



## CHURCH REGISTER

### BAPTISM

18 September Cameron Thomson, Aberlour

### BLESSING

6 November Connor Douglas Spence, Aberlour

### WEDDINGS

3 September Richard George Russell to Roberta Susan King

15 October William Templeton to Karen Dianne Adam

### DEATHS

17 September Kenneth Wilson McNab, Aberlour

24 September Catherine Murray Anderson, Aberlour

5 October Hamish Stewart Cruickshank, Aberlour

10 October Isobel Fraser Carmichael, Craigellachie

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## Cuppa at Craigellachie

Come and join us for a cuppa and some home bakes on the third Thursday of each month from 2.15pm to 3.15pm, at the church in Craigellachie. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

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## CHRISTIAN AID

The following is an extract from a letter from The Perth Christian Centre:  
"Thank you very much for your cheque for £400, a donation from Aberlour CAC. I note that you wish it to be credited to the 'Three Continents Appeal'. There is so much need for emergency funding from partners in all three continents and this is much appreciated. I would be grateful if you would pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their continued support."

This was in response to the donations from the whole Parish at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, and brings the total sent to Christian Aid Scotland, so far, in 2005, to £5396.90. In addition to this, based on the value of completed envelopes returned, Christian Aid will also be able to reclaim £157.94 in tax under the Gift Aid scheme.

I now have pleasure in passing on my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Best wishes,

Ken

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### Kenneth Wilson McNab

The Kirk Session was greatly diminished and saddened by the death of Kenny McNab on 17 September. Kenny was ordained as an elder in January 1999 and fulfilled all his duties willingly and faithfully. A practical person, Kenny didn't like the limelight, but quietly and efficiently worked in the background, helping wherever he could. He was faithful at worship, rarely missing a Sunday, and usually brought

others with him. Every month, he was at Speyside Home, helping to celebrate communion. Always a perfect gentleman, he was a very caring man, whose faith influenced all he did. We have lost a very active, dedicated elder. We thank God for all that Kenny was and did amongst us, and pray that his wife, Ann, may find comfort, hope and friendship as she copes with her new circumstances.

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## ***‘Come and join the celebration!’***

There will be a musical celebration of Christmas in Aberlour Church on the evening of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, with carols old and new, led by musicians from the BIG group along with the church choir.

- Everyone welcome
- Seasonal refreshments
- Donations to Cancer Research
- Further details to be announced

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### **Church Fundraising Group**

Once again, we’ve had a very successful year, raising a total of £1193.40. This was made up of £551 from a stall at the Whisky Festival, £240 from the Organ recital and £420.40 from the stall at the Aberlour Games.

Quiz sheet winners were: “Creatures of the sea” Mrs Nicol, Huntly  
“ Football teams” Mrs Anderson, Dundee

The dressed doll went to Rowena Nicol, Dufftown

Sincere thanks go to all for generous donations and to all who helped.

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### **Craigellachie TIG**

At Tig this session we have been following our Bible timeline through the Old Testament, learning about Joseph and his coat of many colours; David and Goliath; and Jonah and the whale. As well as hearing the wonderful stories we have been busy making puppets, paper weights and Jonah in a bottle! We are looking forward to Advent and will be making Christmas Crafts as well as rehearsing our part for the all age service on the 18th December.

As always, if you are aged 3-12 years you are very welcome to join us any Sunday at 9.45am.

Come and join the Christmas Celebration!

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## Aberlour Sunday Circle

Well, the weeks are racing by and already we have started practising for Christmas. This year we are working on a Nativity, which tells the story of the first Christmas through songs sung to well known traditional tunes. We hope you will come and see the result on **Sunday 18 December at 11.15 am in Aberlour Parish Church.**

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### GUILD NEWS

We have had a couple of excellent speakers: one from the Leprosy Mission; and one who actually worked in Sri Lanka following the disaster last Christmas. Both extremely enlightening and eye-opening, they certainly made us think. We had a very well attended and enjoyable St. Andrew's Night and look forward to the Guild Church Service on December 4th, and our Christmas Lunch at the beginning of December. As usual, we are busy in different ways and enjoying it all. We would like to wish you all a very happy time over the festive season

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**Kenny McNab** will be sorely missed by so many people and organisations and the Kirk News is certainly one of them. He was such an enthusiastic gentleman, helping with the collating, delivering and collecting of advertisements.

We are very grateful that several people have offered their services to help with deliveries and hope that one or two will be willing to visit the Aberlour advertisers in March.

Thanks to anyone who has any part in getting the publication to all the houses in the parish.

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## The Aberlour Church Walking Group

We recently held an open meeting of those interested in the Walking Group. The meeting included a fun quiz, based on the previous 17 walks, before moving on to discuss various topics. Several ideas for future routes were suggested for the planning group to research, including a special walk in May during Christian Aid Week.

