (IV) and I completed and published these two volumes in 2005 and 2008.

So after many years indulging my creative urges I find myself returning full circle to painting again and looking forward to new challenges.

Gilbert Wallace



Gilbert Wallace

One of Gil's many creations

See back page where there are photographs of Gilbert's stained glass objects which can be seen in Aberlady Parish Church.

Whose we are and Whom we serve



Gullane Guild report

The members of the Guild are looking forward to the meetings in the new year.

We were feeling sad to have to say farewell to Janet Anderson, who has contributed so much to our Guild sessions. We would like to thank her for her musical and practical contributions and wish her well, hoping that she will find fulfilment in anything she gives her talents to.

Our Christmas party was very much enjoyed by all. There was a slight panic when Irene Hogg, the pianist I had managed to book, phoned up on the morning of the party to say she had a terrible cold and could not come. Luckily, my friend Marion Devlin, who is organist at Longniddry, could step in at the last minute and we had an enjoyable time with her, singing favourite Carols and Christmas songs and enjoying a lovely tea.

On Monday 20th January we were all spellbound listening to Eve Baxter, a storyteller from Northern Ireland, who told us about the life of Susannah Wesley. Eve spoke for an hour, without a note and you could hear a pin drop. We learned about Susannah, who gave birth to 19 children, not all surviving to adulthood. She was called “The Mother of Methodism”, since she was very influential at the starting up of the Methodist Church. Her sons became the famous poet, Charles, and hymn writer, John Wesley.

On February 3rd, we look forward to having lunch at Craigiellaw Golf club, which is always most enjoyable. We hope to welcome everyone to that occasion. It is always good to look at the lovely view over the Firth of Forth and enjoy each others company.

On February 17th our speaker will be Viv Dickenson, who is Chief Executive officer of Crossreach, Social Care Council of the Church of Scotland, one of the causes we support financially.

This committee goes back a long way/ Last year it celebrated its 150 year existence.

Our annual Coffee morning and only fundraiser will be on March 7th, when we hope to see a large crowd enjoying the delicious Guild baking and be generous with their donations.

Angeniet Black



Here is a photo of Eve Baxter dressed as Susannah Wesley.

WATERSTON HOUSE, ABERLADY

‘Kindred Spirits’

Group exhibition of paintings and sculptures

22 February – 1 April 2020

Scottish Ornithologists’ Club

Waterston House, Aberlady



This group exhibition, focusing on African wildlife, brings together work by Carol Barrett, Graham Catlow and Frances Richardson alongside sculptures by Carol Read and Richard Ballantyne. The title of the exhibition, ‘Kindred Spirits’, refers to the strong bond that the artists feel for the animals they depict. As Carol Barrett puts it “Over my thirty years of sketching in the bush, I have experienced a remarkable spiritual connection with the wild animals I draw, in particular elephants”. All three painters are also connected with Edinburgh Zoo, either as former artists in residence or former members of staff.

The work in the exhibition encompasses watercolour paintings, pastels, lithographs, and ceramics sculptures and aims to convey the awe felt by the artists for majestic animals facing great environmental pressures.

Carol Barret has been a professional wildlife artist for over 30 years. She lives in Edinburgh and regularly travels to Africa to study and sketch wildlife. She is a committed conservationist.

Graham Catlow, is a self-taught artist, whose artistic inspiration stems from caring for animals in particular during a long career at Edinburgh Zoo.

Frances Richardson lives in East Lothian where she also draws inspiration from the life on local farms. The work in this exhibition was produced on recent trips to Kenya.

Carol Read and Richard Ballantyne collaborate to create ceramic sculptures inspired by wildlife and made using the Raku technique.

The exhibition is open daily 10am – 4pm.

WATERSTON HOUSE, ABERLADY cont.

About the SOC: The Scottish Ornithologists' Club is a charity promoting the study of birds in Scotland. It hosts a programme of activities, discussions and outings for its members and the general public.

About Waterston House: Waterston House is fully accessible and houses a resource centre for bird-watching including a shop, the largest ornithological reference library in Scotland and a purpose-built art gallery dedicated to the natural world and wildlife.

