

# *Oxnam Parish Page*



**NOVEMBER 2017**

Dear Friends,

November 2017

I am ashamed to say that I am the last person to submit my contribution to this autumn Parish Page, and for that I offer my apologies to both Fiona Geddes and Fiona Ralston! They both do such a fantastic job in keeping the community informed as to what is going on in the Oxnam Valley. I continue to be very happy with my involvement in the life of the valley and its lovely old Kirk. With my long family association with the area, and although I live 18 miles away, in Melrose, I am pleased to be able to witness first hand the vibrant life of the community - something that sadly bypasses a few of our Presbytery stalwarts!

The significant word associated with all that goes on here is 'community', and I know it is thanks to Rev Anna Rodwell for kick-starting so many of the current community activities a few years ago. I am constantly impressed by the insider knowledge - so typical of country folk - and concern of you people for your 'neighbours'. Not only do you know all about the young folk that live here and what they are up to, but you know when someone is in need of care, and also, it seems, the precise dates when each of the farms have their lambing! That is impressive! Talk to someone who lives in the city, and they hardly know who lives next door!

Right from the beginning of my time with you, I found the Library Café a wonderful opportunity to meet up with, not just church folk, but the community as well, and as time goes on, the strangers become friends. But I am also very pleased to get to know so many more local people in my association with the Oxnam Valley Voices. I think Gareth Malone is responsible for so many people coming out from under their stones to give singing a 'go'.

We now have around 30 singers meeting every week, and I can tell you the rafters in the hall ring mightily on a Wednesday night! I have invited them to come and sing a couple of Christmassy numbers at the Christmas Eve service (Dec 24th at 5.30pm). So you can all judge for yourselves!

I am also very aware, as I visit some of the more senior members, how much of a contribution they have made to the life of the church and the community in years gone by. It is too easy, in the busy-ness of the present moment, to forget

what others have done before to bring us to this place, and we should never lose our gratitude.

Meanwhile, the Worship Group continues to flourish. Their latest service on the 1st October was on the subject of Overcoming Pain and Suffering - a subject pretty close to most people's hearts. We had hoped Samantha Kinghorn and her parents would come to the service, as Samantha featured in Francis Armstrong's contribution to the service, but Sammy was that very day receiving her prize as Scottish Sports Personality of the Year in Glasgow. A great deal of fascinating facts came out of a lot of eager work on the part of the team, and they were highly commended by all who were there for an inspiring and uplifting service. Well done folks!

At the most recent course on Leading Worship, I had the debatable honour of chairing the final session 'Bringing it all together', because Rev Douglas Nicol, whose brain-child it was, was off on the Trans-Siberian Railway at the time! Mostly it was members of the Hawick district churches there, but Morag was there as well, and the suggestion of different Worship Groups sharing their services with other churches was well received all round. So watch this space,..... and if any of you have not yet witnessed what the Oxnam Worship Group has to offer, you'd better watch out for it, else you will be the poorer for having missed it!

Love and blessings to you all.

**Marion**

## **From the Session Clerk ...**

We were very sad to say goodbye to Col. Colin Hogg as Session Clerk after our Annual General Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Although he and Cynthia are now worshipping at Bowden Church we do hope to see them back at Oxnam now and then. Colin joined us for our Service of Remembrance on November 5<sup>th</sup> – it wouldn't be the same without him!

While we are on the subject of Remembrance you may have noticed the tray of poppy crosses in front of the communion table in the kirk. Each of these crosses represents one of the young men from the Oxnam Valley killed during WW1. On the Sunday nearest to the date when each soldier died we take time to remember him and a new cross is added.

In May the Heritage Lottery Fund press office contacted me because they had funded an RNIB Scotland project to research the lives of visually impaired people during Edwardian and Victorian times and one of the people the project researched was John Richardson, a blind man who was born in Oxnam in 1852. They wanted to take some photos of the researcher who wrote about John's story at Oxnam church to be used on their website and social media. I met with the photographer and researcher Victoria Ross, who is herself partially sighted, at the Kirk. It was fascinating to hear about her research. You can find out more about the life of John Richardson later in this Parish Page.

James Davidson, one of the original breeders of the Dandie Dinmont terriers is buried in Oxnam graveyard and in June, as part of a Dandie Dinmont Weekend Gathering in the Borders, we welcomed some of his descendants along with members of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club and their dogs for a short service, led by Marion, around his grave – more on that later too!

