

DUNLOP DIARY



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At our morning Holy Communion service on the last Sunday in April, I was incredibly moved that the elders who joined me at the communion table were all women. A first for me, and a first for Dunlop! Adding to the emotion, and sense of rightness, of the moment was the slogan on the top worn by one of the youngest present, which spelled out in sequins - "Girls can do anything"

This year the Church of Scotland celebrates the 50th anniversary of the decision of the General Assembly on 22nd May 1968 that women may be ordained as Ministers of Word and Sacrament. This came 2 years after it was decided that women may be ordained as elders. Despite official acceptance and approval, progress has been slow and in a few areas of Scotland, there has been no change at all in the past 52 years. Recent publicity of continuing and deeply ingrained sex discrimination in the secular world shows that this is a problem not restricted to the church.

Women of all ages and abilities make significant contributions in both church and civic life, in both public and domestic spheres. Legal changes to uphold the rights of women and promote equality between the sexes can only take us so far. We, as individuals, communities and congregations, need also to challenge sexism and discrimination when we see it, and to do as much as we can to make sure that the gifts, abilities and dignity of girls and women are recognised and celebrated.

As St Paul said in his Letter to the Galatians, "There is no longer ... male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Or, as expressed in sequins, "Girls can do anything!"

Alison

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 2nd May 6.30pm in rear Church Hall

The Congregational Board and the Kirk Session will meet in the church on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm.

CHURCH ROTAS

Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers
May 6th	Jean Eckersley	Brian McGaw
13th	Avril Mackie	Elizabeth Graham
20th	Archie Reid	Michael Moss
27th	Annette Brown	Elizabeth Garrity
June 3rd	Linda Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie
10th	Marion King	Anne Sinclair
17th	Jeanette Picken	Bob Brown
24th	Marjorie Hamilton	David Clement

May	June
Alan Young	Mike Blyth
Fred Dinning	Carolyn Blyth
Liz Dinning	David Clement
Kristeen Hare	Carol Fraser
Jim Mundell	Netta Howie
Fiona Thomson	Calum MacDonald
	Mitchell Wilson

Creche Rota

May	6th	Aileen Dunlop	and Netta Howie
	13th	Pamela Young	and Netta Howie
	20th,27th	Amy Donellan	and Maureen Jackson
Jun	3rd,10th,17th	Netta Howie	and Pamela Young
	24th	Anne Sinclair	and Linda Pinkerton

Deaths

Mrs Mairi Gillespie April 2018

“Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted”

Wednesday Coffee for Christian Aid on Wednesday 16th May 10-12. All welcome. Donations of baking, raffles etc much appreciated No admission charge but all donations will go to Christian Aid. Please join us. Your help may change lives for the better. (We believe in life before death). See Irene Kerr or Marilyn Bell. Thank you

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer’s Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 10th May, 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. Our musicians will be Eddie, Bill & Andy. Contact Susan Shorrocks 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

DUNLOP W.R.I.

Wednesday 30th May
Dr Morag Thom
Dem bones “Take care of your bones and they will take care of you”

Competitions An old photograph
A small fish pie

DUNLOP W.R.I. CENTENARY

Advance notice for members, past and present, that the 100th anniversary meal of Dunlop W.R.I. is on 19th December in the village hall. Please let Janet Howie know if you wish to attend. More details later.

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm from now until 28th 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. Behind the Clandeboyes is the Hans Hamilton Tomb and the marble figures of this former minister and his wife have now been reinstated. You can visit both the Hall and the Tomb.

Greeting cards and a booklet about the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

If you are out for a walk, please drop in. You will be very welcome and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CREAM TEA ON SUNDAY 13TH MAY

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite everyone to their Annual Cream Tea on Sunday 13th May 2018 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. The Committee are very grateful to Bertha Wilson and family for once again hosting this popular event at **Struther Farm House**.

We will have our delicious scones as well as a raffle, home baking stall and plant stall (supplied by Scotplants).

Donations for the home baking stall would be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you again this year. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Committee member or at the door.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held at the earlier time of **6.45pm** on Thursday 3rd May 2018 in the Village Hall.

This will be followed by a public meeting at **7.45pm** regarding a proposed new garden centre and ancillary facilities at Magbiehill Park north of Cocklebie Farm being considered by Mr Tom Blackwood. Both Mr Blackwood and his agent will be in attendance to discuss the proposal and answer any queries. All welcome to attend.

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.

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

Eleanor Lochhead (Secretary)

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mobile 07719 232366

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our recent coffee morning. We raised a total of £765. Our thanks also for donations of baking and raffle prizes.

The Annual Summer Trip this year is to Mount Stuart House in Bute. The date is Thursday 21st June and tickets (£20 Seniors and £25 carers and guests) will be available soon. Buses will leave Lugton at 9.00am and Dunlop at 9.15am sharp. The cut off point for names and payment is 30th May.

The Dunlop community cinema

has that tgi Friday feeling in May as we are showing films every Friday for the last 3 weeks of May. Okay, technically the last one is in June but give us a break...Starting on the 18th May we are showing 'The Audience'.

The National Theatre Live's smash-hit broadcast of the original West End production featuring Helen Mirren's multi-award-winning performance as the Queen which depicts what happens when the Queen and her Prime Minister meet. Covering the years from Churchill to Cameron this play claims to offer glimpses of the woman behind the crown.

The following week, 25th May, we have an Oscar winning gem. 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri', is a black comedy about vengeance, violence and the acceptance of death - perfect viewing for a Spring evening.

