

DUNLOP DIARY



From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you are well. We all look forward to being back in the church soon. We have been out of the church building for a long time now, but have never ceased to be the church. We have grown as a congregation, and we are ready now to make another move – this time back into the holy place which has stood in this village for many years.

I am struck these days by the way in which society so often depersonalizes people. In business, people are often spoken about as being “clients” or “customers.” In the realm of medicine, people are often referred to as being “patients.” In the social and caring sphere of life, people are even called “service users.” As far as God is concerned, we are each a person. I hope that we in the Church will always treat a person as being a person. And I hope that each person will feel that the Church will always welcome him or her, and will always be there to love and support that one person, as an individual of infinite worth a person created in the image of God. That, for me, is what the Church is about.

Best wishes,

David Donaldson.

The new session of the Sunday School starts on Sunday, 2nd September, for children aged 3 to 16. We have a busy and exciting programme of Bible stories, games, songs and crafts planned, and some new teachers and helpers to welcome. We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd.

There is also a **crèche** for the under 3s during the service, which starts at 11.30am.

Young people in P7 and secondary school are also welcome to come to the '**CHURCHES TOGETHER' YOUTH GROUP**, a joint initiative by Dunlop and Caldwell, which meets once a month for games, activities, outings, sleepovers and worship. The next meeting will be held in Caldwell on 16th September at 6.30pm.

2nd. September: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Anne Sinclair Flowers: Helen Lamb

9th. September: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Roy Wyllie Flowers: Christine Reid

16th. September: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Alison Howie Flowers: Irene Kerr

23rd. September. Preacher: The minister. Reader: Douglas Bell Flowers: Marlyn Thom

30th. September: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Netta Howie Flowers: Bill McLatchie

Welcome Teams

September	October
Jimmy Howie	Sandy Hutchison
Douglas Bell	Lynn Davidson
Marilyn Bell	Colin Hunter
John Campbell	Irene Kerr
Jess Duncan	Andy Kyle
Isabel Kerr	Janette Miller
Andrew Pinkerton	Roy Wyllie
Linda Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie
Archie Reid	

Baptisms:

8th. July: Kathryn Victoria Smith.

12th. July: Winifred Ella Hope.

Wedding:

18th. July: Matthew Gemmell and Gillian Young.

Deaths:

16th. July: Mrs. Anna Wark.

22nd. July: Mr. Christopher Kenmure.

26th. July: Mr. Jimmy Hobkirk.

10th. August: Mrs. May Wright.

18th. August: Mrs. Marilyn Young.

Creche Rota

2nd, 9th & 16th Sept Graham Kilgour & Irene Kerr
23rd, 30th Sept & 7th Oct Audrey Burton & Nancy Graham

W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

BRITANNIA PANOPTICAN MUSIC HALL
A Talk by Mrs Kitty Walker (Lochwinnoch)

Nancy Miller Trophy 1 Jar Apple Chutney

Competitions: 3 Pieces of Carrot Cake
A Pair of Baby Mitts

FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER
ANNUAL CATERED WHIST DRIVE
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

GUILD

Tuesday 2nd October
in
Church hall
at 7.30pm

Dedication/communion
Rev David Donaldson

Join us. The guild is open to both men and women. A full and varied syllabus and a warm welcome awaits you all.

Wednesday Coffee

Church hall 10am. All welcome for coffee and a blether!
The Cancer Support coffee morning raised over £280.
Thanks to all.

CHURCH RESTORATION – Phase 2 Progress Report

If you pass by the church you will see that phase 2 of the restoration is now underway and contractors are busy working to reinstate the interior to allow us to return to the building within the next few months.

