

Newlands and Kirkurd



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Date	Carlops	Kirkurd & Newlands	West Linton	Extra
6/5	Communion Very Rev Finlay Macdon-	Jim Wallace	Jim Wallace	
13/5	Jim Wallace	Mary McElroy	Christian Aid JW	
20/5	Baptism Rev Chris Levison	Communion Very Rev Finlay Macdon-	Murray Campbell	
27/5	Sheena Livingstone	Murray Campbell	Very Rev Finlay Macdonald	

Elders Rota: May Anne Goodall & Janette Raeburn

Church Cleaning: May Jo Ranson



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It's many years since I learned to drive but one lesson I do remember is that, before moving forward, I should check my rear view mirror to see what's coming from behind.

Looking back while preparing to move forward is perhaps an apt description of where our congregations are at the moment. I am writing this the morning after a meeting of the three kirk sessions with representatives from the Presbytery and 121 George Street. The last eighteen months have not been easy for the congregations and a large part of the difficulty has been due to lack of information. While the reason for this may be recognised intellectually, emotionally it has still been highly frustrating all round. I am glad to say, therefore, that many present at the meeting took the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with the Church officials attending.

In terms of moving forward, one option under consideration is interim ministry, introduced in the Kirk some twenty years ago. This has been used successfully in a variety of situations where it is felt that an experienced and specially trained minister might help congregations re-focus following a period of uncertainty. Interim ministers can serve from six months to two years, after which the congregations call a new minister in the normal way. A presentation on Interim Ministry will be made to the kirk sessions and congregations in early May. Thereafter decisions will be sought as to whether this is the way forward for our churches.

Grace and Peace be with us all,

Finlay

KIRKURD SWI



Unfortunately, due to severe weather conditions the AGM on Wednesday 4th. April had to be cancelled.

The annual points prizes and trophies will be announced at the outing on 2nd May.

NEWLANDS WI

Our AGM was held in Lamancha Hub on 11th April. Business was attended to including reports from the President and Treasurer. The points cup for this year was won by Lyn Lusk. Arrangements were made for volunteers to do raffle duties at Peebles Agricultural Show on 11th August. Members please note that entries for the Show must be submitted by 29th July. Pentlands WI have invited members to attend their annual coffee evening on 2nd May. An evening meal has been arranged on 24th May and we will again have a tombolla stall on the last evening of the Whipman celebrations on 9th June. Two members from Kirkurd WI counted the votes and a new Committee will be formed. A supper was provided by the committee to conclude the evening.



Young Mothers & Toddlers

Mothers & Toddles meet in Netherurd Hall, every Thursday during school term.

10 : 00 - 11:30

Adults £2 Children 50p

Netherurd Memorial Hall

AGM

Thursday 31st. May

7:30p.m.

Usual format: meet at approx. 6:00pm for general outside tidy up and general maintenance followed by AGM at approx 7:30.

This meeting is open to all users of the hall and anyone in the community who is interested in helping to keep the hall going.

The hall is an important community resource run by volunteers who are always happy to welcome new members. Please come along to lend a hand.

Night out at The Netherurd



Please note the following dates for your diary:

Saturday 26th May Event for All the Family!

Including Children's film on Projector, kids craft corner, kids board games, snacks and juice included. Bring a cushion and a blanket for children's movie time. Adults BYOB.

5.30pm start until midnight (for adults wanting to stay on).

Enjoy socialising with your neighbours without the need for a babysitter!

If we have enough interest we will look into the possibility of hiring someone to supervise the children so you can catch up with friends without too many distractions. Ticket prices on the door £5 Adults, £1 per child to cover venue hire, table ware and snacks.



Saturday 1st September Event for All the Family!

The kids are back to school, you survived the summer holidays, time to have a catch up with your neighbours! Timing and activities will be announced closer to the date. Ticket prices on the door £5 Adults, £1 per child.

Saturday 24th November

Final catch up of the year to kick start the silly season! This will be Adults only! More details closer to the date.

All events will be uploaded onto our facebook page—please invite your friends



You can accept the invites on facebook or you can contact Alison Turpie on 07967 591406 or email aturpie@live.co.uk

We hope to see you there !

Alison, Sarah, Caz

Community Council Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of the Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16 May at The Newlands Centre in Romanno Bridge.



