Kirk News

St Andrew's Wallace Green & Lowick

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On 11th June, during our communion service, we said thank you to **Neil Jordan**, who has stepped down from active duty as an elder after 24 years of dedicated service – Neil was ordained on 20th June 1999. Thankfully, Neil will still be very much involved in our church life in a variety of ways, but we are grateful for all that he has done in his time on Session.

Holy Communion

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday September 10th at 11am. **Please note that we are no longer handing out communion cards to everyone on our roll quarterly.** The function of the card is to remind us that communion is happening and invite us to come along, and this task is now carried out by the Kirk News. We will, however, continue to return those cards handed in at previous communions, since many of us appreciate the tradition of handing in our communion cards as we come to the sacrament. If you have not received a card with your magazine, but would like to hand in a card when you next come along to communion, please just look out one of the cards you have previously received and hand this in. If you cannot find a card at home, and would like to receive one, please let me know.

Sunday, 10th September will also be a **Day of Giving**, when members of the congregation are invited to consider whether they can make a special offering to help off-set some of the cost of the essential maintenance work that has been done on the Steeple in recent months. Please see the Treasurer's letter for further details.

Congregational Register

Deaths

(*denotes communicant member)

Mildred Turner*	14.5.23
Catherine Simmons*	19.5.23
Mary Weatherhead*	17.6.23
Dennis Oliver*	24.6.23
David Sims	13.7.23

Baptisms

Gryff Lindsay Jenkins	28.5.23

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

An elderly woman got on an underground train in London and sat down. At the next stop a strong grumpy younger woman climbed on and sat down sharply beside the older woman, hitting her with her numerous bags. When she saw the elderly woman remained silent, the young woman queried why she had not complained about the bags. The elderly woman replied with a smile. "There is no need to be rude or discuss something so insignificant, for my trip next to you is so short - I am going to get off at the next stop."
The woman's answer deserves to be written with gold letters. For each of us has only a short time in this world – on average, 692,000 hours! Darkening our journey with unnecessary arguments, silly jealousies, an unforgiving spirit, with aimless discontents, fruitless anxieties, and closed minds is such a ridiculous waste of time and energy, though so easy to do.

Did someone break our heart? Stay calm. The trip is too short.
Did our lives not turn out how we envisaged? Move on. The trip is too short.
Did someone insult us without reason? Stay calm. The trip is too short.
Is someone causing us grief. Don't inflame the situation if you can help it. The trip is too short.

Whatever our problems, remember that our journey is short. Far better to focus on what really matters and to learn from the example of Christ, who was guided by his faith in God, his love for the truth and

his care for others. As the Apostle Paul says:
“Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable.” (Phil 4.8)

Yours, Adam

Membership

Adam would welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to join the membership roll of the congregation. Membership formalises a commitment to the congregation and our mission and allows for involvement in congregational decisions and leadership of the church. Though, of course, all are welcome to participate in any and all of our activities regardless of whether they are formally members or not.

For your calendar

Tuesday 5th Sept	Keep Fit Group resumes at 10am
Sunday 10th Sept	11am, Holy Communion & Day of Giving
Monday 11th Sept	6.30pm, Kirk Session
Saturday 16th Sept	Open Heritage Day
Sunday 8th Oct	11am, Harvest Thanksgiving

New Horizons

Last session ended with a sail on the Tweed in June, both upriver towards the rail bridge and downriver out into the estuary, followed by afternoon tea at a local quayside café. The weather was great, sunny and windless, and we enjoyed a fantastic afternoon.

(All ready for our sail!)