As part of their Speak Out initiative, members of the Church of Scotland Church and Society Council staff have been out and about meeting reps from churches all over Scotland to hear just what is going on in the real world outside '121'. In August Marion and I met with David Bradwell from the Church and Society Council. David was very interested to hear about the things Oxnam Kirk has initiated in the community and the local events it takes an active part in – church and community working together. One event we were delighted to be part of was the Oxnam Fête and Scarecrow Competition. What a fabulous day everyone had – many thanks to the Village Hall Committee and friends for all their hard work!

Autumn has been a busy time.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of October we discovered how pain and suffering can change people's lives in a thought provoking Worship Group service. Our interim moderator, Rev. Robin McHaffie, led the Harvest Thanksgiving Service when we

were delighted to welcome along the family and friends of Lewis Simpson who joined us for his baptism. As usual the church had been beautifully decorated by Beryl Barbour and her team. A huge thank you to them. This year's Harvest Supper held in the village hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October was a great success. A big thank you to all who provided the delicious food and helped on the night. 'Loose Canon' provided great entertainment throughout the evening. Special thanks go to Francis Armstrong for organising us all! Then on the 21<sup>st</sup> October Oxnam Kirk had its first Messy Church in the Village Hall. What is Messy Church? A church for adults and children to enjoy together. It's all-age. It's fun, with themed stories, songs, games and activities Full report follows.

The search for a minister for the linked charge of Oxnam and Kelso Country Churches continues. The nomination committee has explored all the avenues open to it with no success so far. Luckily for us Marion is happy to continue as our locum minister for the foreseeable future!

**Morag McKeand**

### **Presbytery**

There are changes in the Presbytery. We have a new clerk, Rev Lisa- Jane Rankine, Rev Alistair Cook is a new minister in Hawick, Rev Alexander Young has accepted the charge to Kelso Old and Sprouston, Rev Charles Finnie is our new Moderator of Jedburgh Presbytery. There are of course still 4 vacancies at Cheviot, Ancrum, Jedburgh, and Kelso Country Churches with Oxnam. Rev Douglas Nicol is Safeguarding Contact for the Presbytery and Mrs Esther Bailey is Safeguarding Trainer.

Ministry and Mission : Leading Worship Course - these courses have been well attended and will aid in leading worship in our churches.

Buildings -- , Presbytery Planning is looking at the future of our Church Buildings, whether they are essential, probable, disposable. What they are really saying is that - do we have too many buildings? Can we afford to keep all the buildings, and can we manage to be more effective with fewer, more efficient, and more suitable buildings .

It will take lots of discussion.

**Maira**

## Oxnam Film Nights

We continue to hold a film screening at Oxnam Village Hall every month on the 3rd Friday at 7.30pm. This draws a regular following but it would be good to see more along to this. A wide range of films are shown and those attending have enjoyed a variety of films that by their own admission they would not have chosen based on the title or some individual review. Why not come along and broaden your horizons? We would also ask you to let us know if you have a DVD or Blue Ray of any film that you think others may enjoy so that we can look to include it in the programme. Over the coming months we have the following planned screenings.

December 15th- "Sing". Leading up to Christmas one for all the family so showing at the earlier time of 5PM

January 19th - "Vertical Limit". Action packed thriller.

February 16th - "La La Land". A modern take on the old style song and dance films of Astaire & Rogers.

March 16th - "My Big Fat Greek Wedding". Not a film about a big fat greek getting married but very amusing none the less.

April 20th - "Moulin Rouge" - Glamorous film set in Paris with Ewan McGregor singing his lungs out.

May 18th - "Nanny McPhee" - No idea on this one but great reviews and great acting!

**Bob McKeand**

## Village Events

Oxnam has been kept busy these last few months. The Village Hall Committee is desperately trying to generate funds to do major works in the smaller of the two rooms. So far as fund raisers we had Shibden Garden open in July which was hugely well attended with superb teas laid on by "Team Oxnam" and which raised the magnificent sum of £660. Well done to everyone who helped in any way, and this became a village effort with loads of folk lending gazebos, mowing grass, looking after the car parking arrangements, putting up sign boards round the area and generally moving furniture etc. A fine, warmish but not sunny, afternoon brought in a crowd of over 100 people.

And causing not a little delight in the village.

The scarecrow event and fete. Well what a collection of scarecrows, I believe over 60 in the village and out into the hills. Such fun. We had Bill and Ben, a couple of bikers on a Honda machine, horses in ditches, traffic police on duty,

doctors and nurses, chimney sweeps, the search and rescue chaps crawling up walls and an intrepid electrician seeing to a fault on a pylon out at Swinside. Absolutely terrific, and many many more. Such imagination.

The fete was really well organised with loads to do both for children and the older folk. A super afternoon weatherwise which brought folk out and teas, of course, laid on by OWLS in the village hall.

