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# NEWS UPDATE

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## News Update @ WNC

Welcome readers to the November edition. Firstly I would like to thank the Church Members and readers for contributing to this edition of the News Update. Your input is so important so please continue to send me articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, just email them to [wallneuknorthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:wallneuknorthchurch@gmail.com).



**Bill Ferguson**

### Bill Carrying Queen's Baton

Bill Ferguson was nominated to have the privilege of carrying the Commonwealth Games Baton, by members of the Glenburn Community Council, for his sterling work for his community, on the Council, since it's inception, 40 years ago. Bill carried the baton up Neilston Road, from Braids Road to Falside. This section of the run is all uphill and fairly steep, but wasn't a problem for Bill, despite the fact that he celebrated his 87th birthday on (cont'd back page)

### 8th Paisley Brownies

We have been busy working on our WW1 Challenge Badge and have also taken part in the Blythswood Care shoe box appeal and also making loom bands to put in other boxes. We still have places available for girls aged 7 to 10 years on Wednesday evenings.

*"And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. "*

*Revelation 14:15-16*

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Book your kids party at Wallneuk North Church  
Contact Derek Bisset on 07472076444



**New Kilpatrick Parish Church in Bearsden**

## Gathering of Scotland's Churches

On Wednesday 8th. October Christine Burns and I made our way to New Kilpatrick Church Bearsden where the Scotland's Churches Trust Gathering was to be held. We were asked to be seated by 1pm before the Princess Royal, who is the Patron of the Trust, arrived. We had ample time to admire our surroundings. The church has beautiful stained glass windows and has a very light and airy appearance with light coloured wood throughout and high ceilings, much like our own. The present church was started in 1807, built on the site of an earlier church from 1649. While we were waiting for the Royal visitor we were treated to a rehearsal of the Bearsden Academy Choir and a group of violinists who were to perform for the Princess. They sang and played some verses from "Abide With Me" with a solo from one of the girls in the choir and one of the violinists who played the Last Post. At 1.30 the Princess Royal arrived along with the Chairman of the Trust, Robin Blair.

After the Chairperson introduced himself and spoke briefly about the Trust, the Princess showed that she had done her homework and spoke very knowledgeably about the work of the trust throughout Scotland enabling churches to repair or refurbish buildings which are often very expensive to maintain. She spoke at length of the work of the Trust and the need to preserve our church buildings.

The choir and the violinists then performed again for the Princess and then she unveiled a restored World War 1 Memorial along with a new plaque and the date. While she was doing that we made our way to Bearsden Burgh Hall where we were treated to a buffet

reception. The Princess and other dignitaries soon joined us when she circulated the room talking to many people. Unfortunately neither Christine nor myself were lucky enough to meet the Princess. We did talk to many people from other churches. We did enjoy the buffet. All in all it was a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon.

By Helen Stephen



**HRH Princess Anne**

## Afternoon Tea

Thank you to all who attended the afternoon tea and showing of the musical Calamity Jane.

It was enjoyed by all who came along we did have a few visitors who not only enjoyed the afternoon but admired our lovely halls and church.

This event was a double your money challenge by Christine Burns and Anne Gillies for our pew cushions appeal and we raised £132

Thank you also to those who also came along and helped serve and clear up.

## Peter's Page

Last November we had our first interfaith service at Wallneuk North this is now an annual event. I would like to build good relationships and working partnerships between people of different faiths and beliefs by

- Strengthening good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increasing awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the Renfrewshire celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- Increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

I am member of Spiritual Care interfaith team in our local college we are planning out -reach to university students as well in partnership with YMCA. I appreciate your prayers.

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We hope to see you soon. Rev Peter Gill



Rev Peter Gill Wallneuk North Minister with members of the Interfaith Group

## Peter's November Message

Dear Friends and members of Wallneuk North Church,

It is 100 years since the start of the First World War. Within the Department for Culture, Media and Sport is leading plans to build a commemoration fitting of this significant milestone. We will conduct a special service on Sunday 9th November. The Royal British Legion calls on the nation to unite in commemorating Remembrance Sunday. The day to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month". However, the wars and persecutions are not over yet.

The European Parliament passed three separate resolutions, one of them condemning violence and oppression against Christians in Syria, Pakistan and Iran. MEPs expressed concern for Christians in Syria and Iraq condemning the attacks on the historically Christian town by militants, and on All Saints' church in Pakistan. Islamic State is still at war with so many innocent people being killed. Last month we had a bereavement service for all who are in mourning for those dear to them in our parish and Internationally;

On 16th November we are having an Interfaith Sunday, we will welcome people of all faiths and pray to the heavenly Father for comfort and solace in desolation in the world. We will pray for a Peaceful World without violence, conflict and the freedom from fear of violence.

My prayer is that we may fully acknowledge and understand God's love, wiping away our sins, and spiritual freedom through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

If you have any prayer request or would like a wee visit, please feel free to call me on 0141 884 4429 or Mobile 07951764242. My email is petergill18@hotmail.com

Your Minister, Rev Peter Gill

## Bill Carrying Queen's Baton

(cont'd from front page) 13th October. After he had finished his baton carrying duty, the Community Council laid on a celebratory tea for Bill and his wife Pearl, in the Council's HQ, in the Glenburn Resource Centre in Donaldswood Road, which he enjoyed with his friends and fellow Community Council Colleagues.

## Going for Gold @ Commonwealth Games

Robert McMillan, volunteered to be a Games Pastor, during the games, under the banner of Going For Gold 2014. Going For Gold is an initiative aimed to help people, by providing accommodation, entertainment etc., for visitors, through a Christian environment. Robert McMillan volunteered, and spent 4 days on the streets of Glasgow city centre, speaking to people, and helping anyone who needed help, in a friendly Christian way. Our own Paisley Street Pastors, Anne Gillies and Catherine McLeod, also worked with the Glasgow Street Pastors, during this period, and they were all blessed in the work, and rewarded with brilliant weather every day !

Another Wallneuk North elder, Derek Bisset, had volunteered to work as a driver, during the Games, ferrying athletes, dignitaries and officials around the city, in long tiring shifts. So well done to all the Wallneuk North volunteers, who helped to make the XX Commonwealth Games such an outstanding success.

## November Worship Programme

- 2nd Pulpit Swap
- 9th Remembrance Sunday (begin at 10.45a.m.)
- 16th Interfaith Service
- 23rd Morning Worship Guest Speaker
- 30th 9 Lessons and Carols + Baptism 1st in Advent

## Flowers for November

- 2nd Brownies/Guides
- 9th Isa Cameron
- 16th George Hamilton
- 23rd Vacant
- 30th Ina Reid

## Breaking News

### Glennifer Thistle

It was agreed by the Kirk Session that the October Car boot tea room money would be donated to Glennifer Thistle in memory of Malcolm Martin. We have now been able to send a cheque for £150.

### Gift Day

So far we have raised £4500 from the gift day appeal thank you to all those who either gave a donation or increased the offering.

### Special Evening Service

On 16th Oct we held a short service mainly aimed at our young members. It was a very interesting and active service. We took the theme of rain and sang about it, heard the story of the two builders and then decorated some card wellies or brollies. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience which we hope to repeat in December with a Christmas celebration.

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