



# By the way...

Summer  
2018

## Gala Day

We were lucky to have the sun shine on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June for our village Gala Day. This was a great opportunity for villagers of all ages to come together and enjoy each other's company. There were a variety of stalls and activities and it was lovely to see all of the dogs who came to take part in the pet show – as well as their owners of course!

The children left the adults feeling breathless as they raced around the village in the fun run or bounced tirelessly in the disco dome, coconuts were knocked off their perch, ducks hooked out of their makeshift pond, tattoos given painlessly, bottles won, goals scored, burgers and hotdogs eaten and refreshments aplenty in the bar.

Huge thanks to the organisers, all who helped with the event, provided gazebos, portaloos or who came along to support. It takes a community to make a successful village gala day!



## Goodbye to Joan

Sadly, in June, the congregation had to say goodbye to Joan Hallworth, our church organist for the last 23 years. At the age of 95, Joan thought the time had come for her to retire.

Joan gave of her time willingly to all aspects of church life; not only playing the organ every Sunday, but also arranging flowers to enhance the sanctuary and baking copiously for coffee mornings and fetes.

The congregation presented Joan with an engraved crystal vase, flowers and a cheque in recognition of her contribution to church life. Everyone will miss her cheery smile on a Sunday morning, but we wish her all the best in her retirement

## Mealmakers

Loneliness is a problem facing many individuals in communities throughout Scotland and undoubtedly there will be villagers affected by this. Figures from the Scottish Government paint a bleak picture - a staggering 800,000 of Scotland's over 65s experience loneliness. There's much being done to tackle the issue and an excellent example is the work being done by the Scottish charity Meal Makers - a local neighbourhood food sharing project.

Using a simple but effective model, the charity works to break down some of the barriers that can lead to loneliness. The organisation has enlisted an army of volunteer home cooks to share an extra portion of home cooked food with an older person in the community. Anyone over the age of 55 can refer themselves to Meal Makers.

This is such a great way to pull communities together in the spirit of friendship and generosity, and the project has been running in Renfrewshire since 2016. There are many elderly residents in the village living alone who would benefit from the service and signing up as a volunteer cook could make a difference to those affected by loneliness.

The charity is looking for more people to get behind, and sign up to this rewarding and much needed project. Anyone interested in joining as a diner or signing up as a volunteer will find full information on the Meal Makers website:

[www.mealmakers.org.uk](http://www.mealmakers.org.uk)

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## Church News

### EXCITING NEWS!!!

In an effort to make our Church in Langbank stronger, we are undertaking two major projects.

The first commenced several months ago. We put in motion a feasibility study, to explore the possibility of developing the existing church building and to create a more flexible use for the Church and the Village.

The Architects, John Russell Partnership, were employed to commence design work, to create an interior with multipurpose use for Church and Village.

The plans, once complete will be on view.

As the first project is developing, we will be managing a second project. This will be a Stewardship Campaign with the purpose of engaging or perhaps re-engaging with Church members and all Langbank Residents.

We should continue to seek ways and means to keep the Church and Church building viable in Langbank.



The Langbank church congregation was delighted to welcome a new addition to the church family, Thomas Walter O'Rourke. Tommy, the son of Rhona Fairlie and Darren O'Rourke, was baptised during the morning service in July. He was presented with a bible, and cards made by his cousins, Carrie and Alfie Lasley. At the same service Carrie was presented with a book for very good attendance at Sunday Club. Well done Carrie!

**All children will be made very welcome at Sunday Club, every Sunday morning at 10am.**

### A letter from the minister

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, I will have nearly completed my year at Langbank as Locum and seven months as Interim Moderator. It has been an amazingly quick year for me. I've enjoyed gradually getting to know some of you better – and still hope to extend my knowledge of Langbank Community in the future. The intention has always been there – it's always just a question of time!

Time is mentioned in the New Testament a hundred and forty times in two quite different ways. In the original Greek, 'chronos' is mentioned fifty-four times, and refers to the time that is measurable by a clock or calendar – the minutes, days and years by which we live our lives. 'Kairos' is mentioned eighty-six times, when the writer is talking about 'God's time'.

It relates to the belief that there are certain times in history when we hold our breaths, while God acts.... and the result is a shift that affects us all.

Perhaps the Church of Scotland has entered a 'Kairos' phase, as it is forced across the country to come to grips with the projected shortage of ministers. If there is a 'time for everything', then we are entering a season of change. Shifts are inevitable in the next few years, if our National Church is to emerge fit for purpose for the rest of the 21<sup>st</sup> century....

.....and our purpose is the one thing that NEVER changes – our church, every church, exists to reflect God's glory and to bring the light of Christ to a world which badly needs it. So, our appropriate response is to 'Keep cool and carry on!' Langbank is blessed in its leadership, and the Kirk Session is committed, creative and careful of the responsibility it bears. Trust them, pray for them, and trust also in God, who already holds us in His greater Plan.

Someone is sitting in the shade today because a man planted a tree a long time ago. In our worship, and in our outreach, we are all in the business of planting seeds that will bear fruit in generations to come. May God go with you all.

Love, Liz



*1 Corinthians 13:13*

# Village News

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A fashion Show by Taylor's Fashions will be held in the Village Hall on **Friday, Sept 21** at 7.30pm. The last fashion show was a great success, so we're hoping for good support for this one. Tickets, priced £5 including tea, coffee and cakes, will be on sale shortly.

