

DUNLOP DIARY



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I, and others in the local community, have been invited along to Dunlop Primary School on 1st March to share a favourite story with the children as part of World Book Week. When I was first asked about this, it didn't take me long to decide which favourite book from my childhood to share. I loved Gerald Durrell's "The Talking Parcel" and it was a book I read over and over again. Towards the end of February, I realised I had no idea where my own copy of the book had ended up, and I had a quick look at the website of a well known online book seller, thinking I'd easily be able to find a cheap second hand copy. How wrong I was, and how I wished I had hung onto my own copy of the book! I could find only a few copies of my old favourite for sale, with only one priced below £20 and the most expensive being over £750! Wow!

As well as coming to terms with those prices, and hoping against hope that I might actually still have my own copy of the book at the back of a cupboard somewhere, I have quite mixed emotions about what I found out from that well known online bookseller. Annoyed that I can't find my book, quietly pleased that my favourite has such a high value, and disappointed that its value lies mostly in its rarity and that those two combined mean that very few children will now have the great pleasure and enjoyment that I had in reading the book.

Stories are so important for us - whether they were read or heard, whether they can be remembered word for word, recalled for how they made us feel, or take us back in memory to a different place and time. The stories of our childhood can do all of this, and the stories of the Bible have the power to do all of this and more. The stories of both Old and New Testament can take us back in time and transport us to other places. Not only that, but they can also sustain us in the here and now, and carry us forward into a future filled with hope, love and joy.

As we journey through Lent towards Easter, may the stories of your lives be blessed.

Alison

HOLY WEEK SERVICES — 2018 **(LINKED CONGREGATIONS OF CALDWELL AND DUNLOP)**

Sun 25th March – Palm Sunday

- 11.30am

Thurs 29th March - Maundy Thursday Joint Service (Dunlop Church)

including a short Communion and music by the joint choirs of
Caldwell and Dunlop

- 7.00pm

Friday 30th March - Good Friday Joint Service (Dunlop Church)

- 7.00pm

Sunday 1st April – Early Morning Joint Service

at the Manse, Dampark, Dunlop

- 6.30am

Easter Sunday Morning Service (Dunlop Church) followed

by a short Communion Service

- 11.30am

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
March 4th	Anne Sinclair	Marilyn Bell
11th	Carolyn Blyth	Lynn Davidson
18th	Margaret Hunter	Alastair Martin
25th	Bertha Horne	Netta Howie
1st	Kristeen Hare	Roy Wyllie
8th	Irene Neilson	Mike Blyth
15th	Margo McMurdo	Alison Howie
22nd	Susan McColl	Simon Gill
29th	Doris Livingston	communion

Welcome Teams

March	April
Sandy Hutchison	Annette Brown
Lynn Davidson	Elizabeth Garrity
Jess Duncan	Jennifer Hunter
Irene Kerr	Alastair Martin
Margaret Robb	Brian McGaw
Roy Wyllie	David Mitchell
Sheila Wyllie	Anne Sinclair

Creche Rota

March	4th, 11th	Ruth Wilson	and Jen Smith
18th	Anne Sinclair	and Maureen Jackson	
25th	Annette Brown	and Greer Thompson	
April	1st, 8th	Annette Brown	and Graham Kilgour

Deaths

Mrs Barbara 'Bunty' Bogle January 2018
 Miss Agnes King January 2018
 Mr John Gibson February 2018
"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted"

Baptisms

Chloe Hyslop Brodie Wallace 28th January 2018.
"Let the little children come to me"

Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock Prayer Meetings

24th March at St. Kentigern's Church.
 24th March at Irvine St. Andrews
 28th April at Stewarton John Knox

All are welcome. Tea and Coffee is served from 9.30am.
 Prayer time begins at 10.00am and closes at 10.45am. Every event is different.

DUNLOP W.R.I.

Wednesday 28th March
 Chair Exercises for golden oldies

Competitions Fingerless gloves (given pattern)
 A golden object

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 8th March, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. The group is meant for anyone affected by Alzheimer's or dementia, but all who are interested will be made very welcome.