All welcome

If you were unable to attend the presentation with SBC regarding the Flood Protection Proposals for Romanno Bridge, please email lnkccchair@gmail.com and the presentation will be sent to you.

Small grants for local groups

The Community Council is able to award small grants of up to £50 to local groups. If your group is planning an event, working on a project or need to purchase materials for your group, why not apply. It is easy to do. Simply send an email and let us know about your group, what you are planning and who will benefit.

If you would like to apply for a grant or would like more information about the work of the Community Council, please email lnkccchair@gmail.com.

THE GUILD

The Guild 's winter season has now ended and we look forward to our Summer Rally and Evening Meal along with members of the other Church of Scotland Guilds in our area. This will be on June 6th in St Boswells Church at 3 pm. Newlands Guild will be having its own evening out on 30th May.

BARGAINS TO COME!

Look out for the Bric-a-brac stall which the Guild will be organising at the Whipman evening on Saturday 9th June. We are hoping to raise more money for our Church of Scotland Guild Projects.

We are very proud of the fact that over £600,000 has already been raised by the Church of Scotland Guild for the 6 chosen projects over the past 3 years. Another 6 exciting projects have already been chosen, and these will be hoping for our support from September.

Any donations for our stall will be very welcome.

Margaret Habeshaw

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH – 19TH MAY

Christian Aid, which was started just after World War 2 to try to relieve the sufferings of the millions of displaced persons, refugees and war victims, will be back again during Christian Aid Week to ask if you can help to continue this work. Christian Aid is still working flat out at the same task which brought about its formation 70 years ago. In 1948, there were about 40 million people in desperate situations world-wide, and in 2018 the number is much the same, so the need for action as great as it ever was.

Our local events during this Christian Aid Week are:

Coffee Morning. Saturday 12th May in the Graham Institute, West Linton from 10 – 12am. There will be a raffle, home-baking, plant stalls and Fair Trade produce.

Christian Aid Service. Sunday 13th May at 11.15am in St Andrews Church, West Linton, led by Rev Jim Wallace.

Door-to-Door Collection throughout the linkage on 13th – 19th May. During this week, local collectors will deliver Christian Aid donation envelopes to your door. They will call to pick them up, hopefully filled, a day or so later. We are always needing more collectors so if you think you can help, please contact

David Habeshaw, Damside, Romanno bridge. Tel 01969 660887

Newlands Community Development Trust (NCDT)

The Trust was originally set up back in 2007 to bring about the building of the Newlands Centre attached to the Primary School in Romanno Bridge in order to prevent closure of the school and enable it to provide the full range of activities needed to fulfil the curriculum and provide a range of services/activities for our community. We are all about our community and providing facilities and services for our local benefit. We're all volunteers who want to live in a vibrant and active community.

We are set up as a charity and have a Board of Directors who meet monthly to guide the overall direction of the Newlands Centre and the old Newlands Memorial Hall. We're looking for people from our community who have an interest in their local community and who want to get engaged in a vibrant community business to come and join us.

If you have children at the school or simply have an interest in helping drive a range of activities for our local community do please get in touch to find out how you can get involved. For more information call Sue on 07730 556086 or email

secretary@newlandscdt.org.uk.

VISITORS FROM LEBANON AND MALAWI

You might have heard that the Presbytery World Mission Group are planning a visit for young people from Malawi and Lebanon from August 19th to August 27th '18. We would like to involve as many people as we can in this project, so we would love to hear from you if you would like to;

Host one or more visitors for a few hours locally

Ferry the visitors around events in our Presbytery area

Accommodate one or more of our visitors for 3-5 days.

Any suggestions for activities and entertainment for our visitors, especially from young people (age 18 – 25) would be most welcome. They are going to Lindisfarne and the National Youth Assembly – perhaps you could go along too. If you want to be involved in this project in any way, send an email to

fiona@glenholm.co.uk

or Tel 01899 830408

or Text 07944 196234

COMMUNION

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday 20 May at our 10am service. All are warmly welcomed to attend.

INTERIM MINISTRY

A decision needs to be taken about whether or not to go down the route of having an Interim Minister. To help understand what this means there will be a special meeting at **Carlops Church on Thursday 3 May at 7pm** with a presentation about Interim Ministry from the Interim Ministry Task Group. Thereafter it will be up to each Kirk Session and congregation in the linkage to take a decision on this matter. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend this meeting.

