WE ARE COMMUNITY HUMANNESS KINDNESS CONNECTEDNESS UBUNTU I AM BECAUSE OF YOU!

HARVEST MOON
The Editor Writes

I DID say in the last issue of “Jottings” that I would not make a habit of writing an editorial, but here I am again! There are some important matters in this issue, so please read it carefully, particularly the Data Protection article on p8, which requires action by you. But first, welcome to Brian, our new minister. He is to be introducing some evening services (see Dates for the Diary), which will be less formal than the morning ones. Come along and give them a try.

In the last issue, we introduced a “Letters Page”. Sadly, there are no letters for this issue.

Thanks to Duncan Rennie for his lay-out of the magazine. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Macphies of Glenbervie for their dealing with the reproduction of this magazine. It is such a boon to have it photocopied for us.

And finally, thank you to Eileen Turner of Fettercairn for the illustration on the front cover of this issue

Helen Ritchie  (email jottings@koti.me.uk)

Rev John Anderson

WE were all sorry to hear of the death of Rev John Anderson who preached the third and occasional fifth Sundays for several months. John had an excellent memory for names and faces and was a popular visitor. Several members of the congregation attended his funeral in July.

A Prayer

DEAR GOD, so for today I’ve done all right, I haven’t gossiped and I haven’t lost my temper. I haven’t been nasty or selfish and I’m really glad of that! But in a few minutes, God, I’m going to get out of bed and from then on, I’m probably going to need a lot of help.

THANK YOU!

Amen
(Anon)
From the manse...

Dear Friends

LET ME begin by saying what an amazing welcome Linda (my wife), Mika (my daughter) and I received on our arrival. It goes beyond the manse which underwent a wonderful renovation, it goes beyond the Sanctuary and meeting such special people for the first time, it also includes the people of the villages, the teachers in the schools and even people in the shops. Thank you so much for making West Mearns Parish feel like home.

As a minister, the following is what I believe and what I am passionate about. I love God; I know that I have a Father who loves the world and each of us in it; the account of Jesus is sufficient for me to believe and accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour; and I believe that we cannot do what we do without the involvement of the Holy Spirit, gifted to us by God.

“Church” is far more than what happens within the confines of the sanctuary. We are Church. Church is all about the lives we lead and we cannot separate a day “in the world” from a moment in the sanctuary. I believe that we need to be consistent in what we believe in thought, word and deed. And like Paul the Apostle said “of all sinners I am the greatest” (1 Timothy 1:15). It is a life long journey of longing and striving to live a life that is God honouring.

I believe that the church should offer different expressions of worship and so to that end, in addition to our current morning services, we will be holding a 6:00pm service. To start off we will alternate between Fettercairn and Auchenblae and hopefully very soon follow with Glenbervie. The evening service will be informal and contemporary and begins the first Sunday in September, 6:00pm at Auchenblae.

The local church should be involved in the local community and open to the local community as a resource. I am very aware of how thinly spread some volunteers are and that the Parish is home to many activities. We should therefore be sensitive about our events being “in competition” with organisations. We will navigate our programmes carefully but passionately.

I also believe that the church should be a safe place for people to come to and so these words will become more and more visible in the parish: “EVERYONE IS WELCOME, NOBODY IS PERFECT and ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.” We believe in who we are and what we preach. God works in our lives freely and undeservedly and that is the miracle of grace. So our doors are wide open.

God bless as we journey together

Brian, Linda and Mika
Auchenblae Guild

THE GUILD is the largest voluntary association in Scotland and is an important part of the Church of Scotland. We do not live in the past but deal with many contemporary issues, both at home and abroad, especially in the "third world". These include, poverty, education, HIV/AIDS, FMG (female genital mutilation) overseas; and at home, care homes, support for families of prisoners, homelessness, Street Pastors, to name but a few. We will be starting our new season on Wednesday September 21st at 2.00pm in the Church Hall at Auchenblae. If you are already a member welcome back. If you have not yet joined us give us a try. Meetings are never dull. Our theme this year is "Go in Joy". Be sure that that can not be dull. A very important aspect of the Guild is fellowship. We have that in droves. If you wish more information just speak to any Guild member. We hope to see you.

