

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
Thursday, 19th March 2015

Refreshments served from 7.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Constitution
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of previous Meeting
4. Notification of Any Other Business
5. Report of Church Secretary
6. Report of Executive Team
7. Report of Treasurer
 - Approval of Accounts for 2014
 - Adoption of Budget for 2015
8. Receipt of written reports
9. Appointment of Church Officers:
 - Church Secretary
 - Assistant Church Secretaries
 - Treasurer
 - Treasurer elect
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Gift Aid Secretary
 - Junior Church Secretary
 - Safety Officer
 - Fire Officer
 - Independent Examiner
 - Hall Letting Secretary
 - Newstand - Editor
 - Business Manager/Distributor
 - Reform Distributor
 - Press Officer
 - Online Communications Administrator
10. Appointment of Church representatives
11. Constitution of Teams
 - and election of members
12. Notified Other Business
13. Chairman's remarks
14. Adjournment
15. The Grace

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

2014 saw the church continuing to build on the success of the previous years although with the retirement of the Revd Dr David Peel in July we entered a period of vacancy, the length of which is of course unknown. Vacancy is a time to examine what we do and where we are going, the preparation of the Profile and discussions with the Moderator giving us much to consider. We were pleased to be able to give David an excellent send-off with a well-attended lunch following his final service with us.

In addition to the main 11.00 am Sunday service, our regular 9.30 am communion services on the third Sunday of the month and the 9.30 am weekly Tuesday service continue with their regular groups of supporters. Our now regular Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday and our Carols by Candlelight service on Christmas Eve were continued, the latter again being well-attended and an opportunity to see folk who do not normally attend our services. Our bi-monthly Messy Church is well supported as are the other opportunities for worship at Lent and Advent.

We continue to appreciate the support given by retired ministers Douglas McFarlane, Gordon Connacher and Peter Moth plus the extra help given by Lucy Cooke, Ann Sinclair, Valerie Taylor and Jim Farley in leading worship and the Worship Group together with all others who take part in services.

At the end of the year there was a membership of 162, with an average Sunday morning congregation of around 85, including children and some regular attenders who are not members. We had four baptisms but no weddings in 2014. During the year we welcomed a number of folk into our fellowship, but mourned the death of several members and friends of long-standing. In November, two Elders who came to the end of their term of office as serving Elders were re-elected to stand for a further term, with three, Sheila Hartley, Bob Corrigan and Derek Stenbridge standing down, their years of service being much appreciated by the church. We were able to welcome Barbara Burgess and Chris Hales to the Eldership and wish them every blessing in their future service with St. Andrew's. Elders reluctantly accepted John Fenwick's resignation from the Eldership, his immense contribution to the life and work of St. Andrew's will be greatly missed. We have continued to keep in touch, by our system of Link Elders, with the increasing number of organisations meeting on the premises.

Some of our members are involved in the wider church at Northern Synod where Sue Ames and Lucy Cooke are members of the Children and Youth Work Group and Derek Stenbridge is a Trustee of the URC (Northern Province) Trust Limited and serves on a number of its sub groups.

The children and young people of Junior Church continue to contribute to morning worship and help to take up the collection. We again ran a week-long happy and relaxed Holiday Club. We continue to welcome the uniformed organisations to Parade Services. St Andrew's Parent and Toddler Group continues to meet.

We were pleased to receive two donations, one from the family of the late Betty Robson and the other from the late Peggy Spicer.

St. Andrew's is very much a community church with a wide variety of different organisations using the premises and to this end the Elders support Lucy Cooke in the newly created role of Community Elder. Users include a large number of sessions where children and young people are involved including the uniformed organisations, the Saturday Stage School and the linked Tuesday Drama Club, the Harmony Choir and several classes, of various types, for babies and toddlers. Although most are very peripheral to our church life, the introduction of Messy Church has enabled some positive connections to be made. We do try to live out

our recognised status as a Child Friendly Church which we were pleased to have renewed. We were pleased to continue, and build, on our links with Langley First School, the school holding their annual carol service in the church and some of our members visiting the school, from time to time, in connection with school assemblies.

We continued to support Christian Aid both directly in the annual door-to-door collection and through the URC Commitment for Life programme. Over Christmas we collected for the Christian Aid and URC Maternal Health Project in Kenya and Malawi. We were pleased that we were able to maintain some charitable work full details of which can be seen in the Treasurer's Report. We also were pleased to continue the Charity Scheme whereby 10% of fund-raising was collected to be given to three charities selected by church members. We continue to support charities, when able, with the return of hall booking fees when the premises are privately booked for charity fund-raising. The church also acts as a channel for other charitable donations when retiring offerings are sought at funeral services held in the church.

