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Prayer Corner



Your Prayers Make a Difference

Prayer for the Beginning of Autumn

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been
given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that
death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



BIRDBATH'S HARVEST

Unlike most of his neighbours Birdbath is not a great gardener, but he does feel an obligation to make the most of the tiny patch on the surface of Planet Earth, which he holds in trust. As Cheviot Churches gear up for their annual acts of Harvest Thanksgiving he tries to find something in his garden to be thankful for to the Creator. A patch of annuals, which have delighted him with their colour. A flowering shrub, which has excelled itself. His lawn, which has bounced back after the drought. The Hydrangea which, after a three-year sulk, has decided to let bygones be bygones and do its stuff at his window. This year he has been blown away by the exuberance of his runner-beans (last year's were rubbish). Having lavished all the skill of a Red Indian (sorry, Native American) on their wigwam, and taught the little chaps how to climb up their poles (some were slow learners, one was plain bolshie), he is now awash with beans and his freezer is full. He will be joining Cheviot farmers, gardeners, allotment-holders and pickers of hedgerow fruits to say 'Thank-you' (see Service times) -- and to be reminded that in Genesis 3 the Lord God himself enjoyed walking in the Garden of Eden when the world was young and Adam was his gardener.

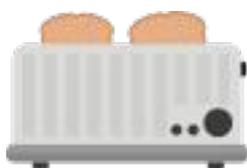
From the Interim Moderator

What a busy charge Cheviot Churches is! So much going on whether in church, in the community or in our individual lives and commitments—yes, a great mix of all of these with many people playing their part and doing what they can, using their God-given gifts. It is a great pleasure to be with you at this time. As you know there are many churches vacant at the moment and many for a long time. As I have been privileged to do pulpit supply in some of these vacant charges in Jedburgh Presbytery, it has been good to meet congregations in different situations. But though they are all different, they are all the same in their desire to continue to worship God and to serve him as they can in their diverse circumstances, and to witness for him in their community, and many people are contributing to worship and service in ways they never imagined they would. I've been listening to Lindisfarne recently—a touch of nostalgic indulgence—it's great!- and in one of their songs they sing "Change must come". And of course, we all know this and we've each, in our lifetime, seen many changes around us. It can often become a point of disagreement when innovation meets longstanding attitudes and strongly held opinions. It's true in society, and it's true in Church life as well.

We have to work through it together:- to respect others' opinions, to contribute to discussions and be prepared to play our part in whatever decisions are made. (Though it was quite comforting for an 'oldie' like myself, to sing hymns from CH 3 at Southdean Church and not have to worry about singing the wrong words if I took my eyes off the page!). Above all however, in all of this we have to remember God never changes. His words, his promises, are as true and as relevant as they have always been. So let's keep in touch with Him.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and for ever.”

Winnie Robson



Toast Club – Thank You

Grateful thanks to those who give donations of money, provisions, and their time to enable the toast club in Yetholm School to continue.

Your help is much appreciated and needed as the weather deteriorates into winter we often have up to 40 children thrice weekly.

Mother and Toddler Group

Sadly this group on a Thursday morning in Yetholm Church has been “put on hold” in the meantime due to lack of numbers. Should the situation change in the near future it can easily be reinstated and the toys and books brought out of storage for all to enjoy once more.

Thanks to all who came along and to the willing helpers.

Morebattle Primary School

Our positive press team got together to share their reflections on our wee school here in Morebattle. They described the best things about the school today as being:

We're a small school, just right! Everyone gets along and we are lucky as we have lots of space for learning, both inside and outside.

We love our playground.

We are really active – we get involved in loads of things. Every day we do the Daily mile to help keep us fit and healthy.

We love to play in the playground; things like Cops'n'Robbers, rugby, tennis and tig.

We enjoy number work, using numicon to help us.

The children also considered the learning they experience at school. They said:

I love the competitions we enter – recently we wrote poems for the Flower Show and entered our McCoo art work into the rotary competition.

In P1/2 we love our farming topic, learning about tractors and quad bikes!

We like planting – seeds, sunflowers, vegetables in the school garden. We planted beans to see if we can measure their growth and grow beanstalks up to the clouds!

We like maths, using numicon and working with really big, complicated numbers.



One of our farm visits.