Over the summer period tenders were received from 4 contractors but unfortunately all of the prices were higher than anticipated. Following negotiation with the lowest priced contractor, some adjustments were made to the scope of works, and this, along with some encouraging news in relation to the recovery of VAT, meant that we were able reach a position where we could afford to proceed with all the main building elements. The work now in progress includes the fixing of new insulated wall linings; completion of repairs to the ceiling; new carpeting and floor finishes; and redecoration throughout; along with the formation of new toilets in the former vestry area and the creation of a small servery under one of the galleries.

Once all this is complete the church still has to be furnished with new chairs (approx £100 each), and items such as new light fittings and sound systems need to be installed. In addition some of the items taken out of the main contract to make cost savings will still have to be completed. These include such things as refurbishing the existing pulpit, communion table and font, and refixing the pews in the galleries. Funding for all the work is in place, although some of it is covered by a loan from the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland and of course this will have to be repaid over the coming years. Despite all these challenges it is exciting to be nearing the stage when the church building can once again be brought back in to active use and with the contractor making good progress we are confident that we will be able to complete everything in time for opening later in the year.

Come and join the fun at the
SUNDAY SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING
on Saturday 29th September
from 10am-12 noon in the Church Hall

Home baking, Toys, Bric-a-brac & Raffle
Tickets £1/children 50p incl refreshments
Donations for the stalls will be much appreciated

Keep Fit Class
Resumes on Wednesday 12th
September in Church hall
2pm—3pm
Previous and new members
welcome
Enquiries phone
Liz Dalziel 483098

News Flash – Dunlop Community Cinema.....

A new monthly cinema starts this October in the village hall.

This is a preview of the first season's programme:

Friday, 5 October 7pm for 7.30pm – *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* (12A)

Sunday, 28 October at 4.30pm – *Kung Fu Panda* (PG)

Friday, 9 November 7pm for 7.30pm – *Batman Begins* (12A)

Friday, 7 December 7pm for 7.30pm – *Mamma Mia!* (PG)

See the leaflet enclosed with the Dunlop Diary for more details.

Dunlop & District Community Company

DUNLOP AND LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL.



REMEMBRANCE DAY, SUNDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 2012.

THIS YEAR, TO COMMEMORATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL SERVICE, WHICH ENDED IN 1962, THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM VILLAGERS- PAST AND PRESENT – WHO 'DID THEIR TWO YEARS' IN HER MAJESTY'S ARMED FORCES.

WHILE OUR AIM IS TO CONTACT FORMER NATIONAL SERVICEMEN, OTHER VILLAGERS – PAST AND PRESENT – WHO SERVED AS 'REGULARS' IN H.M FORCES – WOULD, OF COURSE, BE MOST WELCOME TO BECOME INVOLVED.

TO HELP US COMPILE A LIST, WOULD YOU PLEASE EITHER PERSONALLY, OR VIA A RELATIVE, MAKE CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE NAMES BELOW, GIVING NAME; RANK; WHETHER ARMY, R.N OR R.A.F; YEARS WHEN SERVED.

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DUNLOP AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPANY



YOUR CAFÉ NEEDS YOU

THE CAFÉ HAS RE-OPENED, WITH A FULL MENU, ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AND EVERY FRIDAY.

DUE TO A LACK OF VOLUNTEERS, WE CAN ONLY STAFF ONE REGULAR DAY PER WEEK BUT IF WE HAVE MORE VOLUNTEERS WE WILL CONSIDER OPENING ON THURSDAYS AS WELL. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CAFÉ STAFF OR PHONE SHEILA WYLLIE ON 01560 486608.

KIRKLAND by David Clement

This is the first of an occasional series about the farms and houses of Dunlop. As I have no architectural expertise, I will be dealing with location, history and previous owners.

Why start with Kirkland? It is the most central farm, the oldest house in Dunlop and one which can rival Dunlop House for historical associations.

