

# **KIRK**

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# **OUTLOOK**

***Granton Parish Church Magazine***



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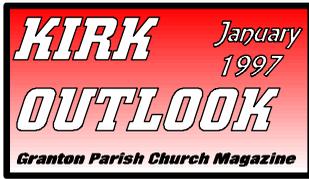
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# KIRK OUTLOOK IN 1997

Welcome to the first Kirk Outlook of 1997

It's worth repeating that we welcome contributions (both literary and financial). If anyone has an item of news - maybe a wedding anniversary, a college success, a special birthday, engagement or addition to the family - or a reminiscence, some views on current affairs or an experience worth relating, why not become a roving reporter for Kirk Outlook. If you're not sure if your news is suitable - try us!

Kirk outlook has to be ready for Elders to pick up two weeks before Communion. The editor needs a few days to gather articles, type them up and prepare the final copy for our printer, Ian Dunn, who usually churns it out in 2 - 3 days. Bunty Kay needs a few days to collate, fold and staple. So the deadlines are always 4 Sundays before Communion. Here are copy dates for the year ahead:

**MARCH**  
MARCH  
**ISSUE**

The March issue will be brought to you by your Elder just before Communion on 30th March.

**DEADLINE FOR STUFF IS SUNDAY 2ND MARCH**

The June issue will be brought to you by your Elder just before Communion on 29th June.

**JUNE**  
JUNE  
**ISSUE**

**DEADLINE FOR STUFF IS SUNDAY 1ST JUNE**

**OCTOBER**  
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**ISSUE**

The October issue will be brought to you by your Elder just before Communion on 26th October.

**DEADLINE FOR STUFF IS SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

The January 1998 issue will be brought to you by your Elder just before Communion on 25th January 1998.

**JANUARY 98**  
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**ISSUE**

**DEADLINE FOR STUFF IS SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER**

## THE WOMAN'S GUILD

*by Jessie Macdonald, Guild Secretary*

The Woman's Guild finished the first half of their successful session with the Christmas social. Fifty seven members and 3 guests enjoyed the Christmas meal, a few quiz games and a little ditty sung by the committee. Carols were sung and the Christmas story read from the Good News Bible.

The Christmas tree offering of £73 was donated to the British Heart Foundation Research.



Now we are looking forward to the New Year session, which has already started.

- **February 4<sup>th</sup>** :

Tron Church to Holyrood - talk with slides

- **February 11<sup>th</sup>**: The history of chimney sweeping
- **February 18<sup>th</sup>**: Ingathering
- **February 25<sup>th</sup>**: Fun Night

We hope that the weather will be kind to us on Tuesday evenings and, once again, we give a strong invitation to ladies of any age to join us.

A date for your diary - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Fair at 2pm.

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Dear Kirk Outlook,

We'd like to thank the ladies of the Lunch Club for the lovely Christmas lunch and all the other lunches throughout the year. Best wishes to you all.

*Betty and Bill Pollock*

Dear Kirk Outlook,

Thank you all for all your help and support during my term as Clerk To The Congregational Board. Thank you also for all the magazines and books for the Royal Victoria Hospital. They are greatly appreciated.

*Norah J Stephen*

## TOM HOGG

*Tom Hogg died peacefully on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1996. A service of thanksgiving was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, and here **Audrey Mitchell**, our Session Clerk, pays tribute to him.*

Tom grew up in Granton and was the only child of a Granton family, his older sister having died at a young age. Granton always played a big part in Tom's life and I think it would be fair to say that he probably knew more about the area and its history than anyone else. His love of reading fed his thirst for knowledge and he fulfilled the maxim that "those you are interested in are interesting".

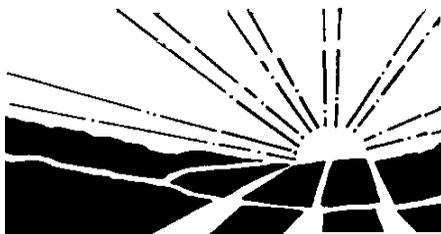
In the church Tom combined this knowledge and the skills he had learned in the Public Assistance Board when he took over as Rollkeeper. In this service to the church he was both diligent and meticulous. Many of us will remember Tom out, often with the dog, walking the streets of the parish and visiting new members making sure that the addresses on the roll were correct.

Tom's other great love in the church was the Boy's Brigade where he served as an officer. He had a genuine interest in children and this showed in his work with the boys in this organisation. When one talked with Tom you could always see his concern and love of children as his face lit up, especially when talking

about his grandchildren and more recently his great grandchildren.

Tom's accident took away his mobility and as well as the time he spent in hospital he often suffered a great deal of discomfort.

