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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Summer 2016 issue of the Stinchar Valley Magazine. 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?

We cover Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell, Glenapp, 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.

Front Cover photograph, shows the 2 Pins Vintage Tractor and Car rally, with Car Boot Sale

HOW TO SEND IN YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES

You can email your local representatives or send to the editor John McAlley at stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk. If you do not have access to a computer or email you can post or drop off material to our Editor John McAlley at: Ligartrie Farm Pinwherry KA26 0SL. We will return any material to you. Send in text as a WORD or OPEN OFFICE document. Please do not place photographs in a Word document, attach separately. Photographs should be correctly named; full size images straight from the camera and scanned images should be high resolution (Min 300 DPI) wherever possible. Tell us any special instructions about the layout/content of your article. What are the images about that you want included? Include any Website names and web links that are relevant. If you have a logo or badge – please send a high resolution image of this. Try to avoid vivid colour backgrounds.

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	All meetings begin at 7.30pm and are open to the public
Ballantrae	Last Tuesday of the month (except Dec) Public hall. Start time is now 7.00pm
Barr	7pm in the Village Hall every second Thursday in the month except Dec.
Barrhill	4th Wednesday of the month (except July, Sept & Dec) Memorial Hall
Colmonell & Lendalfoot	4th Tuesday of the month (alternate months from Jan) Village Hall
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AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

As I write this column, there has just been another very successful folk festival in Girvan with the weather being much kinder than it might have been. Given that transport was available to all of the villages, I hope that you had the chance to enjoy some of the music and song on offer. It is also very pleasing to see substantial progress on the new Girvan and South Carrick leisure centre

(the quay zone) with a lot of the major groundwork having been carried out even down to the shape of the pool being evident. It will not be long before the actual main building work starts and the phoenix will rise from the ashes. This is a tribute to all of you who never gave up after the ridiculous demolition of the old swimming pool.



AN INDEPENDENT VIEW (contd.)

Talking of swimming, there are a couple of issues that have been making waves.

One is the charging for council support at local galas and the other is utility charges to community associations for the use of village halls and community centres.

For the small amounts of monies involved (in the scheme of things) this policy has caused maximum disruption and dismay in our communities. In these tight financial times, it is obscene to ask those whose efforts provide the social cohesion that keeps the rural heartbeat going to pay charges for volunteering their own time and hard work free of charge for the benefit of their communities, especially when there is no way that it can be afforded.

There is a powerful surge throughout Carrick of folk who are not going to accept this situation and have been working together to present their case

to South Ayrshire Council.

Myself and my ward colleague, Councillor Alec Oattes, have been working with the communities to make the case and hopefully find a resolution which will see these charges rescinded.

These are clearly policies where the consequences have not been thought through and will be challenged until it is understood that we can all accept the fact that savings have to be made but that effectively taxing volunteers is not acceptable.

Going around the town and villages is always a reminder to myself of how lucky we are in our wee part of the world to have such talented and enthusiastic folk who so selfishly take forward projects and events for the benefit of others. I attend community councils, community associations, parent councils, locality planning groups, community trusts, youth groups, senior citizen groups,

uniformed groups and individual volunteers. This is where services are provided that no council could afford to pay for and where if you could bottle the energy and ideas they could be sold for a fortune. It is indeed a privilege to represent the good folk as a South Ayrshire councillor and support them in any way that I can.

By the time you read this we will have a newly elected Scottish government in place, it will nearly be time for a vote to leave or stay in the European Union and next year will see the local South Ayrshire council elections.

Hardly time to draw breath. Where have the last few years gone?

Have a great summer, enjoy your holidays with family and friends and stay safe and well.

Councillor Alec Clark,

South Ayrshire Council,
Ward 8 Girvan and South Carrick

COUNCILLOR ALEC OATTES



As I prepare this article for the Stinchar Valley Magazine, there is no doubt what the biggest local issue is to the residents of South Carrick which is the threat to Gala Days and Community Halls throughout South Carrick by the Budget decision of the Council Administration on the 3rd of March.

The first thing to say is, for most of us, we are living in an age of austerity and Budget decisions whether made in Westminster, Holyrood, or in Council Chambers throughout the U.K. are incredibly difficult due to diminishing resources and increased demand.

However the small overall saving from imposing Gala Day Charges for Stalls and by imposing unaffordable energy charges on Village Halls is totally outweighed by the Social benefit of having the Community Halls in each locality. Councillor Alec Clark and myself are working with Community Associations to take two petitions and make a presentation to the Public Processes Panel on the 29th of September in attempt to overturn the folly of this Budget decision. The reason for the delay in going to the Public Processes Panel is that Council decisions cannot be revisited within six months of the decision having been taken.

Another long running issue I have been involved with is the current uncertainty over the future of the Stranraer to Ayr Line Support Association, (SAYLSA) due to the contract of the previous Development Manager coming to an end on the 31st of October 2015. I have been working with several local people on the Executive Sub Group of SAYLSA to carry on the previous aim of maximising and developing the Rail Service between Ayr and Stranraer. My

sincere and utmost thanks goes out to those local people who have given countless hours of their time to deal with past problems within SAYLSA, but also to promote a revitalised organisation which will give SAYLSA a solid base to take on the challenges over the next few years.

I also serve on the Board of the new South Ayrshire Community Transport Group which is co-coordinating and promoting Community Transport throughout South Ayrshire. This Group is supported by South Ayrshire Council, S.P.T. and Access to Employment, further details can be found on the Web Site at "www.sacommunitytransport.org" or Telephone 01292 270864.

I wish all readers a Happy Summer Time, we all live in a historic and beautiful area with much potential and although living in a rural area brings challenges it also brings many benefits to the quality of life.

I can be contacted in the usual way, by phone or email, if anyone requires assistance with a Council matter.

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**What does the Stinchar Valley Magazine mean to you?
Does it make you smile, laugh, cry? Do you look forward to it?
Does it keep you in the know about what's happening?
Do you read it?!**

We have recently obtained some more funding to keep the magazine dropping through your letterbox so we are keen to know what it means to you. To make it interesting we want you to tell us in 30 words or less.

All responses will be put into a prize draw and the winner will receive a limited edition of the new 2Pins mug designed and made by Peinn Mor Pottery. 15 only.

When the Stinchar Valley Magazine drops through my letterbox...

Responses can be emailed to the editor or sent to the editor's address.
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BARR

Local man Alistair Stewart was recently interviewed by Sine Robertson; we were lucky enough to receive the interview for our local readers.

QUESTION TIME!

