



INSPIRE



**We commit the future to you Lord Jesus.
You have called us, we are your people.
Open our eyes to see where you are leading.
Open our ears to hear what you are saying.
Open our minds to dreams and visions.
Open our hearts to worship, love and service,
This day and all days.
Amen.**

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

Scottish registered charity SC 001680

CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sun 3	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 6	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 10	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 13	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 17	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 20	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 24	10am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 27	10.30am	Midweek Service

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Disjunctions

Mr Douglas Nisbet

Deaths

3 Jan Mrs Rose Allen
 4 Jan Mrs Marion Bruce
 14 Jan Mrs Glenys Shand
 16 Jan Mr Alexander (Sandy) Alexander

Mannofield Church Evening Services February—March 2013

Leader

Theme

February

- 3 Keith: The Culture of the Early Church
 10 Guild: Rhoda Wright and Audrey Milne
 17 Keith: Creating a new Culture for the Church
 24 George Goldie and Worship and Devotion

March

- 3 Keith: (Communion)
 Getting the Church back to where it should be
 10 John Allan Memories
 17 Keith: The Church and its relationship with the Corporate World
 24 Young Church
 31 Keith: (Easter Sunday) Easter Reflections

Flower Calendar

February

- 3 Mrs E Thain
 10 Misses M & R Archibald
 17 Mrs C Strachan
 24 Mrs Parkinson



The Guild



FEBRUARY

- 5 Talk on 'The Big Issue'
 19 'Granny's Button Box'
 23 Soup & Sandwich Lunch

MARCH

- 1 World Day of Prayer -
 2pm South Holburn Church
 5 'To the Land of the Midnight Sun'

The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is 14 FEBRUARY 2013

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Dear Friends

As I write I await with interest the first television interview to be given by cyclist and multiple Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong since the evidence made available at the end of 2012 which presented strongly the assertion he was a drug cheat.

I have enjoyed watching the Tour de France since I was a teenager and some years ago I read Armstrong's biographies which told the story of his career in his own words. He developed cancer early in his career but recovered from it, going on with devastating strength to win multiple titles. He was poster boy for Nike who sponsored him and he established a foundation to help cancer victims that has undertaken tremendous work over the years.

After many years denying vehemently the claims made by many that he was a drug cheat it is expected that for the first time this week Armstrong will admit to being a cheat and to lying. If he does so, it will bring to an end this sorry tale. To me this squalid business raised the whole matter of integrity.

It also raises the question of how much did Armstrong come to believe himself innocent? What may have started as a cover up or a deception of others may have progressed to a stage where Armstrong was so caught up in the deceit that he ended up actually deceiving himself. Someone who professes innocence in the way Armstrong did in recent years perhaps reveals that such deceit can actually become so much part of a person that they lose sight of anything they have done wrong or indeed any intrinsic folly.

As I reflect on this I recognise that there is a lesson for us all here in the area of faith and particularly what we might call the 'practise what we preach' aspect.

Mannofield Church—the Future
It was hoped to include a Report on the recent elders meetings in this InSpire which followed on from the questionnaire the congregation helped with. Although the Report has been written it has not been possible to include it due to pressure of space in this special development edition of the magazine. It will be included in the March edition.
Keith

We can all listen to (or in my case present) a sermon that implores us to wear our faith on our sleeve, to go the extra mile in loving our neighbours as ourselves etc. but I wonder how often we leave church feeling that the sermon applied to others and not to us. We have convinced ourselves that we are living an altogether Christian life and are already doing all we can to live within the premises of the faith. Maybe like Armstrong we become immune to our own weaknesses or folly. I am not suggesting that the deceit in us is anything more than blindness to our own faults or a mistaken belief of how proactive we are in living a Christian life.

I am merely encouraging each one of us (and I include myself) to reflect on the lives we are living and to ask questions of ourselves, honestly and objectively :

How well am I living out the Christian life?

How faithful am I being in my worshipping and spiritual life?