The first meeting of the new session will be 12th Sept at 2pm, when the Revd Colin Johnston, minister of the Cheviot Churches, will tell us about his time as a missionary. All welcome. (AH)

Cleaning

We now have a rota for the weekly cleaning of the church premises, and more helpers would be welcome. If you can help – it doesn't normally take any more than an hour to do the basics – please sign up on the sheet in the Session Room. (AH)

Church Picnic

We had a most enjoyable picnic off-site on Sunday July 2nd. A group of 15 of us, made our way to the home of Danny and Karen Fleming, former members, who had invited us to use the large garden of their house near Kelso. In the event it was, weather-wise, a changeable day, so we ate inside, but still managed out to do the amazing treasure hunt that Danny had prepared for us in his wonderful garden. Bring on next year! (AH)

Church Streaming

For a year and a half, the Sunday services at St Andrew's Wallace Green have been streamed online. Each week, people can watch the service live or a recording later on via the church's Youtube channel. All the prayers, bible readings and talks are filmed, while the words of the hymns are shown on the screen. It is a great way for those unable to attend in person to participate in the community's worship of God. At the moment, there are about thirty to forty people who tune in each week, with some living as far away as Glasgow!
The church livestreams have become a part of the life of our congregation. They have helped those who cannot make it to church to share in our worship of our Father wherever they are. For this reason, we want to continue streaming for the foreseeable future. But to do so, we will need a few more people to help run the streams each week. If you think that you could serve God and the church in this way, please feel free to speak to myself or Adam.
God bless,
Nathan

Message from your Treasurer

In the previous Kirk News, I wished you all the best of summers. Little did I know it was only going to be two weeks in June! Hopefully we will all have an Indian summer.

I would like to update you all on our finances for 2023. To be blunt it has not been a good year so far, since expenditure has been far greater than income, which is never a great way to be.

We were thankful that the Church of Scotland were able to discount our contributions towards our ministry and mission costs during the pandemic, by drawing on Kirk reserves, but these have necessarily now returned to their usual levels.

A big draw on our income has been a vital and urgent repair to the Steeple in the spring costing around £6000 A survey found the top of the Steeple was unsafe and needed emergency work to avoid any harm to the building or the public.

Given our financial situation, the Kirk Session have decided to hold a **Day of Giving** on Sunday 10 September 2023, which is also communion Sunday. The hope is that through your kind generosity we can raise an amount of money that would go some way to meeting the cost of the repairs to the Steeple and save us from using our reserves which are under pressure from our day-to-day activities.

The date of Sunday 10 September 2023 is Communion Sunday. Envelopes that can be used for gifts for the **Day of Giving** will be available a few weeks before then. Donations can be given on the 10th or prior to or after this date too. These can be dropped into the plate or sent on to the Minister at 3 Meadow Grange, TD15 1NW. Gifts can also be given via bank transfer – please see our bank details below. Please make sure to include the reference 'Day of Giving' when making your transfer.

In the three months since I last reported we have had no exceptional items and I thank you all for continued support.

If anybody would like to receive more information about our finances, please get in touch with me and I will gladly give you the answers you need.

Brian
Treasurer

Bank Details
Bank of Scotland
St Andrews Wallace Green Church
Sort Code 12-12-57
Account No. 00741160

Christian Aid Week

A big, big, thank you for all your support of Christian Aid this year.
So far you have raised the following:
£559.42 for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal
£170.16 at the Lent Lunch for Christian Aid week
£329.10 Christian Aid Week Envelope Collection
In total the Berwick Churches have contributed £1576.79 to Christian Aid Week
Your donations have helped create long term change for people living in poverty and without you, there would be no Christian Aid Week. By standing with our global neighbours, you are helping to get closer to a world where everyone can live full lives, free from poverty.

Thank you again.
Rita

Flowers

I hope you continue to enjoy the flowers in the Church. Unfortunately, they do cost money to buy so if you feel you can contribute to the flower fund, we would be very grateful. If you would like to remember someone special on a specific date just

let me know and we can organise this for you. Also, if you feel able to help with doing the flowers then just let me know. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Rita

Summer Opening of Church

We are currently opening our doors to summer visitors on a Friday afternoon between 1 and 3pm and there is a rota in the session room. Two people are required to be on hand to open doors and assist any visitors. If you feel this is something you could do then please put your name down on the rota.

