

Parish News

EAGLESHAM PARISH CHURCH



Celebrating Kairos - see page 5



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Notices

Baptisms

Dec 29. Scarlet and Sophie Strang

Feb 9. Arlo Jack Rushworth

Deaths

Dec 11. Grace Gamble, 85 Bonnyton Dr

Dec 19. Charlie Clark, 10 Tarff Ave

Jan 1. Margaret Gemmell, Muirfield Court, Muirend

Jan 6. Elizabeth Proctor, 6 Montgomery Court

Jan 15. Margaret Kirkland, 5 Polnoon St

Feb 1. George Young, Oxtan House Care Home

Feb 5. Eddie McCoull, 51 Alexander Ave

Feb 25. May Skellon, 26 Polnoon St

Feb 29. Bill Niven, 34 Montgomery St

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From the Manse

Dear friends

By the time this edition of the Parish Magazine is published the church will have begun the Lenten approach to Easter.

Each year at Lent we in the church set out on a spiritual journey which leads us to the celebration of the great mystery of Easter. This important time in our Christian calendar is set aside as a time of study, reflection, preparation and prayer as we meditate on the events of Holy Week and the miracle of Easter,

As you probably will have heard by now Eaglesham Parish has been given the go ahead to find a new minister and this will be an important step forward in the ongoing life of the congregation. It is hoped of course that this will not be too lengthy a process but as you will no doubt know from previous experience that this can sometimes take longer than we would like. In the meantime the work of the church continues and as we draw near to the Easter celebration our devotion to God's work here in Eaglesham must continue.

I personally am pleased to be in a position to minister to you while the vacancy procedure continues and I hope that I am able to encourage you to play your part in the life and worship of the church.

I have been asked recently about the possibility of having a confirmation class for any people, young or old, who may wish to become confirmed members of the congregation. This is something which I would be glad to do. I intend to include in the intimation sheet an invitation to any one who would be interested in joining such a class to let me or Sheila Lamont know of that interest. When a child is baptised the parents confirm their faith and promise that it is their intention to bring their child up within the Christian faith. When that child becomes an adult it is hoped that he or she will confirm the promises made by their parents and so become a full communicant member of the Church.

During Holy Week this year which begins on Palm Sunday, 5th April, we will be holding services on Maundy Thursday (Communion) and on Good Friday. These

two days are important to our Easter celebration and lead us to the worship on Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection, the foundation of our Faith.

I hope that those of you who are able will do your very best to be present in our church on these significant occasions which mark the Passion of our Lord.

Your friend in Christ

John Lloyd

My favourite Bible Text

There are many bible passages that have meaning for me but reflecting on the question my mind went back to childhood. As a child in Dunoon during the last war I passed a church on my way to and from school. The church had a 'wayside pulpit' with the text from John ch 3 v 16.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

As I walked past this church I memorised the text over time. From memory the text was not removed or replaced during the war years. I have heard this text preached on by many ministers over the years, but it still has meaning for me today. There are other passages from the old and new testaments I could have chosen, but I think on reflection the wonderful words I have chosen could have been the basis of my early and continuing faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have used the King James bible for my text but if you think a more up to date version more appropriate I leave that to you.

Helen Maclean

Easter

Sat April 4. Walk through Easter

Sun April 5. 11am Palm Sunday service

Thurs April 9. 7.30pm Communion service

Fri April 10. 7.30pm Good Friday service

Sun April 12. 11am Easter day service

Session Notes

This year is passing very quickly and we are now into Lent and looking forward to that most important and exciting time of Easter. We look forward to a number of services and events during Easter this year including a Walk Through Easter in the Carswell Centre on the Saturday immediately preceding Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday communion service, Good Friday service, and Easter Day service.

We continue to seek ways to expand our ways of worshipping – Kairos and Messy Church for example. Both of these have proved extremely popular and go from strength to strength in building on the forms of worship we offer to provide for the varied needs of our congregation and community. These regular services add to our traditional Sunday service and Wednesday service while special services at Christmas and Easter provide for even wider options.

Our Stated Annual Meeting will take place on 3rd May immediately after the service and we hope to see you there to hear more about what we have achieved over the last year as well as aims for the future.