Alistair Stewart earned a place in the Scottish Sheepdog Trials Team for the first time this year, and qualified for the Supreme at Dumfriesshire, where he won the Shepherd's Trophy and finished in eighth place with Midge pictured to the left of Alistair in the picture.

He was born and grew up at the Lanes, where his father was shepherd, at the village of Barr, Ayrshire. He started work for David Shennan at Knockgerran, the neighbouring farm to the Lanes. After 5 years there, he had a spell away from sheep for 2 years, "working on windmills" - or wind turbines, as they are generally known. For the past two years, he has been working for the Tulloch family at Gillesbie Estate, Lockerbie, where he has 2,100 ewes in his care. They are 1,450 North Country Cheviot Ewes, 500 Cross Texel Ewes In-by, and 150 NCC ewes producing blue headed Leicester cross lambs.

How did you start trialling?

"My Dad, Dougie Stewart, always had working dogs, and although he didn't trial them, he would break working dogs and often sold them to trial folk. I always had a dog of my own for going to the hill after school. I watched Davie Shennan and I learned from him, and I got keen on dogs. While I was working for him, I started going to the nurseries, but then I stopped when I was at the windmills - I sold my dogs. I took it up again about four years ago and I got into the nursery team in my first year, then I ran at the Barr open - that's my local trial and I was chuffed when I won it."

What advice would you give a beginner?

"Don't take it up, it's like a drug!"



What's been your best moment since you began trialling?

"Getting into the Supreme"

.....and the worst?

"I haven't had that many . . . well, I had a disappointment at Moniaive this year. I won it last year with Midge on 95 points, and this year my young dog, Tweed had 85, with no shed. The dog was ready to make a good shed, but I stepped the wrong way, and the dog came in on a single. I would have liked to win it twice in a row, but it was my own fault. (Tweed was third, the winning dog had 87 pts, so a score of 3 pts at the shed would have won the trial, but alas! Alistair stepped the wrong way. . .)

"And there was the van breaking down on the way to the National this year. Willie Welsh was with me, and we stopped at the House of Bruar, near Blair Atholl, for something to eat. We came out and the van wouldn't start. I had to phone a garage, the mechanic looked at it, saw a loose wire and charged me £84 for two minutes' work!"

"Oh, aye, I had a good run in the nursery final two years ago with Roy, but he gripped at the pen. I know he had it in him, but he had run all winter and got placed, without gripping, then he did it at the final."

What do you do when you're away from the trial field?

"I used to play darts, but trialling takes a lot of time. I don't mean training - I tried with traffic cones but that was a waste of time. I work late during the week to have a bit of time at weekends to go to trials."

Now you're in print, is there anything you'd like to add?

"If trialling is going to continue, it needs young folk. There are not enough shepherds employed. It's a pity that part of the Single Farm Payment doesn't go towards keeping people employed on a wage."

Have you ever forgotten your dog?

"No."

BARR PRIMARY



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UPPER STINCHAR SWI'S OPEN NIGHT



Maybole Concert Party brought music and glamour to Barr Village Hall at Upper Stinchar SWI's Open Night. As well as superb singing from the group, there were fun sketches and stories in this variety show.

Rural members, friends from Barr and invited guests from neighbouring Institutes enjoyed a packed entertainment programme from the talented Maybole Concert Party which included songs from

the musicals, comedy sketches, poems, jokes as well as a medley of songs from Bond movies.

A delicious supper of cakes, sandwiches, teas and coffees was served by Upper Stinchar Rural ladies while everyone in the Hall enjoyed an opportunity to catch up with friends.

Thanks to the generosity of members and visitors, the raffle raised over £90.00 for Institute funds.

A passion for Ayrshire Whitework

Thursday 21st April 2016 the Upper Stinchar SWI welcomed Catherine Czerkawska who is a novelist, playwright, historian and collector of antique textiles. Her talk was on the fascinating art of needlework called Ayrshire Whitework.

Catherine took time out of her busy schedule - her most recent book, *The Jewel*, was launched on May 2nd 2016 - to give us an insight into the origins and development of Ayrshire Whitework,

this most exquisite form of embroidery local to our own county. Popular as a Scottish alternative to prohibitively expensive French lace in the late 18th century, the craft of embroidering tiny, white thread patterns on white linen or muslin cotton began in Edinburgh.

As Catherine explained, the Whitework business grew and in the early 19th century gradually moved to the west coast of Scotland where it became a cottage industry, employing weavers' families. Skilled



Ayrshire needlewomen and girls hand-decorated the cloth with detailed sprigs of flowers, petals and leaves and fine, lace-like patterns. This technique is known as 'flowering'.

Catherine's storytelling skills had us all imagining how difficult it would have been to

sew by firelight or with only the glimmer of a candle.

Decorated bolts of cloth were sent off from villages such as Straiton, Kirkmichael

and Maybole to bigger towns to be washed, bleached and created into baby caps, aprons, handkerchiefs,

christening gowns and other fashionable garments of the time.

Rural ladies had the opportunity to examine and admire Catherine's prized collection of Ayrshire Whitework - it was fascinating to study the fine details of the delicate stitching on dresses, bonnets and babies' robes.

Catherine's engaging talk was much enjoyed by Rural ladies and friends.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a local member of the Scottish Women's Institute, contact the Upper Stinchar SWI Secretary, Rhona Anderson, at rcsanderson4@gmail.com

More information on the SWI is available from their website theswi.org.uk or find them on Facebook Scottish Women's Institutes and on Twitter @SWInstitutes R. Anderson

BARRHILL

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We look forward to seeing all your entries

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COLMONELL FUN WEEK

This year, Colmonell Fun Day will take place on Saturday 11th June, from 1pm at Colmonell Playing Fields. Abbi Philips (centre) will be crowned as the 2016 princess, with Alana Clark (right) as lady in waiting and William Hyslop (left) as page boy.

There will be the usual stalls, and attractions will include entertainment from Silly Gilly, an owl display from Hoots Forever Homes Sanctuary, bouncy castle and Colmonell Fun Run

More details about the Fun Day and other events during the Fun Week will be published in the local press and on the Colmonell Facebook page closer to the time. Colmonell Fun Day has been part-funded through the Scottish Government and European Community Ayrshire LEADER Programme 2014-2020.



COLMONELL BABY & TODDLER GROUP / COLMONELL PEEP

An Easter Egg hunt was organised for children at Colmonell Baby and Toddler group on Good Friday. The children enjoyed finding lots of chocolate eggs hidden around the Kirk Hall after their hard work making Easter chicks and Easter buckets to collect their eggs in. The group meet every Friday, including during school holidays, in St Colmon Kirk Hall from 1.30pm to 3pm. All babies and children under 5 years from the Stinchar Valley area welcome. For more information contact Eileen McCutcheon on 881 191.

