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# CHEVIOT



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## **Prayer Corner**

### **Cheviot Churches Harvest Prayer**



God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **From the Manse**

Dear Friends,

It is Good-bye to summer, and this year summer was something of a wash-out, especially during the school holidays. But welcome to autumn, and autumn offers apples and crisp days and falling leaves in all their marvelous colours. It was certainly a crisp (and fortunately dry) morning when I made my way to Musselburgh to participate in the Kiltwalk in mid-September. There were several thousand participants walking for over 70 charities, and many were young. It was good to see their enthusiasm. Some were very colourfully dressed, and most wore some kind of tartan. It was good to walk through parts of Edinburgh I didn't know (Portobello prom to Leith Links before passing all the new developments at Granton to Silverknowes), before ending up at Murrayfield, five and a half hours later. It was 15 miles, and the last few miles were killers, but it was good to interact with fellow walkers and to know that many would benefit from the money raised for Christian Aid.

Harvest is a time we celebrate the bounty from the fields around us, and the farmers have certainly been busy getting the crops in. However, it is also a time to think of those whose harvest has failed or others who are struggling, and that is where agencies like Christian Aid come in, supporting those affected by earthquakes and floods such as in Morocco and Libya, but also empowering people and seeking to bring hope to those on the margins. This is a key theme in Old and New Testaments. Mary sings of an age of equity and justice, while the prophets like Micah remind the people to act justly and love mercy and walk humbly with God. It is always important to see the wider picture.

This autumn may you be: *the justice in the harvest, the sharing in the community, the hope in the neighbourhood.*

*May your gift of self be a blessing to many.*

*May you be the change the world needs:*

*The light in the shadows, the truth in the darkness, the healing in the hurt.*

*May your gift of self be a blessing to the world. For you need to be no other than yourself. It is enough.*

*(Roddy Hamilton)*

Peace and Blessings

Colin

### **Harvest Services**

1<sup>st</sup> October – 11.15 Linton Harvest (Yetholm service at 10am)

8<sup>th</sup> October – 11am United Harvest Communion Service in Yetholm Kirk

15<sup>th</sup> October – 11am United Harvest Service in Morebattle Kirk, followed by lunch at the Institute.

*Eternal God, You crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen.*

### **Remembrance**

Our Remembrance services this year will be:

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**11am at Hownam Kirk**

Rev Colin D Johnston (a chance to mark our remembrance on the 11/11 at 11am!)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

9.45 -Yetholm War Memorial (CDJ)

10am – Yetholm Kirk (CDJ)

11am – Morebattle War Memorial (IC)  
11.15 – Morebattle Kirk (CDJ)  
12.30 – Linton War Memorial (IC/CDJ)

### **Kiltwalk**

**Many thanks** to all who donated towards Colin's Kiltwalk. The sum of £ 810 plus was raised, though this figure will rise when Gift Aid is added. This will benefit Christian Aid, which works disadvantaged of the world.

### **Rev Robert Cranston**

Rev Colin was recently given two family bibles connected with Rev Robert Cranston who was minister of St Aidans (United Presbyterian) Church in Morebattle from 1815 till 1871. One was presented to Rev Cranston by his 'sabbath evening scholars' in 1820. The other is the family bible of the Smith family of Upper Chatto, into whose family a daughter married. There is also a silver tray given 'by the Ladies of the congregation' to Mrs. Cranston on the occasion of her husband's Jubilee, 50 years of his ministry in Morebattle.

An obituary pasted in one of the bibles tells of Robert Cranston's week: he 'gave two days to visiting... and four days in preparation for the pulpit'. He baptised nearly 900 children, and six of his young people went on to become ministers.

### **New Elders**

On 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023, three new elders, Catherine Mabon, Rae Redpath, and John Stobart, were ordained and admitted to the office of eldership in Cheviot Churches in services at Yetholm and Morebattle. It was a meaningful time, and we pray that they will be used mightily in God's service.

### **MOREBATTLE IN BLOOM – UPDATE**

After buying two new self-watering double planters at the end of last year our Funds were rather low.

Our first fund raiser was our popular Coffee Morning in May, the return of home baking was very welcome. Later in May we held a Plant Sale with supplies from our very friendly Nursery at Philiphaugh.