In the last edition of Parish News I advised that Glasgow Presbytery had asked our Kirk Session to consider having conversations with Carmunnock Parish Church regarding a sharing of ministry. After careful consideration and much prayer, following an initial conversation with Carmunnock, the Kirk Session of Eaglesham decided that we did not believe such a linkage to be the right way forward. Following this decision, Glasgow Presbytery have confirmed our right to call and so during March we will be progressing work towards seeking a new minister. This will firstly involve making up an Electoral Register. This Electoral Register is a list of those who will be eligible to vote when the time comes to elect a Nominating Committee, and subsequently in the election of a new minister. The Kirk Session will be meeting on 17 March to agree the Electoral Register and will also be meeting with the Presbytery Vacancy Advisory Committee

to agree our plans for seeking a new minister.

If your name and current address are already on the Communion Roll, then you will automatically be placed upon the Electoral Register. You will need to take no further action. If you are a regular worshipper here, but are still a member of another congregation, and you wish to participate in the election of a minister to this congregation of Eaglesham, then you should arrange to hand in to me or to Stuart McGill a valid Certificate of Transference before the Kirk Session meets. If you are a regular worshipper here, and not a member of this or any other congregation, then the Kirk Session can add your name to the Electoral Register as an “adherent”. If you wish the Kirk Session to consider this, you should obtain a form from me, complete it and return it before the Kirk Session meets on the 17th.

In March the Kirk Session will also be meeting to consider the future aims and plans for our church and this discussion will inform the content of our Parish Profile which will be issued to prospective candidates to become our minister. This discussion will be a very important and exciting one for us and I ask you all to pray for the Kirk Session for guidance and support as we look to the best way of building God’s Kingdom here in Eaglesham.

Sheila Lamont, Session Clerk

CHURCH CHOIR

I wish to make an urgent appeal for anyone in the congregation male or female who enjoys singing to come and join our small but enthusiastic choir. We meet on a Thursday night in the Carswell Centre at 7.30pm-9.15pm complete with the compulsory tea break. The ability to read music is not desirable..Please seriously consider this invitation. I find it hard to believe that only 14 people from the congregation are interested in singing. I hear great voices from downstairs.

Alan Gillon -Organist and Choirmaster.

Kairos - A Celebration

Has anyone noticed that we have more than one form of congregational worship in Eaglesham? We have worship at 11am in the sanctuary most Sundays and another at the same time on a Sunday morning in the Carswell Centre once a month. While that one takes place, the Sanctuary version meets at 9.30am to allow those opting for the traditional service to worship at the earlier time ensuring there is no conflict of choice.

There is a view, generally tacitly held although occasionally expressed, that the Carswell Kairos service is lightweight, not for serious worshippers, noisy, chaotic and where the modern praise sung is superficial and trite.

But make no mistake. Kairos is just as valid and spiritually fulfilling in its less conventional format as the traditional form of worship. It's simply a livelier, less formal and, I have to say, more wholly inclusive worship experience than the traditional version.

Coffee, tea, juice etc., are on tap together with delicious bacon rolls and pancakes at the beginning of the service. Consequently, young families and children are visibly more relaxed and comfortable in the ambience of our Carswell Centre. At the beginning and end of the service the focus is very much on the younger members of the congregation. The middle section is given over to the adults when the youngsters are taken downstairs to continue their youthful activities with the emphasis on crafts and drawing but always with a bible story aimed to appeal to their developing minds.

In the interim the older worshippers listen to a themed talk which, I can assure you is Bible-based, cogent, well prepared and challenging. I have been hugely impressed by the quality and delivery of the message expressed with sincerity and conviction by a very small team of gifted communicators. Usually, time is given over to a discussion of the themed talk in small groups followed by responses sought by the leader to the questions posed. There is no pressure on anyone to speak out but everyone is encouraged to contribute to the small group discussion. As with every service there are prayers and bible readings usually taken by one of the older youngsters or by the leader on the day.

We should be crystal clear about the unmistakable value and importance of our Kairos Service. It was an initiative started by Lynn McChlery in the Sanctuary with a similar

format to the present, then developed by Andrew Robertson utilising the superb facilities provided by the Carswell. The Kairos Service has evolved into an integral, vitally important aspect of the worship life of our congregation.

