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THE STINCHAR VALLEY MAGAZINE

Summer 2015

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Content from the communities of;
Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell, Lendalfoot, Pin-
wherry & Pinmore.

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| 6) Bit of old gold | 39) Came in first |
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| 14) A Muse | 41) Persian fairies |
| 15) Unit of geologic time | 42) Short and thick |
| 16) Certain direction | 44) Chain of connected things |
| 17) Fire stoker, sometimes | 45) Drives back |
| 19) Health resort near a spring | 47) Puts down |
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| 21) More than sometimes | 49) "All kidding ____ ..." |
| 23) Uniform ornament | 51) It gets around |
| 27) Playground equipment | 52) Charitable branch working |
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| 31) Kennel club classification | 59) Cold-water craft |
| 32) Auger, in use | 60) Minute amounts |
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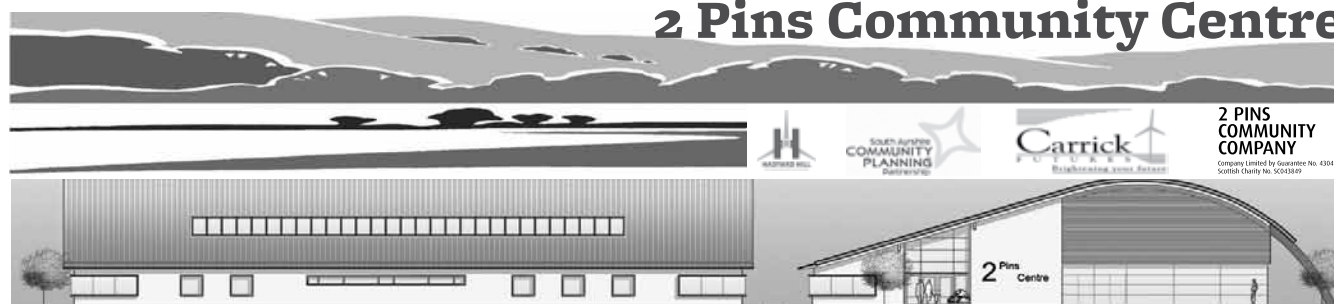
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- 2) "The best things in life ____ ..."
- 3) Small child
- 4) Biblical verb ender
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- 6) Storage place
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- 8) Pepsi alternative, briefly
- 9) King topper
- 10) Word with "flame"
- 11) With a disposition beyond equal
- 12) Remove dowels
- 13) Fava and green
- 18) Deuce topper
- 22) Flipper
- 23) Nudge rudely
- 24) ____-Novo (Benin's capital)
- 25) Filled with amazement
- 26) Banjo cousins, briefly
- 27) Downhill vehicle
- 29) Divine
- 30) Excessively dry, as land
- 32) BBC nickname (with "the")
- 34) Dress with a flare
- 35) Tablelands
- 37) Barbecue entrees
- 38) Elusive Himalayan creature
- 40) Seesaw pivot
- 41) Neurological problem
- 43) Green, for one
- 44) Hand over, as land
- 45) Puerto ____ (San Juan resident)
- 46) Make giddy
- 47) Somewhat long daggers
- 49) Miner's way out
- 50) "Begone!"
- 53) Ostrich cousin
- 54) Bunk
- 55) Greek vowel
- 56) '60s war zone, informally
- 57) Kitchen meas.

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By Mary Jersey

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2 Pins Community Centre



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The Centre will consist of a multi-purpose hall that will accommodate a 5 a-side pitch or 3 badminton courts which can also be used for functions and social and community events. A community café and small shop, 2 meeting rooms which can be opened up into 1 large room and into the large foyer which can be used to display art and local heritage. An arts and craft activity room for both adults and children. Outside is ample car parking and picnic areas. Other amenities being considered are electric car charging point, cash point, and telephone box.

All are invited to come along to monthly meetings the second Thursday in the month at 7.30 in Pinwherry Hall.

2 pins Up-Date

Things are slowly moving forward with our Lottery Bid to Growing Community Assets for £1million pounds, we have also made applications to Carrick Futures and Hadyard Hill Community Benefit fund and Ayrshire Leader for match funding. We have used the Lottery Development funding to engage an external expert to assist with the development of our bid, and our Accountants and CEIS on developing our business and finance plans. We will also be approaching several Trust funders over the next few months. We have received letters of support from South Ayrshire Council, our 3 local elected councillors, Ballantrae Medical Practice, and community voluntary organisations and would welcome any letters of support from residents.

Funding application has been made to replace the underground pipe work which has collapsed causing the flooding to the site and the public right of way leading to the Station Cottages and the B734.

We now have a second marquee funded by an underspend from our Lottery Awards for All grant, If you pass the 2 Pins site you will see we now have a steel container part funded by Pinwherry Community Councils local wind farm grants and also two portable toilets. The steel container will allow us to store the marquees, generator etc.

The partnership with Pinwherry Community Association in a joint fund raising partnership is working very well and a list of future events is published below. The weather did not help the first two Car Boot Sales and to avoid clashing with the Lowland gathering we have moved the date for the June event. If anyone has any items they can be donated to the 2 Pins stall at the Car Boot sales please contact one of us and we will collect

The June Craft Fair will be held on the 2 Pins site in our two marquees followed in the evening by a family Bar-B-Q.

The proposed Pinwherry Rail Halt funding has been approved by South Ayrshire Council which will enable us to carry out a survey of residents in Pinwherry and Colmonell in partnership with "SALSA". We hope to be sending out the questionnaire in the next few weeks. The survey is a local transport need including bus travel; a prepaid envelope will be enclosed. Please take the time to fill this in.

The 2 Pins Members meetings are held every second Thursday in the Month in Pinwherry Hall it is open to anyone if you wish to find out more about what we are doing or have any comments or suggestions please come along.

2 Pins and Pinwherry Community Association Joint Fund Raising Events

Car Boot Sale	Sunday 14th June 10am to 3pm on the 2 Pins site Main Street Pinwherry
Craft Fair Saturday	Saturday 27th June 10am to 4pm on the 2 Pins site Main Street Pinwherry
Bar-B-Q	Saturday 27th June 7pm to 10pm on the 2 Pins site Main Street Pinwherry
Car Boot Sale	Sunday 5th July 10a m to 3pm on the 2 Pins site Main Street Pinwherry
Car Boot Sale	Sunday 2nd August 10am to 3pm on the 2 Pins site Main Street Pinwherry
Cream Teas	Saturday 15th August on Pinmore Green
Car Boot Sale	Sunday 6th September 10am to 3pm on the 2 Pins site Main Street Pinwherry
Christmas Craft Fair	Saturday 31st October 10am to 4pm In Pinwherry Hall
Race Night	Saturday 14th November In Pinwherry Hall

SPORTSCOTLAND / ACTIVE SCHOOLS

SportScotland works in partnership with all 32 local authorities to invest in and support the Active Schools Network of managers and coordinators who work with primary, secondary and Additional Support Needs (ASN) schools across Scotland.

Active Schools aims to provide more and higher quality opportunities for children to participate in school sport and to increase capacity through the recruitment of volunteers who deliver the activity sessions.

Within South Ayrshire the Active Schools team are part of Education Services and comprise an Active Schools Manager and 9.6 (FTE) Active Schools Coordinators; 6 Primary ASC's, 2 Secondary ASC's and 1.6 ASC's with a responsibility for both primary and secondary schools, with one coordinator focusing on Additional Support Need provision across the authority. This structure was designed to allow an increased focus on leadership programmes within secondary schools which would in turn have a direct impact on provision within primary schools, and to ensure targeted support for children and young people with Additional Support Needs. The existing funding agreement for Active Schools within South Ayrshire Council ended on the 31st March 2015.



Hi,
I am Claire Rogerson and I am the Active Schools Coordinator for Girvan Academy and the cluster primary schools. I work within the Active Schools team in South Ayrshire to provide more and higher quality opportunities for children to participate in school sport and to increase capacity through recruitment of volunteers who deliver activity sessions.



FUNDING

The Girvan Academy Cluster contains 4 of the Stinchar Valley primary schools - Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell and Ballantrae. In September 2014 each school was successful in their application to the Big Lottery's Community 2014 fund and received £750 each. This has funded a variety of different sports coaches to deliver extracurricular clubs such as tennis, boxercise, dance and football throughout the academic year.

CLUBS

Active Schools also create pathways for pupils to participate in sport at school and then continue to attend local clubs where possible. The four primaries have had input from Troon Handball Club, Ayr Rugby Club, Prestwick Tennis and Fitness as well as the local bowling clubs in each village.

Barrhill has a community badminton club for all ages which was set up by Active Schools in March and is now being successfully run by the community council on a Tuesday night from 6-8pm. The next step is to establish or support existing badminton clubs in each of the villages to allow for a village league to be set up from September of this year.

Active Schools are now delivering free coaching sessions at Girvan Tennis Courts for all pupils from the Girvan Cluster to attend from May until the end of June. Sessions are running on:

- Wednesday from 4.30-5.30pm for S1-S3 pupils
- Thursday from 3.15-4.15pm for P1 - P3 pupils
- Thursday from 4.15-5.15pm for P4-P7 pupils.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

A main priority of Active Schools is to recruit and retain volunteers as this helps to increase the number of activity sessions which can be offered to pupils. Creating a network of volunteer coaches is vital within the rural community as funding is not always available to pay for coaches or cover travel cost. Active Schools provides all volunteers with the opportunity to develop their coaching skills through **free** coach education courses and support from the Active Schools Network.

Colmonell parent volunteer Wendy McKeachan was awarded Active Schools Volunteer of the month in March for her hard work and dedication to her extracurricular delivery at the school. Wendy has delivered football and hockey to 17 pupils since October last year.



If you would like to get involved please contact me on Claire.rogerson@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or 07976069482. For more information on Active Schools check out our website www.activeschoolssa.co.uk



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PINWHERRY BRIDGE CCTV

Residents in Pinwherry can help reduce costs for South Ayrshire Council and council tax payers by reporting any damage to Pinwherry Bridge. If damage is reported as soon as it happens, South Ayrshire Council can retrieve the CCTV footage and claim from the insurance of the driver who has done the damage.

