

**The Magazine for the Parish of Cheviot Churches:  
Church of Scotland**

# CHEVIOT



Summer 2019

## Prayer Corner



Your prayers make a difference



### Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and  
family,

and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a  
thirst for You.

Amen

## **BIRDBATH'S BABIES**

Due to the on-going Vacancy in Cheviot Churches, Rev. Birdbath has had the enormous privilege and joy of presiding at a seemingly unending series of Baptisms. As a bachelor who has always been rather wary of infants, he insists that Dad (Mum has done most of the hard work so far?) holds the baby at the font while Birdbath does the necessary. Babies seem to think it is an excellent idea, and he has been delighted by the happy gurgles, chortles and giggles of his new small friends. Some work the crowd with cheery waves, others go placidly back to sleep, and one toddled unsteadily over to inspect the Offering Plate, wondering if it was all for her? This is in marked contrast to the natural world around us. Where are the house-martins, swallows and swifts this year? Birdbath usually greets at least three families who return to nests around his house; but not one has turned up, and the sky over his garden is empty on warm evenings when flocks of them usually feed on gnats and flies. Empty too is the field behind his house, which usually heaves with young rabbits by now. Birdbath, and one of the horses who adores rabbits, is sad. No juvenile rabbits being naughty and eying-up his lettuces and spinach. No little house-martins learning to fly. Will a generation of his small customers at the Font grow up with no young rabbits and birds to share the world with? What, he wonders, is Nature trying to say to us?

### **From the Interim Moderator**

**June 2019**

A few weeks ago I went down to Galloway to visit a school friend. On the way there, I had two relatively small incidents with wing mirrors -- relatively small but a bit disturbing! I got to thinking about what is said about older drivers and decided I should do something about it. I booked a "lesson" with my former driving instructor of 27 years ago, and asked him to give me an honest assessment of my driving. Accordingly, last week I went out for an hour around Kelso with all the hazards of parked cars, of roundabouts, of HGVs and van drivers and all the other road difficulties many of us are aware of. We also ventured into the countryside round about, to narrow roads and restricted sight lines. The instructor was complimentary about my

driving which was encouraging, and said "Yes, Winnie, I'd be quite happy to let you drive me to the pub." Fortunately, I realised in time it was just another compliment and not an invitation! All was well.

When I got home-safely- I thought about the hour just spent. Was my driving better because I had an instructor monitoring me and so I was concentrating more ? After all, driving does become a reflex activity. We're so used to it, we think of all sorts of other things as we drive along and the driving just happens. How often do people say " I don't remember coming through...." or something similar?

And then I got to thinking about this in relation to our life of faith. We worship, we work in and for the church. We acknowledge that we are Christians. We kind of get into automatic mode in our faith and in our service to God. Don't misunderstand me, 'automatic' gets us through a lot and much is accomplished for the church and the community—it gets us there. But do we acknowledge the fact that our lives should be lived in the fact that God, in Christ, and through His spirit is there—sitting beside us in all we do—encouraging us, caring for us, helping us and ready to gently point out when we go astray, but also ready to get us back on the right track?

I drive now with an unseen driving instructor beside me, making sure I concentrate fully on driving and that my wing mirrors will remain intact! And so, too, in our lives as God's people. His unseen presence is always alongside us, behind us, ahead of us. And we need to remember this in all we say and do.

St Matthew 28 v20 "And surely, I am with you always, to the end of the age"

Winnie Robson

### **From our Locum Minister**

Dear friends and Church family,

I cannot believe it's over a year since I first started Pastoral Care for Cheviot Churches. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many people, and I have tried to get round as many as possible. If you think it's a while since I have visited, it won't be long till I'm calling again.

June – well it's certainly not Flaming! Anything but. However, that did not stop us having a very relaxed and friendly 'Kirking of the Principals' on the 9<sup>th</sup>. I do hope that Stefan and Emma have enjoyed their Festival Week and will go on to enjoy their time as Bari Gadgi and Bari Manushi. Hopefully the weather will pick up soon.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege and the honour of conducting the ‘Harvest of the Lambs’ and the Kirking Services. It is lovely to get into all your churches, which are, all in their own way, very nice.

I was reminded the other day of one of Aesop’s very old fables. The story of the North Wind and the Sun. The story goes that the North wind and the sun argued about who was the strongest. When they couldn’t agree they decided to have a competition. They saw a traveller on the road and competed to see who could get his coat off. The North wind blew a ferocious gale that threatened to rip the trees out of the ground and the coat off the man’s back, plus there was rain, hail, sleet and snow mixed in. The result was the man buttoned his coat tighter round him, turning up the collar and huddling in for warmth. The North wind eventually gave up and the sun came out. The air was still and soon warmed up. The traveller became uncomfortable and opened the buttons and eventually could bear the heat no longer so took his coat off. Aesop’s fables always have a moral and this one is that a sour and wintry disposition provokes people to resist but a little warmth and kindness will win folks’ trust.

Jesus told us to love our neighbour as ourselves showing kindness to those around us. It may seem a small thing to do and the results are sometimes not as obvious as in the story of the North wind and the sun, but we can all pray about situations which trouble us in our world. Our Prayer Group which meets weekly pray for people and events in our local community and the wider world. They report that many prayers are being answered. Let us always remember our loved ones in Prayer.

Thank you to the people who let me know who is ill, or in hospital. Please keep doing so and I will do my best to see them all.

Hoping you all have a glorious summer, whether at home or away. God bless you all.

Your locum minister,  
Liz Findlay.

## **MOVING ON**

One of the things I said at my first meeting with the Nominating Committee was that it was really important that the congregation should be kept informed of what was happening. In the event, it’s not quite as straightforward as it sounds because of the confidential nature of a lot that has to be done. It may seem that not a lot was going on when, in fact, the very diligent committee members were meeting, discussing, planning, considering expressions of interest and other matters as they arose—always mindful that the

congregation had charged them with this task and mindful, too, that, in the end, the main focus was that God's will should be done.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to say that after meeting and considering the application from Rev Colin Johnston and hearing him leading worship, the committee unanimously agreed to invite Colin to be sole nominee for Cheviot Churches. As a former Missionary Partner of Jedburgh Presbytery, he is known to people round about and he has a great affection for the area and it was good to meet up with him again—he has a lot to give.