PEEP sessions for babies and toddlers will be delivered by Community Learning and Development team in Colmonell Community Centre on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 11am from 11th May and will run until the end of June. Come along and join in with nursery rhymes, stories, crafts and play. For more information, contact Alison Wales on 01655 882105.

COLMONELL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Development Group has been meeting since September 2015 and is currently working on a community consultation for Colmonell, to find out what residents and local groups would like to see in the village. So far, the group has helped to organise a Christmas lights switch on and carol concert for the village, and a children's safety event is being arranged for 10th May. The group will have a stall at Colmonell Fun Day on 11th June so please remember to visit and give your thoughts on what you want to see happen in the village. For more information contact any of the group members: Heather O'Hare, Michelle Mitchell, Eileen McCutcheon, Barry Robertson, Helen Allan, Yvonne Wilson, Evelyn McCubbin and Yvonne Templeton.

ST COLMON CHURCHYARD, COLMONELL

Over the last few weeks a group of volunteers have come together to begin a project to maintain and preserve the headstones and update the records in St Colmon churchyard. South Ayrshire Council's Bereavement Services Officer visited the Churchyard and we agreed a plan to assess the safety of each headstone. Since then a number of unsafe headstones have been stabilised or straightened and this has been done in such a way that changes to the appearance of the churchyard have been minimised.

The next step is to record the stones that have been adjusted and where necessary note any changes this has made to the visibility of the inscription e.g. where stones have been dug into the ground in front of their plinth. If possible families will be contacted and informed of work done to their headstone.

Some headstones may benefit from restoration so the project group will consider obtaining quotations from monumental stonemasons and then look into fundraising.

The work done by Mr William McCubbin in recording the inscriptions and mapping every headstone is invaluable to this project. These records have now been enhanced by a photographic record of each headstone thanks to the work of Girvan Camera Club. The ultimate aim is to make all the information and photographs.



If your family has a headstone in the churchyard please get in touch before considering cleaning the stone, as their age and the type of material can often require specialist techniques in order to slow or prevent the deterioration of the inscriptions.

If you would like to know more, or if you know anyone who has links with a headstone in the churchyard please get in touch with Claire Pirrie on 841644 or email clairepirrie@gmail.com

BALLANTRAE CHURCH LINKED WITH ST COLMON CHURCH

Once there were three friends who each had a talent and longed to be famous. The first was a great singer, the second was an accomplished dancer and the third was a magician.

One day they saw an advert for the auditions of Britain's Got Talent. They decided to

enter and hoped that each of them would be selected by the judges. The singer went home, found a couple of songs she really liked and practised just about every moment of every day until she knew the words and notes perfectly. The dancer cleared a space in his house, and danced whenever he could, though he was quite busy with other projects. However the magician thought to himself, "I am already the world's best magician. I don't need to practice." and so he did nothing to prepare himself.

Eventually the day of the audition arrived and each got the chance to perform before the judges. The

singer sang her heart out, received a standing ovation and one of the judges put her through to the semi-finals with the golden buzzer. The dancer danced the best he had ever danced and received glowing reports from the judges and was put through to the next round. Unfortunately the magician did not do so well, especially when the rabbit didn't appear from his hat, but was seen hopping off the stage. The magician soon followed the rabbit, when he was buzzed four times and his dream of being famous came to an end. In time both the singer and the dancer got to the semi-finals, though only the singer got voted through to the finals and it

was there that she won and knew that her life was going to change forever – which it did!

This tale is loosely based on a story that Jesus told, which you can read in Matthew 25:14 – 30 and I think challenges us to make sure we use the gifts that we have been given. You may not have a gift that will get you on Britain's Got Talent, but I guarantee that you will have something, which you can use to benefit other people.

I hope you have a good summer, and know God's blessing each day.

Stephen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Taste & See Cafe Church

6:30pm for 7pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall, Colmonell Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month throughout 2016.

Come along to our café with live music and discussion. Enjoy coffee, tea, a variety of cakes and during the summer months we are having milkshakes instead of hot chocolates.



Sunday at Glenapp

An opportunity to share in a reflective style of worship that draws on the ecumenical patterns that have arisen from different liturgical traditions across the UK and the world, such as from the Iona Community.

At 3pm on Sunday 26th June, 31st July, and 28th August in Glenapp Church.

Concert: Dave Brackenridge

18th June at 7:30pm in St Colmon Church, Colmonell

Tickets: £4 – can be bought in advance or at the door

If you want to contact Stephen, our minister, to check service times, or to arrange visits, weddings, baptisms, funerals or anything else, his details are:

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www.stcolmonparishchurch.org.uk

We are also on Facebook as 'Ballantrae Church' and 'StColmon Church'.

Ballantrae Church Fair

Saturday 23rd 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 6th August at 2pm next to and in our newly extended Church Hall.

Jewellery, bric-a-brac, books, baking, tombola, plants & produce, games, and teas.

Church Information

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. For those who find the church steps a challenge the All Age service on the first Sunday of each month is usually held in the Kirk Hall, which has easy access. 3pm on the third Sunday of the month in Barrhill Memorial Hall.

Ballantrae Parish Church

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.

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COLMONELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term P1, 2, 3 and 4 from Colmonell Primary school would like to share some of our work with you.

Science Week

On the week beginning 14th April our school took part in Science Week where we did different science experiments every day. One day P1-4 talked about hot and cold colours. We put ice on different colours of paper to find out if ice melts faster on hot colours or cold colours. We talked about what we thought would happen and watched as the ice melted on the hot colours faster.

The ice was really cold and it melted in the sun quickly on the hot colours of paper. - Primary 3 pupil



We spent another afternoon being

It was harder with the gloves on because the pieces wouldn't go on properly. - Primary 2 pupil

astronauts. We took part in some fitness tests where we did 1 minute of different exercises such as jumping jacks and running. Then we tested our dexterity by building a model with big gloves on to see if we would be able to build something in an astronaut suit. It was tricky! We also enjoyed doing different science experiments for homework like making a bouncy egg and fireworks in a glass.

ACE Days

Primary 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been on two ACE days this term. On these days we spend the whole day outside doing different activities. Our first ACE day was spent at Culzean doing different team building activities. We really enjoyed the egg challenge. The challenge was to make something to protect the egg so it didn't break when we dropped it from a bridge. We used newspaper, balloons, masking tape and any natural materials we could find around Culzean. All our eggs survived!