The joint working of the two churches in the Coast Partnership continued and it was especially successful with the organisation of a further Worship Training Day.

Our involvement in Whitley Bay & District Churches Together has continued. We have continued to support the Street Pastors Project and the Bay Food Bank. Our friendly co-operation with the other five churches in the parishes of St Peter's and St Alban's has continued with the usual social events. The special close relationship with St. Peter's continued with joint Lent and Advent services and devotions.

We continue to be grateful to our organists for their major contribution to our acts of worship: Paul Hartley, Joy Campbell and Helen Storey. We are continually grateful to the Music Group for their contribution from time to time to the worship life of the church.

Much of which I have touched on above is expanded on in the other reports that follow all of which show the worshipping, community and social life of St. Andrew's Church.

RAY HAMMOND

EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORT

The Team oversees the day to day work of the Church Teams: Finance, Premises Maintenance, Project, and Activities, as well as overseeing hall lettings.

We continue to enjoy the benefit of the refurbished premises although there is minor redecoration to carry out annually to keep the premises looking smart and often some minor repairs are necessary.

Premises Maintenance Team - oversees the general cleaning of the premises and monitors the cleaning which is carried out by N&P Cleaners. Whilst the thrice weekly clean does not always coincide with the use of the premises, the 52 week cover is well worth any slight inconvenience. Once again cleaning of the carpets was carried out during the school holidays.

Regular cleaning of the outside of the main entrance windows continues to be undertaken on a monthly basis by a contractor with all other windows being cleaned around the time of the annual Work Day. This year they again cleaned the inside of the windows in the reception area. The annual Work Day is a very sociable occasion when general cleaning, which the cleaning company does not carry out, is undertaken. Unfortunately the gardens were not successful this year in the North Tyneside Garden in Bloom Competition.

Activities Team – The Team continues to take on all the social and fund-raising activities for the church. A variety of events are held during the year all of which have been well supported.

The Church Fair was once again a highlight of the year with a substantial amount being raised, the match funding from Barclays for the Tombola continuing to be an extremely useful contribution to the takings on the day.

The selection of charities was well supported by church members and the Team were pleased to present cheques to the selected charities and look forward to presenting more cheques in 2015 as well as asking members to choose charities to receive donations in 2016.

Hall Lettings – The premises continue to be very well used by both church organisations, local community groups, as well as other activities. The list of users grows ever longer. All users are very appreciative of the facilities offered.

General

Overseeing the running of premises the size of our church buildings with the heavy usage that takes place, as well as organising all the routine servicing of appliances and equipment, is a time-consuming job and requires much time and effort by a small dedicated group of people to whom we are very grateful.

The Beech Grove Manse – Some minor repair and redecoration work was necessary to enable the property to be let, initially for six months.

RAY HAMMOND, Church Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2014 AND BUDGET FOR 2015

We started 2014 anticipating a deficit in excess of £16,500. In fact we achieved a much better result than that. Thanks primarily to a transfer of cash of the interest received from Project Fund investments and a better than expected income from Activities, the deficit was less than £1,500.

Highlights of 2014 income and expenditure are summarised as follows:

- Offerings and donations were slightly higher than 2013 and budget. This was a welcome change from the declines of recent years.
- The Activities Team exceeded their budget considerably, with a grand total of almost £15,000 raised for Church funds and local charities.
- Hall Letting income, while in line with budget, was also considerably higher than in 2013. The increase almost covered the additional costs for professional help in organising lettings.
- Our M&M and Synod levies once again increased considerably, as expected. We have a respite with no major increases for 2015; however further increases are expected in future years.
- We gratefully received a legacy of £250 from the estate of the late Mrs E M Spicer.
- Our Utilities bill was lower than 2013, thanks to a somewhat milder winter.
- With our Minister's retirement in July, Minister's expenses were lower than in 2013; however this was offset by higher Pulpit Supply costs.
- Altogether, from funds raised at activities, funeral collections and special collections, we donated nearly £4,500 to various charities during the year. This is lower than in 2013, however we deferred 2014 Commitment for Life 2014 donations to send to CfL in 2015.
- At the end of the year the General Fund stood at £27,548, comfortably above the safety level of £20,000.