Anne Hepburn

WHEN Helen Ritchie and Helen Thomson visited Anne Hepburn in the Marie-Curie Hospice in Edinburgh, they were a little apprehensive about how she would be. They found Anne, the wonderful lady we had all grown to love and admire as she sorted out her daughter's 'stuff' in the Manse, still being Anne despite her grave illness. Asking for everyone, asking about our new minister, wondering about the difference the changes to the Manse had made to the house, and talking about her family, with a sense of pride. The two Helens were privileged to touch and read a little of the book she had compiled and set to print, of extracts of some of Catherine's prayers and services. How often do we have an idea in our head or something we want to do, and never quite get round to it - and we can usually satisfy ourselves as to why we haven't managed it. Here is this mother of over 90 years young, grasping the nettle and just doing it - she had her book completed and off to print before she became ill, and she was so thrilled to have got the job done.

Before the visit was over we were handed two envelopes to cut the stamps off and save for a good cause - two stamps - what good can two stamps do we may ask but Anne's philosophy is two becomes twenty, becomes two hundred, becomes two thousand and so it goes on. There is a sermon in there somewhere and when you add two stamps to a pipe-cleaner you have an even better sermon. Maybe next time we'll tell you that wee story.

Sunday School

SUNDAY School is available at all three churches from the first Sunday in September. It would be nice to see some new faces.
Aberdeen Cyrenians

CHURCH members kindly bring gifts of non-perishable goods to Church each Sunday to be taken to Summer Street in Aberdeen then distributed to the needy, some of whom are in that situation through no fault of their own. Many thanks are due to those who faithfully contribute and those who take these gifts to Aberdeen. A letter of thanks from Scott Baxter, the Deputy Director, has been received.

Auchenblae Church Clocks and Bob Jamieson

IT IS good to see the newly painted clocks back in position. Thanks are due to all whose hard work made it possible.

At this time we take the opportunity to thank Bob Jamieson for his many years of keeping the clocks wound. Every week Bob climbed to the heights of the Church tower to keep the village aware of the correct time – no mean feat! It is very scary so far up but that never phased Bob! Summer or snowy winter, up he went.

The village is grateful that Jamie Hendry volunteered to take Bob’s place. Happy climbing, Jamie and happy retirement, Bob.

Clock Face Restoration

RESTORING the clock faces to the tower of Auchenblae Church was a project that broke new ground in church maintenance in West Mearns. The clocks are the finest architectural adornment on the church, and were last thought to have been painted in 1966. Fifty years later we had new clock blanks built, but used the original copper faces as the base for the “artwork” which was produced for us by Barry Robertson from Dundee, using high quality paints, and gold leaf for the numerals. While the clocks were down, we took the opportunity to have the upper tiers of the tower picked and pointed using lime mortar, adding to the cost of the project, but making good use of the scaffolding which was later used to hoist and fix the clock faces in place. As a project that involved many trades and volunteers it turned out to be a good profile raiser for the Church. More importantly the building has had a face lift which is noticeable from a mile away or more. The new pointing is an investment which will be repaid over many years, and the rebuilt clocks look splendid. Many thanks to all who supported this work.

Donald Barrie
Christian Aid

CHRISTIAN Aid Week this year once again showed an amazing response from the people of West Mearns. Christian Aid works with the poorest of the poor, regardless of religion, race or gender. People like Morsheda, who lives in fear of the river. Every year, floods threaten to destroy her home and leave her and her children with nothing. But because of the time, talents and money from the people of West Mearns, Morsheda and her neighbours who live on islands on the river can be helped to raise their homes 6 – 8ft above water level, giving them a safe place to live.

This year a fantastic £3,277.29 was raised. So thank you to all who helped to raise this life saving amount.

Auchenblae Friendship Group

IT IS a sad fact that there are many lonely people out there. Possibly you are new to the area and don't know anyone. Perhaps you are shy and find it hard to meet with others. We are there for you and have been for 16 to 17 years. We call ourselves the Friendship Group because that is what we are. Every Wednesday morning during school term time we meet in the Church Hall from 10.00am to 11.45am. The meetings are fun. We start with a cuppie and biscuits and sometimes cake. There will always be a cake on your birthday. Sometimes we entertain ourselves, at other times we get other people to come and entertain us. We must have got it right because we have some people who are very happy to keep coming back to us because they feel the friendship as soon as they enter the hall.