Our recent school news:

All our classrooms have changed this year – new furniture, new layout. We like it. Even our classroom doors have been repainted a nice bright blue colour.

We are doing bikeability to make sure we are safe on the roads.

We have a new teacher working in P5-7, Mrs Cordiner.

Primary 1/2 have been to the farm, learning how blueberries grow and picking our own. We are also going to see the broccoli farm to see how this grows near our school.

We asked the children about events:

We are having a joint ceilidh with Yetholm school in September.

Mr and Mrs Leavey are going to play the music.

At the Flower Show in Morebattle we will be entering out water-cycle poems, our flower decorations and our art work.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (Zoe, Orlaith and Harry) have been to conference and are now organising a competition for the whole school to help keep us safe.

Yetholm Primary School

Thinking about our great village school, our positive press team wanted people to know about the best things about the school:

Everyone plays well together – we love to play wall tig, football, horses and riders, hula hoop, cats and hopscotch.

We have kind children – people are good to each other

Our teachers are really nice, and sometimes very funny.

The children also thought about the learning at school. They said:

I like the challenging learning – it gets harder and the teachers push us on in our learning.

I love outdoor learning – recently we have used our local area to make and create, to try stone stacking and model making.

I love learning by doing – we had a great time in Science recently, building and testing rockets to see which would fly the best.

I love to work on maths; using the numicon resource really helps me.

I like that we often get to work in teams and groups – we don't have to struggle on our own, but can learn from each other and this makes it better. We bring ideas together and it really helps.

Co-operating helps people get along together to get better at things.

We had two children who weren't very nice to each other, but through the group work and helping them they have learned to get along better.

We asked what made Yetholm unique:

We have chickens– Luna, Matilda & Victoria. We care for them, feed them, check for eggs (usually 3/day), check the doors are shut and learn about them.

We like being in the countryside, where we can go to the hills, the allotment, the conservation area and the river, to do our learning outdoors.

We have a great new teacher, Mr Reid, who is working in Primary 3/4. He is kind and gentle, but works us hard.

We asked the children about events:

We are right in the middle of a great numeracy week. We have been working on weight, measure, shape, budgeting, and much more. At the end of the week we are having a Mad Hatter's Tea Party to finish off the week.

During the year we like the Halloween party, the church services, the Christmas show, the school trips, the special assemblies and lots of other things.

Eco-congregation update.

This summer I have been able to be a bit more pro-active. On your behalf and for my own interest I have attended visits with other linked in organisations such as Greener Borders. One of these was to a water engine operating on the Ale Water generating electricity for an estate. Low water levels meant it was not fully functioning but it was interesting to see the technology and learn of applications possible worldwide where there is no easy connection to main stream power. Visits to a biomass system and an anaerobic digester are on the programme. Greener Borders host talks throughout the Winter months which are open to all.

I recently attended the area meeting for Eco-congregations held in Hawick where those attending were able to share what - and what not - they are doing in their own churches. There was also a presentation on ethical investment which would be worth repeating with more time as there was much to take in and discuss. (Also see article in October Life and Work for news from Selkirk.) I was also able to pass on the recycling articles from the Yetholm box. May I remind you that the boxes in the churches are for materials not already recyclable through kerbside collections and council recycling depots. The leaflet with the box gives details. And if you know of ways of recycling other items please let me know so I can

circulate that information. Being an Eco- congregation is not about church buildings but more about what we do as individuals to help steward resources and cut back on waste. Re-use and recycling are part of that and something we can all do.

And for those who like quizzes Selkirk are hosting a Tearfund Big Quiz Night on the 17th November. Details when I have them and look out for posters.

Trish Gentry

NEW RECREATION GROUND

Kalewater Community Company has been awarded £27,500 from The Big Lottery Scottish Land Fund to buy and develop a piece of land as a recreation ground in Morebattle. The land is a 3.4 acre field which belonged to the previous owners of the Templehall Hotel who wanted to sell the land for the benefit of the Community. A small piece of land to connect the path at the side of the Village Hall through the Templehall Garden to the recreation ground is also being bought.

We have already funded a community survey and feasibility study and appointed a landscape architect to draw up plans for how to best use the land. The results of the survey were supportive and the community is behind the idea. Currently the only green space in the village is behind the School which is not available for public use during school hours, is not very level and has limited play equipment.