Bill and a special musical treat will provide the music. Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

My husband, Joe and myself would like to thank the Minister and Congregation for welcoming us so warmly into your midst. We have been resident in Burnhouse for over 2 years but continued to attend when possible our church in Glasgow, Langside Parish. Recently we came to the conclusion that we were struggling to attend church regularly so decided that a move to a local church was the right thing to do. From the first steps into this church we have been warmly welcomed by so many folk we just wanted to say thanks. We look forward to being part of your church family. Our best wishes

Joe and Marilyn Smith

GUILD

MARCH

2nd World Day of Prayer (Friday)
 13th Interguild in church
 Mamas & Papas
 20th A.G.M.
 Douglas Fraser (Dundonald)
 27th Dinner at Struther

Dunlop Kirk –Services and Events

All warmly welcomed

Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am

Sunday Crèche – 11.30 am

Sunday School – 11.30 am

Exploring the Bible, Tuesdays in Caldwell Vestry 10.30am

Evening Service Wednesday 7th March 6.30pm in rear Church Hall

Dunlop Community Cinema

Bright eyed and bushy-tailed like the Easter Bunny, Dunlop Community Cinema's Spring programme is chock full of great films for your delectation.

March begins with our tribute to one of Scotland's greatest authors, Muriel Spark. In what would have been her 100th year, we commemorate her work, and celebrate International Women's day, with the film of one of her most famous novels 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'. Maggie Smith's Oscar-winning portrayal of Miss Jean Brodie is magnificent, so why not come along and see the 'crème de la crème' on the big screen and, as the film is a PG, bring your daughters (and sons) along too.

From a charismatic teacher to the quintessential angry old man next door...the literary connections continue with our March Film Club film 'A Man Called Ove'. Based on a best-selling novel, this feel-good black comedy from Sweden tells the story of an isolated and grieving retiree whose life is turned upside down by his boisterous new neighbours.

'Paddington 2', our March family film, serves up a deliciously gleeful slice of adventure, drama and comedy which will leave you with a warm glow (and a new respect for Hugh Grant). Perfect for the whole family, this film will captivate and charm even the hardest of hearts and is one of those rare sequels which is even better than the original film.

From the sublime to the ridiculous, the April Film Club film is a vicious political satire - 'The Death of Stalin'. Armando Iannucci's absurdly bleak comedy follows the Soviet dictator's last days and depicts the chaos after his death as his old cronies jostle for survival. Filled with crackling dialogue and the type of high calibre insults we have come to expect from the man behind 'The Thick of It', the 'Death of Stalin' is a fantastically witty ensemble piece where farce and satire combine to create a pitch black comedy.

The following week we are showing another film loosely based on historical events but only this one is rather more genteel. 'Victoria and Abdul' reunites the inimitable Dame Judi Dench with one of her greatest roles, Queen Victoria, and tells the story of the remarkable friendship between the Queen and a young Indian servant, Abdul Karim, which blossomed in the twilight of her years...much to the dismay of the Royal household.

May's Film club film is 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri', another black comedy about vengeance, violence and the acceptance of death - perfect viewing for a Spring evening. Funny, violent and moving...this film combines drama and bleak humour to great effect and wrings remarkable performances from each of its 3 leads, most notably Frances McDormand, powerful and compelling as the grieving mother who is past caring what people think of her and demands retribution for the death of her daughter.

We then have a chance to see another remarkable female actress in all her glory with a screening of the National Theatre production of 'The Audience' with Dame Helen Mirren. The play imagines a series of pivotal meetings between 8 different British Prime Ministers over the years and their Queen. Helen Mirren again is faultless as the Queen and this is a performance not to be missed.

Finally, we end our Spring season with a bang. On the eve of Gala Day we will be showing 'The Greatest Showman'. Hugh Jackman's musical Tour de Force as P.T. Barnum, the showman who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Currently wowing audiences across the world this is a rousing musical fantasy filled with a stellar cast and lots of pizzazz, so come along and start the Gala weekend on the right note.

All our films, including Film Club, are open to all. For evening performances, doors open at 7, and the films begin at 7.30. Our Sunday movie, 'Paddington 2', begins at 3pm with doors open from 2.30. Come along and enjoy the films with some delicious ice cream, sweet or salted popcorn and maybe a cheeky wee glass of wine. Hope to see you there.

FILM TITLE	CLUB/FAMILY FILM	DATE
Prime of Miss Jean Brodie		Sunday 4 th March 3.00pm
A Man Called Ove	Film Club	Friday 16 th March 7.30pm
Paddington 2	Family	Sunday 25 th March 3pm
The Death of Stalin	Film Club	Friday 20 th April 7.30pm
Victoria & Abdul		Friday 27 th April 7.30pm
Three Billboards	Film Club	Friday 11 th May 7.30pm
An Audience	Special showing NT Live (Encore)	Friday 18 th May 7.30pm
The Greatest Showman	Family	Friday 1 st June 7.30pm

DUNLOP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPANY

Could you spare a few hours one day a month?

