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Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, "There are still four months and then comes the harvest"? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!'

(John 4: v.35)

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A Letter from The Manse

Dear All,

I am writing this in advance of my summer holiday, so I'm just hoping that there is some sunshine to be enjoyed up in Ullapool and on the Isle of Lewis! Thankfully the sun shone for the Manse Garden Party so thanks to all who came along, and also for your good wishes on our first wedding anniversary, as well as restocking our wine and chocolate supplies!

The church year is ready to launch again, and there's lots to look forward to and take part in, in the months that lie ahead. I know that many of you are taking up the E100 challenge to read the "essential 100 texts from the Bible" and to help encourage that opportunity for reflection and growth, I'll be offering a monthly Study Group in the Gibson Craig Lounge beginning on 15 September. You'll be able to register your interest for this in due course.

We are also piloting Messy Church from the month of September as a new venture for families and children, and you'll find more information on Messy Church within these pages, as well as so many other activities within the Kirk.

Worship is of course at the heart of our life together, and in attempting to develop that with some variety, on the first Sunday of each month, "Sunday First", worship will have a slightly different feel, with more contemporary hymns and opportunity for reflection and response. I'll also be asking you to think of folk to invite to church on 25 September as we take part again in "Back to Church Sunday". This will also be our Harvest celebration and this year the Kirk Session has chosen The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fisherman to be the recipient of our Harvest Offerings.

So, I'm looking forward to returning from my holidays with the batteries recharged and ready to go again! Thank you for all your hard work and prayerful support that allows Currie Kirk to do the things it already does, and to build upon that with hope and faith.

God Bless,
Lezley J. Stewart

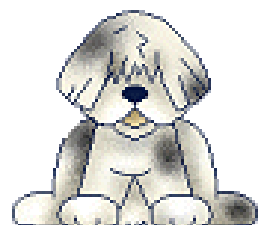
Paws for thought! [by Molly]

Well my summer hair cut hasn't really been so necessary this year! In fact, after losing my warm coat, mum had to put a blanket around me one night to stop me shivering – summer eh? I've not been feeling so well this last while really - I've been a bit wobbly on my legs, a little confused and having a few embarrassing "accidents". I'm sure I heard mum muttering something about getting me some Pampers! But with the wonders of medicine I've had a new lease of life recently – whatever the vet has prescribed seems to be doing the trick for now, and I get some extra food every day [a morning roll] where mum hides my pills. I know they are in there, but the bread is just so tasty I gobble it down anyway!

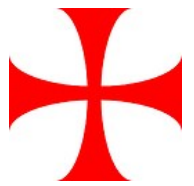
It's sometimes when things look bleak, that you appreciate the simpler things again. For me it's company, warmth, affection and an extra tickle of my

tummy. And I think mum has been learning some extra patience and understanding through my illness too – even when I've been disturbing her sleep and causing some worry and mess to clean up, she knows I'm not doing these things on purpose. I've had to slow down a little recently, and maybe it's when we slow down and pause, and contemplate the good things again that we gain a better perspective. As long as I know I'm loved, I'll face the future with some hope.

Now, I'm not a sheep but a sheepdog, but doesn't the Good Book say something about God as a Shepherd guiding you through good times and bad? I hope you know that truth each day. Baaaaa!



Messy Church



Messy Church is a once-monthly time when families come together to enjoy games, crafts, story and song and celebrate being part of God's family. Messy church aims to provide an opportunity for all ages to worship together, to help people belong, to have fun, to express creativity, to build community and to introduce people to Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship.



Messy Church invites those from "Pram to Primary Age" to come to the Gibson Craig Halls on Fridays 23 September, 28 October and 25 November from 2-3.30pm. All children must come with an adult who remains with them and responsible for them as they join in the afternoon activities. Each Messy Church gathering will include games, crafts around a Biblical theme, a short time of worship and a snack time!

To register to attend Messy Church, please contact the Church Office by phone or email with the name, age and address of each child attending. Fun, friendship and an opportunity to be "messy" for all the family!

