

The background of the cover is a lush garden scene. In the foreground, there are several tall, slender flower stalks. One is covered in a dense cluster of bright yellow flowers, another in a cluster of vibrant purple flowers, and a third in a cluster of white flowers. To the left, there are orange flowers. In the background, a pond is visible with lily pads and more flowers. The overall scene is a vibrant, natural setting.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you will enjoy the Summer 2017 issue of the Stinchar Valley Magazine. Once again, we've tried to bring you news of what's been happening in the communities in the valley and the surrounding area.

As well as covering events with stories and pictures, we bring you stories from clubs and local people, useful contacts and websites, details of local businesses, something for children and something from the archives.

If you would like to submit something for a future edition, please contact me or a member of the Editorial Team - their names can be found below.

The Cover photograph was taken at **BarrHolme Castle**,
(Taken by J McAlley on a Stinchar Valley Gardening Club Visit)
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Please email articles and pictures to your community representative or to me at the address below. If you do not have access to a computer you can post or drop off material to me at Ligartrie Farm, Pinwherry, KA26 0SL tel: 01465 841198. Please remember to include your name, address and telephone number and let me know if you want anything returned.

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Community Councils 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. For more information go to <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/community-councils/>

	All meetings are open to the public
Ballantrae	Last Tuesday of the month (except Dec) Public hall, start time 7pm
Barr	7pm in the Village Hall every second Thursday in the month except Dec.
Barrhill	Last Wednesday of the month (except July, Sept & Dec) Memorial Hall
Colmonell & Lendalfoot	4th Tuesday of the month (alternate months from Jan) Village Hall
Pinwherry & Pinmore	3rd Thursday of the month Community Hall Pinwherry

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OUR ROADS

If you are driving and spot a road hazard, for example: potholes, flooding, overgrown hedges or overhanging dead trees or anything else on the roads that has the potential to cause harm, loss or injury:

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: Contact Ayrshire Roads Alliance immediately by:

Telephone: 01563 503164 or via their website:

www.ayrshireroadsalliance.org - select roads for "Road Faults" or any other categories and complete and send form or by emailing: enquiries@ayrshireroadsalliance.org

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LIFE



The new South Ayrshire Life website and community directory for Girvan and South Carrick is now live. There are already more than 200 entries for the area, ranging from social clubs to self-help groups, and from community councils to children's activities.

The South Ayrshire Life team would like to say a big Thank You to all the people from the local community who have shared details of their group/organisation.

If there is anyone we have missed and you would like to be included in the database please contact South Ayrshire Life. Also any upcoming events can be listed on the online community noticeboard.

www.southayrshirelife.org

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South Carrick Decides

Decision Day 18th February 2017



Local community organisations in South Carrick were given the opportunity to apply for money from 2 funding pots.

Pot 1: £18,000 - £9,000 from South Ayrshire Council, match funded by the Scottish Government.

Pot 2: £20,000 '2 Kare for South Carrick' from the Scottish Government Community Choices Fund specifically for youth-run or youth-affecting groups.

On the day each group performed a 2 minute presentation to try to persuade members of the public at the event to vote for them.

21 groups received a share of Pot 1 and 14 groups received a share of Pot 2.

Groups from Barrhill, Barr and Ballantrae received a total of £5,341.81 of much needed funding for the following:

Sarah Malone, the Chair of Barrhill Memorial Community Association gave a great pitch and managed to secure a total of £1,000 of funding from Pot 1.

"Until the beginning of this year South Ayrshire Council leased our village hall from us. But now we have to pay for the heating, electricity and other running costs ourselves in order to keep the hall running for the community.

£500 will go towards the purchase of wood pellets for the biomass heating system in the Memorial Hall. This will provide heating for the hall which will help to stop the whole fabric of the building suffering further deterioration.

£500 will go towards the running of this year's Barrhill Fun Day on 15th July. This will go a long way towards providing entertainment and making sure this year's Fun Day is bigger and better than ever!"

Judy Brzezinka, the manager of Barr Village Shop, secured funding of £859.81 from Pot 1 to install and pay for broadband for 1 year in the village shop, providing a screen, games console and games for young people to use, free of charge, and provide a social gathering point for young people as none currently exist in the village. The Screen will also be used to provide advertising for community groups and local attractions and local information. The Wi-Fi access will be useful because the village does not receive a mobile phone signal and the shop/post office is the only amenity that is open every day of the week.

Gavin Fairbairn secured £1,000 from Pot 1 for Ballantrae's BRICC Club to help towards the cost of transporting members to and from the club. The grant will also help towards an annual outing.