A large variety of Plants were available with plenty of choice – including hanging baskets.

With the help of some new members our Village is all planted up.

The two new self-watering tubs have become a great asset, especially in this very warm spell.

We now look forward to a colourful summer display.

A further fund-raising event took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We have encouraged 14 villagers to open their gardens for the afternoon.

A pleasant walk round the village will take in varied gardens large and small. Do hope you all enjoy the beauty of our village.

**Helen Cessford**

**(Apologies from the editor this piece was omitted from Summer edition)**

**Life and Work** magazine which comes out monthly is full of news – good and sometimes not so good – about what is happening in the churches throughout Scotland and beyond. It is interesting to read about initiatives taking place in both large and small congregations and although it concentrates on those within the Church of Scotland it is not exclusively so. The work of many organisations is featured, and I find it well worth the reading for the insights and encouragement within the pages. I know that many of our members do take it, but I would encourage those who don't to give it a try – either in paper form or online. There is often a spare copy in the churches or borrow one from a current subscriber. Orders for the subscription for next year will soon be asked for – Jill Mooney in Yetholm.

One of my favourite hymns is 220 in CH4, 'The day you gave us, Lord, has ended' - not quite the wording you may remember but that is nit picking as the meaning doesn't change. We tend to think of it as an evening hymn but as you read on down the verses it is apparent that it doesn't really matter what time of day and whenever the World Day of Prayer Service is held it is a must. It is that continuous unbroken circle of prayer and worship that I find so appealing. Place doesn't matter either and I once sang it quietly to myself on a plane high over another time zone on my way to New Zealand.

Throughout the Summer there is a weekly midweek prayer service in Linton Church. It is very informal and whoever is leading chooses music and shares readings/reflections of their choice and leads us in prayers for our world, our community, and our churches but especially for those who are ill or mourning or who never prayer support for so many, many reasons. And whereas place is not important Linton Church has a special atmosphere that lends itself to such a time of worship. Anyone is welcome to come along at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

However, we are conscious, the especially in the shorter days and possible worse weather that it can be difficult to access the little church on the hill so between the changing of the clocks in October and March we change times and venues to one of the 2 village church buildings. Check out the website or the service sheet notices for details. Also remember that there are prayer cards– with envelopes – for you to write prayer requests which can be taken forward to the service. We also take time to give thanks for answered prayer. However many or few it is important that, as it says in verse 3 of the hymn.

'The voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the song of praise away.

**Trish Gentry**

**Eco-congregation news.** The problem is with news is that it is new and often by the time items of local news arrive in my inbox there is very little time to pass it on to interested parties. Various organisations feed into the network, not just churches, and things are happening all the time either ‘in person’ or online. The Border are network covers a very large part of Southeast Scotland and tries to pass on news of events of local interest or of general importance. If you are interested in matters ecological, whether a church member or not the best option is to check out the website and possibly sign up for regular emails with them and the local network. You might be surprised at just what is going on and how your contribution is valued as policies are developed at the highest levels. As I write this there are consultations on Transport, land use and agriculture and buildings wanting input, topics important to a wide range of people.  
[www.ecogregationscotland.org](http://www.ecogregationscotland.org)

**Retreat** is something that has come up in some committee meetings lately – possible because we haven’t held on this year within Cheviot Churches and I’m not talking about going backwards but quite the opposite. A Retreat is an opportunity to explore and affirm our faith and previously small groups from our churches and friends from elsewhere have used the centre on Lindisfarne for a day or gone to Iona for a few days. It has been suggested that we might try somewhere else for a day in the late Spring of next year (no tides to worry about) and Yester/Gifford across the Lammermoor’s has been mentioned. The minister there is willing to accommodate us and there is nice walking in the area and a helpful cafe in Gifford. The use of a minibus has been part of the conversation.

Your sensible thoughts on these ideas or any other suitable suggestions would be very welcome to those willing to organise such a day. The ones to speak to are the members of the worship and mission committees preferably before the next Cheviot is due so a date can be fixed if there is sufficient interest.