Think about this: without such an initiative, together with EPYC and Messy Church, it is highly unlikely that Glasgow Presbytery would have given its consent for Eaglesham to call a full time minister with an unrestricted charge. That's how important those youth-based initiatives are to the central Church and why it looks for such evidence of vibrancy and life in congregations it seeks to support and encourage. Kairos should be recognised and celebrated for the valuable contribution it makes to the religious wellbeing of our congregation. It should be supported, cherished and provided with the appropriate funding to allow it to flourish.

Eaglesham is in the fortunate position of having attracted a dedicated core of young and very gifted Christians into our midst. Let's celebrate that and rejoice at our good fortune. Why not come along to Kairos and experience for yourself the joyful time being had there? You could bring along a young grandchild, neighbour or friend to boost our numbers.

Craig Wishart

Mid Week

A Song, a Prayer and a Thought

A period of calm and companionship in the middle of the week. Wednesday mornings in the Carswell Centre at 11o'clock. Come and join us for a friendly half hour service followed by tea, coffee and chat

Used Stamps

Nan Stirling has over the years accepted delivery of used stamps from folk for charity use. She thanks everyone who has donated stamps can no longer act as the post box for them. However the Cancer UK shop in Clarkston accepts used stamps.

Sunday tea money

Over the last year the following donations have been made

Macmillan nurses	£200
Mercy ships	£200
Water aid	£200
Air ambulance	£150
RNLI	£100

BB Updates

Company Section

We are back after the Christmas break with a spring in our step. Our programme continues to be varied and lively as you can see from the pictures. Just before the Christmas break we had some guests of the non-human variety. The Animal Man and his assistant treated us to a variety of reptiles, spiders, insects, snakes and lizards. I appreciate that some of those are synonyms. The boys had a great time though the tallest member of the company was too afraid to hold the smallest spider. I won't embarrass him any further by name! We have some dates for the diary. **Our jumble sale is Saturday 14th March. We will be collecting jumble from Waterfoot and Eaglesham on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March.** Please gather together everything that you don't want for us coming round. We then have our annual display on Saturday 16th May and we hope to see you all there. Lastly, just so you don't book your summer holidays at the same time, Camp 2020 on the Isle of Arran this year is 17th to 26th July. Camp is the highlight of the BB year and for some of us the only time when we can truly get away from it all. Every boy should go to camp. We haven't had a boy not enjoy himself at camp since 1999. Sure & Steadfast.

Greg Cunningham O/C."

and....

A report from Jack Blakely, Alexander Graham, Jamie Morris and James Pitcairn.

Hello, we are the recruits in the BB Company Section. As part of our programme we were to write a report and the Parish News is an excellent publication for this.

We have had a busy year. The classes for the recruits include:

- BB history and Object.
- Camp photos and discussion.
- Glasgow Rocks Basketball trip.
- Team building using a giant paper aeroplane.
- Build a toy using paper, sellotape and straws.
- Fair trade awareness (including chocolate tasting and scoring).
- Sportsmanship discussion.
- Learn and demonstrate a magic trick.
- Animal man visit including handling snakes, spiders etc.
- How to pray.
- Healthy eating including making smoothies.
- Playstation night.
- Quiz and fish supper night.
- Meaning of Christmas.

As you can see Mr P and Mr M provide us with a varied and interesting programme. We have had a great year. If you have any questions for us please contact us via the editor and we will get back to you.

Junior Section

We are well into the new year and pleased to report that our Thursday nights are running well with full attendance most weeks.

The achievement scheme is coming along well and we are close to awarding our first badges. The programme should be complete by the end of the session.

In January the boys competed at the annual Emirates Arena Sports Competition - 60m, 200m, long jump, shot putt, relay race and tug of war. The boys came home with 4 medals which is fantastic.

The remainder of the session will focus on completing our achievement scheme, planning for our display and of course Junior Section Camp!

Thank you for your continued support.

Adam Nealis and Niall Barclay

Anchor Boys

Since Christmas the boys have focused on the history of the Boys Brigade and what the badge, uniform and indeed what membership means. Our boys particularly enjoyed when we focused on the badge and learnt that the cross represents our Christian faith and the anchor is a symbol for God's unwavering love for us. On the same night we asked the boys to use their imagination to recreate our famous badge using various items, including themselves! (pictured)

The boys got involved in the #BBin3 campaign and tried to whittle down what BB means to them in just 3 words. As you can imagine "dodgyball" featured on most contributions but we were particularly impressed by the maturity and consideration all boys put in with words such as fun, love, sharing, god, friends, exciting, family, and teamwork impressing the officers.