The annual Ladies' Night with lots of stalls, raffle, tombola and crafts will be held in the Village Hall on **Friday, November 23**. £3 entry will entitle you to a free raffle ticket for a Christmas Hamper and nibbles.

Tickets for both these events can be obtained through church members, or by emailing [langbankcnl@gmail.com](mailto:langbankcnl@gmail.com).

## SWRI

The syllabus for the new season has been planned and our Open Evening is on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm in Langbank Village Hall. On this night join us for coffee and cakes, and hear all about the forthcoming events. We would love to welcome all villagers, the evenings are open to all, and this year we will have a variety of speakers, cookery and craft demonstrations to entertain us.

Further information from President Marion Dornan and all the necessary details will be on the Village notice boards.

This is Marion Dornan and Jackie Gray with the Renfrewshire SWI Golf Trophy. They will represent Langbank for Renfrewshire in the National Finals at Duff House Royal Golf Club, Banff, in August.



## Discounts for Langbank residents at Gleddoch Hotel, Spa and Golf

Following the completion of our multi-million pound refurbishment we are delighted to launch our Langbank residents discount card, giving you the opportunity to save on accommodation, spa, golf, food and drinks every time you visit us.

Here is a full list of all the benefits that will be available to card holders:

- 10% off food and drink at any of our bars and VISTA restaurant
  - 10% off all day and residential spa packages at the award winning Imperia Spa
  - 10% off spa treatments
  - 10% off Imperia Spa leisure memberships
  - 10% off all accommodation when booking on best available rate
- There will also be more exciting promotions and discounts communicated seasonally.

To apply for your personalised card simply complete the application form (max. 2 per household) that you will have received with this newsletter and return it along with proof of address to the hotel reception by 15<sup>th</sup> September. Alternatively scan and email your completed form/s to [info@gleddoch.com](mailto:info@gleddoch.com). You will receive your card/s in the post at the earliest opportunity.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Gleddoch!

## What's Happening

### DROP IN CAFE

Please come along to the Church Hall every Monday 2pm to 4pm and enjoy a chat, a cup of tea/coffee and delicious home baking.

### SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

Open once again in the Village Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in September 12.15pm. All welcome.

### CAMERA CLUB

Meeting in the Church Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in the month at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Derrick at [langbankcc1@gmail.com](mailto:langbankcc1@gmail.com)

### BRIDGE

Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall. New members will be made very welcome. Come along at 7.30.

### PLAYGROUP

Langbank Village Hall (term time) - Friday morning. Children 2.5yrs to 5yrs. Contact Jen, 07947983025.

### UNDER 3'S

Church Hall, Friday 10am to 11.45am. Great for parents and children. Contact Natalie, 07053616851.

### YOGA FOR ALL

Langbank Village Hall, Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Sara, 0962347950.

### KEEP FIT BY ALYSSA

Metafit: Sunday 5pm  
Circuits: Thursday 7.30pm  
In Village Hall – all levels welcome.

### LANGBANK SINGERS

Ladies, come and join us in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. New session begins on September 27. Contact Mary 540752.

### LANGBANK MINI VOICES

This fun club for our young singers runs in the village hall on Thursdays from 6pm-7pm. This term they will be rehearsing and performing Cinderella & Rockerfella. Contact Ann, 07505640904.

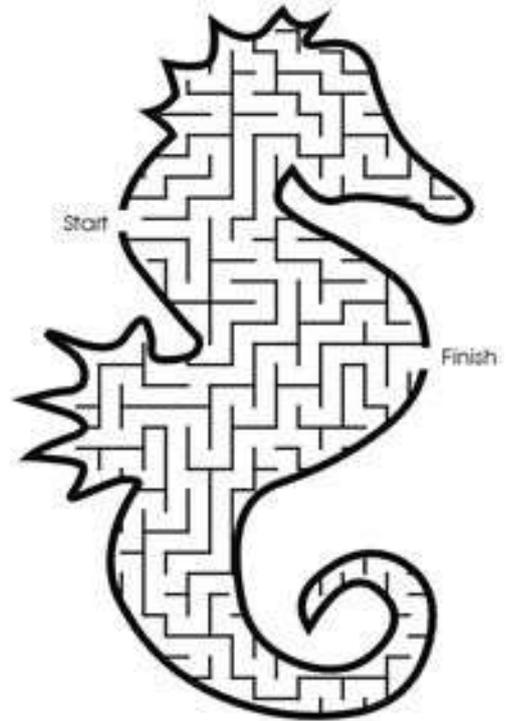
# Faithbook

Hello, boys and girls. Hopefully you all had a great summer and are enjoying being back at school, nursery and playgroup. Here are some activities for you to complete.

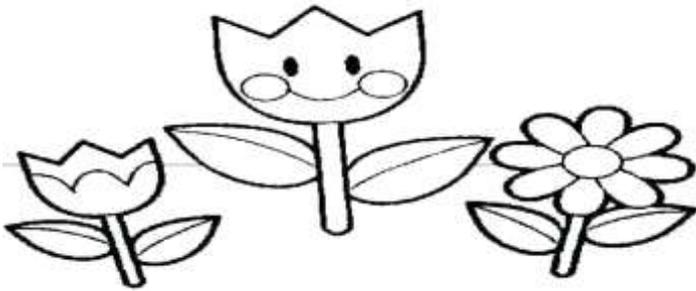
## Summer Word Scramble - unscramble the words below

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Seahorse Maze - find your way through the seahorse from start to finish.



## Colour the pictures



PARK Sudoko - Fill in the 2 grids below with the letters P, A, R and K making sure that each letter is used only once in each row and each column.

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