BALLANTRAE SCOUT GROUP



Ballantrae Scout Group were thrilled to receive £1,650 from '2 Kare for South Carrick' to allow them to attend a 'Grampian

Nights' 6 night camp near to Aberdeen. Scouts from across the country have registered to go. There will be a full programme of day and evening activities for them to join in with. It is the furthest the Ballantrae Scouts have ever travelled and the first camp outwith Ballantrae and the surrounding area for many years. They will get the chance to meet and make friends with Scouts from all over the country!



BALLANTRAE YOUTH CLUB

Ballantrae Youth Club secured £832 from '2 Kare for South Carrick' to purchase new sports equipment and games which will provide opportunities for young people to take part in a range of activities.

Behind the Scenes of 2Kare for South Carrick by Ethan Wild from Barrhill

Along with eight other youth volunteers from Girvan Academy, including Alan Carle from Ballantrae, I was chosen to help organise a funding event. It followed up from last year's success, but this year we gave it a makeover. Our original concept was simply to provide grants of up to £2,000 to 10 different youth-run or youth-affecting groups in South Carrick. In conjunction with Girvan Youth Trust and supported by a Sessional Youth Worker, we spent from November 2016 until February 2017 organising, planning out, arranging, advertising and catering for the PB (participatory budgeting) event. We met up in Z1 Youth Bar on Tuesday nights immediately after school, and worked until 5:30 on our project.

Time passed very quickly; we were soon visited by a team from DEMSOC, who gave us training on electronic voting software. This was very useful, although we eventually decided to use a different method. We decided that the group would be known as "2Kare for South Carrick", and we created a logo.

That done, our main priority was creating the application form. We used the previous year's form as a template, and amended it slightly to suit our purposes. At this point, we also made our final decision concerning the date of the Decision Day, the day when the funding would be granted in joint participation with South Ayrshire Health and Social Care partnership.



We sent out copies of the application form to every youth-affecting group we could think of, and within a month we had 38 application forms sitting on our desks, ready to be sorted.

We reduced the number down to 18 applications through group democracy, and contacted the groups to let them know whether they had been put through or not.

All too soon, the great day arrived. Various local businesses and charities conducted stalls at the event, and a local firm provided us with catering for the event at a significantly reduced cost.

The day was a resounding victory for the community, the groups and also for us. The 2-minute presentations from each group ran very smoothly, and the voting went well. We loaned each member of the public who came in an electronic keypad with which to vote 1-5 points for each group's presentation. The votes were then counted up, and 13 groups were fully funded, with another given the remaining £474.

The day's feedback was massively positive with only one suggestion for improvement. The group gathered together the following Tuesday evening, and, over fish and chips, we agreed that the day had, overall, been a huge success. We also received positive contact from the team who assisted us saying that they would look forward to working with us again. This we found very satisfying.



EXPLORE THE BIOSPHERE

LOCH TROOL AND THE CREE VALLEY

Explore Loch Trool and the Cree Valley to discover the UNESCO Biosphere where you can experience nature and landscapes as well as the big Biosphere ideas of conservation, learning and development that inspire a positive future.

WHERE TO GO...

Loch Trool and Cree Valley is a two-way route about 14 miles (22 km) long linking Loch Trool to Newton Stewart.

The quiet road follows the National Byway/ National Cycle Route 7 along the Wood of Cree road.