Contact details for the Council's Bridges Section are as follows:-

Scott Greig (Supervisory Engineer – Bridges). Email. Scott.greig@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

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Thank you. "Stinchard Valley" proved
to be most helpful!

With all best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Woodward. (Miss.)

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SUMMER CONCERT

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SATURDAY JUNE 13th 2015 at 7.30pm

Conductor - Paul Wood : Josep Petrac - cello

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Tickets £9 - concessions £7 available at the
door or from orchestra members

SOUTH AYRSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP LOCALITY PLANNING LAUNCH EVENT FEEDBACK 2015



So far.....

251 people across South Ayrshire took part in **South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Planning** launch events

69 people told us they'd like to become involved in the formation of **new Locality Planning Groups** in their area

Next steps.....

The feedback from those who took part will be presented to the Integration Joint Board for Health and Social Care in South Ayrshire where the Board will consider final proposals on the initial scope and form of locality planning in your area.

Here is the feedback from Girvan and South Carrick Villages;

Community - Used within the context of community involvement and participation links to community hospital Girvan community facilities, community groups and community spirit

Local - Similar to community local refers to resources, activity and assets in the form of knowledge services, skills and strengths.

Services - Services cover a wide range of discussions including lack of knowledge of the range of services that exist in the area. Many saw this as linked to poor communication and information on what's available. It was acknowledged that there is limited access to services for many and gaps in services. This highlights the need to develop new services, such as community transport, locally. There was also much discussion around the joint delivery of services at a local level.

Transport - Transport was identified as a key priority by those who took part in the locality planning event. The lack of flexible transport further emphasises the rurality of Girvan and the South Carrick villages which impacts on employment opportunities, ability to make hospital appointments and to participate in many groups and activities. The discussion around transport also tied in with a perception that the community hospital in Girvan could be used more to meet local people's health needs.

Health -The general consensus around health was that the locality profile did not reflect health statistics - where are the positive health messages? It was recognised that adult mental health services are generally better structured than those for children and young people; however there was a general feeling that there was still limited access to services for those with poor emotional health and depression. Joint working with health visitors is an example of positive practice. Locally delivered training was suggested to upskill and keep the health workforce.

Villages - It was recognised that issues for the villages may be different from Girvan and further locality planning on a village by village basis is required to better understand each areas aspirations and needs. The group identified alternative ways to support communities' participation such as teleconferencing being set up in each village. The lack of flexible transport was again identified as a barrier to participation for those living in the South Carrick Villages

Social - Participants identified the use of social media as an effective way to communicate and engage with a large number of people. The social deprivation and isolation within many pockets of the rural community within South Carrick creates another barrier to participation. The social work structure does not appear to support the development of a continuing relationship, could there be a more joined up and local approach between social work teams?



Hospital - Access to hospital services is challenging for those who live rurally and rely on public transport. There is a perception that Girvan Community hospital is not fully utilised. Could there be more specialist clinics or other services delivered via teleconferencing? Girvan hospital was recognised as a great resource with real potential.

Care - A strong and robust primary healthcare team was identified as an important resource. The locality profile which was created by GPs has more detailed and accurate profile information on the area. There is a lack of affordable child care and registered child minders in the area. How do we support informal carers?

Access - This topic relates to lack of access to services and activities due to rurality, income, lack of information and flexible transport. It was agreed that we should make leisure services affordable and more accessible to all.

If you would like further information on locality planning or would like to become involved in the formation of the new locality planning group in your area, please contact:-

Dawn.parker@south-ayrshire.gov.uk Tel. 01655 884 882 or Mob. 07773214124

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Councils are the most local tier of statutory representation in Scotland. They are non-party political. They bridge the gap between local authorities and communities, and help to make public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent. Their primary purpose is to ascertain and express the views of the community to the local authority and other public bodies. Many Community Councils also involve themselves in a wide range of other activities including fundraising, organising community events, undertaking environmental and educational projects and much more. There are currently around 1200 Community Councils in Scotland, all of which are composed of elected volunteers from the community. For more information go to the Scottish Government website www.scotland.gov.uk or the South Ayrshire Council website www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

BARR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Hadyard Hill Extension Wind Farm

SSE Generation Ltd have lodged an application with The Scottish Government for consent to construct and operate a wind farm comprising 31 turbines, with a maximum generating capacity of 105.4 megawatts located 6km east of Girvan. The wind farm is an extension to Hadyard Hill Wind Farm.

The application follows two rounds of local public exhibitions and if consent is given the construction phase is expected to take around 18 months. The Scottish Government Energy and Consents and Deployment Unit will write to Community Councils confirming the timescales and process for consultation responses.

Village News

Barr Community Council, Barr Community Association and other community groups are currently developing proposals for alterations and refurbishment of the village hall. It is anticipated that this will be in partnership with South Ayrshire Council utilising the SSE Barr Community Fund.

The second phase of Barr's park development, to build an all weathers multi-usage games area, is again being led by project leader Alex Tait. Funding applications are in the process of completion and, if successful, the project will be completed within the year.

Trails Disruption!

!!! Please note there will be severe disruption to the accessibility of areas of the Barr Trails until at least mid-June!!!

Unfortunately due to larch disease FCS must clear an area. This is unavoidable and signage has been put in place offering diversions or asking walkers not to proceed, for safety reasons as there will be dangerous machinery in use. Apologies for the inconvenience but please be patient. FCS have told us that the Trails will be repaired/upgraded once this essential work is complete. Thank you!

BPDC Update

Now in its second year, the Barr Parish Development Co. continues in its determination to take Barr community forwards, learning from experience and building on strengths to plan for a positive future. The BPDC's second Open day was well attended again and feedback very positive for future projects.

The Barr Parish Development Co. recently took over the management of Barr cycles, have had them serviced and arranged for storage with A.C.E. in Girvan until a mobile storage unit is sourced.

It is hoped to set up a programme of training and events for Barr volunteers as soon as funding is found.

PINWHERRY AND PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council sits on the third Thursday of the month of alternate months in the Community Hall. 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome.

Minutes of Community Council meetings can be seen on the website www.2pins.org.uk

BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ballantrae Community Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Public Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Barrhill Community Council meets every fourth Wednesday in the month apart from July and December when there are no meetings.

COLMONELL & LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please come along to our meeting if there is anything you think we could help with.

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South Ayrshire Council Contact Centre

Don't wait for others to report issues, it may not be done! E.g. road damage 01292 612302, dead animals on the road, water leaks - pick up the phone. Telephone the Customer Services Team on 0300 123 0900. Send a Text message to 0797 1120 498.

OUR ROADS

If you are driving and spot a road hazard, for example:

- Potholes
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- Anything else on the roads that has the potential to cause harm, loss or injury

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Please remember, Ayrshire Roads Alliance cannot remedy faults they do not know about.

Welcome, My name is Tricia Watts and with our wonderful cook and great team of volunteers we run a luncheon club. We serve coffee, tea and cakes. At 12.00 we serve a three course meal for only £4.50. Join our club for parties, coach trips and support if you need any. All ages are so welcome.

Please pop in to 2 Duff St at the corner of Dalrymple St. We would love to meet you.
If you would like to contact me: 01465 712 032 OR www.ageconcerngirvan.org.uk

COLMONELL GRACEFUL YEARS CLUB

If you'd like to come along to the Graceful Years Club, they meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Community Centre, to play cards, dominoes, blether and have a wee cup of tea. For more information phone Margaret Robertson on 01465 881352

COLMONELL BOWLING CLUB

The Green opened on Saturday 25th April, and in spite of a slightly damp morning the sun came out in time for play. President Margaret Robertson, invited Anne McCulloch to throw the 1st jack and bowl, before declaring the green open for play. A good turnout of members and friends from other clubs had a most enjoyable afternoon's play with a break mid-afternoon for a lovely tea.

There are two Open Tournaments this year, the McEwen Cup Saturday 27th June (pairs) and the Open Triples Sunday 9th August. We have friendly games on Sunday 19th July, 23rd August and 27th September and anyone is welcome to join us, no partner or team required.

New members and visitors are always welcome and further information is available from Evelyn 881293 or Margaret 881352.

COLMONELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

This year's Fun Day is on Saturday 13th June. The Princess is Aliyah Aubad, Ladies in Waiting Abbi Phillips and Charlotte Clark and Page Boy Charlie McFarlane.

The procession will leave the school at 1pm and the Fun Day will begin after the crowning of the Fun Day Princess. Entertainments are Silly Gilly (children's entertainer) Robert McIlwraith (balloon modelling), Stinchar Valley Pipers, Pinwherry School of Dance, Bouncy Castle, Climbing Wall, Fun Run, Teas, burgers and various stalls. In the evening there will be a family disco at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Throughout the week there will be a Football Tournament, Quiz Night, Clay Pigeon Shoot, Bingo, and the Lucky Programme sellers will be knocking on doors offering you a chance to win a cash prize.

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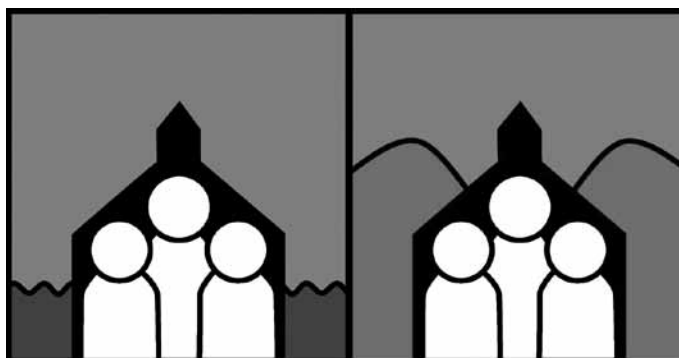
After the winter months, I had a bit of damage to repair in my garden, especially in regard to the fruit cage. At one point in the winter, I realised that the door of the fruit cage had been left open. From far away it didn't look as though it had made much difference, but when I got up close, I realised that the top of the door had worn a hole in the top net. Also some of the wires holding the nets up had snapped, or had also worn holes in the net. Therefore all in all it needed time spent on it in order to repair the damage. Thankfully after a few hours work, I had the holes patched, all ready for a new season.