Budget 2015

The budget proposal for 2015 is based on our income and expenditure for 2014 and is again a deficit budget, even after budgeting for a transfer of interest from the Project Fund investments. With this anticipated income and expenditure the General Fund would stand at a still comfortable £23,000 at the end of 2015. We usually do better than budget and I hope this is the case again this year.

Meanwhile I make my usual plea for you to be as generous as you can in your givings to the Church.

As always, I wish to thank Jenny Hooper for her sterling work as Assistant Treasurer, the Collector team for their invaluable help in 2014, and the Finance Team for their guidance during the year.

JOHN COOK, Church Treasurer

PROJECT TEAM

After the completion of major alterations and additions during 2013, the emphasis for 2014 was on carrying out minor items of work, the most significant of which was to provide additional storage for tables below the hall stage.

Broken and damaged demountable low tables have been replaced and a new purpose-made oak table obtained primarily for use at communion services.

The opportunity was also taken to replace the blue steel-framed chairs located in the minor hall, meeting room and lounge with aluminium-framed chairs of the type in use in the main hall. The steel chairs have given good service but have required periodic repairs and cleaning and are heavy to lift and move. After advertising through Synod a local church was pleased to make use of the steel-framed chairs and also made a generous donation to St Andrew's.

I offer my thanks to members of the Project Team for their help and support over the past year.

BILL HOPPER, Convener

JUNIOR CHURCH

Although numbers are very small, Junior Church continues to flourish. We have experienced some changes in the past year. Both Julie Edwardson and Amanda Fawkes have retired as leaders and we thank them for their valuable contributions over the years. We are missing Ann Sinclair, who is spending a lot of her time at her placement church at Jesmond, as she completes her preaching training. Iain continues to work with the children and we thank him for his continued support, as well as that of a few Elders who give occasional help. Three teenagers, Jo, Sam and Ellie have joined us as young helpers and we love having them with us.

We continue to use "Roots" for most of our teaching, as it follows the Lectionary. The children enjoy taking part in the church service, such as helping with the collection or reading.

SUE AMES, Temporary Junior Church Secretary

WORSHIP GROUP

Members of the Worship Group continue to help organise the Worship at St Andrew's including the rota for Sunday services, the Tuesday morning service, the Bible Readers and the Prayers of Intercession. Douglas does a very good job of co-ordinating everything and we are happy that we have a good supply of worship leaders, including Douglas, Ann and Lucy, apart from our Interim Moderator, while we are without a minister.

We have conducted a number of services over the past year. We also support the Wednesday Fellowship in their special services at Christmas and Easter and regularly visit the residents of Home Prior and Eothen to conduct services.

Parade services, involving the uniformed organisations, take place four times a year, celebrating Mothering Sunday, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.

SUE AMES, Worship Group Secretary

ST. ANDREW'S CARPET BOWLING CLUB

This year we have had roughly the same members, some members dropping out due to ill health and new people joining.

At our AGM in March it was decided to give the church £600 for the use of the Hall and on 10th April we finished bowling for our Summer Break.

The Summer passed very quickly and on September 8th we started bowling again. At the Church Fair in November we had a 'Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar' competition and raised £36.50 for church funds.

Everyone continues to improve in their play and on December 18th we held our Christmas Competition. There was fierce competition but in the end the winners were Jim Turnbull, John Scrafton, Jim Bannister and Robin Christopher and you will have seen their photograph in the local paper. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon with tea and mince pies in the interval.

We look forward to more fellowship and bowling in the period after Christmas until we finish for our Summer Break.

MARY CHRISTOPHER, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club has continued to meet fortnightly throughout 2014, on Friday afternoons, with speakers or entertainment. These have included the writer, with a programme of Spring music, the return of our two friends, Nice and Easy, with music and humour, a talk from Trading Standards, a Bingo session, music from the trio Mixed Blessings, a visit from the St Andrew's Ukelele Group, advice on Power of Attorney from representatives of Age UK, a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind and, from the same visitor on a different occasion, a DVD - a Musical Journey Along the Clyde. Some of our funds were used to subsidise meals at Easter and Christmas, again excellently catered by Grapes. The Christmas lunch was enjoyed by 45 members and friends. Three new members joined the Club during the year, and a donation of £250 was made to church funds.

PAUL HARTLEY

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

The Parent and Toddler Group meet on Tuesday afternoons on a weekly basis where children can play together and develop their social skills, whilst the adults can relax and chat over a refreshing cup of tea/coffee. Arrangements for opening, providing refreshments and the care and storage of the toys fall to three Elders, with any two in attendance at each meeting. Help is provided on a rota basis by one male church member who assists with the heavier items.

