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June 1990

My dear people

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice (Phil 4 v 4). We do as a group of God's people have a lot for which to be thankful. Prayers are being answered. More people are coming to worship not just in Kirkmichael but in Cally as well - thank God for that. It reminds me of a poster on the noticeboard of a church "CH...CH" What's missing? "RU?" We are also seeing some increase in giving, for that we thank God, but we need to continue to commend to God our material as well as spiritual needs. Phil 4 v 19 "For my God shall supply all thy needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" He is faithful, so must we be.

We give thanks to God for new members by profession of faith, with more in the pipe-line. The new manse at Balnald is well on the way to being built. We are seeing things happening, the working of the Kingdom of God amongst us. It was sad that Miss Caroline Macgregor could not continue as Clerk to the Congregational Board. Miss Macgregor has given many years to constant and faithful service with the interests not only of the Church but the wider community at heart. We do welcome our new Clerk Mrs Catherine Gillan and wish her God's blessing and leading in her new office.

We are thankful to God for the work that Jane Baker has been doing among us and many of you have got to know Jane very well. Jane's heart is in the Glens, but her calling and God's purpose for her for the next three or four years at least lie in Portugal. We give thanks to God that we are part of God's purposes in supporting Jane over the next few years by prayer, materially and by the all-important letter.

Let us continue in prayer, not doubting but with thankful hearts. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt 6 v 33).

Nobody who ever sought the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ either in their private life or in the life of the Body of Christ ever looked in vain.

May the Lord Christ rejoice and gladden your heart.

Alan McKean

#### A Note on WEC\_\_

WEC was founded in 1913 as the Heart of Africa Mission, later called the Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade and recently changed to Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ. The founder was C T Studd, who started his life as the son of a very wealthy English family and became famous as a cricketer of international standing, but when he heard the call of God to go to China with the China Inland Mission he gave up all his wealth and privilege to follow Christ whole-heartedly. One of his sayings was "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him", and this has been taken as the motto of WEC. Studd later went to India and finally in 1913, broken in health he set off for the heart of Africa. God told him the journey would be the basis of a mission to take the gospel to the whole world. Studd spent the rest of his life in the Belgian Congo, now Zaire) dying there in 1931. Many believed that the death of this great pioneer meant the end of the work but his widow and son-in-law Norman Grubb, took up the vision and asked God to send 25 new workers and the money to send them out (\$3,000 altogether!), by the second anniversary of Studd's death. This prayer was answered and the mission has continued to grow. Today there are about 400 workers, of several nationalities and from many denominations working in 40 countries; but the aim is still the same: to make Jesus known throughout the world.

## New Members

Sarah Kirkwood 3.6.90  
John Macdonald 3.6.90

We welcome Sarah and John into membership with us and more importantly into the Body of Christ.

## Transfers

We are sorry to lose Mr and Mrs McIvor. Grandtully. Logierait and Strathtay's gain is indeed our loss. We wish God's richest blessing on them in their new home.

Death We regret having to record the death of Mr Albert Hopper. Mr Hopper had been a regular summer visitor to Kirkmichael for many years and had made many friends. Headmaster of Wimblington School Cambridgeshire he was a lay preacher and was a faithful attender of church when he was here. We extend our deep sympathy to his wife, son and daughters.

Marriage At Ballintuim on June 9th by the Rev. Stuart Coates, Catherine Scott Ellin to Kenneth Francis Boran.

## SERVICES

KIRKMICHAEL	DATE	GLENSHEE	NETHERTON
10.30	24.6.90	12.15	
10.30	1.7.90		12.15
10.30	8.7.90	12.15	
10.30	15.7.90		12.15
10.30	22.7.90	12.15	
10.30	29.7.90	COMMUNION 12.15	
10.30	5.8.90		12.15
10.30	12.8.90	12.15	
10.30	19.8.90		12.15
10.30	26.8.90	12.15	
10.30	2.9.90		12.15
10.30	9.9.90	12.15	
10.30	16.9.90		12.15
10.30	23.9.90	12.15	
30.9.90	WORSHIP AT COMPASS CHRISTIAN CENTRE.	GLENSHEE 11.00 am	
10.30	7.10.90		12.15
10.30	14.10.90	12.15	
10.30	21.10.90		12.15
10.30	28.10.90	12.15	

The Church through the eyes of a child ...