Throughout our lives we can have times when events can leave us in need of repair. Circumstances can wear us down, and can cause us to feel as though we require plenty of TLC. We may need some space, some rest or just a complete change of perspective. In the bible Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

While we can all so easily limp on, it is good to take time to make sure we remain healthy in a truly holistic sense, i.e. emotionally, spiritually, mentally and physically. We all recognise that we are made up of many parts and just as we can have a broken leg, we can also have a broken heart. And so if we neglect one part of who we are as humans, then the other areas can so easily begin to be affected. In fact, this holistic view of life is nothing new, for Jesus stated that our love for God is to be complete (holistic), for he said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart (emotional) and with all your soul (spiritual) and with all your mind (mental) and with all your strength (physical)." (Mark 12:30)

Therefore, I hope you make time to rest, and do all you can to improve your health in a holistic sense and as you do, find renewed strength, ready to face the challenges that are ahead of you.

Have a good summer, and may you know God's blessing each day.
Stephen



Forthcoming Events

Ballantrae Church Fair

Saturday 25th July at 2pm in Ballantrae Community Centre.
crafts, books, baking, hamper, tombola, bric-a-brac, plants & produce, games, and teas.

St Colmon Church Fair

Saturday 1st August at 2pm next to and in our newly extended Church Hall.
Jewellery, bric-a-brac, books, baking, tombola, plants & produce, games, and teas.

Cream Tea, Ballantrae Parish Church Malawi Link

Saturday 13th June 2.00pm -4.00pm, Ballantrae Community Centre, Adults £3.00 Children free.

Church Info

We are friendly churches where we gather to celebrate God's love for us and where everyone is welcome.

St Colmon Parish Church

10am every Sunday in Colmonell, with Sunday Club for all children and young people from 3 years old.
3pm on the third Sunday of the month in Barrhill Memorial Hall

Ballantrae Parish Church

We meet at 11:30am every Sunday in Ballantrae with Sunshine Club for all children 0 to 12 years old. We also have our contemporary Sunday at Seven service which is usually on the first Sunday of the month at 7pm.

Minister: Rev Stephen Ogston, The Manse, 1 The Vennel, Ballantrae, KA26 0NH
Telephone: 01465 831252, Email: ogston@macfish.com

Websites: www.ballantraeparishchurch.org.uk or www.stcolmonparishchurch.org.uk. We are also on Facebook as 'Ballantrae Church' and 'St Colmon Church'.

GLENAPP CASTLE, BALLANTRAE

Glenapp Castle, in Ballantrae re-opened for the 2015 season on Friday 27th March 2015

The castle is open to non-resident guests and our award winning dining room is the perfect venue for any special family get together or celebration over lunch, afternoon tea or dinner.

A three course gourmet lunch at £39.50 per person. Full afternoon tea at £19.50 per person

A six course gourmet dinner at £65.00 per person

Please call us to make a reservation. A prior reservation for lunch, afternoon tea and dinner is required for all restaurant bookings.

New Wedding Packages 2015:

We have introduced two new wedding packages for 2015:

- A Wedding and Lunch Package for up to 10 guests
- An Exclusive Use Day Package for up to 40 guests

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Glenapp Castle, Ballantrae, KA26 0NZ

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SCOUTABOUT

On Saturday 25th April the Ballantrae Cubs and Beavers held their first ever "Cubs and Beavers Sleepover" in Ballantrae Community hall. An outdoor programme included canoeing, and crate climbing and then it was back to the hall for a film night. As you'll see from the pictures on the back page.



Great fun was had by all. Thanks to Roy the Hall Caretaker for his endless patience and to South Ayrshire Council for allowing the event to happen!

Every year the Group Executive, comprising parents and friends, organises one large fund raising event. During the last two years it has been a car boot sale and car wash. Last year's car boot sale was a bit of a wash-out (literally) because of bad weather and therefore we didn't quite manage to meet our fundraising target. This year however, we organised something much more ambitious - an auction - on Saturday 9 May at 2pm in the Community Hall, Main Street, Ballantrae.

With the help of our friends Lynne and Brian McIlwraith, who have organised auctions in Colmonell, and Dr Tom Smith who was the auctioneer, we raised £725.00 for Group funds. Thanks to everyone who donated items and to everyone who came along to support us.

Andy McAlpine - Group Chairman
Ballantrae Scout Group
Andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com



As always, a warm welcome awaits you in the well-stocked lounge and public bars and good food in our restaurant. Sit in or carry out pizza now available.

Myself and the rest of the staff at the Kings Arms Ballantrae would just like to say a massive congrats to our dart team on winning the Stranraer league. This is our first darts team for many years and the boys joined in the hope of giving their all, to see how well they would hold up against teams that have been playing together for some time. However the boys have played fantastically well and managed not only to scoop the league trophy but added another 3 to the collection, which were the doubles, triples and 4 man charity event team. It's with great pride we say well done to Garry Thomson, Stephen Thomson, Ricky Sockell, Jim McEwan, Steve Robertson, Rab McCulloch, Robert McIlwraith and Roy Harris. All the best in division one next season guys.

Well done and good luck,
Vicky Stirling

Your hosts, Suzanne and Brian Stirling, look forward to welcoming you.

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BALLANTRAE GALA 2015

By the time you have read this the Community Association Fishing Competition and Fireworks Display should have taken place on **Saturday May 23rd**. We'll report on that and on the other Gala events in full in the next edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine.

Gala Week will commence with the Parade of Floats and Fancy Dress on **Saturday 27th June** at 2pm in the recreational field when the Gala Queen will also be crowned.

The Church Service will be held on **Sunday 28th June** at 7pm.

On **Monday 29th June** at 7pm we are holding "Family Fortunes" in the Hall. We are looking for 8 teams of 5. Family Fortunes will be a great night out and teas and home baking will be served.

The Football Competition, sponsored by McCulloch Rail, starts on **Tuesday 30th June** with the final on Friday 3rd July.

Saturday 4th July is Gala Day. As well as the huge slide, bouncy castle, waterballs, stalls, teas, beer tent, tug-o-war, raffle, face painting etc, we have food coming from C H Catering in Portpatrick. They have an extensive range of food, from burgers through to homemade gourmet food. You can order your evening meal - from fish and chips

to specials such as lasagne. There's also a children's menu. We can personally recommend them. More excitement is promised in the form of a professional troupe of Belly Dancers called Twisted Tails who are coming from Edinburgh. In addition, there is a Gala Girl secret surprise..... you will have to be there! This year's Gala Day promises to be a lively and colourful event.

In the evening of **4th July** the Gala Dance will be held in the hall this year. **The tickets are already sold out!** It just goes to show how popular this family dance is and also how lucky we are to have for the second year (and already booked for 2016) Destination Anywhere, a fantastic band who appeal to all age groups.

Gala Week ends on **Sunday 5th July**, with the Louise Knox Memorial Bowler/non Bowler competition 1pm at the Bowling Green, sponsored by G McIlwraith Fishmonger. This is always a popular family event.

Keep an eye out in local press and in the Ballantrae Village Gala Facebook page for up-to-date information about this year's Gala Week. We look forward to welcoming you to the various events.

The Gala raises funds for the Community Centre and enables the Committee to keep affiliation fees for the many groups who use the centre to a minimum, as well as buying anything the hall needs, - a cooker last year, as well as stage curtains and many other things over the past few years.

BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CRAFT FAIR

by Sharon Robertson

Ballantrae Community Association held its' first, very successful Craft Fair, in Ballantrae Community Centre on Saturday 28th March. The stalls were fully booked with a total of 25 stalls. The Association would like to thank our Secretary Fiona Roper who worked hard to pull the whole Craft Fair together. All funds raised, totalling £879.59, will go towards Ballantrae's ever growing and hugely successful Gala and in particular the Annual Fishing Competition's impressive firework display, which will be held on Saturday 23rd May this year at 6pm on Ballantrae beach.

The Craft Fair brought in many people from Ballantrae and the wider community. Stalls included Jewellery, hand knitting, jams, home baking, wood work, rope crafts and lots more. There was also face painting, spray tattoos, candyfloss and hair-braiding for the children.

A Ballantrae event wouldn't be complete without our famous teas and home baking, which was up to the usual

fantastic standard, and many people commented that for an entry fee of £2 for the Craft Fair and the teas, they'd had great value for money. The Committee would like to thank our wonderful "Gala Girls" who organised and ran the teas and to the many people who donated the home baking. We are proud that the younger members of our village are keen to be involved in the fundraising and would like to thank our younger Gala Girls Lauren Bradshaw and Erin Stevenson - both aged 12 - who sat from before 11am until 4pm and ran the raffle stall. There are so many people who help with Gala Fundraising now that it would be impossible to name them all but they all know who they are and Ballantrae Community Association are overwhelmed and very grateful to every one of them. What a Community we live in!

We will be hosting another Craft Fair on 28th November and already many of the stall holders from the March event have booked their table.
(Picture on Back Page)

Thank you to everyone who turned out to support our Craft Fair. We hope to see you all at the next one! groups who use the centre to a minimum, as well as buying anything the hall needs, - a cooker last year, as well as stage curtains and many other things over the past few years.

BALLANTRAE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

(Sub group of Ballantrae Community Council)

Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink

We were delighted to have been able to secure grant funding against stiff competition - only available for events such as this in 2015 The Year of Food and Drink - from the Community Food Fund and South Ayrshire Council. This was one of our most ambitious projects ever. A detailed report - with pictures - was scheduled for the next edition but STOP PRESS! See the article on page 24."

Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival

This is the third year of this popular Festival. The programme will include some old favourites, a new twist on some old favourites and some new activities

and events. See the separate article elsewhere in this issue. This event is not only for Ballantrae but for surrounding communities too. Come along and join in the fun!