**Trish Gentry**

### **Craft Group**

The Craft Group is now meeting again after the summer break, and we are looking forward to our Monday afternoons doing the things we enjoy and relaxing in a friendly and welcoming group. Knitting, crotchet, and sewing are the most popular crafts but there is plenty of space for more. We gain from each other’s ideas and experience and beginners will always be given a helping hand to get started. If you are interested, please come along to Yetholm Church between 2 and 4 pm on Monday afternoons. We would especially like to welcome any newcomers to the village – it’s a good way to meet people and make new friends. On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December we are planning to stage a little exhibition for anyone to come along to see our work and have a cup of tea – but please don’t feel you have to wait until then to get started!

**Diane Gittus**

## **Bible Garden at Elgin**

When you go on holiday you are never sure what to expect. Will the weather have a couple of sunny days, will there be a local restaurant, will the shower work? I'm pleased to report that my holiday on the Moray Coast fulfilled the brief perfectly, and with a surprise into the bargain.

When I looked at the local attractions the Bible Garden at Elgin stood out as a must see! It is situated near the town centre, with on street parking. Directly opposite are the ruins of the old abbey. These ruins are exactly what you would expect, piles of stones left over from a Christian heritage; but what would you expect in a Bible Garden?

What we found was an experience of peace and prayerful contemplation. This atmosphere was so unexpected, and so familiar. We sat and prayed beneath the cool of the trees.

Paths were laid out for different walks around a two-acre plot of trees, bushes, and the occasional statue. Every now and then a favourite bible text was placed on an artistic plaque. This led to conversations about what was our favourite Bible story and what that quote has meant to us over the years.

As an example. "The beauty of creation" announced a tile on a stone, with a mosaic of a colourful bird curling its way around the 'T. "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come," Song of Solomon 2:12. This was a new one for me, and made me think about how evolution took such a long time to create birds and flowers, that time its self is unknowable to my feeble mind. "All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flowers of the field. The grass wither and the flower fades,..but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40. 6-8. This was much more familiar, and deep love and respect for my God was prompted in my heart.

I encourage everyone to visit if you get the chance, and I want to say thank you to the volunteers and students whose handiwork in maintaining the garden we appreciated.

**Melanie Eve.**



## **Travels with the Rotary International President Heather McNally**

The Journey Continues.....

A while has passed, and many, many miles too, on our journey as President of Rotary International since my last bulletin. I will not list everywhere we have been, but it has included India, Australia, Brazil, Alaska, Italy, and France. We have been whale watching in Victoria B.C., eaten dinner in the Gatehouse of Edinburgh Castle, been thoroughly soaked at the impressive Iguacu Falls in Brazil, ridden in two helicopters, dog sledged on a glacier, done gardening in a nature reserve with someone on the lookout for bears, seen a 2023.5lb pumpkin (beat that, Yetholm Show!) and worn Zambian national dress. Our feet rarely touch the ground (or so it seems!) but the joy of meeting people all around the globe who are helping their fellow men is endless. The work being done by Rotarians to help those who struggle to help themselves is incredible. We have seen hospitals built by Rotary Clubs in India giving lifesaving and life changing care to those who can't afford it, schools given the help they need to give youngsters an education, eco projects to protect communities and supply water and sanitation – the list goes on and on. Rather than itemise too many places and events, please allow me to tell you about two special ones.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> – Bastille Day – we arrived in the town of Aubigny – sur – Nere, in France. To those who know us well, nothing very surprising there – France is a special place for us. But this was an exceptional time in Aubigny. The home of the Auld Alliance, the town was having a week of celebrations to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the said Alliance. The lordship of the town was first gifted to Sir John Stuart Darnley in 1423 as his reward for aiding King Charles VII of France in the Hundred Years war against the English. The town still celebrates the link every year – reference to the Stuarts is everywhere – from the Chateau de Stuarts to the plaque outside with the Fleur de Lys and Thistle, the Scottish Museum to the Pipe Band Championships and Festival which last a week every July. The town is more Scottish than anywhere in Scotland – there are stalls selling tartan, kilt races, pipe bands, fast food outlets selling haggis, neeps and tatties – you name it, it's there! Along with the local Mayor, Gordon laid flowers at the plaque and the Saltire was raised. Pipes played, then we sang a spirited rendition of La Marseillaise. We had an incredibly happy few days enjoying being part of the Auld Alliance, and it is now on our bucket list to return for the whole festival in the next year or two.

