

Newlands & Kirkurd

Parish Magazine



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Their Light Shines on

Our loved ones leave behind a light

That will never dim or fade.

It's kept bright by the love we feel

And the memories we made ...

It can warm us like a candle's glow

And help bring comfort, too.

And no matter where you go, you'll find

It's always close to you ...

And in the darker times, remember -

In our hearts their light is strong,

So every time we think of them

Their memory shines on.

With our sympathy to our minister Stewart and his family:

May it comfort you to know that we were so very sorry to hear of your loss. You're in our thoughts, now and in the days to come.

Mary Howie



It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mary Howie on Wednesday 1st June. She died peacefully in hospital after a short illness (non Covid).

She lived a full and active life and was a great character with a wonderful combination of intelligence, shrewd common sense, practical experience and un-failing good humour.

She was a good friend to many and her death is a great loss to the congregation and to the community.

Jean Howat

Interim Ministry Update

I am delighted to announce that Stewart McPherson's term as Interim Minister has been extended until September. He has been a source of inspiration and reassurance during this difficult time of lockdown and we are very happy that we will have his continued support for the next few months.

Jean Howat

Zoom Service at Newlands Church

We are continuing to hold our weekly Sunday services at 10am online via Zoom with a hymn, reading, reflection and prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us, so please contact Jean Howat in order to receive the link each week and for more information. howatjean@gmail.com

THE OPEN GATE

We will now make ourselves available throughout the week for counselling support by telephone, using our existing Open Gate contact **07535 898 244**.

These are stressful times, so please use this resource if you feel that you are needing a bit of help in coping.

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Cottager's Garden Produce

Show and Sale 2020



We are very sorry to inform you that the above show had to be cancelled.

The Committee

A Grain As Big As A Hen's Egg

One day some children found, in a ravine, a thing shaped like a grain of corn, with a groove down the middle, but as large as a hen's egg. A traveller passing by saw the thing, bought it from the children for a penny, and taking it to town sold it to the King as a curiosity.

The King called together his wise men, and told them to find out what the thing was. The wise men pondered and pondered and could not make head or tail of it, till one day, when the thing was lying on a window-sill, a hen flew in and pecked at it till she made a hole in it, and then everyone saw that it was a grain of corn. The wise men went to the King and said: "It is a grain of corn".

At this the King was much surprised; and he ordered the learned men to find out when and where such corn had grown. The learned men pondered again, and searched in their books, but could find nothing about it. So they returned to the King and said: "We can give you no answer. There is nothing about it in our books. You will have to ask the peasants; perhaps some of them may have heard from their fathers when and where grain grew to such a size."

So the King gave orders that some very old peasant should be brought before him; and his servants found such a man and brought him to the King. Old and bent, ashy pale and toothless, he just managed with the help of two crutches to totter into the King's presence.

The King showed him the grain, but the old man could hardly see it; he took it, however, and felt it with his hands. The King questioned him, saying: "Can you tell us, old man, where such grain as this grew? Have you ever bought such corn, or sown such in your fields?"

The old man was so deaf that he could hardly hear what the King said, and only understood with great difficulty. “No,” he answered at last, “I never sowed nor reaped any like it in my fields, nor did I ever buy any such. When we bought corn, the grains were always as small as they are now. But you might ask my father. He may have heard where such grain grew.”

So the King sent for the old man’s father and he was found and brought before the King. He came walking with one crutch. The King showed him the grain and the old peasant who was still able to see, took a good look at it. And the King asked him: “Can you tell us, old man, where corn like this used to grow? Have you ever bought any like it, or sown any in your fields?”

Though the old man was rather hard of hearing, he still heard better than his son had done. “No,” he said, “I never sowed nor reaped any grain like this in my field. As to buying, I never bought any, for in my time money was not yet in use. Everyone grew his own corn, and when there was any need we shared with one another. I do not know where corn like this grew. Ours was larger and yielded more flour than present-day grain, but I never saw any like this. I have, however, heard my father say that in his time the grain grew larger and yielded more flour than ours. You had better ask him.”

So the King sent for this old man’s father, and they found him too, and brought him before the King. He entered walking easily and without crutches: his eye was clear, his hearing good, and he spoke distinctly. The King showed him the grain, and the old grandfather looked at it and turned it about in his hand. “It is long since I saw such a fine grain,” said he, and he bit a piece off and tasted it. “It’s the very same kind,” he added.