"Keep Ballantrae Safe"

Building on the successful event we held in 2012 we are planning another "Keep Ballantrae safe" evening in the Autumn. In planning the event we will be taking into account issues raised with the South Carrick Policing Team during the January and February Ballantrae Community Council meetings and priorities that emerged from the review of the Village Development Plan and the village survey undertaken by the Youth Club. If you live in Ballantrae and would be interested in helping us arrange this event please contact Andy McAlpine (see below). Further details of the event will appear in the next edition of the Stinchar Valley magazine and the local press.

Farmers' Markets

This year our Festival of Food and Drink on 10 May replaced the Farmers' Markets traditionally held in April and June. We do however have two Farmers' Markets scheduled for 2015; on 16 August as part of the Smugglers' Market and on 4 October. Keep your eye on the website, noticeboards and local press for more details.

Diary of events and the Ballantrae Website

The recently introduced Diary of Events for Ballantrae continues to be updated monthly and posted on the noticeboard and on the website. If your group would like your event included please let Andy McAlpine know. More and more we are directing people to the Ballantrae website www.ballantrae.org.uk and our Facebook and Twitter pages for information about

Ballantrae. The website features details of local businesses. If your business is featured, please check that the details are still correct. If your business isn't featured, please consider adding your details (see below for contact details). There is no cost involved in participating.

Inflatable marquee

The Community Association and the Development Group, working in partnership, were successful in securing a grant from Carrick Futures Community Benefit Fund to purchase an inflatable marquee for use at village events.

Andy McAlpine
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STINCHAR VALLEY PHOTO GROUP

Our group focuses on "helping more people take better pictures". This group is for anyone who enjoys photography whether you use a mobile phone, a compact camera or a DSLR.

Since our first meeting in September 2014, we have looked at the following:

- Astrophotography
- Aperture and Exposure
- Creating triptyches and diptyches
- "The rule of thirds" and "breaking the rules"
- Planning a photoshoot (in preparation for taking pictures at the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink on Sunday 10 May)

We also enjoyed an outing to Culzean in December. We are currently re-doing the video loop for the Visitor Information Point at Craigmains, and planning outings for the summer.

The Stinchar Valley Photo Group meets on the last Thursday of the month in BRICC House, Ballantrae at 7:30pm. If you are interested in photography why not join us? For more information contact Karen on 07701026941.

EASTER IN BARR VILLAGE

On our sunny Easter Sunday a very eager and excitable parent Annette Cron took upon herself, (which she had done in previous years in her old village Kirkoswald), to arrange an easter egg hunt for the village residents and friends, there were at least 30 attendees taking part adults and children. There was egg rolling, hunting and a quiz at the end with prizes for the winners.

The agenda was as follows:

- Meet at 40 The Clachan to roll decorated eggs
- Leave in groups to find clues to next clue (the clues are designed for the kids especially). There are letters to find and some chocs too on the way.
- Adults keep a special look out for the Gold Bunny - when you hand over the bunny you get a crate of beer!



BARR COMMUNITY STORE

Barr Community Store is delighted to be able to offer a new range of coffees in our wee café, or if the weather's fine, enjoy the flowers and sit outside. We have: Café au Lait; Chococino; Latte Macchiato; Americano and Espresso.

Of course we still offer "ordinary" coffee, tea and soft drinks, as well as hot and cold filled rolls, cakes baked on-site and biscuits.

On Thursdays our own volunteer Billy, bakes bread (to order), whilst on Saturday evenings he makes delicious pizzas (also to order). Choose from Margherita, Pepperoni, Mushroom, Ham and Pineapple, Chicken, Barbeque Chicken or Spicy Chicken and Chorizo Sausage - or any combination of the above! Prices start at £5.50 for a 12" Margherita.

We are open:

Monday - Friday	9am -2pm and 6pm -7pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday	9am - 4pm

To order, please telephone 01465 861221

- When this is all done we head over to the tea room for some cakes and a cuppa - £3.50 per person.
 - During this wee refreshment break we have our quiz.
 - To finish off it is the usual play in the burn across from tea room
- Everyone had a great time, well done Annette.
(Pictures on centre pages)

BARR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS

The children would like to thank Mr and Mrs Wilson at Nether Barr for inviting them along to take part in their lambing earlier in March, all the children enjoyed the experience.

The Nursery Class along with their teacher Mrs Chesterman and Mrs Sinclair would also like to thank Girvan RNLI for inviting them along for a morning on the Lifeboat, the children got to sit at the wheel of the boat and also experienced a rescue demonstration, they all had a great time

The school plan to hold their annual BBQ later in June , tickets will be on sale nearer the time from Barr Primary and Barr Village Stores

(Pictures on centre pages)

BARR TEAS EASTER SUNDAY

A lovely sunny day saw a great turn out for the Easter egg hunt, followed by Barr Teas traditional afternoon tea & home-baking in the Village Hall.

Well over a hundred visitors made the most of the glorious sunshine in Barr while surrounding areas were shrouded in mist. Families had a pleasant time enjoying the scenery, viewing the daffodil cross created with the children at the kirk, walking the trails and casting shadows on the community mosaic sun dial opposite the Hall.

The Barr wee Gallery also opened for the day to preview local artist's work, including 'Aye Glass' before the official opening beginning 24th April for the Open Studios Ayrshire weekend and every weekend throughout the Summer. Barr Teas volunteers are delighted with the turn out as all proceeds go to charity and look forward to the next event which will be publicised in the local press on www.facebook.com/TheBarrVillage and the village web site www.barrvillage.co.uk.

(Pictures on centre pages)

KINGS ARMS HOTEL BARR

The Kings Arms have now been reopen nearly 2 years and are becoming a well-established hub of the community, serving fine foods and drink on a daily basis, with a new menu just reinvented, it's a must try, like the from the starters menu a delicious SMOKED HADDOCK AND BLACK PUDDING WRAPPED IN BACON WITH A PARMASEN CREAM .

Or from the Main Courses a beautifully PAN FRIED SEA BASS WITH GINGER, CHILLI AND SPRING ONION or maybe perhaps the LUXUARY WILD 8OZ VENISON BURGER IN A BUN WITH SIDE SALAD, CHIPS AND ONION RINGS.

Still room for dessert? Then why not try the LEMON, LIME AND MALIBU CHEESECAKE

Lots of other delicious choices to choose from as well as a Kids Menu, a Takeaway menu and a snack and breakfast menu, spoilt for choice aren't you.

You can find these on the website at www.kingsarmsbarr.co.uk or facebook Kings Arms Barr and Barr Village tourist Attraction.

BARR PARISH CHURCH CORNER

There has been a marked change in the season with warmer, longer days, wee lambs gambolling around the fields lined with daffodils and the hubbub of children playing - spring is definitely here!!

For Barr Parish Church this means making preparations for Easter.

This year the customary towering cross decorated in moss and countless daffodils - courtesy of Wilma Gracie, was erected outside the church (you may spy the odd patch of headless daffodils along local grass verges!!), the Easter-themed flower arrangements by Mrs Ann Magee were placed in the foyer and in the church for all to admire, and the church's well-tended gardens made a fitting finish to the proverbial 'picturesque country village' scene.

On the 2 April, Barr Primary school held a Children's Easter service attended by parents and local villagers.

The children put on a very entertaining re-enactment of the Easter story narrated by Ewan McKenzie (P7) with a guest star appearance of Eeyore (from Winnie the Pooh) as 'donkey'!!

What a great performance by all the children who took part! At the end of the service Easter Eggs were awarded to the children for the best and most creative Easter cards they had made earlier in the week. The cards were then used to send out to local parishioners inviting them to the Family Service on Easter Sunday (along with a bunch of daffs - adding to a few more headless stems). A traditional Easter Service for families which included Holy Communion was led by Rev Ian McLachlan. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Looking to the remainder of the year much work needs to be done to ensure the future of Barr Parish church and its place in the community.

In particular funding is needed to maintain and make repairs to the fabric of the building and we need to find innovative ways to encourage greater attendance to weekly Services.

In recent months there have been a number of changes in appointments as older members retire and new members takeover. Consequently the new Elders will need time to get to grips with their responsibilities and in the coming months we hope to see more work fundraising and support to the local community.

Services are led by Rev Ian McLachlan every Sunday at 1215pm, and Holy Communion takes place the first Sunday of January, April, July and October. You are most welcome to join us.

(Pictures on centre pages)

Ash flowering



discover and investigate

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BARR EGG ROLL



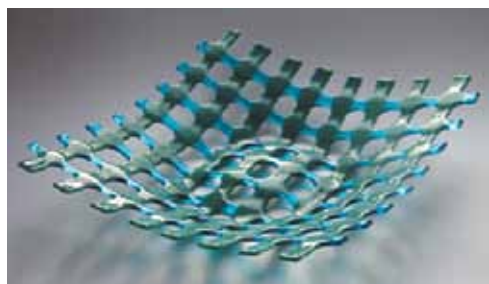
BARR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS



BARR PARISH CHURCH CORNER



BARR WEE GALLERY



BARRHILL PRIMARY

**SCIENCE
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MATHEMATICS.**

CANOEING



RAFT BUILDING



EASTER EGG DECORATION AND HUNT WINNERS



**ETHAN WILD RECEIVES HIS CERTIFICATE OF
ACHIEVEMENT NATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION.**

ACROSS

- 1) Couldn't stand
- 6) Bit of old gold
- 11) Mac
- 14) A Muse
- 15) Unit of geologic time
- 16) Certain direction
- 17) Fire stoker, sometimes
- 19) Health resort near a spring
- 20) Plane without a pilot
- 21) More than sometimes
- 23) Uniform ornament
- 27) Playground equipment
- 28) Subdued
- 29) Lead ore
- 31) Kennel club classification
- 32) Auger, in use
- 33) Cap of Scottish origin
- 36) Elevator pioneer
- 37) Took from the top
- 38) Time of "comfort and joy"
- 39) Came in first
- 40) Handle a grounder, e.g.
- 41) Persian fairies
- 42) Short and thick
- 44) Chain of connected things
- 45) Drives back
- 47) Puts down
- 48) Related to the pelvis
- 49) "All kidding ____"
- 51) It gets around
- 52) Charitable branch working in Muslim countries
- 58) Had a little something
- 59) Cold-water craft
- 60) Minute amounts
- 61) Flanders of TV
- 62) Unlikely dog show winners
- 63) Non-requirement for email