The Good Book Group

The Good Book Group meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of each month, in the Gibson Craig Lounge from 7-8.30pm. Our evening begins with coffee and friendly chatter as folk gather, and then we discuss a book we have read together over the previous month. Usually we have an introduction to the author, discussion on what we thought of the book, and then we score each of our "reads" out of 10 for fun! We read a variety of books – mainly fiction, but biography, crime, short stories, historical and religious too – with the books we choose being suggested by the group members. The challenge is always to find something none of us has read! The books can often be sourced through the Library or second hand, and there's always chocolate biscuits on offer too. This group offers fun, friendship and the challenge to read a bit more widely. Come along!



Church and Society Council

At the 2010 General Assembly the Church & Society Council was instructed to appoint a representative from every congregation within the Church of Scotland. Somehow I found myself agreeing to be the representative for Currie Kirk and so far it has not been too onerous a job, only entailing receiving by email a monthly newsletter.

I have had discussions with one or two members of the congregation, but I feel it is now time to advertise this newsletter more widely within the congregation. The July/August newsletter is full of interesting articles such as "Helping the Homeless" and "How Would You Fix Our Economy", to name but two.

I have put a copy of the latest issue of the newsletter in the Link Building and will do this every month from now on. If anyone wishes a copy please contact me.

Freda Robertson (449-2593)

Offering Income–Progress Report to 30 June 2011



It is usual to compare the actual offerings received with the amount assumed in the Budget, and on this basis the position at 30 June is encouraging. The actual Offerings received to 30 June (including Gift Aid Tax accrued) were £84,426 and the corresponding Budget figure is £81,781, giving a surplus of £2,645. If this trend continues, I estimate that by 31 December the actual Offerings will have risen to approximately £163,600 compared with the Budget of £159,600, giving a surplus of approximately £4,000, or 2.5% of the Budget figure.

However, the size of the surplus is influenced by the fact that the Budget was set based on the actual levels of giving in August and September 2010 which were the most up to date figures at the time. A

few increases in giving made as a result of the Stewardship Programme in June did not start until October or later, and were unknown when the Budget was set. Had we known about them, the Budget would have been set a bit higher and the surplus would have been that much lower.

In summary, total Offerings for the year will be about £4,000 more than assumed in the Budget. But as we all know, income is only half of the financial story. If expenditure goes up as a result of inflation or other unavoidable costs we need to take action to restore the balance. Any surplus income is available to defray the additional costs.

Ron Dow

That's Entertainment

I think we'd all agree that in Currie Kirk we are fortunate to have an exceptional and valuable resource in the shape of the Gibson Craig Halls, not least as a means of reaching out to the wider community through the sorts of entertainment events we've all enjoyed there like dances, concerts, variety shows and so on. However, if we are to realise that potential fully and continue to hold such events for members of the public it has become clear that, by law, we need to obtain a Public Entertainment Licence.

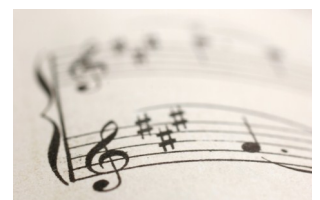
To that end, we have been exploring with the City of Edinburgh Council what we need to do to bring the Gibson Craig Halls up to a standard which would allow the Council to grant us a Public Entertainment Licence. Understandably, licensing conditions are driven by the need to protect the health, safety and welfare of members of the public and we need, therefore, to meet the requirements of the Police, Fire and Council Services in that regard. Accordingly, a small team has been working away since Spring this year to put the required measures in place. Work continues, and much is being done at

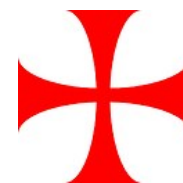
little or no cost through the hard work and goodwill of members of the Kirk and the wider community. However, many of the essential measures have had to be bought and paid for at a considerable cost. We estimate that our total expenditure on this project will be in the region of £20,000 covering:

- ◆ installing a fire alarm system
- ◆ replacing existing chairs with new, linkable seating
- ◆ enhancing the emergency lighting system
- ◆ replacing/treating curtains and blinds to ensure they are fire retardant

The bottom line, therefore, is that if we want to continue using the Gibson Craig Halls to hold the public entertainment events we have enjoyed over the years, we have no option but to go down this route. We are, of course, exploring ways of raising funds to offset some of these costs so, be warned – WATCH THIS SPACE!