That led us on to Toulouse, and from there our travels continued, eventually ending up here in Rome, where we are as I write.

This morning was a very different experience – an early rise as we headed to the Vatican City, where we had the wonderful opportunity of being at His Holiness the Pope's regular Wednesday audience in St Peter's Square. We had tickets which meant we were granted the incredible privilege of being in the front row of what are locally known as the 'kiss his ring' seats, only yards from the Holy Father as he gave his homily. We sat looking out over the crowds in the Square – visitors from all over the world; groups of nuns from Africa, bishops and archbishops from many countries,



pilgrims, young couples wanting their nuptials to be blessed, small children, soldiers, choirs - all waiting for the moment when he would come to meet us all. As RI President, Gordon presented him with a Quaich and also took the opportunity to give him warmest greetings from Cheviot Churches and we received his blessing. His Holiness does not keep good health, but his voice is firm and strong – as is his handshake – and his smile warms your heart. I feel very proud to have been able to meet him, such a genuine, good man.

And so, the whirlwind continues – next week to Naples and then Memphis Tennessee, Guatemala, Newtown St Boswells (!), France, Spain, and Portugal and that only take us to mid-October.

More to follow.....



Vatican Rome Sept 23



## **INTREPID TREFOILERS!**

Some readers of this magazine may be aware that two members of Roxburgh Trefoil Guild live in Yetholm – you may see us at the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. The Trefoil Guild, the senior branch of Girl Guiding, was once perceived as ‘the ladies who make tea and coffee and wash up after Guiding events’, but it’s really for those who want to continue to have fun and enjoyment whilst exploring personal development, doing all the things they once did with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, but without the responsibility of watching over young people and children intent on risking life and limb.

This summer we held two camps! One of them, an annual event, took place in early August in the Rustads’ walled garden, in pouring rain, which could not extinguish our good humour, thanks to well-tries and tested waterproof tents and clothing, and a superb gazebo which enabled us to eat and drink and have a good laugh without getting ourselves soaked. We even managed to light a campfire on each of the two evenings, when the rain actually stopped for an hour or so. Such fun!!

However, in mid-June we had been more ambitious: we took ourselves and our bedrolls etc. to Norway, where we borrowed ‘lavvos’, i.e., Sami-style tepees, from the local Scouts and Guides, and camped by the Oslofjord. Here it didn’t rain (much), and we spent a week sightseeing in Oslo and surrounding areas, getting to grips with the local supermarket, eating seafood, taking ferries around the fjord, eating waffles at midnight on Midsummer Eve, and in one especially intrepid case, swimming in the fjord.

I should add that our group’s average age is 75; we maybe are experienced at making tea and coffee and washing up, but these activities don’t define us – rather, our constant mission is to find interesting, challenging, and entertaining things for our monthly meetings, usually involving the consumption, rather than just the preparation, of coffee, tea, and cake. “I wish I belonged to your Guild”, said a member of another Guild recently, “You seem to have much more fun than us...”

We are always on the lookout for other like-minded folk to join us. Speak to Margaret Rustad or Margaret Westwood if you want to blow away the cobwebs and get out your woggle...

**Margaret Rustad**

# Morebattle

## Community Shop

As Autumn approaches the days are becoming more bracing and crisper. The shop has been busy over the summer months welcoming locals, walkers, trades people and holiday makers. The weather has dictated the products being sold from ice creams and cold drinks in those hot days of June to selling logs, kindling and firelighters this week.

The Shop continues to sell and promote local goods for example honey, Eden water soap products, blueberries, broccoli, greetings cards and woodwork. We must also thank the generosity of local gardeners who have supplied the shop with their surplus produce - gooseberries, artichokes, plums, beetroot, courgettes, tomatoes, and mini cucumbers.

The new gazebo in the back garden has been well used, and much appreciated, by visitors and local folk sheltering from the hot sun or torrential rain, with a cold drink or coffee!