**Accordingly, the committee invited Colin to lead worship at a joint service in Yetholm Kirk at 11.00am on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

A warm invitation is invited to everyone to come and voting will take place following the service as the congregation make their decision. Only those who are full members of Cheviot Churches according to the Attested Roll may use the official voting slip which will be issued on the day, but, there is provision for adherents and others who worship regularly and play a part in the life of the church to be part of this. If this applies to you, please be in touch with the acting Session Clerk.

So, yes, we are moving on bit by bit and in the end, it's the congregation who makes the decision—as, indeed it should be! But a big thank to you all for your continuing prayers for the process. Don't stop yet!!

Winnie Robson

### **Christian Aid Week.**

Thank you everyone who helped deliver the envelopes this year and to those who returned them with a donation. With a few late gifts to add it looks as if the total will be around £820 which while less than last year is still a very creditable amount and worth the effort especially from the folk who went back to collect the envelopes. Tenneh and the other mums-to-be in Sierra Leone will give thanks too for your generosity.

### **Morebattle's New Recreation Ground**

**Good News** Kalewater Community Company have finally purchased the field after many months working with Solicitors. The next step as per Planning Permission conditions an Archaeological Survey has to take place and we have been successful in gaining Grant Funding from the SBC Community Fund which will hopefully allow the Survey to take

place in the next few months. We would like the Community to get involved especially the School Children. Mr. Lindsay Morebattle Headteacher has already shown an interest and also for the Planting Schedule later on. We would like to increase our membership which is free of charge and this also helps with Grant Funding.

The Strip of Land to connect the Village Hall and the Pedestrian Access to the Field has been gifted by Craig and Michelle Anderson, Templehall which is very much appreciated.

If anyone wishes more details please contact Eric McNulty or Catherine and John Mabon.



Hownam Kirk.  
Songs of Praise.  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. 6.30 p.m.  
Please join us for a Family Service.

### **Gift Aid and FWO Envelopes**

A fresh supply of FWO (free will offering) envelopes should be delivered to you in time for the first Sunday of July. Please let myself or Brian Kelly know if you do not receive yours in time, or if you no longer require them. As a result of updating our records, you may find that your number has changed.

For tax claim purposes I also need to update Gift Aid information that I hold securely for you, such as any change of address, or if for any reason

you may no longer wish or be in a position to give under the Gift Aid scheme. This could be because you are not paying sufficient tax for us to claim back from HMRC.

Gift Aid forms a really important part of the church's income. Last year we were able to claim back £10000 from HMRC so if you are in a position tax wise to do so and do not do so at present, it is a very painless way for the church to increase its income.

If in doubt please contact me in person, by email ([romiescott@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:romiescott@tiscali.co.uk)), by phone (01573 420612), or letter (2 The Yett, Kirk Yetholm, TD5 8PL).

Romie Scott

### **The story of the Wauchope Hall and its part in the Great Yetholm Schism.**

This year, 2019, is the centenary of the Wauchope Hall. One hundred years ago the Hall was given to Yetholm for use as a public hall by Mrs Wauchope, widow of General Andrew Wauchope, who had died at the Battle of Magersfontein in 1899. Later this year there will be a centenary exhibition at the Wauchope Hall to mark this anniversary. However, just over one hundred years earlier, in 1818, after a major falling-out among Yetholm church-goers, the building now called the Wauchope Hall was constructed as a new church. It belonged to a group of worshippers who in 1818 called themselves 'New Licht Burghers.' Later, in 1820, they became the United Secession church, and later, in 1847, United Presbyterians. In its final years as a church, it was known as the Broadview Church. The falling-out between the new congregation and its parent church was a major event in Yetholm, dividing the village and beyond and lasting from 1814 to 1817. It is now forgotten, but two hundred years later, it is worth reminding ourselves that Yetholm was not always as neighbourly and peaceable as it is now.

The Presbyterian Church of Scotland has been notorious for the 'stiff-neckit' controversies among its members that, from time to time, have split the church and its congregations. This is not, of course, true of the present welcoming congregations of the Cheviot Churches, but in the past Yetholm has taken a full part in ecclesiastical controversies. The story starts in 1785 when William Blackie was named as the new minister of Yetholm Parish kirk. A majority of the congregation objected that the Rev. Blackie had been appointed by the powerful landowners of the parish rather than elected by the congregation. In protest, they stopped

going to the parish kirk and formed a breakaway church called the 'Associate Burghers'. In 1787, this group 'convened in the house of Mr Wm Dods Inn keeper in Yetholm' and appointed Mr Robert Shirra as their minister. They built a meeting house, in the teeth of opposition from local landowners, at the top of Dow Brae (where the former St James Church now stands). Thus, in 1787, Yetholm had two churches instead of one. It was soon to add a third, the former Wauchope Hall.

For about 25 years, the Rev. Robert Shirra seems to have been a respected and successful minister at the 'Associate Burgher' meeting house on Dow Brae. The meeting house seated 600 persons and is said to have been often full. His manse was probably an earlier version of Harry Robson's house, Shirrafield. However by 1814 tensions were becoming apparent. The Rev Shirra was clearly a man of strong and, perhaps, increasingly old-fashioned views. He was also irascible and did not like his authority questioned. New ideas about some of the founding texts of the Presbyterian Church were spreading among what were called the 'New Licht' Secessionists, but the Rev Shirra was decidedly 'Auld Licht.' The kirk session records for Shirra's church, now housed in the Scottish Borders Archive, are written by Shirra himself and bear witness over pages and pages of rapidly written text to his outrage when some of his church Elders (that is, the representatives of his congregation) questioned his views. He accused the rebels of being 'guilty of demolishing and overthrowing the scriptural principles of the reformation contained in her Standards. . . they have done more than ever the new light synod did . . . they revolted from God altogether & set up the calf of their own making; and . . . in dispensing with such discipline and ordinances must bring down on them and that congregation the curse of God. . .' It is clear Shirra also had more personal grievances with his Elders; he complained that even with a necessitous family he 'never had a farthing added to [his stipend] since he came among them' (27 years previously).

