

## **ABERDOUR with TYRIE YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP**

The Aberdour with Tyrie Yong Woman's Group was first formed in 1976 because it was felt that there was a need for something catering for the young women in the area. The first proper meeting was on 10 March 1976 and the speakers were two ladies from the recently formed New Pitsligo Young Woman's Group.

Throughout the ten years of the Group a variety of topics have been discussed. Looking back through the minutes it can be found that floral art and gardening, with special emphasis on pot plants, seem to have been favourites through the years. We have learned about cuts of meat, detective work, the Boys Brigade, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, home decorating, beekeeping and the work of a deaconess to name but a few. There have been a number of members' nights, when recipes have been exchanged and quizzes have been handed round.

There have been Bible Study evenings and we have heard from a Minister, on an exchange trip, about his work in America; and about Religious Education in schools. We have also learned about the work done by a nurse in a Mission Hospital in Israel and a doctor who worked for a time in South Africa.

We have travelled the world with the aid of slides and very interesting talks from various speakers about Switzerland, Holland, Italy, France, Belgium, Portugal, America, Austria and Canada. We have also learned about life in Singapore, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, a trip to the Holy Land and a visit to the Guildswoman of Kenya.

The group have had outings to Grampian Television studios; Towie Barclay Castle; Christies Nurseries, Fochabers; and the Marble Workshop and Pottery at Portsoy. We have walked over the cliffs from New Aberdour to Pennan which, on a clear day, gives a beautiful view as far as the Caithness Hills to the North and Peterhead to the south. We have also been conducted round a distillery; St Fergus Gas Terminal; Kinnaird Head Lighthouse and the new Fraserburgh Lifeboat, the city of Edinburgh; to name but a few.

We have had numerous fund raising events, fashion shows; sales of work; a coffee evening; and a treasure hunt and barbeque. The first fund raiser was a sponsored knit and the most recent one was a Good as New Sale.

Throughout the ten years of the Group, the members have had a desire to keep in shape, as there have been keep fit; yoga and aerobic dancing demonstrations, with the members joining in. After all the exertion it is wise to know something about First Aid; the Ambulance Service and the British Red Cross.

On 7 May 1986 we had a celebration meeting to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Group. Past members were invited along and an anniversary cake was cut by the first and present Presidents. The Group presented a lectern to St

Drostans Church, New Aberdour, which was dedicated at the dedication service of the Group in May 1986. The membership of the Group has varied through the years and in 1986 we had 18 members. About half the members come from the farming community and most members have young children.

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Sadly the Young Women's Group folded in 199? due to lack of membership.

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