Many wonderful comments have been written in the Morebattle Community Shop Visitor Book, which anyone can come in and have a read. This week for example, St Cuthbert's Way walkers have come from Christchurch, New Zealand; Abruzzo, Italy; Helsinki, Finland; Ireland; Winnipeg and Toronto, Canada; Oregon, USA; Denmark; and Dorset, England. What an international wee shop!!

Over the summer the Shop has catered for our local events, for example, The Ride Out, Festival Week and the Open Gardens Day which were all a great success and brought new visitors to the village.

As we approach Christmas, we welcome you to pop into the shop and take a look at the children's toys, Gifts, Christmas cards, bags, and chocolates. Finally, a huge thank you to our Volunteers and Managers for all their hard work, humour, lovely smiles, and friendly chat.





### **Looking ahead towards Christmas time...**

This year in Town and Kirk Yetholm there will be a Christmas Supper on Friday 24 November 2023. This will be pre-booked, 2 course Christmas meal in the Wauchope Hall. Supper will be served at 6.30pm. Pre-booking forms will be available in the Village shop or from Susan Stewart from the end of October.

Any resident over the age of 80 years will be able to attend. You will need to complete, and return, a small booking form to allow the caterer to know final numbers.

This is a free social supper which is being funded from The National Lottery Awards for All Grant received by the Yetholm & District Community Council.

Depending on bookings, we may be able to lower the age limit to include more residents. Look on the Notice boards in the villages for an update regarding that.

Come along for some Festive cheer, and a delicious supper.



**For our younger residents**, there will be the opportunity to attend a Children's Christmas party in the Wauchope Hall on Saturday 16 December at 2.30pm.

The children will have games to play, a snack tea and a special visitor calling in.

There will be a notional £1 charge per child. We are very grateful for the donations we have received towards this event allowing the cost to remain at £1 per child.

If you would like to reserve a place for your child(ren), please note their names on the form in the Village Shop or contact one of the following group members: Heather Thomson, Jenny Sanderson, Janice Gillies, Susan Stewart, Fiona Thompson.

Form will be in shop from the beginning of December.

**This poem was given to the editor some time ago by a member of  
Cheviot Churches**

**Do Not Ask Me to Remember  
Owen Darrell**

Do not ask me to remember,  
Don't try to make me understand,  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.  
I'm confused beyond your concept,  
I am sad and sick and lost.  
All I know is that I need you,  
To be with me at all cost.  
Do not lose your patience with me,  
Do not scold or curse or cry.  
I can't help the way I'm acting,  
Can't be different though I try.  
Just remember that I need you,  
That the best of me is gone,  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
Love me till my life is done.

**The Wauchope Hall Town Yetholm**

The Hall is available for hire, and is a nice, big, light space for events of all kinds. It costs £9.00 an hour to hire in line with the Youth Hall and Yetholm Church.

At present, we have **Bowling** on Monday afternoons and evenings, **Badminton** on Tuesdays 1.30-3pm and Eddie Sutton runs a **fitness** class at 6.30pm on a Tuesday.

**Film nights** are monthly on Saturdays: -

Saturday 14 October – LIVING (Bill Nighy)

Saturday 11 November, SHE SAID (story of the #Me -To campaign)

Saturday 2 December THE LOST KING (the discovery of Richard III)

**National Theatre live link up** is usually monthly on a Thursday – watch out for posters and social media about this.

Other events coming up: -

**Macmillan coffee morning** – Saturday 30 September 10.30am

**The Sorries in concert** – Saturday 13 October, 7.30pm. Tickets £10

**Bingo Night** – Thursday 19 October. Proceeds to Children’s Christmas Party.

**Borders Youth Theatre** – production of ANIMAL FARM, at 7.30pm

**Christmas Show** – The Ghost of a Smile as seen at Edinburgh Fringe 2023 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets £10

**Yetholm Children’s Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Next year **Jo Caulfield, comedian (also seen at Edinburgh Fringe)** will be coming on Saturday 23 March – a date for your diary. Tickets £16. Over 16 only.

We have been given a grant from Miss Dean’s legacy and hope to get the hall redecorated sometime before Christmas and looking bright and fresh again.