We are planning to create a community recreational area which would include a Community Orchard, Gardens, Play facilities for all ages of children, a large area for sports and games, a trim track and footpath round the perimeter.

This land would offer somewhere for all to walk in safety, play with their children, exercise dogs and the trim track will encourage people to keep fit, the community orchard will provide fruit i.e. apples which in turn would enhance the Morebattle & Yetholm Windfall Fund, gardens to sit in and enjoy the views, picnic area.

As St. Cuthbert's Way passes through Morebattle the recreation ground could be used by the walkers as a place to stop for a rest or take in the views.

We will encourage the Community to get involved with planting etc. the Village School has already shown an interest in becoming involved with the planting and would use the sports facilities as would Playgroup, Nursery etc. as a place to learn about the countryside away from the road and being a quiet area.

Yetholm & District Community Council are holding an open morning at the Sports Pavilion on 23rd October from 10.30am to meet the local community & chat about the work that we do which will also cover the Festival. We are always pleased to welcome new Councillors & Festival Committee members so if this is something that appeals to you please come along & find out what it entails

Teas, Coffees & Cakes will be provided

Cheviot Churches Online

Since its launch the new church website - <https://cheviotchurches.weebly.com/> - has steadily been growing visitors. I am trying to keep it as up-to-date as possible, so if there are any changes to events listed on the site please let me know! I would also be grateful if people have photographs of church events, either recent or which took place in the mists of time - please could you send me a copy. Photographs give a more vivid impression of church life than words on their own.

We have also recently started communicating with church members using a system called 'Mailchimp' which allows us to send out occasional attractive emails informing people of upcoming church events. Some of you may have already received such a message – if, by any chance, you don't want to receive any more then every email has an 'Unsubscribe' button which you can click and you will automatically be removed from our mailing list. If, on the other hand, you haven't received any of our messages and would like to be kept informed of church events, then please send me an email via the church website Contact page.

Graeme Watson



Hownam and Morebattle

Our new session begins in October at 2.p.m. in Morebattle Institute.

Thursday 4th October – Street Pastors led by Duncan Cameron from Borders Street pastors – postponed in March due to weather conditions.

Thursday 1st November – A walk on the West Highland Way.
Anna Rodwell will introduce the theme for this session.

“One Journey, Many Roads”

This is the first year of a new triennium with the strategy ‘One Journey, Many Roads’, and during our first year we are ‘Seeking the Way’.

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our meetings.

There is no pressure to become a member.

Calling all gentlemen.

For some years now we have opened membership to everyone, male and female alike, who has an interest in the wider work of the church. We no longer sit drinking tea and knitting, although there are refreshments at the end of each meeting.

Please consider coming along for a ‘taste and see’ meeting. You would be made very welcome and might even enjoy it.

With around 20,000 members, the Guild is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations. In other areas men are becoming members and taking active roles at local and national levels. During the last three years members reached record levels of giving, even in these difficult economic times, the focus of the Guild's work is to be bold and strong in our communities, nation and world, and in doing everything in our power to bring about positive change. During the last three years the total raised for projects at home and abroad was £733,440.

The Guild's motto which is taken from Acts 27, verse 23:

Whose we are and Whom we serve.

Anne Brown Convener at Morebattle.

Rotary - so what's that all about?

by Gordon McNally

Having moved to the Borders just over a year ago, my wife, Heather, and I have been overwhelmed by the welcome we have received and by the ongoing friendships that we have developed. There is a real sense of community here in Yetholm and throughout the area, where people genuinely care for, and are genuinely interested in, their neighbours. This is something that is not always found in cities and, interestingly, was behind the formation of Rotary, an organisation with which Heather and I have been involved for nearly thirty five years.

Paul Harris, a 37 year old lawyer from the small town of Wallingford in Vermont, USA, found himself alone in the city of Chicago in the early years of the 20th Century. Unlike the town he left, Paul found Chicago impersonal and friendless and its residents preoccupied by themselves to the exclusion of their fellow Chicagoans.

It was from this background that, early in 1905, he and three friends formed the first Rotary Club with the intention of developing friendships and helping those less fortunate than themselves.