The decision will be taken on **Sunday 20 May** at a meeting of the Newlands Kirk Session at 9.15am in the church annexe, and then at a meeting of the congregation after the service at around 11am.



Newlands & Kirkurd Early Learning Centre

We have spaces available at our wonderful country nursery!

We are a rural nursery with opportunity to explore and play outdoors. We spend many hours tramping through woods and fields discovering nature around us. We have a mud kitchen too!

- We have vacancies now for 2.5 years and up!
- Opening hours are Monday-Wednesday 8:30 to 14:50.
- Children 3 years and over are eligible to receive 600 fully funded hours per year of early learning and childcare.

The nursery works within the Scottish Government's curriculum for excellence.

No-one is plunged right in at the deep end and we encourage you to put a “toe in the water” first by coming to a pre-start session where you can meet other children, parents and the staff.

For more information to arrange a meeting or an informal chat phone us on 01968 660367 or email Gill at gill@newlandskids.org.uk

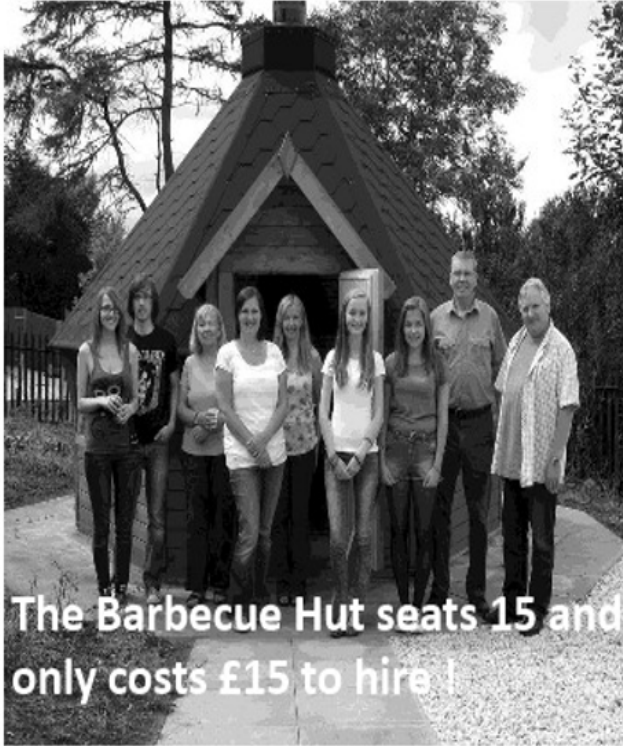
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Don't forget to try to find the church mouse hiding somewhere in this magazine!



LAMANCHA **hub** COMMUNITY

Lamanca Hub is a family-friendly community centre which has two multi-purpose halls (recently re-decorated), a community garden, a children's play area and a Scandinavian Barbecue Hut. Recent events at the Hub include a Christening Party and birthday parties where the BBQ hut was included in the package. We also have first-aid courses organised by a fully qualified paramedic.



The Barbecue Hut seats 15 and only costs £15 to hire!

The BBQ hut is all ready with charcoal for anyone fancying something a wee bit different. Only £15 for a day or an evening.

What's on at the hub

Tuesday: Mindful Yoga

7.30pm

Classes full!!

Thursday: Hatha Yoga 9.30am

Classes full!!

Thursdays Pilates! Beginners and intermediates. First class starts 6.15pm - Second class 7.15pm

Classes full!!

Drumming lessons: call Ian 07847 486074

NEW! Poly tunnel for use by the community! Located behind the BBQ hut!

Tel: 01968 660008

Email: info@lamanchahub.org.uk

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Key dates for your diary

Date	Details
2nd May	Kirkurd SWI Outing
2nd May	Pentlands WI
3rd May	Interim Ministry—7pm Carlops Church
12th May	Christian Aid Coffee morning at Graham Institute
13th May	Christian Aid Service at St Andrews West Linton
16th May	LNKCC 7.30pm Newlands Centre
20th May	Communion Newlands & Kirkurd 10am Service
20th May	Newlands and Kirkurd Session 9.15am
24th May	Newlands WI Evening Meal
26th May	Night out at the Netherurd—Family event
30th May	The Guild evening out
31st May	Netherurd Memorial Hall AGM
6th June	Summer Rally and Evening meal St Boswells Church 3pm
9th June	The Guild Bric-a-Brac at The Whipman

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