I understand that close on £1000 was raised on this day. Well done everyone.

**Margaret Clayton**

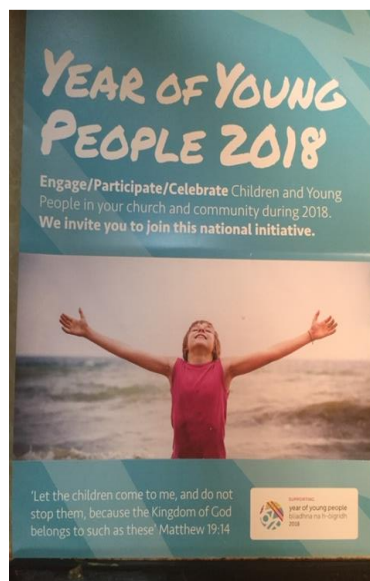
## **2018 is the Scottish Governments "Year of the Young People "**

The Church of Scotland pledge to be involved in the Year Of Young People --

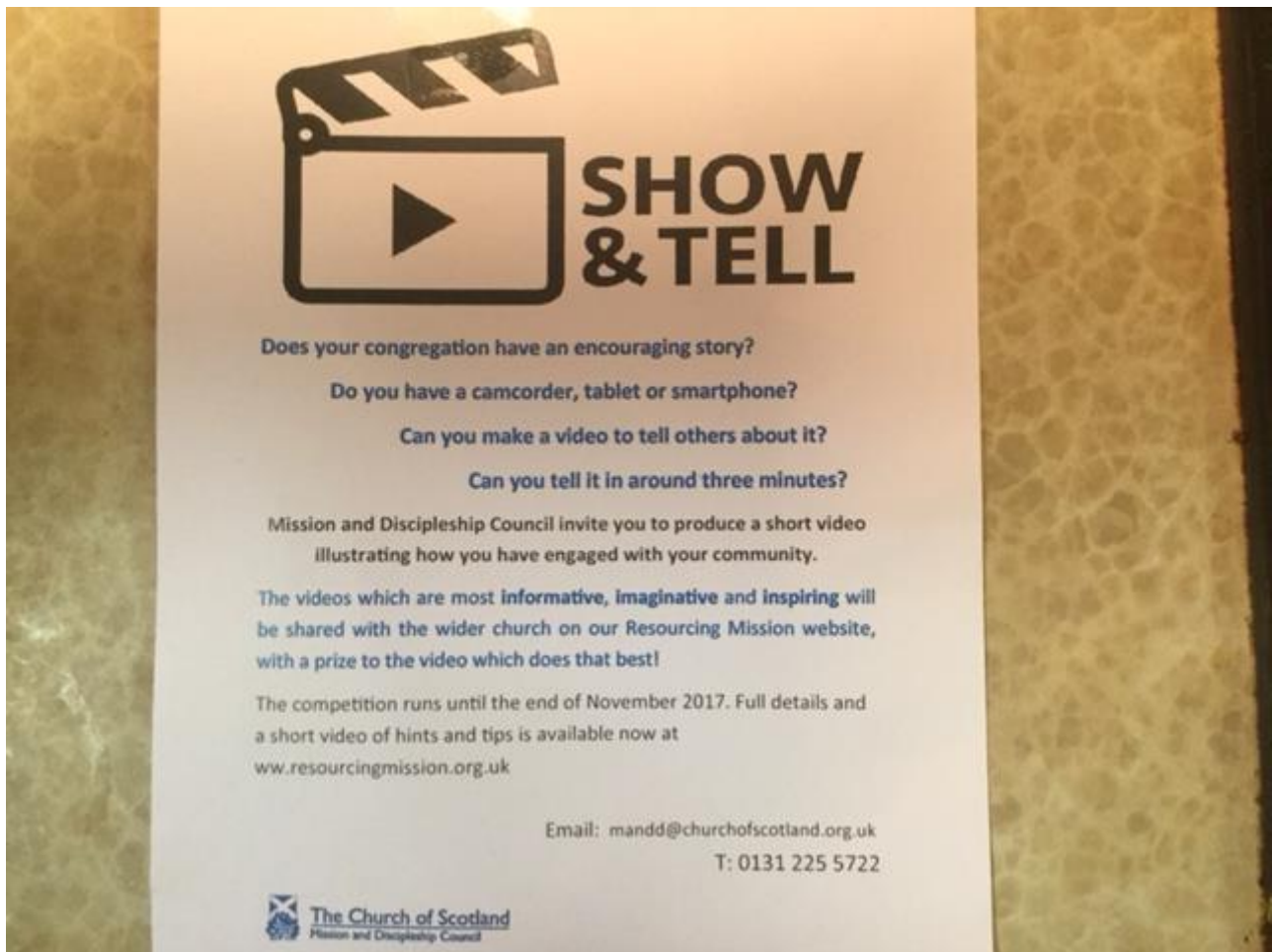
They will explore ways to ENGAGE with under 25's  
They will increase PARTICIPATION of young people  
They will CELEBRATE all that they are and bring .

