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November 2026

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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

MEN OF DUNNICHEN, LETHAM & KIRKDEN, WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR

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MEN OF DUNNICHEN & LETHAM WHO DIED IN WORLD WAR II

George Adam	George Angus
David Buick	Alexander McArthur
Gerald Ramsey	William H. Robertson
Jack Rodger	John Shepherd

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Next Issue of "In The Picture"
Deadline for December/January issue

Saturday 14th November 2026

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Remembrance Sunday
8th November

The service will start early at **10am** to allow time to process
up to Dempster Park for the 2 minute silence at **11am**.

Wreaths from the various organisations are welcome and
will be placed and removed only by the representative of the
organisation bringing them.

Retiring Collection for Earl Haig Fund/Popy Scotland

**FORFAR ALL SOULS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
AND LEGACY DLK PUBLICITY GROUP**

The Forfar All Souls Communications Group is one of a number of sub groups of the Kirk Session. The principal responsibility of the Group is the production of the quarterly All Souls Newsletter which is distributed to all members now worshipping at Aberlemno, Letham and Lowson Memorial churches. Responsibility for the All Souls website, Facebook page and other social media outlets also rests with the Communications Group.

Locally publicity initiatives continue. "In the PICTURE", is still produced and delivered 10 times a year to all households in the parish – a significant task which could not be achieved without our Distributors who deserve our very grateful thanks. A number of pdf copies are sent via email, so numbering over 1,000 copies in total, this constitutes a significant outreach initiative by our church.

Other activities implemented again this year were: delivery of an Easter Card with the March edition; updated copies of the "In the Know" leaflet going out with the September edition, and in October we organise the annual Envelope Appeal, which (assisted by Gift Aid) brings in a huge contribution towards the printing costs of the magazine – which are currently around £233 per month. But we could not achieve a satisfactory funding situation without our 16 loyal sponsors who financially support the magazine ensuring that "In the PICTURE" is not a drain on the Church's resources.

Local organisations increasingly take the opportunity offered by "In the PICTURE" to publicise their activities or special events making it as much a community magazine as a church one.

This month, we say a heartfelt "thank you" to Rev Martyn Thomas who has been Editor of "In the PICTURE" for many years. We are hugely appreciative of all the time and effort Martyn has given to this task. Elaine Saunders has agreed to take over from Martyn and will continue to be assisted by Jeannie Mair. A huge thank you to all who support this work.

Irene McGugan

LETHAM SENIORS Christmas

COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday
14th November**



**Village Hall
10 - 11.30am**

**Tea, Coffee
and home baking**



**All the
usual stalls**

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Letham Seniors

Members of the committee will be coming round during November regarding the Christmas Lunch/Party. The price will be decided at our November meeting on 3rd November. The caterers and the entertainment are booked. Please try to stay as long as possible to support our musicians.

Feuars AGM 16/10/2026

26 Feuars attended the meeting (including the Committee). After the members of the Committee 2025 had all resigned, the new members were voted in. As only 9 nominations had been received for the 9 posts, the new Committee was voted in en masse.

the new members are

Alan Cart, Colin Dallas, Colin Gair,
Karen Henderson, Penny Lockwood,
Scott Petrie, Kane Stone, Liz Stone and
Alison Towns.

The approved minutes from 2025 and the 2026 Chair's Report are now available on the Village website www.lethamangus.org



Fairtrade and Fizz

Pre-Christmas Social evening and Shopping event

Saturday 14th November
All Souls Lowson Hall
7pm.

Entry £5 inc first glass of
fizz, canapes & table gift

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From Maggie Hunt

Dear Letham folks,

Just a few reminders of things happening in November and early December for your diaries.

1st November – All Souls Day. A special day for our church and a special service for our members. We are holding a formal 'Communion Sunday' and remembering those who are now in heaven and who, we believe, will gather around God's table, to share in bread and wine with us.... separated by death but still with us in spirit as we draw close to God. 10.30am at the church.