Sandra Cranford





65th Edinburgh (Currie) Company
(Registered Charity No. SCO34640)

1961 - 2011 Celebrating 50 Years in Currie

The Company celebrated its 50th Annual Display on Friday 28 May in The Gibson Craig Hall. A celebratory cake was cut and the Company welcomed the return of many “old” Boys who reminisced over old times, including one of the first “Boys” to receive his Queen’s Badge – Norman McKelvey.



Sgt Cameron Bogle being presented with his Queen’s Badge by the Inspecting Officer, Graham Marshall who is Depute Headteacher at Selkirk High School and who received his Queen’s Badge at the Company’s Display in 1977.



Some camp photos

Anchors restart Thursday 8 September at 6 pm—7 pm (Boys in P2 & P3)
Juniors restart Thursday 8 September at 7.00 pm—8.30 pm (Boys in P4, P5 & P6)

It was with great sadness that the Company lost its Honorary Captain with the sudden death of Jack Fallon. He was a life boy, and came up through the BB, and became involved with the 43rd Edinburgh (Sighthill) Company. He was one of the founder members of the 65th, and was Captain from 1962-1975 and again for a year in 1987 before being appointed Honorary Captain in 1989. In between he was involved with the 3rd Lytham St Anne’s Company. BB life brought lots of enjoyment and adventure with BB camps with Anna, and trips to Denmark with the boys, and always supporting all the sports and activities of the BB. He helped define the BB experience for many boys over the years, and is remembered by them with fondness.

Nourishment

Jesus said “Man cannot live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord” (Matt 4:4). During this last month Lezley has been talking about the interesting books and stories that there are in the Bible. I am sure we can all recall some of those we learned as children. But how many of us have gone on to read and learn more about our Leader, our Saviour, our Lord. If we really want to know Jesus and experience that satisfying and fulfilling life that He said we could have if we learn of Him and take His yoke upon us then we need to read and understand His words to us. Understanding does not just come to us automatically as if by magic; we must want Him to take over our lives and live in our hearts.

Whatever we do in life that is of worth, we need to think about it, perhaps study much or at least learn the ropes. So it is with our desire to know God and experience that peace and joy that come only through learning more about the person we follow.

This being the 400th anniversary of the King James version of the Bible is a good year to carry out



our resolution to learn more and therefore have more confidence in our faith. Lezley has set us off to a flying start with “E100” challenge leaflets which have been in the church for some weeks. I do hope that many of you will take up this challenge to read the 100 best passages over a set timescale.

Following on from this if any of you want to read further, having had your appetites whetted, there are many different courses of reading notes to suit all tastes and interests.

Usually before Christmas I endeavour to have a selection of notes available for people to look at, compare and choose from and I will get these as needed. Some of our members already get these notes and I would ask them to contact me if there is a change required. Further information from Judith McColl tel. 449 3686.

Prayer Initiatives

*‘O Christ, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer yourself have trod,
Lord, teach us how to pray.’
(Hymn 546: Ch 4)*

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets on the last Wednesday of each month and explores different ways of prayer. All are welcome to these meetings which are held in the Lounge in the Gibson Craig Hall commencing at 7.30p.m. and lasting for one hour. The dates for the remainder of 2011 are :-

31 August
28 September
26 October
30 November

Prayer Breakfast

We are going to pilot on a quarterly basis a series of Prayer Breakfasts the first of which will be on **Saturday 5 November** in the **Gibson Craig New Hall**. These breakfasts will feature a guest speaker and will run from 8.30 am—10.00 am. Our first speaker will be Charles Godon, who is Session Clerk at Juniper Green Church and a member of their Prayer Group.

Come along and enjoy a time of fellowship over breakfast and hear what Charles has to share with us. **For catering purposes please let Margaret Gordon (449 2554) know by Thursday 3 November if you hope to attend.**

Prayer before Worship

It is intended to introduce on a monthly basis a time of prayer from 9.30a.m. – 9.50a.m. before Sunday Worship. During this time we will be praying for our Church and issues of the day. Further details will be in Update.

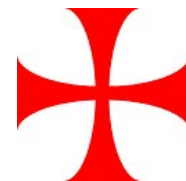
Prayer Tree

Prayer Trees are an ancient and anonymous way of sharing prayer concerns by pinning leaves on the prayer tree giving only as much detail of the situations as individuals wish. It is hoped to site a prayer tree/board in the Church in the near future and further information will be provided in due course.

Further information on any of the above can be obtained from Margaret Gordon.