If you are at a loose end do give us a try. Our next meeting will be on August 17th. You don't have to be resident in Auchenblae to join us. We are there for the parish. For more information phone Barbara on 01561 320911.

Fettercairn Drop-in Cafe

THE START of this year's Drop-in Cafe was delayed by a week to allow for new vinyl to be laid in Fettercairn Church hall kitchen, cloakroom and toilet. We are delighted with the result, and comments have been favourable. Of course, it doesn't just happen - the space needed to be cleared and we would like to express our thanks to Andrew Clark and Alf Thomson who moved the big cupboard, the cooker and fridge through to the main hall and back again so the job could be done. Thanks to Alf for cutting the doors to give enough clearance after the vinyl was laid. Thanks also to Jim and Eileen Turner who took away the old vinyl, and to anyone who helped in any way. All of this extra work saved us over £150.00.

Special thanks too to Frances Clark and Isobel Trigger, who worked tirelessly over the course of the weekend moving more boxes and bric-a-brac than we could count, between the hall and cloakroom, so that the Cafe could open. Miraculously even the bric-a-brac stalls were set up in time for the Monday morning!
A sincere thanks to our bakers and servers on the day, and to all those who support us, week by week. At the time of writing nearly £350.00 had been raised in the first two weeks of the Cafe's opening. That's nearly half the cost of the new vinyl in the hall. The proceeds from the Drop-in Cafe will be used to pay for the new vinyl and to boost the Church Rot Fund. All of the Churches benefit from this fund.

**Auchenblae Open Gardens Weekend**

**TO CELEBRATE** the 10th anniversary, the format was changed slightly to include two magnificent gardens outwith the village boundary, as well as making a return visit to Bridgend.

Without the willingness of our hosts to open their gardens over the two afternoons, this popular event just would not happen so it's a huge thank you to Jenny and Alistair at Bridgend, Margaret and Roy at Crann-Tara, and Donald and Sue at Glensbaugh Lodge. I know how much work you all did in preparation, which is of course reflected in the obvious enjoyment and appreciation of visitors to your gardens.

We heard so many complimentary remarks when people came back to the hall for their strawberry teas. People from Alford, Inverurie and even Ellon, had found their way to Auchenblae, making us wish we'd had a Visitors' Book!

I would like to thank Iris, Margaret and Heather in particular for the help and moral support given over the weekend. Sincere thanks to those who donated goods for the teas, the produce and lucky number stalls, and the wonderful plant stall. I must also thank those who served teas, manned stalls, bought goods, provided transport and worked tirelessly in the kitchen. Thank you one and all.

Proceeds from the weekend came to £2,257 which exceeded all expectations, bringing the total raised since the first Auchenblae Open Gardens in 2007, to £13,683.65.

**Jenny Thomson**

PS to Jenny's article -

The weather turned up trumps and visits to the gardens were enjoyed in beautiful sunshine - well, on Saturday at any rate! The gardens were a joy to behold and one could appreciate the hard physical slog over the years and the planters’ knowledge that created such beauty.

Back in the Village Hall the strawberry teas were a splendid reward for all the walking that had to be done!

*Well done, Jenny and her hard-working team!* (A.R.)
Here is some important information from David Galbraith, our Session Clerk. Please read it, as it affects you all.

Constitution

THE Kirk Session and Congregational Board have been discussing a change to our constitution from what is known as the "Model Constitution" to one known as "Unitary constitution" and have decided to propose a change to a general meeting of the congregation to be held on 11th September following a joint parish service in Auchenblae at 10am that morning.

Under a unitary constitution all matters, both spiritual and secular are the responsibility of the Kirk Session, but a number of sub-committees are delegated to handle specific aspects of the parish's business, these committees handle both secular and pastoral business. At present spiritual matters are the responsibility of the kirk session and secular (property and money) are the responsibility of the Congregational Board. There are a number of reasons for changing and we have been asked by the Church of Scotland General Assembly to consider a change. Information on the proposed change and an example unitary constitution can be found on our website at www.westmearns.org.uk and click on Constitution on the left hand side.

Our web site

ALTHOUGH our website has existed for a while it wasn't kept up to date until we started our search for a new minister - happily resulting in Brian coming here. The Website address is www.westmearns.org.uk and contains, amongst other things, our latest news and happenings in the parish. Please take a look and pass any comments to the minister or to myself. We are planning to improve the site by making it more dramatic and easy to find information - both for the regular congregation and for potential visitors and new members.