We wore blindfolds and had to follow in a big line. It was tricky! - Primary 2 pupil



I really liked digging in the sand because it was really messy and we got to see the water change the way it was going. - Primary 4 pupil

On our other ACE day we went to Maidens beach. We talked about tributaries and how water gets from the top of the hills to the sea. We used spades and our hands to dig pathways to change the natural direction of the water. We also made a dam and little villages out of sand and shells. We then went for a long walk along the beach seeing what treasure we could find. It was a fun day!

Features of a River



Big Pedal

The Big Pedal 2016 was from 18th-29th April. It is a giant interschool cycling and scooting competition which encourages us to be environmentally friendly by cycling or scooting to school. All we had to do was cycle and scoot to school every day during the event.

The taxi children brought their bikes and scooters to school and took part by doing circuits in the playground. Each day we would log the number of children and adults who took part into the computer. This was calculated into a percentage to show where we were in comparison to school in the whole of the UK.

There are also regional positions for Scotland and last year we were 2nd overall in Scotland for small schools. Our trophy is proudly on display in the foyer.



Easter Activities

Our whole school took part in Easter activities where we decorated eggs and bonnets and we took part in an Easter egg hunt. Here are some of our decorated eggs.



I won! - Primary 1 pupil



I won! - Primary 7 pupil

International Children's Book Day



April 2nd was International Children's Book day. We took part by reading through and acting out stories by Hans Christian Andersen. We acted out The Ugly Duckling, The Princess and the Pea and The Emperor's New Clothes.



Dave Brackenridge In Concert



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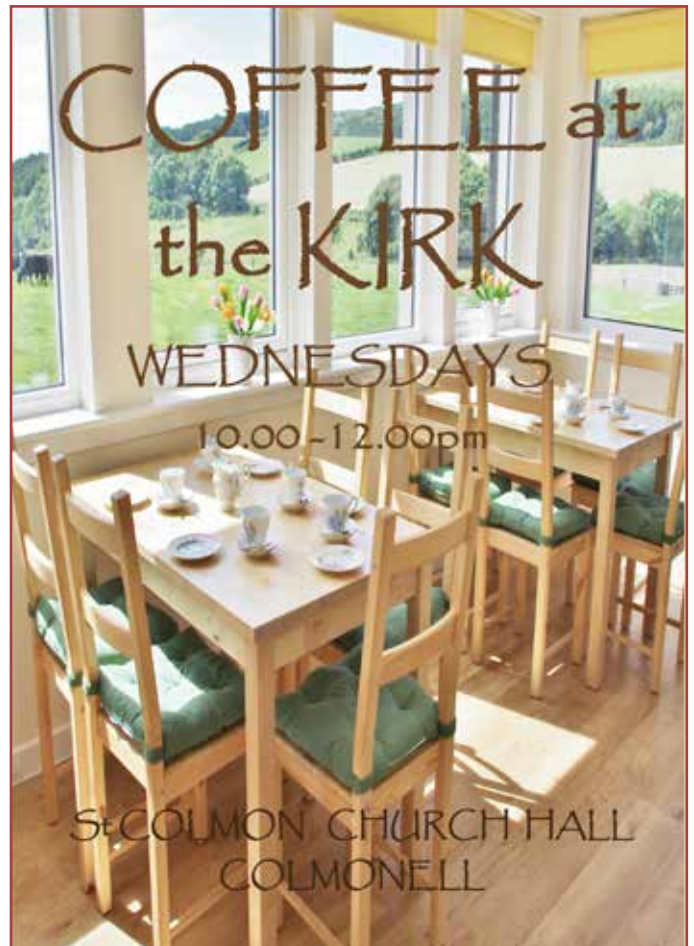
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LENDALFOOT LADIES GROUP

Lendalfoot Ladies Group had another successful year.

In July they held a Car Boot Sale, activities included, Beautifying with Nicola, Girvan Photography Club, Reiki, Card making demonstration, Avon Lady, Visit to Garden Girl at Kirkoswald, a slide show and talk on Kestrels and Heart Start.

The new session starts on Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to come and join us will be made very welcome! For more information call Ann Grieve 01465 891236



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PINMORE

PINMORE CHURCH

This small church, almost central to the other village churches in this area was built for Hew Hamilton of Pinmore House in 1878 by Allan Stevenson for tenants, estate workers and the local community to worship there.

Today it is managed by Pinmore Church Trust and services are held in the church on the last Sunday of each month at 2pm. By Rev. John Gillies.

Anyone wishing to attend will be made welcome.

Any Christian denomination can hold services by agreement with the Trustees.

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PINWHERRY

THE STINCHAR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Pinwherry Hall from September till April.

Garden visits are arranged through the summer months. Please feel free to contact any of our committee for further information.



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The Stinchar Valley Garden Club had a good turnout for its final winter meeting in Pinwherry Hall for the AGM, followed by delicious cheeses, wine and other refreshments, and a Plant Swap of some of the members' unusual plants.

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Summer Visits 2016



A full program of interesting garden visits is planned for the summer:

- Wednesday 25th May we went to Glenwhan and Dunskey.
- Wednesday 15th June to Claymoddie and Woodfall Garden, with lunch at the Steam Packet, Isle of Whithorn.
- Wednesday 6th July to Holmes Farm, near Irvine, followed by lunch at Dobbies.
- Wednesday 10th August to Pretty Ugly Plants and Galloway House, with lunch at Bayview Nursery, Wigtown.

When we visit gardens not usually open to the public, the owners generally provide teas and coffees (sometimes with home baking!) for a contribution to a charity of their choice – and we are always made to feel very welcome.

Please get in touch with Harriet Ellis 881 221 if you would like to join any of these trips.

STOP PRESS!

The Stinchar Valley Garden Club will have a stall at the Craft Fair to be held in Pinwherry Community Hall on 18th June.

Winter Meetings

Throughout the winter the Stinchar Valley Garden Club holds monthly meetings with plant swaps and guest speakers. Last year our meetings included a variety of very interesting presentations and activities. For example:-

- “Alpines, and the making of a new garden”
- “Insectivorous Plants”
- “Plants that Kill”
- In December we enjoyed a delicious Christmas Meal in Souters Restaurant, Kirkoswald
- “Gardener’s Question Time” with a trio of very experienced panellists
- “Claymoddie Garden - Travels of a Plantsman”.

The Stinchar Valley Garden Club is currently planning next winter’s schedule of speakers and activities.

Further details will be published in the next issue of the Stinchar Valley Magazine.