The Guild



The Committee hope all our members have had an enjoyable summer in spite of the very mixed weather and are looking forward to the new session of the Guild. Sheena Ramsay and Irene Blyth have been busy over the summer preparing a new syllabus; so many thanks to them.

At the first meeting on the 6th September we welcome Rev. Dr. George Whyte as our guest speaker. New members are always welcome and anyone interested in finding out more about the Guild should come along at 10am and enjoy a coffee and chat in the Gibson Craig Main Hall. The yearly subscription is £10 with £2 for subsequent meetings. Visitors are also welcome at any of our meetings at the cost of £3.

Our chosen Project this year is "Terrify No More-Cambodia" which is working to rescue and help with aftercare for girls and young women caught up in trafficking. Our coffee morning, to raise funds for this good cause, is on the 4 October at 10 am in the Gibson Craig Hall and we hope you will come along and support us.

The programme for the first half of the year is quite varied and hopefully will be interesting as well as thought provoking.

6 September	Coffee and Chat. Speaker Rev. Dr. George Whyte
20 September	Terrify No More-Cambodia
4 October	Coffee Morning in aid of Guild Project
18 October	Bright Care
23 October	Rededication Service in Currie Kirk
1 November	Feather Finesse
15 November	Showstoppers Open Meeting
6 December	Farmer's Market
20 December	Christmas Party

The Committee is looking forward to renewing old friendships and discovering new ones on 6 September when together we can enjoy the fellowship of the Guild.

Margaret Ullathorne,
Guild President

CD Ministry

The CD Ministry is a scheme run by the Church to allow any member, be they old or housebound, to receive Sunday services in their own home. The services are recorded on to a CD disk during Sunday worship by Magnus, George or Sandy. Magnus then produces multiple copies for distribution and Douglas delivers these copies on a fortnightly basis to those in the congregation who have requested them. All that is required is the member to have a suitable CD player.

The number of members receiving this service fluctuates from time to time. At the present moment 18 members throughout Currie, Juniper Green & Balerno have a CD delivered to them and these are very much appreciated. Of these 18 members, three are over 90 years old and all look forward to listening to the CD at their own pace and in the comfort of their own home. The service is free and the CD is yours to keep or pass on to a friend if you so wish.

If anyone wishes to receive a CD they should contact the Church office (451-5141) and your name will be added to the list.



'An End to Poverty'

The principal objective of Christian Aid is 'AN END TO POVERTY' and to assist it in striving to meet this aim, Currie Kirk continues to support it through various ongoing fund raising activities. A summary of these is given below.

Door to Door Collection—This is the main fund raiser of Christian Aid and we participate in the Currie Community, annually in May. We have a very loyal team of volunteers to help with the door to door collection and then count the money raised. There are 75 Districts to cover and quite a few of our collectors take two or more Districts, so we are always looking to spread the workload more evenly and are therefore looking for more helpers. In 2012 Christian Aid week is from 13 to 19 May, so you may wish to put this date in your diary if you wish to be involved. The total raised this year was £5,650, which is very commendable.

Money Boxes—If you are looking for a worthy cause for your loose change, why not get one of the Money Boxes and place your loose change into it. When the box needs emptied just pass the contents to the Church Office. Money Boxes are available from the Link Building.

Ink Cartridges/Mobile Phones—Used Ink Cartridges and Mobile Phones are another means of raising money. Since we have started collecting these we have raised nearly £300. Please continue to pass your Cartridges/Phones to the Church Office. If you have not already done so, you may wish to mention this to your family and friends.

Foreign Coins—This Spring Christian Aid launched another fund raising initiative—the collection of foreign coins. We have had a good response and we would like to make this another 'ongoing' campaign for Currie Kirk. If you wish to help please pass your coins to the Church Office. Again, you may wish to mention this to this to your family and friends. It is surprising just how many of us keep low value foreign coins tucked away in a drawer for later use – but never actually use them!!

Special Appeals—In July we launched a special appeal to help with the devastating famine in the Horn of Africa and what a super response from Currie Kirk by donating £1,250, most of which was Gift Aided (increases donations by 25%)

Christian Aid News—If you would like to follow what is happening in Christian Aid please have a look at its regular bulletin, a copy of which can be found in the Link Building.