Do I stand apart from those who profess no faith in terms of the quality of care and love I am giving to others?

Some challenging questions with which to begin the year; but there is nothing wrong in challenging ourselves, as that usually ends up by bringing out the best in us.

God Bless

Keith



Writing a report on a Session meeting which took place 2 months ago, means that most of what you read here will be old news. However, to ensure that everyone is aware of the news, it is best that it be recorded, so here it goes.

The Worship and Devotion Committee has taken on the organisation of the Evening Services. Every second week, members of the congregation will lead the services which hopefully will broaden and provide variety to our evening worship.

The Elders have met with Robin Bowden and he is now preparing his report based on the feedback previously received from the Congregation and those meetings. His report is sure to make interesting reading and will be discussed at the February meeting of Session.

Two new members of staff have now started work in the church, Jean Sharman in the office and Catriona Williamson on the organ. Catriona will accompany morning services apart from the last Sunday of each month. On those Sundays different styles of worship will take place with varying accompaniment.

On the development front, it was hoped that our application to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland would meet with a positive response. However the full details had not been received and would require to be considered at a future meeting.

Finally, our Minister set a challenge to the District Elders and offered a prize to the Elder who persuaded the highest number of their District households to receive their copy of InSpire by e-mail. This is with a view to reducing the ever increasing production costs. If you are reading this in 'hard copy', you may think about signing up - you never know, if your District Elder wins, he or she may even share the prize with you!

Mannofield Church Hill Walking and Rambling Club Summary Programme 2013

Saturday 30 March. The Buck to Cabrach.

Saturday 27 April. Glen Clova and High Tea.

Friday 23 – Sunday 27 May. Weekend at Loch Earn.

Saturday 29 June. Lochnagar to Invercauld.

Saturday 27 July. Glenshee and the Spital in cars.

Saturday 31 August. Sgorr Mor and Morrone.

Saturday 28 September. East of the River Muick to Ballater.

Saturday 26 October. Glen Fearder.

Saturday 30 November. AGM and Dinner at Kippie Lodge.



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Since January 2011 to 31 December 2012 **£450,000** has been raised/pledged for the Project with the bulk of that being due to the efforts of the congregation. That sum also includes £50,000 earmarked from existing church funds.

A wide range of innovative fundraising activities raised £18,419 in 2011. This increased by £8,000 to a fantastic £26,489 in 2012.

One of the major 2012 events was the George Street Charity Shop which ran for a week in September.

Due to the tremendous efforts by the team the magnificent sum of £4,790 was realised from the Charity Shop sale which when added to the proceeds of the sale of excess goods from the shop made a grand total of **£5925**. It will be difficult to top this in 2013.

Many thanks to all who have helped in any way to raise these funds, contributed to fellowship and put the *fun* into fundraising.

Trusts

Since September 2011 and also included in the above figure of £450,000 is Trust funding that has been secured of £71,000.

As more detailed costs for the development have now been established a considerable number of further Trusts have been identified and draft applications are now being finalised and submitted.

To cope with this increase in Trust applications the Trusts team has been increased to 6 by 3 more willing volunteers.

Listed Building Status

As of 20 November 2012, Mannofield Church was listed by Historic Scotland in Category C as a building of special architectural and/or historical importance. This will enable us to apply for financial assistance to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Project. It will also allow us to make applications to Trusts which only provide funds for projects for listed buildings.

However it is recognised that for a major funding application such as that to the Heritage Lottery a professional fundraiser will probably be required. Interviews are being held with a number of Scottish members of the Institute of Fundraising with a view to engaging a suitable party to assist us in this important application.

General Trustees of the Church of Scotland (121)

'121' is very keen to support this project as they consider it to be what we need to develop the Church's position in the 21st Century. We await details of a proposed financial package (a mix of grant and loan) which will be considered by the Development Group at its meeting on 22 January, then Session on 19 February after which recommendations will be made to the Congregation.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE CONTINUED



Design Process, Construction Activity, Time Line and Specific Costs

Since April 2012 when InSpire contained a Special Development Issue numerous meetings have been held with the architects to continue the process of producing 'robust' costs for the different areas of the project based on the detail required to enable the project to go to tendering stage. These costs have now been produced for the project which has been broken down into 3 phases (P1, 2 and 3) - see phasing plan on back page. The current total sum in round numbers and excluding VAT but including professional fees for these phases is **£1,515,000**.