Tom was a man of faith and death came peacefully to him. So in faith we ought not to grieve for him, but release him into the care of our Lord.



## JOHN HARDIE

*John Hardie died peacefully in Ninewells Hospital on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1996 aged 85 years. A service of thanksgiving was held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. **Audrey Mitchell**, our Session Clerk, pays tribute.*

Each one of us will have our own special thoughts and memories of John Hardie, stretching back over many years. John was Choirmaster and Organist in Granton for 47 years - retiring just 2 years ago - and was still worshipping with us right up to the Sunday prior to his death.

When we think of John I'm sure the words that spring to mind are

music, family and friends, laughter and a pawky sense of humour.

Before coming to Granton, John had been Organist at Port Seton and St. John's West Church in Leith. He was also accompanist to the Musselburgh Glee and Madrigal Society and played in a dance band on Saturday nights. His God-given gift of music was later to benefit both the Royal Bank of Scotland Choir and our own choir and congregation here at Granton Church. He was a very articulate and knowledgeable man, and was often to be found in the church practicing the organ - having stayed a long number of years at 6 Pilton Avenue he had only to cross the road to church.

John loved food and given the chance he would have gone out for lunch every day - and did on many occasions when invited by friends of whom he had many. He was to be found at Kirsty's Coffee Morning and more recently at the Wednesday Lunch Club where he was always ready to play *Happy Birthday* for anyone celebrating such an event.

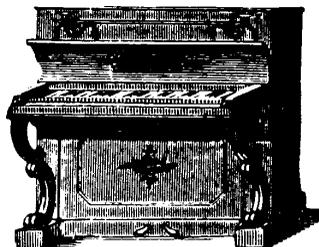
Many of the ladies will have very happy memories of John, when, along with friends from the Bank Choir and our own choir members he organised the entertainment for Woman's Guild socials.

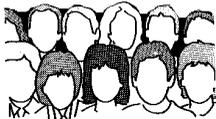
I know one of the highlights in John's life was the Royal Bank Christmas Dinner when he could meet with former colleagues and friends. He looked forward so much to this event that he began weeks before to

make sure that his transport there and back was well organised.

John's family meant everything to him. In losing Jean he had lost a part of himself. They had known each other from childhood and together shared their love of music and interest in young people. With Margaret and Mary they created a strong family unit which grew with first John and Rod, and then their grandchildren - Jane and David, and Alistair and Susan - then most recently Jamie their great grandchild. He was proud of all of them, but particularly his grandchildren with whom he had an enviable relationship. He was interested in young people and always tried to bring out the best in them, and more than just his immediate family warmed to that.

We will all have our own special memories of John - at the organ and piano - as a choirmaster, a friend and neighbour, and so we now give thanks to Almighty God for John's many years of life which he was enabled to spend to the full.





## ANNUAL STATED MEETING

The Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation is to be held on SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, immediately after morning service. We hope that many of you will be able to attend.



## Laugh lines

*A poster outside Chichester Cathedral advertising lunchtime concerts announced "Sandwiches may be eaten." Underneath someone had scrawled: "So don't go if you are a sandwich."*

### TRIAL PERIOD

*When the minister of a parish in the highlands had served for over 50 years, well past his 90th birthday, the presbytery clerk sent what he hoped was a tactful note suggesting that the time might be right to consider retirement. Promptly came the reply, "When I was called to come here I was not aware of the fact that it was intended to be a temporary appointment. Let me assure you that I am settling down well."*

**ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!**

## The Food & Drink Slot

***A warm welcome awaits everyone at both the Wednesday Lunch Club - 12 noon to 1pm in the West Hall and Kirsty's Thursday Coffee Morning - 10.00 - 11.00am in the West Hall.***

Lunch clubs come and go and ours is no exception - it's coming along nicely and going from strength to strength (*writes Evelyn Stewart of the Wednesday Lunch team*).



In October, the second birthday was celebrated and more recently our stupendous Christmas lunch.

Everyone agreed that the party atmosphere added greatly to the enjoyment of the traditional Cock-a-leekie soup and the Turkey & Trimmings.

### Laughter

It is said that laughter is the best medicine and if so then in that context it could be an aid to digestion: there was certainly plenty laughter so it is supposed that none of our diners suffered from indigestion! There was also sufficient food left for the staff this time (all of whom had decided jointly to postpone their nervous breakdowns until after the lunch was over) and it was nice to sit down and relax after the chaos in the kitchen. One or two of our diners kindly gave a hand with the clearing up and a

particular person who wears a grey shirt, with collar the wrong way, was seen washing dishes.