Shirra's dispute with his rebellious Elders is complicated by the fact that some of the rebel Elders had possession of his church's most essential goods, including the key and deeds of the meeting house. In July 1815, a deputation of obedient Elders was sent by Shirra to consult with the rebels 'about getting the books of the managers, rights of the meeting-house, chests for holding the money of the congregation, tent in which they preached, key of the meeting-house, and such things, out of this and others hands' (underlining in the original). Not so, replied the rebels, insisting they would only give up the items 'on condition they [Shirra's church] would give them a line from our [that is, Shirra's] hand declaring

they had a joint interest in them with ourselves.’ Perhaps the rebel Elders were thinking of claiming not only the books and the preaching tent, but possibly also the meeting house itself for their own church.

In this audacious bid, the rebels were unsuccessful. By Dec 1815 a sheriff’s order required that the rebels surrender books, tent, keys, deeds and money back into the hands of Shirra and his congregation. The rebels however were determined enough, and there were enough of them to found their own church within a year and a half (it is said 200 persons left Shirra’s church). Throughout 1817 the rebels that had split from Shirra’s ‘Associate Burgher’ congregation met on Sundays in a building that belonged to Robert Elliot, a brewer in Yetholm. It is very likely that this was the building still known as the ‘Old Brewery’ in Town Yetholm. The new congregation was supplied with regular preachers by the ‘New Licht’ Burgher Presbytery in Coldstream. By 1818 the new Yetholm congregation had raised enough money to fund a minister of their own and pay shortly afterwards for the building of the church that is now the Wauchope Hall. On 1<sup>st</sup> April 1818, in a tent at Coldstream, the Rev. Walter Hume was ordained minister to the ‘New Licht’ congregation at Yetholm. It was noted that the day was so cold that one of the ministerial addresses had to be cut. The new minister was provided with a manse, the ‘Old Vicarage’ (Alastair Turnbull’s old house).

A marble tablet to Walter Hume who died in 1861 in his 78th year and to his young successor, the Rev. Ebenezer Whyte who died in 1863 aged only 33, is now in the grounds of Yetholm History Society’s Old Mission Hall. It was once on the wall of his church, but when the building became the Wauchope Hall, the tablet was moved to the garden of the Old Manse and from there has been placed in the safe keeping of the History Society. The Rev. Robert Shirra continued to minister to his rather reduced congregation in the meeting house at the top of Dow Brae until 1840 when he died aged 82, having served in Yetholm for 53 years.

**If anyone has any photographs, programmes or mementoes of any kind of the Wauchope Hall or of events in the Hall, which you would be willing to share with us and allow us to copy for the centenary exhibition, please contact either Peter Snell, Chair of the Wauchope Hall Committee (420499), or Elizabeth Watson of Yetholm History Society (420602).**

## **MOREBATTLE CAMERA CLUB**

It's Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 and seven people are gathered in a room in the Morebattle Institute. One of those present is attempting to demonstrate the rudiments of digital photography.

It is the first meeting of Morebattle Camera Club!

Some time earlier in the year the Community Council had circulated a questionnaire, asking villagers to suggest activities they would welcome in the village. It seems that several people thought they would like something to do with photography, a course perhaps, or maybe a club.

As a result the Community Council invited any of those so interested to come the next Council meeting. We were few in number but we did agree to arrange a meeting to set up a photography club.

We met, as you may gather, on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and after the digital demo we sorted out a chairman, a treasurer and date for the second meeting.

When we came together a month later our number had grown to eleven. It must have been at this meeting that we rashly decided to have an exhibition during Morebattle Festival week. I may be mistaken, but if we had left it another month it would have been an extremely rash decision. June to August wouldn't have given us much time, but more of that later.

Our main problem was that we needed to display our photos at our monthly meetings and our only option was to print our efforts and then prop the prints up on a table for members to see and discuss. We had no way to display the images digitally, other than showing on a borrowed laptop. All this changed at the end of the year when Morebattle Church provided the necessary funds to purchase a digital projector for the Institute.

When I said that the holding of an exhibition was a 'rash' decision I wasn't joking. At the time we had not only no exhibits but no way to display them. The members came up trumps however, with a very nice selection of their photos and the backs of the two 8 x 4 sheets of ply that were propped up in the Institute office, clamped in a couple of lightweight folding workbenches, solved the other problem. (I say 'backs of' because the boards had paintings on the other side!)

All this was so successful that we held another exhibition in 2008.

2009 was an important year for the Club. Two grants allowed us to purchase a computer, a laptop and a printer and we built four double sided display screens that we have used every year since, not only to hang our annual Festival Exhibition but to display, in the Institute, an ever changing selection of member's photographs throughout the year.

Membership has settled to about twenty right through the twelve years we've been in existence, (but we always have space for more.) Oh, and of that original group of seven, four are still active members.

Dick Warren

**The editorial team would like to thank all of you who have contributed articles, photographs and information for this edition of The Cheviot.**

## **MOREBATTLE VILLAGE HALL HISTORY**

Morebattle Village Hall was built in 1780 with materials from Gateshaw Brae Church and was superseded in 1866 with a new church now known as St. Aidans. The Hall eventually became St. Lawrence Hall and then in 1930 St. Aidans Hall, then in 1979 became the Village Hall (see U.F. Church History Below)

**TITLE** - Morebattle (Gateshaw) Associate session (United Associate Session, United Presbyterian, United Free Church).

In 1737 a number of praying societies located in Morebattle and the surrounding areas gave an accession to the associate presbytery and two years later, in March 1739, the boundaries of the congregation of Morebattle associate session, which served as the mother church of the Border Counties, were agreed upon. The arrangement being that the Morebattle charge would cover an area eight miles to the south of Gateshaw and seven miles North and East of Stichel. John Hunter, the first minister of Morebattle associate session, was ordained in 1739 however he died in the following year and a few months after his death the congregation was divided into two, to form the district congregations of Morebattle and Stichel. The first church of the Morebattle associate session, which was erected at Gateshaw, was not built until 1749 and it is believed that prior to this time services must have been conducted in the open air. In 1780 the place of worship was removed to Morebattle, where

a new church was erected. Seated for 400 and this building was superseded in 1866 when a new church was built at a cost of over £1000, close to the sight of the old church. In 1847 Morebattle associate session became part of the United Presbyterian Church. Following the union of the United Presbyterian Church and the Free Church of Scotland, Morebattle U.P was renamed Morebattle Gateshaw Brae and in 1907 Morebattle Gateshaw Brae U.F. was united with the congregation of Morebattle St. Lawrence. After the local union, under the name of Morebattle U.F, the former Gateshaw Brae Church was retained for worship. Upon the 1929 union of the United Free Church of Scotland and the Church of Scotland, Morebattle U.F. became Morebattle St. Aidan's Church of Scotland and further union followed in 1952 with the congregation of Morebattle St. Lawrence, to form the session of Morebattle Church of Scotland. In 1963 a link was established with the linked charge of Hownam and Yetholm and in 1972 Morebattle and Hownam were united together under the name of Morebattle and Hownam. The link with Yetholm continued after this union and the congregation of Morebattle and Hownam Church of Scotland remains active today, under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Jedburgh.  
Researched by John Mabon, Morebattle Village Hall.