The Church is a place where people go for weddings and christenings. Choirs sing. All these things take place in a church. A church is somewhere peaceful where you can pray.

My Gran goes to church every Sunday. When you are in church you sing songs about God.

The church is a singing place because it is a church. I go to church on Sundays because it is open on sundays.

We go to church on Sunday and we sing lots of songs. On some days there are christenings and weddings. Mr McKean is the minister. The church has gravestones and if you have your Grandad on the gravestone you can put floweres in a pot and put them beside the gravestone.

## Valedictory Service

On Sunday June 17th the Church at Kirkmichael was packed with members and friends gathered to attend the Valedictory Service for Jane Baker before she leaves for the Mission field.

Taking part in the act of dedication as well as the Minister was Mr Robert Toop Scottish Secretary of WEC International who accepted Jane into the service of the World Evangelisation for Christ (WEC) and gave the address. Mr Jock Freitag, Leader of the Portugal team in London who will oversee Jane's work in Portugal also spoke. A group from the Compass Christian Centre provided some of the music and with Miss Crichton at the organ the singing lifted the roof.

Many of us know Jane as a personal friend, others only from her regular letters to this magazine but we were all deeply moved when quietly and with complete compusure she told how she had come to know God and to realise at first reluctantly that her life in the future must be one of service and dedication. It was in the manse at the Rev Walter Ritchie's Bible Study that the light began to dawn.

Jane's road to Damascus has been long and hard but this memorable service on Sunday showed how far along it she has travelled.

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After the Service 74 of those present met in the Hall for a light lunch prepared by the Guild and other members of the Congregation. Many of Jane's friends had come from far away, some from Prayer Groups, others from WEC in Glasgow and it was good to see Mrs Heather Ritchie, Miss Barbara Steven and other old friends who have moved away.

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Does the road wind uphill all the way?  
Yes, to the very end.  
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?  
From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting-place?  
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.  
May not the darkness hide it from my face?  
You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?  
Those who have gone before.  
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?  
They will not keep you standing at that door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?  
Of labour you shall find the sum.  
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?  
Yea, beds for all who come.

(C Rosetti)

### The Woman's Guild

At our last meeting we watched a video tape on the influence of the media and discussed the question. At the same time we sewed the strips we had knitted into blankets and enjoyed the atmosphere of quiet talk. Some of us went to Anstruther with the Rattray Guild and visited the Fishery Museum. It was good to smell the sea and the drive home into the sunset was particularly beautiful. Our President is still Mrs Tricia Falconer and our Secretary Mrs Sheila Fleming. New members will be very welcome when the next session begins in October.

## Kirkmichael School

The summer term has been extremely busy for pupils of Kirkmichael School. Senior pupils have been studying countries involved in the World Cup while the infants have been interested in sport. Most events during the term have been involved with sport to tie up with these topics. The senior girls were runners-up in a five-a-side netball tournament while the boys are busy training for a football tournament on 22nd June. All senior pupils took part in an afternoon of sport with other rural schools in the region in Perth at the Sports Centre. Eight pupils represented the school at Scone at a cross country run on Sunday 17th June and Heather Fraser is to represent the senior pupils at "10 step" Athletics Finals on Thursday 21st June.

A very enjoyable afternoon of sports followed by refreshments was shared by parents and Straloch and Strone of Cally Schools on Thursday 14th June. Mrs Odie from the SSPCA gave a talk on Scottish Wildlife prior to a hill-walk in Glenferate. This very successful walk and picnic took place on Monday, 4th June and although the weather was rather cool the walkers accompanied by Lynette Borrodale (District Ranger) thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Monday 11th June six pupils passed the cycling proficiency test. They were Julie and Kenneth Duncan, Patric Jones, Victoria Kiero, Charlane Millar and Isla Milne. Andrew Simpson who was absent is to sit his at a later date.

19 children both senior and junior have been having riding lessons at Balnakilly Riding centre. The children have learned a lot about horses, tackle and riding.