From those early days, Rotary has come a long way and is now one of the world's largest and most successful humanitarian service organisations, with more than 1.2 million members in over 200 countries.

I have been fortunate to serve Rotary in a number of capacities, from President of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry in 1991, to District Governor for South and East Scotland in 1997, to President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland in 2004 and to Director of Rotary International in 2007. Most recently I was Chairman of the Annual Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada where we welcomed over 25,000 delegates, including keynote speakers HRH Princess Anne and former US First Lady Laura Bush, from more than 175 different countries of the world. Heather has also been active in Rotary and was President of the Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange in 2011, a role she will repeat next year in the Rotary Club of Kelso.

However, what Heather and I have done for Rotary means nothing; what really matters is what Rotary has done and continues to do as it tries to carry out its founders' wishes and, to use its motto, "Do Good in the World".

Rotary International tries to concentrate its humanitarian work in six particular "Areas of Focus", covering Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Water and Sanitation, Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Economic and Community Development and Disease Prevention and Treatment.

It is in the final of those, Disease Prevention and Treatment, that Rotary has probably been most active in recent years. Since 1985, its key humanitarian priority has been to rid the world of polio. Rotary spearheaded the campaign at a time when there were over 1,000 cases a day in 125 countries, paralysing and often killing children. Today, the number of cases is down by 99.9% and to date in 2018 only 17 cases of polio have been diagnosed in only 2 countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan). Rotary has helped facilitate the raising of in nearly £2billion to carry out the mammoth task of immunising the world against this terrible disease. This may sound expensive, but, in the words of Dr. Jonas Salk, who invented the first effective polio vaccine, “which is more important, the human value of the dollar, or the dollar value of the human?”

On a personal level, besides my work on the administration of the organisation, I have probably been most involved, as has Heather, within Rotary’s humanitarian work in Africa and have visited Rwanda on a number of occasions to assist in an initiative dealing the orphans of the Rwandan Genocide and HIV/AIDS. I have done similar work in South Africa and, just last year, spent time in Kenya volunteering in Nairobi and Kitui County, carrying out dental screening of patients compromised by HIV/AIDS.

On a local level, the Rotary Club of Kelso, to which Heather I transferred from our previous clubs, as well as supporting Rotary’s overseas humanitarian work, is actively involved with youth work in this area. It works closely with local schools to give students the chance to do things that might otherwise not be available to them within the regular school curriculum. It also works with the Borders Union Agricultural Society to ensure the safety of young people attending their Schools Day in May and the Borders Union Show in July. It has also been responsible for the planting of nearly 200,000 crocus bulbs, at various points around the town, including the verge on Rotary Way outside Sainsbury’s, which has been done to raise awareness of Rotary’s Polio Eradication campaign.

Since Rotary was formed in 1905, society has changed greatly and Rotary is keen to also change to ensure it reflects the sort of society in which we now live. The image of Rotary as an “Old Boys’ Club” full of “Gentlemen who Lunch”, as perpetuated by people like Dad’s Army’s Captain Mainwaring is no more and Rotary is, today, more inclusive than it has ever been.

Returning to the local level, the Rotary Club of Kelso is very keen to recruit more volunteers to help it continue to carry out the work it does. Members contribute to Rotary according to changing demands of family and work commitments. Rotary as an organisation recognises the need for members to place family and employment ahead of volunteer activities.

Whilst clubs tend to meet weekly throughout the year over a meal to hear guest speakers' address varied and relevant topics, support at the various local initiatives previously mentioned is just as important if not more so; there is much truth in the maxim "many hands make light work".

If you would be interested in hearing more about Rotary in general or the Rotary Club of Kelso in particular, please contact either myself (gordon@mcinally.org.uk) or Heather (heather@mcinally.org.uk). We would be happy to give you more information about how you could become involved in its very fulfilling work.





Yetholm and District Community Council are looking for volunteers from across the Community to undertake a First Aid Course to enable us to have cover at the various Community Events that happen throughout the year.

The Council would pay for the training and the only commitment is that once trained you would be willing to attend at least one event per year to provide First Aid Cover if required.

Please contact Susan Stewart on 420231 if you would be interested in taking up this opportunity.