#### Keframa School Build – Phase One Opening Day

Many of you have followed the story of Keframa High School near Lira, Northern Uganda, that our family have been involved with.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 was a huge celebration for Keframa High School. After many months, the new school structure was finally opened! Since September 2018, construction has been taking place on the new school site by teams of local people – having a huge beneficial impact on the community and surrounding economy. The Opening Day was a wonderful time to join with the staff, students, local friends and honoured guests to celebrate what has been achieved so far

The Bishop of Lango, Rt Rev Prof Alfred Olwa as well as the representative of the Minister of Education and Sports, gave messages of support. Some of the Keframa School Build UK team were also present and were able to join in the festivities as the students celebrated in true Ugandan style, with music, song and dancing.



Picture of Jimmy Francis (School Director) on the opening day

So far, we have raised over £250,000 which has enabled the first phase of the school to be built, including a large hall, library, laboratories, office space, a water system, toilets and a kitchen.

Our aim over the next two years is to assist the Governors to raise the standard of education through investment in the staff, equipping the school with basic facilities such as lab equipment and textbooks and simple IT. This will require significant funding.

The new buildings are sufficient to double pupils to 300 over the next two years. The governors will continue to long term plan to utilise the site and increase capacity to 500. Funding this growth is our long- term challenge. Whilst some students can now afford school fees, the ethos of the school is to provide education for those from poor rural families and so we need to find sponsorship for more students. Currently we run a small sponsorship program in which every penny goes directly to the school in support of the student's education.

If you would like further information about this please look at our website, [www.keframaschoolbuild.co.uk](http://www.keframaschoolbuild.co.uk).

Join us by supporting our bike ride from London to Paris, this month  
<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/bike-keframa>

Get involved by hosting a coffee morning, running a 10k or marathon (or sponsoring those who can!)

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Beverley-Hegde>

Come to our Garden Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Sacrista Prebend in Southwell, 3-5pm, and hear more of the opening day for phase one of the build, see a short film taken on the opening day, and learn of our plans going forward

Children are waiting for a sponsor, Consider, sponsoring a student (see website for further details)

Save the date, for a Barn Dance in September ...details to follow



**With thanks from the Keframa  
School Build team  
Reg.charity no.  
1178686**

## **Hownam and Morebattle Guild.**

Our theme for last session was 'Finding the Way' and we were certainly led through many interesting and diverse situations. In October Street Pastors opened our eyes to many problems not too far from home. In November, our guest night, the Rev. Anna Rodwell led us on a contemplative journey along The West Highland Way with all the adventures encountered and friendships formed. December was our annual Christmas lunch. January brought Liz Findlay who shared the memories of the peace that she found on Iona - in addition to fun and fellowship. In February, Prebendary Bob King took us along on a coach tour sharing the beauty and brokenness of the Holy Land along with food and friendships enjoyed by the party.

We hosted the World Day of Prayer in Morebattle Kirk in March and ended the session with our Coffee Morning to raise funds for the church. An interesting, informative and enjoyable year. Our new session begins in October. Look out for details as we meet 'Companions on the Road.'

Anne Brown.

## **A few words from the retiring Guild National Convener**

My year as National Convener has now come to an end, I was overwhelmed to receive this honour. It was my pleasure to undertake many visits during the year meeting many members and without exception was made very welcome. This lived up to part of our aim of fellowship and friendship and was not dependent on the numbers attending. It was interesting to see the different approaches to the meetings; I came away heartened that "where there are 2 or 3 gathered in my name there am I".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers during this past year and particularly on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May when I had to give the Guild Report at the General Assembly. It was a great feeling to know that I had many Guild friends behind me on the day. I would like to thank all those who participated in my Convener's challenge and hope that those involved enjoyed it.

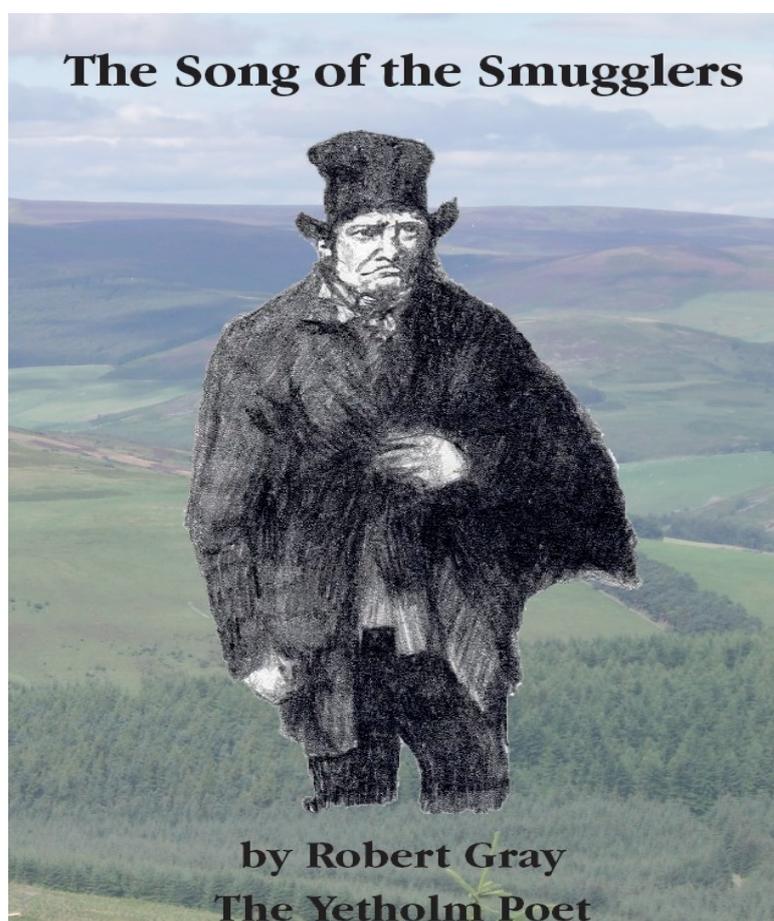
On the evening, of the Big Sing, which I hope those attending enjoyed, my thanks go to all who participated, the sum of £3,437.05 was raised, which will be added to the offerings uplifted at the previous Big Sings this session to replace a church roof in Mzuzu, Malawi.

