

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Hello

I can hardly believe we're heading to another election! In fact, if we watch the news we can see that there are all kinds of elections in the near future – the EU Referendum, election of the Lord Mayor of London, and the prolonged campaign for the election of the next President of the USA. I think Donald Trump would be a disaster, and I can make that kind of comment here because none of us have a vote in that election. About the elections in which we can vote I can only recommend that we should use our hard-earned right to vote when we have the opportunity.

Also, at this time of the year through Christian Aid, we are reminded of the vast needs of the poor – for food, shelter, water and other basic human necessities in order for their lives to be more enriched so that they are not merely existing at starvation level. I have no hesitation about asking the people of Dunlop to support the work done by such charities as Christian Aid and hope that we will all give generously.

With best wishes,

Alan Garrity

<u>CREAM TEA</u> on <u>Sunday 8th May</u>

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

DUNLOP GALA Saturday 4th June See you there

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.

Aged between fourteen and eighteen years, their talent is such that these young people 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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CHURCH ROTAS			Welcome Teams	
Date	Flowers	Readers	May	June
1st May	Jean Miller	Sheila Wyllie	Mike Blyth	Jimmy Howie
8th	Jean Eckersley	Simon Gill	Carolyn Blyth	Douglas Bell
15th	Avril Mackie	Beverly Kirk	Carol Fraser	Marilyn Bell
			Netta Howie	John Campbell
22nd	Archie Reid	Mike Blyth	Margaret Hunter	Alison Howie
20.1		Elizabeth Garrity	Calum Macdonald	Isabel Kerr
29th	Annette Brown		Bill McLatchie	Andrew Pinkerton
5th June	Linda Pinkerton	Marilyn Bell	Mitchell Wilson	Linda Pinkerton
12th	Marion King	Alison Howie	Creche Rota 1st May Graham Kilgour & Linda Pinkerton 8th May Graham KIlgour & Netta Howie 15th May Graham Kilgour & Alison Howie 22nd May Jen Smith & Linda Pinkerton 29th May Jen Smith & Netta Howie 5th June Jen Smith & Netta Howie 12th, 19th & 26th June Anne Millar & Amy Donellan	
19th	Grace Young	Anne Sinclair		
26th	Marjorie Hamilton	Roy Wyllie		

DUNLOP S.W.I

WEDNESDAY 25th MAY

Baking Demonstration By Mrs Anne Walker

Competitions: Cinnamon Tart (given Recipe)

Favourite Napkin

The next meeting of the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on Thursday, 12th May, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. Entertainment will be by Eddie. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to the meeting.

FUNDRAISER

There will be a Strawberry Tea on Saturday 4 June from 10am-12 noon in St Columba's Church Hall, Stewarton. Proceeds will be shared between Dunlop Circle of Friends and Stewarton Alzheimer's Group. Tickets £3.50, available from Susan Shorrock (tel 482109) or Jess Duncan (tel 484050).

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm - 4pm from now until 30th 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. This will also be open on Sunday afternoons. Greeting cards and a booklet about the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

You will be very welcome and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

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.

Annual Photographic Competition and Exhibition – "Holidays and Happy Memories"

This year's theme – "Holidays and Happy Memories" – should give photographers plenty of scope. We are hoping for lots of interesting and varied entries.

Closing date for Entries - Friday 10th June: Prizegiving and Open Evening – Friday 17th June See the entry form for more details.

Entry Forms are available from the village hall or from the website: www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk or phone 07890933857 The exhibition will run from 19th June to 18th August

Dunlop & District Community Company

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE CONSERVATORY CAFE IN MAY

As usual, there will be a Saturday Cafe in the village hall on **7**th **May from 12 noon to 3pm**. The cafe will also be open on Thursdays and Fridays in May from 11am to 2pm with the exception of Thursday: 5th May when the cafe will be closed because the village hall will be in use as the polling station.

Advance Notice: The cafe will also be open from 9am to 12 noon on Gala Day, Saturday, 4th June when there will be bacon rolls, teas, coffees and home baking etc.

DUNLOP GALA SCARECROW TRAIL 2015 SAT 28 MAY - SUN 5 JUNE

It's that time of year again and scarecrows will shortly start springing up all around the village as part of Dunlop's Gala events. The theme for this year's Scarecrow Trail is food and drink. This provides the opportunity to make a scarecrow based on your favourite flavour of crisps, pizza or even a famous chef.

This year's scarecrow trail will once again run for over 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 Saturday 30 May and Sunday 5 June.

Scarecrow Entry forms are available on the Dunlop Gala Facebook page, the Village Hall, the Post Office, Merito, the Canny Man and Norman's from 1st May. Entries close on Sunday 22 May, so get your entry in early.

