

Newlands and Kirkurd



Parish Magazine

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Services April			
	West Linton 11.15 am	Carlops 10.00 am	Newlands 10.00 am
7th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Kevin Scott
14th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Kevin Scott	Rev Stewart McPherson
21st	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Chris Levison
28th	Rev Rachel Dobie	Patsy Campbell	David Henderson-Howat
5th May	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Kevin Scott

Elder's Rota: April Ilka Roehe and David Habeshaw

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There seems so much uncertainty around just now, though we might wonder 'was it ever so'. I have no idea where we will be regards Europe even by the time this Newsletter is published, and if there is some clarity we may well all be in a state of shock. Many of us are getting to the point that we simply want a decision even if we don't agree with it so that we know what we are doing ... will we need a Green Card to drive in Italy or not, do we need to stock up on Puy Lentils, and should I sell my French chateau now or wait? It is similar when we go to the doctor's with a pain and various test results remain inconclusive, we are still left with the pain but do not know why. Clarity is our desire but is it always possible?

As we approach Easter, we journey through a period of deep uncertainty from the mountain top of Transfiguration through the wilderness of temptation along the road into the city of religious and political upheaval. Along the way people reach out to Jesus for answers but clarity seems elusive and we are not sure if Jesus withholds it on purpose or if he himself was uncertain where the road would end. Perhaps he was sure what the outcome would be of his words and actions and wanted to shield people from the pain until it was all over. For only once it was over would the people receive that clarity. Only through suffering and death comes the rising to new life and without that how could they bear the suffering on its own?

We are post Easter people holding to a belief that in suffering there is hope and through struggle there is purpose and out of the darkness comes light. So, the Christian faith does not avoid struggle, suffering, conflict, pain, darkness or death ... but it does hold on to hope and is sure there will be new life. There will be clarity though we may not yet see it. As the letter to the Hebrews says (11.1), *"To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see"*.



As we continue this journey of Interim Ministry together there have been many signs of hope and reassurance amidst the questions, conversations, difficulties and glimpses of answers even if we do not yet have full clarity. However, we are Easter people living through a Lenten journey in the knowledge that clarity breaks through when that stone is rolled away. As we sit and wait for clarity, perhaps you may be able to help give that stone a push.



Easter Dates:

14 April: Palm Sunday Procession – Meet at the Health Centre in West Linton at 11.00am to follow Moses, the donkey as he walks to St Andrews Church.

18 April: Linkage Communion Service at Newlands Church at 7.30pm

19 April: Good Friday - Tenebrae Service at Carlops at 8pm.

21 April: Easter Sunday: Easter Breakfast, Carlops, 9am

Family Easter Service at Newlands at 10am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Joint Songs of Praise, St Andrews, West Linton, 7pm.

Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Housing Need Survey

Rural Housing Scotland needs your help to find out whether any new affordable housing is required to meet the needs of local people in the Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council area.

The charity, which supports affordable rural housing development, is undertaking a survey of housing need in Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council area on behalf of Scottish Borders Housing Association.

The purpose of the survey is to find out if further affordable housing is required in the community and ensure any development is the right size, kind and tenure to fit with what is needed by local people.

To take part in the survey you can pick up and complete a paper copy and return in the FREEPOST envelope (Copies are available at Lamancha Hub, Whitmuir Farm and Newlands Centre) click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XKTRG9K> or scan the QR code below with your mobile phone.

For further information please phone 01620248220



Public Access Defibrillators – Will you help save local lives?

You will all be aware of the rising recognition of the benefit of having defibrillators (AEDs) available for public use where a cardiac arrest has taken place. Time is of the essence in saving a life after cardiac arrest and the longer it takes to get hold of a defibrillator the lower the chances of survival.

Currently, in the Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd area, there is an AED unit located at Lamancha Hub as well as the one at the Newlands Centre in Romanno Bridge.

NCDT is your local development trust and charity aimed at improving local community services for the benefit of our immediate community and as such would really like to be able to provide an AED in each of the two other main villages in the LNK area, namely Blyth Bridge and Kirkurd/Netherurd, in order that as many people as possible have a chance to survive in the event of a cardiac arrest at home or when working locally.

We would like to ask you, as our local community, to consider making a donation towards such a worthy cause. We have already secured one additional defibrillator through match funding via The British Heart Foundation and the generosity of some of our local businesses, but now need funds to purchase the cabinet housing and installation costs for that as well as the full cost of a second unit. Each AED and external housing costs in the region of £1,600.

If you can make a donation, no matter how small, please contact John Currie, chair of NCDT via email (chair@newlandscdt.org.uk) or by phone on 07810 486337 or Sue Unwin, Company Secretary, via email (secretary@newlands-cdt.org.uk) or by phone on 07730 556086.

We look forward to receiving your support for this worthwhile cause which could one day benefit you or your family.

Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council

The next Community Council meeting is also the Annual General Meeting and will take place at the Newlands Centre on Wednesday 17 April at 7.30pm. Any member of the community is welcome to attend this meeting (or any other community council meeting during the year). We would encourage anyone to come along and see what the community council does and maybe you might even like to join us! We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except July, August & December in one of our local halls. Watch the Parish Magazine for details of the location each month or contact lnkccchair@gmail.com for details.

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Kirkurd SWI

At the March meeting Jean Fraser from West Linton kept everyone busy creating Easter decorations. Easter chicks and decorated eggs, all made a great display at the end of the evening.

Mo Lamb proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

Competitions: Bowl of Bulbs 1st. Elma Noble 2nd. Janet Noble
Home made Easter card 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Elma Noble.

The institute level of the Gardening Scotland Competition for a decorated flower pot was won by

Mo Lamb

The institute level of the Anne Wallace competition for Aberdeenshire Butteries was won by Margaret Adamson.

Both shall now represent Kirkurd at the federation level of these competitions.

Wednesday 3rd. April Kirkurd SWI AGM

Please bring suggestions for speakers / demonstrations and competitions to this meeting.

Wednesday 1st. May Outing

NEWLANDS SWI

Members met on Thursday 7th March when bowls of bulbs and winter's work were on display. The Bulb Show cup was presented to Lottie Hunter. The duties for the Federation Bulb Show were finalised then we all helped to set up our entry for the Community Effort. Congratulations to the prize winners at the Federation Bulb Show.

The next meeting is the AGM to be held in The Cafe at Lamancha Hub on Wednesday 10th April. Members please bring completed voting papers. The competitions for the evening are 3 suggestions for the syllabus and 3 suggestions for competitions. We will have a talk on skin care by Michelle Lewis and anyone interested in this subject will be very welcome to come along.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Register your daughter's interest

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Did you know we have a monthly Rainbow Unit for those of you who cannot make it to weekly meetings?

Contact Alison at Rainbows3rdWL@Outlook.com

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

Due to school holidays there will be no meetings on:
Thursday 4th. April and Thursday 11th. April

We start again on Thursday 18th. April

Netherurd Hall 10:00 - 11:30

Adults £2 Children 50p

Happy Easter Everyone.

Peggy 01968 682231

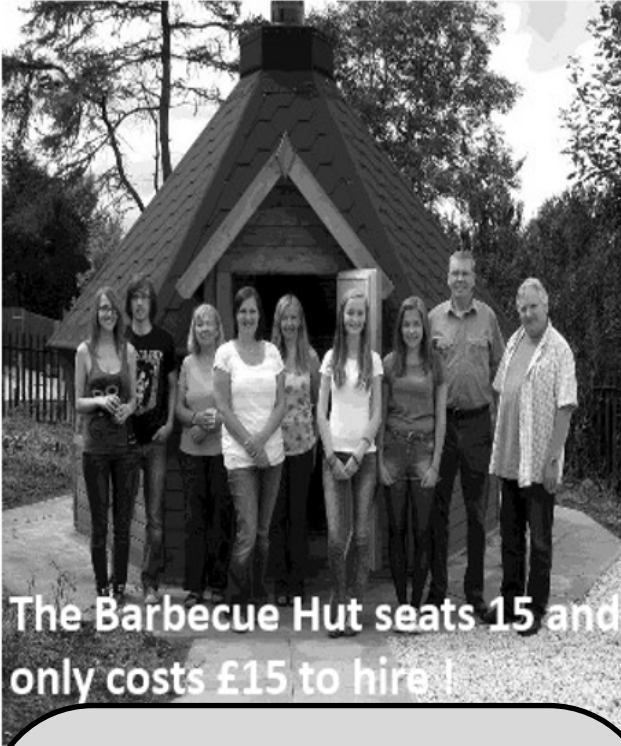
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Don't forget to try to find the church mouse hiding somewhere in this magazine!

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!

By popular request we are holding a **knit and/or natter** group every Wednesday morning from now until Spring. The cafe is the place to meet at 11am till 1pm. No charge but there will be home made soup, hot drinks and bacon butties at a nominal charge if required. All welcome including beginners.

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!

info@lamancahub.org.uk

Run by the Lamancha & District Community Association, a charity reg in Scotland, no SC035299 & a company limited by guarantee reg in Scotland no SC263766. Reg office is: Old School House, Old Moffat Road, Lamancha, Peeblesshire EH46 7BD

GAMES/PUB NIGHT **at THE HUB**

1st and 3rd Friday of the Month.

Adults £2 KIDS GO FREE!!!

Pool, darts, table tennis, board
games and more!

DOORS OPEN **BYOB**

6.30PM

FUN FOR ALL - EVERYONE WELCOME

Netherurd Memorial Hall

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 28th. May 2019

7:30p.m.

This meeting is open to everyone. Please come along and support your local hall.

Meeting will take the usual format with some outside and inside maintenance work before the start of the AGM.

Further details in May.

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