

Avril Duncan

Family: Married to Bill, two children Debbie and Barry, and two grandchildren, Josephine and Elinor.

Born in Perth in 1949, Avril attended Perth Junior Academy before moving on to Perth Senior Academy.

On leaving school, Avril joined the British Linen Bank in 1966 and worked in both Perth and Edinburgh during the bank's merge with Bank of Scotland.

She worked as a teacher of Music at Croftinloan Preparatory School, Pitlochry for around 10 years, and on moving back to Perth, became Manager of WRVS in 1992 with 4 staff and 1,500 volunteers under her control. After restructure of the WRVS, she took on the role of East of Scotland Area Manager.

In 2001 Avril became NHS Manager of Volunteers at MacMillan House Perth, and latterly Manager of Crossroads Caring for Carers, Perth. On her retirement, she took up the post of Chairman of the Board at Crossroads, and held this voluntary role for around 8 years.

During her working life, Avril studied with the University of Wales, Lampeter, and received a Certificate with Distinction in Interpersonal Skills in Management of Volunteers.

Current interests include:

Elder of Letham St. Mark's Church, County Vice President of Girlguiding Perth & Kinross, Immediate Past President of Trefoil Guild for the County of Perth, Past President of Soroptimists International of Perth, founder member of Scribblers Writing Group, and is on the Board of Directors for the Annie Unwin Trust and the Free to Live Trust.

She first visited India in 2003 with WAGGGS (World Assoc. of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) and has returned many times since then to carry out voluntary work with various NGO's, partners of WAGGGS. In 2008, along with four Girlguiding colleagues, built a Health Clinic in rural India to provide health care for around 3,000 people. Avril is very proud to be involved in the Free to Live Trust, helping to provide a safe future for the wonderful children in Seema's Children's Home.