Heritage Open Days

We will be open for the Heritage Open days on the afternoon of Friday 15th September and all day on Saturday 16th September.
Both events are very important to welcome people who otherwise wouldn't come through our doors. If you think you might like to help out but have any queries, then please speak to me. This is an important opportunity for us to open our doors and welcome visitors to our beautiful church. Please consider if you can help.

Rita

Pastoral Care team

The Pastoral Care Team has restarted and is currently making visits to a number of people who enjoy a little extra company. Team members visit their assigned person or people and have a chat over a cup of tea. A day is brightened and they are kept up to date with what is happening in church. Visits are generally monthly.
If you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Terri Bearhope, terribearhope@hotmail.com, 07521 585828.
Please contact Terri, if you know of anyone who is a member of the church or a regular attendee, past or present, who would welcome a visit.

Christmas is coming!

Yes, I know it is only August, but the weather is making us all think about Autumn already. First of all, a date for your diary – Our **Christmas Fayre** will be on **Saturday 25th November.** Pop this in your diary now so you won't forget!

Christmas Card Competition

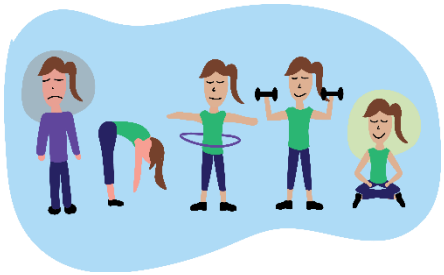
The cards that we produce raise between £80 - £100 each year. The cards are also distributed to the whole congregation, so please have a go this year. You can paint, draw, collage, applique, computer generate – any medium at all. Please make your entry on any size of paper or card up to A4 size (in old money that is 8.5inches x 11.5 inches) and hand it to me with your name attached. If you feel you would like a go, but would like some support, materials or just have a go in the company of others, why not come along to the craft group or speak to me.

Just remember, you could be sending out your own, personalised Christmas cards this year! If you have youngsters at home or grandchildren and they need something to do when it's raining outside, then let them have a go. A homemade card is much cheaper than shop bought ones and ALL proceeds go to Charity ….. your Church.

Angels and Stars

We shall be having the Christmas Big Sing again this year and we shall need enough Angels and Stars to all the children that attend. We also need enough to distribute to the Care Homes and to other members of the Congregation. If you find yourself in need of something to do as the nights start drawing in (I'm sure it happens quicker every year!) then, please start knitting. If you need a pattern just let me know as I have plenty spare.

Rita



Keep Fit

Keep Fit has been going very well and we look forward to starting up again at 10.00am on Tuesday 5th September.
We do nice gentle exercises, followed by tea, coffee and biscuits – not forgetting, good chat!
This year we have donated £140 to Church funds and £150 to The Great North Air Ambulance.

New members are welcome to join in the fun and friendship.

Susan

Neil Jordan

We have Rev Jim Blaikie to thank for Neil (and Susan's) tireless, practical, thoughtful and unstinting involvement at St. Andrew's Wallace Green.
Jim knocked on their door early December 1988 to ask for help erecting the most enormous Christmas tree in the Church. Little did Neil know that this would lead to 34 years of service to the Church. Ten years on the Congregational Board and 24 years as an Elder. Neil has been instrumental in every building project, development and alteration over the past 34 years (and I am sure his advice will still be sought).

Neil left school at 15 desperate to join the building trade as a joiner/carpenter. This dream was not immediately fulfilled and he started work at How & Blackhall (Printers) as a runner/message boy. Hard work paid off and before long he was responsible for running a

machine. We all start somewhere and printing raffle tickets was to be his first challenge!

But, the building trade was calling and Neil started at the bottom again as a labourer working for Stanley Miller. There was a pay rise and a lot of hard work ahead. This move was to lead to a lifetime in the building trade, running his own business for over 30 years. There were no jobs too small and certainly not too big became a feature as Neil was generally to be found at Wedderburn Castle, Duns Castle or Manderston.