DOWN

- 1) Word for a possessive woman?
- 2) "The best things in life ____"
- 3) Small child
- 4) Biblical verb ender
- 5) Scribbled idly
- 6) Storage place
- 7) Knowing about
- 8) Pepsi alternative, briefly
- 9) King topper
- 10) Word with "flame"
- 11) With a disposition beyond equal
- 12) Remove dowels
- 13) Fava and green
- 18) Deuce topper
- 22) Flipper
- 23) Nudge rudely
- 24) ____-Novo (Benin's capital)
- 25) Filled with amazement
- 26) Banjo cousins, briefly
- 27) Downhill vehicle
- 29) Divine
- 30) Excessively dry, as land
- 32) BBC nickname (with "the")
- 34) Dress with a flare
- 35) Tablelands
- 37) Barbecue entrees
- 38) Elusive Himalayan creature
- 40) Seesaw pivot
- 41) Neurological problem
- 43) Green, for one
- 44) Hand over, as land
- 45) Puerto ____ (San Juan resident)
- 46) Make giddy
- 47) Somewhat long daggers
- 49) Miner's way out
- 50) "Begone!"
- 53) Ostrich cousin
- 54) Bunk
- 55) Greek vowel
- 56) '60s war zone, informally
- 57) Kitchen meas.

MADE IN THE SHADE

By Mary Jersey

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This year the Smugglers' Festival (16th to the 22nd August), will include a "Smugglers' Market"; a "Children's Smugglers Day" at Craigmains; the launch of a number of "Smugglers' Trails" (walks); a "Primary

School Smugglers' Day"; a "Smugglers' Supper" with whisky and wine tasting & entertainment (an event for adults); a repeat of "Music Poetry and Smuggling Stories" (a family event); a "skiff chase"; a "Craft Fayre"; a "Strongman Challenge" and the lighting of the Smugglers' Beacon. The Festival will also, once again, feature the very popular Smuggler Scarecrows.

A Short Story Competition is being launched in May (with the deadline for entries the end of June). In addition to the 3 categories - primary school age group, secondary school and adult - there will be separate competitions for Ballantrae and Colmonell Primary Schools.

One of the themes of this year's festival is about where the contraband went after it was landed. We know that the good folk of Lendalfoot were involved and so we are planning a joint event with the Lendalfoot community in July.

There are lots of ways in which you can be involved in this year's festival whether you live in Ballantrae or not. Of course you can come along to the various activities and events. You could make a smugglers scarecrow. You could volunteer to help with one of the events. You'll find tips and hints on how to get involved, about costume and about how to make a smuggler scarecrow on our website (see below).

If you want to see what we got up to last year go to www.ballantrae.org.uk/smugglers for pictures and videos. Watch the website, local noticeboards and local press for details of this year's festival as they are finalised.



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TRABOYACK BARN DANCE 2009-2014

We would like to take this chance to thank everyone, who has supported us throughout the previous six years that we have run the Barn Dance which was in aid of Ayrshire Sands Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity at Crosshouse Hospital.



Unfortunately we didn't get the chance to put the donated total in the last copy of the magazine, we were still waiting on some funds coming back to us at that present time. Although after receiving those funds later in that year it had taken our total to a great £8371.40 for 2014, and adding that to the previous five years totals, the final figure raised to date was £36,164.90.

We could not have achieved this fantastic amount without all the help and support from everyone local and further afield.

Many Thanks from
The WRIGHT FAMILY

JOIN NOURISH SCOTLAND'S NEW FARMER PROGRAMME IN 2016

Nourish Scotland is running the pioneering New Farmer Programme again in 2016 - a vocational training and work placement programme for anyone wanting to develop their food growing, local marketing and small business skills. The programme is delivered by growers and farmers running successful local food businesses and includes:

- A season's work experience on a host farm, croft or smallholding in Scotland, including structured mentoring;
- 10 monthly two-day teaching blocks, with a mix of expert inputs, peer learning, group assignments, individual assignments, study visits, as well as weekly coursework on-line;
- Support with taking the next step during and after the programme from the Nourish team and the New Farmer network;
- A recognised award or qualification.

You can find more information on the Nourish website www.nourishscotland.org. If you're interested in taking part, please fill in an 'Expression of Interest form', downloadable from the website, as soon as possible, to give them an idea of numbers for next year. The 2016 course will commence in March 2016. Also, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact them at nfp@nourishscotland.org.uk or call their office at 0131 226 1497.

PINWHERRY WOMEN'S RURAL INSTITUTE

Pinwherry WRI Summer 2015

We are now at the end of our session and can look back at a thoroughly enjoyable programme, not always going according to plan but nevertheless always turning out for good! Our numbers are healthy and the meetings and competitions have been well supported.

The Committee have worked hard through the year and are now going to have a well deserved break to gather their resources before tackling the new syllabus.

By the time you read this we will have had our summer outing to Bargany and Brunston Castle Restaurant where we hope to have a pleasant evening together.

Over the summer we are inviting our members to look out their knitting pins and make woolly hats for the Sailors' Society. Patterns are available and even if you are not yet a member, we would be happy for you to join in this effort for our Seamen.

Pat Guthrie Secy. 01465 841236.



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ADVENTURE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

'Adventure Carrick is a branching arm of the charity Adventure Centre for Education based in Girvan.



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Over the past 10 years ACE has had a big involvement with local schools and youth projects providing outdoor adventure activities as well as conservation projects. We wanted to offer our adventures to other individuals, families and groups by providing the opportunity to share our knowledge and passion for the beautiful South West of Scotland.

We are committed to providing exciting and adventurous days out be it on land, water or dangling from a rope. Our instructors are all chosen for their fantastic delivery of fun and safe activities, this ensures that you will get the most out of your time with us.

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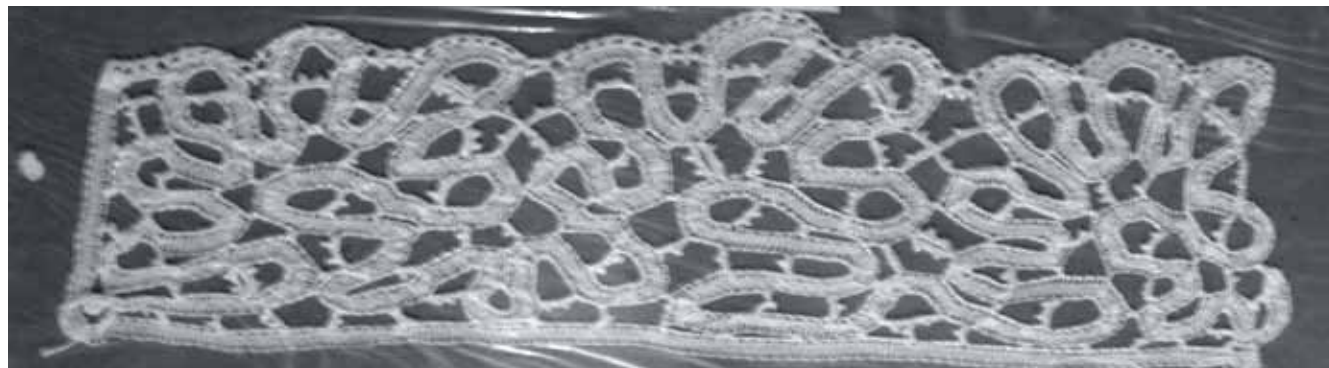
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from the archives . . .

snippets of local history gathered from newspapers, the British Library Archives and many local sources by Keith and Christine Brown of Ballantrae.

BALLANTRAE LACE



This lace gained its name from being made in Ballantrae. It was founded by Mrs. Stocks of Glenapp Castle who realised that some women and girls in Ballantrae who for family or domestic reasons could not go out to work, might learn the craft of lace making and by selling this product could earn an income. To this end, around 1908-1910 she had a lace maker come over from Ireland to teach the craft. She also arranged the buying of the materials required and the marketing of the finished articles in London and Glasgow. When Mrs. Stocks was no longer able to do this, it was carried on by Mrs. Inglis, the local banker's wife.

MATERIALS

These were the patterns to be followed in the making of the lace, special braid and fine lace thread. Patterns were available for mats of various sizes (place mats for a full 12 place dining set were once a special order) and also various shapes. Patterns for lace collars, tea cosies, borders, edgings and motifs for insertion were also used. These materials were procured from suppliers in Nottingham. Different patterns had names such as Net and Crag.

METHOD

On to brown paper (1 or 2 layers) or fine calico the pattern was first of all tacked. Then the braid was tacked to the pattern following the varying curves. When this was completed the spaces between the curving lines made by the braid were filled with stitching using a very fine lace thread. Sometimes an edging was added using this thread. The lace could then be taken off and attached to a fine linen centrepiece or used to edge articles such as handkerchiefs, doyleys, etc. Sometimes lace motifs were inserted in the corners of handkerchiefs. The completed handkerchiefs were sold for 2/6d! [12.5p]

THE TRADITION

This began to die out with the coming of the war and the difficulty of obtaining the materials needed. One of the last ladies to carry on the lace making tradition was told by the suppliers that these could only be sent to her if she were willing to pay the price of setting up the special machine to make the braid (several hundred pounds). Anyone now owning a piece of Ballantrae lace prizes it very highly.

Ballantrae Lace was featured in a publication by The Handcrafts Committee, Central Council, S.W.R.I., 42 Heriot Row, Edinburgh entitled Scottish Crafts.