Those of you who meet during the winter I wish a relaxing break and hopefully pleasant summer weather. To those of you meeting at present may you enjoy a fruitful session.

As I sign off, I take this opportunity to thank you for all your kindness to me and wish you all the best for the future as the Guild moves forward with the changes in the constitution that have been agreed. I know that you will give our new National Convener, Marian Macintyre, the same support.

Every blessing to you all

Patricia Robertson



### **The Song of the Smugglers**

When Will Fa' II, king of the Yetholm gipsies, died in 1847 newspaper accounts of his death included an interview with his daughter Esther, who quoted a poem about her aged father and his exploits as a gin smuggler:

There was canny Will Fa' of Kirkyetholm,  
An' he was the King o' the band;  
As he was returning from Boomer  
He got a sair slash in the hand.  
We'll a' away to Boomer, to Boomer,  
We'll a' away for gin;  
We'll a' away to Boomer, to Boomer,  
As hard as our horses can rin.

'Boomer' is Boulmer, the small fishing hamlet east of Alnwick notorious as a place where gin smugglers from Holland landed their cargo. What was particularly intriguing was that the poem was attributed to 'the Yetholm Poet' – could this be another piece by Robert Gray, the wandering poet whose work I had edited a couple of years earlier? And was it possible to find more verses of the song?

Sure enough, after a bit of rummaging more and more verses began to turn up, each of them about a different character involved in smuggling gin from the Northumberland coast into Scotland. There was another man from Yetholm – Archy Purvis – and a couple from Lempitlaw – 'Gley'd Tam' and 'Red Nebbit Rob'. Others came from slightly further afield – Jamie Tackets o' Hawick, Tam Elliot o' Appletree Hall, Jock the Deck o' Denholm, Awd Bob Dunn o' the Forest (near Rothbury) ... and others. Further research showed that most of the named characters were, like Will Fa', real people who were born in the late eighteenth century and were active in the early nineteenth. Perhaps the most intriguing was 'Blind Wull Balmer o' Jethart', about whom a lot is known. He was, as his name suggests, blind, but this didn't stop him leading an active and independent life – his main occupation was as a fiddler, but he was also a fine horseman, horse-dealer, and smuggler; he is said to have got into a fight with excise men near Hownam and to have got the better of them. In the end a lot of information about these forgotten but fascinating characters began to accumulate, as well as about the techniques people used to smuggle gin and whisky into the country. I have assembled it (along with illustrations) into a short book called *The Song of the Smugglers*, available from shops in Yetholm. At only £3 it's a bargain.

Happy memories!

I started at Yetholm Primary School as a newly qualified teacher just over 50 years ago. The following story seems to me just what a rural, farming community in which we live. The Head Teacher at that time taught the senior pupils in Primary 6 and 7. The children had been asked to write about various emergency situations and what they would do if they found

themselves or others in any of these situations. One of the scenarios involved someone falling into the Bowmont (in spate, I suppose). The pupil wrote the following: I would drag them from the river, lay them on their belly and apply artificial insemination.

Carolyn Kelly

### **Positive Press – Morebattle Primary School – June 2019**



Our new outdoor classroom!

#### **Achievements of children/classes/the whole school.**

Evie has passed her recent Highland dancing exam. Mary and Tamara were successful prize winners at the Stob Stanes ride out, Mary for youngest rider and Tamara for best turned out. Sophie S is about to receive a new badge for brilliant gymnastics. Malachy is making good use of his new C-pen which he uses brilliantly in class. Jennifer, Rowan, Martha, Jenny, Beth, Douglas, Henry and Callum received special achievement awards for great work in school. Danielle has done really well in her reading, noticed by her teacher (Mrs Wauchope). Keira has gone up a level and gets a new belt for her Tae-Kwando. Hamish has been learning three new songs on the chanter. Great work everyone!

#### **Examples of the great learning that has been going on.**

In maths P3-4 have been learning how to work with different types of graphs. They have also been enjoying reading Swallows & Amazons, along with skills such as toasting marshmallows, putting up a tent and building sailing boats (and testing them!) They have also been learning about joined-up writing. P5-7 have been learning about producing,

marketing and selling snack-food products. They have also been fly-fishing with Tweedstart, learning about the life on and in the river. They raised money from a £5 challenge, giving some to charities and also paying for a fun water day in school.

### **School news or changes.**

We have welcomed some new pupils – Harry (P1), Tyler (P2), Danielle (P4), Dylan (P5) and Alfie (P6). It is great to have them with us here at Morebattle. Mrs Cowe has gone on maternity leave – we wish her well. She will shortly be joined by Miss Ferguson, who is also expecting a new addition to her family. Good luck to them both! We have a new outdoor classroom which the children are excited about. We had a grand opening followed by an afternoon tea, at which P5-7 sold their fabulous products. Our Junior Janitors Hamish and Malachy worked with our janitor, Mr Currie, to put up two lovely new bird-boxes. P3-4 have recently been on a class trip to Coldstream Mains farm, owned by Mr MacGregor. All the children have had their ‘moving-up’ day, meeting new classmates and teachers. All very exciting!