It was clear to me, that Neil put exactly the same level commitment into his role as member of the Congregational Board and Church Elder. His knowledge of buildings was invaluable, but it is the 'can-do' attitude that will make him a hard act to follow.
When I asked what he felt his strengths were as an Elder without hesitation, he said, "listening to people".

This year has seen a couple of high points for Neil as he has celebrated a milestone birthday and he and Susan have just had their Golden Wedding. Family are central to their lives, as is a passion for gardening, motor sport, walking, Yorkshire…… and a little bird told me that Mr Jordan is a keen cook.

I am sure we would all like to thank Neil for his huge contribution to SAWG and we all wish him and Susan a happy third retirement!

(In conversation with JGM)

In the tapestry of human life, enduring friendships form the threads that weave communities together. These unbreakable bonds play an integral role in shaping the social fabric and contributing to the overall well-being of a community.

How your friends may be keeping you alive.

Take care of your friendships and they will take care of you.

A recent study has found that if in later life, you enjoy your friends on a regular and frequent basis, then the joy that they bring you may even halve your risk of death within five years.

The book of Proverbs (27:9) compares the balm of ointments and perfumes to the soothing effect of a good friend and an analysis of the research would seem to confirm this. People in their later years who socialised every day were healthier than those who didn't. Even those who saw their friends only once a week were healthier than those who saw no friends on a regular basis.

In fact, the team reported having found a 'dose responsible', with the greater the frequency of socialising, the greater the likelihood of living longer. As one doctor put it, "the more prolonged the social activity, the more prolonged the survival time."

It is thought that having regular contact with family and friends encourages healthier thinking, better personal habits, increased physical activity and reduces stress.

Yet according to Age UK, more than two million older people in England live alone and more that a million old people can go for a month without speaking to anyone.
The study was published in *The Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.*

Our thoughts about friends and friendship

God gave us our relations but thank God we can choose our friends. This was a caption I read when I was a child featuring two lovely dogs. It was through a friend's greyhound and ours that we, the owners, became firm friends.

Having never lived on my own before I am truly thankful for the kindness and support received from friends around me.
Keeping in touch with friends farther afield is important by telephone, the Internet or even by letter! Some of us find frequent use of the Internet too demanding of time and energy with so much messaging, texting etc. (I admit I can hardly use my mobile phone!)

It's good to belong to a friendly church with minister welcoming one and all. “What a friend we have in Jesus" is true for me and countless others. I feel the Lord's with me and never feel alone with Him to guide and care for me. May God's love be known, widely, not least through friendships.

Sheila Ritchie.

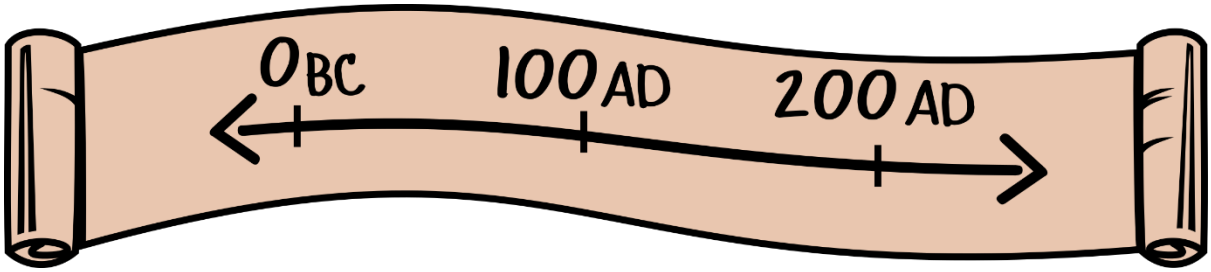
‘And here’s a hand my trusty fiere,
And gies a hand o’ thine,
And we’ll tak a richt guid willie waught
For auld Lang Syne’

Robbie Burns loved and celebrated for his wonderful poems and songs.
Can I suggest that Auld Lang Syne is the best known and most often sung? Parties, dinners, weddings often end when we form a circle, join hands together and sing.

