

Linkage News

Services Sunday 17 August 2025



Carlops Church Worship - 10am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church & on **Zoom** (see email for link)

St Andrew's Church Worship - 11:30 - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church & on **Zoom** (see email for link)

Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship - 10am – Peter Worthington in church

Skirling Church Worship - 11:30am - Peter Worthington in church

Tweedsmuir Church Worship - 9.30am - Fiona Burnett in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Fiona Burnett in village hall

Communion

17 August 2025

Carlops 10am

St Andrew's 11:30am



Sharing of News & Information

Anything you would like shared should be emailed to

intimations@standrews-westlinton.org

by Thursday lunchtime would be really helpful to allow time to collate and distribute it.

Minister for West Tweeddale - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley

Email tfoley@churchofscotland.org.uk

Telephone 07793 294 000 or 01968 660 221

West Tweeddale Church Office

Tel: 01968 660 221 Email cos1560.tweed@outlook.com

Have your say on the future of:

- Sport and leisure services and facilities
- Libraries, community assets and halls
- Museums, galleries and visitor attractions



DROP-IN CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

We are hosting events in 19 settlements across the Scottish Borders.

To find out the dates and times of events near you, please scan the QR code.



Comment cards and suggestion boxes are also available in Live Borders venues for you to provide your views.

For more information visit www.scotborders.gov.uk/jointreview

No decisions have been made yet and your feedback will play a significant role in shaping the recommendations to be put to Scottish Borders Council in the late autumn.

LIVE
BORDERS



Scottish Borders Council drop in events to discuss the future of the Graham Institute (and other sports, leisure and cultural buildings in the Borders region).

This is an opportunity for West Linton residents to make their case for keeping the Graham Institute open - consultation has been **rearranged** to be on **WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST** 4 - 7 PM at the GRAHAM INSTITUTE

Please take this opportunity to express your views. And please also complete the survey as well

☀️ Come Along to Our **West Linton Social Centre** ☀️

We're inviting anyone over 65 to join our friendly, social and fun group. 🗨️ Whether you're feeling a little isolated and would like to feel more connected, or simply fancy a change of scene, we'd be delighted to welcome you.

There's always plenty to enjoy – from 🧩 word games to 🎲 dominoes, 🎨 arts and crafts to 🍰 cake decorating, 🏹 10-pin bowling to 🏏 new age curling. We also host 🎵 singing sessions, 📖 history talks, 📝 poetry and much more, thanks to our amazing supporters.

📅 **When and Where?**

🕒 Every Thursday, 9.45am – 1.30pm

📍 Broomlee Court, West Linton, EH46 7EY – in the lounge, for a relaxed and sociable day

A cuppa ☕ and a delicious two-course lunch 🍽️ are provided at excellent value.

💷 £13 per session (+£7 for transport, £20 total)

A heartfelt thank you ❤️ to our wonderful volunteers and drivers 🚗 whose enthusiasm, ideas and dedication make our days extra special.

If you or someone you know would like to join us, or volunteer with our group, please get in touch:

☎️ 01896 754481 (office) | 📞 07773 123765

...or simply pop in for a friendly chat. 🗨️

We'd also like to share a fundraising page set up to help support our Social Centre Days Out.

*Every little bit helps keep our community vibrant 😊 :
Please consider visiting:*

*JustGiving – Scottish Borders, Royal Voluntary Service: Social Centre Days out
Your kind donation would be greatly appreciated and goes directly towards making our days together even more enjoyable*

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/tracey-wieczorek-1>

**ROYAL
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE**

Cosy Community Café is now back
from it's summer break with a new name

St Andrews
Old Church Hall
West Linton

Sip and Share



Open to all
(under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult)
Dogs (well behaved) welcome
Free
Donations welcome but not expected
Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and occasionally cake

Favourite Things, Familiar Places

A Snapshot of a Village

As you may know, The Knot have been awarded a grant by the Co-Op to run a photography project within **West Linton**.

The project will be run by a team of local photographers: Boyd Wild, Niamh Shaw, Lianne Gordon and Annie Brown.

They are looking to photograph as many folk as possible in their own, familiar surroundings, be it indoors or out. Sitters may also like to be photographed with a favourite person, pet or object nearby, the choice is entirely up to them.

The aim is to build up a portrait archive of local people. All are welcome to be included; from old longstanding residents to those new to the Village and everyone else in between.

The project will culminate in an exhibition of prints either in the Village Centre or the Graham Institute, sometime early in 2026. There may also be scope for touring the exhibition further afield and for publishing an e-book.

So, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to be photographed. It is not as scary as you might suppose. Experience so far indicates that there is usually a good chat beforehand and often tea and biscuits are involved as well!

