

# *In the PICTURE*

October 2025

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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

**12TH OCTOBER 2025**

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE END  
OF THE MAIN HARVEST**

**10.30am All Souls @ Letham Church**

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at

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on

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## **PET BLESSING**

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### **COSY CUPPA**



**In Letham Church  
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**Every Friday 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm**

**Come for a free cuppa, homemade cake & chat**

**All ages very welcome**

**Sunday Worship  
In Letham Church**

**10.30 am**





*Photo By Bruce Mair*

Pictured are a group of happy seniors at a 'Cosy Cuppa' afternoon held on Friday afternoons in The Church Hall.

Having run all summer, the sessions finish at the end of October and are followed by Friday morning sessions of 'Warm Spaces', open to all, for soup, a hot drink and good company.

Look out for the advert in the November issue of 'In the PICTURE'

### In the Know 2025

The information sheet was printed and hand delivered in September throughout Letham.

Should it be required, it can be e mailed in PDF format: please request by e mail.

The sheet indicated that consultancy appointments at Letham Pharmacy could be made via a GP Service. This is in addition to any general query which can be made to Letham Pharmacy on 01307 819233.



HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING  
BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TIME. HE HAS  
ALSO SET ETERNITY IN THE HUMAN  
HEART; YET NO ONE CAN FATHOM  
WHAT GOD HAS DONE FROM  
BEGINNING TO END.

ECCL 3:11

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### 'In the PICTURE'

Welcomes items of news and expressions of opinion from organisations and individuals within the community, provided such articles are signed.

Published items do not necessarily reflect the views of either the Publicity Group or the Kirk Session of Forfar All Souls @ Letham.





## Fair Trade Breakfast

Service at Letham Church  
on Sunday 21 September



## IN THE PICTURE" ANNUAL APPEAL

Every year at this time we offer an opportunity for members of the Church and the wider community to contribute to the printing costs of "In the PICTURE". The cost of this is currently £221.23 for every edition of the magazine.

Those who chose to advertise with us provide a welcome assistance with printing costs, and we particularly appreciate the contributions and support of our 16 current sponsors.

We are also indebted to our distributors who generously give of their time to deliver the (almost) 1,000 copies ten times a year, free of charge to every household in Letham and district.

To make your contribution to the printing costs of "In the PICTURE", please use the envelope which you will find inside this issue of the magazine. If you pay tax, you have an opportunity to allow the Church (now Forfar All Souls) to benefit further from your contribution through the Gift Aid scheme.

Envelopes can be returned at Church, or placed in the special box in the Key Store shop.

Thank you in anticipation for your generosity – as always.

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

## From Maggie Hunt

Hello,

How are you? I hope you are well and the autumn winds haven't chilled you too much after the lovely summer we've enjoyed. If you would like a visit please let me know as I am happy to come out as wanted.

This October our big focus in church is 'Joyful Generosity'. I hope you can join us and find out more about the work of our church in Letham and area. We have a special Commitment Sunday service on 26<sup>th</sup> October to find out more. However, the whole MONTH is full of generosity and blessings.

**5<sup>th</sup> October – Blessing the Animals!** Bring your pets [or a photo of them] for a blessing as we hold our annual 'blessing of the animals' service. Service is at 10.30am BUT if your pet won't stay, still feel free to pop along after for a blessing 11.30am – 12noon.

**12<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Thanksgiving.** It has been an early grain harvest this year and the yield is good and so we give thanks and remember farm workers still bringing in tatties and other crops. We are having a Harvest Lunch in the hall afterwards at 12noon to which everyone is invited. If you don't 'do' church, please still join us for lunch to support our farming community.

**18<sup>th</sup> October [Saturday] – a coffee morning** with bric-a-brac and book sale from 10am.

**26<sup>th</sup> October - Commitment Sunday** when we think about how we respond to all we are given.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls Sunday!** A very special Sunday celebrating our church which is for all folks, all souls in the village and remembering those who have gone before us. A time to reflect and remember those whom we have loved who now sit in heaven at God's table. We will share in Holy Communion to sit again at a meal with them. All welcome of all faiths and none.

**9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday.** 10am start at the church in order to gather for worship before heading to Dempster Park for the 11am silence. All are welcome from across the community. Car shares up to Dempster Park can be arranged for those worried about transport



## All Souls Church Guild



There is always something happening in the guild.