For further information contact:

Laura Gressani
Exhibitions Coordinator
works Monday-Thursday-Friday

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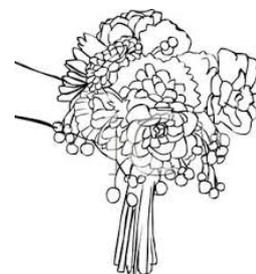
Gullane Flower Club

Upcoming Meetings

All on Thursdays in Church Centre at 7.30pm

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| 5 March - Karine Murray, | <i>The Market Garden</i> |
| 2 April - Christine McKenna, | <i>A Postcard from ...</i> |
| 2 May - Bruce Duncan, | <i>Memories</i> |

Flowers in Aberlady Kirk



Time for another request for new helpers!

It has been my privilege and pleasure to be Flower Convener for over 20 years - and in that time things have changed enormously. When I started, almost every Sunday was 'booked' by someone in the congregation in remembrance of a loved one or an anniversary and there were twelve 'Flower Ladies' (one for each month) to do the needful.

With the passing of time all these numbers have dwindled: people have moved away, become too frail, or died; so that now only a few Sundays in the year are taken and the number of flower ladies has shrunk to about 5.

Also I am now stepping back from being Convener - time to give someone else a chance - and family commitments mean I am now often away and unable to be on the spot in case of need.

So I ask you all - male and female alike - do you think you could spare a few hours a year to arrange some flowers in the quiet and calm of our beautiful church, and is there anyone who would relish the task of being Flower Convener?

If so, please speak to any of the elders who will be more than pleased to hear from you.

Sheena Casely

Poem written for Aberlady W.I. Burns' Night

RABBIE AND BONNIE JEAN

When Ah wis young an' in ma prime
 Folks said, "Ye could be a model."
 Ah glanced in the mirror = puffed up wi' pride
 An' said, "Aye, ye're really a doddle."

But years roll by, an' the looks are gone,
 Time certainly disnae stand still
 Ah' noo realise, when ah look in my eyes
 Ah'm well an' truly o\er the hill!!

If Rabbie wis here an' lookin' for love
 Wid he see a bonnie wee queen?
 Or an auld wifie, a fatty,
 Mair like Nora Batty?!!
 An' decide he's far better wi' Jean.

Martha Lithgow



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EASTER?

- 1 What is traditionally eaten in the UK on Shrove Tuesday?
- 2 What is the first day of Lent called?
- 3 Why do Christians fast during the forty days of Lent?
- 4 Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before the Passion. According to Matthew, quoting from Zechariah, on what was Jesus riding?
- 5 Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday commemorates the Last Supper, but which Jewish festival took place at the same time as the Last Supper?
- 6 Which artist painted the famous mural in Milan depicting The Last Supper?
- 7 Which of Jesus' disciples betrayed him?
- 8 Where did the arrest of Jesus take place?
- 9 What was the name of the Roman governor who tried Jesus?
- 10 Jesus was crucified at Calvary also known as Golgotha, what do these words mean in Hebrew?
- 11 Easter celebrates the resurrection of Christ, who was the first person to speak to Jesus after he had risen from the dead?
- 12 Easter is a movable feast and can occur between March 22nd and April 25th. How is this date decided?
- 13 From what does the name Easter derive?
- 14 Which Scottish football club play their home matches at Easter Road?
- 15 We all know that the Easter bunny kindly brings us eggs, but from where did this rabbit symbol originate?
- Answers on page 20

Cryptic clues to places in Scotland (answers on page 20)

- 1 Middle of a candle _____
- 2 Tastes in the mouth _____
- 3 A Holy shaped fruit _____
- 4 Trump's greenback _____
- 5 Nothing is not bright _____
- 6 Drag a she sheep _____
- 7 A boundary with half a bell _____
- 8 In church all day _____
- 9 Lady Godiva _____
- 10 Mother and baby ok _____
- 11 Shout a bigger sound _____
- 12 Spanish mother's ruin _____
- 13 A chef on the cheap _____
- 14 Going away _____
- 15 Murder the annoying wee one _____
- 16 Shoot a new bride but not in the east _____
- 17 A type of hat for this Glasgow district _____
- 18 Astronaut John and runner Sebastian together _____
- 19 Get vehicle up these with difficulty _____
- 20 Handsome Richard _____
- 21 Baby sound with a Blackpool sweet _____
- 22 Hawaiian greeting _____
- 23 Although surrounded by water, decimated by fire _____
- 24 Not agreeable but with a great weight _____