Finally, thanks for all your help and dedication to 'AN END TO POVERTY' and if you would like any further information regarding the above, please speak to either Graeme Coventry or Bryce Eunson.



The Currie Kirk Banner Group is a small group who meet on Thursday afternoons from September to May - no meetings in December. We have been sewing banners for ten years covering various Biblical Calendar subjects. When we get together we discuss, plan, change our minds and eventually a decision is made on the theme and design to be adopted. We then transfer the ideas to material which can involve several forms of sewing embroidery etc.

Our most recent contribution to the church was pulpit and lectern falls accompanied by a communion table runner for weddings. Currently we are working on similar items for Christenings/Blessings which hopefully will be seen in the church in the not too distant future.

We are a very small group and would welcome anyone who would like to join us - especially someone who is creative and sews.

For further information please contact Janet Robertson, tel. no. 0131 441 1499.



So You Think You Know

My name is James (Jim) Dixon and I was born on 7 August 1911 in Nelson, Lancashire. My father, John, was a Primitive Methodist preacher there. In 1914 we moved to Beverley where my dad took up the chaplaincy of the local barracks and my brother, Ernest Ewart, was born.

In 1918 we moved to our next home in Driffild, then in 1922 another move was made to Crowle. The Methodist church didn't like its clergy to stay in the same place for long! There were another four moves before my father finally retired to Appleby-in-Westmorland which was my mother's home town. I spent most of my school holidays in Appleby staying with my grandparents. My grandfather was Mayor of Appleby on two occasions and he was a Master Grocer with his own business. Sometimes I would accompany him in the horse and cart while he collected Wensleydale cheese from the farms. Later, I learned to drive along the local country lanes in an Austin Seven – no such thing as a driving test in those days!

I left school at 17 and worked as an apprentice mechanical engineer at Rustons in Lincoln. This took five years involving night school and day release. During that time I had lodgings with a local family and made met their son, who remained a friend for many years. During WW2 I was in a reserved occupation and spent time on the south coast and London Docks (I remember the tunnel from Greenwich to the Isle of Dogs being bombed). I also worked on naval ships on the North Atlantic Convoys.

During my time at Rustons I met my future wife, Millicent Douglas. We were married in Lincoln in July 1947 – her Church of England vicar shared the ceremony with my father – very ecumenical! We spent the first three years of married life in Loughborough, where my daughter, Judith, was born. When she was six weeks old we moved to Wolverhampton and I took a job with Meadows Engineering.

In 1960 we moved to Riccarton Mains Road in Currie. I had to travel to and from Shotts each day as I had a job as the Chief Test Engineer with Cummins Engine Company. Not a drive for the faint-hearted in the winter!

As a family we attended the Methodist Central Hall Church in Edinburgh, but felt that we should worship within the community in which we lived. Judith attended Sunday School, then Bible Class and Youth Fellowship at Currie Kirk. I became an elder in 1983.

I was involved with the printing of the Church Magazine. Many hours were spent trying to get reluctant machinery to work correctly! I also helped to fit a new kitchen in the Gibson Craig and repaired chairs in the church which Millicent then helped to reupholster.

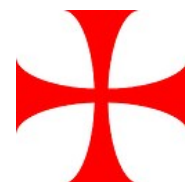
Unfortunately Millicent developed Vascular Dementia and spent the last three years of her life in a wonderful Nursing Home where she was very happy. She knew both of us which was a blessing. I received a lot of support, from my daughter, and also good neighbours which allowed me to stay in my home. The Friday Club in the Gibson Craig Hall was much appreciated—especially the particularly good lunches—and the helpers were helpful and caring. The church mini-bus is also a lifeline to those who find it difficult to get to church and I am grateful to the volunteers who picked me up and took me home safely.

I no longer live in Currie as I have had to move into a Nursing Home due to Macular Degeneration. However, kind friends visit me and I was very happy to be invited to be part of the church service on my 100th birthday.

The Kirk Minibus

The Kirk Minibus is available to transport any member of the Congregation to Church on a Sunday. If you require help to get to the Kirk please get in touch with Jean Pringle who is the Sunday Lift Organiser (449 7716).





Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Hall is used by various groups during the week and, if anyone is interested in joining a group, please telephone the contact noted below.