Chinese New Year gave an opportunity to explore different cultures and traditions. They put their craft skills to use by making Chinese dragons after learning about the year of the rat and what this means for the Chinese people.

As a fundraising initiative we are giving every boy a full tube of smarties to take home. The challenge (after eating!) is to fill the tube with 20p coins. Once filled, a smarties tube can hold £12 worth of 20p coins that will help us in covering display costs, staff training and also the purchase of new equipment to enrich our Tuesday nights.

The boys and staff are looking forward to the lighter nights returning and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Elaine & Ally, anchorboys205@gmail.com



Company Section enjoy their encounter with animal man, and [below] a human representation of the BB badge from anchor boys



How ell do you know Eaglesham. Coo lane. After the Orry Cotton Mill turn down, a building to the west within the area of the Orry Cotton Mill remains was used to house cattle, and because of the feuars instructions the cattle were not allowed to graze on the Orry and had to be taken out to the fields each morning and taken back in the evening. Coo Lane would have got its name from the cattle moving through the lane to the fields.

RADICAL FINANCE?

More comment on the Church's Radical Action Plan

Part of the reasoning behind the RAP is the belief that effective mission is generated locally and in order to promote initiatives, there has to be more financial support available to congregations. All this is to be brought about without assuming any increase in overall church funds.

Part of that is the Radical Action Fund I covered in my last article (financed from existing monies already in various other central Funds etc).

Another key strand is a re-channelling of finance from the centre. This will inevitably take time but the good news is that work has already started. Again, I mentioned in my last article that local contributions to the central Church have now been frozen until a new slimline scheme is on place.

Another contributory change is to reduce the number of Presbyteries to around 12 to improve administration capacity (it is unlikely that this will greatly affect Glasgow which is already considerably larger than most others).

More radically, the central church has set itself the goal of reducing administration costs by 30%. In order to achieve this, the number and size of General Assembly Committees has been reduced as of January this year and central support staff numbers will also be reviewed. The new Committees (called Forums) have been formed and their first task is to determine how to handle the workload they have inherited from their predecessors. They have three options – to continue to handle work regarded as essential and best handled centrally, to abandon work regarded as non-essential or to devolve work which could be more effectively administered more locally to the newly enlarged Presbyteries. How this will pan out will become clearer after the 2020 General Assembly when the Forums have to present proposals for their method of working for approval.

Devolving power to Presbyteries would allow more speedy progress of business submitted by congregations but also presents problems of how to manage things at Presbytery level without increasing their administration costs (thereby negating central savings) and Glasgow is keenly awaiting the greater clarity on what areas of church work could be devolved from the forthcoming Assembly. As Glasgow already has a good support structure in its offices and a comprehensive network of committees, we are better placed to cope with additional responsibility.

Much of this may seem dry and uninteresting but its success, measured by more finance being released for local mission initiatives, is vital to making the Radical Action Plan work.

Stuart W MacGill, Presbytery Elder,

East Ren Food Bank Update

From the January 2020 Foodbank Newsletter:

“New premises at 14 Lowndes Street, Barrhead; Food Bank still anticipated to move here as soon as Licence to occupy is obtained; these are more suitable premises for storage and distribution and so worth waiting for.

Stock: an overwhelming **9 tonnes** of food over the festive period, including a record Tesco collection of **1942.2kg**.

Statistics: client numbers between 40 and 45 per week over the 2 distribution days (Tuesdays & Fridays).”

Eaglesham Parish Church and community have donated **572.4kg** of food over 2019. Thank you all for your continuing support. The donation basket with a list of suggested items can still be found in the vestibule of the Carswell Hall. Contact details for further information available from the Church Office.

Mary MacGill & Pat Wishart

The Guild

We are nearly at the end of our current session of the Guild. As usual we have had varied and interesting topics at our Wednesday meetings. We recently held our annual Charity Coffee Morning and raised the sum of £985.70p. We would like to thank all who supported us and especially the BB boys who were a great help.

Monies raised will be going to the charities that we are supporting this year.