New Members

The Club is always pleased to welcome any new members at any time. An annual subscription costs £12. Please contact Harriet Ellis 881 221 or any Committee Member if you would like to join the Club.

Pinwherry Autograss 2016

24th April

22nd May

19th June

24th July

28th August

25th September

For more info contact - 07821241454



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We're seeing a lot of unusual birds around our gardens this month as they forage for food, and they need our help more than ever.

Suspending feed in purpose-built bird feeders is useful for smaller birds that usually feed from canopies. This helps avoid risk from household pets like cats and dogs. Ground feeders are great for robins, thrushes and blackbirds.



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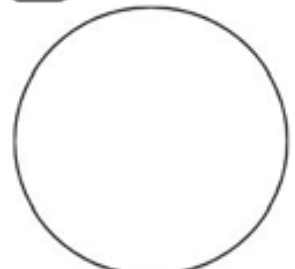
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LISTEN OUT FOR WILLOW WARBLERS IN SUMMER



The woodland canopy closes over and spring's woodland flowers go to seed. The light in woodland changes as they become cool and shady, offering respite from long, hot summer days.

Listen out for migrant birds that return to our woodland for the summer. Warblers produce some of the most melodic birdsong you'll ever hear. Willow warblers are slim, delicate birds of woodland, scrub, parks and gardens. They can be heard singing their warbling song from the tree canopy.

New scientific testing has found that some UK ash trees are more tolerant to Chalara, dieback of ash than ash trees found in other parts of Europe. One particularly tolerant individual tree, nicknamed Betty, was identified in Norfolk.

Scientists from a consortium of institutes known as Nornex have identified a mature ash tree in Ashwellthorpe Wood in Norfolk, which is resisting the ash dieback infection. Norfolk was one of the first areas where ash dieback presented itself and despite being surrounded by infected ash trees, 'Betty' remains healthy and vigorous.

Using a new genetic technique, Betty was found to have a high level of tolerance to the disease proving that this tree hasn't just escaped infection by luck alone. The genetic technique looks for specific markers in the ash genome which are thought to indicate a tree's resistance to ash dieback.

Keith & Beryl Dawdry, Peinn Mor Pottery

"The recent 4 day weekend of Open Studios Ayrshire, 22nd to 25th April, once again proved to be a very worthwhile event at The Pottery. We had a good number of visitors from all over Ayrshire (North, East and South) and beyond. Most visitors had the opportunity to see work in progress in the studios, including the ever popular shaping of a ball of clay into a useful vessel, on the potters' wheel. The Gallery was very full at times with people browsing and making purchases. We hope we answered the very many questions about the pottery making process, this creative mix of art, manual dexterity, geology and ceramic chemistry, to our visitors' satisfaction.

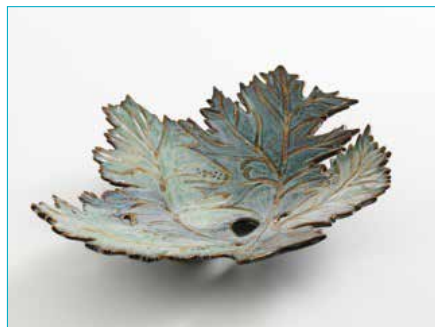
Our thanks must go to Merlin Currie of Barr Wee Gallery for organising the free Carrick Art Trail Bus on each of the four days and to Carrick Futures for their support grant for it. Our thanks also to our most excellent driver, Paul, and his assistant, wife Victoria, who maintained the timetable schedule with great humour and diligence throughout.



Beryl and Keith now have their attention focussed upon the upcoming Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink on Sunday, 12th June. We feel very honoured to have been offered a stand as we are probably the only non food/drink producers at this year's show. It gives us the opportunity to display some of our functional pottery for cooking, kitchens and dining.

A week later we will be at Pinwherry Craft Fair, on 18th June, with a collection of both decorative and functional pottery for sale.

Late summer will see our ceramics at the RSPB Central Ayrshire Local Group exhibition, "Art on the Wing", at the Rozelle House Galleries on Alloway from 31st July to 11th September. In this exhibition more than 35 professional artists from Scotland and the rest of the UK, present their own interpretation of and experience with birds, mammals and other wildlife. RSPB Central Ayrshire Local Group will donate all profit to RSPB Scotland. This exhibition, however, is also a celebration of our birds, of the natural world we want to keep and nurture. Please don't miss it.



Almost immediately afterwards, we will be at Ayr Flower Show, 5th, 6th and 7th August, where we will have our usual corner stand in the Craft Marquee. We look forward to seeing you there at this most delightful of Scottish summer events, on the lawns of the Rozelle House Estate in Alloway."



Keith and Beryl Dawdry

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

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The Easter Egg Hunt on the 2 Pins field has been great fun.



Many thanks to all those who came along and to those who helped run the event. The Car boot is next weekend and the Vintage vehicle and Craft Fair is on the 18th June.



Meeting Dates 2016 Every Second Thursday in the Month in Pinwherry Community Hall 7.30pm

9th June - 14th July - 11th August - 8th September
13th October - 10th November - 8th December

In April we had a visit from our Big Lottery development officer who is assisting us with our stage 2 Investing in Communities bid, he spent time looking around the village at the existing Pinwherry hall, the Pinwherry School and spent time with the directors on the 2 Pins site. We anticipate have our completed bid ready for submission by early June.

The 2 Pins will be working in partnership with ACE in Girvan to provide youth activities every other Saturday morning on the 2 Pins Site this summer.



**2 Pins & Pinwherry Community Association
Events for 2016. On the 2 Pins Site.**

All Free Entry

18th June	10am to 3pm	Craft Fair, Vintage Farm Equipment & Vintage Cars
18th June	6.30pm to 11pm	Family Bar-B-Q Night
3rd July	10am to 3pm	Car Boot Sale
16th July	11am to 6pm	Real Ale Event, Open Mic for local groups
7th August	10am to 3pm	Car Boot Sale
27th August	2pm to 4pm 5pm to 9pm	Cream Teas on Pinmore Green followed by Family Bar-B-Q
4th September	10am to 3pm	Car Boot Sale and Auto Jumble
12th November	10am to 4pm	Craft Fair in Pinwherry Hall

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PINWHERRY SCHOOL PROPOSAL

Our architects have successfully submitted an outline planning to South Ayrshire Council for redeveloping the Pinwherry School buildings into Holiday accommodation.

The Association are in discussions with South Ayrshire Council on a Community Asset transfer.



Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Association.

Pinwherry Primary School Reunion
Saturday 27th February.

