

DUNLOP DIARY



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Happy Easter!

School holidays are behind us, painted eggs have been rolled, and most if not all of the chocolate Easter eggs will have been consumed by now. And yet we are still in the season of Easter which lasts all through May and ends with Pentecost which falls on the 4th of June this year. So my Easter greetings in this May issue of the Dunlop Diary are not belated!

And of course, for Christians, every day is Easter as we live in the power of the resurrection! An event which shocked and amazed those who knew Jesus then, and which continues to be a force of, and for, change, joy and hope.

This idea of "Easter every day" was in my mind the other evening when I went out for a wee explore. Lots of you have told me about the many lovely walks in and around the village, and so I went along Newmill Road and down the path into the Wee Glen. If you'd passed by, you'd have seen me standing still on the path, gazing up through the high branches to the blue sky beyond. I was wondering how many Easters those trees have seen as they have grown from seed to sapling and beyond, stretching up to the heavens.

For a long time now I have thought that there is something quite remarkable, and moving, about those who plant trees knowing that it will be future generations who see them grown to full height and maturity. And so, when I walked round the Millennium Community Woodland the following day, I was most impressed and quite touched to see that so many of you had made exactly that investment in the future through the planting of trees there.

It does seem to me that the planting of trees, particularly as a community endeavour, can remind us of the words of Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen". As people shaping and shaped by church, parish and village life, the faith in action symbolised by the planting of trees is one which is firmly grounded and forward looking.

I look forward to continuing to get to know Dunlop and you, and thank you all for the very warm welcome you have given me since I came to join you in March.

May peace, love, joy and hope be yours.

Alison

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th - 20th May

- ☐ Please support your door to door collectors!
Envelopes also available in Church
- ☐ The Big CA Coffee Morning - Wednesday 17th May 10am - 12 noon.
Donations of baking, plants and raffle prizes most welcome.
- ☐ Don't forget quiz entries to be returned by Sunday 14th May.
Now available in Norman's. Prize - voucher for Canny Man.

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
May 7th	Jean Eckersley	Netta Howie
14th	Avril Mackie	Michael Moss
21st	Archie Reid	Alison Howie
28th	Annette Brown	David Clement
June 4th	Linda Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie
11th	Marion King	Simon Gill
18th	Grace Young	Beverly Kirk
25th	Marjorie Hamilton	Ss Prizegiving Elizabeth Garrity

Welcome Teams

May	June
Sandy Hutchison	Annette Brown
Lynn Davidson	Elizabeth Garrity
Jess Duncan	Jennifer Hunter
Irene Kerr	Alistair Martin
Margaret Robb	Brian McGaw
Roy Wyllie	David Mitchell
Sheila Wyllie	Anne Sinclair

Creche Rota

30th April Linda Pinkerton
7th May Alison Howie & Ann Millar
14th May Jen Smith & Amy Donellan
21st May Anne Sinclair & Graham Kilgour
28th May Linda Pinkerton & Alison Howie
4th & 11th June Graham Kilgour & Jen Smith
18th, 25th June & 2nd July Ruth Wilson & Alistair Martin

Dunlop S.W.I.

WEDNESDAY 31st MAY
at 7.30pm
in Dunlop Village Hall

Modern and Contemporary Art—
Collection and Exhibition
At the Dick
By Geraldine Green

Competitions: Favourite Tea Towel
A Small Macaroni Cheese

Church Services:

Morning Worship every Sunday morning at 11:30am. All welcome.
Crèche, Sunday School meet in the church at 11:30am.

The Congregational Board and Kirk Session will meet on Monday 8th May, 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm from 7th May until 29th 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 on the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

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

DUNLOP PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION

Dunlop & District Community Company have now reached agreement with East Ayrshire Council on the terms for the 'Community Asset Transfer' of the playing field and pavilion. The formal transfer of responsibility will happen at the beginning of May.

Over the summer, D&DCCo will be collecting ideas from the community on what work should be done to improve the area. If you have any suggestions please put them in the suggestions boxes in the Village Hall, at Norman's and at the Post Office.