Five children attended music camp at Borskied House. Laura Duncan has completed her first year at Saturday Morning Music School in Perth and Alison Falconer has been accepted for the same school beginning next term. Six of the seven pupils entering primary next year had a taste of school while the primary seven pupils 'sampled' Blairgowrie High and parents visited school on 6th June.

Terms ends on the 27th June with the prize-giving in School at 10.00 am followed by School Service in Kirkmichael Church at 11.15 am.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** The Mount Blair Community Council met on 21st May. Mr Mackie of the Eastern Area Neighbourhood Office, Leslie Street, Blairgowrie was present. Any queries regarding planning or even the community charge can be directed to this office. Matters arising at the meeting were mainly concerned with the roads in the area while the parking and drainage are still causing problems in Kirkmichael. Mr Wilson, District Councillor, discussed the possibility of siting a tennis court in the Kirkmichael School playground.

Mr John Milne, Kirkmichael had been appointed a J.P. and can be contacted on Strathardle 340 or evenings 385.

Any member of the public can contact District Councillor John Wilson or Regional Councillor Alan Powrie with any problem they may have. Community Councillors meet more or less every three to four months. The next meeting in Kirkmichael School is on the 3rd September at 7.30 pm.

Community Council Chairman - Mr Gordon McGregor Strathardle 205  
Vice Chairman Mrs J Lindsay Glenshee 233

Sec/Treasurer Mrs Isobel Milne Strathardle 385  
Committee Miss Macgregor (Strathardle 241) Capt D Ellin (Strathardle 317)  
Mrs Gillan (Bridge of Cally 244) Mr Peter Drysdale (Bridge of Cally 265)  
Mr F Fleming (Blacklunans 233)

**AMERICAN DAY** this fun day is always held in the Blackwater Inn (or outside if weather permits) on the Saturday nearest to American Independence Day. This year it will be on July 7th. There will be stalls and a barbecue and the proceeds go to a local charity. Mount Blair Rural have a Cake and Candy Stall and a Bottle Stall and everyone is invited. It is from 2 - 5 pm.

## MOULIN MOOR by Alastair Lavery, Kindrogan Field Centre

Since 1988 travellers between Strathardle and Pitlochry will have been struck by the sudden changes in the landscape caused by afforestation. Two sections of the moor were ploughed, fenced and planted with young trees, a transformation to an area where change for many years has been so slow that it goes unnoticed.

The A924 Kirkmichael to Pitlochry road crosses the Moulin Moor, an extensive stretch of heather and grass moor between Ben Vrackie on the north and the low hills of Faire Mhor, above Loch Broom, to the south. The moor was broken only by the lonely cottage at Badvo with its single ash tree. Perhaps the most notable part of any journey over the moor is the striking view to Schiehallion, Ben Lawers and as far west as Ben More/Stobinian at Crianlarich. As well as the bright clear days the moor can also be cold, bleak and inhospitable. It is always a place of character.

Some of this character has been lost with the coming of a new forest. The Moulin Moor scheme, planned and carried out by Fountain Forestry of Perth, consists of two blocks of forest. The first of these to be planted, Kinnaird, is on the flat top of the moor, on a long gentle ridge running from the roadside to the lower slopes of Ben Vrackie. The most recent block is Brerachan, which occupies the west side of upper Glen Brerachan on the slopes of Carn Dubh.

The present changes have their beginnings in 1986 when planning permission was sought to plant the whole of the north side of the moor - the area of the present blocks and the large tract of land between them. This proposal, as is so often the case, was challenged by various public and private bodies. Most of the objections fell into one of three categories. The effects on the scenery and on tourism formed one basis for objection. The loss of, or the threat to, existing jobs made up another category. The loss of high quality grazing land, especially around Badvo was seen as a problem. Bell's whisky, made with water from the Kinnaird Burn, were worried about the quality and quantity of water that was the basis of all the distilling at Blair Athol Distillery at Pitlochry. The third group of objections came from bodies concerned with archaeology. The moor was known to be rich in ancient remains but little was known in detail about what was there. In addition archaeologists are increasingly concerned about conserving the whole of ancient landscapes - groups of villages and fields - rather than about single important buildings. In this case there were no special conservation objections. Although the moor is a lovely example of its kind it is not judged important enough to have any special protection from the Nature Conservancy Council.

