

DUNLOP DIARY



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Happy New Year!

It may seem a wee bit late to say that. On the other hand I think it's never too late to wish that others will have a positive experience as they live throughout 2016. So, I take this opportunity to wish you a year ahead in which you are happy on your own or in your marriage, you are fulfilled in your job, you enjoy being young or seeing your children and grandchildren grow and expand their lives, you are given the support to cope with disappointment, illness, personal tragedy or loneliness, and that you have a faith which brings hope and meaning to your life.

Of course we all see the real possibility of these things because we live in a country which has had its culture shaped and enriched by our common and positive Christian tradition and heritage.

In recent times especially we have heard much about Islam. And much of what we hear about it is when we are made aware of atrocities committed by those who believe and practice a violent, grotesque and unattractive deviant version of it.

So, I think if we wish to hand on to our children a country with the characteristics we consider important we ought to be prepared to speak up for what we believe and to support what we value.

God bless!

Alan Garrity

SUNDAY SCHOOL "JAR OF GRACE" APPEAL

The Sunday School are raising funds from now until Easter for UNICEF's "JAR OF GRACE" appeal. If you would like to help, please drop some coins into a jar before a meal and take a moment to remember less fortunate children around the world. Please hand in your coins to Sunday School any Sunday before Easter, and many thanks.

The next meeting of the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on Thursday, 11th February, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm with Eddie & Andy. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to the meeting.

GUILD

FEBRUARY

- 2nd Barber Shop Choir
Alan Garrity & Friends
16th Washday Reminiscences
Susan Shorrock
23rd Interguild at St Columba's

MARCH

- 1st Kilmarnock & District Choral Union
This meeting will be in the church All welcome

WEDNESDAY COFFEE



Restarts Wednesday 3rd February.
10am—11.30am
in rear church hall

All welcome

Volunteers urgently needed. Speak to Irene Kerr or Marilyn Bell

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "And she turned into a telephone pole!"

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
Feb 7th	Doris Livingston	Elizabethh Garrity
14th	Janette Miller	Mike Blyth
21st	Nellie Nisbet	Marilyn Bell
28th	Susan Shorrock	Beverly Kirk

Creche Rota

31st Jan & 7th Feb Netta Howie & Aileen Dunlop
14th Feb Aileen Dunlop & Greer Thomson
21st & 28th Feb Greer Thomson & Maureen Jackson
6th March Maureen Jackson & Pamela Young
13th & 20th March Pamela Young & Isabel Kerr

Welcome Teams

February	March
Sandy Hutchison	Annette Brown
Lynn Davidson	David Clement
Jess Duncan	Elizabeth Garrity
Margaret Robb	Jennifer Hunter
Roy Wyllie	Alastair Martin
Sheila Wyllie	David Mitchell
	Anne Sinclair

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WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY
BULB SHOW (Schedules given out)

R.H.S. Community Outreach Team
An Illustrated Talk by Angela Smith
(No Other Competitions)

SOS from Sialkot, Pakistan.

This morning I learnt of a crisis facing former Church of Scotland Mission Partner Catherine Nicol who, at the age of 80, carries on her work with poor children in Sialkot, Pakistan. I have known her for over 50 years. In fact we visited her a year ago.

The Pakistan Security Inspection Police are visiting schools to make sure they are secure against terrorist attacks. Miss Nicol's school (600 pupils) has just been told to close until an 8 ft wall topped with razor wire is built around it! We already support her from time to time for her daily needs of food and paying electricity bills. But at a cost of over £1000 this one needs special funding beyond our means. I have been invited by Dunlop Kirk Session to share this SOS from Catherine with Dunlop and the local community.

Working on the assumption that "every little helps"! I would like to get something out to her after this weekend so Catherine can get that wall up and the school back running.

Thank you for reading this! Paul Burgess, Professor Emeritus, GTS
Any ideas, questions or direct donations to:

Contact: paulandcathie@gmail.com Tel: 01505 850254

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Jimmy was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

"Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Jimmy, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his Mother asked.

"Well, no, Mum, but, if told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Dunlop Regeneration Project Group

The above group are proposing an upgrade for the area known as the Wee Glen. We are hoping to include new disability access, new seating, some planting and nesting boxes. This is provided funding is available.

If you have any proposals for this project please contact :

Email: dunlopregen@outlook.com

DUNLOP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPANY – THE VILLAGE HALL

Dunlop and District Community Company held their annual AGM on 20th January and it was attended by over 70 people. Michael Roulston stood down as a Director; Peter Inglis and David Kerr, having served for three years, stood down and were re-elected. Douglas Bell and Andrew Pinkerton, having been co-opted during the year, stood down and they too were re-elected onto the Board of Directors. The village hall continues to serve as a focal point for the Community, providing a meeting place for a wide variety of activities and social occasions.

The Board's plans for developing the Hall to ensure long term sustainability were outlined to the meeting. The notes of the meeting are on our website, www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk. It also contains the calendar of events and booking information.