Lego Batman Movie (U) 7th May 4pm

'Growing inexorably in awesomeness, the Lego movie empire delivers another fantastically funny and highly sophisticated pop culture adventure' (Guardian).

Note we have moved the screening to 4 o'clock, so that you can have your cream tea AND come to the movies!

La La Land (12A) 19th May 7.30pm

Multi-award winning film starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone – you've heard all about it, so come and see for yourselves.....Please come dressed for the occasion, and we will be serving bubbly, as well as the usual refreshments.

'You'll leave with a tear in your eye and a song in your heart' (Telegraph)

'Damien Chazelle's magical love letter to the golden age of Hollywood' (Guardian)

We are hoping to have our new seats for this screening, and if so, people will be able to book these seats online! Look out for further information....

Moonlight (15) Specific date in June TBC.

Fabulous triple Oscar winning '5 star symphony of love'....'Barry Jenkins's coming-of-age film is a heart-breaking, uplifting, minor-key masterpiece' (Guardian).

We are resurrecting the Cinema Club for **one film only!** and will use this screening to test the waters for bringing back the Club in the Autumn.....

Dunlop Gallery.

Our next exhibition is by Liliias Houston. Liliias is a Barrhead artist who creates silk paintings of quirky buildings and atmospheric landscapes. She is influenced by her Scottish heritage and her love of architecture. Check out her facebook page..."Silk by Liliias". The opening night is Thursday the 18th of May from 7-9pm, when you can come along to the Conservatory Cafe, meet Liliias, see her latest works and enjoy a glass of wine. The exhibition will run till the 15th of June, and you can pop in at any time when the cafe is open...Thursday and Friday during the day, and the first Saturday of the month, or whenever the Hall is open for other events.

For further details, please contact Ellenor Ferguson at 07811 045600, or Shiona Paterson at 07506 951620

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Roads around Dunlop & Lugton

Stewart Turner, Head of Roads at Ayrshire Roads Alliance attended the April CC meeting to respond to the many complaints about the condition of roads. Prior to the meeting he was given a tour of the area so that the major concerns could be pointed out. Mr Turner committed to attend the next meeting to update the community on actions being taken.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Station Planting: The Community Council has obtained funding to undertake planting at the railway station. Volunteers are needed to agree what to buy and to assist with the planting.

Watering Hanging Baskets: The Community Council is organising hanging baskets again this year in the village. We need volunteers to help water them and keep them looking fresh throughout the summer.

Community Council Secretary: The Secretary of the Community Council is stepping down at the AGM in June. If you could perform this role or know somebody who would be willing to take on this important function please contact any member of the Community Council.

New Community Councillors: The Community Council should be representative of all parts of our community and new Community Councillors are needed. Councillors will be elected at the AGM of the Community Council being held on 1 June 2017.

If you can help with any of the above requests, please speak to any member of the Community Council or
e-mail ellenorferguson@yahoo.co.uk

Please support your village and contribute in whatever way you can.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 11 May, 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Due to the hall being used for the Local Elections the next Community Council meeting has been moved back a week. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE.**

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION!

Don't forget this year's theme is SEASONS, and as well as our usual prize categories, we'd like to see some local seasonal scenes to make into a calendar. The hand in date for entries is **Fri 9th June**, in the Conservatory Cafe, between 12 and 2pm. If you aren't able to make this, you may also hand them in to Ellenor Ferguson at 3 Lugton Road (07811095600) or Shiona Paterson at 24 Stewarton Road (07506951620). Get Snapping!

MAMAS & PAPAS CHOIR

10th Anniversary Concert

SONGS FROM THE DECADES

Friday 19th May 2017

At

Stewarton Area Centre

Doors open 7.00pm

Performance 7.30pm

**Tickets adults £9
Under 16 £5**

**Charity raffle
Wine and beer bar by SWAT**

**For tickets phone Lynn Davidson
(484012)
or pay at door**

CREAM TEA on Sunday 7th May

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite everyone to their annual **Cream Tea** on **Sunday 7th May 2017** between 2.00p.m 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 be purchased in advance from any of the committee or at the door.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 11th May 2017, 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.