“Tell me, grandfather,” said the King, “when and where was such corn grown? Have you every bought any like it, or sown any in

your fields?”

And the old man replied: “Corn like this used to grow everywhere in my time. I lived on corn like this in my young days and fed others on it. It was grain like this that we used to sow and reap and thrash.”

And the King asked: “Tell me, grandfather, did you buy it anywhere or did you grow it all yourself?”

The old man smiled. “In my time,” he answered, “no one ever thought of such a sin as buying or selling bread; and we knew nothing of money. Each man had corn enough of his own.”

“Then tell me, grandfather,” asked the King, “where was your field, where did you grow corn like this?”

And the grandfather answered: “My field was God’s earth. Wherever I ploughed, there was my field. Land was free. It was a thing no man called his own. Labour was the only thing men called their own.”

“Answer me two more questions,” said the King. “The first is, Why did the earth bear such grain then and has ceased to do so now? And the second is, Why your grandson walks with two crutches, your son with one, and you yourself with none? Your eyes are bright, your teeth sound, and your speech clear and pleasant to the ear. How have these things come about?”

And the old man answered: “These things are so, because men have ceased to live by their own labour, and have taken to depending on the labours of others. In the old time, men lived according to God’s law. They had what was their own, and coveted not what others had produced.”

Short story by Russian author Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)

Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd

Community Council



All Community Council meetings have been **cancelled until further notice** due to the ongoing situation regarding the Covid-19 virus. Should you need to contact the Community Council, please email LNKCCChair@gmail.com

One issue to highlight is the Scottish Government's guidance for private landlords and letting agents in response to COVID-19 which was published on 20 March 2020 - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for private landlords and letting agents - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/healthandcare/coronavirus/covid-19/landlords)

It is worth highlighting the following sections:

Q. Can I still allow tenants to move into properties?

A. The Scottish Government recognises that it is particularly important to avoid people becoming homeless at this time. Tenants should be allowed to move into properties where a tenancy has already been agreed or where absolutely necessary (for example, where a prospective tenant may be at risk of becoming homeless or placed at risk by not being able to access alternative accommodation or to accommodate key workers).

Face-to-face contact should be limited where possible. In cases where face-to-face contact is necessary, distancing measures should be carried out by all parties – ensuring a distance of two meters is kept between anybody who is not from the same household, and limit the number of people present in line with public gathering rules. You should also follow Scottish Government advice on hygiene and cleanliness before, during and after visits.

Q. Can I evict a tenant and if so under what circumstances?

A. We have been clear that no landlord should evict a tenant because they have suffered financial hardship due to Covid-19 and we expect landlords to be flexible with tenants facing financial hardship and signpost them to the sources of financial support available.

In recognition of the severity of the situation we now find the country in, the Scottish Government has passed emergency legislation to protect renters in Scotland during the Covid-19 outbreak. The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 protects tenants in Scotland from any eviction action for up to 6 months. This will apply to both the private and social rented housing sectors and will ensure the position is absolutely clear for all landlords and tenants in Scotland.

This new legislation temporarily extends the amount of notice landlords must give when ending a tenancy. **In most cases landlords will now need to give tenants 6 months' notice**, unless they are ending the tenancy for particular reasons, including antisocial and criminal behaviour by the tenant, or where the landlord or their family need to move into the property where the notice period is 3 months.

The legislation also temporarily makes all grounds for eviction in the private rented sector discretionary, ensuring that the Tribunal will be able to use discretion and take all factors relating to the impact of Covid-19 has had on both the landlord and tenant into account before deciding whether to issue an eviction order or not.

The new law applies in cases where a landlord serves notice on their tenant on or after 07 April 2020. Where a landlord has served notice on their tenant before 07 April 2020, the changes in the new law do not apply.

For further information contact Scottish Borders Council Private Sector Liaison and Enforcement Officer by email, aileen.roberston@scotborders.gov.uk or call 01896 661 392, or their nearest Citizens Advice Scotland office - <https://www.cas.org.uk>

COVID-19 - the Newlands Centre at Romanno Bridge is working to bring volunteers together with the most vulnerable in our Community who will require additional support during any periods of enforced isolation and during this very worrying time for all.