P1 Areas 1 and 2	£625,000
P2 Sanctuary	440,000
P3 Annex	450,000
	<u>£ 1,515,000</u>

These costs will be refined after we receive Tender prices for the work. It is our intention to seek these prices this Spring. On receipt of these we will have specific costs for the Phase 1 work and will know what the threshold amount is that we need to reach to begin the work. **However there is a caveat to this. See Page 12 and possible Commencement Date**

VAT

As from 1 October 2012 VAT relief applies on both repairs and alterations to Places of Worship that have Listing Status either A, B, or C.

On 20 November 2012 Mannofield Church was awarded Category C listed status by Historic Scotland. We have assumed that VAT will not be applied for eligible works such as all fabric works both external and internal. What is not eligible for VAT relief would be professional fees and new heating systems and possibly sound or audio visual systems.

Phase 1:

Area 1 - New Kitchen and Meeting Room behind existing stage and required improvements to the Centenary Hall.

Area 2 - Large Hall, removal of existing Kitchen and new access to Sanctuary and Entrance Way.

Phase 1 work will reconfigure and modernise our present accommodation to provide modern, multi-purpose areas suitable for use by all within the community both throughout the day and in the evening. This is a much needed facility where members of the community could take part in a wide variety of learning and recreational activities to meet the needs that we have identified.

Phase 2: The Sanctuary

This phase will see the removal of the pews from the sanctuary, the installation of an up-to-date sound system and flexible staging to provide an exhibition area for music, art and drama for use by all within the city and beyond, together with the removal of steps and the installation of wheelchair access from the sanctuary to the hall accommodation and toilets. A more transparent and welcoming frontage will also be created.

Phase 3: The Annexe

This will house a community café with up-to-date technology and modern attractive facilities.



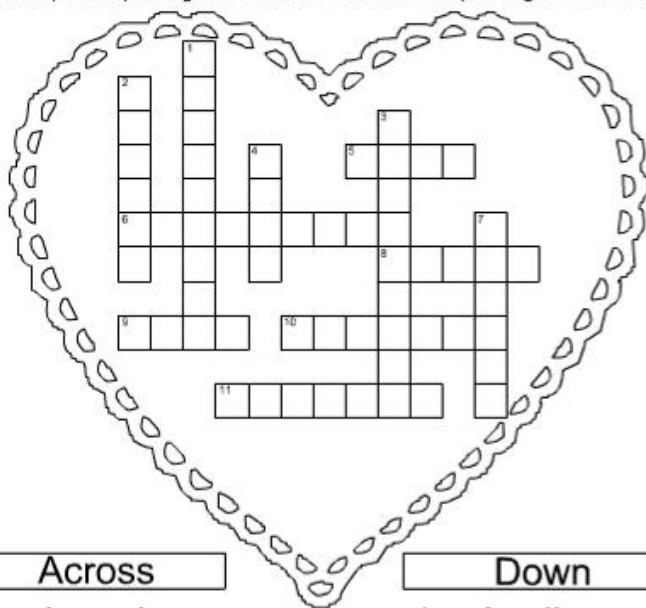
CALMNESS
CANOPY
DEFT
FIRST
FIGHTING
STUN

What common feature do these words share?



Valentines in the Bible

Solve the puzzle by writing the "Valentine's" name for each person given in the clues.



Across

5. Joseph
6. Zechariah
8. Abraham
9. Eve
10. Isaac
11. Samson

Down

1. Aquila
2. Ahasuerus
3. David
4. Ruth
7. Jacob

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the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell



CHILDREN'S SEVENS

Find the answers to the clues and fit them in place.
If your answers are correct, the central down column
should give you another well-known Bible character.

