

DUNLOP DIARY

April
2024



Dear friends & neighbours,

Last month's issue of the Diary provided the news that the series, *Deadwater Fell*, is now on Netflix, with some lovely comments from the Director about the village - not only as a backdrop for the action, but also about the way so many local people, of all ages, got involved behind and in front of the camera. I'm sure that article prompted quite a lot of happy memories for everyone who was here at the time of filming.

I always enjoy hearing reminiscences and stories of Dunlop village and parish from the distant, as well as the more recent, past. Sadly, memories can fade and be hard to bring back to mind. But sometimes memories can be restored by an appeal to our senses

- a particular scent, the colours of a flower, the taste of a favourite food, the notes and words of a much-loved song.

Our Dunlop Musical Memories group manages to bring all these elements of memory prompts together in their monthly get-togethers in the Church Hall. The team of volunteers and helpers, drawn from church and community, work hard to provide a fun social afternoon for those whose memories aren't what they were, as well as for their friends, neighbours, family and carers. There are flowers on the tables, music, singing and dancing, conversation and home-baking, and new friendships to be made. Everyone is made very welcome!

This month's Musical Memories could create new memories and maybe stir up old ones, with their Easter Bonnet Extravaganza! You'll find more details in the pages of the Diary.

Whether memories are fading or vivid, may you know God's presence with you every day.

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Dunlop Kirk Services

Sunday Morning Worship,
11.30am in the church

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Dunlop Church Facebook page and the Church website (<https://dunlopkirk.org.uk>), or our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@dunlopchurchofscotland4062/streams>).

We also run a Zoom session on Sunday mornings — letting us have a chat and watch the service together.

All welcome!

Dunlop Messy Church

Messy Church will be at the Easter event at **Struther Farmhouse** on Saturday, 30th March.
Look out for more publicity about that event!

Dunlop and Caldwell, Exploring the Bible

Tuesdays, 10.30am via Zoom

If you want any information on the above, or would like to join our email information list, please email Margo:
contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk

Holy Week Services 2024

Caldwell and Dunlop Church of Scotland

Palm Sunday

Sunday, 24th March, 11:30am

Maundy Thursday Joint Service

Dunlop Kirk, Thursday, 28th March, 7pm -
includes a short Communion

Good Friday Joint Service

Dunlop Kirk, Friday, 29th March, 7pm

Easter Sunday Morning Service

Sunday, 31st March, 11:30am -
followed by short Communion Service

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

April	May
Annette Brown	Alan Young
Elizabeth Garrity	Kristeen Hare
Julie Smith	Christine Reid
Brian McGaw	Alastair Martin
Anne Sinclair	Jim Mundell

Readers	Flowers
April	April
7th Beverly Kirk	7th Charlotte McGuinness
14th Maxine Buck	14th Jess Duncan
21st Roy Wyllie	21st Margo McMurdo
28th Elizabeth Garrity	28th Annette Brown
May	May
5th Lynn Davidson	5th Alison Howie
12th Greer Thomson	12th Dorothy Brown
19th Bob Brown	19th Archie Reid
26th Anne Sinclair	26th Margaret Hunter

Dunlop Bowling Club

Our new season is fast approaching, starting on Saturday 13th April. The Club would be delighted to welcome new members who receive half price membership in their first year and are fully supported to get to grips with the game and their new surroundings. If you are not quite ready to take the leap then why not get in touch and come up for a taster session.

In Scotland there are around 821 Bowling Clubs, with over 50,000 members, who are affiliated to Bowls Scotland. Like Bowls Scotland, our vision in Dunlop is to establish Bowls at the heart of our community and ensure that it is active, modern and accessible for all. Over the season we play many friendly and competitive matches against clubs across Ayrshire, particularly with our close neighbours, Stewarton, Fenwick and Kilmaurs. Years of long lasting friendships have been established.

If you would like to become a member, give bowls a try, or hire the Club for functions, please contact Club Secretary, Scott Gibson, at SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com

Caldwell Column

Caldwell Church, Neilston Road, Uplawmoor, G78 4AF
Churches in Union - Caldwell and Dunlop Parish Church

Now there is less severe weather, our Sunday Services are back in church. Time of service is as usual from 10am, and we have resumed recording which can be viewed online on the Caldwell Church in Uplawmoor YouTube channel.

Thanks to all who supported Café Church which proved to be a successful alternative form of worship.

Caldwell Messy Church...

will re-start on Sunday 21st April, and will take place in and around the church hall with games, crafts, gardening and food. It is planned to create a small plot at the side lawn where children can plant their own flowers and vegetables, and learn to care for them as the season progresses.

Soup and Sandwich Lunches...

on Fridays have now finished, and will re-commence in the Autumn.

Many thanks to the team which makes this such a welcome and important event in the Church calendar. To the soup makers, sandwich preparers, table setters and servers – not to forget the washer uppers – a great job well done.

Ongoing Activities...

Seniors Group meets every Tuesday morning in the Church Hall from 10.30-12noon for fellowship, lively debate, catch-up, coffee and biscuits.

Bible Exploration Group restarted on 17th January, meeting online between 10.30 and 11.30am on Tuesdays for analysis and discussion of selected bible passages and themes.