	Contact name	Tel No:	Day
Baby Ballet	Claire Robertson	336 5982	Wednesday
Balerno Bridge Club	Ron Dow	538 2313	Monday
Blue Sky Pilates	Claire McDonald		Thursday
Children's Dance	Carol Campbell	339 2315	Friday
Currie and District Local History Society	Peter Cowlshaw	449-2520	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Day Care Centre	Elsbeth Frame	449 3603	Friday by referral
Judo	Jo Imrie	01506 884633	Tuesday 4-6 pm
Octagon Club	Alastair Hardie Iain Grant	453 3556 332 3413	Wednesday
Parents & Toddlers	Patricia Lumsden Suzie Handyside	466 9130 07977 921298	Friday
Sequence Dance	Tom Masson	449 2561	Thursday
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday
Tai Chi	Denise Cunningham	449 3468	Tuesday
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday

Walking Group

The Walking Group meets after Church the last Sunday of the month. Any one wishing to join the Group for the next walk please contact Rena Milligan.



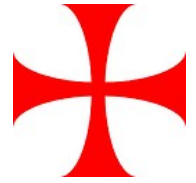
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Articles for the October issue with the theme being Autumn, using a Word attachment, should be sent by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com by **Monday 19 September 2011.**



The Octagon Club



The members and helpers of the Club had a lovely annual outing to Blair Drummond Safari Park near Stirling in the early summer. One of our helpers Caitlin McKenzie, was married in July – the Club gave her a present of a glass Russell Hobbs four slice toaster. This was presented to her by our Chairman Iain Grant.

Having been closed for the summer break the club activities will resume at the Gibson Craig Hall on Wednesday 14 September from 7 to 9pm. These activities include table tennis, badminton, snooker, table games, and a break for “tuck shop”, with occasional outings and dance/drama workshops.

Members attend from many miles around, some coming out from the city. If you know of any adult with learning difficulties and special needs who would benefit from these activities, and meeting with others, please invite them to come along and “try us out”.

Of course we are always in need of helpers of any age who could give up a few hours, not necessarily every week, to help with the young folk.

Alastair Hardie On behalf of the Committee. (453 3556)

Day Care Centre

For almost 14 years, on Fridays, with very few breaks, the Centre has provided a valuable service to the frail and elderly folk of Currie, Balerno and Juniper Green. There are 14 members, with a waiting list of around the same number. Referrals for membership are made by the GP, Health Visitor, Occupational Therapist, District Nurse or Social Services.

The venue is the Gibson Craig Hall and the day starts with the collection of the members from their homes, by the Kirk minibus. Toast, tea and coffee are then provided, prepared and served by the Volunteers, who then join the members to play games such as Dominoes, Triominoes and Scrabble. A substantial two-course lunch is then provided, which is a highlight of the day. The meals are also an opportunity for socialising, exchanging experiences and hearing one another’s news. Following lunch, there are a variety of activities, sometimes musical entertainments, slideshows, craft ‘workshops’, quizzes or other games.

Members are asked to pay a small amount each week towards the service. Apart from the Organiser, the Centre is manned by Volunteers, many of who are retired, active men and women. We are a charity and welcome donations to assist in our project, we are grateful for help received from some of the local organisations which have supported us in the past.

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers, particularly those who are willing and able to drive the minibus. The rota is usually on a 4–5 week basis but with extra helpers can be extended. If you think you can help to provide this worthwhile service, which is so much appreciated by the members, come along to the Hall any Friday between 9.30 am and 2 pm, you will be made very welcome.

Contacts:

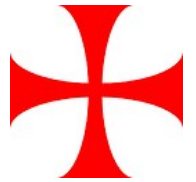
Organiser: Elspeth Frame 0131 449 3603.

Chairperson: Sally Heron 0131 449 3452.

Email: sally.heron@blueyonder.co.uk



The Zumba Boys



Zumba® Fitness classes are the latest craze taking over the world. The reasons are simple—you are getting fit without even realising it, there is a laid back PARTY atmosphere, there is no pressure to do the right moves, if you can't 'get' a move..... Just do your own thing, keep moving & have FUN!!!

With music ranging from Latin America to International pop, Belly dancing to Bollywood, just keep moving & burn on average about 500-600 calories away without even realising it!

Why not join Tom on a Thursday - 10.15am at The Gibson Craig Hall. £4.00 per class.