Kirk Session Report

Since the last edition of the Cheviot the members of the Kirk Session, its committees and members of the congregation have been very active working in the interests of Cheviot Churches and I will outline some of the work done and problems being addressed.

The manses.

It is hoped that the sale of the old manse will be completed by mid-October and that will be a weight off all our minds. Problems continue with the provision of a new manse. The Kirk Session has agreed that we cannot afford the cost involved in building a new manse and so we are looking to purchase a suitable property which meets the Church of Scotland guidelines. These guidelines mean that suitable properties are not easy to find and to help in this the Session have agreed to consider properties in Kelso as well as properties within the parish.

Fund raising.

September was a very successful month for fund raising. Over £1000 was raised by the sponsored walk, over £900 was raised by the fashion show and over £300 was raised at the car boot sale. The Session's sincere thanks to all those involved in these projects in any way. Particular thanks to Amanda Barnes who organized the fashion show, Simon Oldham who organized the sponsored walk and to Carol Butler and Rae Redpath who organized the car boot sale.

The Church is having a stall at the Yetholm Shepherds Show, part of which will involve the sale of jams, chutneys and books. Donations for this stall and volunteers to man it would be most welcome.

Presbytery.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Trish Gentry for her many years of service as Presbytery elder. Susan Stewart has now taken over this role and we wish her well.

We are all aware of the problems facing the church nationally and to that end Presbytery have issued a number of instructions to be carried out by Kirk Sessions. I will not list them all but the first one is as follows:

Kirk Sessions to meet in conference to reflect on the state of decline of the national church and in particular how it affects the church locally and determine what their vision and mission is for the next three years in collaboration with the Presbytery Planning teams.

A date will be fixed for the Session to meet to discuss the instructions and what we have to do to ensure the continued progress being made in Cheviot Churches.

New Elders

The Kirk session has agreed to the ordination of Stuart Kelly as an elder and the admission of Stuart and Gordon McNally (already an ordained elder) to the Kirk Session. It is hoped that this will be carried out sometime in November.

New Locum

As of the beginning of October, Mrs Elizabeth Findlay will take over as locum and will lead our worship as well as carrying out pastoral duties. The Session's sincere thanks to all who have done so well in leading our worship over the past few months.

It is important that members of the congregation continue to support the church at this difficult time and so show both Presbytery and the Church of Scotland that this parish continues to be in good heart and serving God well in this community.

Brian Kelly Acting Session Clerk.



Village Lunch Update

The village lunches have been running in Yetholm since 1991 with many charities and local groups benefitting from the money raised. We are indebted to the generosity of the villagers who donate soup and sandwiches and to all who help in any way – washing dishes, putting up and taking down tables, serving and clearing up.

The lunches are open to all in the village and beyond and are held on the third Thursday of September, November, January, March and on the Thursday of Festival Week.

Over the last 11 years the money raised has exceeded £1000 each year, which is no mean feat when you bear in mind all the other fundraising that goes on in our area.

Why not come along? Where else could you meet and chat with friends old and new, have your lunch, at a very reasonable cost, and give to charity.

15th November – Kelso Foodbank.

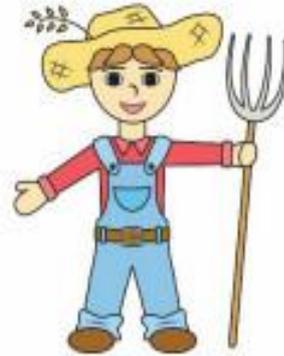
17th January – Yetholm Pavilion.

21st March – Citizen's Advice Bureau.

13th June – Festival Week.

Farm Maze

Help the farmer find the way through the maze to the tractor.



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Harvest Boggler Puzzle

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below? Words are formed from adjoining letters. Letters must join in the proper sequence to spell a word and may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, to the left, right, or up-and-down. No letter square, however, may be used more than once within a single word. You may use plurals if available. Score 1 point for each 3 letter word, 2 points for 4 letter words, 3 points for 5 letter words and so on. Score an extra 2 points for every Harvest themed word that you make!



My points _____

Deadline

Please submit articles (including photographs) for the next edition of The Cheviot to a member of the editorial team by 28th November
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The editorial team would like to thank all of you who have contributed articles, photographs and information for this edition of The Cheviot.