### **Great value**

Enough of Christmas lunch! The lunches provided every Wednesday are very good value. You will find good home-made soup, stovies, macaroni cheese and toasties all appearing on the menu alongside old fashioned but popular rice pudding, crumbles, trifles and so on. After the cost of the food has been met the rest is put aside as a donation to the church funds. At one particular lunch last year the proceeds were donated to the children's hospice - an amount of £50.

We are grateful to all our regulars for turning up faithfully every week, but the hall is big enough for more. It is no trouble to set an other table if necessary. As has been said before, broadcast our existence - we are open for all age groups. If you happen to be passing the church between 12 non and 1pm (ish) on a Wednesday, don't pass - come in, where a warm welcome awaits you (and a bowl of nourishing home-made soup!)

**SCOUTPOST** The 87th Scout Group and the 100th & 110th Guide Companies would like to thank everyone who helped with and used Scoutpost '96. We collected 10,296 cards (up 1,800 on 1995) and delivered 12,111 (up 217 on 1995). Over £1,200 was raised for Scout and Guide funds.

# **DRAMA GROUP**



## **50 not out!**

*by John Webster*

With our next production on February 20-22nd 1997, the Drama Group will reach a half century of performances

We would like to thank all those who have supported us since our first play "Beneath The Wee Red Lums" in 1960. Please come along and help us make our 50th another successful show. We have chosen the play "A Basinful of Briny" by Leslie Sands. This is the follow-up to the play "Beside The Seaside" put on by the Drama Group in 1967. It is a comedy and concerns the goings on in a seaside boarding house run by the most typical of seaside landladies.

Tickets have been held at the bargain price of £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Please contact Stuart Mitchell for further details.

The Group would like to hear from anyone who has been connected with our past productions. We would be especially pleased to receive any photos or any other items. Anyone with any details or information on past members is asked to phone our President, Linda Anderson (nee Mitchell) on 539 9208).

# Parish Register

## Baptisms

On the 6th of October - Amanda Huth  
On the 1st December - Liam Frazer Dick

***"The promise is to you and to your children" (Acts Ch, 2 vs, 39)***

## Funerals

SEPTEMBER	23rd	Mr Tom Bell, 3 Granton Medway
OCTOBER	4th	Mr Alexander McKenzie, 18/3 Wardieburn Place East
	7th	Mrs Jeannie Brass, 6/7 Royston Mains Close
	8th	Mr Henry Hudspeth, 11 Laich Park Road
	9th	Mrs Isabella Pearson, 82 Pilton Park
	17th	Mr Robert Webster, 15 Royston Mains Crescent
	24th	Mr John Keddie, 58 Boswall Terrace
NOVEMBER	13th	Mr William Lawrie, 24/6 Pilton Drive North
	13th	Ms Susan Irwin, 3/6 Granton Medway
	22nd	Mr John Hardie, 6 Pilton Avenue
	30th	Mrs Mary Hailstones, 56/6 Royston Mains Crescent
DECEMBER	11th	Miss Jean Rooney, 8 Crewe Crescent
	12th	Mrs Margaret Cartwright, 2 Crewe Grove
	16th	Mrs Elizabeth Mair, 6/1 Wardieburn Street West
	20th	Mrs Alexandrina Smeaton, Chamberlain Nursing Home
	21st	Mrs Georgina Renton, 27/3 Wardieburn Road
	27th	Mrs Daisy Doyle, 85 Crewe Road West

***"In his favour there is life.  
Tears may linger at nightfall,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning"  
(Psalm, 30 vs, 5)***



# Changes in the church

Alister Greig has taken over as the Congregational Treasurer from the beginning of this year. Our thanks are due to Jim Sinclair for holding this post over the last 3 years and to Alister for being willing to take over this responsible job.

Alister's telephone number is 552 2427.

Norah Stephen has also completed her term as Clerk to the Congregational Board and Jessie Macdonald has now taken over this post. Again our thanks are due to both of them.

Jessie's telephone number is 552 2200.

# COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

## GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

Minister .....	Rev Elizabeth Henderson .....	551 2159
Deaconess.....	Maureen Hutchison.....	332 8020
Session Clerk .....	Audrey Mitchell.....	551 1613
Clerk to the Board.....	Jessie Macdonald.....	552 2200
Treasurer.....	Alister Greig .....	552 2427
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# **BACK PAGE**

# **MEDITATION**

To laugh often and love much.

To win the respect of intelligent persons  
and the affection of children.

To earn the approbation of honest critics  
and to endure the betrayal of false friends.

To appreciate beauty.

To find the best in others.

To give one's self.

To leave the world a bit better,  
whether by a healthy child,  
a garden patch or a redeemed social condition.

To have played and laughed with enthusiasm  
and sung with exultation.

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived....

...this is to have succeeded!

(With acknowledgment to Ralph Waldo Emerson and Scouting Magazine)