An extract from The Scotsman, 24th October 1919:
LACE INDUSTRY AT BALLANTRAE



A Lace making industry was established in Ballantrae by Mrs. Stock, of Glenapp Castle, 8 years ago, and it has proved highly successful. The industry is an offshoot of the oldest Irish home industry, the Barnslue, which was founded in 1847 by Lady Harriette Kavanagh, Mrs. Stocks' grandmother. The lace made at Ballantrae is a copy of the old Point de Milan, all patterns being reproduced from antique pieces collected as opportunity served, and the work provides employment for quite a number of people in the village and district. At a meeting, held in the Kings Arms Hotel, at which Mrs. Stocks presided, a representative Committee of Ladies was formed to develop the Industry, with the Countess of Stair and the Countess of Cassillis as patronesses.

"DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OR INFORMATION ?

Do you have any old photographs or information about the local area that you wouldn't mind us copying for future reference? We would look after them and return them to you unharmed. We are particularly short of photographs of Barr and Barrhill.

Please contact Keith and Christine Brown at kaycee.history@gmail.com "

Feedback on these articles would be appreciated either via the magazine editor or by e-mail to Keith and Christine at kaycee.history@gmail.com

There is very little in the archives about Barr. Any historical information would be welcomed.

POET'S CORNER

In the Spring edition of the magazine we reprinted a poem penned by W Sandford in May 1927 entitled "Sweet Ballantrae". In this edition we reproduce a much shorter, untitled poem by the same author written some 2 years later.

I love to think that I was bred
Where nature has her mantle spread
Mid fertile fields and woodlands rare
Where feathered songsters charm the air

How feebly has my pen portrayed
These lovely scenes where I have strayed
This tongue O' mine can scarce express
Their beauty of their loveliness

If I'm destined by fate's decree
To wander far, dear land, from thee
A sacred love I'll aye retain
For Ballantrae, my dear auld hame

And when near exhausted is life's fire
To my auld hame I would retire
There find a balm for all my woes
Where life began, there let it close

There in life's latest hours behold
Those scenes of youth so oft recalled
And lay to rest my wearied frame
In Ballantrae, my dear auld hame.

W Sandford, Govanhill, Glasgow
3 June 1929

Reproduced with the kind permission of his son, Robert Sandford

BARRHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL . A TERM IN POETRY

Ethan Wild – Primary 7 Barrhill Primary

Ever since Christmas, we've done lots of learning,
Now we've had the holidays we've been earning,
It's now after Easter, with toils anew,
And what were we doing? I'd better tell you.

Our new year started, the term was just ace,
The big ones did Animals, young ones did Space,
We also had other things, reading and such,
Which, like everything else, we liked very much.

Some did famous titles, which were very good,
And some studied other books, just 'cause they could,
The young ones used boards and foil and glue,
To make us a spaceship with an inside, too.

It had buttons and levers and joysticks galore,
Computer screens, lights and an opening door,
You had to admit it was really first rate,
But the big ones made other things, all just as great.

They made clay mammals, furry and small,
Of giant-sized figures that could fill up the hall.

And a habitat, too, from a cardboard box,
With maybe a river, a tree and some rocks,
The young ones made aliens, three legs and an eye,
And also a spaceship, within which to fly.

The big ones made food chains – their own creations
Which were made of clay and needed patience
And then there was STEM week, for young and old
And they all got a medal, glinting bright gold.

It was all about science, and boggling the head,
We went off to Glasgow, and that being said,
We couldn't believe all the things that we saw,
And after, we wanted to go back for more.

We crafted strange items, like a picture of stars,
And we made honeycomb from Crunchie chocolate
bars,
And then there were ACE days, for getting us out,
Teambuilding, Bushcraft and rowing about.

We do fundraising too, for the people in need,
Next time there's a problem, please do take heed,
We help Unicef, Red Nose day, and such,
Just a few pounds can help someone so much.

And of course, we did Scottish week, dancing and fun,
With poem recital and haggis in the sun,
The Provost paid a visit, in her shiny black car,
With a solid gold chain and her own bodyguard!

She gave us a chat about why she had come,
Then she drove back to Ayr with a brum brum brum!
With her big fluffy coat and shiny black car,
She's the most important person we've had here – by far!

The Reverend came in for our Easter assembly,
There was so much noise that it sounded like Wembley!

We had our first egg roll since 1994,
With decorated eggs and patterns galore,
Our parents all came to join the fun,
For some coffee, tea, or maybe a bun.

We all love the school, it's the best place to be,
Lots of learning to do and all our friends to see.

And when we feel tired, when Easter pops round,
We all go off home with a leap and a bound,
We've had a good term, yes, it is true,
Now you've heard from us, let us hear from YOU!



BARRHILL CAMERA CLUB

Barrhill Camera Club (BCC) is a new club designed to encourage digital photographers from novice to expert to get the most from their digital camera

Meetings are every other Thursday from September to April inclusive and are held in the Memorial Hall Barrhill. This is a great opportunity to meet other photographers and benefit from the experience of professional photographer Alan Pratt

Membership is open to all and likewise cameras big and small are welcome.

Contact: -Colin Keane on 07774 416595
or email pa4thecourse@hotmail.com

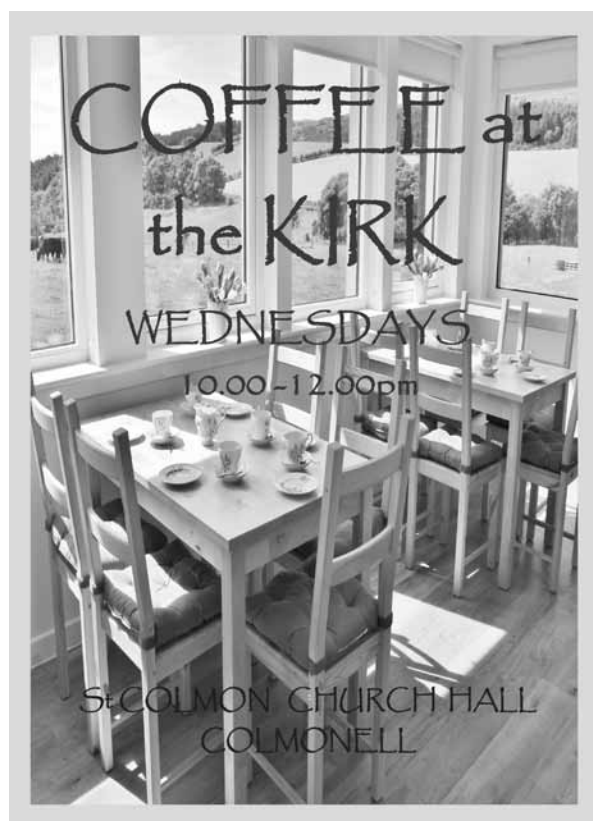
We are also on Facebook at Barrhill Camera Club

BARRHILL PLAYGROUP

Barrhill Playgroup runs every Thursday from 12 – 2pm at £2 a session in the Barrhill Memorial Hall. All welcome, bring a packed lunch.

THE TROUT INN BARRHILL

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BALLANTRAE FESTIVAL EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS



The windy weather on Sunday 10 May, didn't deter almost four thousand people from turning up for the first ever Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink. With numbers exceeding all expectations, visitors flocked to the event which was held in a grand marquee at the harbour. Stalls offering fresh quality local food and pop-up restaurants all did a roaring trade.

Writer and broadcaster, Kirsty Wark demonstrated her culinary skills using wild garlic from Ballantrae beach foraged by Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods. Trump Turnberry's Executive Chef Munur Kara shared his tips for cooking locally caught mackerel while Andrew Beattie of the Cook School Scotland worked his magic on local lamb and chicken. Howard Wilkinson spoke about how Dunlop cheese has just gained Protected Geographical Status (like champagne) and the concept of "Slow Food". Pop-up restaurants provided by Glenapp Castle, Marrbury Smokehouse and Drumbredan Hog Roast served hundreds of meals over the day. Fantastic live music – creating just the right atmosphere – was provided by the Pulse Jazz Combo.

Festival Co-ordinator, Susan Crosthwaite said:

"The Festival has exceeded all of our expectations. We had hoped for around two thousand people, and almost double that number attended. The work we did with children and staff at Ballantrae and Colmonell Primary schools on healthy eating was on display for all to see."

"It was a great day for stallholders and local restaurants. Visitors had the chance to sample a huge range of quality food from this area. It shows that a small village like ours can put on a major popular event"

The Festival was inspired by Ballantrae's exceptional lamb, beef and seafood produce, and we attracted a wide range of producers from across South West Scotland. We're playing our part in helping to deliver Scotland's food strategy in this Year of Food and Drink. We plan to build on our success through the Ballantrae Farmers' Markets planned for 16 August and 4 October. We also hope to be able to run another Festival in 2016.

The organising group is indebted to all of the volunteers from the village who helped to make the Festival a success, to the stallholders who provided such excellent examples of quality local produce, to the visitors who came along, and to our Festival partners who helped to make it happen."

The Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink was organised by the Ballantrae Development Group which is a sub group of the Ballantrae Community Council. Supported by the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere, the Festival received funding from South Ayrshire Council and the Community Food Fund.

CRAFT FAIR PINWHERRY / BBQ

Locally produced handmade crafts, covering a wide spectrum from; fabrics to metal, unique jewellery, clocks, woodwork and pottery and many others.

To take place in two marquee's on the **2 Pins site in Pinwherry on Saturday 27th June 2015**. To run from 10am to 4pm.

To book a table ring Jill McAlley: 01465 841198

Email j.mcalley@btinternet.com.

£10.00 a table.

Bar-B-Q **Saturday** 27th June 7pm to 10pm on the 2 Pins site Main Street Pinwherry

STINCHAR VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our March talk by Louise Bustard, Education Officer at Glasgow Botanic Garden was very well received, many requests for another talk on one of Louise's many subjects were voiced at our tea break.

In April. The AGM and plant swap, saw the Committee stand down for the election of new blood!

This was followed by Cheese, Nibbles and soft drinks, enjoyed by all.

