



2ND POLMONT GIRLS' BRIGADE

Continuing our theme of Celebrations we did Christmas in

December – looking at the meaning of the advent wreath, the Christmas Story and making Christmas craft items. We went on an outing in our best party dresses to see *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves Pantomime* Matinee at Falkirk Old & St Modan's, which was great fun, and the Brigaders staged our own Christmas Pantomime for the Combined BB and GB Carol Service.

The Carol Service was a great evening – well supported by the Brigade families and the church family, and although many folk had to rush off to Christmas parties afterwards, a number were able to join together for mince pies, coffee etc. which was a brilliant end to a lovely evening. As well as the pantomime, we sang *Come and join the celebration*. A big



'Thank you' to our regular helpers – particularly Alice Cumming, who (amongst other things!) produced costumes for the pantomime! Well done too, to Miriam Wylie from the Junior section who kindly agreed to step in to take over a speaking part in the pantomime (which she did very well) thirty minutes before the Service started!

The retiring collection at the Carol Service was for CHAS (Rachel House) and we are pleased to let you know that **£100** was raised. Our thanks to all who supported the evening in so many ways.

Our Brigaders' cakes were on display and we were very pleased with our 'Guess the weight of the cake' competition. The cake weighed 8lbs 6oz and was won by Janice Morrison with a very close estimate! Janice (and Iain) were both extremely complimentary about the cake. We raised some



£40, which covered the ingredients for the cake, and went some way towards the ingredients for the individual cakes made by the Brigaders.

We are looking forward to a new term and have started off with a New Year Party – where we talked about a New Year and a new start, did some keep fit and made calendars, 'mocktails', party food and sang *Auld Lang Syne*. We will look at Epiphany next week, then Burns Night, Valentine's Day and Spring are on the agenda...

Tracey



THE FELLOWSHIP

On 14th November Mrs Marion McLean, a member of our congregation, was our speaker on "**Stargazing**". She, with her friend, told the story of Mary Somerville and her interest in scientific matters. She also studied painting, wrote several books and was a strong advocate of women's education. Somerville College, Oxford is named in her honour. A very exceptional Scots woman, and a very interesting evening.

We celebrated St. Andrew's Night with a film entitled "**A Beautiful Creation**"



showing Scotland at its best. Scottish music accompanied the film and had us singing along. We finished the evening with ginger wine and shortbread.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On the evening of 12th December we had our Christmas Dinner at the Leapark Hotel. Beautifully decorated tables and gorgeous food made sure all enjoyed the evening. At the conclusion of the meal we had a raffle, a game, some entertainment and sang a few Christmas Carols.



We started our 2012 session on 9th January, with a member of our Fellowship, Mrs Jean Glen, giving us a workshop on **Health**

Matters. This was very interesting and had us thinking, not just about health, but other factors contributing to our wellbeing.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our Fundraiser will be held on **13th February** at the Church Hall, when Bo'ness and Carriden Brass Band will entertain.

Tickets are available now at £5 (with refreshments) from Janice Morrison on 01324 713992.



*Janice Morrison
Secretary*



Dear God – Thank you for our wonderful children in our girls and boys brigade. Bless them all. Xx