Church membership and the Data Protection Act

READERS will no doubt have heard of the Data Protection Act which applies to all organisations that hold information about other people. There are certain types of data for which explicit permission has to be given by an individual before an organisation can keep such information, and one class of this data includes an individual's religion. Since having your name on a church roll implies that you share our religion, we now have to ask each member if we can keep their name on our roll and for them to give us that permission in writing.
You will be receiving a letter from the minister asking for this permission - please return it to us as soon as possible.

There is nothing sinister about this letter - we are merely trying to comply with the law. For those of a legal mind, the Presbytery of Kincardine and Deeside is registered under the data protection act on behalf of all the parishes in the presbytery.

**United service, General meeting and future plans**

**SAVE THE DATE - 11th September at Auchenblae Church at 10am.**

**NOW** our new minister is in place it is time for us to think about what sort of church we want to be in this parish. The parish covers a large area and includes not only Drumlithie, Fettercairn and Auchenblae but also Dellavaird, Fordoun, West Cairnbeig, Monboddo and Edzell Woods as well as a lot of farms and smaller settlements. We are conscious that with our 2 "traditional" services each Sunday that we do not serve all the population either geographically or in the style of worship we provide. Please come along to this important date and help us decide how to reach out to all the people in this beautiful part of Scotland.

**Anne Hepburn**

**MANY** of us have met Catherine’s mother Anne and been fascinated (and possibly intimidated) by her forthright views. Over the last few months Anne has been preparing a collection of Catherine’s prayers which she has found to be a useful therapy.

Sadly Anne was also recently diagnosed with cancer and was moved to the Marie Curie Hospice in Edinburgh where she died on Friday 29th July. A few of us were able to visit her there and a couple of days before she died I was able to take in some photographs of our granddaughter Eleanor Catherine’s baptism – as Anne kept asking about it.

Anne was very proud of Catherine and her ministry and latterly took to introducing me, both at the General Assembly and last week as “Catherine’s Session Clerk”.

**David Galbraith**

*(See also, another article about Anne.)*
A WARM WEST MEARNS WELCOME TO OUR NEW MINISTER

WE ARE delighted to welcome our new minister Brian Smith, his wife Linda and their daughter Mika to West Mearns. Since their arrival in June Brian, Linda and Mika have been settling well into their new home in Fettercairn, learning more about this beautiful part of Scotland, and picking up a few local expressions and words in Doric along the way! They now know what a 'fine piece' is and how to respond when asked 'Fit like', though Brian is still struggling with the idea of 'nail sickness'. We, for our part, have been learning from them about Southern Africa.

Brian has been very busy since his induction getting out and about, hearing for himself what the community wants, visiting our schools, making pastoral visits, baptising babies (always a great pleasure), attending local events and, of course, leading services in our churches. He has been impressed by what he has seen and heard. We have been impressed by the breadth of his knowledge and the depth of his faith, by his sense of humour and quick wit, by how open he is to feedback and new ideas, and by his ability to explain with simplicity and clarity what faith is and what it means for all of us today.

Brian and his family feel blessed to be here in West Mearns and are very grateful for the welcome and hospitality they have already received. They are looking forward to meeting many more folk across West Mearns in the months ahead. We warmly commend them to you.

A REMINDER ABOUT THE GIFT AID SMALL DONATIONS SCHEME

THIS scheme allows the Church to claim a new Gift Aid style top up payment on small unidentified cash donations (notes or coins) of £20 or less as plate offerings at services. Donors are not identified and they needn’t be tax payers. £10 will earn the church £2.50. This scheme runs alongside the present Gift Aid scheme . For more information contact Fiona Duff , Tel 01569 740 368 or email fionaduff01@btinternet.com

Girl Guiding

AUCHENBLAEGirl Guides and Rainbows continue to hold their meetings in the Church Hall. Their notice board is always interesting and the Rainbows decorate the middle window ledge with Easter and Christmas items, much appreciated on Sunday mornings by those who remain after the service for tea and coffee and by the Friendship Group on Wednesday mornings. The planters outside are also carefully tended by the Rainbows who plant bulbs and flowers in season.
In recognition of the Queen’s Birthday, the Rainbows placed a royal arrangement of red, white and blue flowers in the hall and delivered a similar arrangement to cheer the residents of Kirk Lodge in Laurencekirk. They also designed a special birthday card for the Queen and sent it to her. They received an acknowledgement which will be displayed on their noticeboard in the Hall
(It is early days yet but the Guides are planning to do their usual Christmas Postie Service in the village, so look out for more information later.)