For more information please check out www.thezumbaboys.co.uk or call Tom on 07980 692929



Jidel Judo Club (a family affair)

How we got started

Johnny's (Jidel Development Officer) parents enrolled him into Judo because his great Aunt Phyllis recommended judo to them as a form of self discipline, self defence and a good source of exercise. Aunt Phyllis travelled the world competing for Britain and after she retired from competition, she again travelled as an official delegate for British Judo. As well as teaching judo to the British Paratroopers she was also the first women in Britain to be awarded the grade of 6th Dan. She was the National Dan Grade registrar for Britain up until the day she died. Not long after her death Johnny started Jidel Judo Club. Dr Phyllis Winifred Rose Elliot died on 18th August 1992.

If your child would like to try the Olympic Sport of Judo the first session is free.

Jidel Judo Club have classes on a Tuesday at 4pm, for any further information please contact:

Jo on 07731459482, email: Jo@jidel.co.uk, www.jidel.co.uk



Nether Currie Toddler Group

Nether Currie Toddler group welcomes all babies, toddlers and their carers every Friday 9.30 am to 11.30 am during term time. We have a designated baby area with lovely toys and a great selection of toys for toddlers including trikes, tractors and a slide. We try and do a variety of craft activities throughout the year and have a Christmas Party for the children. The group charge £1.50 per week and this includes a snack for the children and tea and coffee for the adults. We are a friendly bunch so come along for a play and a blether!

The mothers who run the group are moving on so if anyone, young or more senior, would like to help run the group please contact patricialumsden@yahoo.co.uk.



Blue Sky Pilates—Creating Efficient Movement

So why pilates?

Pilates is a unique body conditioning method which tones and strengthens muscles, it also improves posture and flexibility to create a more streamlined shape. We often pick up bad postural habits, pilates helps to re-educate the body, through the mind-body connection. No muscle group is over or under trained. Your entire musculature is evenly conditioned, helping you meet your lifestyle goals and play sports efficiently with less chance of injury.

The pilates method is now being practiced by a wide range of fitness professionals working in sports and the performing arts. It's so safe, physiotherapists and other medical practitioners use it to support conditioning or rehabilitation programs.

Who Can Come?

Anyone!! Whether you have a chronic injury or just want to get your body moving Pilates can help. There are also new pre and post natal classes starting soon.

Please visit www.blueskypilates.co.uk or call 07872349073 for more details.



The award-winning babyballet Song and Dance Academy is a wonderfully exciting educational dance programme for pre-school boys and girls from 6 months. Designed to encourage babies and young children to enjoy the benefits and joys of song and dance, babyballet has built up a fantastic reputation for providing children with the opportunity to express themselves within a fun, safe and caring environment.

The West Edinburgh Franchise is managed by Miss Claire with classes being run by Miss Fiona, Miss Vicky and herself. All teachers are fully qualified and have up to date CRB certificates.

So if your baby, toddler or child has the bug for ballet and wants to learn to dance, come and join the fun at babyballet, the Nation's favourite pre-school dance class.

Wednesday mornings at Gibson Craig Hall.

9.30am - Tiny Toes (18 months - 3 years)

10.10am - Tots Tap (2 years +)

10.30am - Mini Movers (3 years - Pre School)

For more information contact Miss Claire - 0131 336 5982, westedinburgh@babyballet.co.uk

Steps Dance Class

Dance classes are held every Friday from 3.30 pm—5.30 pm at the Gibson Craig Hall. We teach Latin; Rock n Roll; and Street Dance/Fun Dances from the age of three years and upwards. We hold medal tests twice a year but these are not compulsory. Our aim is for children to have fun while keeping fit and healthy.

For further information phone: 339-2315/07538036368.

August/September Flower List



7th August

Mrs M Davidson, 12 Thomson Road

14th August

Mrs M Greig, 45 Thomson Road

Mrs B Temperley, 67 Riccarton Mains Road

21st August

Mrs W McLauchlan, 86 Lanark Road West

28th August

Mrs J Robertson, 7 Bonaly Gardens, Colinton.

Mrs N Wardall, 1 Cherry Tree View



4th September

Mr & Mrs I Thomson, 8 Easter Currie Terrace.

Mrs C Milligan, 62 Crosswood Crescent, Balerno.