Over 60 people many of them ex pupils of the Pinwherry School attend an afternoon reunion there were a wide age range from pupils as far back as 1945 to pupils who left just before the school closed. People travelled from as far as Stranraer, Isle of Whithorn, Castle Douglas, Kilmarnock, Ayr as well as ex pupils who still live in the local area

Pupils brought along many old photographs, records, and cuttings from local papers all of which are being scanned and will be on the 2 Pins website later this month.

The whole event was video recorded and individual pupils recorded their memories. We are now seeking funding to have all these recordings, photos, newspaper articles made into a Pinwherry School book. (We are also seeking someone locally who can transcribe the tape recordings onto a word document)

The SWRI provide an excellent tea enjoyed by all.

Play Park on Pinmore Green.

The association are currently working with local parents on developing a play park on Pinmore Green, and would welcome any local parents to come along to the PPCDA meetings to assist with designs.

First Aid Training.

The association are planning a basic first aid course on a Saturday in June. There are a few places left please contact any of the committee if you wish to join in.

PINWHERRY SWRI



Pinwherry SWRI held their guest night in April and a wonderful night was had by all. The evening's entertainment was provided by the very talented ladies from 'The Revellers'. Musical entertainment and songs filled the hall, interspersed by some very funny stories which had the audience laughing. A lovely supper was laid out after for all to enjoy. The next meeting of the women's rural will take place on Monday 12th September at Pinwherry Hall. If you would like to join us, you will get a warm welcome. For more information, contact Lana Rafferty 841272

PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

We are piloting a scheme to assist residents within the boundaries of the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council area with the cost of transportation for patients to access appointments, treatments or hospital stays. Any resident who thinks they may qualify is asked to e-mail Joy Chamberlain at ppcctransport@btinternet.com or if no internet access phone 01465 841211

BALLANTRAE

Ballantrae Development Group

We continue to **support local businesses** in a variety of ways including carrying adverts in this magazine and support local groups with **grant funding** applications.

We prepared and presented a report to the Ballantrae Community Council (BCC) on progress with the various agencies on actions following the **Keeping Ballantrae Safe** event in September. Copies of that report are available from info@ballantrae.org.uk.

A meeting was held on 1 February between South Ayrshire Council and a sub group of the BDG, to explore how we can **improve and extend play facilities** in the village and re-vitalise parts of the Recreation Ground. Draft plans with suggestions for equipment and layout have now been produced and these need further discussion in the sub group to identify the equipment needed and where it might be placed, costings and sources of funding. Implementation of the upgrade may need to be phased.

We were represented at a consultation meeting organised by Voluntary Action South Ayrshire to discuss current and future **Community Planning arrangements in South Ayrshire** with particular reference to ensuring the third sector (including communities) is taken seriously and represented effectively in future.

We met with **Corri Wilson Westminster MP** for this area to discuss the BDG's concerns about the disbanding of the Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Team and for her to find out more about the BDG and what we do. We showed her the Visitor Information Point, took her on a tour round the village, discussed our achievements since we were established in 2011 and our current projects and issues, before handing her over to BRICC to explain what they do and their development plans for the future.

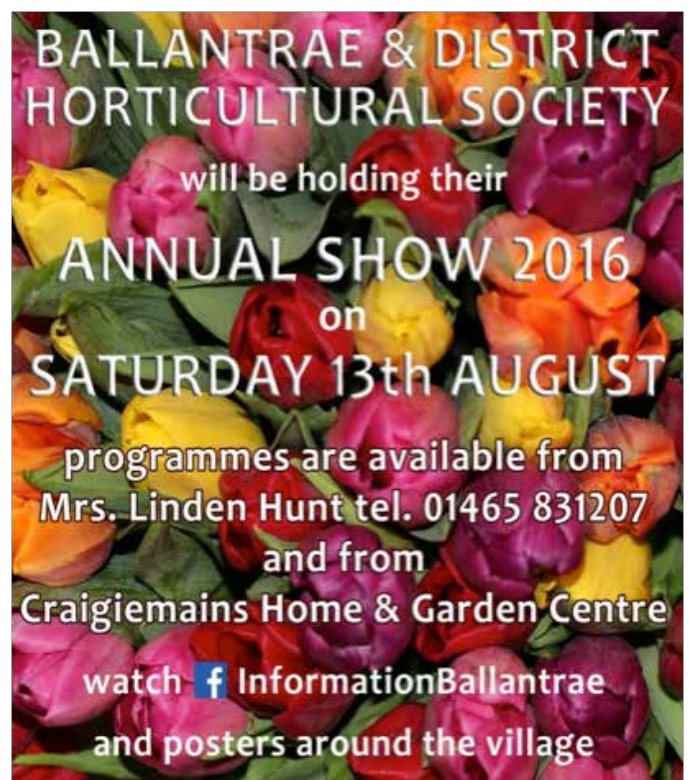
When we heard about the **proposed budget** cuts the BDG wrote to the Head of Communities asking for details of how the proposed cuts would affect ALL Ballantrae Services. We have supported the Community Association and the BCC in subsequent discussions on charges for Galas and Utility Bills in Community halls where appropriate.

Over 300 people attended the **Farmers' Market** on 17th April.

Work continues on the planning for the **Festival of Food & Drink** (12 June) the **Smugglers' Festival** (May to August) and developing a draft **Ayrshire LEADER** (European Funding) project with a view to consulting on the focus of that project locally within the coming months.

We have recently replenished the stock of leaflets in the **Visitor Information Point** at Craigmains with activities / places of interest roughly 30 miles / a couple of hours drive from Ballantrae.

We issued the second edition of **Ballantrae News** in early May.



THE SMUGGLERS ARE COMING!

by Andy McAlpine

As we explained in the last edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine, this year's Ballantrae Smugglers Festival will take place during the period June to August rather than over a 7 day period in August.

We now have 4 Smugglers' Trails we piloted last year which start and end at Craigmains Home and Garden Centre. A booklet is being produced and copies will be available from the Visitor Information Point in Craigmains with maps of the trails and the smuggling stories related to each one.

To help publicise this year's festival, the children of Ballantrae Primary School have produced "A Smuggling Animation", and in June they will launch a book of smuggling stories, poems and illustrations for children. A percentage of the cover price of each book will go to school funds.

Also in June we'll be launching the "Smugglers Road Trip Around Scotland: Stage 1 Stranraer to Girvan". This will tie in with a Smugglers' exhibition in the McKechnie Institute in Girvan from Wednesday 22 June to Saturday 16 July.

We are delighted that the Tall Ship "La Malouine" will be joining us again for the Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival and, if the weather conditions are favourable, you should be able to see her as she makes her way up and down the coast during the first week in August, delivering contraband and trying to evade the Revenue Cutters!



