

DUNLOP DIARY



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Hello

Lots of things have happened over the years in this month of April.

On 6th April after 1500 years, the first Olympic Games of the modern era took place in Athens.

On 9th April in 1865 the American Civil War ended and six days later Abraham Lincoln died after being shot.

The Titanic sank on 15th April in 1912

On 12th April Yuri Gagarin became the first human being in space.

In different years – Adolf Hitler, Vladimir Lenin, Charlie Chaplin and William Shakespeare were all born in April.

Lots of historic events have happened in the month of April.

I guess, what's more important for you and me, is what we are going to make of this April.

There will always be things we need to attend to, but there will also be opportunities to help and support those who need our help.

It always strengthens any community when people are willing and able to help other people.

God bless us as we try!

Alan Garrity

CREAM TEA on Sunday 8th May

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite you to their Annual **Cream Tea** on **Sunday 8th May 2016**, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

The committee is very grateful to Bertha Wilson and family for once again hosting this popular event at **Struther Farm House**.

Plants to brighten up your garden will be available for sale and donations for the home baking stall would be much appreciated.

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

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice

CHURCH ROTAS

Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers	April	May
3rd April	Kristeen Hare	Roy Wyllie	Alan Young	Mike Blyth
10th	Irene Neilsen	Netta Howie	Fred Dinning	Carolyn Blyth
17th	Margo McMurdo	Alistair Martin	Liz Dinning	Carol Fraser
24th	Susan MacColl	Communion	Kristeen Hare	Netta Howie
			Jim Mundell	Margaret Hunter
			Fiona Thomson	Calum Macdonald
			Anne Young	Bill McLatchie
				Mitchell Wilson

DUNLOP S.W.I

WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL

Glasgow's Parks
A Powerpoint Presentation
By Mr Tom Marchant

Competitions: 3 Truffles
A Photograph of a Winter Scene

GUILD

APRIL
5th Struther + AGM

The next meeting of the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on Thursday, 14th April, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to the meeting.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

An amazing £1,606.56 was collected at the bag-pack at Asda organised by the Dunlop Friends of The Ayrshire Hospice on 12th March 2016.

We are delighted to have raised this amount for The Hospice and want to thank both the staff at Asda for their help and all the Asda customers who so generously dipped in to their pockets.

However, in particular, a special thanks must go to the bag-packers who gave of their time and helped to raise this magnificent total.

Christian Aid Week, 15th-21st May, 2016 "Who is my neighbour?"

Morsheda in Bangladesh says, "My children were so scared. My sister was holding them very tightly and we were panicking because our neighbour's child was washed away". The floods have destroyed Morsheda's home again and again, forcing the family to flee. £5 could help raise Morsheda's home on to an earth plinth and protect her and her children from floods.

Christian Aid Week is the time when we give to help people in need, like Morsheda and others, all around the world.

As in previous years there will be a house to house collection in the Dunlop area from 15th to 21st May, as well as a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 18th May.

If you would be willing to help in any way, please contact Elizabeth Garrity, tel 01560 486879; elizabethgarrity@live.com.

Recently Lodge Dunlop Caledonia No 1408 held its annual charity night. On the evening representatives from Dunlop Church, Ayrshire Cancer Support, Dunlop & District Community Council, St Vincent Hospice, Dunlop Senior Citizens and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Benevolent Fund were all in attendance to receive charitable donations towards their funds. Several other donations were also made, including Erskine Hospital and The Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen.

An enjoyable evening was had by all as Lodge Dunlop Caledonia No 1408 looks forward to another successful year in 2016.

THE VILLAGE HALL ART GALLERY

The **Dunlop Primary School** art exhibition opened on 21st March and runs until 21st April.

Mrs Ellen Ostler helped the Primary 5 children create amazing felt art pictures which she also framed. It is well worth a visit to the village hall to see this outstanding art work on display.

The next exhibition is by **Shona Waller** from Kilmarnock. Shona's exhibition will run from Friday 22nd April until Thursday 19th May. The Preview will be held on Friday 22nd April from 7pm to 9pm and everyone is welcome to come along.

Shona is an enthusiast for nature and art. She aims to use colour contrast in her work to portray the emotions in any scene she enjoys viewing. Shona adds that she is a strong follower of her mother's motto 'less is more'.

Viewings are also available when the village hall is open and in particular when the cafe is open on Thursdays and Fridays and on Saturdays, 2nd April and 7th May and on Cinema evenings.

Stark Theatre Production 'A Journey Round my Room' on Saturday 30th April in Dunlop Village Hall at 7.30 pm

(Price to be confirmed – watch out for further information)

Background: "In 2007, a diverse group of actors decided to form a pop-up theatre company, which subsequently developed into Stark Theatre. Our ethos is to entertain and subtly subvert audience expectations, using as few resources as possible.

"A well-travelled man decides that by confining his exploratory activities to his room, he can experience as many rich discoveries inside as out. As his journey progresses, he unearths a rich seam of consciousness for which he is not prepared.

Lock the door...set yourself free!"

Stark Theatre were last in Dunlop with their play "100", which audiences agreed to be thought provoking and entertaining...a great success.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Friday April 15th

The Lady in the Van

This film tells the true story of the relationship between Alan Bennett and the singular Miss Shepherd (Maggie Smith) a woman of uncertain origins who 'temporarily' parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years.



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**COFFEE
MORNING**

**Saturday 23rd
April
10.00-12 noon
Church Hall**



Admission £1.50 All welcome



DUNLOP CHURCH WELCOMES

MEMBERS OF THE AYRSHIRE FIDDLE ORCHESTRA



WHERE - DUNLOP CHURCH

WHEN - FRIDAY 13TH MAY AT 8PM

The Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra is a self funding charity open to all young string players in Ayrshire.

Their talent is such that they have played for the Olympic Torch, the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay, and the European Parliament and last year, toured South Africa

This is sure to be a popular event and tickets for a 'Reel' Good Evening (£5/person, £3/child) are now available from



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