8th November – Remembrance Sunday. 10am start at the church in order to gather for a short all age 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, however, Rev Martyn Thomas will offer a time of silence at 11am at the church too.

14th November – Fairtrade and Fizz. 7pm at Lowson Church Hall, Jamieson Street Forfar – a fun social evening with fizzy wine and soft drinks, canapes, nibbles and fairtrade chocolate! An evening of good company, fun games and quizzes and a chance to look at showcase stalls from local businesses as we promote the idea of 'shop local, shop ethical this Christmas'. Tickets £5

15th November – CrossReach Sunday. Learn more about the work of CrossReach as we gather to worship together and pray for their work. 10.30am at Letham Church.

28th November – joint All Souls Xmas Fayre 10am at Lowson Church, Jamieson Street, Forfar.

29th November – Advent begins! Join us for Advent anticipation and joy. 10.30am at Letham church.

10th December – Cakes and Carols! An afternoon of festive favourites with homebakes and joy from 2pm in Letham Church, a seated event to suit all mobilities and abilities.

More advent and Christmas event details to follow in the next edition. Please let us know if YOUR group is having a Christmas event as we are happy to let folks know in the magazine.

As always, I try to be around and about during the week, when possible, but if you'd like a visit or a chat, please just get in touch and I'll happily meet you either at home, church or at the café.

Rev Maggie Hunt



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Forfar All Souls CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 28th November
10am – 12noon
[raffle drawn 11.30am]

Stalls, treats, refreshments and fun

Lowson Church and Hall,
Jamieson St Forfar



Letham Primary School

Mrs D Williamson Depute Head Teacher



On Friday 2nd October, Children from P1 and P6 brought bags of food items for the Harvest service held on Sunday 4th October. They brought so much that Irene and Joan had to find more tables to display it all on!

This came after Rev. Maggie had visited the school and discussed thankfulness. We are very thankful that we have such caring children in our local school

Thank you



On behalf of All Souls Church and Food Project can I say a massive thank you to everyone who donated cans, packets and boxes of store cupboard food for Harvest; either through the school or direct to the church. Wowzers, what a lot of food that will be stored and then slowly distributed over the coming weeks to individuals and families in need across the area. Thank you so, so much. I pray you never personally know how much this means to those who will receive food parcels from us over these colder Autumn months. Thank you also to Joan for a beautiful harvest display in the church and to everyone who set up, prepared, cooked, baked and served [and washed up after] our lovely harvest thanksgiving lunch.

Rev. Maggie Hunt

In war, there are no unwounded soldiers. –

Aron Kilbourn

A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”

Major General Douglas MacArthur

LETHAM CHURCH

Letham church recently participated in the “Doors Open” event. We realised that there was much to be treasured in the church and so we are starting a series of articles highlighting some of them. The first ones will be about the panels.

Panel 1

“In the first panel, the dove is present obscurely in the moon, as the early people did not know of Christ until about 600AD. The Pictish symbols on the right side show Christian influences - they are symbols of King David and of Jesus’ disciples, with the angel at the top showing that the Picts knew about life after death. The figures at the base of the panel come from carvings on one side of the Aberlemno stone and depict the battle of Nechtansmere (or Dunnichen), important in the formation of the Scottish nation.”

Mrs. Christine Moodie, Dunnichen, Letham and Kirkden Church Banner Group Leader.



AN EVENING WITH STUART MCGUGAN THE GEORGE HOTEL, MONTROSE 7pm, 18th November 2026

One of Letham’s own - Stuart McGugan - will be promoting his book about his (in his words) “childhood in Letham, miss-spent years as a journalist (Kirrie Herald, Forfar Dispatch, Daily Mail) and then life as an actor on stage and television”. I am sure that many a Lethamite will remember him.

LETHAM GARDENING CLUB

On Tuesday 13th October we had an interesting and very informative talk from Caishlan Sweeney on the proposed new Eden Project Scotland, to be based in Dundee.

It was interesting to note that the huge gas tank is to stay, and whilst they bored holes in the top to let the gas out, this then let the rain in and now has to be emptied. No date has been set for the opening as much work has yet to be done.