Let Oxnam Church participate in this national initiative. Ideas from EVERYONE welcome.

**Moira**







Oxnam Kirk Session decided they would try their hand at this. We collected photos from the past and some recent events and put them together in an upbeat 3 minute video. It has been sent to The Church Of Scotland in Edinburgh. The good story from this is that, " if Session agree", we may purchase an iPad or similar so we can keep a record of lots of interesting events and services. We can then make a film every year showing a record of what we do, good and bad. And the best bit is, a member of the church immediately said " I will make a patchwork quilt and raffle it so you have enough money for the equipment ." And an even better story is, it is to be made by Margaret Clayton . So you know what the first picture will be on the next video of Oxnam Kirk !!!

**Moira**

### **Ragdoll Winner**

The winner of doll was Christine Watson, Buccleuch Chase, St.Boswells and the sum of £340 was raised in the £5 challenge.

**Beryl Barbour**





The ragdoll won by Christine Watson, St Boswells



On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October Oxnam Kirk held their first Messy Church in Oxnam Village Hall. Although numbers were low those who attended seemed to have a great time!

Our theme was Autumn and we began with a welcome from Marion and a song about all the different things that can be harvested. Then straight into Val's fun team game passing an orange along the row using outstretched legs. Harder than it sounds although we all got better with practise!

We examined tiny mustard seeds and Marion told us Jesus' parable about how a tiny mustard seed grows into a tree big enough for birds to build their nests in and how, just like that, God's love grows as we share it with others who then share it with others and so on. Just like an apple seed grows into an apple tree covered with even more apples!

Time to get busy! Everyone had fun decorating masks with autumn leaves, planting crocus, daffodil and tulip bulbs and mixing together fat, cheese and birdseed to make fir cone bird feeders!

The morning ended with a song about Johnny Appleseed and a tasty lunch of soup and bread.

**Morag McKeand**



Some of the children enjoying the activities at Messy Church

### **Oxnam Guisers**

There was an excellent turnout from Oxnam children on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October for the Halloween guising event, with around 25 children in attendance. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all village residents for their sweets & treats, donations and for welcoming them at their door. After the guising we made our way along to the Hall where we enjoyed hot dogs, hot chocolate and a number of Halloween games ie dooking for apples, yucky dip etc. A fantastic effort was made with the costumes and great fun was had by all.

**Tammy Yourston**

## **Oxnam Valley Voices**

OVV took a month's break this summer to freshen up them and their vocal chords. They met again in August along with some new members and are in full voice again. Marion Dodd certainly keeps everyone working but lots of fun is had as well. OVV will be adding Christmas cheer to The Teviot Smokery on the evenings of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December so do come and sing along as you shop! They are also singing carols round the Jedburgh Christmas tree on the evening of December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm when the tree lights are switched on. Other concerts are being planned for 2018.

Singing is fun and allegedly healthy. So if you like to sing why not come along to the Oxnam Village Hall on a Wednesday evening and join in. Everyone is welcome as OVV is a community choir.



## **Oxnam Kids Xmas Disco**

*(Primary School and Under)*

DATE : Sunday 17 December 2017

TIME : 1.00-3.00pm

VENUE : The Village Hall

RSVP by 01 December to Tammy Yourston, Kirkbrae, Jedburgh TD8 6RD  
tyourston@icloud.com 07788 234 434

## World and Home Mission

### **STAMPS CHANGE LIVES**

CrossReach, the social care council of the Church of Scotland have contacted us at Oxnam Kirk about collecting used stamps. They are appealing to congregations and supporters to collect stamps to Stamp Out social isolation, exclusion and vulnerability.

“Collecting stamps and other treasures is an easy way to change lives in Scotland. Do you know that a single bag of current, still in circulation stamps can raise enough money to support a child with a parent in prison through a therapy session? The sale of a large bag of stamps can help raise enough money to cover a counselling session for a parent in need, or cover the cost of an interactive play session between a parent and a child. A collection of value can keep a hurting family together. It’s as easy as pie to stamp collect and make a difference in your local community at the same time.”

Although we do not get as many letters etc. these days with stamps it does seem a pity just to throw those we do get away when they could be used to help others. If you would like to get involved just bring your bags of stamps along to Oxnam Kirk, the Library Café, Film Night, Choir or just give them to me and I'll collect them all up and send on to CrossReach.