There will be 3 main Smuggler Festival events in Ballantrae in August:

On the evening of Friday 5 August we will be landing the contraband in Ballantrae Bay. After the boats have unloaded the contraband from La Malouine, it will be loaded onto horses and carts before being spirited away through the village to be hidden before it is transported inland. But there is a rumour that the Excisemen (Customs Officers) and the Militia may have been tipped off. Will they appear and try to apprehend the culprits?

On the following evening - Saturday 6 August -

teams of two from the village and surrounding communities will compete to win the Ballantrae "Strongman Challenge". Once again there will be a children's competition and an adult competition.

Sunday 14 August is the day of "The Ballantrae Smugglers' Chase" in Ballantrae Bay with crews of smugglers in skiffs from the surrounding area and further afield competing for the locally crafted trophy.

Watch out too for "The Smugglers' Supper" and the skiff "Come and Try Sessions" details of which are currently being finalised.

For more information on this year's Ballantrae Smugglers Festival, and to see pictures and videos of previous Ballantrae Smugglers' Festivals, go to www.ballantrae.org.uk/smugglers and watch local press for details.

BALLANTRAE GALA WEEK

by Sharon Robertson

Ballantrae Gala Party this year is Queen Jenna MacKinnon, King Adam Crawford, Attendants Chloe Macintyre and Jessica Orr and Pages Lewis Mawer and James McIlwraith.

Ballantrae Annual Fishing Competition will be held on Friday 3rd June at 6pm, on Ballantrae foreshore. The Introduction of the Gala Queen Jenna MacKinnon, will take place on Monday, 27 June 6pm (field to be confirmed). This will take place at the Autograss Event at 6pm - the Gala Queen is a keen participant in this event.



The Football Competition will run from Tuesday, 28th June until the final on Friday 1st July in the Recreational Field.

The Parade of Floats and Fancy Dress will be at 6pm on Friday 1st July in the Recreational Field. The football final will follow this. If this event has a poor turnout, this will be the final year.

Gala Day will take place on Saturday, 2nd July in the Recreational Field at 1pm. We have many events planned this year to ensure we have one of the best yet after the Gala hanging in the balance for 2016. So far we have a petting zoo coming with unusual animals, insects, spiders and snakes, a free kids' activity tent, old fashioned attractions as well as the many attractions we usually have. We are still getting the new ideas in from the younger and older generations so keep an eye out in local press and on Facebook for details. To book a stall please call Fiona Roper on 01465 831475.

The Family Gala Dance with Music by Destination Anywhere will be in the Community Centre at 8pm on Saturday 1st July. Anyone wanting tickets please phone Sharon on 07798710481 or Fiona on 01465 831475. Limited numbers and this sold out last year so be quick.

The Bowler/Non Bowler competition will be held on Sunday 3rd July at Ballantrae Bowling Green at 1pm. This is a great day out for the family.

Ballantrae Gala and other events around South Ayrshire would like to thank Ayrshire LEADER Local Action Group for sponsoring 90% of the cost imposed on us by South Ayrshire Council and therefore enabling us to go ahead for 2016.

Ballantrae Community Association who run the Gala are always happy for new members and new ideas. All are welcome to attend meetings and volunteer in helping at our events. Contact Sharon or Fiona on the above numbers if you are interested. Every event we organise is for the whole community from babies to our eldest residents. The future depends of new ideas and willing volunteers. A year of planning goes into this event but it is worth it - I promise!!!

Ballantrae Bowling Club

We opened for the season on Saturday 16 April. The first jack was thrown by Fay Agnew, wife of President Gib Agnew. Although the weather was not so pleasant an enjoyable afternoon was had by all who took part.

If you fancy playing bowls at Ballantrae then why not come along and have a go. We play Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 7pm and all, over the age of 10, are welcome to play.

For further information contact Anne McCulloch on 07917 843135 or Gib 01465 831233

BALLANTRAE SWRI by Jean Dunlop

In March, Ballantrae SWRI celebrated its 86th Birthday.

Next session we will be carrying on the good work of Scottish Women's Rural Institute but having changed our name slightly to Ballantrae SWI. In accordance with our headquarters in Edinburgh, the word "Rural" has been dropped to show that we welcome members who do not live in a rural area.

We begin the new session in September and meet on the first Monday of each month from September to May at 7.15pm in Ballantrae Community Centre. Some years in January we have to move to another date so that we do not clash with New Year festivities!

We will welcome former and new members from September so watch this space for details of our interesting syllabus for the coming session under the new name of Ballantrae SWI.



The Rabbit Readers

Rebecca Green and Aylie McIlwraith of Ballantrae along with Liz Jenkins and Laura Cunningham have come up with a great idea of getting more smaller children interested in reading different kinds of books. The Rabbit Readers group meets every Tuesday at 3pm in Ballantrae Community Hall.

Rebecca said "Aylie came up with this fantastic idea to start a book club for the children in the village as a way to support our local library and show our children the importance of reading. With all the technology around these days it is no longer 'normal' for children to go to the library like we did as children. We all felt it was important to promote the written word within the younger generation. So after putting our heads together we came up with fun ways, including the use of story sacks, to get the children interested in reading. We started hosting the club at the library however due to large numbers we are now holding the reading session in the hall followed by a trip to the library giving children, and parents, the opportunity to browse the books and hopefully borrow some. It is going well already and everyone, adults and children, seem to be enjoying themselves."

If you would like your child to take part, contact Rebecca Green on 07568097159 or 01465831475 or bring them along on a Tuesday at 3pm

BALLANTRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Swimming

Last term Primary 5 completed a ten week swimming course at Maybole Swimming Pool. All of the children completed the course with badges and certificates being achieved by all. Well done to all!!!

Gymnastics Club Success at Citadel Competition

Ballantrae Primary School Gymnastic Club travelled to the Citadel in Ayr on Thursday 25th February 2016 to participate in a Gymnastic Competition. Thanks to all the hard work and dedication from Claire Erskine, Stacey Stewart and our pupils the club returned to school having won the P4/5 Cluster Trophy and the P4/5 Small School Trophy. Preparations are now under way for the next competition. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work.

Animation Club and Smugglers Stories

Ballantrae Primary School pupils are once again working with community links to support the annual Smugglers Festival in Ballantrae. Last term children from P4-7 worked alongside Mrs Templeton, Rev. Stephen Ogston, Diane MacKinnon and Lyn Dorrington to create Smuggler Animations. In addition all pupils wrote a Smuggler Story and P5-7 wrote Smuggler Poems which are being pulled together to create a Smuggler Story Book which will be available to buy later in the session. A big thank you to Andy McAlpine and Frances Wilkins for all their support and time in developing and producing our storybook.