A handshake is heartwarming. It can also mean hello, goodbye, well done! We can also take someone’s hand, never say a word, yet they know in that handshake they have our friendship, compassion and trust.
Jesus offers us his handshake today. All we must do is give him ours and we will find it grasped firmly by a true friend. Not just for auld lang syne but for eternity.

Di Higham

Let us be grateful to people
who make us happy;
they are the charming gardeners
who make us blossom.
Marcel Proust



Timeline of a friendship

1960s – met September 1967, Day 1 of Boarding School, Edinburgh. Bond grew over next 7 years. Boarding School is quite a bonding experience!

1970s - Jane headed west to Glasgow Medical School while I headed to Durham for Teacher Training. Much time spent together in holidays and discovering the delights of backpacking in Italy and Greek Island adventures.

1980s – Plan B. About to hit 30 and no life partner on the horizon. Joint decision to find work in our chosen careers in Scotland. But…….we found the Army who kindly provided us each with a husband.

1990s – children and child are now on the scene. We are Godparents to each other's first born (our one and only). This decade was when Jane decided to be terribly unwell. Our move from Cambridge to Edinburgh was perfectly timed as it meant Jane could spend the summer with us between treatments.
A happy healthy outcome was heartily celebrated.

2000s – the Army is now in the past. Jane happily living the dream in the Borders and we move up a glen in Perthshire.

Still working hard in our chosen careers and looking after family, dogs, horses, husbands and child/children.

2010s – another decade older and time for children to leave home and head off to find streets paved with gold and their parents to worry about them even more.
This is the decade of more house moves for us (I am very good at it), retirement and time for ourselves to pursue and perfect the art of drinking coffee and eating cake.

2020s – Covid meant our convivial glass of wine together was via Zoom. We survived that and come September we shall pop a cork and reflect – never a cross word, nothing but support, understanding and unconditional friendship.

……. to be continued.

Recently I met up with very dear friends who were staying for a week in Eyemouth. The youngest is 11ish and the oldest are in their eighties. Some of us have been friends for approximately 50 years and have shared so many ups and downs, tears and laughter, illness and health. There has been involvement in so many aspects of life. We knew each other's family and friends, we'd run SU groups together, we'd been involved in the same church. There had been piano lessons, baby sitting, Youth Fellowship, and so much more, including 8 of us, plus 2 dogs, sharing a caravan for a week at the Keswick Convention. (That would test any friendship!!) We don't see much of each other now as we live in different areas of the country, but the connection is still there, and I can't imagine my life without them in it. I know they're still there for me, and I could turn up on any doorstep and be sure of a welcome. As to what they mean to me, I owe them more than I can ever repay, and if I hadn't met them, none of you would ever have met me because my life would have ended many years ago.

Another long-term friend is the one I shared a house with for a year. We've done many things together too. We've shared holidays, including an exciting trip to St Kilda, when we were the first boat out for nearly 2 weeks. (I was glad I had taken some tablets before I went!) We've had many natural history excursions, including orchid hunting, and have shared the delight of seeing a butterfly, bird or plant that we hadn't come across before. There was also the thrill of having a part in a film about the Bondagers. And so much more.

St Kilda

Then there are friends to meet with for coffee, or lunch and a chat, friends to go out for walks on Sunday afternoons with, friends to study the Bible with and share insights that we've had, friends to pray with, and the friends that I've made through my many, and varied musical activities. Each of them has impacted my life in some way. My involvement with church has enabled many friendships to come about, and I'm very grateful to God for all those that have been and are part of my life. I've been extremely blessed.

I look back at the little girl living out in the country, who had hardly met any children, far less played with a child before she went to school, and whose companions were goats and hens, and am truly grateful. God has been so good to me in so many ways, but particularly in bringing me to know His Son – Jesus, the friend who is always there, and will always be there, whatever, whenever, wherever.

