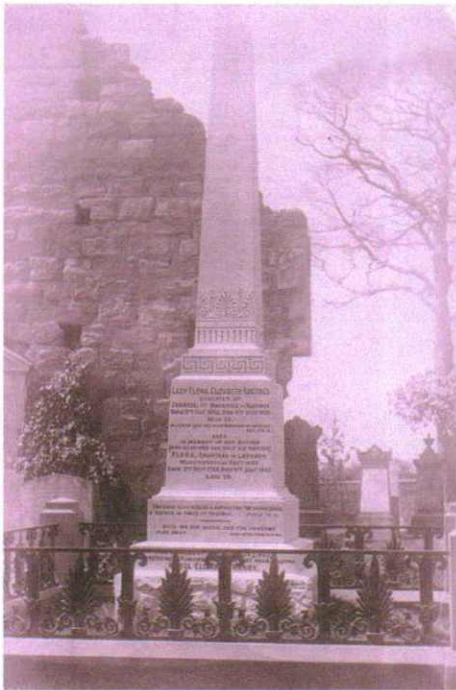


Friends of Loudoun Kirk



Lady Flora Obelisk

It was interesting to find an old photograph of Lady Flora's obelisk on 'wikipedia' (top left) and even more interesting to compare it with a current photograph.

The metal railings have gone and the ground surrounding the memorial has been laid with cement and stones instead of grass. The larger gravestones behind the west gable wall have now disappeared. We knew many of the memorial stones had been removed through time because of erosion, vandalism etc but the stones shown are fairly substantial and many of them were large enough to make you feel sure they would survive the test of time.

It is regrettable that whatever happened to them, the information on them has also disappeared. Without the inscriptions or lair books, sadly, we will never know all the families buried in Loudoun Kirkyard.

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Theft of lead



Lead flashing stripped, air vent stolen and roofing stone dislodged or broken

Aug 2010

Lead flashing replaced, new vent fitted and roofing stones renewed.

Jan 2011



Sadly in August last year, we received word that the roof of the kirk had been damaged. Initially it was thought to be storm damage but further examination showed that the lead had been stripped from it and one of the lead vents stolen.

It was devastating as we have had difficulty finding an insurance company to cover roof damage so we have to cover all costs ourselves. Quotations ranged from £1000 to almost £8,000 and in the end we settled for someone we felt had the most experience of working with church roofs and with Historic Scotland at a cost of £2080.00. Although the work has been completed on the Kirk, we are still answerable to Historic Scotland for it's care and maintenance. Some of the roofing slates had been damaged and we had to dip into our precious stock of spare slates to complete the repairs.

The lead has now been renewed and it's hoped that it has been fitted in a way which would deter any further attempts of theft. Historic Scotland are fairly strict in how remedial work is carried out and many modern methods or alternative materials would not be permitted on this building.

We tried to obtain further funding for help with the repairs from one of the organisations who had supported us in the past but sadly we were turned down and the delay meant the repairs did not get completed until January this year.

We are now trying to source matching stone to built up our stocks of spare roofing stones again and samples have been sent off in the hope we can locate suitable material not too far away.

SOUTH AYRSHIRE HISTORY & FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Walker Halls

Troon

Sat 4th June 10am—4pm

This is an interesting event for anyone interest in History or family history. Friends of Loudoun Kirk will be taking a stand as usual and we would be pleased if you would come along and pay us a visit.

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Was held early this year at Peelhill Farm, Drumclog but there were no changes for the coming year.

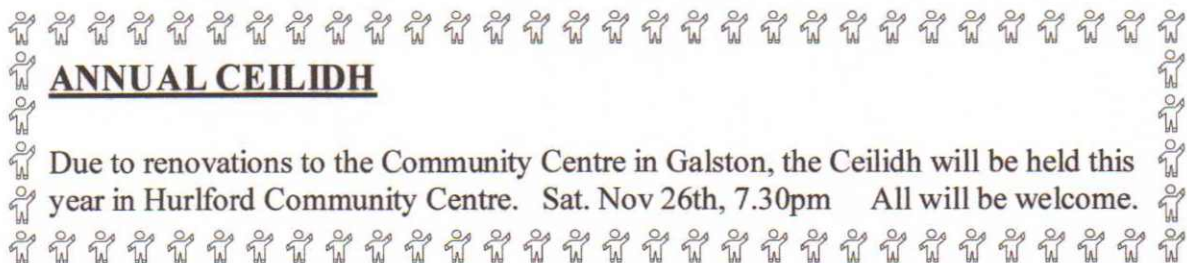
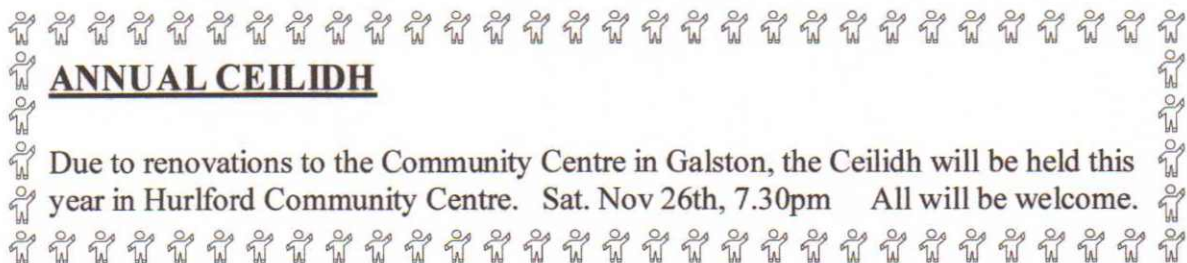
FANTASTIC FIND









































Due to the fire at Loudoun Castle IN 1941, many of the family's personal effects were lost, including all the family photographs.

It was with great delight that Madeleine received a phone call from the family of a previous Nurse at Loudoun Castle, offering a box of photographs which had been found after the nurse's death. The box contained many of the family photographs from early 1900's, together with newspaper clippings relating to the various events, including the wedding photograph of Lady Jean Campbell & Arthur Hubble, Madeleine's parents.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have annual membership or would like to take out annual membership, please complete the enclosed form, not forgetting to tick the 'Gift Aid' box if you pay income tax. The Friends of Loudoun Kirk can claim tax back against the membership or any donation which can add to our funds with no further cost to the doner..

 **ANNUAL CEILIDH** 

 Due to renovations to the Community Centre in Galston, the Ceilidh will be held this 
 year in Hurlford Community Centre. Sat. Nov 26th, 7.30pm All will be welcome. 
                                   

FAMILY HISTORY

Don't forget to check out our wiki <http://loudounkirk.wetpaint.com/>

If you can add information of local of family tales, please feel free, it's an interactive site so everyone is welcome. Also if we can help with family history, please contact us and we will do what we can to answer your questions.