This year's winning scarecrows 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 scarecrow.

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 film themed 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.

VILLAGE HALL ART EXHIBITIONS MAY AND JUNE

The current exhibition by Ayrshire artist, **Shona Waller**, runs until Thursday 19 May 2016, so there is still time to call in at the village hall and see her art work.

This will be followed by the Stewarton Colourists Art Group Exhibition from Friday 20th May to Thursday 16th June. Please note that the Open Evening will be held on Friday 27th May from 7pm - 9pm. The exhibition will showcase a wide variety of art work in oils, water colour, pastels and acrylics. Please come along to the Open Evening and enjoy a glass of wine and support this local group.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Wed 18th May Church Hall from 10am Plants Baking Raffle Tickets £1:50





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HANGING BASKETS

The Community Council are once again arranging for hanging baskets to be provided the village and this year a grant has been received from East Ayrshire Council to pay for the plants and compost. The grant will also pay for flowers to fill the tubs around the World War 1 memorial seat in Lugton. Volunteers will still be needed to keep the baskets watered during the summer so please speak to any CC member if you are willing to take a turn on the watering rota. The baskets will get put up towards the middle of May.

NOTICE BOARDS & SEATS

The Community Council has been successful in obtaining a grant from East Ayrshire Council to renew the CC Notice Board outside Norman's and to reinstate the CC Notice Board in Lugton. Grants have also been obtained to replace the existing seats at various locations on the outskirts of the village. Work on both of these projects will be completed during May.

MAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Please note that because of the hall being used for the election on 5th May, the date of the

May Community Council meeting has been changed to Thursday 12th May.

Attention All Gardeners!

Gardening Scotland, Scotland's premier Gardening Show, will be held at Ingliston, near Edinburgh, from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th June from 10am to 5pm daily. Tickets can be purchased on the day or in advance from the ticket hotline 0131 333 0965 or online at

www.gardeningscotland.com/tickets. Children under 16 go free. There's lots of parking, the Express bus from Glasgow stops at the door and there are special buses from Haymarket Station which take you right into the Showground.

In addition to the Show Gardens there are indoor displays, nurseries selling plants – some coming direct from the Chelsea Flower Show, gardening sundries and the RHS Theatre with experts giving advice on all things horticultural (and sometimes not!). There's a plant crèche for all your purchases and even plant porters to help you take them to your car.

For junior gardeners there's gardening for wildlife and food growing – lots of minibeasts (try your hand at being a beekeeper) and food to try, the Big Back Garden with places to play and the Pallet Gardens fire the imagination.

The non-gardener is catered for as well with stands and a food court selling a wonderful array of goodies from Scotland's larder; and there are cookery demonstrations, too. The Craft Fair has a wide selection from cards to clothing.

In fact, there's something for everyone at Gardening Scotland. See you there!

STEWARTON & DUNLOP SHOW

SATURDAY 28 MAY 2016 Lainshaw Holm, Irvine Road (B769), Stewarton, KA3 3EB

The 102nd Annual Stewarton & Dunlop Show will be held at Lainshaw Holm, Stewarton on Saturday 28 May. There will be Cattle, Sheep, Clydesdales, Donkeys and Light Horse showing and Show Jumping. For the second year there will be Chase Me Charlie jumping and Fancy Dress on horseback. The Industrial Section includes adult and children's baking and handicraft competitions, you can bring your entries on the day. Popular Owl Magic returns with a variety of birds to see and maybe hold. Mr Max Flemish from Darvel Telephone Museum will have his motorcycle and various old telephones & equipment in the NFUS Educational marguee. Killie Flyers will give a dog flyball demonstration. You can enter your dog in the Fun Dog Show. The ever popular digger competition will be running, kindly operated by Blackwood Plant Hire. There will be Vintage Tractors, Fun Fair and Trade Stands including a hog roast, bedding plants, home crafts & photography.

The final of the Primary School Drawing, Painting and Photography Competition will be held at the show and the winners will be presented with their prizes during the prizegiving.

For the early afternoon entertainment for the second year we are having an Inter-Show Challenge between Stewarton, Kilmaurs, Newmilns and Fenwick Shows. Teams will be doing a sack race, tug of war, 6-legged-race & other games, this will be entertaining again this year!

For details please contact:-

Cattle, Sheep, Clydesdales & Donkeys, Trade Stands – Kirsteen Henry, tel. 01560 484970, mobile 07714 352418

Light Horses – Michelle Bunting, mobile 07716 780120

Industrial Section - Mrs Janice Shuttleton, tel. 01560 483993.

Website – www.stewartonanddunlopshow.webs.com

Dunlop Community Cinema

Friday May 20th

Bridge of Spies

During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

Dunlop Diary Deadline for June 21st May

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