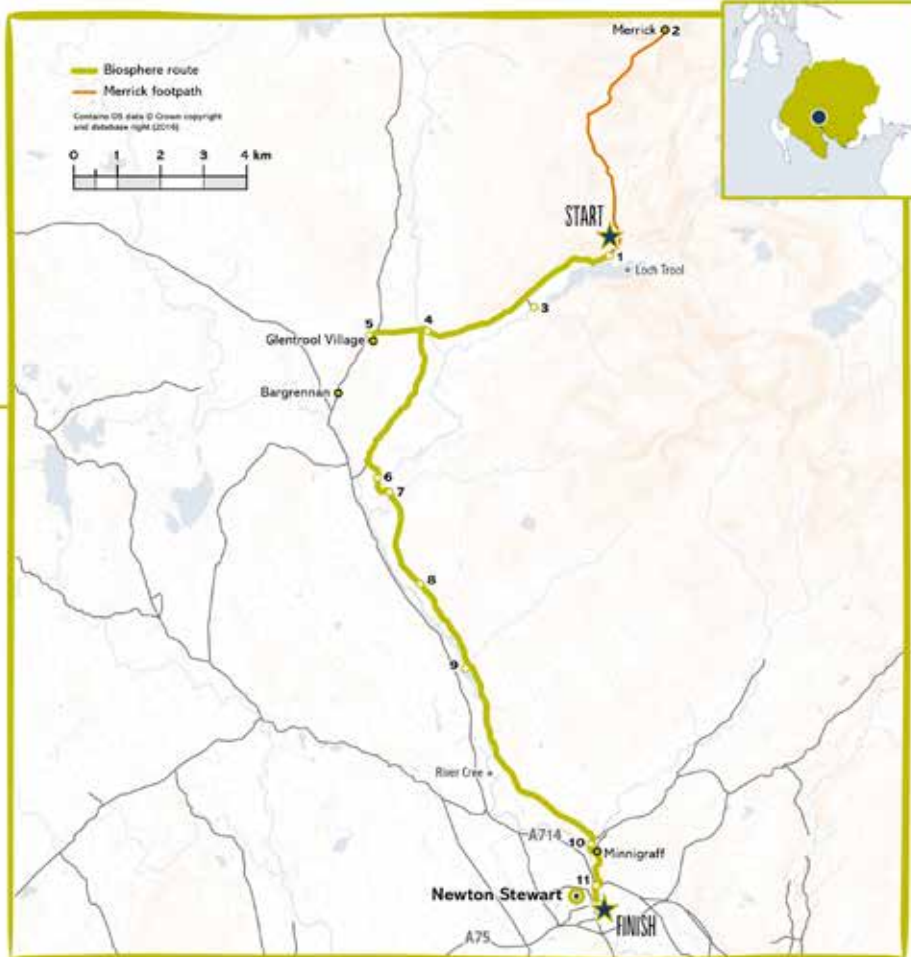
Find Loch Trool by turning off the A714 Newton Stewart and follow signs to Loch Trool and Bruce's Stone. (NX41483 80357)

Find Newton Stewart by turning off the A75 to the Riverside car park. (NX41227 66314)

Facilities are available at the Belted Galloway Café in Newton Stewart or the Café at Glentrool at either end of this route.



GALLOWAY AND
SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE
BIOSPHERE



1 BRUCE'S STONE

Take a very short walk from the car park to the granite boulder commemorating a skirmish between Robert the Bruce's men and an English army during the Scottish Wars of Independence. You will be rewarded with stunning views of Loch Trool and ancient oak woodlands stretching out below you.



2 MIGHTY MERRICK

Bruce's Stone is also the starting point for a 14km walk to the top of the Merrick and back. This is a strenuous walk into the spectacular wilderness of the Galloway Hills and only suitable for people who are active and well prepared.

5 GLENTROOL ART & CRAFTS

In the centre of Glentrool Village an art and crafts gallery is a project run by Glentrool and Bargrennan Community Trust to benefit the local community. It supports local artists and crafters by allowing them to exhibit in an affordable studio space.



6 OLD BRIDGE OF MINNOCH

Park at Brighton Woods and follow the waymarks for the Southern Upland Way along the west side of the Water of Minnoch for about 30 minutes before turning down to the river (take a map so as not to miss the turning) and you will be treated with this ancient bridge.



3 FRESH VIEW

Turn off the single track road between Bruce's Stone and Café at Glentrool sign posted to Caidons House and park at the bridge. Follow the track across the bridge to discover low benches designed to help you experience the sights, sounds and smells of the forest.



4 MONTANE DEMONSTRATION

In the Forestry Commission car park a raised bed allows you to take a closer look at plants that flourish in the harsh conditions on the hills including low growing scrub that creeps above the treeline.

7 RED SQUIRREL STRONGHOLD

The Carrick Lane is a shallow upland burn used by migrating fish such as Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout. An ingenious circular fish ladder has been built in the dam to enable fish to continue their journey upriver at any time regardless of the water level.



8 PRECIOUS WOODLAND

Volunteers with Cree Valley Community Woodland Trust are essential to the management of broadleaf woodlands in the area. Regular volunteer activities mean participants can make new friends and enjoy healthy exercise in the fresh air and wonderful scenery of the Cree Valley.

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Partnership
Kirkcubright Courtyard, Stronord, Newton Stewart DG8 7BE



9 WOOD OF CREE

The RSPB reserve really comes alive in the spring, with a carpet of bluebells on the ground and birdsong in the air. This oak woodland provides a favourite breeding site for summer migrant birds including Redstart, Pied flycatcher and Wood warblers.