Thirty people took part in our last walk at Millbuies Country Park, when we were once more blessed with mainly dry weather, though it had been pouring earlier on. We enjoyed seeing the swans with their young on the loch, and found a hut to sit in (or lean against!) for lunch. As is often the case, we were pleased to see some new faces on the walk – someone brought their relatives along, and someone else managed for the first time. So if you have never been before please feel free to join us!

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December we are repeating last year's successful Christmas Special, walking from Aberlour to the Auld Mill Restaurant, near Archiestown, for a soup and sandwich lunch at the very reasonable price of £5 per person. We walk back by a different route. Please meet at the Victoria Bridge Car Park at 11am. To book your place please phone Jane or David/Maureen by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December so that we can notify the Restaurant.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January we are having a repeat of another popular walk (this time in the opposite direction), going from Craigellachie to Aberlour via the river path and the Speyside Way; then crossing the Victoria Bridge and following the other side of the Spey back to

Craigellachie via Macallan fishing hut. Meet at Craigellachie Highlander Park Car Park (by the tennis courts) at 11am or join us at the Victoria Bridge, Aberlour at 11.50am.

For further information or help with transport phone: David, Maureen or Jane

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## **Elders' Sale**

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to prepare for the sale and to all who assisted on the night. The event raised £1,500.

We can now start collecting for 2006!

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## **CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

At the recent AGM Edith, Brenda and Ken were re-elected as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

It was highlighted that £2100 of council funds has been spent on repairs due to vandalism. The majority of this money was spent on repairs to the Bridge lighting - toughened glass, wire mesh and light bulbs. The balance has been spent on repairs to the wooden tractor shed at the football field, broken hall and tennis pavilion windows, putting wire mesh on the tennis pavilion windows to protect them and in one of the last instances we had to replace all 36 bolts, which the vandal(s) had taken time to remove from the picnic bench! This level of spending cannot continue and it is hoped that the vandalism will stop. The police will be contacted regarding any future instances.

The Village Council is to hold a Tea and Competitions in the Village hall on Saturday 3 December 2005. Star prize is £50. All prizes are donated by hall user groups and local businesses, for which we are very grateful. Eyes Down at 7.30pm. On Wednesday 28 December 2005 there will be another of the popular Bottle Bingos. This year Stephen and Freda Strathdee have very kindly agreed to sponsor the event. As usual, all prizes will be bottles and there are some very nice prizes to be won. Again, eyes down at 7.30pm. Look out for details in press and posters. We also hope to run a quiz in February 2006.

Once again Moray Council have very kindly donated a large bag of daffodil bulbs to the village. It is hoped to plant these in tubs around the village and down at the old Telford Bridge area.

It is hoped to run the "Touch of Tartan Gathering" again on Hogmanay if there is enough interest. It will be along similar lines as last year with people reserving a table for a small sum, bringing their own food and drink and socialising with others. It is hoped to have background music, but we are not laying on entertainment as such. As stated, it is only a meeting place - an alternative to the pub, which makes it suitable for families. The hall will remain open to bring in the New Year and then it will close at 12.30am allowing people to go to the Square or elsewhere. If you would like to reserve a table please phone Brenda.

Have a good Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at either the bingos, or at the Touch of Tartan, or preferably all three events!

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## **Aberlour Community Association**

At the recent AGM, which was rather poorly attended, the following office bearers were elected; - Chairman - Mabel Donald, Vice-Chair Sandy Henderson, Treasurer Hugh Fraser, Secretary - Pamela Winchester.

We would like to remind everyone that all residents in the community are welcome to attend meetings and can raise any matters for discussion, but do not have the right to vote.

We are always looking for volunteers for any of our events, and are currently

working towards the Christmas festivities. Watch for future announcements.



## **COMMUNITY DIARY**

### **DECEMBER 2005:**

- 3 Aberlour Primary School Christmas Fayre
- 3 Christmas Bingo, Village Hall, Craigellachie 7.30pm
- 9 Craigellachie Senior Citizens' Christmas Meal 5pm
- 10 Walking Group (see article)
- 12 Aberlour Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner, Fleming Hall 6.30pm
- 15 Craigellachie Cuppa, Church Hall, 2.15-3.15pm
- 18 Edinville Christmas Party 2.30pm
- 18 Carol Service Aberlour Church (see article)
- 28 Bottle Bingo, Village Hall, Craigellachie 7.30pm
- 31 Edinville Hogmanay Party 9pm
- 31 Touch of Tartan Gathering, Craigellachie Hall (see article)

### **JANUARY 2006:**

- 12 "Matter of Opinion" Craigellachie Senior Citizens 2pm
- 14 Walking Group (see article)
- 19 Craigellachie Cuppa, Church Hall, 2.15-3.15pm

### **FEBRUARY 2006:**

- 1 Open Whist, Masonic Hall 7.30pm
- 9 David Hanson, Antiques, Craigellachie Senior Citizens 2pm
- 11 Walking Group (see posters for details)
- 16 Craigellachie Cuppa, Church Hall, 2.15-3.15pm
- 18 Coffee Morning, Craigellachie Senior Citizens 10am –noon