If you would like to book the Hall, please get in touch with Pippa Emerson (420279) or [pippaemerson@outlook.com](mailto:pippaemerson@outlook.com)

## **Yetholm Youth Hall**

Contact – [yetholmyouthhall@gmail.com](mailto:yetholmyouthhall@gmail.com)

Cost to hire £9 per hour.

Regular events in Youth Hall include –

**Monday** – Gentle Exercise with Eddie Sutton 11 – 12noon.

**Tuesday** - Yetholm Community Council 7 – 9pm. Last Tuesday of each month.

**Wednesday** – Yetholm Village Choir 10 – 12noon.

Scrabble Club - 2 – 4pm

Cheviot Youth - 6.30 – 8.30pm

**Thursday** – Tai Chi (Shibashi – set 1) 10 – 11am

Scottish Country Dance – 2 – 4pm.

Tai Chi – 4 15 – 5.15pm

**Friday** – Penny’s Art Class 10 – 12noon.

Everyone is welcome to any of the above even beginners.

## **Dates for diary**

### **September**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> – MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Village Hall at 10.30am

Macmillan Coffee Morning in Wauchope Hall at 10.30am.

## **October**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Yetholm History Society at 7.30pm in Heritage Centre.  
Talk by Leslie Abernethy – Lady Grizell Baillie.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – Yetholm Shepherds' Show on Haugh Town Yetholm 8 – 4pm.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Morebattle SWI - Louise Whittle of Wonky Giraffe.  
Competitions Home Sewn Pin Cushion & Pretty Bracelet.

Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Proceeds to Borders Talking Newspaper.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Guide Dogs for the Blind Coffee Morning in the Morebattle Village Hall at 10.30am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Kalewater Community Council Meeting in the Institute at 7pm.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Proceeds to Yetholm School PTA.

## **November**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Craft Fair in Morebattle Village Hall 10am to 4pm – Teas, Craft Stalls, Raffle.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Morebattle SWI - Sabine from Cheviot Vets.

Competitions Napkin & Written Household Tip.

Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Morebattle School Parent Council Coffee Morning in Morebattle Village Hall at 10.30am.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Institute.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Quiz Night in Plough at 8pm. Proceeds to Borders Search and Rescue.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Andrews Night Entertainment in Morebattle Village Hall at 7pm

## **December**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Craft Fair at Border Hotel 2 – 6pm. Proceeds to Morebattle and Yetholm Playgroup.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Young Lives v Cancer Coffee Morning in Morebattle Institute at 10.30am.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Carols Round the Tree – Morebattle Institute at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Proceeds to C.H.A.S.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Morebattle SWI - Musical Evening – Ukulele Group.  
Bring & Share Supper. Competition – Christmas Tree Decoration.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night in Plough at 8pm. Proceeds to Leuchie House.

Morebattle Badminton Group every Monday night in Morebattle Village Hall at 7pm.

Morebattle Tea Club every Tuesday 2pm to 3pm in Morebattle Institute.

Light Exercise Class every Wednesday 10.30 –11.30am in Morebattle Village Hall.

Morebattle Bowling Club every Friday at 6pm in Morebattle Village Hall.

Morebattle Camera Club meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each Month.

### **Church Diary**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Morebattle Guild in the Institute at 2.00pm – Rev Colin Johnston talk on Guild Theme.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Morebattle Guild in the Institute at 2.00pm – Talk on Vine Trust.

**Coffee at Yetholm Church every Tuesday from 10 30 – 12noon. All very welcome**

**THE TUESDAY PRAYER SERVICE - Change of times and venues from Tuesday the 7th of November 2023.**

The time will change to **1.30 - 2 pm**. We will meet in **MOREBATTLE Kirk** until Christmas with two weeks break over the holidays. Afterwards we will meet in **YETHOLM Kirk** until the clocks go forward in 2024 before returning to **LINTON Kirk D.V.** Please come and join us; you can be sure of a very warm welcome. (**Kathleen Bates - Prayer - Co-Ordinator**)

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

**At the present time all events and groups remain in limbo. The Halls in our areas are slowly and carefully reopening for limited activities – contact your local Hall for further information.**

### **Deadline**

**Please submit articles (including photographs) for the next edition of The Cheviot to a member of the editorial by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

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## **Mary's Story.**

At our Harvest Lunch at Yetholm last year, one of the Minto family, who used to live next door to Mary, brought their bairns along. They sat at a table in the middle of the room. The youngsters were as good as gold – until it came to the first prayers. Finlay looked around and saw Mary, so off he went to see her. When she took him up on to her knee he said:

“What are they aw sleepin’ for?”