How to collect and prepare UK and foreign stamps, both current and past issue:

- Please trim to between 4mm and 8mm thickness of border around each stamp
- Please do not soak stamps off paper
- Separate foreign and UK stamps

For those of you with young children you can find wonderful activities to make stamp collecting fun and exciting on [www.stampactive.co.uk/fun-games](http://www.stampactive.co.uk/fun-games).

**Morag McKeand**

## **Food Bank**

Members of our congregation wishing to follow the example of the “Good Samaritan” may care to contribute items for inclusion in the ‘Emergency Food Parcel Delivery Service’ presently undertaken by Jedburgh Parish Church. This service responds to referrals from various agencies, including Social services, Penumbra, and all C.A.B. centres.

Referrals are typically “benefit” orientated and involve sudden homelessness.

The nature of the food bank dictates that only non-perishables can be stored.

A box for donations is located in the vestry of Oxnam Kirk.

Particularly needed are:

**Tins of:** Tomatoes, Potatoes, Fruit, Rice Pudding, Custard, Meat, Spaghetti, Macaroni.

**Jars of:** Jam, Marmalade, Pasta Sauce, instant coffee.

### **Packets of biscuits**

Perishable items such as bread, butter, milk, sugar and potatoes are purchased just prior to delivery of the parcel, so donations of money are also gratefully received.

Please donate as the Holy Spirit prompts.

**Doug Shearer**  
**Oxnam Kirk Foodbank Co-ordinator**

## **CARPET BOWLING CLUB**

Oxnam Carpet Bowling Club meet in the village hall every Monday at 7.30 p.m. Why not come along and have some fun. New members always welcome. Cost £2 per week.



## Oxnam Village Scarecrow Competition & Grand Fete 2017

After months of preparation by a host of volunteers the sun shone on Oxnam's Scarecrow Competition and Grand Fete on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Scarecrows of all descriptions had been springing up around Oxnam and the surrounding area in the days leading up to the grand event. Scarecrow tourism became the norm with cars seen touring round slowly looking for scarecrows of horses & riders jumping (or not) walls and hedges, workmen, birds, drunks, politicians, monsters, policemen, witches, decorators, children, crashed cyclists and even a mole man (with mole). Pictures of these can be found on the Oxnam Village Hall facebook page if you haven't seen them. Many thanks to all who took part. Liz Robson did an amazing job organising this, and making so many scarecrows for people in return for a donation. I would also like to pass on the Hall committee's thanks to the Rev Marion Dodds for judging the competition.

On the day of the fete the morning was a flurry of activity with marquees, stalls and bouncy castles being put up, bales being delivered and put out, sheep poo being picked (didn't want people getting too filthy), the competition area being marked out and indeed grass being cut. Other critical tasks also being done were getting the beer tent stocked, setting up the tea room in the hall so that people would have plenty of opportunity to replenish themselves.

After all this all we had to worry about was whether people would turn out to support it and make everyone's efforts worthwhile. As the time came people started to arrive in increasing numbers and we collectively started to breathe a sigh of relief.

The OWLs did a roaring trade all afternoon with their teas and baking which as usual went down a storm. Meanwhile the sun did us a huge favour by making it warm enough for the beer tent to have a steady stream of people looking for a cold one or two. This also helped encourage a number to take part in the adult races later in the afternoon. Meanwhile children were stotting about like mad things on the bouncy castle, many after having had their faces painted and indulged themselves on the Oxnam Sweet Shops fancy confectionary.

We also had a steady stream of people trying their luck at the roulette wheel, the tombola and of course those old favourites, the coconut shy and "Splat the Rat". The bric a brac stall was a honeypot for bargain hunters and closed more deals than Donald Trump. Great work all.

We also had the Rulewater Alpaca's who attracted a lot of interest. The guess the weight of the alpaca competition showed a wide range of abilities, from the girl who got it dead on to the local farmer who was widely out! Don't worry though Robert your secret is safe with me!!

Whilst these sideshows were doing a great job at entertaining and relieving people of their hard earned cash, the afternoons sports and high jinks got underway. We had pet competitions, ably judged by Steve Delebecque, including “Shiniest Coat”, “Waggiest Tail” and “Pet Most Like Owner” plus of course the high speed chaos of terrier racing (open to all breeds of canine). Tom & Karen Wardrop did a great job running this and winning with their own superfast pooch! It must be said that some of the others did not seem to understand that they were meant to chase the lure!

