

# Newlands and Kirkurd



## *Parish Magazine*

May 2019

<b>Services May</b>			
	West Linton 11.15 am	Carlops 10.00 am	Newlands 10.00 am
5th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Kevin Scott
12th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Rachel Dobie	Rev Stewart McPherson
19th	David Henderson-Howat	David Henderson-Howat	Rev Stewart McPherson
26th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Mary McElroy
2nd June	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Chris Levison	Kevin Scott

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We took the opportunity during Lent to hold some conversations around topics and issues identified as worth exploring within and between our congregations in the linkage. I was personally encouraged by the attendance, contribution and willingness to engage with this journey. Around thirty attended two of the evenings, over twenty on three of them. We looked at Worship, Mission, Communication, Relationships, and Pastoral Care. People shared stories, insights and ideas with others of various perspectives and with some input from myself we were able to focus in on some priorities. People offered their names to be part of small teams to take things forward and that was also very encouraging.

All of this concluded on the Thursday of Holy Week when we over forty gathered for communion in Newlands Church where together we shared bread and wine, the story of Jesus' reconciling love, and we also shared more fellowship over conversations and tea.

This journey together echoed something of the journey a few friends of Jesus had on that Emmaus Road after Easter (Luke 24). They were saddened by what they had experienced, heard stories they could not quite believe, shared their own experiences as they tried to come to terms with the past and all they had heard, as they wandered on not quite sure what lay ahead for them as they headed home hoping for some kind of normality to return to their living.



It was in the sharing of their stories a stranger drew close. In trying to understand the circumstances that words of comfort and hope were offered to them. It was in their openness to inviting the stranger in that their hospitality offered a space to learn. As they ate and broke bread together that it dawned on them and they finally realised Jesus remained with them in a new and different way. They were then able to say, “It was like a fire burning inside!” Something moved and stirred within them in the sharing and journeying together. Then it is as though Jesus left them to get on with living the story. In continuing to trust that Jesus was present in the conversations, in the walking together, in the eating together and being hospitable to welcome a stranger into their company then Jesus comes alive for them.

It was not an easy journey for them, and it is not always easy for us as we walk a new road together. But Easter reminds us that it is in the midst of the emptiness, confusion, uncertainty, and when everything seemed over that a new direction emerges with its accompanying hope, life, and enlivening offering the creation of a new community of faith.

We are Easter people who walk in faith, travel together in hope, and live in love.



## THE OPEN GATE PROJECT

A new community resource will be starting up shortly. Look out for future posters around the area, giving the starting date, and contact details.

The Open Gate is being funded by the Go For It Fund of the Church of Scotland, and will be a counselling service available for all ages, and free of charge, offering Solution-based Brief Therapy. This is a pleasant and quick way of helping various problems such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, unhappy family relationships, school behavioural difficulties etc. Unlike traditional forms of therapy, this approach focuses from the outset on helping to discover the client's own strengths and solutions, and most problems have usually resolved within 1-4 sessions.

You will find The Open Gate in **Newlands Centre on Friday afternoons between 2 and 5pm**, and appointments can be made by phoning or texting the dedicated phone line. This number will be advertised soon.



## COMMUNION

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday 19 May at our 10am service. All are warmly welcomed to attend.

## NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

We now have a new church website where you can find more information about services and the church in general. You can find this at <http://www.newlands-kirkurd.org.uk/>

**Netherurd Memorial Hall**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Defibrillator appeal – NCDT



The Board of NCDT would like to thank those individuals who have made a contribution to our fundraising for this worthwhile project following the article in last month's Parish Magazine. If anyone would still like to make a donation, no matter how small, we would love to hear from you. Please contact John Currie ([chair@newlandscdt.org.uk](mailto:chair@newlandscdt.org.uk)) or Sue Unwin ([Secretary@newlandscdt.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@newlandscdt.org.uk)) in the first instance."

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## **KIRKURD SWI**

At the AGM in April, Peggy Wills welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Several items of business were dealt with including comments about the bulb show which were all favourable. Some more members wish to order the SWI Magazine. Names were taken for our evening out to West Linton Golf Course 1<sup>st</sup>. May.