10 GRAVEYARD RAVENS

Minnigaff Church graveyard has been in existence for over 1,000 years. Within the ruins of the old church you can find the heraldic symbol of Patrick McClurg whose ancestor proved his fighting skill to Robert the Bruce by killing 2 ravens with one arrow.



11 PROTECTING THE SPARKLING

Discover the head waters of the River Stinchar and Water of Girvan by exploring the Cornish Hill footpath. The strenuous walk to the top of Cornish Hill is rewarded by great views giving you a taste of the wilderness of the Galloway Hills.



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AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

As I write this column, it is hard to believe that I have had the privilege to be one of your elected councillors for the last five years. Also fast approaching as I write this column is polling day for the local South Ayrshire Council Elections on 4th May. Therefore depending on the result, it may be the last time I address you as a councillor through this esteemed publication although I hope not. During this last five years we have travelled many journeys together, some hard and others a touch smoother. However the most important thing for me is pride in the knowledge that I have forged a working partnership with many of the hard working groups and individuals that make up our town and villages. I have enjoyed my attendance and the chance to be a part of the various Community Councils in our ward and recognising the work that so many honourable volunteers give to their communities to make life better for residents and visitors alike. I have worked in tandem on many occasions with retiring Councillor Alec Oattes on issues such as the withdrawal of Gala Support, wind farms, roads and community concerns. It certainly made life easier at times to share the workload and I would like to wish Alec and Carol all the very best for a long and healthy retirement with the grand weans.

Summer is now on the way and hopefully good weather will accompany the season of light, warmth and holidays. This year Carrick folk will be able to enjoy the superb new "Quay Zone" leisure centre in Girvan which will be a boon for residents and a welcome asset in the drive to improve our economy through tourism. Many



were cynical about a new centre ever being built in Girvan but it is now a reality and while thanks must go to South Carrick Community Leisure and South Ayrshire Council, the biggest vote of thanks goes to you. Without the massive public outcry which became a focus of support leading to the massive demonstration through Ayr in 2009 the project would have never seen the light of day.

With the new administration in County Buildings from 5th May, I am really hopeful that given the experience of the last five years that there will be a much better understanding of the challenges and unique problems experienced by Rural Communities and to enable our Community Councils and Development Associations to make a real difference to the quality of life for all of us who live here. That will be my driving force if re-elected. Finally, I hope you all enjoy a great summer in the company of family and friends.

Alec Clark

Election Update

Councillor Alec Clark later wrote:

"Further to writing my column, I can now update on the South Ayrshire Council Election. I am thrilled to say that not only have I been re-elected, but I also topped the poll with over 1500 votes. I would like to thank everyone who has given me their support. I am really delighted to be able to serve our beautiful rural communities and the town of Girvan for another term. It is indeed a privilege to represent our area and I can pledge my full support to make sure that we are heard loud and clear in the Council Chamber and that our rural town and villages receive all of the services and support that they are entitled to. Once again, I thank you all."

Editorial comment

Thank you for your hard work, we look forward to receiving your magazine reports for another five years!

BALLANTRAE

BALLANTRAE DEVELOPMENT GROUP (BDG)

by Andy McAlpine, Secretary

Although we have now handed over the running of Farmers' Markets in Ballantrae to Craigmains and Ayrshire Stalls Hire (Alex Sharpe) we continue to support the event through advertising. Markets are now being held monthly on the second Sunday of the month April to October from 11am to 3pm with the exception of 11 June when it is the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink. Planning for that festival continues and the organising sub group are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. For more information, see the article on page 10.

This year's Smugglers' Festival kicks off on the evening of Friday 9 June with the family event in the marquee at the harbour at 7pm and on Sunday 11 June there will be a "Smugglers' Contraband Store" as part of the Festival of Food and Drink. More information about these events and other Smugglers' events this year can be found on page 11.

Work continues on planning and raising funds for the Play Park Development (see page 14).

We continue to serve on the Board of the Stinchar Valley Magazine, and publish

Ballantrae News every quarter. We are currently working on a "What's on in Ballantrae" leaflet which will bring together details of Ballantrae events over the summer months. New stocks of leaflets have been placed in the dispensers at the Visitor Information Point at Craigmains and the Stinchar Valley Photo Group has created a new video loop to show visitors images of Ballantrae and the surrounding area and the BDG continues to work in partnership with local businesses on issues of importance to them and to seek opportunities for external funding for village initiatives.

Much of our effort over recent months has been devoted to making the practical arrangements for the setting up of a Trust in Ballantrae to take over and expand upon the work done over the last six years by the Development Group and others. All residents of Ballantrae will be eligible to join the Trust as Members. People from outwith the village who wish to support the work of the Trust will be able to join as Associate members. For more information, see the article below.

