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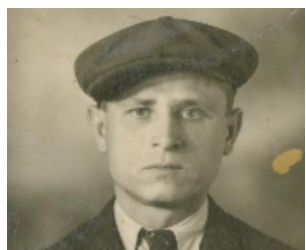
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Every two years Busby Drama Group treat their fans to several nights of drama, good food and music. At the end of the evening, we always say, "That is their best ever!" Then two years later they treat us again and it is even better, leaving the audience full of admiration for the wonderful talent displayed by such a small, all age, group.

This year was no exception. The evening started off with three comedy playlets adapted for the audience by Lorna Jack and Stuart Mackay. Each playlet was completely different but full of fun and laughter that brought tears to the eyes.

After the playlets, everyone enjoyed a lovely two course supper ably prepared by Shona Park and served along with a glass of wine for those who were fortunate enough not to be driving. Drivers contented themselves with a soft drink. The supper was rounded off with tea, coffee and delicious tablet! Yum, Yum!

The final part of the evening was called Busby Sings Walt Disnae! What a wonderful performance of singing, dancing and comic delivery at times! It was really great to see so many young folk who are attached to Busby Church singing and dancing along with the more mature members.

All in all a wonderful evening – definitely the best ever - or is there even better to come in two years' time? Thanks for the memories folks!





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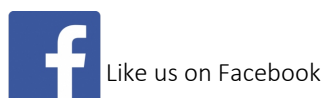
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## Message from the Manse

Jerry Eve



It's good when our Church building is used for a happy occasion, and there can hardly be a happier occasion than a wedding. And this year, so far, we have five weddings in the diary, one of which has already taken place. People often tell me what a lovely setting Busby Church is for a marriage ceremony, and I have to agree. I always think of our sanctuary as a very intimate space, and one that therefore lends itself to a warm, friendly atmosphere.

As a minister, it's always fun thinking what to say, and yet it's often the case that you tend to know either the Groom or the Bride fairly well, but not both. It's difficult, though, to be too personal lest one half of the Guest List feels a bit left out, and unrepresented, in what is said. And so, for this reason, it's good that there are so many traditions associated with all these Big Days. And while many of them are 'more honoured in the breach than the observance,' these days, there has often been some good reason for their original institution, which it can then be good for us to re-discover. And so, whether it's scrambles or favours, confetti or quaichs, veils, bouquets or bells, don't be surprised, if you're coming along to a wedding in Busby Church, to hear just a little something about one or other of these.



Robin Bulmer

## Message from the Session Clerk

Reading the June messages from the Session Clerk for 2015 and 2016 I note that, in the former, reference was made to the joint service with Cartsbridge Evangelical Church whilst the latter referenced the Sunday evening service on the day of our church's 180th birthday. Coincidentally my thoughts on this occasion had been on our latest Sunday worship that included another joint service with Cartsbridge in the morning and our own worship in the evening. The presence of members of our two congregations in the morning made for a near full sanctuary. This, and the contributions to worship from all those who led this, substantially enhanced the worship experience. The evening service in the East Room, commencing with an informal communion, provided a quieter more reflective opportunity for worship.

## Announcements

BAPTISM	March	Benjamin Hugh Savage at Wishaw General Hospital
BEREAVEMENTS		Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine up on them
	March	May Smyllie Mary Fleming Benji Savage
	April	Richard McGregor
	May	David Simpson

## Situations Vacant

We are looking for someone to take on the role of leader (Brown Owl) in Busby Brownies. We would also like to find one or two other people who are willing to help with the Brownies. Previous experience is not essential as training can be provided although a sense of humour is required. Working with young people can be challenging but brings amazing rewards. Support can be provided if necessary.

The Brownies are aged between seven and ten years and are a very enthusiastic group of girls. They regularly enjoy playing games, doing crafts and completing badge work. The meetings are on Mondays in school term time from September through to the beginning of June in Busby Church Hall between 6.45pm and 8pm.

Please consider getting involved with the Brownies as we do not want the pack to fold. Thank you.  
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# Busby Drama Group

By "First Nighter"

I am reliably informed that 2017 heralds the thirty third year since the Group's formation, when they commenced entertaining in the old Busby East Church. The Group has progressed through some acclaimed productions, a few headaches, and several heartaches, but has gained much kudos along the way.

This year got off to the perfect start with the annual pantomime. On this occasion, "Snow White", written and directed by Steve Smith, proved to be one of the best to date, giving, as it did, the traditional pantomime humour and audience participation, with the added twist of introducing a myriad of other pantomime characters including Widow Twankey, Aladdin, Dick Whittington and Cinderella. I laughed and sang, booed and hissed, and was totally immersed in a great production.

On to May and the staging of the ever popular "Supper and Song". For those who are unfamiliar with this concept, the Group performs plays and songs and provides supper, cabaret style, to their audience. This is always one of the highlights of the drama year and was an unqualified success this time around. There were three short one act plays, directed by Stuart Mackay and Lorna Jack, to commence, followed by a superb two course supper with wine, coffee and tablet, delightfully prepared by Shona Park, all culminating in Jackie Murray's direction of the marvellous musical ensemble "Busby Sings – Walt Disnae". I cannot believe that I was charged only £12 for such an extravaganza!

The Drama Group tells me that they wish to thank everyone involved in and who contributed to and who attended, this year's productions for making them the triumphs that they were. Your support means they can continue to pass all their profits on to the Church and to its Organisations. The Group continues to provide a valuable contribution to the social, educational and community spirit of the village and parish and I hope that they will have many more years of giving us fun and laughter.



*Scenes from this year's pantomime, Snow White*

## Busby Challenge

In the last edition of Focus, we publicised the challenge facing Busby with the Church of Scotland's Glasgow Presbytery plan to join Busby and Greenbank churches. This has prompted messages of concern from many of our members and from the village and beyond.

We have already commissioned a Feasibility Study, at no cost to the Church, which will examine the options for meeting the needs of a joined congregation within Busby along with providing facilities which will strengthen community spirit and enhance Busby's village identity. This year's Garden Party along with other events by Busby Drama Group and The Guild all provide opportunities for the village to come together socially and contribute to our efforts. However, above all, we need to hear from you, the members of our community. We need to hear your ideas and visions.

We need to know what facilities you believe would make a positive contribution to life in Busby so that we can incorporate them into our plans. We also need to know what would make our Church more appealing to you.

Please let us know by email to [busbyfocus@btinternet.com](mailto:busbyfocus@btinternet.com)