In the first half of 2025 we started off with a visit from Anne-Marie Pitt to tell us of the activities of Friends of Toowa in Uganda, sending her home with a huge bundle of baby hats and jumpers that we had knitted. Mary Ballantine gave us a very interesting talk on Faberge Eggs and Chris Longmuir shared an insight into the life of an author. As usual, we had a coffee morning in March and another in August, both very successful. Thank you everyone who supported them. This year instead of a trip we finished our session in June with a High Tea and a good blether in the Royal Hotel.

The summer is always a busy time for the Leadership Team working on the programme for the next session.

But before the new session began a group of us attended the Guild's Annual Gathering in Perth on September 13th. We came back enthused and re-energised after having heard the Moderator, Rt Rev Rosie Frew, share a personal reflection, learnt about the charity TASH4Ukraine Tayside and Strathearn Help for Ukraine, getting feedback from the group of guild ladies who went out to Malawi to visit the guild there, installing our new National Convener, Kay Coull, and of course singing hymns. I counted 7 of them plus we were taught a few new ones.

So we are now ready to launch our 2025/26 programme on the theme "Living Stones".

The programme has been in the magazine but just to remind you that we start with an Opening Social on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Lowson Church Hall at 2 pm.

Then on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct at 2pm we are coming to Letham Church where Rev Maggie is going to talk to us on the theme.

Thereafter we meet in the Lowson Church Hall at 2pm fortnightly.

We are included in the Angus and Tayside Guilds Together group and we are planning to join in their Songs of Praise in Queen Street East Church, Broughty Ferry on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.

The invitation is, as always, for women and men to come and join us or even pop in for a visit if you want to see what we do.

Sheila Crichton (Convenor one of three)

### Next Issue of 'In the PICTURE'

Deadline for November 2025 issue is

**Saturday 18 October 2025**

Material to be sent to Rev Martyn Thomas  
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## TALES OF LETHAM STANES No. 17

*"I've seen many a ruined building,  
but never a ruined stane."* (Hugh MacDiarmid)

### "NEARBY QUARRIES"

Anent my thoughts on dry stane dykes last month, I began to think about where the stones of my childhood were sourced round about Letham village. Given that the need for stones like those used for dry stane dykes had peaked many years ago, we can simply record quarries around Letham which continued to fulfill small requirements. All of these are now closed up but their ancient sites can be recalled.

Quarries were always located where the covering of earth was thin, and the stones were accessible and near to the surface. We can only imagine that the quarries of the past were sources of material for dry stane dyking, and the foundations of buildings and roadways.

The biggest quarry was Crosston Quarry (a big deep hole – water filled at the bottom). Long since filled in, the area is now used as a storage place for piles of stones and other requirements of such a nature, needed by a big farming concern like Drummiertmont Farm. In its closing years, the big deep hole was used as a dumping ground for all sorts of industrial, commercial and household rubbish. Its present condition is not nearly the visual shock to the eye as it used to present.

We also had in the early days of the founding of the village, a quarry down by what was the Haulker Den Dam which used to provide stored water for Plashmill in The Den. There is a small quarry which burrowed into the hillside at Hillend of Lownie, which now accommodates an agricultural building. There used to be a quarry at Carmyllie crossroads on Black of Backboath land. This quarry hole has now been restored to an agricultural field.

But we cannot pass quarries by without mentioning the extensive quarrying which took place in Carmyllie. A railway line ran from Arbroath Harbour to Carmyllie, aince errant, for the purpose of exporting Carmyllie flagstones to worldwide destinations. It is fascinating to note that subsequent to World War II, the city of Cologne was almost flattened due to heavy and persistent Allied bombing. The Dom Kirche, in the centre of the city, amazingly, was only partially damaged. A third of the floor was replaced with Carmyllie flagstones. And if you go to the Dom Kirche, you will find a notice on one of the pillars confirming this fact that these Carmyllie stones were used in the restoration of this Kirk.

Finally, many a pig's cree was constructed with quarry stones and topped off with a very large (must have been awfy heavy) Carmyllie flagstone. Letham pigs must have lived in luxury!