THE BALLANTRAE TRUST

by Andy McAlpine

In the Spring edition of the magazine I explained that it was necessary to replace the Ballantrae Development Group, which had initiated such events as the Smugglers' Festival, Farmers' Markets, the Festival of Food and Drink and the Visitor Information Point at Craigmains, with a legally constituted incorporated organisation to enable us to access grant funding for large projects (such as the Ballantrae Play Park Development) and to limit financial liability.

At the end of January, the Ballantrae Community Council approved our proposals to establish a Trust in Ballantrae. Public

information / consultation meetings were held in the Ballantrae Village Hall on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 April during which there was an opportunity to hear what is proposed and why we think this is necessary, consider the future priorities for the village, and express an interest in joining the Trust.

If you have an interest in the future of Ballantrae and have a view on issues such as sports and entertainment facilities, provision for young people and the future of the village hall, but were unable to attend any of the public events, then please email me andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com for a questionnaire so you can have your say. The consultation on village priorities will continue until the end of June.

BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BCA)

At the Community Association AGM on Monday 20 March, Sharon Robertson, Fiona Roper and Linden Hunt stood down as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. This was not unexpected as they had indicated in 2016 that they would be doing so. Unfortunately the ongoing disagreements with South Ayrshire Council about Gala equipment and utility bill charges had put people off from volunteering to take on the key roles and there were no nominations to replace them. So the Association currently has no Office-bearers.

The meeting discussed what should happen next. It was agreed there would be no Gala Day in 2017. Looking beyond that, there were members who would be prepared to become involved - particularly with the organising of events - but only after the issues with SAC have been resolved. There was general agreement that separating the issues of the hall and the Gala, which had in recent times both been dealt with together by the Community Association, might provide a way forward. Group representatives were asked to go back to their groups to see whether anyone would be prepared to take on the vacant Community Association roles. In the meantime it was agreed that three members of the Community Association - Mhairi McKenna of the Community Council, Linden Hunt of the Horticultural Society and Andy McAlpine of the Development Group, would meet with South Ayrshire Council to discuss options for resolving the situation.

That meeting took place on 10 April. After discussing reasons why no-one had stepped forward to fill the roles of office bearers, how other community halls are managed, and options for the future of the Ballantrae hall, the BCA representatives agreed to call an EGM with a view to explaining the vision of the future in terms of the Ballantrae Trust and encourage people to step forward - as an interim measure - to fill the vacant positions in the BCA until the Board of Directors of the Trust (once they are in place), informed by the public consultation exercise on priorities, can take a view on where the Ballantrae Community Hall stands in relation to village priorities.



Ballantrae
FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK
BALLANTRAE'S AWARD WINNING FESTIVAL OF FOOD AND DRINK
WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON
SUNDAY 11TH JUNE
11.00AM TO 5.00PM
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BALLANTRAE HARBOUR
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A CELEBRATION OF GREAT TASTE

Ballantrae shore, with its spectacular backdrop of Ailsa Craig and Arran, will, once again, provide the stunning setting for the third Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink.

This award-winning event, being held on **Sunday 11 June from 11am to 5pm**, will feature some of the finest chefs and food producers from the South of Scotland showcasing their skills and products. Visitors will be able to enjoy the delights of over 50 stalls including street food, local food and drink, as well as Ballantrae Smugglers' Contraband Store, in a complex of marquees. An exciting line-up of cooking demonstrations, talks and tasting sessions are included in the ticket price (£2 with accompanied children free) with live music throughout the day. Foraging expeditions are £12. **Please note** no dogs at the Festival please (except guide dogs).

Find out more about the natural ecology of the area and how to sustain it from UNESCO Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere.

Throw some children's entertainment into the mix and it's sure to be a fun day out for all the family.

Festival Organiser, Siobhan Liddington, says:

"We're aiming for something spectacular again this year as we build on the success of the previous two years. This area is well known for its high quality local produce and hospitality and we've now established a unique annual event which attracts visitors from Ayrshire, Dumfries and Galloway, the Central Belt, Ireland and overseas. We see it as an opportunity to include an element of education about healthy eating involving the local school children. We're also building on the success of Smugglers' Festivals and Ballantrae's Farmers' Markets - now held monthly on the second Sunday of the month April to October, with the exception of June when it's the Festival of Food & Drink."



The event, which is organised by the Ballantrae Food Strategy Group - local volunteers working in partnership with food and drink professionals - is funded by EventScotland, part of Visit Scotland's Events Directorate, and ScotRail.

