

WHO'S WHO IN THE KIRK SESSION



**MARGARET
HUNTER**

Youth organisations have always been of interest to Margaret Gardiner (her maiden name) and they played their part in bringing her into the life of the Church of Scotland. Born in Standburn, Margaret's family were not involved much with the church, but after starting her primary schooling in the local school the interests of her peers brought the Girls Guildry to her attention. This was an organisation which filled a void for her and when the family moved to Westquarter the association continued. This was the war years and Westquarter school was occupied by the RAF, so Laurieston School was now her seat of learning. She then attended Redding Secondary School, and on leaving she took up employment at the local Nobels factory - although the war was over, its products were still very much in demand.

Margaret met Bill Hunter at a dance in Westquarter Church, which was a daughter church of Polmont North (now Polmont Old). This was in the mid 1950's around the time Redding Church was linked with Westquarter and when Mr. Sommerville was the minister. They were married in 1957 and they set up home in Westquarter, and then moved on to Main Street Redding. They have two of a family Margaret and George who are both married with their own families, Margaret (Junior) now lives in Australia.

They moved to their present home in Lime Grove, in 1966 and both were soon members of Polmont Old. Margaret's experience with the Guildry was put to good use when she became an assistant with the BB Anchor Boys. This branch of the BB kept Margaret occupied for 12 years in which she undertook a number of roles. Outwith the youth, Margaret was also involved with the Fellowship.

During Graham Thain's ministry she was appointed as an elder in August 1995 and has given of her time in many ways to the church - in the Pastoral Committee, the Lunch Bunch, production of the magazine, and in other areas where Margaret felt she was able.

Margaret was speaking to Bill Smart



King George VI Officer Training

From 25th July to 1st August I attended a Boys' Brigade officer leadership training course (the first part of officer training). The course was based at Carronvale House in Larbert and was attended by 23 young men aged from 16 to 23.

Throughout the week I participated in a wide range of class-based and practical-based activities designed to develop key skills required to become a BB officer. The course was led by the ex head of BB in Scotland, Tom Boyle. He was assisted by another 3 officers from all over Scotland and a minister from Dornoch.

The Course was the first part of my training. I will now work within 2nd Polmont for a year and go back to Carronvale this time next year.

Jamie Lockhart

A LITTLE 'HOLY'HUMOUR

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'