Eddie and Andy will provide the music. Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

Dunlop Gala - Saturday 3rd June from 11.30am onwards at The Park. All Welcome, Free entry and great fun for all the family! Free Bus service between Stewarton and Dunlop. Loads of entertainment : Stewarton School Band, Dancing, Pipe Band, The Drakes of Hazard and of course all of the usual inflatable bouncy castles, laser quest, climbing walls and Mr B Loon. For more details see us on facebook. @dunlopgala

DUNLOP GALA SCARECROW TRAIL 2017

SUN 28 MAY - SUN 4 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 comics and books. This provides the opportunity to make a scarecrow based on your favourite book or comic book hero. By popular request we have also introduced a window competition so don't worry if you don't have a front garden, you can still take part.

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 28 May and Sunday 4 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 21 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 **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.

STEWARTON & DUNLOP SHOW

SATURDAY 27 MAY 2017

Lainshaw Holm, Irvine Road (B769), Stewarton,
KA3 3EB

The 103rd Stewarton & Dunlop Show will be held at Lainshaw Holm, Stewarton on Saturday 27 May. There will be cattle, sheep, Clydesdales, donkeys, Light Horse showing and show jumping including Chase Me Charlie jumping, also Fancy Dress on horseback. The Industrial Section includes adult and children's baking and handicraft competitions, you can bring your entries on the day. For the first time Scales & Tails will be at the show, you can meet lizards, snakes, frogs and other amazing animals. Popular Owl Magic returns with a variety of birds to see and maybe hold. Another first is face painting.

Senjokai Karate Academy from Stewarton will give a karate 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 a fun fair, vintage tractors and trade stands selling bedding plants, home crafts, home baking & homemade chutneys.

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

For the early afternoon entertainment 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 07729 833034

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

Website – www.stewartonanddunlopshow.webs.com

DUNLOP BOWLING CLUB

The free Try Bowls nights will start Tuesday 16th May 7pm-9pm. So come along and give it a go, all you need are flat shoes, bowls will be supplied. So come and join in the fun, all welcome. Some reasons for taking up bowling below

1 It is a game for all regardless of age or gender

Bowls is one of the few sports where age and gender make no difference. Once you have acquired the basic skills, you can play against anyone. Strength is not an issue – once you get the line and weight to project a bowl down the green to be as near to the jack as possible, anyone can win.

2. Young Persons

There are a great number of school children, who for one reason or another, do not like to play contact sports. This could be down to a number of reasons; fear of injury; parents who are not interested in sport; or are afraid of permanent injury to their child. Bowls is the ideal substitute, where youngsters can meet their peers without fear of scorn or ridicule, and yet be competitive at the same time.

In the past the game of bowling had strict dress codes, where everyone had to wear whites, and play with either brown or black bowls. This changed in 1999 when coloured bowls were introduced. One of the main reasons for this change was to encourage young people and get away from the stuffy image of the game. You can now play with orange, white, red, blue or even multi-coloured bowls! This was followed a few years later with shirts in club colours being allowed. Most of the young players now play with coloured bowls.

3. People who have given up other sports

A great many people who reach their middle thirties or early forties, and have been actively involved in sport like Soccer, Tennis or Rugby to name a few, come to realise that they are no longer physically able to continue at the high level that they were used to, but still want to enjoy the competitiveness of sport. Bowls is the answer. It is not physically challenging, it is competitive, and is enjoyable.

4. Great friendships formed after they have retired

How many of you have heard of people who have retired, have no hobbies or other interests, and just sit at home in front of the telly. People who have joined a bowling club have the advantage, as they not only now have a hobby to enjoy, but they have a social life that brings them in contact with many new friends.

So there you have it, bowls is great sport to get involved in, so why not pop in and have a chat with us?