The average weekly attendance over the year (33 weeks) was 14 children together with their respective parent, grandparent or carer and the Group were able to donate £500 towards church funds, £100 to Action for Children and also organised a collection of clothes for the same charity.

The Group has been supported by our Community Elder, Lucy, who has related biblical stories to the children, in the church, the final one of the year being the nativity story. We sang songs, played the musical instruments and enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus.

My thanks go to Barbara and Hazel together with the male helpers David, Derek, John, Ray and Bill.

KATHLEEN HOPPER

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Our membership for 2013/2014 was 22 members with an average attendance of 13. This slight increase makes it possible to dance with two sets.

Jean Jackson, once again, is doing a fantastic job of preparing our dance programme. In February we had our Fish and Chip Christmas Dinner which was followed by a Beetle Drive. At our AGM in May the Committee was voted in for a further year. They are: Kathleen Hopper - Chairperson, Catriona Fenwick - Treasurer, Angela Cook - Secretary. We had our annual dinner at the Gibraltar Rock on Wednesday 28th May 2014. This was a most enjoyable evening. The 2013/2014 dance session finished on 21st May.

The 2014/2015 session started on 3rd September with 19 members and an average attendance of 11, slightly down on last year. Since we started this session though we have had a small increase in membership of six young people who we hope will stay.

ANGELA COOK, Secretary

FLOWER TEAM

The 22 ladies of the Flower Team thank all the church members and friends for their support.

This year we have lost two valued members. Joy Adamson who sadly died was a conscientious member for many years and a very talented flower arranger. Shirley Corrigan, who has suffered a stroke, was an enthusiastic and innovative flower arranger and produced many memorable arrangements.

The members of the team have, in turn, bought and arranged the flowers in church and delivered bunches to those we hear of who are unwell and need some cheer. If we know about a special anniversary we organise flowers to be delivered. Please let us know of anyone who should receive flowers.

We collected donations for the flowers from church members and thank all for their

generosity. Many people paid for the flowers for specific Sundays in memory of loved ones.

In March we had an excellent concert by Cantoris and The Darling Dollies. Our fund-raising included the Harvest Coffee Morning, our stall at the Church Fair and the sale of jam and marmalade during the year. We thank Bob Corrigan and Gordon Adam for their contributions to the jam table.

We enjoyed decorating the church with daffodils and spring flowers for Easter, arranging autumn flowers and collecting and delivering gifts for the People's Kitchen at Harvest Thanksgiving.

In early December we decorated the tree and church for Christmas. In January we took it down and packed away the decorations with help from Mike Mood, Ray Hammond and others.

If anyone would like to join us please let me know. You will be very welcome.

CATRIONA FENWICK, Flower Team Convener

FIFTY EIGHT SOCIETY

Since last year's AGM, although we have lost some of our former members who no longer feel able to come out during the dark and often cold winter's evenings, we have been pleased to welcome some newcomers, and the membership roll currently stands at 50, with an average attendance of 36. Since late summer, however, we have been deeply saddened at the deaths of three members of long standing, Betty Robson, Dorothy Jackson and John Fenwick.

Members have continued to enjoy a varied programme, with the early part of 2014 featuring talks on Richard III, Charles Dickens, Tynemouth Station, Birds of Northumberland, and well-known local novelist Benita Brown talking to us about her books. We were saddened to learn of Benita's death, later in the year. We held our usual Coffee Morning in March, which was well supported and very successful. The indoor part of the programme ended on 31st March with a very enjoyable dinner, provided by Grapes, which was attended by 31 members. Our summer outing, which this year was to Beamish, took place on 21st June.

For quite a number of years there have been suggestions put forward for an earlier starting time, but this has not been possible previously because of hall booking commitments, however the situation has changed, and from the commencement of the 2014/15 session we have been able to begin our meetings at 7.30 instead of 8.00 pm, which in turn has meant an earlier finish.

Our 2014/15 season kicked off in dramatic style with popular Cullercoats writer Peter Mortimer telling us about his play 'Death at Dawn' which had been commissioned and performed locally as part of the World War I Commemoration Project. In complete contrast, this was followed by Alan Sydney-Wilmot's talk entitled 'Laughter is the Best Medicine'. In November, Trevor Snowden told us of his life as a professional musician, and interspersed his talk by playing some of the instruments which he had brought along. We then heard the harrowing real life story by Mrs Gay Keenaghan of her experiences as a teenage refugee fleeing from the impending Nazi oppression. December began with an interesting talk by Juliette Adie on the importance of arranging a Lasting Power of Attorney, and then on December 8th 37 members enjoyed an excellent Christmas Dinner, again courtesy of Grapes, with quizzes and carols.