The Community Company are looking for a volunteer to help prepare the invoices for the use of the hall at the end of each month. The process is simple and can all be done from your home computer. If you would like to help, e-mail Andrew at andrew.pinkerton@btopenworld.com.

THE CONSERVATORY CAFÉ AT DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL

The Community Company are delighted to welcome Mrs Maureen Fletcher as the new Manager of the Conservatory Café in the Village Hall. Having spent her working life in a variety of catering roles, Maureen brings a wealth of experience to the post.

Visitors to the café can choose from hot daily special dishes such as Chicken in Pepper Sauce, Meatballs and Tomato Sauce with pasta, Irish Stew, Colcannon and Soda Bread and Vegetable Curry with rice. As well as the hot dishes, sandwiches, panini, rolls and a selection of cakes are always on the menu.

Proceeds from the café support the maintenance and running costs of the Hall, so why not come along and enjoy some good food.

Open Thursdays and Fridays from 11-2.30 and the first Saturday of the month from noon until 3pm.

DUNLOP GALLERY

If you haven't had the chance to see the Dunlop Art Group's latest show, it will be running until the 8th of March...well worth a visit! After this, the Stewarton Colourists will be having an open evening on Friday the 9th. Their exhibition will then continue till the 12th of April. If you can manage along to the opening night, it runs from 7 till 9. Come along, meet the artists., have a glass of wine, and see their latest work. After this, the show can be seen at the Conservatory Cafe on Thursdays, Fridays and the first Saturday of the month. For further details please contact Ellenor at 07811 045600, or Shiona at 07506 951620.

Dunlop Players are excited to present to you '**ONE NIGHT ONLY**'. This evening will be made up of one act plays, sketches and surprise performances. One Night Only will take place in Dunlop Village Hall on Saturday 10th March. Doors open at 7pm with curtain up at 7.30pm. All tickets are priced at £5 and can be reserved by contacting Stephanie on 07480083438 or via email: dunlopplayers@outlook.com

Please note there will be a bar with refreshments and snacks available for purchase. Dunlop Players thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the show!

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda and minutes of meetings are posted on the Community Council website and also displayed on the notice board outside Norman's and in the Village Hall.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 1st March 2018 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.
Everyone most welcome to attend.

Enquiries can be made to any member of the community council or addressed to:

Eleanor Lochhead (Secretary)
ellylochhead@gmail.com
mobile [07719 232366](tel:07719232366)

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Eleanor Lochhead

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association will hold their spring coffee morning on Saturday 24th March 2018 between 10am and 12 noon in the Church Hall. Baking stall, Tombola, Special Raffle etc. All welcome. Tickets £2 adults £1 children.

Dunlop and Lugton Park Association Community Consultation

As you may be aware, Dunlop Primary School is due to undergo major works to create a substantial extension. We now know that this project will require contractor access from the park through the rear school perimeter fence for the duration of the contract. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details.

As the project will also necessitate the temporary removal of some of our equipment, we are taking this opportunity to review options for the future. To ensure that any changes or developments reflect the views of our community we intend to hold a drop in Community Consultation in the Church Hall between 3pm and 7pm on Tuesday 27th March 2018. This event will provide further information, some options for consideration and an opportunity to give your comments, views and ideas.

We very much hope you will drop in on the day and encourage as many others as possible to also come along to have their say.

Dunlop and Lugton Park Association Community Consultation



Dunlop Church Hall

3.00pm till 7.00pm

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Drop in to learn more and give us your ideas and views on what happens next.

All welcome

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As you may be aware, Dunlop Primary School is due to undergo major works to create a substantial extension and while it is sure to bring huge benefits for the school it will inevitably also mean some temporary disruption for our community.

We now know that the project will require contractor access for machinery and materials from the park through the rear school perimeter fence for the duration of the contract. The area they need is shown in the photograph overleaf and it will be securely fenced off. The footpath through the park will remain open.

As the project will also necessitate the temporary removal of the Outdoor Exercise Equipment, the dry stone dyke and the litter bin we are taking this opportunity to review our options for the future.

We are keen to ensure that any changes or developments within the area either during the project works or following its completion reflect the views of the community so please drop in to our Community Consultation. It will provide further information and some options for consideration but most of all an opportunity to hear your comments, views and ideas so do come along, and encourage as many others as possible to also visit and have their say.

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