**GRANNY’S WING-WALK**  *(A Fantasy!)*

At Auchenblae Friendship Group
There’s a bit of a flap,
A bit of a fuss,
They’re all off to the old Montrose Air Station this morning in an old 1940’s bus.

To see -
Granny wing-walking.
She’ll do anything for a dare
And for ELF’N’Safety she’ll wear
All the right gear.
for flying Granny has no fear.

Fly free, free as a bird flies
Free as the blue skies,
Free as the wind sighs.

Wearing full harness they strapped
Granny to the wing,
While her face lit up broadly grinning!
Her friend, Sid the pilot does all sorts of acrobatic stunts,
at all the air shows he’s always up there,
leading from the front!

Fly free, free as a bird flies,
Free as the blue skies
Free as the wind sighs.

With a waggle of the wings,
swooping down low,
Flying under the Forth Rail Bridge
Passing by slow,
One of the bridge painters dropped
his brush and nearly had a fit
when Granny shouted out-
Hey up Jimmy lad! You’ve missed a bit

Fly free, free as a bird flies
Free as the blue skies
Free as the wind sighs.

Heading home, flying under the
North Water Bridge for a dare,
clearing the bridge walls with
Just an inch to spare;
Open-mouthed fishermen could only stare
As Sid flying at zero feet gave a
flock of geese one hell of a scare.

Fly free, free as a bird flies,
Free as the blue skies,
Free as the wind sighs.

On her way back home the minister
had asked Granny to check Auchenblae’s
renovated church clock, to see if it was
keeping good time,
also was it striking the hour with regular chimes.
In a clear blue sky Sid had written in white smoke
that could be seen by all the Mearns goodly folk-

Granny says the clock’s keeping time really well,
sounds great striking the hour with its lovely clear bell.

Fly free, free as a bird flies,
Free as the blue skies,
Free as the wind sighs.

(Peter Morris)


Another Thought - Life is like a cup of tea – it all depends on how you make it!
With a little help from my friends.....

I WAS approached, tentatively, to see if I would organise the catering at the social following the Induction of our new minister, Brian.

I initially called on the help of Margaret M. and the two of us sat down and worked out the logistics – always a good place to start. Then to rally the troops – and rally them we certainly did.

From all directions: Fettercairn, Glenbervie and Auchenblae, a reliable band of sandwich makers and home bakers arrived at the allotted time at the village hall with their contributions.

Back to logistics, thanks to forward planning, the catering went smoothly, and our visitors, some of whom had travelled a distance, were fed speedily and abundantly without any hitches.

During any successful events there are always people working away behind the scenes: setting up the hall for a start. In Auchenblae hall we now have lovely padded chairs that have replaced the stacking plastic ones. They’re luxuriously comfy but oh! they are so heavy to handle by slightly mature ladies such as we.

After the setting up is when the kitchen staff come into their own. We rely on them to keep the urns on the boil, ready to swing into action the moment the first person walks in through the door.

Over the years in Auchenblae, like all villages, we’ve had a succession of ladies who have dutifully made the tea and washed the dishes for various functions and rarely got a mention for their efforts.

They have to cut and spread the scones; set out the cakes and tray-bakes, fill the milk jugs, check that the urn doesn’t boil dry, and make sure that the coffee in the jugs is keeping hot and the tea not getting stewed. It’s not just washing and drying the dishes, oh no. This is a well-oiled efficient system that only comes with experience.

Does this sound familiar to all the ladies and gents who work in our village and church hall kitchens? And at the end of the day they are the usually the last to leave, having emptied the urns, washed out the kettles and jugs, recycled the waste and given all the work surfaces and floor a once over.

At Auchenblae Winnie Singer, along with her sister Davvy, has manned the kitchen at Guild Church events for many years but is now hanging up her pinnie. Thank you Winnie, we’ll miss you but I’m sure we’ll muddle through.