Peggy Wills presented her president's report for the year. We have had good support and a wide and varied syllabus. She thanked everyone for their continued support and help at meetings and various events throughout the year and wished the new office bearers every success in the coming year.

Janet Noble presented the accounts for the year, which showed a healthy balance in the bank.

Office Bearers for 2019 - 2020

President: Mo Lamb, Secretary: Margaret Adamson, Treasurer: Sue Unwin

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**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. May 2019  
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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 from approx. 6:15pm before the start of the AGM at 7:30pm Come along and lend a hand.



## **Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.**

Register your daughter's interest

[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://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](mailto:Rainbows3rdWL@Outlook.com)

### **MOTHERS & TODDLERS**

**We meet every Thursday morning in**

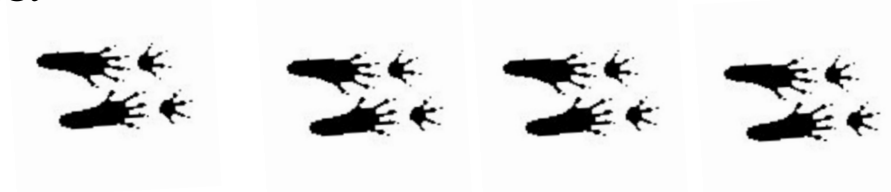
Netherurd Hall 10:00 - 11:30

Adults £2      Children 50p

We look forward to seeing everyone and a warm welcome to any new members.

Peggy 01968 682231

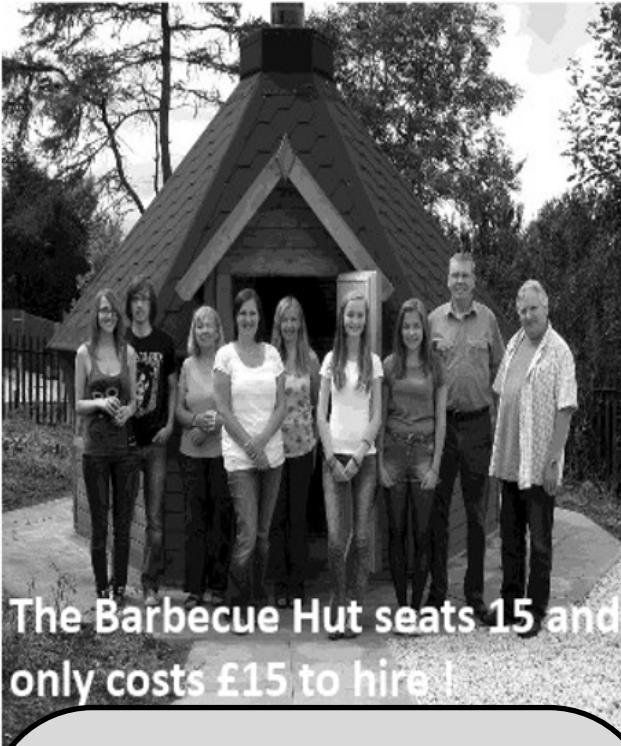
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Don't forget to try to find the church mouse hiding somewhere in this magazine!

# 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**

## **Lamanca Hub additional notice:**

- \* The Knit and/ or Natter group is having a break and will resume on the 22nd May at 11am till 1pm. This is a welcome break in the middle of the week so why not pop in.No charge but cafe will be open for home made fare.
- \* Our 32 seater cafe and kitchen would be the ideal place for a charity fund raising coffee morning or afternoon tea, set in a lovely garden with views of the Pentland hills. Competitive rates.
- \* Swedish style BBQ hut for hire is proving popular so why not bring your friends and family along. Hub would be open for toilets and kitchen use if needed. Charge is £15. We can provide charcoal if needed. Charge for this is £5.
- \* The large room is available to hire for Parties, Meetings. First Aid Courses, Talks etc. Charge is £8 per hour. Seats 50.

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