### ***Events we have had or are going to have.***

P3-4 are going on a trip to Harestanes soon, whilst P1-2 are heading to Mainstreet Trading Book Shop. Primary 5-7 went to Heatherslaw where they learned about making bread and had a ride on the steam train. Sports Day is coming up very shortly, which the children are looking forward to – let’s hope the sun shines! P3-4 were successful in a competition and won a ‘Big Breakfast’ for the class – they enjoyed sausages in rolls, fruit salad, porridge, toast and cereal – wow! They also have presentations to deliver to the class in the next couple of weeks. The children (and staff!) are looking forward to the summer holidays.

### **Deadline**

**Please submit articles (including photographs) for the next edition of The Cheviot to a member of the editorial team by 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

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## Yetholm Primary School



The positive press team for met to share news about Yetholm Primary School. The team this term is led by Rosie, with Finn, Abbie, Fern and Will also on the team.

In our classes we have been learning:

P1-2 have been practising their throwing and catching – we’re trying to get ready for Sports Day in a days weeks’ time.

P3-4 been developing their handwriting – we’re working hard on neat, joined script.

P5-7 have been developing their skills in grammar and punctuation – we’re working on commas and clauses.

Children from the shared P1/2 and 3/4 classroom have all been studying the River Tweed. They were delighted to have eels in the classroom to look after and care for, learning about the life cycles and why eels are declining in number. The children learned about them, how to conserve them and how to look after them and now they have been released back into the river.

The team wanted to highlight some of their peers who have been doing really well in their learning:

Emma has been flying high with her spelling, getting everything right in her tests.

Corey and Archie have run very well in the 60m and 350m races in PE.

Joe is “powering through” his mental maths learning just now

Ryan has overcome a fear of the water and can now swim a width of the pool (with a little help!)

It's a super-busy time of the school year:

P5 went to the Countryside Day – a chance to learn about the world around them, including farming, fishing and country crafts.

P6/7 enjoyed a Tweedstart day – learning about river life, the fish and the skills of fly fishing.

Litter Pick – The Eco-team have been on a mission to reduce waste and litter. They want to create a really clean and tidy school environment for all.

Road Safety – The Junior Road Safety Officers (Caitlin and Emma) have written a letter to try and help get our flashing safety signs more visible to drivers.

As we write we are in the midst of Festival Week – classes prepared their decorated ducks and model stick people ahead of the visit of the Principals and the activities of Yetholm festival week. It was great to welcome Emma and Stefan to the school.

We continue to work in the wildlife area and to grow in the school allotment.

Cool Club has started again – great to work with our friends from the church.

But, by far the biggest news in recent weeks is the arrival of a GIGANTIC egg from one of our chickens! It was huge!! And when we cracked it open it was a double yolker!

## **The Morebattle and Yetholm Windfall Fund**

The Morebattle and Yetholm Windfall Fund has now raised over £2100 this year, with £2065 already distributed or earmarked for organisations within the 2 villages. This is a great result and a huge thanks to everyone who has helped make this possible. There is still apple juice available at both village shops and at The St Cuthbert's Coffee Stop. A selection of flavours of Thistlycross cider is also available at The Templehall Hotel, The Border Hotel and at Yetholm Village Shop.

There have been some changes of ownership at Thistlycross since last year but I have been assured that the apple exchange will continue as before and therefore plans are already underway for this year's harvest. If anyone reading this has apples they can spare or time they can spare to pick apples or transport them to Dunbar please get in touch with any committee member. The committee consists of Roddy Murray, Susan

Stewart, Helen Cessford, Nicky Stevens and Karen Cree. Collection boxes will be available again this year in prominent locations in both Yetholm and Morebattle for donations of picked apples. Application forms are welcomed in December and January each year from local organisations which enhance life in Morebattle, Yetholm and the surrounding area for locals and visitors alike. Regular updates regarding the Windfall Fund appear on our Facebook Page @MYwindfallfund.

### **Report on the General Assembly**

It was a privilege to have been asked to represent us at the General Assembly (Commissioner 120, should you care to know). I was deeply impressed by how the Moderator, the Rev. Colin Sinclair, conducted business in a manner both politely and timeously. It was very interesting to meet people from other parishes and learn how they are approaching worship and pastoral care.

The Assembly voted to enact the Radical Action Plan, which will mean, among other things, a reduction of the number of Presbyteries from 45 to around 12; a reduction in the running costs of 121 George Street by 20-30% (mostly through amalgamating councils to make one “outward” and one “inward” council); a greater concentration on hub ministries and the sharing of resources; the appointment of a Board of 12 Trustees and to seek for person of suitable experience as an executive manager.

Two votes were too close for the Moderator to call by the usual method of standing. These were a vote on disinvestment from petrochemical companies, which was defeated, and a vote on ensuring gender parity on the next Board of Trustees (when the votes came it, nine men and three women had been elected). This too failed on a full vote. Several ministers and elders lodged their objection to the former.

Let me be clear: change is coming. It will not always be comfortable. The Council on fabric certainly made it clear we could no longer sustain as many buildings. But, as I have said before, the Church is an anvil that has worn out many hammers. If we progress in faith, if we go forward knowing God is behind us, nothing in front of us should daunt us.

Stuart Kelly

### **Article by the Acting Session Clerk**

Instead of writing the usual report on the Kirk Session meeting and of the Annual Stated Meeting I have decided that for this edition of the Cheviot I will outline my views and feelings on the current position of the Church of Scotland, in general and the position of Cheviot churches in particular. I feel it is important to stress that these are my own views and not the views of the Session.

Whether or not you are a member of the church you cannot help but be aware of the current dilemmas facing the Church nationally and locally. For years now the church has been experiencing falling membership and falling income. The Church nationally is well aware of this and at the recent Assembly outlined its plans on how to address some of the problems at a national level. Most importantly it passed the motion to enact the Radical Action Plan( see the report on the Assembly by Stuart Kelly in this edition of the Cheviot) The main thrust of this was how to reduce the cost of administering the Church of Scotland.

Like churches all over Scotland, Cheviot Churches is facing the same dilemmas, falling roll and falling income. There is a good Scottish saying that ‘facts are chieils that winna ding’ so here are some of the facts as I see them.