First of all, location. The house stands a little back from the Main Street, behind a wall and two gates. If I say it was opposite the old baker's and next to Meadowbank, older Dunlopers (or Lopodunians) will know what I am talking about, but it would probably be more helpful if I said it was three doors up from The Auld Hoose. Dr Kyles, the present owner, bought the house and surrounding fields from my father 28 years ago. So you see the other reason for tackling Kirkland first. It was my childhood home and the place where my children spent weekends and holidays.

The fields begin at the boundary of Westview Terrace, which together with the land for Kirkland Road was acquired by the then Ayrshire County Council by compulsory purchase in the early 1950's. Before that I can remember standing in my father's field and looking through the railings into the school playing field. The first intimation of a change was the appearance of the council surveyors with their theodolites.

Opposite the kirkyard there is a gate, and the land continues with the field from Mary King's Hill, above and behind the graveyard down to the burn. The field opposite this was part of North Borland and was acquired by the Kyles Family in 1996 after the death of my father. It helps to accommodate the interesting animals that graze on those slopes.

The reason that Kirkland bears the name and has such central land holdings is because it was the Manse and was surrounded by the glebe. In 1786 a new manse was built across the road, giving the minister access to what is now called the Glebe, situated behind the Old Manse and the other houses on that side of Main Street. That house continued in use till the death of Mr James Currie. Subsequently it was sold by the Church of Scotland and the present manse in Dampark was acquired. Dr Donaldson is the third incumbent to live there, following the Rev. John Page and the Rev. Maureen Duncan.

To return to Kirkland. According to Historic Scotland, it is the second oldest continuously inhabited house in Scotland. When the most famous Scottish scholar of the 16th Century, John Major, was lured back to Scotland from his Chair in Paris, where he taught and influenced the leading scholars of the time, among others Calvin and Ignatius Loyola, one of the plums he was offered was the Vicarage of Dunlop, which he enjoyed until his death. Only after that did Hans Hamilton and succeeding preachers and ministers come in. He was also the holder of a Chair at Glasgow University and the Chaplain of the Chapel Royal in Stirling. His most famous student in Scotland was John Knox. They had a Haddington connection in common and probably became acquainted when Major was teaching at St Andrews. (At this time there was no university in Edinburgh). The proximity of Dunlop to the fine library at Kilwinning Abbey was certainly an advantage. Major was the author of 'A History of Greater Britain', which must have influenced the future James I and VI.

In the 17th Century, Dunlop was a strong Covenanting area and the minister Gabriel Cunningham, who sympathised, had to flee on occasion for his life. A sword from that period was found when the thatch was removed from Kirkland in the Nineteenth Century, which dates back to that troubled time. When work was being done at Kirkland after the last war, two secret passages were found, one emerging in an old well shaft in the meadow near the house, one leading much further afield, allegedly exiting at St Mary's on the Lugton road. The sword is still in the family's possession.

After 1786, Kirkland ceased to be the Manse and a painting survives of Kirkland as a farmhouse. The last farmers there towards the end of the Nineteenth Century were called Anderson. Around 1900 my grandfather acquired the farm from his father, a successful cheese merchant, who owned a number of farms in the area. He added a wing to the house, to accommodate his growing family. My father was the fifth-born. My grandfather kept cattle and some poultry - the diversification into pigs and sheep took place later in my father's time. My father was also a pioneer as a turkey farmer and dispatched young turkey chicks all over rural Britain, until the 1960's Beeching reforms of the railway network cut him off from most of his customers.

The transition to sheep came later. Around 1960 the decision was taken to dispense with the dairy herd. The pigs were kept on as long as there was a manager to take care of them. The piggery beside the burn just where the road bridge crosses is now the property of Loudon McLeod and he keeps his poultry there.

The people of Dunlop can still admire the display of snowdrops and crocuses every springtime. Some will remember my mother's Pekineses. Their greatest pleasure was to chase the turkeys out of the garden. Now the ducks and hens are not disturbed.

Across the burn lie Brandleside Farm and North Borland. They will be the subject of the next two articles.

Dunlop Diary Deadline for October 21st September

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