Join the Surf Club - If you are in the position of wanting to engage with friends and family online and are not sure how to do it, check out the Centre's Surf Club which has now gone to an online format.

Smiling is Infectious

By Spike Milligan

1 Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

2 I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.

3 I thought about that smile,
Then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
Could travel round the earth.

4 So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected!



Lamancha, Newlands & Kirkurd , West Linton & Carlops support groups are delivering food, shopping & support services - if we can assist you please get in touch.

- Evening meal - *delivered daily*
- Lunch - *delivered daily*
- Frozen Meals - *delivered weekly*
- Fruit & Veg Boxes - *delivered weekly*
- Dried Food Boxes - *delivered weekly*

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At the time of writing, lock down is still very much with us and looks to continue in some form or other for a while yet.

As you will be aware the summer Agricultural Shows and many Horticultural Shows have been cancelled. These events are always a highlight of the summer. It will be a strange summer without the shows and gatherings of old friends. Hope you are all finding time to enjoy the good weather, keeping busy, safe and well.

Stuffed Beef Tomatoes

5 oz couscous	4 beef tomatoes or large tomatoes	
1 clove garlic crushed	1 teaspn smoked paprika	4 spring onions chopped
juice of 1 lemon	1 bunch coriander chopped	1 bunch mint chopped
2 tablspsn olive oil	2 oz sultanas	2 oz toasted pine nuts

Method: 180 – 200C

Place couscous in heatproof bowl and cover with 6 fl oz boiling water. Cover and allow to stand for 5 mins.

Cut the tomatoes across about a third of the way down. Scoop out the flesh, taking care not to burst the outside, and roughly chop into a bowl. Scoop flesh from lids and add to bowl.

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

Meetings postponed until further notice.

Hope everyone is keeping safe.

Netherurd Memorial Hall

Annual General Meeting
&
annual outdoor maintenance
postponed until further notice.

Keep safe.

Garden Ramblings

ROSES

I'm sure there must be a rose for every garden and a garden should have at least one. I came here to live over 40 years ago and brought a rose with me called "Masquerade". This is a floribunda with petals that fade from yellow to various shades of pink. This rose is still thriving with only one feed a year in March. I now have around a dozen roses growing amongst all my other plants but as they like a cool root run and heads in the sun this style seems to suit them. I find it hard to tell which are favourites but I do try to go for repeat flowering if possible.



One such rose is "Bonica" which has an Award of Garden merit, flowers all summer long in a lovely pink colour.

"Celsiana is a beauty and has the claim to fame that every garden should have a "Celsiana "

Rosa Moyesii is a tall elegant lady with single magenta flowers which bees love and doesn't stop there as later on the most amazing rose hips appear. They resemble delicate wine glass shapes.

The next rose that deserves a place is the climber/ rambler "New Dawn " not least because it is not fazed by the rain and can take it in bucketfuls.

Little "Rosa Mundi " is a stunner too flowering in July with petals striped in pink and white. North facing but sheltered by a hedgehog holly. Not a problem.

In a sunny spot by the back door is a French shrub rose whose origins go back to the Empress Josephine's garden in Malmaison. This rose is pink and has the most gorgeous perfume.

My favourite rose I've saved for last is the tough as old boots "Rosa Rugosa" This rose is suitable for hedging but mine stands alone at the field fence. Just now it is bursting into bloom and is already covered in bees. I like to sit in its shade and listen to them. (Also has huge rose hips later on which feed the birds throughout the winter.)

Cilla Davidson

LAMANCHA COMMUNITY **hub**

YOGA

Tuesday evenings with Eileen

Thursday mornings with Linda

NEW!!! PILATES

Friday mornings with Kirsten

FRENCH

Wednesday mornings with Yvonne

Knit and/or natter for ladies and gents

Wednesday mornings from 11 am till 1 pm.

Community café open for soup, cakes, coffee, etc.

ALSO AVAILABLE: FIRST AID COURSES

***** COMING SOON *****

First Aid course for dogs given by vet Aileen.

APOLOGIES

***ALL CLASSES
CANCELLED DUE
TO THE CORONA
VIRUS!***

The BBQ hut is for all weathers and as we have lanterns why not treat the kids to a BBQ in the dark before summer appears. Cost £15 to hire for as long as it takes.



The hall has central heating and is available for special events such as birthdays. Contact us on info@lamanchahub.org.uk

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