

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Hello!

A press report published on 17th May had the following heading, "Why going to church once a week may help you live longer. GOING to church is good for your health and can slash the risk of dying early by a third."

The article then quoted the following, 'Professor Tyler VanderWeele, of Harvard University in Boston, USA, said: "Our results suggest that there may be something important about religious service attendance beyond solitary spirituality. Part of the benefit seems to be that attending religious services increases social support, discourages smoking, decreases depression, and helps people develop a more optimistic or hopeful outlook on life.

Attending just once a week is linked to lower rates of heart disease and cancer, according to a study. It is thought a higher level of optimism and stronger sense of community among church-goers combats poor lifestyles and stresses associated with diseases.

The research found that those who attended services more than once a week had a 33 per cent lower risk of death during the following 16 years, compared with those who never attended services. Those who went weekly had a 26 per cent lower risk, and those who attended services less than weekly had a 13 per cent reduced risk.

Best wishes,

Alan Garrity

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm - 4pm from now until 30th October. If you would like to spend some time in a peaceful building or to have a closer look at the beautiful stained glass windows, please come and visit the church.

The Clandeboye's Hall, alongside the church, is an 'A' listed building, which was built in 1641 and was one of the first free schools in Scotland. This will also be open on Sunday afternoons. Greeting cards and a booklet about the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

You will be very welcome and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday 26th June there will be a Summer Celebration Service for the children. It will be a final meeting of the Sunday School for this session, followed by treats and fun in the Kids Kabin.

DUNLOP GALA
Saturday 4th June
See you there



Date Readers **Flowers** 5th June Linda Pinkerton Alison Howie 12th Marion King Marilyn Bell 19th Grace Young Anne Sinclair Roy Wyllie 26th Marjorie Hamilton 3rd July Beverly Kirk Netta Howie 10th Nessie McGaw David Clement 17th Isa Baird Alistair Martin Jean Miller Sheila Wyllie 24th Simon Gill 31stJennifer Hunter

CHURCH ROTAS

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22nd May Jen Smith & Linda Pinkerton
29th May Jen Smith & Netta Howie
5th June Jen Smith & Netta Howie
12th, 19th & 26th June Anne Millar & Amy Donellan
3rd, 10th and 17th July; Ruth Wilson
3rd July; Anne Sinclair,
10th and 17th and 24th July; Marilyn Bell
24th and 1st July and 7th; Aug Alistair Martin
31st July, 7th and 14th Aug; Christine Wallace
14th Aug; Alison Howie
21st, 28th Aug and 4th Sept; Elaine Davison
21st Aug; Anne Sinclair
28th Aug and 4th,11th Sept; Aileen Dunlop

Welcome Teams

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June	July					
Jimmy Howie	Sandy Hutchison					
Douglas Bell	Lynn Davidson					
Marilyn Bell	Jess Duncan					
John Campbell	Irene Kerr					
Alison Howie	Margaret Robb					
Isabel Kerr	Roy Wyllie					
Andrew Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie					
Linda Pinkerton						

DUNLOP S.W.I

SATURDAY 11th JUNE

SUMMER OUTING (to be arranged)

JULY Fish tea to Largs

WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST

The History of Stewarton Allotments Powerpoint Presentation By David McKie

The Joan Howie Trophy

- 1. A Jug of Flowers from the Garden
- 2. A Single Flower from the Garden
- 3. An Arrangement in a Stemmed Jam Dish
- 4. 5 Marigolds (any kind)

Baptisms

"Let the little children come to me"

Oliver James Hutchison 17th April 2016.

Deaths

Gordon Haswell 27 April 2016 Jimmy Robertson 29 April 2016 Irene Shuttleton 4 May 2016 Sheila Kerr 10 May2016 Mary Wardrop 18 May 2016 The Congregational Board and Kirk Session meet in the rear church hall on Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 7:30pm.

The next meeting of the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on Thursday, 9th June, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. Entertainment will be by Eddie. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to the meeting.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

A very big thank you to all who helped and supported the recent coffee morning.

A grand total of £578.46 was raised from donations, ticket money, art sale, the raffle, baking and plant stalls.

The house to house collection total stands at £3499.81p at the moment with some still to come in. A big thank you to all who collected and those who donated.

[&]quot;Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

Scouts

The scout group abseil from the church tower which had to be postponed in November due to weather conditions will now take place on Saturday 18th June.

The group will be abseiling from around 10am. Come and give them your support.

Thanks are due to the Kirk Session for allowing this activity from the church building.

Unfortunately Rev Alan Garrity will be unable to emulate Rev Maureen Duncan who took part in a previous abseil from the tower.

I quote from Alan's reply "I've checked my diary and Elizabeth and I will be away on 17th to Sorrento and so I will miss the opportunity to abseil. I'm disappointed – I mean that!!" Pity!!



VILLAGE HALL ART EXHIBITIONS

The Stewarton Colourists Art Group Exhibition will run until **Thursday 16th June.** The exhibition showcases a wide variety of art work in oils, water colour, pastels and acrylics. Viewing is available during Cafe opening hours and on Saturday 4th June.

THE CONSERVATORY CAFE IN JUNE

The cafe will be open from 9am to 12 noon on Gala Day, Saturday, 4th June when there will be bacon rolls, teas, coffees and home baking etc

During the school holidays the café will be open every Friday as usual but will close on Thursdays, from Thursday 23 June (when it will be in use as the Polling Station) and restart on Thurs 18th August. There will be no Saturday café in July and August.

Annual Photographic Competition and Exhibition – "Holidays and Happy Memories"

This year's theme – "Holidays and Happy Memories" – should give photographers plenty of scope. We are hoping for lots of interesting and varied entries.

Closing date for Entries - Friday 10th June: Prizegiving and Open Evening - Friday 17th June
See the entry form for more details.

Entry Forms are available from the village hall or from the website: www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk
The exhibition will run from 17th June to 18th August

Dunlop & District Community Company



COMMUNITY COUNCIL

action on your behalf.

One of the objectives of the Community Council is to express the views of the community to the local authority, government bodies and other organisations, and two items that are raised regularly are DOG FOULING and ROADS.

There are still too many instances of dog owners failing to clean up after their animals. Please be responsible and help keep the village clean and tidy for the benefit of all.

In recent months a number of roads issues have been raised with Ayrshire Roads Alliance. These have included: the condition of the road surfaces in the village (including the 'bump' at the station); the speed of traffic travelling through the village; the issues caused by large vehicles using Main Street; irresponsible parking, resulting in access for buses and emergency vehicles being blocked; parking on pavements, particularly around the station causing problems for pedestrians. None of these 21st century problems are easy to resolve in an 18th century village but the Community Council will continue to press for

Apology from the editor

The asrticle below should have been in last month's Diary but due to an oversight on my part was missed. I apologise to the association for this. Douglas

DUNLOP AND LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Coffee Morning on Saturday 12 March. We raised the grand total of £770. It never ceases to amaze me how everyone in the village supports our Senior Citizens in so many ways and the money raised will assist us in continuing to provide the Annual Summer outing and of course the Christmas Lunch.

On another note can I remind everyone that there are 3 wheelchairs available for village residents use. The wheelchairs are situated in the Community Hall and I would only ask that anyone who borrows one advises a Committee Member and return it to the hall once they are finished with it. One wheelchair is still missing so if anyone can shed a light on where it might be this would be appreciated.

Our Annual Summer outing this year will be to Callander and High Tea will be in the Forth Inn, Aberfoyle. The date is Thursday 16 June and the buses will be leaving Dunlop at 10.30am

Margaret True, President

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