



KIRKANDREWS KIRK—FRIENDS' NEWS

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October means the end of the summer season, and our Sunday afternoon public open sessions from Easter to the end of September have now concluded. Furthermore, our Sunday evening Services throughout July and August now seem but a distant memory. Certainly the lane outside the kirk is thick with fallen leaves just now. So as the nights begin to draw in, we thought we'd take this opportunity to both recap what's been happening over the summer period — and let you know what's arranged for the months ahead.



First of all, we're looking forward to seeing you at the forthcoming 'Soup and Sweet' event (*left*) on **Saturday 20th October!**

Our last Soup & Sweet event in March raised a total of £228.40, comprising £175 door takings and £53.40 at the sales table—so very many thanks for your support!

Not only are these events an important source of income for the kirk, but also super opportunities to meet and enjoy a relaxing get-together.

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Our AGM is arranged for **Tuesday 23 October** at **12noon** in the **kirk**. All Friends are welcome, and warmly invited, to attend.

There was much positive feedback after the '**From Basics to Bionics**' prosthetics talk by Bill Spence held in the kirk in May. A really fascinating presentation was made more enjoyable by the wine and nibbles. On top of that, £120 was raised for kirk funds. Our thanks (again) to Bill Spence for his very stimulating presentation.

Trustee news:

'Better late than never' is a much used idiom— but never was it more appropriate than just now by letting you know that we are fortunate to have three new trustees to support the kirk and participate in its day-to-day running. Brenda and James Burkitt and Mary-Kate Brown actually came 'on board' at the last AGM. Sincere apologies, therefore, that we haven't mentioned this before now.

Additionally, another of the existing trustees, John Shields, took over from Judith Simpson as our treasurer earlier this year. Our thanks are due to the diligence and dedication that Judith has applied to the post over several years.

We're in the process of arranging another talk— this time by Professor Laura Stewart, on '**Covenanters**' - for sometime next year. Obviously we'll give more details when we have these to hand.

We're pleased to report that the kirk has seen much use over the course of the summer. We're always pleased to host weddings as the unique experience offered by the surroundings of the building provide any couple with the ideal setting in which to start married life.

Talks, meetings, even an afternoon tea have featured in our diary. And of course, as part of the life of any kirk, we've also hosted funerals.

In our last newsletter (March), we were disappointingly, still not in a position to be able to update you regarding progress of the kirk's **candelabra**. You'll probably recall, they were still at the foundry in Kirkintilloch for repair. We did hear subsequently that there was a problem regarding the reproduction of such thin shapes in pewter.

The sad news is that the foundry abandoned the task altogether and we have had to collect the pieces and bring them back home. Undaunted, we're presently looking elsewhere for an answer and at this moment, we're in contact with a metal 'conservator' who can hopefully advise us where we go from here. The problem is that pewter is not an easy material with which to work and its soft nature makes it unsuitable for most modern applications.



Very many thanks to those of you who support the kirk through the **'Easy Funding'** scheme. At no cost to you, we have received:

Amounts raised each quarter:

Statement	Value
Quarter 2 2018	£23.48
Quarter 1 2018	£17.68
Quarter 4 2017	£56.92
Quarter 3 2017	£24.33
Quarter 2 2017	£20.23
Quarter 1 2017	£25.53
Quarter 4 2016	£12.57

Here's the link to our fundraising page if you would like to access it:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kirkandrewskirktrust/>

Have you thought of obtaining your Christmas presents in this way?

Thank you for this!

The kirk **lychgate** woodwork has been looking a little tired lately—and given that sections of it have been replaced recently, we've applied some preservative to provide better protection.

Dates for your diary:

- **Soup & Sweet**—Saturday 20 October in Borgue village hall: 12 noon—2.00pm.
- **Kirk AGM**: Tuesday 23 October at 12 noon in the kirk.
- We'll have a stall at **Borgue Christmas Fair** on **Saturday 15 December**
- **Carols in the kirk** on **Sunday 23 December** at 7.00pm.

Many thanks to trustee Mary-Kate Brown for her efforts through **'Pearls & Pashminas'** sales events. Her most recent event on 27 June raised over £100!



Many thanks to you for your GDPR returns back in May. This has provided us with up-to-date email addresses for our newsletters.

Do you recognise this white china oval dish, **(left)** which was brought by a helpful supporter at one of our previous fund-raising events, but then left in the kirk after the event,

If this item is yours, or you know its owner, please email us on kirkandrewskirk@outlook.com.