This year we shall be celebrating 90 years of Eaglesham Guild and our last meeting of the session will recognise this.

We shall also be holding our Tea and Chat afternoons during the summer. These will be on Wednesday afternoons, once a month in the Carswell Centre at 2.00pm, and as usual they will be informal get-togethers,

Fiona Hamilton, Guild Secretary

Health and Safety Update Fire Safety



I've been spending a bit of time looking at the Fire Safety procedures in our Buildings, as these are an essential part of Health and Safety. While our procedures are not fully finalised yet, I thought I would just let you know what is being planned. And just to let you know also, the Church of Scotland's Fire Safety Consultant has already visited our Buildings and is very happy with them as safe places for all the people who use them. Our own Risk Assessments also confirm this.

I'm developing clear Fire Evacuation Procedures which will be agreed by Session and then displayed in all of our Buildings. Session will be discussing the responsibilities of Elders in relation to assistance in the very unlikely event of an actual fire - and what this help might look like. We're also going to be discussing the Church of Scotland requirements in relation to Fire Drills, and I'm working with Ann Robertson, Halls Convener, to make sure that the organisations and groups that use our Buildings are up to speed in how to react should there be a fire or a fire drill on the premises.

Wendy Armstrong
Health and Safety Administrator

A Walk Through Easter



**Saturday 4th April in the Carswell Centre,
10am to 12 mid-day.**

Come and experience the Easter story. Journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, ending in the joy of Easter Sunday. A time to look, pause and reflect on all that took place.

Refreshments will also be provided, and there will be some children's activities for younger members of the family.

The illustration is from one of last year's features



Plant Sale and Afternoon Tea

A Plant Sale and Afternoon Tea will take place in the Laird Hall and Carswell Centre on Saturday 9th May from 2pm until 4pm.

A repeat of the successful format of the 2018 Plant Sale will have bedding plants, hanging baskets, pot plants and everything needed by the gardening community whether you have a large estate, a postage stamp sized plot or a window box. You'll find what you need at the Laird Hall. Plants on sale will be supplied by John Train & Sons of Tarbolton and the quality is unsurpassed. After browsing and buying your plants take a stroll up to the Carswell Centre and reward yourself with a cup of tea or coffee and something tasty to eat. It sounds a perfect way to spend a Spring Saturday afternoon. All proceeds are in aid of the Youth Ministry Fund. Please mark the date in your diary. This promises to be a rewarding afternoon for a very worthwhile cause.

A Message from St Bridget's

from Deacon Paul Graham

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Eaglesham Parish Church. In our discussions with the good folk of St Bridget's, we heard so much about the practical support and encouragement that you have given our parish over the years. It is our hope that these bonds can be further strengthened in the coming months and years as we continue to journey together as disciples on mission.

Fr Stephen and I have had a busy four months settling in to our new responsibilities and making new connections. Just before Christmas we had a chance to thank Deacon Pat Doogan and Michael Morris after our Saturday evening Mass, for all their service to the parish of St Bridget's and their support of Fr Douglas.

In the parish, Advent was a time of preparation for Christmas, not just spiritually but practically, with days and evenings doing cleaning and maintenance jobs, and rearranging various rooms and offices.

Danny McKendry is the new Chair of our Pastoral Council, and the Council has shared out the various responsibilities. That will hopefully help the parish grow and flourish. One of the key areas of focus was on how to ensure parishioners had the opportunity to stay connected and build relationships. We aim to have regular events every month or two on Saturday evenings after the vigil Mass. We have relaunched our website stbridgetseaglesham.org with a new Calendar of services and events and refreshed our Facebook page. Please visit them and keep in touch.

On 1st February we celebrated the Feast of St Bridget and held a Family Night including the now mandatory quiz and St Bridget's Cross making competition! Our next Family Night will be on Saturday 21st March following the Feasts of St Patrick & St Joseph.

On Ash Wednesday, our services to mark the beginning of the forty days of Lent were very well attended. We will be holding evenings of reflection on three Tuesdays in March, the 17th, 24th and 31st in Mayfield, where we will be watching and discussing some short video presentations on 'Conversion' by Bishop Robert Barron, a well known and respected American theologian. All are welcome to join us.