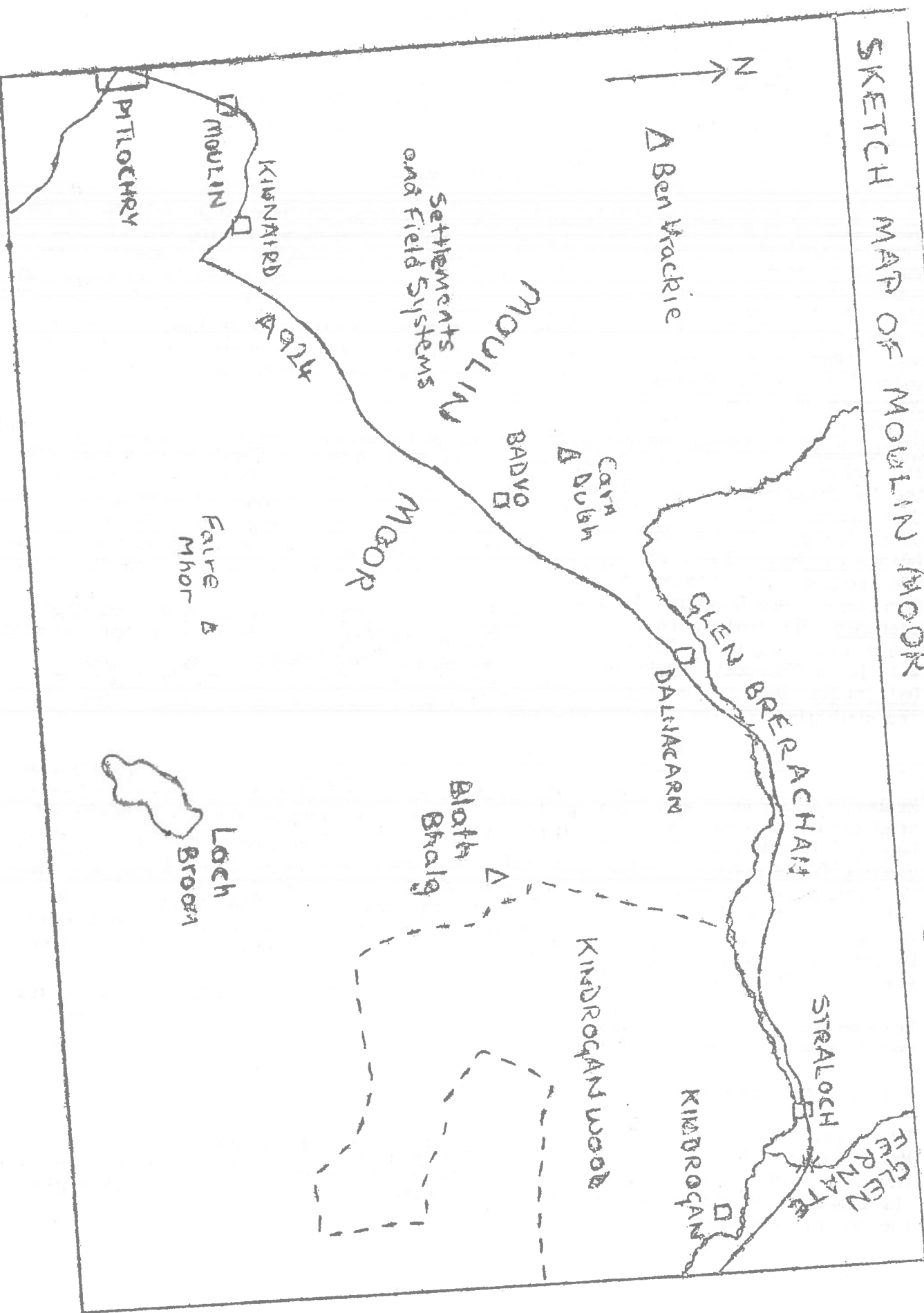
These objections had two results. The permission to plant was refused until rescue excavation had taken place to discover the nature of the house remains on the moor. When permission was finally granted it was for the much smaller scheme that is now in place. The work of the archaeologists, who excavated a group of houses on the moor in 1987, revealed a lot about the moor's surprisingly long and busy history - too much to be dealt with now and perhaps best left for a future article.