Jesus often walked the shores of this sea

The title given to Jesus

The home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Jesus spoke mainly in this language

Known especially for cedar trees

The wife of Isaac

A learned Jew and great preacher (Acts 18).

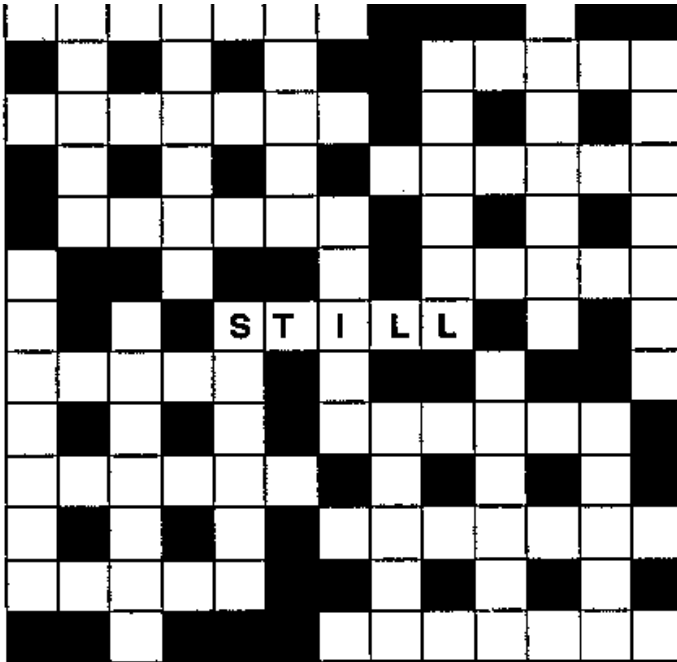
RIDDLE-ME-REE (Genesis 8:8-11)

My first is in BUILD but not in ARK
My second's in FLOOD and CLOUDS so dark
My third is in LIVING so squashed there inside
My fourth is in WATER and RIVER and TIDE
My whole brought an olive leaf that she had found
So Noah was sure there was now some dry ground.

Can you solve the riddle above?

FIX A WORD

Most of the twenty-six words to be entered into the grid are given below, but seven of them are to be found in the Bible verses referred to. To help you, the word required in the Bible verse is placed alphabetically in the list. Also a word has been inserted to start.



5 Letters

ABANA
1 Samuel 17:57
BREAD
ERROR
Daniel 3:1
NEEDS
REIGN
John 3:14
STILL
SWORD

6 Letters

DEEPER
DEMONS
GOSPEL
Luke 3:31
RICHLY
Isaiah 24:2
SHARON
SHEKEL

7 Letters

ABIGAIL
Isaiah 7:18
COLOURS
DANCING
DESTROY
HARNESS
MARRIES
John 1:41

December's answer: Bermuda

Personal InsightJean Anderson

Q What is your age, occupation, marital status and family?

A I am 70 years old and a retired paediatric nurse. I am married with 2 married sons.

Q What is your favourite verse from Scripture and why?

A "This is what I command you, love one another." John 16:17

Q Who is your favourite character from the Bible and why?

A Martha. She was one with great courage and faith; never in the spotlight. She simply served Jesus.

Q What motivates you spiritually?

A Most of Keith's sermons and certain hymns

Q What was the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A Never spend what you cannot afford - my Dad's advice.

Q What are you afraid of?

A Mice!

Q Did you have a nickname growing up?

A "Speen" at Primary School.

Q If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

A My "bat wings."

Q What makes you lose your temper?

A Lazy people.

Q If you could choose a profession that you would like to try what would that be? Why?

A I have no desire to choose another profession but wish I had trained in more aspects of nursing.

Q If you could travel back in time, where would you go?

A Back to Tíree where we spent the most memorable holiday.

Q On what purchase have you spent most apart from a car or property?

A Holiday abroad.

