



As we set off on a new term the production team met to discuss what to do, and decide what we would like to achieve over the coming few issues. To start with, we looked back to appraise the position we are in and it was unanimously decided that we appear to have most things right. The introduction of a theme in the summer issue was spot on and looking at "Green Matters" threw up a diverse number of avenues to explore with the Holiday Club getting right to the hub of the matter with 'Waste Watchers'.

Youth theme

To continue with a theme, after a lengthy discussion, an agreement to look at "**Youth**" surfaced, so for this issue we will be concerned about the younger generation, looking at all areas of this topic. Not only within the Church, but in the parish, the wider local area and beyond. Are we adults handling this situation as we would like?

Increased interest

Within our own church we appear to be better placed than most. We have an increased interest in our youth organisations, whether they be the Boys' or Girls' Brigades, the very modern named Kidzone, Powerhouse and The Grid. This happy event was a mitigating factor in the church expansion. With the new accommodation coming into use, this has opened up a host of new horizons for us, which complements the alterations made to the area of the church with the new seating.

Response?

Now the question arises - Will the youth respond to this encouragement? Only time will tell, but we are hopeful. We only need to come up the age scale a little and we do see some heartening responses here. Young married couples are coming back to have their offspring baptised and it looks as if the Baby Group will be reforming. They are scheduled to restart on Monday 1st October. So we must be happy that we have this knock-on effect.

Praise Band



I know from some quarters a number of the congregation do not like the part the youth play in some of our services. I refer to the youngsters

running a service with the Praise Band, playing very modern instruments. Let's not be too judgmental, we were all young once! So let us broaden our horizons and welcome the future of the church, as this is where it is coming from, and we should be lending a hand in guidance and encouragement.

Website

The committee spent some time discussing the new Website, which went live on 1st September and we must thank Iain Morrison for his expertise and knowledge which has allowed us to get this operational so quickly. I will not say much more about this here, as it is covered below. But let us know what you think.

Bill Smart

www.polmontold.org.uk/

Many of you will recognise this as a web address, but a very special one at that.

It was recognised that Polmont Old Parish Church had to keep up with the times, and in the 21st century this means not just producing a magazine, Welcome Pack and advertising in the Falkirk Herald, but having its own website.

We approached Iain Morrison, who already has his own website, for advice and were delighted when he offered to help us get started. Needless to say, he has been a 'wizard' and had set up the website successfully by the proposed date of 1st September 2007.

Much of the initial information, which has been added to the website, has come from the recently produced Welcome Pack which contains 17 information sheets about Polmont Old and its various organisations.

A welcome letter of introduction from Jerome, the history of the church in Polmont, news items, eg. the recent Holiday Club and Flower Festival, the current Alpha Course and future fundraising events, are all included on the site. Many of the web pages are illustrated, especially notable are the photos on the Flower Festival pages.

But a "good" website has to be updated regularly, so that people will keep coming back to see what's new. So if you see any gaps in the site or have any suggestions as to how we can improve it, please let me know.

Much of this edition of Twinspire will be going online as soon as possible after publication date. So keep "surfing"!!

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