Rena

Friends and Song Lyrics

Now, at this point, how many of you were expecting the song lyrics thing to be:

a) the tune from Neighbours; or
b) the tune from the Friends which seems to be permanently on satellite TV?

Well, sorry to disappoint you! You see, ……

"It was 50 years ago today, Sgt Pepper taught the band to play ……" [Or something like that.]

At least, that's what Lennon and McCartney told us.

Well, these words came back to me (incidentally, on the anniversary of our getting shot of the colonies across the 'pond') when, after 49 years (49/50 who's counting?) a group of former Berwick Grammar School pupils/inmates met in Tweedmouth Bowling Club for a get-together.

A lot has happened since 1974 when we left the Grammar School – some of it quite momentous (on the global stage), some of it minor, but probably more important on the personal front.

BUT …… (you knew there was a 'BUT' coming didn't you?) as I looked around at the group of 20 something OAPs gathered there, lots of things flashed across my mind.

I didn't see a lot of old fogies and, strangely, I didn't recall a group of 17/18 year olds. I saw a group of ordinary folk who had set out in life. Some had stayed locally, some moved away to further education, some came back, some stayed away, some became jet set travellers, and some …… well goodness knows what else. This was a group, the members of which had, to quote Bob the Builder *'... done it.'* [See, more song lyrics!]

Yes, by chance, or skill, or by merit, or from chances from the education system, or from family input, or whatever, this group comprised people who '… had done it.'

I don't mean they were all millionaires though I am fairly sure some of them are. I don't mean they had become 'famous' (but at least some from the group and the neighbouring years at BGS would qualify). I mean that they got through those nearly 50 years intact and had done so in a worthwhile way.

It was clear that their participation on this mortal coil had not been just a series of mechanical, bodily actions, but their time on earth has been to some good effect. To the health workers, the teachers, the farmers, the family raisers, the volunteers, the leaders, the enablers and everyone else ……
I say ……. WELL DONE!

To you I say:

Remember, just because you come from a small, rural, backwater of the UK, just recall Bob's famous words:

YOU CAN DO IT!

Bryon and Allison

Thoughts from Bill

When I sat down to think about friends and friendship, I found myself thinking about 'what makes a good friend'? Here are some thoughts (this is not an exhaustive list).

Listener – a good friend is an active listener – someone who isn't trying to get in on your story and take it off on a tangent, but really

listens to hear what you are saying and checks out their understanding of what's been said. **Non-Judgmental** – a good friend does not judge us as a result of what we might share with them and as a consequence we can share our most innermost thoughts, daft as they might be sometimes! **Trustworthy** – a good friend can be trusted and will respect your wishes not to share with anyone else if you have asked them not to. **Constancy** – a good friend can be relied upon to be there for you when they are needed or have promised to help out. **Forgiving** – none of us are perfect and we make mistakes – we can speak out of turn or sometimes be just plain grumpy. A good friend knows us for our true selves and will forgive us and not hold grudges. **Kindness** – good friends are spontaneously kind without expectation of a reward.

Next, I found myself checking my own character in terms of the friendship I show to others – how many of the boxes do I tick in relation to the above? - I am reminded that friendship is very much a two-way street, so just as I have an expectation of friendship, I equally need to contribute to the friendships I have.

Finally, I found myself thinking about Jesus in relation to the above – every box is ticked and more.
'What a friend we have in Jesus' indeed.

Yours in Christ.

Bill

Minden Day

The King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) Association held its annual Minden Day Parade in the Barracks followed by a march through the town on Saturday 29 July 2023. The purpose of the Parade was to commemorate the battle of Minden which took place on 1 August 1759 in Germany near the town of Minden as part of the Seven Years War. The battle was between the British and Prussians against the French. The KOSB were one of 6 British Infantry Regiments who on the day proved their valour in resisting and defeating, unsupported, the attacks by the French Cavalry. Because of their great courage and discipline, the French were defeated.