Q Who was your favourite teacher and why?

A My Primary school teacher. I had her through my entire primary education as I attended a one teacher school.

Q Who or What is the love of your life?

A My family especially my grand-daughters.

Q What is your most treasured possession?

A A letter my father wrote to me.

Q What would you do if you ruled the world?

A Attempt to bring peace to the entire world and eradicate poverty in 3rd world countries.

Q What has been your greatest achievement?

A Becoming the mother to 2 sons who each "gave" me a granddaughter whom I adore.





Rot Eradication Work: The areas affected are the existing kitchen, large hall in the wall area where the kitchen hatch is located and also the north transept back wall. This work will all be undertaken in phases 1 & 2.

Steeple: The work to treat the storm water ingress, timber beam treatment work, plaster and decoration works will be undertaken in a separate contract.

Design/ Planning and Construction Issues:

External works are in the process of being finalised including the new Countesswells entrance. The general plans and floor plan layouts have now all been agreed. Apart from minor items we are now in the process of agreeing all detail drawings which include the schedule for finishes, e.g. door types, ironmongery, timber types and finishes, floor finishes, security, fire alarms and kitchen layout.

Mechanical/ Ventilation, Heating, Lighting, Audio

All are being finalised with the mechanical and ventilation consultants.



Countesswells Entrance

Sanctuary

The seating layout is now being agreed. The type of chairs has been more or less agreed. The floor finishes and colour scheme have still to be finalised. The architects have now submitted an application for a building warrant.

Commencement date for construction — CAVEAT

Whereas ideally we would wish to target late summer / early Autumn to begin construction on phase 1 (areas 1 and 2) that of course depends on us having funds in place for this phase (£625,000). We are not yet there so the hard work needs to continue.

Not only that, we are very conscious of the requirements of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) which we hope will be a major funder of the project and of the timescale to which they work in considering applications e.g. an application submitted in April 2013 might not be approved until the early Spring of 2014. We are seeking clarification.

HLF will not grant award retrospective applications so, if we begin the works on P1 without their approval, we will lose the funding on that phase and perhaps on phases 2 and 3. We are also seeking clarification regarding this.

Moreover if, say it was possible to secure 60% (an illustrative figure only) of the total cost of £1.5m namely £900k but we commence P1, because we have raised the funds, would HLF be prepared to fund P2 and P3? If they are, the total cost of these is £940k and 60% of that is £564k. So the possible loss of grant by commencing the work early is £336k, a huge difference from a possible £900k. We do not want to prejudice the possibility of securing that additional funding by starting the works early if we have raised the funds from other sources. This may be frustrating to you (as well as the Committee) but we must be realistic.

Conclusion

As a Development Committee we have been working hard on the planning and fundraising for many years now. As always with these projects it would be easy to allow the slow pace to wear us down! We are a very realistic group in recognising that a project of this scale does not happen overnight. We started with zero in the Development Fund so to have achieved the funds we have available at this stage is a tremendous effort by everyone who has supported the fundraising or given personally. I thank my committee for their hard work and for the spirit in which they undertake it on behalf of us all.

Roddy McColl, Convener

NEW YEAR AT YOUNG CHURCH

Young Church is growing! We have a fantastic group of children and young people at Mannofield and our numbers are rising! We have been delighted to welcome 8 new members this school year - Leighton, Benjamin, Jessica, Evie, and Abbie to the Beginners group, Glen to the Primary group, and Chelsea and Aimee to the Juniors. We now have 28 children in Young Church.

'Teen Scene' made its debut this year for 1st and 2nd years, with our one dedicated member looking forward to being joined by five graduates from the Juniors after the summer!

In addition we are delighted to have the help of two Young Leaders, Samantha and Rosalia, helping out in the Beginners and Primary groups respectively, following the example of Lewis who was our committed Young Leader last year. All are working

towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards. At YC we have been exploring the stories of Moses and Joshua this year and will be learning more about Jesus, and the stories of Gideon and Ruth as the term progresses.