If you'd like to be part of this then please contact any of the above, or in the first instance Boyd via email (boyd.wild@icloud.com). All participants will receive a digital copy of their portrait.

Here are some examples that have been taken so far to give a flavour of what the images will look like:



David Campbell and the guitar he made



Pete and Jean Macnab and Willow looking out at their favourite view



Come and Pray with us. Join us at 9:45 a.m. on the first Monday of each month in Broughton Village Hall – the wee meeting room



We are continuing to pray for the future of Broughton Kirk using contemplative prayer inspired by Julian of Norwich.



“Prayer unites the soul with God. Prayer becomes the witness that the soul wills as God wills.”



Sat 30 Aug 2.30pm
Thurs 11 Sept 10.30am
Sat 20 Sept 2.30pm
Wed 1 Oct 9.30am
Sat 25 Oct 2.30pm
Thurs 13 Nov 10.30am
Sat 29 Nov 2.30pm
Wed 3 Dec 9.30am
Sat 27 Dec 2.30pm

Wanderings is a reflective woodland wander; a gathering where everyone is welcome to come and reflect, talk and walk together.

Meet at the main layby carpark at Broughtonknowe woods. We will be walking about 3km, slowly through the woods on rough, steep, muddy tracks. It is essential folk wear stout boots with good grip and warm, waterproof clothing. There will be some thoughts shared, a Bible verse, time to chat, share and consider as well as some silence and a cuppa. For up to date info or to contact us visit our Facebook page.

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at what 3 words: certainty.questions.flown
OS grid ref: NT103391



#Wanderings - Scotland



THE WHIPMAN PLAY SOCIETY
PRESENT OUR

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
WEST LINTON GOLF COURSE

£80 FOR A TEAM OF 4

STABLEFORD FORMAT

ON COURSE CHALLENGES WITH PRIZES

VARIOUS FOOD OPTIONS DURING THE DAY

DISCO AND KARAOKE AT NIGHT

BOUNCY CASTLE AND KIDS GAMES

**BOOK
NOW**



**OR CALL THE PRO SHOP
01968 660256**



GUID BLETHERS

Tea, home baking and chatting with
friends

Restarting Wednesday 10 Sept. 2025

2- 4pm

Old Church Hall West Linton



Guid Blethers Is about enjoying the company of old and new friends by sharing interests and skills together. Our programme has varying topics of local interest with speakers and other activities.

If you have any questions get in touch with our co-ordinator

Co-Ordinator Helen Dry 01968 660 506



Our Village Talks

Monthly talks and a chance to chat hosted by Carlops Church.

Friday 12 September, 7.30pm

Conservation, Protection & Enhancement

Andrew Marsden, Chairman, Friends of the Pentlands, will present on the work carried out by the Friends on various topics including woodlands creation, path maintenance and enhancement of the richness and diversity of the Pentland Hills

Raising funds for Malawi (suggested £5 donation per event)

JOIN THE ADVENTURE



**BBs meet on
Tuesday
evenings:
email us for info**



ANCHORS

5 – 8 Years

junior

8 – 11 Years

Drop us an email for more information:

westlintonbb@gmail.com



CARLOPS

CAFE

**Every
Thursday
2:30-4:30pm
Carlops Church**

Table Tennis

Fridays 7 - 8.30pm New Church Hall, West Linton

All ages & abilities welcome

BABY BRUNCH

**Term time
Fridays 10-11.30am**

Old Church Hall, West Linton



Baby Brunch is now on its
Summer break,
back Friday 22 August



Got a problem?

Stressed? Anxious? Depressed?
Parenting difficulties? Relationship issues?
Whatever the problem – large or small, recent or
long-standing, Solution Focused Brief Therapy
can help.

Ask for an appointment at

THE OPEN GATE

In Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge

Fridays 2pm to 5pm.

Anyone who wants help for their problem is
welcome, and will be seen by arrangement. There
is no 'Drop-in'.

PHONE OR TEXT 07535 898 244

SFBT is enjoyable and helps quickly, usually within 1-3
sessions. All sessions are free and confidential.



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WESTLINTON.ORG

The minister's benevolent fund offers emergency assistance throughout our linkage areas. If you require assistance please contact us by email. All emails will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. People may need other kinds of support and we are also ready to help with that or direct you to others who can.

PASTORAL GROUP

WE ARE A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
THERE TO OFFER A LISTENING EAR IN CONFIDENCE.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO MIGHT
APPRECIATE A VISIT PLEASE DO CONTACT OUR
MINISTER **REV. DR. TONY FOLEY**
TFOLEY@CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.ORG.UK
OR OUR PASTORAL GROUP LEAD **JEAN HOWAT**
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WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT
RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.

