

Newlands and Kirkurd



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Services July

	West Linton 11.15 am	Carlops 10.00 am	Newlands 10.00 am
7th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Patsy Campbell	Rev Stewart McPherson
14th	Murray Campbell	Mary McElroy	Murray Campbell
21st	Kevin Scott	David Henderson-Howat	Kevin Scott
28th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Patsy Campbell

Elder Duty

July: David Habeshaw

August: Fay Young and Stuart Rose

Cleaning Rota

July: Jim and Linda Brown

August: Sandra Howieson

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Next copy deadline is 21st August for the September copy. The Editor would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer!



Rabbi Harold Kushner, in his book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, tells the story of a little boy whose mum sends him on an errand, and it takes him a long time to get back. When he finally returns, his worried mother says to him, 'Where were you? I was fearful for you.' And the boy says, 'There's a kid down the street whose bike broke and he was crying 'cause he couldn't fix it. And I felt sorry for him so I stopped to help him.' His mother says, 'Are you trying to tell me you know how to fix a bicycle?' The wee boy replies, 'No, of course not. But I sat down beside him on the pavement, and I helped him cry.'

Kushner goes on, *"When you cannot fix what is broken, you can help very profoundly by sitting down and helping someone cry. A person who is suffering does not want explanation: the person wants consolation. Not reasons, but reassurance."*

Although Kushner is speaking in the context of suffering, his notion impacts on a broader canvas of human emotion and circumstance.

It seems very natural and instinctive to want to fix things, and the quicker the fix then all the better. It seems wise and desirable to repair that which is broken and get it working again. However, sometimes healing takes a longer time, and begins when we sit down with others and listen to each other. When we do that, then we hear how the other feels, understand difference, recognise shared pain, affirm similar joys, and discover what actually requires to be healed. We know it is not enough in the long term to patch over a puncture as that is only temporary, nor may it be to make a repair which restores what once was, because the way things were may have caused or exacerbated the damage. It is more about being able to bring a reconciliation which creates something new. A new way of listening, of being present to one another, of living with a new respect for the person with whom we sit.

The way of reconciliation is not just about fixing things, but about a way of living together through which we discover there is a better way of being community as sisters and brothers in Christ through whom we are reconciled to God and to one another. It is not enough to believe that someone will fix things or bring reconciliation for it cannot be imparted or imposed. Reconciliation must be desired and lived out in order to be experienced as a reflection of the deep reconciling love of God. God reconciled the world to himself by coming down beside us in Jesus and sharing our pain, so we become reconcilers by sitting down on the pavement with someone in their hurt, and listening.

Stewart McPherson



A picnic and open air Celtic Service in praise of God – in all creation and in all our lives

On Sunday 4th August at 3pm we will be holding an outdoor all age service followed by a picnic in the grounds of the old Newlands Church ruins. Meet in the church car park and bring tea, juice and some cake and biscuits to share, as well as picnic chairs or a rug. Let's hope for good weather, but if it's raining we will meet in the church. For more information contact Jean Howat 01968 660677 or howatjean@gmail.com

St Andrews Church Fair

The St Andrews Church Fair will be held in the afternoon on Sunday 17th August if the weather is kind and if not in the Church Halls and the Graham Institute. There will be the usual stalls, the duck race and teas. For more information and if you would like to get involved and possibly have a sales table contact Mary Turnbull. 01968 661737

Harvest Thanksgiving

We will be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 6th October and the Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 5th October at 6pm in the church.

Food Bank

The Emergency Food Supply Committee of the Linkage continue to give food to those referred within our Parish. We are also collecting food for the foodbanks in Penicuik and Peebles and there is a box in church where donations can be made. For more information contact Jean Howat. howatjean@gmail.com

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

Has now finished for the summer.

The first meeting of the new session will be on **Thursday 22nd August** at **NETHERURD HALL—10 to 11.30** when we hope to see you all again and hope to welcome some new members. I'm afraid if we don't get some new members we are in danger of closing.

We wish all the youngsters starting school good luck and best wishes for happy school days.

We wish everyone a safe, happy and sunny holiday.

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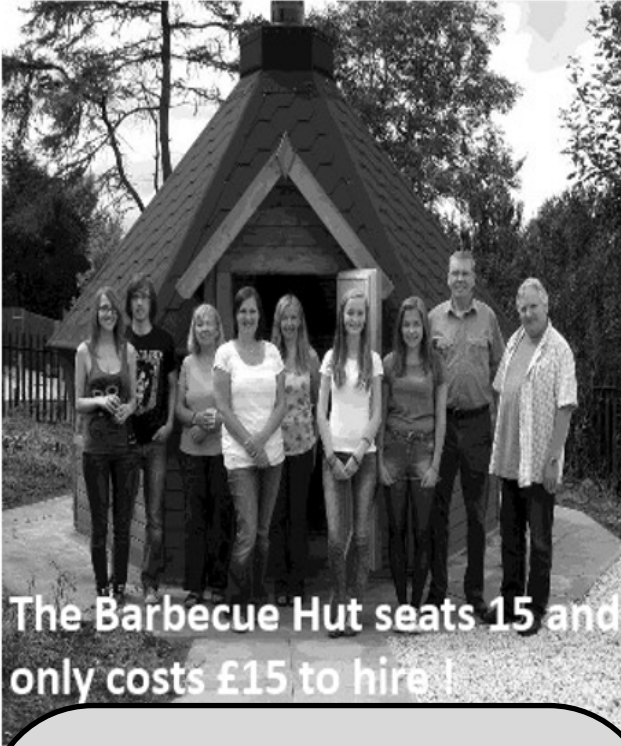
The Open Gate ... Good news! The Open Gate Project started on Friday 7th June, aided by funding from the Church of Scotland's Go For It Fund. This will be available every Friday afternoon from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge, offering confidential SolutionFocussed Brief Therapy to anyone who asks for help. Phone or text 07535 898 244 to ask for an appointment or leave a message. You can phone on any day of the week, and will get a reply as soon as possible.

This resource is available to all in the community, old or young, and is free of charge.

Margaret Habeshaw

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. 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

Games night.

6.30pm. 1st and 3rd

Friday of the Month.

Adults £2 KIDS GO

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

Sunday 28th. July Closing date for entries for Industrial Section at Peeblesshire Agricultural Show Schedules available from Lorna Evans email: broony21msn.com or on Peeblesshire Agricultural Society website

Friday 16th. August All entries for the industrial section for the agricultural show to be displayed between 12:00 and 1:30pm.

Saturday 17th. August Peeblesshire Agricultural Show Nether Horsburgh, Cardrona
Kirkurd is stewarding 1:45 - 3:00p.m
Anyone able to help contact Mo Lamb 07828 662 775
email: mlamb.blyth@gmail.com

Wednesday 2nd October First meeting of the new session when Duncan Arthur will be talking about the Clyde Valley Orchards
Competitions: Small fruit crumble(any fruit)
outdoor flower of the month

Netherurd Memorial Hall

Thank you to everyone who came along to help tidy up around the hall prior to the AGM held in May.

The existing committee have agreed to carry on for another year, but would like some more support and help to carry the hall forward, otherwise the future of the hall may be uncertain.

Diary Date Pudding Night Friday 1st November Tickets available after 1st. September
from committee or telephone Margaret Adamson 01721 752242

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