Jenny Thomson
Recipe for Living

Take a generous amount of self respect,  
Spice it with humour.  
Stir in equal parts of compassion and love.  
Measure in a few drops of frankness  
(but not enough to be bitter).  
Blend well. Knead gently and form into a firm loaf.  
Bake in a moderate oven. Baste occasionally  
With sincerity and serve daily.  
Your family will love it.  
Your friends will envy your skill  
And strangers will long remember you favourably.

(This was discovered in a book of traditional recipes from the Virginias, the Carolinas, Kentucky and Tennessee, USA.)

The Origin of Manners

HAVE YOU ever wondered where some of our familiar rules of respectful behaviour come from? Here are a few:

1. Shaking hands upon greeting was a means of checking that neither person was armed.
2. Saying ‘Bless you’ after a sneeze dates back to at least 590 when Pope Gregory commanded that anyone who sneezed be immediately blessed for fear they had contracted the plague.
3. Covering your mouth to yawn, as yawns were thought to be the soul escaping the body and evil spirits entering it, again the plague.
4. Not pointing at people. It is rude to point, almost the world over. Many explanations centre on the idea that you could transfer evil spirits to someone by pointing and staring at them with negative thoughts in your mind, the so called ‘evil eye’.

Glenbervie Coffee Morning

A COFFEE MORNING will be held in Drumlithie Village Hall on Saturday 17th September, from 10am – 11.45. Come and join us for friendly chat, delicious coffee and freshly made pancakes. Various stalls.

Admission: Adults: £3.50, children £1.50. All Welcome.
WORSHIP AT WEST MEARNS PARISH CHURCH
Auchenblae, Fettercairn, Glenbervie

Services continue as usual: Fettercairn - 9.30am every Sunday
Glenbervie - 11am the first Sunday of every month
Auchenblae - 11am the other Sundays in the month
Queen Elizabeth Court, Fettercairn – 2.30pm usually the last Sunday of the month

Sunday School for the children at all three churches.

~~~~~~~~~~~ All are welcome ~~~~~~~~~~~~

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Dates for the Diary

September
Sunday 4th Sept: Evening Service at Auchenblae, 6pm (Sacred v Secular)
Sunday 11th Sept: Joint Service, 10am at Auchenblae. This will be followed by a general meeting of the congregation to discuss changing to a Unitary Constitution.
Sunday 11th Sept: Evening Service at Fettercairn, 6pm (Reaching up)
Saturday 17th Sept: Glenervie Coffee Morning, Drumlithie Village Hall, 10am-11.45
Sunday 18th Sept: Evening Service at Auchenblae, 6pm (Reaching in)
Sunday 25th Sept: Evening Service at Fettercairn, 6pm (Reaching out)

October
Harvest Services:
Sunday 23rd Oct: 9.30am at Fettercairn, 11am at Auchenblae, 2pm at Glenbervie
At all services, there will be a special collection for RSABI (Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution).
Sunday 30th Oct: Communion Service: 9.30am at Fettercairn, 11am at Auchenblae

November
Sunday 6th Nov: Communion Service at Glenbervie, 11am. This will be followed by a short Act of Remembrance and laying of a poppy wreath at the Glenbervie War Memorial in the Church grounds at approximately 12 noon. All welcome.
Saturday 12th Nov: Auchenblae Guild Fund-raiser.
   Look out for more info nearer the time.
Sunday 13th Nov: Remembrance Service: 9.30am at Fettercairn, 11am at Auchenblae
Sunday 20th Nov: Auchenblae Guild Dedication Service, 11am at Auchenblae

December
Friday 9th Dec: Carols, Candles & Christmas Pies, in Auchenblae Church

Time for a Smile

Teacher said to James that she was astounded that he lived next to the river yet he couldn’t swim. James retorted ‘There’s a lot of air round me but I can’t fly!’

Jane said to her mother ‘Mummy, our teacher was asking me today if I had any brothers or sisters.’ Her mother said, ‘That’s nice dear, what did she say when you told her you were an only child?’ Jane replied ‘Oh she just said “Thank goodness!”’

For homework a Religious Studies teacher said ‘Write a sentence using the word incarnation.
William wrote ’Sometimes I use milk in my tea but sometimes I put in Carnation.’