Then we had the kids’ races where we found that the children of today clearly don’t often do the sports day races that were commonplace in our childhood. Three-legged races were more like the zombie races due to the lack of co-ordination shown by most, whilst in the wheelbarrow races some very shoogly techniques were in evidence. The sack races were where we saw some real athletic endeavour and the tattie and spoon races would have benefited from some steadier hands!. All of this meant it was highly entertaining for all the adults watching! However their turn was to come after the tug of war competitions. There we saw much straining of muscle and sinew across all age groups. Who knew that our community had such a bunch of competitive folk? The adult races were, if anything, more entertaining! In addition to them doing the same races as the kids they also had what turned out to be a very competitive series of wheelbarrow and log relay races. With this developing into an inter-family and inter-generational tussle the day came to an energetic end! The event raised over £1000, which will go towards some much needed improvements to the Village Hall. A huge thanks to all of you who came along to support it! We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves.

**I’d like to finish with a huge thank you to the hall committee volunteers for a power of work in organising and running the event. Without their input it wouldn’t have happened!!** In addition a huge thanks to the OWLs for the teas, Neil Palmer for the marquees, Carrie Scott for the use of her field, Alan Davies for the grass cutting and Tom & Karen Wardrop for Ewan’s bales!

Let us know what you think about running a scarecrow competition annually.

Email: [oxnamvillageevents@gmail.com](mailto:oxnamvillageevents@gmail.com)

**Bob McKeand**

### **Sunday School**

Please remember we are always very happy to see children of any age at our services. Sunday School continues to be held in the vestry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. We have a huge variety of things to do and make and next time will have Christmas in mind.

**Val Hunter**



## **Walking Group**

The walking group is still enjoyed on the second Sunday of the month. The weather has not been too kind this summer but the faithful few still turn up to enjoy the walk and friendship. The walk on the 12th November will be the last until the Spring.

**Adam Armstrong**

## **Talents – Fund Raising**

Do you still have your £5's ?? Don't panic as we have extended the out of date until the end of May. However, any money made before this date would be gratefully received. Those of you who would still like to take part in this fund raising initiative there is still time to do so. Please speak to your Elder or our Treasurer, Fiona Geddes

## **Life for the visually impaired during Edwardian and Victorian times**

### **The Story of John Richardson from Oxnam**

Volunteer researchers with RNIB Scotland have been exploring the lives of visually impaired people during Edwardian and Victorian times who lived in the wider community, sometimes known as the 'outdoor blind' because they didn't live in the blind institutions, or 'asylums' as they were known at the time.

One of those people researched was John Richardson, a blind man who was born in Oxnam in 1852. Researcher Victoria Ross followed John's story and here is what she found out about the life of this fascinating man.

John was born in 1852 in Oxnam parish. His father was a shepherd and he was the eldest child of a family of five. During his childhood, an accident caused him to lose his sight. The parochial board were concerned that he would bring hardship to his family, especially as he grew older and would be unable to work on the farm. The poor law authorities wanted him to be able to earn a living in some way so that they wouldn't have to support him in adult life so by the age of

nine he had been sent to the blind school in Edinburgh's Gayfield Square where he learned to read raised type.

In 1866, when he was fourteen, he entered the blind asylum as an apprentice weaver. He started on a weekly wage of six shillings and six pence. He was noted for his 'good character' and, by the end of that year, his wage had increased to seven shillings and six pence. For the next 30 years John boarded with various families. In 1895, he was still working for the blind asylum, but was now a mattress maker earning a good wage of £38 12 shillings a year. However, in 1896 he was disciplined and suspended from his work at the asylum for drunkenness and absenteeism. Then in 1899 he was caught stealing horse hair from the mattress workshop and selling it to a dealer. After 30 years as a worker at the blind asylum, he was dismissed for theft and drunkenness.

It seems John continued to drink and without work, he now had to live in cheap lodging houses. In 1901, John Richardson, age 49, was living in the Jubilee Lodging House. There were several lodging houses in Edinburgh in the 1900s. They were occupied by men who were effectively of no fixed abode. In Edwardian Edinburgh, lodging houses were the borderlands of destitution. They were noisy, overcrowded places where people from all walks of life, but down on their luck, might get shelter. They offered no personal space or privacy. Lodgers could find themselves involved in brawls – and theft was a recurring problem. However, lodging houses did have managers and they did their best to impose order, enforce rules, and keep their establishments relatively clean.

His situation continued to deteriorate and he died from a stroke in Craighleith Poorhouse at the age of 62. A secondary cause of his death was alcoholism. As Victoria says it is ironic that he left for Edinburgh to avoid being dependent on poor relief, learned a craft and yet he died an alcoholic pauper in a poorhouse.