On Tuesday 10th November we welcome Peter Moug from Angus Council to tell us how the garden waste in our green bins is processed, to become the finished compost that is freely available to all, in the skip site in Forfar. Peter will also be informing us how our other household waste is dealt with.

The Gardening Club is held in the Bowling Green at 7.30 pm and all are welcome.

Bill Muir

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DEMPSTER PARK: 177 signed the petition

UPDATE:- On 22 September, Angus Council confirmed that the tennis courts would be cleaned up towards the end of October/ early November. They have seen a widespread fall in demand for tennis. The gate will be fixed so that it closes properly (important to contain toddlers), the surface will be swept, tennis nets and rusted tensioning gear will be removed but the four metal posts will be left in place, with a coat of paint to brighten them up.

This will make the enclosure better suited to use as an all-weather surface for multi-purpose

INFORMAL RECREATION

>> ball games >> bike and scooter practice >> whatever!

No need to book space.

Gate is unlocked.

Bring your own equipment.

Meanwhile - A formal support group is being formed to take forward consultation with Angus Council and the local community about establishing the level of demand for a larger, purpose-built facility and how it would be funded and maintained. This could be a long-term commitment, probably taking a few years to work its way through Council Committees and securing various funding sources.

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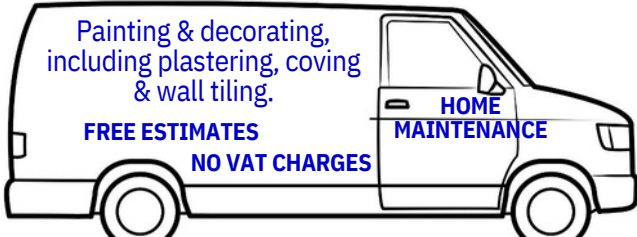
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Letham and District Scottish Women's Institute



On Tuesday 6th October the ladies of Letham and District SWI spent a very enjoyable evening making autumnal wreaths under the watchful eye of Linda from White Cottage Wreaths in Friockheim. Despite many of us never having tried this before, Linda showed us that the technique was straightforward and the end results were splendid. As you can see from the photograph, the same components produced very different individual wreaths. We decided that as well as our Christmas Party on December 1st we would attend the Nova Productions Pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk" in Forfar on December 12th as an extra treat.

Competition winners were

S'mores treat – 1. Lindsay, 2. Lynne, 3. Meg

Crochet square – 1. Meg, 2. Dorothy, 3. Lynne

Garden Flower – 1. Meg, 2. Victoria, 3. Jeannie.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday November 3rd when we will hear about the services available from Angus Small Repairs. Competitions are: - 2 potato scones, a knitted headband and a garden flower.

We look forward to welcoming you at 7.15 in Letham Bowling Club. Only £6 for visitors including tea and biscuits. Dorothy Goss

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Letham Church/Seniors Brew & Blether

**The weekly Brew & Blether
every Friday 2 – 3.30pm in The Church Hall
will be run by Letham Church until April 2027
All ages & abilities welcome, every week.**

Good company, no charge.

**The monthly Music & Memories will continue to be
run by Letham Seniors on the first Friday of the
month. Home baking, no charge.**

With special thanks to our wonderful musicians.



All Souls Church Guild



The Guild Rededication Service was held on 27th September at All Souls @ Lowson during morning worship with 3 members taking part with the reading and prayers.

We have welcomed 3 new members so far this year and the meetings have been well attended by members and visitors.

Spectrum entertained with a variety of songs from around the Commonwealth at the Opening Social. At our theme afternoon Rev Heather Gourlay gave a very interesting and thought-provoking talk on this year's theme Beyond the Walls.

Sam Riddell gave a very interesting talk on his involvement in the twinning between 3 medical clinics in Malawi and a Dundee Medical Centre.

Diary Dates

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

2 December Christmas Carols and Crackers

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.
Linda Stewart

'In the PICTURE'

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