

WHY LETHAM?

The name Letham means *hamlet of the barns*, and it was originally a farm on the estate of George Dempster, an 18th century laird of Dunnichen. A prominent Member of Parliament and reforming landlord, Dempster believed that the modernisation of agriculture need not mean driving tenants from the land. He founded the village in 1788 as a centre for the hand-weaving of linen, and granted one-acre plots of land to his tenants, and a democratic council to run the village - "the Feuars' Committee".

Economic changes meant that Letham never became the town its founder had intended, but it remained the centre for a farming area and gained a reputation as a healthy place to live, both as a holiday resort and for retirement. Over the last fifteen years, the population has increased from under 1,000 to over 2,000 with many people commuting to work.

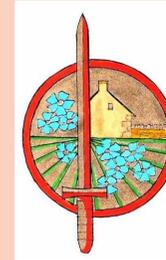
Letham Church (built 1845) is now the only church in the parish of Dunnichen, Letham and Kirkden. Kirkden was demolished in 1952, and Dunnichen Kirk (built 1802) was closed in August 2011. The latter has a history going back 1,500 years to an Irish abbot named Buite, who also founded Monasterboice, in the Republic of Ireland, one of our twinned communities.

Dunnichen Hill is a prominent Angus landmark. Its southern slopes were the site, in 685 AD, of one of the most decisive battles in northern Britain, between the Picts and the Northumbrians. The Pictish victory paved the way for the future kingdom of Scotland. It is with a sense of pride in our local community that we can declare:

WE PICT LETHAM!

Digital images of the archives are available in the Community Office in the Feuars' Hall. This is open every Tuesday 1pm to 4pm, or by appointment - see contact number for Feuars' committee.

IN THE KNOW for Letham & District



Twinned with Monasterboice, Eire
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www.lethamangus.btck.co.uk

and for Dunnichen, Letham & Kirkden Church of Scotland



www.dunnichenlethamandkirkdenchurch.btck.co.uk

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Useful numbers

the 01307 code (Forfar area) is not necessary when dialling from Letham

Letham is a large village with an active community life and facilities for all ages.

Angus Council	03452 777 778
NHS 24	111
Hospitals: Whitehills, Minor Injury Unit	475255
<i>Mon-Fri 9am to 4.30pm Sat & Sun 8am to 9.30pm</i>	
Arbroath Infirmary, Minor Injuries (24 hours)	01241 822529
Ninewells, Dundee	01382 660111
Stracathro, Brechin	01356 647291
Medical Practices: Academy Medical Centre, Forfar	462316
Lour Road, Forfar	463122
Ravenswood, Forfar	463558
Friockheim	01241 828444
Letham Pharmacy	819233
Clinic in Jubilee Court (by appointment)	819701
Police (village station is not full time) Non Emergency	101
Feuars' Committee	818362
Community Council	818362
Letham Primary School	476132
Letham Out of School Club LOOSC	818202
Baby and Toddler Group	07951 812578
Playgroup	07896 925617
The Basement	07511 878750
Letham Scouts, Beavers & Cubs	818539
Lour Guides	818038
Letham Brownies	819261
Letham Twinning Group	818275
Bowling Club (818849 on club evenings from 7pm) or	818600
Letham & District SWI	818631
Letham Pensioners	818409
Senior Circle	818743
Angus Gold	818743
Gardening Club	07908 339420
Drama Group	819057
Voluntary Action Angus/Community Transport	466113
Village Hall Bookings — Online only	
www.lethamvillagehall.co.uk	

If any of these details change, please contact Elaine Saunders on 818230

A Mobile Library visits the village every week - see Feuars' notice board, in The Square, or the link on the Village website to Library Service.

We hope you will enjoy coming to the church services

Interim Moderator:	Elaine McLean	01674 672447
Session Clerk:	Irene McGugan	818436
Treasurer & Hall Bookings:	Elaine Saunders	818230

Services: There is a **morning** service each Sunday at 10.30am. There is an **evening** service on the third Sunday of the month (except December) at 4.30pm. **Informal Communion** is held on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30 except May & November when a **Formal Communion** is held during the normal service. For full details of all services, please see our Church magazine, *In the PICTURE*.

The Church has an **induction loop system**, which allows people with a hearing aid to participate more fully in the services. Use is also made of a **projection system** during the services.

Provision for children at services: Activity packs including word searches, pictures for colouring, drawing paper and pencils are available at all services. A Sunday school would be provided if there was sufficient demand.

Join us for tea and coffee in the Church after the morning services. This is a good opportunity to meet new friends.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: first Saturday each month at 8.45am in the **Hamel Tearoom**, near the Square, from September to June. Pray together, then breakfast.

The Guild: meets in the Church hall at 7.15pm on the third Tuesday of each month, except June to August. There is an annual outing in May so there is no evening meeting that month. We extend a warm welcome to newcomers, both male and female.

Bible Study:
Learning Together meets on Mondays 10.45am to 12 noon in the Church Hall.

Film Night: This is held on the third Friday of every month in the hall. Details can be found in *In The PICTURE*.

Our Church magazine, *In the PICTURE*, is delivered free, 10 months of the year, to every home in the parish of Dunnichen, Letham and Kirkden and gives information on church and community activities.

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