For more information pick up a leaflet at Craigmains, SCOTMID or Shellknowe Garage or go to www.ballantraefoodfest.com.

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BALLANTRAE SMUGGLERS' FESTIVAL



In addition, why not....

Walk one of our four "Smugglers' Trails" over the summer - booklets will shortly be available from Craigmains Home & Garden Centre....

Watch out for Smuggler Scarecrows which will be in evidence during the latter half of August....

Join us for a Smuggling Road Trip up the coast in September

Read "Ballantrae's Smuggling Story" (£7.50) by Frances Wilkins; "Our Smuggling Tales" (£7.50) and "The Smuggling Storybook" (£2.50), both by the children of Ballantrae Primary School. Copies are available from andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com or 07920517700.

Keep up to date with all of our programme details on www.ballantrae.org.uk/ smugglers where you will also find videos of previous festivals.

The Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival is organised by the Ballantrae Development Group, a sub group of the Ballantrae Community Council.

Ballantrae will come alive again this summer as we recall & celebrate the village's colourful smuggling history. Ballantrae's Smugglers' Festival is unique - drawing on our history as a landing port for wine, tea, tobacco and salt – all landed here illicitly during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Activities and events this year will include:

Friday 9 June 7pm at the Harbour: "Music, Poetry and Smuggling Stories" - an evening for the whole family....

Sunday 11 June from 11am to 5pm a "Smugglers' Contraband Store" as part of this year's Festival of Food & Drink also at the harbour....

Saturday 26 August at 7.30pm the "Smugglers' Supper" (adults only) hosted by the King's Arms Hotel and....

Sunday 27 August from 2pm at the harbour the "Ballantrae Smugglers' Chase" as skiff crews battle it out to take home the trophy with the tall ship La Malouine overseeing the action.



BALLANTRAE IN BLOOM

The AGM of Ballantrae in Bloom took place at the BRICC house on Monday 24th April. It was a small but lively meeting.

The officers elected for this year are - CHAIR Janette Sloan, TREASURER Evelyne Scott and SECRETARY Lynn Nield.

Ballantrae in Bloom intends to continue the annual tradition of holding summer garden competitions in the village. Last year's competition attracted more than 100 entries. We are hoping the competition this year will be even more popular.

The details of the 2017 competition and categories will be finalised at the May meeting and advertised locally soon after.

BALLANTRAE CRAFTY BEES



The early spring saw the group grow in numbers just in time to make celebration bunting and to participate in the ½ meter fabric challenge. We have also made more wonderful jewellery, wrist pin cushions and felt needle cases as well as been creative with card crafts.

We've been fortunate to secure financial funding so members will soon be learning new skills from experts in their own fields of felting, glassware and pottery.

Would you like to come and join us? Contact me for details or just come along one evening. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7.30pm in the BRICC House in Ballantrae. Membership is only £3.00 per session which includes the resources for the crafts as well as refreshments and cake.

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BALLANTRAE CHURCH LINKED WITH ST COLMON CHURCH

Over the last number of months, I have had a problem with my glasses, which I need for the computer work that I do on a daily basis. It was not a major problem in that I could still use them but it did become more tricky. First it was one side that broke. I was putting them on and I must have stretched them too far and one side snapped. Since I never use them out of the house, I just got some electrical black tape and taped the broken side up. And so for a few months I continued to use them with one side looking fine and one side taped up. However one day the inevitable happened, the other side snapped as well. Therefore I had no choice but to tape up that side too! And so my glasses were taped up on both sides, which while allowing me to use them, meant they were not that secure on my head and had a tendency to slip off.

Eventually, and I am sure most of you would have gone a lot sooner, I decided I had no choice but to go to the optician, and get a new pair of glasses. And while the taped up glasses had worked well for the months I used them, they also provided a bit of a laugh for the optician when I brought them out, causing them to declare that they were among the worst they had ever seen! And thankfully having had my eyes tested I now have a new pair of glasses, which I am using as I type this reflection.

Actually my new pair of glasses are a bit stronger than my last pair (a sign of getting older) and when I put them on at first I felt I was going from SD (standard definition) vision to HD (high definition) or possibly even 4K definition! It was amazing how sharp everything close up became and while I could see ok before, suddenly I could see the detail so much better.

Often in life we can have those transition moments, when something changes and we can suddenly see things in a clearer or a different way. We can easily go along with situations or problems, and then someone says a word or we read an article and suddenly we see life from a completely different angle. We can feel everything is blurry or confusing, then something happens and everything suddenly gets clear and understandable.