The New Year began as it always does with an eagerly anticipated talk by Professor John Derry, who guided us safely at the Duke of Wellington's side through the battlefield at

Waterloo. Our next meeting saw us off to the Antarctic, as Peter Talbot delivered an enthralling and illustrated account of his field trip to that part of the world. Fortunately, we were able to enjoy the pictures of the bitterly cold environment from the warmth and comfort of St Andrew's Main Hall!

At the time of writing, we look forward to a further four talks, plus our Coffee Morning in March and the year-end buffet and quiz.

CAROLE MALLETT, Assistant Secretary

GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY

I am happy to report another happy successful year for St Andrew's Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

The production of 'The Sorcerer' was a triumph of teamwork when a strong cast of both principals and chorus ensured that the audiences, albeit slightly smaller than last year, were rightly appreciative. Running the show for four nights remained popular with everyone. Great thanks are due to Paul Hartley for his enduring musical prowess and Richard Temperley for his stage direction and his most original and challenging set. Julie Edwardson created scenery which was very rightly commended by everyone. Marilyn Walton and Stuart Davidson again created a most authentic 'look' with their make-up while, as always, Mary Clarke oversaw the fine costumes with efficiency and good humour. Catriona Fenwick, Margaret Park and their team ensured that both audiences and cast were well supplied with refreshments. Ray and Ann Hammond successfully co-ordinated ticket sales and, with Heather Carr, advertising.

The Coffee Morning was very well-attended and resulted in very good takings. The decorations were much admired thanks for which are offered to Marilyn and Allan Walton.

The church service was also well attended and enjoyed by an appreciate congregation.

At the Autumn Fair Angela Cook put to excellent use the cast donations of £50 creating a festive Christmas Stall and raised a creditable £204. The financial aspects of these events are within the Treasurer's Report.

All in all it has been a very happy season when we welcomed several new members and can hopefully build on this in the coming year. With this in mind we look forward to 2015 being even more successful.

JOAN BLANCHFIELD, Secretary

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Meetings of the Wednesday Fellowship have been well supported during 2014. Members have enjoyed a variety of speakers, social afternoons with teas and lunches out. They ran the usual Bottles, Biscuits and Bon-bons Tombola at the Church Fair and hosted the Afternoon Services at Easter and Christmas.

From Wednesday Fellowship activities £284.37 was paid into Church Funds and £80 went to charities from speakers' fees.

At our AGM in March we were unable to elect a Secretary and those duties have been shared for the current session.

The need for an afternoon meeting is self-evident, but few of those attending are able to offer leadership. We anticipate being unable to form a new committee at our next AGM as ill

health is leading to several resignations. A need for help is urgent if a Wednesday Meeting, albeit 're-formed', is to continue.

EDITH CORBY, Treasurer

ST ANDREW'S CHESS CLUB

St Andrew's Chess Club is now in its eighth year. The aims of the Club are to provide both social chess and instruction for beginners.

The Club meets from 7.30 to 9 pm on Tuesday evenings and membership is from the age of 8 upwards.

The Club is small and currently has 10 members with an average weekly attendance of six to eight. We are looking for new members who will be most welcome to our friendly society.

DEREK STEMBRIDGE

ST ANDREW'S FILM CLUB

The Club commenced in February 2012 and has shown films on Friday afternoons to very appreciative audiences. Numbers attending during the year have varied from 12 to 42. On all occasions there is an interval when tea/coffee and biscuits are provided plus choc ices at a bargain price of 25p.

We have had a variety of films, endeavouring to cater for all tastes, and would welcome suggestions although we are limited by our licence to certain production companies.

We saw a total of 12 films during the year and have been able to donate £1,076 to church funds and charitable works.

ANN HAMMOND

6th MONKSEATON RAINBOWS

We began 2014 with an enjoyable visit to the Pantomime at St. Peter's Church, Monkseaton. We are taking the Rainbows again this year.

In 2014, we learned new games and songs and we welcomed a number of new Rainbows to our group as others moved up to Brownies. We still have a number of girls on our waiting list who are the appropriate age and are waiting to join. Unfortunately, due to restrictions on numbers and lack of adult volunteers, we are unable to offer places to new Rainbows as quickly as we would like.