Well, you can quite understand why the wee soul asked that. There we were, sitting with our heads bowed and eyes closed what was the wee laddie supposed to think? Mary explained that Colin was saying the prayers for all of us, and we just had to sit quiet and listen. So, he did.

Then his little friend, Lucy, from Lochside farm, who didn’t know Mary thought that she would fine like a wee cuddle. Off she toddled. She was lifted up too. So, Mary was landed with the two of them.

Well! What else would you expect from Mary? She’s awfy guid wi’ bairns. Aye has been. That’s jist oor Mary!

**Sent in by Anne Brown – with permission from Mary of course!**

## **Register**

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**Baptism: Bella Rose Flintoft.**

**Deaths: Jim Cockburn, Martin Buglass, Elizabeth Watson, and Archie Hunter, Ian Angus, Alan Calvert, Hugh Thomson, and Susan Curran.**

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The Sorries return to Wauchope Hall Town Yetholm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Tickets £10. Contact Susan Stewart on [j.stewart134@btinternet.com](mailto:j.stewart134@btinternet.com) to reserve seats. Refreshments on sale and all proceeds to Cheviot Churches.



## What's happening in our schools...

We have had a busy term since returning in August. There has been so much learning taking place that we would love to share with you!

### Yetholm Primary School



#### Heritage Hero's!

Primary 4-7 recently we took part in the archaeology dig at Halterburn. The project was searching for the remains of St Ethelreda's Chapel. We didn't find the Chapel but enjoyed the activities- we made clay pots, drawing, digging in the dirt and using the metal detectors! Afterwards we all received our Heritage hero award too for taking part. In class we spoke about how important it is to explore things from the past to help us learn more about what life was like which can help us to understand why things are the way they are today (and sometimes even to help us make changes for our future).

#### Food and Farming

Sally from Farm to Fork at The Hirsell came into school to visit Primary 1-3 for our Food and Farming topic. She told us about different crops and then we got to bake. It was really tasty and lots of fun! We liked measuring out the ingredients and mixing them all together. Our favourite bit was definitely tasting them at the end. We have also borrowed resources from Anne at RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust), and we loved creating our own farms and landscapes with the cardboard boxes. We have a trip coming up to a farm and we are really excited about seeing some of the animals.



#### Outdoor learning

The whole school spent the morning on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September taking part in outdoor learning, this time at the river. Pupils participated in different activities including pond dipping to check for living things, and a survey to look at pollution (litter) levels in the river.



## Morebattle Primary

### Our Body and Our Senses

In Primary 1-2 we have been learning about our body and our senses. In the woods we used all our senses! Mrs Wauchope and Mrs Barbour made popcorn on the campfire- we could see it popping, hear the fire crackle, feel the heat, smell, and then taste the cooked popcorn. Some thought it was tasty (others wanted salt or butter like they have at home).

On a Thursday we have also had a visitor in school who has been helping us learn more about ourselves. Mrs Thomson's friend Bronwyn has been telling us all about Somatics which is all about internal self-awareness and connecting our brains to our muscles through movement. It has been so interesting, and we have been really impressed at the big, scientific words that we have learned about the brain especially.



### Morebattle Flower Show

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September Morebattle had its annual Flower Show (it was 130<sup>th</sup> year!) All the school produced artwork for the display, our theme was "through my window".



In Primary 1-2 we also painted stones, whilst P3-7 classes presented handwriting. Ruis Brownlie was the very proud recipient of the trophy for his artwork and Lena Hallquist won the Cowbog Cup for her handwriting. This year the school also managed to enter some vegetables that we had grown in our school allotment to various sections. This included some of the pumpkins which the Flower Show committee had given us to grown-thank you again!

The prizes were given out in our assembly by Mr. Wilson- so many envelopes to give out to children across our whole school. It is great to see the community all coming together.