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 on the first Wednesday of the month (October to April) 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 mets 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.

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.

Bowling every Friday at 7pm in Morebattle Village Hall.
Bowling every Friday and Monday in Wauchope Hall, Town Yetholm.
Afternoon and evening sessions.
Badminton every Tuesday in Wauchope Hall Town Yetholm at 1.30pm.

October

Wednesday 10th Quiz Night in Plough Hotel Yetholm at 8pm. Proceeds to Floral Gateway Gathering.
Wednesday 10th Morebattle S.W.I in Institute at 7.15pm. Joyce Luby – Christmas decorations. Competitions – 6” x 6” knitted square and a bracelet.
Saturday 13th Guide Dogs for the Blind Coffee Morning in Village Hall at 10.30am.
Tuesday 16th Yetholm S.W.I in Wauchope Hall 10.30am. Jessica Mead – Foods in autumn. Competition – Decorated Fir Cone.
Tuesday 16th Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Institute.
Saturday 20th Film Night in Wauchope Hall Yetholm at 7pm. “The Post”(12). Entry £6. Doors Open 6.30pm.
Tuesday 23rd Yetholm Community Council Meet and Greet at 10.30 in Pavilion.
Wednesday 24th Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Proceeds to Bonfire Night.
Friday 26th Bingo Night in Youth Hall at 7pm. Proceeds to Festival Week.
Tuesday 30th Yetholm Community Council at 7pm in Youth Hall.

November

Thursday 1st National Theatre Live Screening of “Allelujah” by Alan Bennett at 7pm in Wauchope Hall. Entry £12.
Saturday 3rd Craft Fair in Village Hall Morebattle 10 – 4pm.
Tuesday 6th Yetholm History Society meet at 7.30pm in Mission Hall. Talk by Margaret Fox- Scotland’s Law Lords and Northumbrians behaving badly- a look at cross border crime.
Wednesday 7th Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Proceeds to Kelso North Church Toddlers.
Saturday 10th Film Night in Wauchope Hall at 7pm. “Darkest Hour” (12). Entry £6.
Wednesday 14th Flu Clinic at Yetholm Surgery 9.30 – 11.30am.
Thursday 15th Village Lunch in Wauchope hall at 12noon. Proceeds to Kelso Food Bank.

Wednesday 14th Morebattle S.W.I A.G.M in Institute at 7.15pm. Medical Detection Dogs with Trevor Dennis. Competitions – 4 line poem about a dog and a dog photograph.

Tuesday 20th Yetholm S.W.I at 10.30am in Wauchope Hall. A.G.M and talk by Margaret Jeary – Women’s Life in 1850’s. Competition – Homemade Christmas Decoration.

Tuesday 20th Kalewater Community Council 7pm in Institute.

Tuesday 20th National Theatre Live Screening “Madness of George III” at 7pm in Wauchope Hall. Entry £12.

Wednesday 21st Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Proceeds to Wauchope Hall.

Tuesday 27th Yetholm Community Council at 7pm in Youth Hall.

Thursday 29th Christmas Craft Fair in Border Hotel from 2- 7pm.

Friday 30th Bingo Night in Wauchope Hall at 7pm. Proceeds to Yetholm School P.T.A.

December

Saturday 1st Clic Sergeant Coffee Morning in Institute at 10.30am.

Sunday 2nd Carol Singing round Christmas Tree and switching on of lights at Institute 6. 30pm. Followed by refreshments in Institute.

Wednesday 12th Morebattle S.W.I Christmas meal.

Tuesday 4th Yetholm History Society Christmas Meal at Border Hotel.

Wednesday 5th Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Proceeds to Yetholm Primary School.

Thursday 6th National Theatre Live Screening “Antony and Cleopatra at 7pm in Wauchope Hall. Entry £12.

Saturday 8th Yetholm Film Double Bill Matinee at 2pm “Coco” and at 7pm “The Greatest Showman. Entry £6.

School Wildlife Area

In spite of drought and gale-force winds, the wildlife area did well this year – at least until the Venchen sheep broke through in August and ate all the wildflowers in our small meadow just as they were coming into flower! However, perennial flowering plants, beloved by bees and butterflies, will survive and are spreading. During the autumn, the schoolchildren will help put up a tawny owl box and plant a small orchard of apple trees. A fine new bench, generously bought through donations by Janet Canning and the FGG, will soon be fixed, inviting residents and visitors to sit and enjoy the wildlife.