The afforestation of Highland Scotland is controversial. There is debate over whether the losses are justified by the gains in jobs and in the production of much needed timber. Whatever the rights and wrongs of upland afforestation are, there is no doubt that a major result of the planting of Moulin Moor has been that many people, both local and visitors, are more conscious of the history, landscape and wildlife of the moor. The moor will never be the same again but it has survived many changes in the past. No-one observing these changes to the moor can take the environment lightly, or fail to think about how environmental change is determined.

Mr Lavery was not able to provide a map to illustrate his article because of copyright problems but a friend has sketched the area from an old map (see opposite page) and we hope no-one will sue us for the use of it.

# SKETCH MAP OF MOULIN MOOR

SCALE 1 : 50,000



World Cup?  
THE BEWTEIS OF THE FUTE-BALL

Brissit brawnis and broking banis.  
Stryf, discords and waistie wantes  
Cruikit in eild. syn halt withall -  
Thir are the bewteis of the fute-ball.

(anon. 16th Century)

Brissit: burst      Waistie wanis: ruined homes      eild: old age

Round the Rurals

Mount Blair had a very full season - a talk on bonsai and how to grow them. slides of the glen throughout the seasons and a film taken in Glenshee during the fifties - many kent faces could be seen at the clippings and hay-making. Cold sweets were demonstrated (and tasted) and there was a talk on china with a lovely selection on view. Nine members took part in the sponsored walk and enjoyed a "stroll" along the old road from the Spittal of Glenshee to Dalnaglar when the glen was looking its best. Many more 'goodies' are in store for 1990/91 and new members would be very welcome at the Blackwater Hall on the second Thursday of every month starting in September at 7 pm.

Secretary: Mrs Jean Cameron.

Kirkmichael A COFFEE EVENING will be held in Kirkmichael Hall on Thursday, 20th July at 7.30 pm when the entertainment will be by Ewan Sutherland and David Wilkie with the Ann Burgess Dancers. SUMMER OUTING to Cawdor Castle on Saturday, 30th June. Cost approx. \$14. Leave Kirkmichael village at 9 am. Any one interested in joining us please give name to Mrs Stent, Strathardle 382. Secretary: Mrs J Ellin.

Bridge of Cally The first meeting will be on September 4th when Mrs Watson will be the speaker. In November Mrs Hill will give a talk and demonstration on Floral Art. Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Marchant.

Glenshee The members raised the splendid sum of \$120 from their sponsored walk. there is an outing to Edinburgh on September 4th and the first meeting of the winter will be on Thursday, Spetember 13th. Secretary: Mrs Fraser.

Ballintuim meet on the third Tuesday of the month, Secretary: Mrs Betty Duncan.  
(We apologise for the drastic pruning of these reports owing to lack of space.)

The Wednesday Club

Members of the Wednesday Club celebrated Burns on the 31st January with an excellent traditional meal at the Strathlene Hotel. Mrs Betty Ivey as guest addressed the haggis. Mrs Morrison said the Selkirk Grace. After the meal members joined in singing Burns songs. A happy afternoon concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Mr Angus Brown of Audio Visual Centre, Dundee was guest speaker in February. His collection of slides consisted of a wonderful variety of pictures taken at home and on many visits abroad. His relating stories proved most interesting. Mr Douglas Davidson was a popular speaker in March, his slides and stories of Old Blairgowrie were very revealing and amusing. J.M.

Welcome visitors to Kirkmichael are Mr and Mrs Roy Potter. We know that summer has really come when we see them back.

A little cat joined us in Church on Sunday.

Editorial Committee

Mrs E Dutton      Mrs J Lindsay      Miss C Macgregor      Mrs M Stewart

The next issue should be towards the beginning of October so that some of the Christmas celebrations can be noted in goo time. Contributions if possible please by the end of September.