At present there are not enough ministers to serve all the parishes in Scotland and the advisory figures from the Assembly is that Jedburgh Presbytery, of which we are part, the number of ministers should go from 10.5 to 6.2. To make matters more difficult at present there are only 5.75 due to vacancies and this will drop to 4.75 this week. While there are a number of people such as readers who do a great job filling in, the absence of ordained ministers puts a huge added strain on those left trying to cover their own parishes and help out elsewhere. Here in Cheviot Churches despite having been a vacant charge for over two years we have been very fortunate to have been helped by very good interim moderators and locums and also members of the congregation who have been prepared to lead worship and especially the Rev Ian Clark who has stepped up when a service contained a sacrament.

The membership of Cheviot Churches at 31/12/2018 was 292 full members, 27 supplementary members and 23 adherents. This seems to a reasonably healthy position for a small rural parish. These figures are however, in my opinion, misleading in that they disguise the fact that of that membership the average combined attendance at Sunday worship across all our churches is just around 70, which means that around 75% of those in full membership are not attending worship. I have always subscribed to the belief that not all Christians are in church and I am well aware that times have changed and lifestyles and work patterns have changed. Many people, especially those in the retail and service sectors,

now find that they have to work on Sundays and that many families with young children find that Sunday morning is taken up by ferrying youngsters to sports practices or matches or to pursue their hobbies. Perhaps it is time for a more radical approach to the times of Church services. The fact remains that the fewer people who are in church the fewer who hearing the word of God and the less the Church receives in offerings. I am also aware that the church service is not the only way that the church and its members contribute to the life of its parish. Many people are doing excellent work in terms of the social aspects of the life of the community and that is to their credit and the benefit of the parish.

I also firmly believe that in the hectic times, in which we now live, the Sunday morning service is a time of peace, tranquility and fellowship which certainly allows me to re-charge my batteries for the week ahead and I leave the service in a much happier frame of mind. Not only does it re-enforce my relationship with God but provides the added benefit of good social interaction with my friends and neighbours. (Especially on cake Sunday)

In terms of the finances of Cheviot Churches, for many years now the Church has generated a loss year on year to the extent that now have no reserves available. Last year, despite excellent fund raising work by the Ways and Means committee the church had a deficit of around £8000 that is about a weekly loss of £160. Clearly this cannot continue and if it does we would run out of money before the end of this financial year.

To balance the books we need to increase our income and decrease our expenditure. The best way to increase our income is for more people to attend church or if your life structure prevents this then perhaps you could make out a monthly direct debit. A £5.00 a month direct debit from those unable to attend would make a huge difference especially if they are a tax payers and we can claim back another £1.25 from HMRC. There has never been a more appropriate time for the phrase 'use it or lose it'.

In terms of reducing our expenditure, there is little we can do about our Mission and Ministry payments, which cover such things as the minister's stipend and are fixed by nationally by the Church of Scotland. Though it is only fair to point out that if the Radical Action Plan works then it is hoped that these payments can be reduced.

Basically that leaves us with the costs of the upkeep of the churches and we have five church buildings plus a manse all requiring money to be spent on them. Last year we spent £6454 on Council tax, £4526 on heating and lighting, £4872 on repairs and maintenance, £6774 on property insurance a grand total of £22626 on our buildings. Even allowing for the fact that the Council tax payment was inflated because the manse was empty the cost of the upkeep of so many buildings is huge and these figures were down on 2017 costs. Whether we like it or not we

either have substantially increase our income or cut the cost on the upkeep of our buildings and basically that means facing the unpleasant possibility of closing some of them.

Anyone who knows me cannot doubt my commitment to the Church of Scotland or Cheviot Churches but much as I hate to admit it things simply cannot go on the way they have been and we all share the responsibility for either turning things round financially or facing up to the consequences.

Brian Kelly

### **Morebattle Community Shop Update - June 2019**

It is now six months since we purchased Morebattle Community Shop and things are changing at a steady but calculated pace. With the help of the regular staff, Louisa, Linda and Hannah, and 15 volunteers who generously give their time freely we have been able to extend our opening hours to the following:

Monday to Friday 7.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday 7.00am to 4.00pm

Sunday 8.00am to 3.00pm

We have put new windows in which has greatly enhanced the light in the front shop. There is now a new door out into the back garden, watch this space for developments in the garden. There is a new notice board for local information and this has meant that there are no notices on the windows, again helping the light in the front shop. We have just bought a new chiller unit which will enable us to stock a greater range of products including locally sourced ready meals.

The Post Office outreach service continues to operate on a Monday and Thursday, please do try to use this service, the more it is used the easier it will be to keep.

I can't stress how lucky we are to have been afforded the opportunity to run our own community shop which is for the benefit of all so please use the shop as much as possible, the more it is used the better it will get.

Charles Symons  
Chair

## **What's On**

In every issue, we will feature news and upcoming events from around the parishes. Email your items to a member of the editorial team (page 19)

Coffee at the Kirk is held every Wednesday (May to September) from 10.30am to 12 noon in Yetholm Church.

Traidcraft orders can be placed and there is a play area for children. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers and visitors to the area.

Badminton every Monday at 7pm Village Hall Morebattle.

Morebattle Lunch Club meets in the Institute each Tuesday from 12 noon for lunch and a chat. All Welcome.

Light Exercise Class every Wednesday, 10.30am to 11.30am in Morebattle Village Hall. All Welcome.

Morebattle Camera Club meets first Wednesday of each month in the Institute at 7pm.

Use Your Talents Craft Group will meet every week from October 1st on a Monday afternoon in Yetholm Church from 2 – 4pm. All are welcome. £2 per session. (Resume September)

Toast Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8 – 9 am in Yetholm School. We have a separate fund to purchase bread, butter and juice and donations to support this worthwhile service are always welcome.

Yetholm Village Choir meets every Wednesday in Youth Hall Town Yetholm from 10.30 – 11.30am. New members always welcome. Resume August 21<sup>st</sup>)

Bowling every Friday at 7pm in Morebattle Village Hall.

Bowling every Friday and Monday in Wauchope Hall, Town Yetholm. Afternoon and evening sessions. (Resume October)

Badminton every Tuesday in Wauchope Hall Town Yetholm at 1.30pm. (Resume September)

## **July**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** Yetholm Village Gardens Open Day. Refreshments available.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** Morebattle Senior Citizens Trip to Alnwick. Leaves from top of village at 1pm.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** All day Coffee and Craft DeStash event in Youth Hall from 10 – 4pm.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** New Recreation Ground Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30am.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Yetholm Community Council meet at 7.30pm in Youth Hall.