*Seeing Our History* is an RNIB Scotland project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It explores the lives of people with sight loss in Edinburgh, the Lothians and the Borders of Scotland one hundred years ago. You can hear all of these fascinating stories by listening to the podcasts at [www.insightradio.co.uk/seeingourhistory](http://www.insightradio.co.uk/seeingourhistory) .

**Morag McKeand**

## Dandy Dinmonts at Oxnam

An unusual Service was held at Oxnam Kirk in the summer attended by around sixty people and forty dogs! This was a service in recognition of James Davidson, one of the original breeders of Dandie Dinmont Terriers, who died in 1820 and is buried in Oxnam graveyard. James Davidson of Hindlee was one of the original breeders of Dandy Dinmont Terriers. Previously, in 1815, Sir Walter Scott wrote his novel Guy Mannering which featured these terriers and also a farmer named Dandy Dinmont. The name was soon used for the dogs and James Davidson was nicknamed Dandy Dinmont by his fellow farmers. Some of James's direct descendants were present at Oxnam along with their Dandy Dinmonts.

The Service was held around the grave and was conducted by Reverend Marion Dodd. A great deal was spoken about the breed and its characteristics and the Service ended with a recording of a verse of the Scottish song "The Dandy Dinmont Terrier". Reverend Marion Dodd then sang the remainder of the song to the delight of everyone present.

It was a happy morning with Oxnam Kirk providing light refreshments for all present. It is hoped to restore the writing on the grave in the near future. The group may be back again in 3 years time to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of one of the original breeders of this great Border breed of terriers.

**Ann Fraser**



## **Harvest Supper**

The Harvest Supper held on 6th October in the Hall was again a great success. Our Session Clerk Morag McKeand compared the evening keeping proceedings flowing well. A lovely hot meal was enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to all who helped set up the Hall, prepare food and to all who donated raffle prizes.

The entertainment was provided by "Loose Cannon" a group from Jedburgh. A lot of fun and dancing was enjoyed, great music.

Thank you to all who supported us.

**Francis Armstrong**



## **Oxnam Community Resilience Group Volunteers**

It's that time of year when we start to think about bad weather and the possibility of other things that could well call upon our services. In order that we can update the records we currently hold can I please ask that you confirm the following details:-

1. Willingness to still be part of the O.R.C.V.
2. Any change of landline or mobile telephone numbers.
3. Confirm website details (all supposing you have received this).
4. Change of address if appropriate.
5. Whether you have use of a vehicle that has 4x4 capability. Don't worry we are not asking you to go "off road".

We are also looking for new volunteers, including any younger people who would be willing to help in some way. At a recent meeting with Scottish Borders Council it became clear that in some areas young people have been an asset. They have very good IT skills and are able to link in to social media etc. Can I ask that those current volunteers who have not replied to my e-mail sent out on the 6th November please let me know as soon as possible re the above.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US OR JUST HAVE A CHAT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU CAN CONTACT ME.**

I can be contacted at [stevedbq20@btinternet.com](mailto:stevedbq20@btinternet.com)

**Steve Delebecque**

**Here are the answers to Paul Dorricot's fiendish Film Quiz**



## **Oxnam Parish Church**

Scottish Charity Number SC010593

### **Quiz : Film Titles**

*Thank you for your donation of £1*

Example : Heartless Baltic (3,5,3): *The Cruel Sea*

- 1) Deussro ( 4,6,4,4).....From Russia With Love
- 2) Osigusters (3,4,2,3,7).....The Wind In The Willows
- 3) Mr Clune (3,3,4,5).....The Man From UNCLE
- 4) The tour guide at the coliseum would(3,7,3).....The Italian Job
- 5) GraveRobber (4,6).....Tomb Raider
- 6) Not Necessarily Dracula(6).....Batman
- 7) Wolverhampton FC plc (3,7,2,6).....The Company Of Wolves
- 8) Go ahead explorer (5,2,8).....Carry On Columbus
- 9) Imaginary tool ? (8).....Airplane
- 10) The, remains of a duck (3,4,8).....The Four Feathers
- 11) Don't run over the flower (7,4,5).....Driving Miss Daisy
- 12) The smell of a sheep (5).....Rambo
- 13) Rav (10).....Braveheart
- 14) Trump woz here (8,8) .....American Graffiti
- 15)The African Queen (9).....Cleopatra
- 16) 337 and a half (5,2,5,4).....North by North West
- 17) Pub champion (5,4).....Local Hero
- 18) Drovel (2,11).....Dr. Strangelove
- 19) Prince Charles ? (3,3,3,5,2,4).....The Man Who Would Be King
- 20) Froshent (3,4,2,3,3) .....The Lady In The Van
- 21) Left gale (4,4,3,4).....Gone With The Wind
- 22) A problem had to be here(5,2).....Catch 22
- 23) Obama's Chess Set (3,3,10,3).....All The President's Men