In the first four books of the New Testament, commonly called the gospels, they record the events of Jesus from the viewpoints of his friends. These were people who had been looking at life one way and suddenly through meeting with Jesus, they began to look at the world in the completely different way. And the same is true for many people in our world today, for when they read the gospels or the rest of the Bible, they see the world with fresh eyes.

Therefore, if you are still struggling with a situation in life, maybe it is time to try and see things from a different point of view. Why not ask someone for help or read a book or make a change in your life? Don't do what I did and just put tape on it for months, make the effort to find a proper solution!

God bless, Stephen

Forthcoming Events

Ballantrae Church Fair

Saturday 22nd 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 5th August at 2pm in the Kirk Hall and the field next to it.

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



Taste & See Cafe Church

6:30pm for 7pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall, Colmonell

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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

We meet at 10am every Sunday in Colmonell. For those who find the church steps a challenge there is a service on the last Sunday of each month in the Kirk Hall, which has easy access. And at 3pm on the third Sunday of the month we meet for worship in Barrhill Memorial Hall.

Ballantrae Parish Church

We meet at 11:30am every Sunday in Ballantrae. We also have our lively Sunday at Seven service which is usually on the first Sunday of the month at 7pm.

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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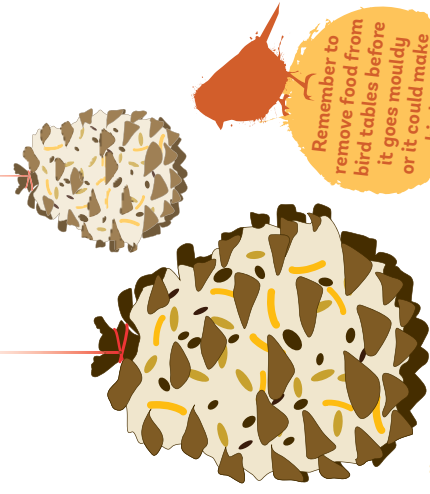
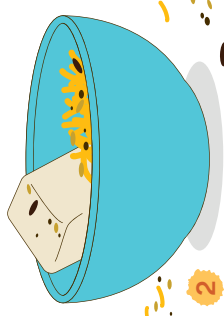
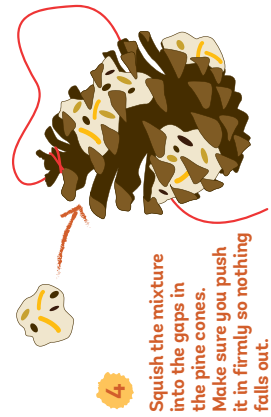
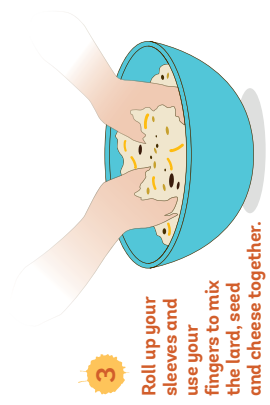
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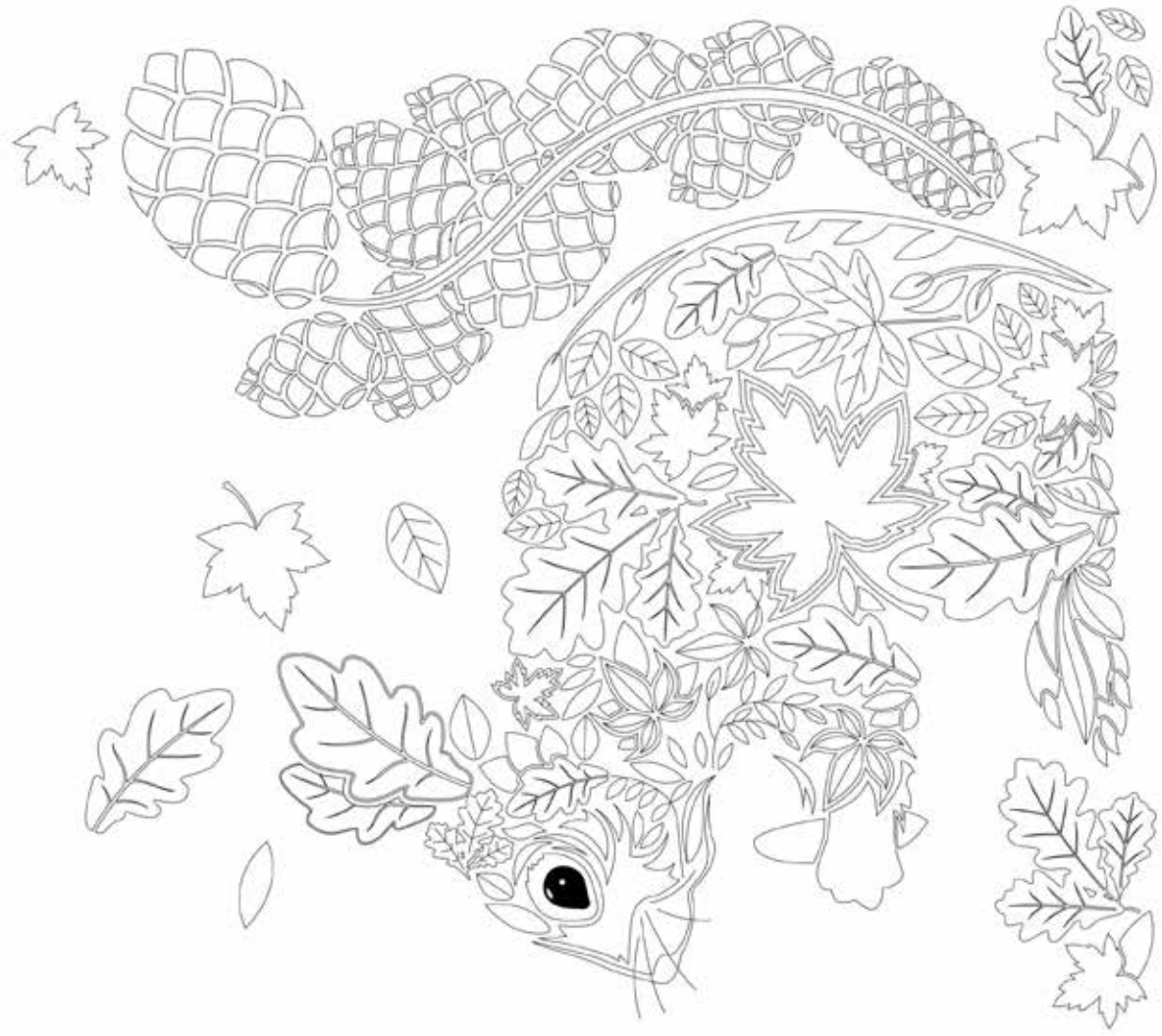
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BARR COMMUNITY STORES NEWS