We will hopefully get the chance to share some time together around those most sacred days of Holy Week and Easter. May God bless all the work we are doing in our Churches for the people of Eaglesham.

Happy Lent, Deacon Paul

Fr Stephen Baillie is parish priest of St Joseph's and with assistance of Deacon Paul Graham is looking after St Bridget's.



Presentation to Michael Morris recognising his work over the years for St Bridget's

How well do you know Eaglesham?



What is the name of the lane in this photo, and what is the origin of the name?

Finance Report for 2019

The details of our income and expenditure for 2019 are opposite. Unfortunately, they do not make for happy reading as over the year we have made a loss of £7688. This is mainly due to a reduction in income – offerings are down and the increase in Gift Aid is actually due to a timing difference – approximately £2000 was received in 2018. We have also lost a couple of hall lets and income from organisations is down. On the expenditure side, our Ministry and Mission contributions have been reduced because of our vacancy but we have additional vacancy costs.

This is the 4th consecutive year in which we have made a loss – and the budget for 2020 is also in deficit. So far, we have been able to cover our losses using our General Reserve Fund which exists to cover losses in the running costs of the Church – but this now stands at approximately £13000 – only enough to cover around 2 years losses at our current rate. (We do have a Fabric Reserve fund which is reserved for the repairs and maintenance of the Fabric of our buildings).

We are looking to reduce our expenditure – difficult as most items are outwith our control – and to increase our income. Over the last years we have focussed our efforts on raising funds for the Laird and Carswell Halls and for the Youth Worker Fund. Now we are asking everyone to review his/her givings to the Church as our current losses are unsustainable. Our Freewill Offering Convener, Bill Condie, or our Gift Aid Convener, Ronnie MacIntyre would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to either set up regular giving or give a donation.

Maureen Hunter, Admin Convener.

Income/Expenditure 2019 [£]

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Offerings	107,317	111,000	[3,683]
Tax recovered	23,243	21,000	2,243
Other income	5,289	5,155	134
Weddings/funerals	300	500	[200]
Use of premises	17,091	19,000	[1,909]
Organisations	2,250	4,000	[1,750]
Total Income	155,490	160,655	[5,165]
Expenditure			
M and M allocation	84,414	87,339	2,925
Presbytery dues	4,739	4,739	
Minister expenses	1,310	2,000	690
Pulpit supply	206	360	154
Other staff costs	17,940	17,700	[240]
Fabric	22,799	22,000	[799]
Council tax	1,264	2,750	1,486
Water / insurance	6,220	8,000	1,780
Heat and light	11,839	11,250	[589]
Office costs	2,661	2,600	[61]
General expenses	1,555	1,700	[148]
Cleaning / laundry	810	700	[110]
Local outreach	1,848	1,700	[148]
Pastoral care	112	400	288
Music and worship	410	400	[10]
Youth	338	500	162
Faith development	-	200	200
Tearfund	1,200	1,200	
Vacancy	3,513	-	[3,513]
Total expenditure	163,178	165,538	2,360
Surplus / [Deficit]	[7,686]	[4,883]	[2,805]

Who Cares about the Environment? Part 2

Following on the excellent ideas in December's Parish News, caring for the environment includes more than Reducing, Recycling, and Reusing, all of which are to be highly recommended. However, before giving more thoughts, could we all take it upon ourselves to clear any litter from our own stretch of pavement and road? That would do much to stop rubbish of any sort being washed into streams and thence to the sea.

Man is dependent on all of life as provided in the natural world and at present climate change, loss of biodiversity, and world-wide overpopulation are causing us to be close to the tipping point. What can individuals do to help?

Writing an individual letter to MP or MSP has power for change. Could we persuade them and our council to ban unsustainable practices and encourage greener methods?

Can we walk or use public transport more – or car share? Could we leave at least a part of our gardens to go a bit wilder and have native plants (“weeds”), or choose plants which are attractive to pollinators – but be aware that some contain peat (releasing more CO₂), or neonicotinoids (which kill pollinators) in them.

Perhaps that is enough to begin with, but if you are interested, WWF has some very interesting, helpful information on its website



Arlo Jack Rushworth with parents
Lorna and Gary



New recruits to BB Company Section, Jack,
Alexander and James - see their report P 6



The puzzling Lochan Orry - now you see it, now you don't