

## MEN'S GROUP

The session started with a visit to Cumbernauld Mosque, which was very interesting. Next, a visit to the Terex Truck factory which was thoroughly enjoyable, especially 'playing' on the big trucks!

Our first Speaker Evening was a very informative talk about the Barnwell Brothers, who were Scotland's answer to the Wright Brothers, but their aviation achievements are all but forgotten. The first successful flight the Barnwell brothers achieved was at Causewayhead on 8 July 1909. They flew eighty yards and reached a height of 13 feet. They later moved to Bristol where Harold died testing an aircraft, but Frank went on to design two WW1 planes: the Bristol F1 and the Bristol Blenheim.

Last, but not least, the next speaker was our new minister who gave us an enjoyable potted history of her life story.

The next part of the 2017/18 programme is:

Wed Nov 29	Guest Speaker: Ian Logan on 'The Appin Murder'
Wed Dec 6	Christmas Meal at the Railway Inn, 7 for 7.30pm
Wed Jan 10	Guest Speaker: Malcolm Boyd on 'After the Mutiny'
Wed Jan 24	Burns Supper at the Bowling Club

Later in the year we shall be having a pot-pourri of speakers and more afternoon visits to various museums.

Please come along and join us – we will meet in the Laird's Loft, after the Burns Supper. Then on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm for the speaker evenings starting with a cup of tea / coffee.

Timings for the outings etc. will be in the Church News Sheet or you can find them on the church website: [www.cumbernauldold.org.uk](http://www.cumbernauldold.org.uk) or contact Bruce Finlayson (01324 813665).

We hope to see you at one, or more, or all of these meetings – you will be assured of a warm welcome.