JAMcG



## Letham Primary School



A big thank you to the P7 class pupils Ride the North event, cheering on the and ringing cow bells as encourage-arriving in Letham on Saturday 30th wonderful disposition of the pupils and

Mrs D Williamson Depute Head Teacher.

(Working days Wednesday-Friday) Letham Primary School Angus [01307 494270](tel:01307494270)

from Letham Primary who supported the cyclists, stamping their souvenir booklets ment! There were around 2000 cyclists August and many commented on the the amazing posters that had been created!

### Letham Gardening Club

Our 2025/26 season began with an interesting talk by Nicol Murray on the rejuvenation and upkeep, by volunteers, of the Springfield Rose Garden in Arbroath.

On the 14th October you are invited to accompany Tracey Williamson for a walk round the Glenwhan Gardens at Dunragit in Stranraer.

The gardening club is held in the Bowling Club at 7.30 and we look forward to you joining us. Oh and bring a friend.

Bill Muir

07902339420

Everyone is welcome to come along to the **Letham Fireworks Display** on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Findlay Russel's Farm 'Drummiertmont'.

To be held on the field at the end of Burnside beside Smiddy Place. There will be hot drinks and food, and lights for sale

5.30pm for Bonfire and 7pm for Fireworks display. [Organised by LACE].

Food will be sold by Scout/Cubs, as they will be trying to raise funds for their clubs





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## Letham and District Scottish Women's Institute



The ladies of Letham and District SWI had a very interesting and informative evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> September when local holistic therapists Claire Dunn and Karen Smith told us all about the history and practice of reflexology. Many of us think this is some sort of "New Age" idea but there is evidence that it was practised in Egypt about 5,000 years ago. Reflexology is not a diagnostic tool but it can indicate when things in the body are out of balance. Two lucky ladies got the chance to experience the therapy and reported that it was most relaxing and enjoyable.

Karen and Claire judged the competitions and the results were –

### Two GF chocolate chip cookies

1. Dorothy Goss, 2. Lynne Slater.
3. Frances Webster

### Your favourite bird ornament

1. Dorothy Goss, 2. Frances Webster,
3. Joan Smith

### Garden flower of the month.

1. Colette McNeil, 2. Isobel McClung,
3. Lynne Slater

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15 in Letham Bowling Club. Our guest speaker will be Karen Donaldson who will show us how to make a flower arrangement in a pumpkin. The competitions are a single 3D paper flower, an individual pumpkin pie and a garden flower of the month. All are very welcome. The cost for visitors is £6 and please remember to bring a cup for your tea or coffee.

Contact Dorothy, Treasurer Wendy Cameron, or Secretary Lindsay Smith for a chat or more information at [lethamswi@gmail.com](mailto:lethamswi@gmail.com)

## Letham House Group

Meets every two weeks on Friday mornings from 10.30 am, for those who would like to deepen their faith and find new ways to reach out in faith.

For more details contact Klaus Buwert

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On behalf of the Letham and District community council (LDCC) we are delighted to update that work is complete on the installation of a Defibrillator on the outside of the building at Jubilee Court, this will allow villagers to access this vital piece of life saving equipment 24 hours a day. Many thanks to Angus Council for working with the LDCC to achieve this for the benefit of our community.

In total we now have defibrillators with 24 hour access on the following sites:

**In the Square on the Feuars building (under the clock)**

**Outside Davidsons Chemists on Blairs Road**

**On the outside wall at Jubilee court**

**On the outside wall of Mains of Craichie farm building**

All of our defibrillators are accessed with a key code. When you call 999 you will be advised where the nearest unit is in relation to your location and you will be given a key code to access the defibrillator.

We would not have been able to achieve any of this without all the support we have received! So once again a huge thank you to all who donated to our cause and lent their services and expertise to support with installation.

Fund raising for the maintenance and replacement of defibrillator equipment will be ongoing so if anyone is interested in making a donation please feel free to discuss with any members of the LDCC.

**Letham Bowling Club** also has a defibrillator, courtesy of the family of the late Mr. Brian Milne. Operational access is exactly the same system as described for the LDCC defibrillators. To obtain the defibrillator, enter Bowling Club via the gate, turn right and it is sited on the wall of the dressing room facing the bowling green. The site is automatically lit.



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