11th September

Mrs H Heggie, 24 Thomson Drive

Mrs S Heron, 67 Nether Currie Crescent

Mrs J Pringle, 16 Rowantree Avenue

18th September

Wedding – Gillian Forbes and Ross Robinson

25th September

Wedding – Lee Hain and Christian Kaiser

Mrs M Brown, 30 Thomson Crescent

Mr D Jordan, 23 Rowantree Avenue

Donations for flowers may be sent to Mrs Erica Porteous, 2 Pentland View, Currie, or left at the Church Office or in the Elder's Box of Bill Porteous in the Link Building, and any cheques made payable to Currie Kirk Flower Fund. Erica can be contacted on 449 6894 for any further information regarding donations.

Senior Citizens' Club

We are pleased to announce our new session starts on Monday 3 October and runs until closing, with a Full Day Bus Trip on Monday 28 May 2012, holidays excepted will be announced to members. Meetings are held in the Gibson Craig Main Hall from 2.00 – 4.00 pm on Mondays, with varied entertainment and very friendly atmosphere.

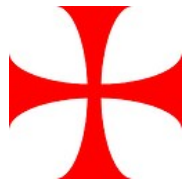
Mr J T Gatenby, Secretary

Sequence Dance Club

The club will restart on Thursday 1 September at 2.00 pm in the Gibson Craig Hall. New members will be made most welcome. Sequence dancing is basically performing a series of predetermined steps and movements to music. It is a gentle way to exercise and keep fit. Why not come along and join us? Further details from Tom Masson, 449 2561.



Family News



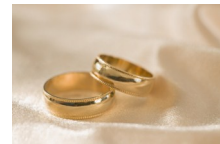
Obituary: *Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"*
 (John 11:25)



Jack Fallon, 35 Thomson Road
Irene McCollam, 30 Riccarton Drive
Andrina MacPherson, ex 21 Riccarton Drive

Golden Wedding—August
May and Bill Sutherland, 56 Thomson Crescent

Diamond Wedding—September
Ian and Jean Thomson, 8 Easter Currie Terrace



Golden Wedding—September
Muriel and Brian Cameron, 42 Thomson Road

Baptisms *Jesus said "Let the children come to me"*
 (Luke 18:16)

31 July Rory William Hogg

Blessing

3 July Fynn River McLellan

Mary and Alex Fisher would like to thank everyone for their flowers, cards and good wishes on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 25 June

(Sorry that in the last edition of Clipboard we referred to Mary and Alex's Golden Wedding—they just look so young)

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to thank everyone who attended Currie Kirk in celebration of Scott's life and for the cards, letters, kind wishes and generous donations in excess of £1,000 to the MS Society (Scotland).

Thanking you all once again.

Jessie Bannister



WHO'S WHO



NAME	CONTACT	MEETING DAY	TELEPHONE NO
Minister	Rev Lezley J Stewart, The Manse 43 Lanark Road West lezleystewart@btinternet.com		449 4719
Pastoral Associate	Margaret Gordon		449 2554
Currie Kirk Church Office (Scottish Charity No. SC001554)	Gibson Craig Hall, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Secretary: Mary Thomson e-mail currie_kirk@btconnect.com	Monday 2.00-4.30 pm Thursday 9.30-12 noon Friday 9.30-11.45 am	451 5141
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Gift Aid Treasurer	Ron Dow 48 Thomson Drive ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk		538 2313
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Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
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Hospital Transport Coordinator	Elizabeth Wood		538 0363
Kirk House Bookings	Catherine Crawford		449 4312
Life and Work	Alastair Hardie		453 3556
Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		449 6374
Boys' Brigade Captain	Jim Webber Anchors/Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00/7.00 pm Friday 7.00-9.15/10.00 pm	451 5112
Mini Bus Sunday lift organiser	Jean Pringle		449 7716
Mini Bus Bookings	Isobel Webber		451 5112
Banner Group	Janet Robertson	Thursday	441 1499
Care Van	Fiona Pigott	Once a month	466 1459
Pastoral Visitors	Sandra Cranford		449 4639
Currie Kirk Singers	Tom Masson	Various	449 2561
Festival Choir	Margaret Douglas	As Arranged	449 2092
Guild	Margaret Ullathorne	Tuesday	449 3665
Kidz@Currie	Norma Beattie	Sunday	449 2792
Walking Group	Rena Milligan	Last Sunday of each month	449 2017

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