Holocaust Memorial Day – ‘Don’t Stand By’

On Wednesday 27th January all pupils participated in Holocaust Memorial Day Activities planned by our P7 pupils. P7 took on the responsibility for organising the day as part of their entry to the Stevenson Memorial Prize Competition. The Stevenson Prize is a competition which encourages good practice in Religious Observance in Schools and celebrates this. Religious Observance should be inclusive, innovative and involve a broad range of leadership, especially by pupils, and should engage with the idea

of spiritual development. It should encourage young people to think about their place in Society, about the community they live in and about the shared values of all members of the school community. Well done to our P7 pupils for organising a successful day of activities which has won the Stevenson Prize Award. Pupils will travel to Edinburgh on 24th May to collect their prize.

Fundraising

Last term we had a busy time fundraising for different activities and charities. Ballantrae Parent Council organised and ran a successful Family Bingo Night on Friday 4th March raising £400. Sports Relief activities included beat the goalie, making fruit kebabs and looking at how war and disasters affected children around the world. The activities raised £38.65. On 31st March staff and children took part in International Children’s Book Day. Reading challenges were carried out in some unusual places and our Readathon raised £91 for charity. Thank you to all for your continued support!

Scottish Activities

This year’s annual Scots Afternoon was held on 10th March in the village hall. Parents, Carers and the local Community were entertained by pupils through songs, dance and poetry recitals. Congratulations to our Scots Poetry winners Daniels Galvons, Eva Walton, Wallace Lambie, William Whittington, Rosie Cosslett, Jessica Orr and Jenna MacKinnon.



Science Centre

On Thursday 21st April Ballantrae Primary travelled to Glasgow to visit the Science Centre to further extend their Science Education. P1-3 pupils participated in a ‘Through the Body’ workshop where they took a journey through an amazing body finding out how food travels through the body, the importance

of diet and making healthy choices. P4-7 pupils learned more about ‘Future Fuels’ and how transport could be fueled in the future.

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SCOUTABOUT

On Tuesday 26 April, the Cubs, Beavers and Scouts were treated as VIP guests at Glenapp Castle Hotel, Ballantrae. After a walk up the drive through the woods, the children were met by General Manager John Orr who gave out maps of the grounds and encouraged everyone to "go and explore". The Scouts were encouraged to bring back as many leaves as they could find (and try to name them).



Cub Leader, Claire Erskine said afterwards "Ballantrae Beavers, Cubs and Scouts would like to say a massive thank you to the staff and owners at Glenapp Castle for allowing us all up (all 39 of us) to explore the castle grounds. We were greeted at the door of the castle and given maps and were told to have fun and we certainly did just that. The kids rolled down hills, ran round trees and explored every corner of the grounds. They behaved so well, we as leaders were proud of them all. We were all glad of the burgers and soup after all the exploring, and many of the kids on the walk home said the cakes (the chocolate crispies and millionaire's shortbread) were the best they had ever had! We hope we didn't disturb the paying guests too much but I am sure they enjoyed watching the kids enjoy themselves as much as we did. Thank you so much once again".

Our Scout Auction, held on Saturday 30 April raised £1381 for Ballantrae Scout Group funds. Thanks to everyone who supported us by donating goods and by turning up on the day to bid. Special thanks go to Dr. Tom Smith the auctioneer and Lynne and Brian McIlwraith for helping to ensure things ran smoothly.

As this edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine goes to press, we are making the detailed plans





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for our Woodland Camp on 28/29 May on Glenapp Estate. This event, being run in partnership with Adventure Centre Education based in Girvan, and being financed jointly by ourselves and "Cashback for Communities" a fund which uses the recovered proceeds of crime for work with young people, will include camp craft, bushcraft, shelter building, archery and gorge walking. We'll bring you the pictures next time!

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Ballantrae Spring Craft Fair Success

by Sharon Robertson

Ballantrae Community Association held a hugely successful Spring Craft Fair on Saturday 9 April in the Ballantrae Hall. This event was to raise money for the Annual Fireworks Display on 5 November. Cream teas, home baking, and a light lunch were also served. Twenty craft tables holding all sorts of lovely home made gifts were on display on this beautiful spring day. This Craft Fair was the best attended yet with a steady stream of people coming in to admire the crafts and enjoy a delicious cream tea. The total sum raised on the day was £1225. A stall with home baking in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice raised over £300.



Thanks to all who helped (10 year olds to 15 year olds especially!), those who donated the home baking, raffle prizes and the people who turned up to support the event.

With all the cuts South Ayrshire Council has made to rural communities this year, it is heart-warming to see that we can still be a vibrant and thriving community who are willing to work hard to protect these traditions to enable each community to hold our special events for the sake of our residents young and old.



The Ballantrae Gymnasts

In the last edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine, Claire Erskine reported on the work being done with young people in Ballantrae - "The Ballantrae Gymnasts". At that time they were preparing for their first major competition, the South Ayrshire Inter Schools Competition in Ayr

We are delighted to be able to report that, resplendent in their new Ballantrae leotards and T shirts sponsored by Carrick Futures and the Ballantrae Community Council, The Ballantrae Gymnasts achieved considerable success at the event. They emerged from the competition as Overall Cluster Winner, Overall Small Schools Winner, and P4/5 Silver Medallists. In addition, their coaches Claire Erskine and Stacey Stewart won South Ayrshire Volunteer of the Month Award. Well done to everyone - a real achievement!



STINCHAR VALLEY PHOTO GROUP

At our very first AGM on 28 April a committee of five was elected for the coming year: Andy McAlpine (Chair), David Littlechild (Secretary), Howard Galley (Treasurer), Roger Pirrie and Andy Muir.

Photo Group meetings are very informal. We meet on the last Thursday of every month (except December) at 7.30pm in BRICC House in Ballantrae. The group exists to encourage more local people to take better pictures and the new committee, working with all of the other members, will now start developing a programme - indoors and outdoors - for the coming year. If you are interested in taking pictures - whether it's with a mobile phone, compact camera or digital SLR - why not come and join us. You'll be made very welcome!

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.



A concert party in Ballantrae - early to mid 1960s

Do you recognise anyone in these photographs?

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E-mail or write to the editor (contact details on page 3).



A group outside Colmonell Kirk, date unknown



Ballantrae Pipe band 1953 Coronation



Coronation Day 1901 in Colmonell Main Street

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.



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