CALLING ALL NHS HEARING AID USERS....

If your hearing aid needs re-tubing (recommended every 6 months) I shall be running a session in the Morebattle Institute on Monday 19th November from 10 -11. Sessions will also be held in Wauchope Hall on Tuesday October 9th and Tuesday December 11th from 10 – 11am. Please bring your yellow book if you need spare batteries. Future dates and venues will be on the notice boards and at www.yetholmonline.org

Thanks, see you there. Pippa Emerson 420279



Yetholm History Society

With generous grants from the Apple Windfall Fund and the SBC Community Grant scheme, the Mission Hall has brand new, efficient infra-red heaters to replace our old and inadequate paraffin heaters. Those attending our Autumn meetings will be warmer, more comfortable and safer. The new heating will also be better for our precious village archives. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our two Autumn meetings, both at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall:

Tuesday October 2nd *Trevor Cowie* – The Bronze Age in the Borders; the View from Yetholm.

Tuesday November 6th *Margaret Fox* – Scotland's Law Lords and Northumbrians behaving badly – a look at cross-border crime.

Membership remains at £6 for the year (a bargain) or non-members can attend for £2 a meeting.



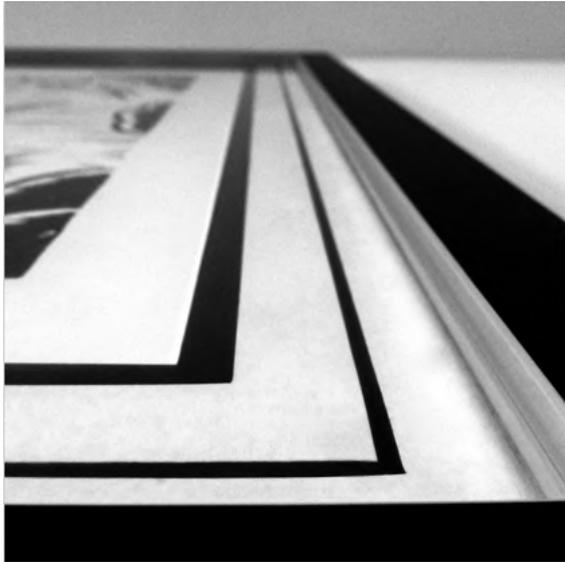
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Register

Baptisms: Maisie Jane Bryce.

Deaths: Ivy Elder, Neil Patterson, Peter Woodhead.

Church Diary 2018

October

Thursday 4th Morebattle Guild in Institute at 2.30pm. Duncan Cameron – Street Pastors. All Welcome.

Sunday 7th Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.

Harvest Service Linton Church at 11.15am.

Sunday 14th Guild Service at Yetholm Church at 10am.

Morning Worship Morebattle at 11.15am.

Sunday 21st Joint Communion Service Yetholm Church at 10am.

Tuesday 23rd Yetholm Guild at 2.30pm in Yetholm Church.

Mr Sandy Sneddon – Asia Secretary World Mission.

Sunday 28th Joint Harvest Service at Morebattle Church at 11.15am.

Followed by Harvest Lunch in Institute.

November

Thursday 1st Morebattle Guild in Institute at 2.30pm. Rev Anna Rodwell – West Highland Way.

Sunday 4th Morning Worship Yetholm Church at 10am.
 Morning Worship Linton Church at 11.15am.

Thursday 8th Mission and Outreach Meeting 2pm Morebattle Church.

Sunday 11th Yetholm War Memorial at 9.45am. Service in Church 10am.

Sunday 11th Morebattle War Memorial at 11am. Service in Church at 11.15am.
 Hownam Kirk 11.30am and Linton Memorial 12 noon.

Sunday 18th Joint Service at Yetholm Church 10am and admission of New Elders.

Tuesday 20th Kirk Session meet at 7.30pm Morebattle Church.

Sunday 25th Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am.
 Communion Morebattle Church 11.15am.

Tuesday 27th Yetholm Guild at 2.30pm in Yetholm Church.
 Mary McVicker – The Reformation Knitted.