Finally we have our Friday night, 1st June, Gala Movie - '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.

As ever, we have delicious ice-cream, sweet (and salted) popcorn and soothing wine and beer...so please come along and enjoy.

DUNLOP GALA SCARECROW TRAIL 2018

SUN 27 MAY - SUN 3 JUNE

It's that time of year again and scarecrows will shortly start springing up all as part of Dunlop's Gala events. The theme for this year's Scarecrow Trail and the environment and we are encouraging people to use recycled ma-



around the village is science, nature materials and waste.

Don't worry if you don't have a front garden, you can still take part. Back by popular demand is the window competition.

This year's scarecrow trail will once again run for a week to give everyone a chance to see the scarecrows lurking around the village, vote for their favourites and take part in the competition hunt. The Scarecrow Trail will run in the week up to Gala Day between **Sunday 27 May and Sunday 3 June**.

Scarecrow Entry forms are available on the Dunlop Gala Facebook page, the Village Hall, the Post Office, Merito, Struther Farmhouse, the Canny Man and Norman's from 1st May. **Entries close on Sunday 20 May**, so get your entry in early.

This year's winning scarecrows and displays will all be decided by the public and every vote counts. So make sure you pick up a voting form and map and choose your favourite entry.

There will also be the **Scarecrow Hunt**. Find **Sam the Scarecrow** hiding letters around the trail to solve the puzzle for a chance to win a **prize**.

Keep an eye out for **Sam the Scarecrow** arriving in Norman's window in the lead up to the Scarecrow Trail.

Follow us on  /dunlopgala

For more information contact dunlopscarecrows@outlook.com or Laura-Jane on 07870-999706.

Photography Competition

It's time to get your cameras out again for the annual Dunlop Gallery Photo Competition. The theme this year is **Dunlop Days**, so anything local...views, wildlife, family, or all three together! The choice is yours!

We are going to be printing a calendar again at the end of the year using selected photos, so you might end up in print!

The entry fee for adults is £5 for up to 5 photos, no larger than A4, and all children's entries are free. The children's section has two categories...primary school age, and secondary school. No need to frame your photos, we will display them in A4 clip frames.

Entry forms with all the additional information you will need, can be downloaded from the Village Hall website, dunlopvillagehall.org.uk, and all entries must be received by Friday the 15th of June. They can be handed in at the Conservatory Cafe that day, between 12 and 2pm, or you can contact Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620 to make alternative arrangements.

The open evening and prizegiving will be on Friday the 22nd of June, when all the photos will be on display, and the prize winners announced.

So, get those cameras out, it's time to get snapping!

Dunlop Gallery

The next exhibition to be held in the Conservatory Cafe will be the Thursday Dunlop Art Group. These local artists will be showing their latest work from the 16th of May till the 21st of June, and their open evening will be held on Wednesday the 16th. Come along, meet the artists and enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles.

For further details contact Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620

Dunlop Diary Deadline for June is 21st May Tel: 01560 482966 Email: douglasbell@talktalk.net

DUNLOP

Our village is a fantastic place to live right now,
but it's going to change

YOUNG PEOPLE - In 5 years time there is likely to be over 150 teenagers living in Dunlop.

The community needs to plan ahead to provide facilities and activities for all these young people.

THE SCHOOL - Plans are being prepared to spend over £2m extending Dunlop Primary School.

This investment is great for the village, but what are the implications for village life both during construction and once the extension is complete?

RAISING FUNDS - Dunlop has great community facilities, but investment is needed in the Village Hall, Merito, the Church Hall, the playing field, the Bowling Club....

How is the community going to raise the necessary funds to maintain and develop these facilities, especially if all are competing for the same limited pot of grant money?

ROAD SAFETY - In recent months there have been minor road accidents and near misses in the village.

The community needs to consider radical solutions to deal with irresponsible parking, speeding traffic, heavy vehicles and poor road conditions.

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL BELIEVE
THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO DEVELOP A CO-ORDINATED

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

DUNLOP LUGTON

community council

May 2018

Dear Dunlop Parish Resident

The Community Council is the body that acts as a voice for our local area. It is made up of local people who care about the community and want to make it a better place to live.

Looking ahead there are exciting things happening in Dunlop - major investment at the school, the community purchase of Merito, and the opportunity to improve the playing field being just some of the developments.

But there are also challenges such as the future requirements of our young people as they become teenagers and a whole range of issues associated with the roads through our village.

The Community Council believe that these opportunities and challenges should be addressed in a co-ordinated way and should benefit from the input of as wide a cross section of local people as possible.

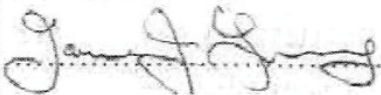
For this reason it is taking the initiative to develop and publish a

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

– a plan that reflects the wishes of the community and which all have had the opportunity to contribute to.

During May you are invited to give us your thoughts on the way forward for the village. Information displays will be put up in the village hall for a week and a public meeting will be held to explain the action plan process and get your views.

Please get involved and help develop our community in a way that benefits us all.



Jimmy Young

Chair

Dunlop & Lugton Community Council

EXHIBITION in the VILLAGE HALL: 21 – 26th May

PUBLIC MEETING: THURSDAY 24th May

(See notices for times)

Regular meetings of the Council take place in Dunlop Village Hall at 7:00pm on the first Thursday of every month, except January and July.

The Community Council covers the whole of the Dunlop Parish.

www.dunlopvillage.co.uk