Throughout the year we completed a range of fun activities including making hand puppets out of felt, rainbow coloured cupcakes, bubble blowers, monster biscuits and sand art keyrings and bracelets.

We also enjoyed a joint evening with the Brownies making birdfeeders as part of their 100 years birthday challenge.

LUCY AMES

7th MONKSEATON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

Both units began a star-gazing event at the Centre for Life in Newcastle. The girls enjoyed the planetarium, then completed different tasks towards their badges.

Rainbows have taken part in Rainbow fun days, one of which was themed around a circus. The girls learnt to juggle and had some amazing face paints.

Brownies enjoyed a Pack Holiday event which was a fun packed weekend with not much sleep!!! The girls have worked towards many badges including First Aid, Hostess and Cooking.

Our year concluded with a visit to see the 'Wizard in Oz' at St Peter's Community Hall. There was lots of singing and one of the lead roles was played by one of our guides who is also a young leader in our Brownie Unit.

We have 12-15 Rainbows and 15-20 Brownies so we are always very busy at our meetings.

CLAIR BARNFATHER (Brown Owl), Tracy and Helen.

6th MONKSEATON BROWNIES

WOW! How busy the Unit has been. We have been to the Pantomime, celebrated Chinese New Year, did the Big Brownie Birthday Challenge over many weeks to celebrate 100 years of Brownies, made items for Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day, asked the Rainbows to join us to make a bird pudding, attended Star Quest at Wetherby, County Campfire, been on a bike ride, held a fashion show with plastic bags, had a sports night and attended Beaconsfield for the Big Brownie Birthday County event. We finished the summer term with a Teddy Bears' Picnic Challenge Badge.

We have been on Pack Holiday, made cupcakes, been on an Autumn walk, went bowling, had a chocolate themed night, an indoor campfire and did 'smares', made Christmas crafts and had our Christmas Party. The Brownies have continued with Handbooks and gained interest badges.

Thanks to all who help the Unit.

AUDREY ADAMS, Brown Owl

8th MONKSEATON BROWNIES

The year started with a trip to the Theatre Royal to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The Brownies spent the Spring term working for their Brownie 100 Birthday Badge and their Brownie Traditions Badge. We celebrated the Indian New Year with a Curry Night and ended the term with an Easter party.

During the summer term they worked for their Design Badge, held a Teddy Bears Picnic and Pyjama Party, went on our famous Chip Shop walk and did various activities to celebrate the World Cup. We also held a Bingo Night in aid of St Oswald's Hospice and raised £245.10.

The Autumn term was taken up with them doing their Road Safety Badge, a trip to Star Bowl, a Keep Fit night as part of their Agility Badge and various Christmas crafts. The term ended with a very noisy Christmas Party.

PAT ROBSON

6th MONKSEATON GUIDES

In the past year the 6th Monkseaton Guides have celebrated their 80th birthday, marking it with a party and a trip to Edinburgh Zoo which was enjoyed by all. Our other big event was a Division Camp at Kirknewton near Wooler. The girls who attended had a great time taking part in a variety of activities, including climbing Yeavinger Bell.

It has also been a year of change as Lynda Clark and Christina Dack retired from Guiding after many years of service, and we were sorry to see them go. The group has been helped by Susan Reid (our Division Commissioner) and is now being run by Karen Smith and Jessica Annan. Unfortunately Karen and Jessica both have other commitments in Guiding and Scouting so are unable to take on the role of running the group, and we are in desperate need of some new leaders to keep things running.

KAREN SMITH

17th WHITLEY BAY (St. ANDREW'S) SCOUT GROUP

The Scout Group has enjoyed another busy year providing activities for our young members whose ages range from 6 to 14 years old. During the year they've taken part in bike rides, cooking on open fires, rock pooling, swimming, hill walking and camping - a lot. We've made things, visited local places, celebrated notable events and everyone has earned lots of badges throughout the year with many of our members gaining the highest award in their respective section.

The Group as a whole has grown in numbers and we still need the help of more adults to help deliver the programme, so if you or any like-minded people want to help then please get in touch.

The past year has been a successful one and we hope to build on that success in the coming year.

JONATHAN MOBBERLEY, Group Scout Leader

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES for 2014

Whitley Bay & District Churches

Together	-	Valerie Taylor
Ecumenical Social Committee	-	Ann Hammond and Sue Ames
Northern Synod	-	Derek Stembridge
Depaul Trust	-	Michael Spicer
Christian Aid	-	Kevin and Sue Ames
Windermere Centre Correspondent	-	Edith Corby