**Scots Night**  
**Variety Concert**  
**Morebattle Village Hall**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Admission Free**

**Remember those Good Old Days!**

How DID we manage on our rations in those days? Researchers recently discovered that there has been a great increase in the number of people aged over one hundred. They lived through the war and the recession. That diet must have been good for them. It might be interesting to compare our own weekly shopping list. Would any of us be content with our rations now? 3ozs, of sweets each week (85 gms) A small bar of Cadbury Dairy milk is 110 gms – 3.88 ozs.

**Just a thought.**



**Kelso Food Bank**

There is an ongoing shortage of food items in stock and any donations of tinned, packet or dried foods are most welcome. There are receptacles in Sainsburys and the two Co-op stores where these items can be deposited. At the present time there is a particular need for the following items – Boxes of cereal, jam, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned soup, and tinned veg. If you can please pop an extra item in your shopping basket if you can. Many thanks.

**Monday**  
**10am - 12pm**  
&  
**4pm - 6pm**



**Thursday**  
**10am - 12pm**  
&  
**4pm - 6pm**

Kelso Community Larder -  
THIS IS NOT A FOOD BANK -  
OPEN TO ANYONE.

Everyone welcome - please come along for a look!

**42 Bowmont Street, Kelso, TD5 7JH**

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***Tackling Food Waste In Kelso***

## **Facts about Food Waste**

£470 the money and average UK family spends on food, which is binned, not eaten.

100 million pints of milk are tipped down the drain each year in the UK.

While there are many provisions in place to reduce food waste, the UK produces the highest amount of food waste in Europe.

- The UK throws away around 9.5 million tonnes of food waste in a single year – even though 8.4 million people in the UK are in food poverty.
- Over 1/3 of all food produced globally goes to waste.

Billions of pounds are wasted each year when food is disposed of unnecessarily.

## **What do the date labels on food packaging mean?**

Sometimes, food waste accumulates because we aren't sure what the labels on our packaging mean. This means that we could be throwing away waste unnecessarily.

**Sell-by date.** The sell-by date is only relevant to the retailer selling the product – and it refers to the time when the product must be sold to the customer. However, this doesn't mean the food is close to expiring, as it typically has around  $\frac{1}{3}$  of its shelf life remaining when it reaches its sell-by date. As a result, you shouldn't be wary of picking up these products.

**Use-by date.** The use-by date is designed to help the consumer know when the food items should be consumed by. However, it's important to remember that you can still consume food on its use-by date (but not afterwards). If you have any food approaching its use-by date and you don't think you'll use it in time, pop it in your freezer. The packaging will usually detail how long the items can be frozen for.

## **How can we reduce food waste?**

**Food waste at home.** Food waste also occurs every day within our homes. However, it can easily be reduced by:

Pre-planning your meals so that you know exactly what to buy from the supermarket and do not waste money on groceries that will not get eaten.

Cooking larger meals in bulk and freezing any leftovers to be enjoyed at a later date.

Setting up a compost heap in your garden.

Cleaning out your fridge regularly, ensuring that you are aware of all use-by dates.

## **How much food waste comes from the home/from businesses?**

It's estimated that around 60% of food waste comes from the home within the UK – with the other 40% being divided out between business and the hospitality industry. Nevertheless, it is the business owner's responsibility to ensure that all food waste produced or created within their company is safely and securely disposed of.

## **Cheviot Churches Elders and Districts**

<b>Leslie Thomson</b>	West of Morebattle, Eckford and Crailing.
<b>Keith Cleland/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>Brian Kelly</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 Cheviot Place, The Crescent, Duncanhaugh and Hayhope
<b>John Stobart</b>	Grafton Corner, Yewtree Lane, Road and Bank to Romany House
<b>Susan Stewart</b>	Deanfield Place, Court, Road and Bank. Back Lane and Dairy Wood.
<b>Stuart Kelly /Tom Tokely/Rae Redpath</b>	School to butcher and Dow Brae, Morebattle Road from top to Cheviot Place
<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
<b>Debbie Brown</b>	Postal

**Church Services – Yetholm, Linton and Morebattle.**  
**Please see notices for opening times for private prayer and reflection.**

**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 always open for private devotion and hosts occasional services.  
Prayer Service will be held in Linton Church at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

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