At ceremonial parades to celebrate the battle of Minden held each year by the Minden Regiments, it is the custom to present the officers and men with a rose to wear in their headdress. The origin of the Minden rose is part of the legend that has been passed on by word of mouth, for there is no written record to confirm that the soldiers plucked roses to put in their hats at the battle. Regiments argue as to whether the roses were picked before or after the battle or even during the advance. One theory is that the troops were ordered to pick roses just before the forming up position as a means of identification in the smoke and confusion of the battle. Whether or not there is an historical precedent, it is a fitting tribute to commemorate the men

that fought at Minden where in the words of Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick:

"The British Infantry won Immortal Glory"

Due to its position, Berwick has had a long and proud association with the military. The Barracks were built 1717-1721 to house the Garrison force. Prior to the Barracks being completed, soldiers were billeted in private houses. The KOSB moved into the Barracks in 1881 and it became their depot until the end of National Service in 1960.

The Minden Day Parade in the Barracks was supported by a combined Pipe Band from Eyemouth and Tweedmouth and a static Military Band composed of ex-bandsmen. The Roses were presented by Ms Ann Cunningham who was the wife of the late Brigadier Bob Riddell, a former Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion and Colonel of the Regiment. The Parade, which started in 1994 with the march through the town starting in 1995, remains an important date in the town's diary and is attended on parade by many ex-KOSB officers and soldiers and is watched by many people of Berwick. The Princess Royal was present in 2013 and sent a letter of support, as the Patron of the KOSB Association, this year. In 2013, she also laid up the Colours of the 1St Battalion because, sadly, the Regiment no longer exists! In 2006, the Regiment amalgamated with The Royal Scots to become the 1st Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland (The Royal Scots Borderers). Last year this Battalion became the 1st Battalion of the new Ranger Regiment.

There is no doubt, from the number of people at the Barracks and lining the route of the Parade, that the Minden Day Parade and march through the town remains an important annual event in the life of Berwick and gives the people of Berwick their chance to show support. Long may it continue!

As members of the KOSB Association say:

"Once a Borderer, always a Borderer"!

Books by the Sea

If you are having a summer tidy up of your bookshelves, I am always looking for books (of any sort) to keep the Little Free Library topped up. Our box is in the car park behind the Pier and is extremely popular and well used by locals and holiday makers.

I am happy to collect, or you could drop them at
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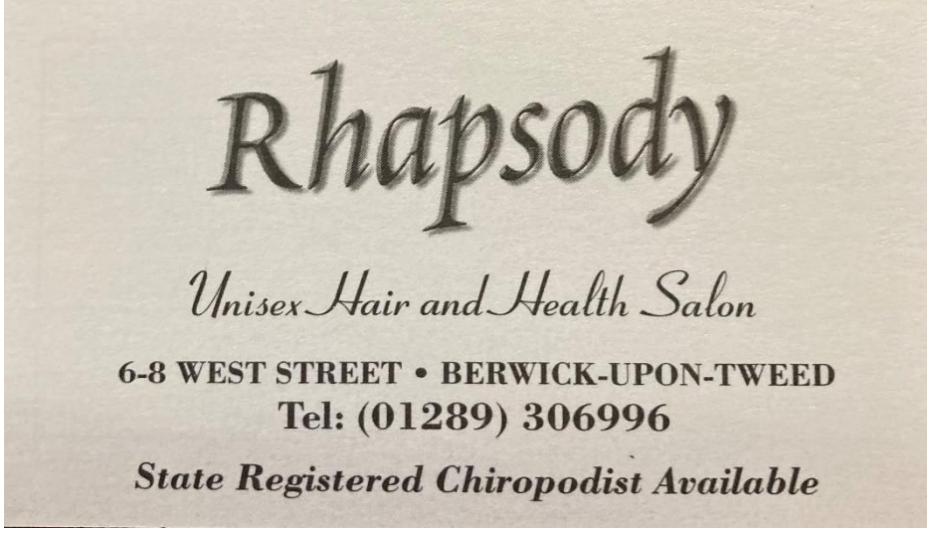
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