We have three very special trips arranged for the summer, which we hope many will come along to, bringing friends with them. These are private houses; two are in the RHS Yellow Book;

Saturday 13th June 2pm £5 pp donation; **Whithills Minigaff.**
Wednesday 1st July 2pm £5 pp donation; **Barholme Castle Carsluth.**
Saturday 1st August 2pm £5 pp donation; **Heroncroft BlackCraig.**

Please feel free to contact any of our committee for further information.

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Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Pinwherry Hall. The fee is £12.00 joining fee or £3.00 per visit.
As well as our speakers we always enjoy tea/coffee and a chat.
Non-members are always welcome to our meetings and our visits.



BUSY BIOSPHERE CHARTER IS A HIT



It's spring here on our Galloway farm and three things are taking all my time and energy; lambing, my two granddaughters next door, the younger born on 19th march, and Newton Stewart Walking Festival in May. It's my enthusiasm for all three which makes the Biosphere and the values in its Charter important to me. We enjoy a high quality environment which we must pass on, protected and enhanced, to future generations, and it's a joy to see our children learn about the nature around them. But if our young people are to have a longer term future here we must also have a sustainable economy. That means using our natural resources to support the styles of farming, forestry, tourism and other economic activities which respect nature. Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Charter incorporates these values – please sign up.

Best wishes Joan Mitchell (Chair Partnership Board)

Taken from the 2nd Spring 2015 edition of Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere news!

We are delighted that the Biosphere Charter has already attracted attention of individuals, communities, businesses and organisations who are keen to demonstrate their support of the Biosphere Charter principles.

The six principles are:

- o Help to conserve the natural resources of the Biosphere
- o Support the economy to benefit people and nature
- o Promote cultural heritage and local products
- o Contribute to the health and well-being of the community
- o Develop knowledge, understanding and promote research
- o Raise awareness of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

Find out about the Charter application process and the benefits here.

<http://www.gsabiosphere.org.uk/get-involved/charter/>

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To raise funds for our new Community Hall. - The 2 Pins Centre



Family BBQ



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Saturday 27th June 2015, 7pm - 11pm

Bring your own wine/beer

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Tickets can be purchased from any
Committee Member

Or

Contact Morag Campbell 01465 841641

Pinwherry Community Association and 2pins Company



**Sunday June 14th
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from 10 am - 3 pm**

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large Vans by arrangement

Any enquiries contact Morag
07780632876/01465841641

**Pinwherry Community Association
and
The 2 Pins Community Company**

**Car Boot Sale. Auto Jumble. Vintage Tractor
and
Farm Machinery.**

Sunday 6th September

10am to 4pm

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Pinwherry. Ayrshire.
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Car Boot space. Cars £6.00. Vans £8.00. Larger vehicles by arrangement.
To book a space contact **Peter Walker 01465 841215.**

Auto Jumble. Cars 6.00. Vans £8.00 larger vehicles and extra space by
arrangement. To book a place contact **Bob Turner 01465 841676.**

Vintage Tractor and Farming equipment
To book a space contact Jimmy Stewart (day time only) 01456 713410.

Public entrance free, car parking, on site catering, toilets.

An event for all the family.

The event is to raise funding for the new 2 Pins Community Centre.

FAMILY HISTORY SEARCH

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

I'm currently undertaking my Family History research, and have a copy of a document which was produced in 1948 by an Andrew Robb of Nova Scotia.

He has traced my maternal grandmother's line back to a James McCrindle, probably born in Barr parish between 1670 and 1680. He had a son John born in 1727, who in turn had a son William, who is styled as a 'Gentleman Farmer' also in Barr. He in turn had a son John (1805 - 1855) who farmed Knockdaw. He and his wife Jean Barclay (I have a photo of her) are buried in Colmonell churchyard (I have a 1940's photograph of the headstone). Although I do have just about enough information to commit pen to paper, I am keen to both verify as much as I can, and indeed add to this if possible.

So my quest is to find anyone in your area who has done a bit of historical research, and thus accumulated background information.

I would be most grateful to you if you could forward this request to whoever may be able to help me with this.

With best wishes,
Peter

Peter Wright., MBE Please visit: www.ribbonofwildness.co.uk

'No other journey through Scotland can give so sublime a sense of unity - a feeling of how the Nation's various different landscapes link together to form a coherent whole'. The Scotsman

The following extract is taken from the above website, with permission from Peter Wright. MBE.

SO WHAT IS THE WATERSHED?

Now imagine that you are a raindrop about to land on Scotland. Where you finally end up, will follow very simply, from where you touch down in the landscape - for by bog, burn and river you will make a watery journey to either the Atlantic Ocean or the North Sea. There is a clear line, a demarcation that has now been drawn on the map, which is the simple divide between which of these you are bound for- that line is the Watershed of Scotland.

It can also be described as the 'backbone of Scotland', because it consistently lies on the higher ground, with an average elevation of about 450m, throughout its 1,100km meander, from the middle of the Scottish Border to Duncansby Head in the far northeast. It forms a corridor or ribbon of higher ground, all of which is above the headwaters of the major river systems, and it covers a linear expanse of largely trackless moor, bog, rock, forest and mountain. From the Watershed, a magnificent place of vantage, the burns and rivers rise close-by, and then fall away on either side for their journey, to be lost eventually in sea or ocean. Nowhere is the width of this ribbon of wildness specified, because it varies from as little as 20 or 30 meters, to a wide sweep over moor and mountain top.

'The Watershed is visionary, a lovely concept'.

Our activities may have constrained it in places, or rendered it somewhat threadbare, but remarkably, it survives in a wilder state than that which lies alongside. Why it has not been more widely acknowledged or celebrated hitherto, is strange indeed, but now, as a seemingly new discovery, it has immense appeal; it will assuredly feature more prominently and be widely appreciated in the future.

'Peter Wright has done lovers of wild places a great service in providing the first comprehensive description of the Watershed'. Chris Townsend

The 5 Marches of the Watershed

Although the Watershed is a continuous geographic feature, the route that it takes encompasses a number of distinct parts of Scotland, over lowland, midland and highland terrains. The underlying geology provides an ideal structure for defining five distinct parts or marches, as the author has chosen to call them, which each reflect their particular type of landscape, with the major fault lines being the points of transition from one to the other. There is a detailed chapter on each of these in Ribbon of Wildness.

The Reiver March extends for over 133km from Peel Fell on the border with England to the lip of the Southern Upland Fault on Gawky Hill. Wauchope, Craik and Eskdalemuir forests present a seemingly impenetrable green cloak on much of it, but the revelation that the Watershed has survived

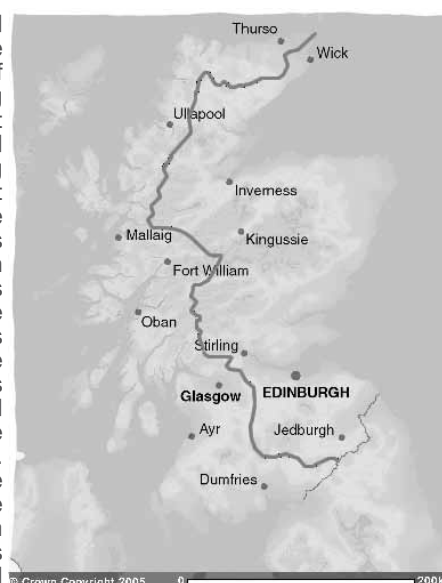
unploughed and unplanted, is a fine discovery. Much of it, then lies along the tops of what are fondly referred to as the 'rolling border hills', as it weaves around the familiar landmarks including Loch Skeen and Devils Beef Tub. The Reiver March keeps company with the upper reaches of the Tweed catchment on the right, throughout. Its appeal will lie in both the ease of access from the main centres of population, and the fine terrain that

it covers. In addition to a number of designated areas, it touches on the work of the Borders Forest Trust, John Muir Trust, and the National Trust for Scotland.

The Laich March spans upwards of 175km of the rift valley of the Central Belt, from Gawky Hill to Guilan on the Highland Boundary Fault. There are those who might scoff at walking this more exploited landscape, but intriguingly, wildness, or relatively wilder terrain is maintained, and there were plenty of welcome surprises, where nature is in the ascendancy. The Central Scotland Forest Trust plays an active part in fostering the regeneration of much of this area, and there is good evidence of this on the Watershed.

The Heartland March takes in 240km of the southern Highlands from Guilan to Laggan in the Great Glen. The tops and moors which this March traverses will resonate loudly for vast numbers of those who cross and re-cross the Watershed on their journey north on the A82, and generations of walkers and climbers will have had some of their finest mountain experiences hereabouts. Linking the two National Parks, and the work of a litany of many of the major biodiversity organisations, the intrepid walker will enjoy a succession of landscape treats, when venturing on this March.

The Moine March is the longest at 330km, from the middle of the Great Glen to Ben Hee. Iconic landscapes, seems to be the most fitting phrase to describe the terrain of the Moine March. Remote, and much of it entirely empty of habitation, it almost guarantees solitude, the few Munroist encounters merely serve to enhance the predominant isolation. Some of it is not for the inexperienced, and calls for a good range of necessary outdoor skills, but it will reward in full measure those who take the challenge.



The Northland March crosses the entire Flow Country, and ends 180km later at Duncansby Head, overlooking the Pentland Firth. Bog-hopping on an epic scale awaits the intrepid Watershedist in these vast expanses of the Flow Country, where wide skies, rich colour and texture, and ever dancing light abound. This March encounters a magnificent succession of Ramsar sites, which have served to rescue and protect these habitats that are rare, even on the world stage. And in recognition of this, the RSPB has created its largest reserve, which sits astride the Watershed. In season, this March is filled with delight.

