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Hello, everyone – aren't the bairns having great weather for their summer holidays from the school? It is so good for them to get outside and run about in the fresh air, and nowadays there are lots of outdoor activities that they can sign up for (from pond-dipping to football skills, and everything in between) to keep them busy. In days of yore, which some of us can remember, your Mum just put you out the door after your breakfast, with strict instructions not to come in 'bothering her' till she called you for your dinner!



One of the great advantages of living in a rural area is that the children **can** go out to play with their friends outwith their own gardens – something that's very rare now in towns and cities. As one who formerly lived in a city, it still surprises me round here to see children's bikes abandoned on the pavement or at the entrance to a wee park or popular play area – where are their owners? Who knows? Will the bikes still be there when they come back for them? Of course they will! Isn't that a joyous thing?

And 'joyous' is also the right word to describe the Strathmore Parish Praise, Picnic and Play event that took place on Sunday 5th July on the green at Kettins. Despite a very unpromising weather forecast, it didn't actually **rain** during the afternoon, and that wouldn't have mattered anyway, as the organisers had provided a lovely ring of gazebos, complete with tables and chairs!

It was a very happy afternoon, with all ages taking part, plenty of activities for the children and young people, lots of blethering with old friends (and new!) and superb strawberry sundaes for everyone!

So, a great big thank-you is due to the Sunday School team at Kettins for coming up with the idea of the picnic and for doing all the preparation beforehand - thanks to Iona for providing the keyboard accompaniment to all the singing and to the choir (small in number but big in enthusiasm!); thanks to the ice-cream providers; huge thanks to the gang who put the gazebos up and then dismantled them at the end of the afternoon - you've never seen gazebos disappear so quickly!

Honestly, if you weren't there, you missed a treat! But never fear, read on to find out about our next whole-parish get-together!



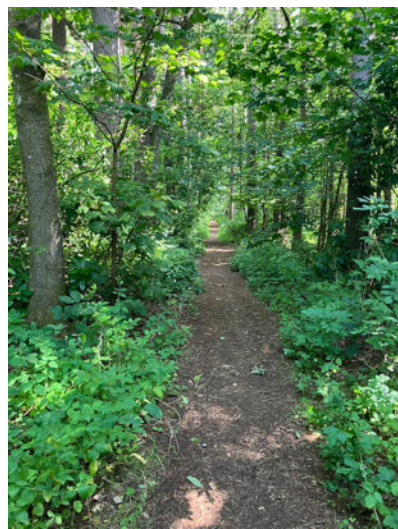
Because social events are clearly such a good way of getting to know the folk in our parish who don't worship in the same church building as we do, the Kirk Session has agreed that we should have a whole-parish gathering for harvest-time, open to all church members and their families and to anyone living in our parish. Linda Brown is going to be the lead organiser for this event, which will be held at the **Eassie Hall on the evening of Friday 25th September**. The event will be free, although it's likely that we'll be asked to bring something for a pot-luck supper.

Linda would be grateful if one or two folk from each of our churches would join the organising team for what promises to be a very enjoyable evening for all ages - could **you** do that? If you are willing to help, please speak to Linda Brown or Kate Harris, or email Alison, our Admin Assistant, at admin@strathmoreparish.org and she will pass on your name to Linda. **Please help!**



There's nothing as nice as a path stretching out in front of you! Lovely dry footpaths everywhere just now - perfect for getting out and about and discovering the many beautiful walks all over our parish area . . .

Please remember in your prayers, though, those who can't get out of the house because of illness or disability, and those who don't feel like going anywhere because their hearts are breaking.



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 26th July	services at Meigle	10.00am
	Newtyle	10.00am
	Glamis	11.30am
Sunday 2nd August	services at Kettins	10.00am
	Newtyle	10.00am
	Glamis	11.30am
Sunday 9th August	services at Meigle	10.00am
	Newtyle	10.00am
	Glamis	11.30am
Sunday 16th August	services at Kettins	10.00am
	Newtyle	10.00am
	Glamis	10.00am
Sunday 23rd August	services at Meigle	10.00am
	Newtyle	10.00am
	Glamis	11.30am

Sunday 30th August whole-parish service at Meigle at 10.00am.
No other services on this Sunday.

*A special collection will be taken on this Sunday
for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) appeal
re the recent massive earthquakes in Venezuela.*



An interior pic of Glamis Kirk, ready for a recent wedding. If you have any good shots of our churches, please email them to Alison at admin@strathmoreparish.org

Advance notice re Friday 25th September - whole parish harvest gathering at Eassie Hall.
More details in next newsletter.

For those of you who love reading, here's an extra announcement via this poster displayed at the Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club's premises at the old railway station at Glamis - happy book-hunting!

A shorter newsletter than usual, this month - I'm off on holiday tomorrow!
I hope you will continue to enjoy the summer,
Best wishes,
Mary Reid