Two exciting events are coming up very soon!

Firstly on Saturday, 16th February, fourteen brave and talented children and young people will perform a wide variety of acts, including singing, dancing, guitar, piano, violin, chanter, drums, xylophone and a magic show in our fantastic Talent Show.

Don't miss it! Get your free tickets at the church door or office!

This is an outreach event, and donations will be gratefully received towards the Holiday Club in the summer. [5-9 August]

Secondly - a huge challenge! Young Church has volunteered to lead the evening service on Palm Sunday, 24 March, when the older children will take part in a search into what Easter is really all about.

Do come and support us in this rather scary new venture!

Thank you very much for all the support the congregation always gives us in Young Church - it makes such a difference to the young folks and is very encouraging for the leaders too!

Happy 2013!

The Young Church Team



Mannofield Church Heart of the Community

TALENT SHOW

Saturday 16 February 2013

6-9pm in the Church Hall

**Tickets available at office or
Church Door**

Refreshments available

**Donations will go towards funds for
the Holiday Club — 5/9 August 2013**



NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Church Lunch Club

21 February 2013

Thereafter 3rd Thursday
each month until May 2013

Lunch is served at 1pm

Entertainment 2 - 3pm

COME AND JOIN US

A cup of tea before you leave!

Cost -- £4

Need transport?

Contact: Mhairi Clark Tel. 317982



GUILD

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

Saturday 23rd February

12 -2pm

Large Hall

Adults £4 -Children £2.50

In aid of Guild Projects



Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets on a Thursday morning from 11am till midday in Room 1. We are using the 'Pray New' booklet produced by the Church of Scotland.

Currently, we are finishing the 2012 booklet on the theme of 'time' based on Ecclesiastes chap. 3, v.1-8. The 2013 booklet's theme is 'from generation to generation' and looks at a selection of biblical characters.

Do come and join us. For more information contact:

Edna Cromarty on 317453



The next meeting for the ALMA group will be on Wednesday 13 February at 7.45pm in the Centenary hall .

The evening is entitled " 5 languages of love."

Very appropriate in this Valentine's week !



Church Book Club February 2013

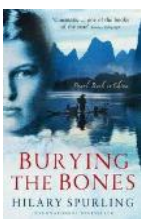
"Burying the Bones"

(*Pearl Buck in China*) by Hilary Spurling.

How does a woman overcome the suffocating messages of her culture to become an artist?

In *Burying the Bones*, Hilary Spurling unearths the creative roots of the Nobel Prize-winning novelist Pearl Buck(1892-1973). Spurling points out that, although Buck's most famous novel, *The Good Earth* is still in print, the author is 'virtually forgotten. She has no place in feminist mythology, and her novels have been effectively eliminated from the American literary map.'

Boldly conceived and magnificently written, *Burying the Bones* should repair Buck's literary fortunes and restore her to the pantheon of feminist heroines.



It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I write to thank the Session and congregation for the most generous gift presented to me on the occasion of my retiral from the post of Organist on Sunday 25th November. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve in that capacity for the past 37 years.

I am also mindful of the support I have had from choir members, both full-time and occasional, and the generous appreciation and encouragement of the congregation over the years. Thank you for everything.

Jimmy Taylor



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Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centred;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone

could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God; It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ... EVENTS



February

2 Burns Supper, 6.30 for 7pm in the Large Hall Mannofield Church.
Ticket cost £13 per head!

9 Flute and Piano Recital, 1.30pm in Mannofield Church.
Elizabeth Marr from London will give another Flute recital following the success of last year's concert. Performing and accompanying her once more on piano, is her fellow Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance student, award-winning Naufal Mukumi. They will be playing a varied repertoire for all to enjoy. No tickets but donations accepted in aid of the Development Fund. Everybody welcome!



23 Bag packing, 11am-5pm, Sainsbury's Bridge of Dee.

Musical Quiz

I wish to thank all who bought the Musical Quiz. £105 was raised for the Fund.

Lesley Findlay



