

In the PICTure

October 2026

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'In the PICTure'

New Editor

Microsoft in their wisdom have decided to cease the Publisher programme. I have found it efficient and easy to use for the last seven and a half years. However I am now too old to learn how to use a new programme. So I have decided to hand over the editorship to Elaine Saunders, who has kindly agreed to take it on, with Jeanie Mair as support. I thank you all for your support in sending articles, checking, and delivering the magazine.

Martyn Thomas

Next Issue of 'In the PICTure'

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Letham Feuars Committee

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Sunday Worship

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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

All Souls Church Guild Report

The Church of Scotland Guild has been around for 139 years and in all that time has been actively involved in congregations all over Scotland and in God's work across the wider world.

Forfar All Souls Guild continues in this tradition. We have a membership of 40 or so and meet in the Lowson Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm, mostly fortnightly. Membership is open to all.

We had a variety of different meetings in the 2025/26 session including exploring last year's theme of "Living Stones" with Rev Maggie here at Letham. We had interesting and informative talks from Angus Small Repairs, Police Scam Prevention, Councillor Linda Clark, spinner Ann Allan and gardener Les Craibb. Our Guild projects feature large in our thoughts and prayers and last year as usual we joined with East, Old & Inverarity guild to host both a speaker from CrossReach on "Playful Beginnings" and from Bear Necessities for Bulgaria on their work to plant a church in Sliven. In between times we had various entertainments and held 2 very successful coffee mornings, before finishing in style with a high tea in the Royal Hotel on 10th June.

The guild's Annual Gathering is held at the start of Guild Week, and on Sat 12 Sept a group of us headed to Perth in the church mini-bus. We had a wonderful day meeting other guild members, being inspired by the Guild office team and hearing "engineering stories" relating to our current theme of "Beyond the Walls" from the moderator, Rt Rev Gordon Kennedy. And of course, we sang lots of hymns! We always do.

The Guild programme features regularly in "In the PICTURE" and you will find detailed information of our next meetings there.

I extend a warm invitation to come and join us and to get involved in our activities, or if you prefer, just to pop along and visit us to hear a speaker or enjoy the entertainment.

Sheila Crichton



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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.

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SUNDAY 1ST NOV
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"May the start of October remind you: you are worthy of new beginnings. You are worthy of finding joy in this season, no matter what is still unknown." — Morgan Harper

LEST WE FORGET

WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER
AND HONOUR THOSE
WHO SERVED SO THAT
OTHERS COULD LIVE
IN PEACE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
8TH NOVEMBER
10AM @LETHAM CHURCH

From Maggie Hunt

Autumn is here and the crisp blustery winds and blowing leaves and nuts off the trees around us. On the 4th of October we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving at the church and, as usual, all are welcome – even if you aren't usually a 'churchy' person. We will give thanks for the food in our fields and for the farmers, farm workers and all involved in bringing in the various harvests around us. We have had a whole 'season' of thinking about the environment during September with Creation Sunday and Fairtrade Sunday featuring as highlights.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming month and, as ever, please just let someone at the church know if you'd like me to pop in for a visit one afternoon or evening.

Rev Maggie Hunt mhunt@churchofscotland.org.uk
07557381932



Refreshments at the end of All Souls Letham
Church Open Doors

House Group

The house group will meet at our house, 55 Duncan Road, Letham at 10.30am on 2nd October and fortnightly after that. We start with coffee and chat and then discuss a part of the Bible. We end with a short time of prayer or silence. It is informal and friendly.

It is helpful if folk let us know if they want to attend (07519756437) so we have enough chairs. Klaus Buwert

There's a Mother's Day and a Father's Day once each year ... Yet every week there's a Sunday.



The Primary 1 Class of 2026/27 at Letham Primary School.

What was the name of the first Scottish cowboy?
Hawkeye The Noo.

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hear from you."

TALES OF LETHAM (h)

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."
John Muir

Migration

We are entering a new time of the year, with a very unusual summer almost at an end - a summer which has been characterised by drought and other untypical weather phenomenon. For us, this will probably mean lower supplies of some foods and almost certainly higher prices for other essentials.

But it is also a crucial time of year for migratory birds. Whether they are arriving here from the Norwegian north to overwinter in our more temperate climes, or are taking off to find winter sun, all are driven by the need for survival - they need to find food and shelter in a temperature which suits. Birds need these things and so do we. But for many species, this involves long migration journeys. Some terns for example fly each year from around the South Pole to Scotland.