December

Sunday 2nd Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
 Morning Worship Morebattle 11.15am

Thursday 6th Morebattle Guild Christmas Meal.

Sunday 9th Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am
 Morning Worship Morebattle Church 11.15am.
 Christmas Celebration Hawick Teviot Church 2.30pm.

Tuesday 11th Yetholm Guild Christmas Event in Yetholm Church 6pm.
 “The Star” – Christmas Film for all the family.

'Rash Judgement Point'.

I recently came across this fascinating story.

There is a hill in the lake district in England called 'Rash Judgement Point'. The hill was named by William Wordsworth. The story goes that while he and his sister were standing at the top of the hill one day during the harvest season looking down on the lake below, they saw a man in a boat fishing. Angered by this, because the community needed every able-bodied man to be involved in gathering in the harvest, Wordsworth decided to go down the hill and challenge the fisherman for indulging in a leisure activity when he should have been busy at work for the good of the local community. Having called the man to the shore, Wordsworth noticed as he got out of the boat that he was old and bent over. Several fish lay in the boat. The man explained that having worked for years gathering in the crops from the fields he was now unable to do so because

of his age and the pains that he suffered. Instead, in order to contribute to the life of the community at harvest time, he got up well before dawn and spent all day fishing the lake for fish to add to the communities resources. Wordsworth had passed judgement upon a man's actions without first giving the man an opportunity to explain his actions. Having listened to the man's explanation he felt so convicted about the hasty judgement he had made that he named the hill from which he had first seen the man fishing, 'Rash Judgement point.' We have heard the expression "Don't judge a book by its cover." Judging books by their covers is something we are very quick to do. We put people not like us into a box and then shut the cover. They're never able to crawl out because we aren't willing to open the door of our hearts. Prejudice such as this grows out of personal pride. We put ourselves over others not because of what we know but because of what we don't know. I heard it said that humility is 'not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less.' The closer we come to the heartbeat of God the more we see our need and the more we desire to be conformed to Christ.

Arthur Bates

Collection for Refugees.

Amanda Barnes is helping collect for Refugees in Calais. If anyone had anything could they call 07905 885739. They are particularly needing - blankets, sleeping bags, male clothes particularly smaller sizes, tents and phones.

Pied Beauty by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Cheviot Churches Elders and Districts Autumn 2018

Leslie Thomson	West of Morebattle, Eckford and Crailing and various outlying.
Jenny Flannigan	Main Street, Heughhead and Renwick Gardens Morebattle.
George Lees	Mainsfield Avenue, Morebattle.
Anne Brown	Linton Church, Burnfoot, Grubbit, Corbet Tower, Gateshaw, Morebattle Tofts, Linton Mill and Kale Valley.
Dot Halliday	Morebattle Mains, Whitton, Linton(part).
Trish Gentry	Bowmont Valley.
Graeme Watson	Woodbank Road, Braeside Road, Cheviot Road.
Pippa Emerson	Grafton Road to Mission, Grafton Bank, Main St From Old Manse to Vennel before shop.
John Thompson	Morebattle Road/Main Street to White Swan inc Cheviot Place and The Crescent to Vennel after Shop.
Susan Stewart	Deanfield Place, Court, Road and Bank. Back Lane and Dairy Wood.
Diane Gittus	Romany House to Yewtree Road, Lane and Bank, Grafton Corner to Mission Hall, Duncanhaugh and Hayhope.
Tom Tokely	Main Street, Yetholm from butcher – School, Dow Brae, Venchen, Mindrum, Howtel, Downham and Wideopen.
Carol Butler	Kirk Yetholm Village and Halterburn.
Arthur Bates	The Yett, Shotton, Yetholm Mains and Harelaw.
Ann Harvey	Hoselaw, Cherrytrees, Lochside, Lochside farms and cottages, Old Graden, Graden, Hoselaw.
Simon Oldham	Mainhouse, Bankhead and Linton Hill.
David Lang	Teapot Street and Bank. Thimble Lane.
Jimmy Fleming	Kelso (part)
Alan Calvert	Kelso (part)
Margaret McTavish	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 30th October until 18th December, the midweek prayer
service will be held in Morebattle Church at 6.30pm.

From 8th January until 26th March 2019 services will be in Yetholm at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to any of our services.

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