Our thanks go to all our volunteers who help to keep the place running as without their commitment the hall and especially the café could not function. We are always looking for new volunteers so please get in touch if you can help us and do contact one of the Directors (details on the website) if you are interested in joining our Board which is currently short of members.

THE VILLAGE HALL GALLERY – DUNLOP

The current exhibition by **KILMAURS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** ends on **Thursday 11th February**, so there is still time to view the wide range of work by these talented photographers. Prints are available both framed and unframed at very reasonable prices.

The next exhibition is by **RUTH CORBETT** from **Friday 12th February until Thursday 17th March**.

Ruth paints sea-scapes, landscapes, small still life studies and animal portraits. She enjoys trying to capture the essence of her subject matter, a fleeting sky, stillness or an expression in a portrait. In 2014 Ruth won the Irvine Harbour Arts Centre award for one of her paintings and she regularly gets commissioned to paint animal portraits. Come along and view Ruth's work in this interesting and varied exhibition.

Viewings are available when the village hall is open and in particular when the cafe is open on Thursdays and Fridays and on Saturdays, 6th February and 5th March and on Cinema evenings.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF DUNLOP AND LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in November 1950 to promote and assist the general good of all people aged 65 and over within the Parish.

In the early years the main aims were to provide social and health needs and the first committees were primarily concerned with health matters. Over the years however the State took over these responsibilities and today the main objects of the Association are social.

The first coffee morning was held in October 1976 and the sum raised was £217 which at this time was a very substantial amount. Our last coffee morning held in October 2015 raised the phenomenal sum of £886.82.

The present Committee organise 2 coffee mornings a year, a summer outing and a Christmas Lunch. All of these events are well attended and we appreciate the volunteers who help us out.

Unfortunately a good number of our Committee members have retired over the last few years and two further Members have intimated their intention to give up during the forthcoming year.

We would like to appeal to anyone who has a few hours to spare to join us in order that the Association can continue otherwise we will struggle to carry on. Even if you cannot attend our meetings which take place on the first Monday of the month (apart from January, July and August) if you are able to assist with distributing tickets for the coffee mornings, annual trip and Christmas Lunch this would certainly take the pressure off the few remaining Committee Members.

Please contact either myself Margaret True (01560 428165) or Irene Kerr (01560 484213).

Margaret True, President

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

Bagpack in Asda on Saturday 12th March 2016

The Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice kindly request your help to raise funds for a very worthy cause, by offering your assistance at the annual Asda Bagpack event.

As funds raised are usually proportionate to the number of helpers available, we hope to encourage as many people as possible to give up two hours of their time. So, please join us on Saturday 12th March 2016 – no previous experience required!!!

If you are able to help, please contact either Andrena Reid on 01560 483696 or any other committee member.

DUNLOP PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION

The village organisations involved in setting up the recent public meeting about Dunlop Playing Field would like to thank the many members of the community who attended – over 80 people were present and there was overwhelming support to proceed to the next stage of agreeing a ‘Community Asset Transfer’ with East Ayrshire Council.

Under the terms of a transfer, the community would enter into a 25 year lease of the area and would take on the responsibility for managing and developing the facilities (in a similar arrangement to that currently in place for the Village Hall.)

The community will be consulted at every stage and any individual or group who could give some time to assist the process should contact Andrew Pinkerton. tel 01560 484534 or email andrew.pinkerton@btopenworld.com

The notes of the meeting and Andrew’s PowerPoint presentation are on the D&DCCo website, www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk.

An update on the Community Asset Transfer process will be given at the next Community Council meeting on Thursday 4 February 7:30pm.

Dunlop Community Cinema:

6th Feb @7.30pm **Ida** (12), Polish Drama, 2015 Best foreign film Oscar. A novice nun journeys through her family’s secret past in this outstanding black-and-white drama.

‘Ida is a compelling film that achieves a great deal in a short time. The performances are superb and the sense of location and period miraculous.’ The Guardian

19th Feb @ 7.30pm **Mr Holmes** (PG), UK Drama, Ian McKellen & Laura Linney. A retired Sherlock Holmes tries to remember his final case and a woman, the memory of whom still haunts him. ‘Ian McKellen brings affection and grace to a whimsical portrait of an elderly Sherlock Holmes, struggling with his memory and his myth’ Guardian; ‘tenderly wrought, well-acted drama’ Rotten Tomatoes

5th Mar @ 7.30pm **Whiplash** (15), USA Drama/ Music, 2015 Best Supporting Actor Oscar (JK Simmons), #44 in IMDBs best films of all time.

‘The road to excellence is littered with bloody Band-Aids, splintered drum sticks and daddy issues in this lively study of musical obsession’ The Guardian

‘Superb performances... make this jazz drum drama a dazzling success’ Telegraph

NOTE: there will be a children’s film on 13th February – Minions

Other events at the hall:

27th Feb @7.30pm **Vinyl Night** £5 incl a complimentary drink. Bring along your cherished vinyl and hear it played, share your story of your vinyl treasure, and dance, if you are so inclined!

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A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was really nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know." How very true