## **August**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup>** Morebattle Festival Week with various events throughout week.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** Morebattle Games at The Tofts 1pm.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** Diabetic Scotland Coffee Morning in Village Hall 10.30am.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** Morebattle Open Gardens 1 – 4pm. Map and teas £3.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** Cherrytrees Cutting Garden Open Afternoon. Open 2 – 5pm. Entry £5 to include Tea and Biscuits.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Yetholm Gymkhana on The Haugh.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Society afternoon concert in Yetholm Church at 2.30pm. Entry £5.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Yetholm Community Council at 7.30pm in Youth Hall.

## **September**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** National Theatre Live Wauchope Hall at 7pm. Production TBC.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Fun Day at Yetholm Pavilion. Events all day for the family.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Morebattle S.W.I meet in Institute at 7.15pm. Art Class Demonstration with Rachel Collins. Competitions – Pate and Bud Vase.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** Yetholm Film Nights resume with “Fishermans Friends” (12A) at 7pm in Wauchope Hall. Entry £6.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** Morebattle Flower Show in Village Hall. Doors Open 3pm.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** Yetholm Community Council at 7.30pm in Youth Hall.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** National Theatre Encore Screening of “One Man Two Guvnors” at 7pm in Wauchope Hall. Entry £12.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning with 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wauchope Hall Exhibition in Wauchope Hall from 10.30am.

## Register

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**Deaths:** Keith Wilson, Margaret Paterson, Maurice Gibson, Douglas Hall, Pat Mackay, Louise Hurst, Jocelyn Todd.

**Baptisms:** Maisie Ivy Merida Freeland – Cook, Elspeth Morven Celia Smith.

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## Church Diary 2019

### July

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** Hownam Church Coffee Morning at 10.30am.  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** **Joint Service Yetholm Church 11am. (see page 5/6)**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Kirk Session meet at 7.30pm in Morebattle Church.  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.

### August

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am with Norwegian Visitors.  
Linton Church 11.15am.  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.  
Evening Songs of Praise Hownam Church 6.30pm.  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morning Worship Morebattle Church 11.15am.

### September

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Linton Church 11.15am.  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Live Streaming of Guild Annual Conference in Yetholm Church.  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Cheviot Churches Bingo Night in Morebattle Village Hall at 7pm.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** Cheviot Churches Sponsored Walk.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.  
Morebattle Church 11.15am.



**For further information on this event and to register your interest please look online at [bigsleepout.com](http://bigsleepout.com)**

**If you would like to bring a sleepout to your community all you need to do is choose a venue and we will support you with the rest. You can organise your sleep out in your back garden, porch, school grounds, private grounds of a company(with permission)or anywhere else that is safe and legal. These will be private events and only open to people you invite.**

## **Poste Restante**

BY R. S. THOMAS

I want you to know how it was,  
whether the Cross grinds into dust  
under men's wheels or shines brightly  
as a monument to a new era.

There was a church and one man  
served it, and few worshipped  
there in the raw light on the hill  
in winter, moving among the stones  
fallen about them like the ruins  
of a culture they were too weak  
to replace, too poor themselves  
to do anything but wait  
for the ending of a life  
they had not asked for.

The priest would come  
and pull on the hoarse bell nobody  
heard, and enter that place  
of darkness, sour with the mould  
of the years. And the spider would run  
from the chalice, and the wine lie  
there for a time, cold and unwanted  
by all but he, while the candles  
guttered as the wind picked  
at the roof. And he would see  
over that bare meal his face  
staring at him from the cracked glass  
of the window, with the lips moving  
like those of an inhabitant of  
a world beyond this.

And so back  
to the damp vestry to the book  
where he would scratch his name and the date  
he could hardly remember, Sunday  
by Sunday, while the place sank  
to its knees and the earth turned  
from season to season like the wheel  
of a great foundry to produce  
you, friend, who will know what happened.

## **Cheviot Churches Elders and Districts**

<b>Leslie Thomson</b>	West of Morebattle, Eckford and Crailing and various outlying.
<b>Jenny Flannigan</b>	Main Street, Heughhead and Renwick Gardens Morebattle.
<b>George Lees</b>	Mainsfield Avenue, Morebattle Mains and Whitton.
<b>Anne Brown</b>	Kale Valley and Hownam.
<b>Dot Halliday</b>	Linton.
<b>Trish Gentry</b>	Bowmont Valley.
<b>Graeme Watson</b>	Woodbank Road, Braeside Road, Cheviot Road.
<b>Pippa Emerson</b>	Grafton Road to Mission, Grafton Bank, Main St From Old Manse to Vennel before shop.
<b>John Thompson</b>	Morebattle Road/Main Street to White Swan inc Cheviot Place and The Crescent to Vennel after Shop.
<b>Susan Stewart</b>	Deanfield Place, Court, Road and Bank. Back Lane and Dairy Wood.
<b>Diane Gittus</b>	Romany House to Yewtree Road, Lane and Bank, Grafton Corner to Mission Hall, Duncanhaugh and Hayhope.
<b>Tom Tokely</b>	Main Street, Yetholm from butcher – School, Dow Brae, Venchen, Mindrum, Howtel, Downham and Wideopen.
<b>Carol Butler</b>	Kirk Yetholm Village and Halterburn.
<b>Arthur Bates</b>	The Yett, Shotton, Yetholm Mains and Harelaw.
<b>Ann Harvey</b>	Hoselaw, Cherrytrees, Lochside, Lochside farms and cottages, Old Graden, Graden, Hoselaw.
<b>Simon Oldham</b>	Mainhouse, Bankhead and Linton Hill.
<b>David Lang</b>	Teapot Street and Bank. Thimble Lane.
<b>Jimmy Fleming</b>	Kelso (part)
<b>Alan Calvert</b>	Kelso (part)
<b>Margaret McTavish</b>	Postal.

## Church Services (Normal)

**Yetholm** every Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

**Morebattle** every Sunday at 11.15 a.m. except  
1st Sunday when we meet at **Linton**.

**Hownam** is now irregular. Please check notices.

**Hoselaw** is open for private devotion at all times and hosts occasional services.  
Prayer Service from April will be held in Linton Church at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

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