Mobile Theological Library is free, details from **Paul Burgess** at paulandcathie@gmail.com

A long-established **motor bike club** meets on the first Monday of the month from 7-9pm to dissect and discuss everything 'bike', be it vintage or new.

Contact John: 0141 881 6553

An exciting new **community choir** practices each Tuesday evening from 7-9pm.

Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

St John Scotland Charity Event

Friday, 10th May, 6:30pm, Wellwood Burns
Centre and Museum, Irvine, KA12 8AS

Host: Archie Chalmers

Speakers: Dr Joseph J. Morrow on 'A
Right Royal Year'; John Shirkie on 'Robert
Burns, his early years'

Music: Accordion Champion,
Liam Stewart; well-known singing duo
Alan and Polly Beck

For tickets (£10), please contact:
Archie Chalmers or **Janice Granger**
archibald.chalmers@stjohnscotland.org.uk
janice.granger@stjohnscotland.org.uk

Dunlop Parents Association

We would like to thank all who donated
to our recent clothing collection.

The parent council received £233.40 for
the collection. The money raised will be
used for end of term prizes for the
children. Your generosity and support
was very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Ayrshire Hospice Cream Tea

Sunday, 19th May, 2-4pm, Village Hall

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice
would like to invite you to their Annual
Cream Tea.

We will have our delicious scones and
there will be a raffle and home baking
stall. Donation of home baking would
be much appreciated.

Plants to brighten up your garden will
also be available for sale
from Scotplants.

We look forward to seeing you
again this year. Tickets can either be
purchased in advance from any of the
committee or on the door.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.



Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

Just a wee reminder that our Spring
Coffee Morning to raise funds for our
group is taking place on Saturday 13th
April from 10-11.30am in the Church Hall.
Please come along to support us. Usual
baking stall and raffle. We look forward
to seeing you on the day. Any donations
of baking and/or raffle prizes will be
gratefully received.

Margaret True, Chairperson

Dunlop Musical Memories

We meet in the Church Hall on the 2nd
Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.

On **Wednesday 10th April** we are
holding our Easter Bonnet Extravaganza!
So get creative and perhaps win a prize.

Everyone can enjoy an afternoon of song
and chat with delicious home baking.

DUNLOP S.W.I.

Meetings held in Dunlop Church Hall

Wednesday, 27th March, 2pm

Speaker:

Frank Beattie, Kilmarnock over the
past 60 years

Competitions:

Something beginning with 'C'
1lb Gingerbread

Wednesday, 24th April, 2pm

Speaker:

Jill Clancy, Kilmarnock HMP Prison –
Life as a Prison Chaplain

Competitions:

A Small Cottage Pie
3 Pieces of Traybake (all one kind)

All Welcome

Dunlop Gallery

Congratulations to Dunlop Primary School, winners of the Kilmaurs Photography Club local Primary Schools Photography Competition.

The display of photographs will continue until 10th April so do drop in to the café to see the work of these talented young photographers.

Our next exhibition will feature the work

of local artist, Carol Stoddart. The open evening will be 7- 9pm on Saturday 13th April and the paintings will be on display until 8th May.

We look forward to seeing you at the open night, but if you can't join us then and wish to buy a painting, please call **Ellenor on 07811 045600** or **Shiona on 07506 951620**.

Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesdays from 10 – 11.30am, we invite you to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits and chat in the Church Hall.

All very welcome.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Filmclub Screening: Next goal wins (12A) Friday, 12th April, 7:30pm

Following on from 'One Life', we felt we needed something light-hearted, and Taiko Waititi's (Hunt for the Wilderpeople) latest film fits the bill! This is a comedy about 'the world's worst football team' – a true story about a coach (Michael Fassbender) recruited to help the American Samoan team bounce back from a 31-0 loss to Australia. 'A South Pacific spin on Local Hero'.

Wonka (PG)

Sunday, 28th April, 3pm

Who knew we needed a musical prequel to 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'!?

But here we are! A funny film for all the family, with great music and a star-studded cast (Timothée Chalamet, Sally Hawkins, Hugh Grant, Olivia Colman, to name but a few).

Our Films for May

17th May, Film Club: Poor Things (18) - Please note the age certificate: contains adult content throughout

31st May, Gala film: Calamity Jane (U)

Tickets can be booked online at [ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc)

Any difficulty buying online, please do contact us for assistance: dunlopcinema@outlook.com



Dunlop Players

We are presenting two nights of one-act plays, under the title 'An Evening of Entertainment', on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th of April in Dunlop Village Hall.

There are three plays. 'When I Grow Up' by our very own club president, Amy Stewart. This short production stars our youngest members.

'Anger Management' by Robert Scott is next. It features some of the older youth members of the club.

Last, but by no means least, is 'Air Raid' by Liz Dobson. This play is performed by a few of our adults.

Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for children.

Tickets are on sale at www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlop-players

Please note that our youth play 'Anger Management' contains some strong language.

We hope many of you will be able to come along and enjoy an evening or two with us.

Dunlop Diary Submissions

Do you have something to feature in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary?

The deadline for submissions to the May Diary is Monday 22nd April. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com