24) Cain (£36) and Abel (£42) ? (6,6,6).....	Addams Family Values
25) It is in the Bisto (7).....	Gravity
26) Arcotic (4,2,1,4,7).....	Love In A Cold Climate
27) Fetch Alf (5,2,3,4,2,7,6).....	Bring Me The Head Of Alfredo Garcia
28) Comparchertable (2,4,5).....	In like Flint
29) Obtain carrier (3,6).....	Get Carter
30) Hot Rods (8,2,4).....	Chariots of Fire

Very well done to the winners:

Mr and Mrs Davies , Pleasants Farmhouse { All correct }

Mr & Mrs Lyons, Stirling { 29 Correct }

Mr and Mrs Masson, Swinside Hall { 28 1/2 Correct }

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

## **PANTOMIME**

Christmas will have come and gone, it's quiet in the valley, but Oxnam Kirk is kicking it's heels and smiling. The Pantomime is returning. Northumberland Theatre Company will present **THE PRINCESS AND THE GOBLIN**.

Princess Irene is to be the bride of the goblin king's son ; unfortunately he hasn't asked her yet. The Princess and the Goblin is an exciting adventure about the goblins attempts to steal away the princess and her success in avoiding them with a lot of help from Currie, the miner's son, and her mysterious great-great-grandmother, who no one else can see. A story about growing up, making friends and the importance of family with song, dance and some fun along the way.

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2018 at 3.00pm

Tickets: Adults £7

Children £4.50

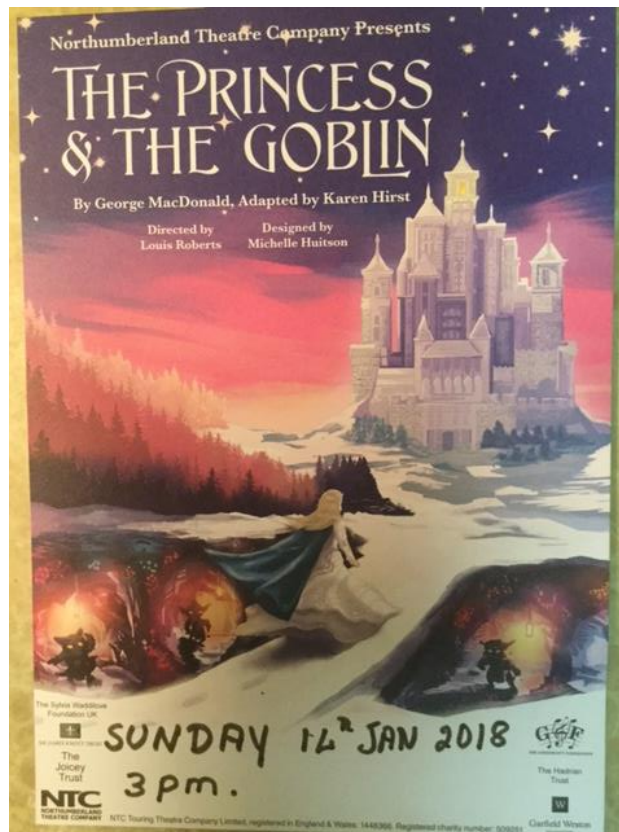
Family £20

Tickets from elders and in the town

p.s Anyone dressed as a **GOBLIN** or as **PRINCESS IRENE** will have free ice-cream in the interval.

**Moir**





## BAPTISMS

- 20.8.17     Annabel Georgina Waugh     Daughter of Julie Gaston and George Waugh, Jedburgh
- 15.10.17     Lewis Alan John Simpson     Son of Louise and Cameron, Jedburgh

## MARRIAGES

- 25.6.16     Victoria Ellen Forshaw & Ryan Richard Scott, Jedburgh
- 30.6.17     Jennifer Grace Clare & Michael Douglas Cully, Jedburgh
- 22.7.17     Leigh Mitchell & Barry Ian Grieve, Jedburgh

## DEATHS

- 1934 – 2017     Mary Elizabeth White
- 1942 – 2017     George Douglas Sheill



## **KIRK SERVICES**

3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2017	Sunday Service (Hospitality)
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Service
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Eve Service at 5.30 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Day Service at 10.30 a.m.
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	New Year's Eve Service
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Sunday Service (Hospitality)

## **SPECIAL KIRK SERVICES**

18 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Wedding Celebration Service
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018	Easter Sunday Service
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Cradle Roll Service