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The Green Deal Explained

I am a qualified accredited Green Deal Advisor and I want to explain Green Deal the reason being that most people are wary of it due to a lack of information. Green Deal was introduced by the UK government as a group of measures to reduce CO2 levels. And 27% of carbon emissions come from the housing sector 80% used in the home comes from space heating and hot water. So improving the energy efficiency of our homes is the most cost effective way to hit carbon emissions targets. Green Deal is a loan to pay for energy efficiency improvements or measures the loan is paid back through an extra charge added to your electricity bill that means whoever pays the bill gets the benefits you don't pay any upfront costs and the loan stays with the property if you move. If you have cash available you can pay the cost or part of the cost of the Green Deal improvements yourself, you can use other ways to finance the improvements i.e. Bank loans, extending your mortgage, taking out a low rate loan ultimately it means warmer more energy efficient lower fuel bills. The advantage of using the Green Deal route is the accreditation of all parts of the process, ensuring minimum standards are adhered to and giving a level of assurance regarding risk. The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) runs alongside of the Green Deal it focuses on households which could not make energy saving improvements without extra financial support. You could also qualify for a Government grant or a Government loan. The Renewable Heat Incentive pays money back over a period of seven years for example if you get a biomass boiler; you get payments back over seven years. There are 45 improvements eligible for Green Deal finance for example. Draught Proofing-Hot Water Tank Jacket-Biomass Boiler-cavity Wall Insulation-Internal and External Insulation.

The Green Deal Journey

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Ayr Writers' Club

Star Writers

Yet again Ayr Writers' Club dominated the national Scottish Association of Writers annual competitions.

Ayr writers won first prize in six categories and over all had 24 mentions, that is two more than last year. Pat Young whose novel 'Till The Dust Settles' won two competitions resulting in Pat acquiring a literary agent. Dorothy Gallagher had two novels that gained prizes in different categories. 'The Way of It' won first prize and 'Ice Child' won second prize. In total Dorothy was recognised for the quality of her writing in five different competitions. Dorothy has just completed a children's book called 'Scarecrow's Dream'. Ann Burnett won first prize for the best short story and Maggie Bolton won first prize in the children's novel section. Maggie along with Greta Yorke have just published a children's story called 'Witch Hitch' that is about a bunch of disorganised witches and their journey to retrieve their lost items.

President Rhona Anderson from Girvan commented, "I know the club oozes with talented writers but for so many AWC members to have their writing celebrated is fantastic".

If you would like more information about the AWC or the books for sale or you would like the AWC to speak at your organisation then turn to the AWC website at www.ayrwritersclub.co.uk or follow Ayr Writers' Club on Facebook. The Ayr Writers' Club meets each Wednesday until May at 7.15pm to 9.30pm at the Carlton Hotel, Prestwick. Visitors will receive a warm welcome or for those unable to attend, an e-membership option is available



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Mail To The Editor

Welcome to the Summer 2015 issue of the Stinchar Valley Magazine stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

This publication is your chance to read and make the community news in the Stinchar Valley and surrounding region.

If you have any news you would like to send us or comments upon articles you have read in these pages please get in touch. The same goes for any additions to these pages you would like to see in the future and if you have events, clubs or anything that local people would like to attend or hear of. Would you or someone you know like to appear here in the future?

Are you from Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell, Glen App, Lendalfoot or Pinwherry & Pinmore areas?

For all this and anything else that crosses your mind about our communities contact the editorial team. Your input is vital. Be heard, make a difference. Items may be edited for spelling, grammar, clarity or length.

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Why not use this magazine to let your neighbours know what you need help with or what you would like to buy or sell? You could save yourself some money, time and a longer journey.

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The Carrick website	http://www.carrickayrshire.com
Carrick Futures	www.carrickfutures.org.uk
Galloway & Ayrshire Biosphere	http://www.gallowayandsouthernayrshirebiosphere.org.uk/
Red Nose Day	http://www.rednoseday.com/
The Southern Uplands Partnership	http://www.sup.org.uk/
Scottish Natural Heritage	http://www.snh.org.uk/
The Woodland Trust	http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
Sign the Petition Now	http://www.38degrees.org.uk
Forestry Commission	http://www.forestry.gov.uk/
Scottish Environmental Protection	http://www.sepa.org.uk/
Girvan Camera Club	http://www.girvancameraclub.org.uk
Girvan Attractions	http://girvanattractions.synthasite.com/
Red Squirrels in South Scotland	http://www.redsquirrels.org.uk
Ayrshire Rivers Trust	www.ayrshireriverstrust.org/cisp
Ayrshire Red Squirrel Group	www.ayrshirered squirrels.org.uk/
ASDA Online shopping	http://groceries.asda.com/asda-estore/index.jsp
The Commonwealth Orchard	http://www.commonwealthorchard.com/
The Flavours of Home	http://www.flavoursofhome.co.uk/
BBC Web Wise	http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/courses
Going Wild	http://www.goingwild.net
The Big Wildlife Garden	http://www.bwg.naturalengland.org.uk/
The Peinn Mor Pottery	http://www.peinnmor.co.uk/
M.J.A Photography	http://www.mjaphotography.co.uk/
Public services all in one place	www.direct.gov.uk
For timetables, fares and bookings	www.citylinkonlinesales.co.uk
Library Catalogue	https://library.south-ayrshire.gov.uk
South Ayrshire Libraries Blog	http://sayrshirelib.wordpress.com/
Scottish Water	http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/
Community Police Team	http://www.strathclyde.police.uk/your-community/ayrshire/girvan_and_south_carrick/
Barr Village	http://www.barrvillage.co.uk/
Stagecoach	http://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables

Useful Contacts

Barrhill Community Bus,	Self hire or arranged trips	01465 714665
Stagecoach,	Ayr Depot	01292 613500
MyBus Rural, Door to door transport for Carrick. Mon - Sat 7am to 7pm		0845 123 5656
Accident & Emergency	Ayr Hospital	01292 610555
Minor Injuries Unit	Girvan Community Hospital	01465 712571
NHS 24		111
Samaritans		0345 909090
Citizens Advice	Stranraer 10am-4pm Monday to Friday	01776 706355
SEPA Emergencies		0800 807060
Gas Emergencies		0800 111 999
Scottish Power	Power Cut/Emergencies Mob: 0330 1010 222	0800 092 9290
Police (non-emergency)		101
Emergency Services		999

For suspicious articles found on any beach contact (101 or 999) **and ask for the Coast Guard**, because it might have come from Beaufort's Dyke; which is the sea trench between Northern Ireland and Scotland within the North Channel. The dyke is 50 km long, 3.5 km wide and 200–300 metres deep

RECOMMENDED TRADESMEN

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Carpet Fitter	Mark Foster	Tel: 01465 713884	Mob: 07722892263	By Frank Bean	26/11/12
Computer Problems	Robert Carty	Tel: 01465 479176	Mob: 07523847119	By Jim Fleming	08/11/13
Electrician	John Foster	Tel: 01655 331257	Mob: 07526464524	By Jim Fleming	08/11/13
Gardening Services	Fraser Wallace	Tel: 01465 831487	Email: wallace632@btinternet.com	By Jim Fleming	08/11/13
Painting and Decorating	Ian Picken	Tel: 07814 962695		By Ruth Murray	
Plumbing/Heating	Eric Hyslop	Tel: 01671 402646	E mail: heat@ehyslop-ltd.com	By John McAlley	08/01/14
Appliance Repairs	Howard Galley	Tel: 01465 831537		By Peter Newland	24/01/14
Plumbing/Gas Engineer,	Ross McCulloch	Tel: 01292 550954	Mob: 07766978568	By Claire Pirrie	26/01/14
Plumbing/Heating	Ian Terry	Tel: 01465 712594	Mob: 07733470874	By Dr M L McKenna	08/14
				by Rev Jim Guthrie	
Roofers	Danny Cunningham and Sons	Tel: 01465 891000	Mob: 07971076308	By Dr M L McKenna	08/14
Plasterer	Scott Mcmillan	Tel: 01465 715248		by Rev Jim Guthrie	
Joiner	W Lyle	Tel: 01465 831039		by Rev Jim Guthrie	

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Management meetings	10.02.15	12.05.15	11.08.15	10.11.15
Draft from editorial team back to editor	11.02.15	13.05.15	12.08.15	11.11.15
Draft from editor to publisher	13.02.15	15.05.15	14.08.15	13.11.15
Final draft from publisher to editor	23.02.15	25.05.15	24.08.15	23.11.15
Final draft from editor to publisher	25.02.15	27.05.15	26.08.15	25.11.15
Collection from publisher	06.03.15	05.06.15	04.09.15	04.12.15
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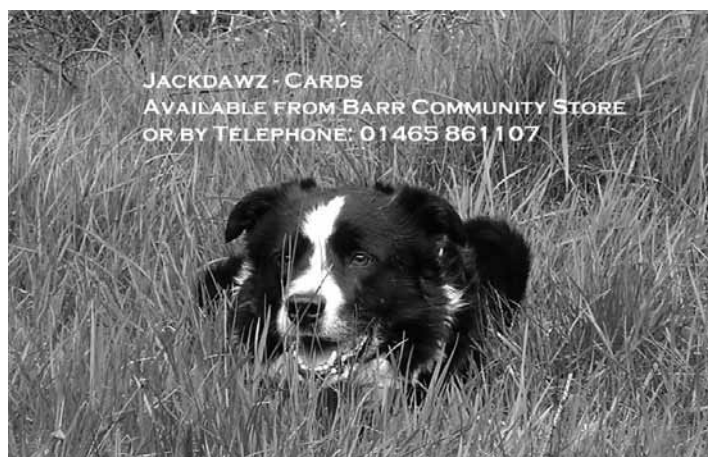
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PEINN MOR POTTERY

Beryl working on a new ceramic wall piece for summer, 2015.

The Pottery at Pinmore was one of 6 rural south Carrick venues participating in the 4 day 2015 Art and Crafts Open Studios Ayrshire weekend, 24th-27th April.

Now in its 3rd year, OSA was bigger than ever, representing artists and crafts-people who opened their doors to visitors in all corners of North, East and South Ayrshire. Many people came to Pinmore over the 4 days, including, for the first time, the Art Trail bus with 17 people on board. OSA is proving to be an important new element in the development of cultural tourism in Ayrshire and is set to grow over the coming years.

Beryl and Keith are pleased to be showing their ceramics in the 2 Pins Craft Fair marquee in Pinwherry on 27th June.



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In the Hall, Canoeing on the Stinchar and Crate climbing



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