Birds, like swallows, are gathering in flocks and getting ready for their journey. They are very often seen congregating on wires overhead. The challenges faced by such tiny birds during migration are considerable - and they do this EVERY year! The ospreys on Balgavies Loch will also soon be gone.

Typically, we will hear the distinctive calls of geese flying overhead, and this will soon be commonplace. Many thousands of migratory birds, like geese, return to settle in the safe environs of locations such as Montrose Basin, having fulfilled their annual migration from Greenland.

This very soggy situation is for them the key to surviving the winter. Male robins can be seen staking their early territorial claim to land they intend to solely inhabit during the winter. These are but a few signs of the changing seasons and time of year. You will notice many more yourselves.

The main concern of all our comrade earth dwellers is based on the word survival - humans and animals equally so. Assuming we all survive the winter (!!) the sounds and sightings of animals and birds during the cold season will pass by, and be transformed into the natural breeding urges of Spring. Something to look forward to.

JAMcG

LETHAM GARDENING CLUB

On Tuesday 8th September we held our first evening for the 2026/27 session, hosting Ann Taylor from the Broughty Ferry Rock Garden.

Ann gave a very interesting talk on the history of the garden, their work with children, and coping with the climate and environment.

On Tuesday 13th October we are hosting Caishlan Sweeney to provide us with an outline on the proposed Eden Project in Dundee. If you are interested in the Eden Project, you do not have to be a member to join us and all are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bill Muir

07908339420



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Letham and District Scottish Women's Institute



The new session began on September 1st and it was lovely to see all our friends at Letham and District SWI. Forfar man, Bob Ritchie, told us about his volunteering with "Pickups for Peace", a national charity delivering vehicles and practical equipment to Ukraine. Since its foundation in February 2023, 29 Convoys have delivered 907 vehicles all of which were full of tools, gardening equipment, clothing and all the other things people living in conflict need. With interesting anecdotes and photographs, Bob, ably assisted by his wife, Fiona, on technology duty, brought his journeys to life.



Lynne, Wendy, Lindsay and Kathleen are off to Dingwall on October 10th to represent Angus Federation at the national final of the "Ruralympics" following their win at the Federation Competition last year. We wish them all the best.

There were many excellent entries in all the competitions and the winners were –

Biscoff Truffles - 1, Lindsay, 2, Meg, 3, Frances.

Favourite fridge magnet - 1, Evelyn, 2, Meg, 3, Frances.

Flower of the month - 1, Colette, 2 Meg, 3, Isobel

At our next meeting on October 6th we will have a demonstration and workshop on wreath making from White Cottage Wreaths. Do come along and enjoy this, a cuppy and a blether.

October's competitions are a Smore's treat, a crochet granny square approx 4"x4" and a garden flower.

Only £6 for visitors at Letham Bowling Club, kick-off 7.15 pm *Thank you Dorothy*



All Souls Church Guild



On Saturday 12 September 6 of our members attended the Guild Annual Gathering at Perth North Church for the start of Guild Week and the launch of the last theme "Beyond the Walls" of the "Let Us Build A House" Strategy and this year's Discussion Topic "Action & Mission – Reaching out to others".

During Guild Week (13 – 20 September) we participated in the National Guild Prayer Hour. The Spectrum Choir entertained at the Opening Social with a selection of songs and solos from around the Commonwealth.

The Guild Rededication service will be held on 27 September at All Souls @ Lowson during morning worship.

30 September Theme Afternoon: Beyond the Walls
Rev Heather Gourlay

14 October Bandawe Hospital, Malawi:
Sam Riddell

21 October Strathmore Woollens:
Christine Donaldson

28 October Angus & Tayside Guilds Together
Special Gathering

11 am – 4 pm – Kingsgait Church, Dundee

4 November "Let us Build a House" Beetle Drive

18 November Guild Project – Release International –
Operation Hope – James Fraser

The Guild meetings start at 2 pm and finish between 3.30 and 4 pm and are in the All Souls @ Lowson Church Hall unless stated otherwise.

We welcome everyone, whether you are a member or not to come along to hear more about any of our programme topics. The Guild Membership is £18.00 for the year or FREE for the first year for anyone who has never been a Church of Scotland Guild Member.

Please contact me at lindas28@btinternet.com if you require more information.

Very Best wishes *Linda Stewart Minute Secretary*

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