Haddington Concert Society. This season's concerts of Haddington Concert Society's 2019 - 2020 will take place in the Town House, Haddington, at **3pm, on Sundays 23rd February, 22nd March and 19th April** Tickets (£12 payable by cash or cheque) are available from Kesley's Bookshop, Market Street, Haddington (Tel: 01620 826 725). They can also be ordered in advance from our secretary, Marion Malcolm. (Tel: 01720 823 546 or at marionmalcolm@gmail.com).

Garleton Singers is a performance choir based in **East Lothian**. We enjoy singing a varied repertoire of major choral works, ranging from Mozart to Karl Jenkins, as well as operatic choruses, modern popular classics and West End Musicals. In 2020 we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary.

We hold two more main concerts this session - Spring and Summer, which will be held:

St Mary's, Haddington - Sunday 22nd March at 7.30pm
St Mary's, Haddington - Monday 25th May 2020 at 7.30pm

Answers to Easter Quiz on Page 18

- 1 Pancakes 2 Ash Wednesday
- 3 To replicate the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness 4 Donkey
- 5 The Feast of the Passover 6 Leonardo Da Vinci 7 Judas Iscariot
- 8 The Garden of Gethsemane 9 Pontius Pilate 10 The Place of the Skull
- 11 Mary Magdalene 12 The Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox
- 13 The German Goddess of Spring and fertility - EOSTRE
- 14 Hibernian Football Club 15 The Pagan symbol of Fertility

Answers to Scotland quiz page 19

- 1 Wick 2 Tongue 3 Applecross 4 Dollar 5 Dulnain 6 Poolewe
- 7 Dingwall 8 Kirkcaldy 9 Aberlady 10 Bothwell 11 Lauder 12 Elgin
- 13 Penicuik 14 Leven 15 Killiecrankie 16 West Kilbride 17 Busby
- 18 Glencoe 19 Carstairs 20 Brodick 21 Gourock 22 Alloa
- 23 Burntisland 24 Dufftown

East Lothian Council Events - As a result of recent East Lothian Council (ELC) seminar, churches are being sent information about all forthcoming East Lothian Council Events. The current Provost, John McMillan, a member of St Mary's, Haddington, is keen for the council and churches to work together where appropriate in their work with the community. Council officers also expressed a desire to know more of what churches are doing in terms of social care, youth provision, concern for the environment, foodbanks etc. Please see posters in Kirk Stables and church vestibules for information on each event.

“COMMUNITY CAFF”

Aberlady Community Association holds a **wonderful** light lunch in the **Village Hall**, which takes place on the **second Wednesday of each month** from **11.45am - 2.00pm**.

Adults £5, O.A.Ps £4, children £2 all for a choice of 7-8 soups, bread'n butter, hot sausage rolls and any two cakes from a table laden with home baking, plus tea/coffee. What's not to like? Why not come along to join in the fun? It's great to meet up and have a good chat over lunch. All welcome

Dates for your diary are: 11th Mar, 8th April, May 13th, June 10th
For further information: Ros Richardson 01875 870 781



Photo showing a typical selection of home baking



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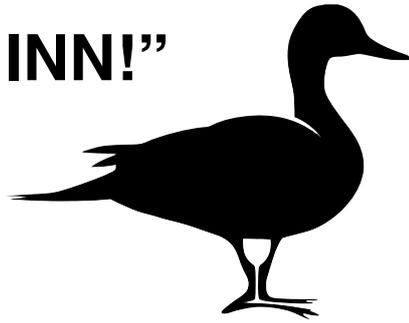
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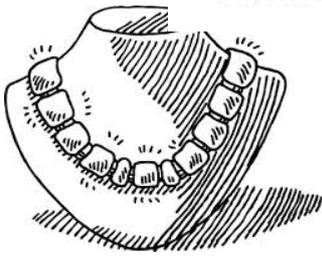
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