You can now travel to Barr from Girvan on a service bus provided by South Ayrshire Community Transport– Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Why not come for a pleasant stroll around our pretty village and local countryside, followed by tea/coffee, hot/cold filled rolls and cake in the new, improved cafe area in our shop? The shop is open till 2pm in the week (4pm on Saturdays and Sundays). The bus leaves Girvan Harbour at 10.07 am, getting in to Barr approximately half an hour later. You could be back in Girvan by 13.08 pm or could linger longer and catch the 15.54 pm back!

Barr Community Stores provides a vital social service in the village and we hope that by increasing our visitor numbers in association with this great new South Ayrshire Community Transport– service we can support the shop and other village amenities and attractions for the future.



BARR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The BCA have been busy organising various events within the village over the last few months. We have been doing some Scottish Dancing as a fun way to get fit along with some circuit training in the hall. It is hoped to expand these activities over the coming months along with outdoor activities such as walking the Barr Trails. Our first joint effort of Trails day will have been held on 28th May when we hope lots of visitors have been to take advantage of the new trails car park at Changue, visited the vintage tractors and looked in on Barr Trail Teas.

We hosted a successful dance with Destination Anywhere for St Patrick's day and they will be playing again for our popular Halloween Dance in October. The hall fairly bounced with energetic dancing and a good craic... this one was bring your own but we plan to have a bar for the next one. We also have the ever popular Barrstools booked to perform in November....watch our Facebook and website for details near the time.

Barr village gala takes place on 3rd June with a Pipe Band and a distinctly Scottish Theme this year. A full report and pictures will be in the next edition.

A NEW CAR PARK

A new car park, soon to be picnic area has been provided by the Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) just past Craigmalloch Farm opposite Changue House complete with a bin courtesy of SAC.

FCS are busy installing new granite steps and handrail on Fairy Knowe and we are negotiating with SAC and FCS regarding new signage and maps.

Barr Primary School are working with local artist Merlin Currie designing creative markers and self-guiding illustrated maps for Fairy Knowe. We hope to hold additional trails days and other activities over the summer all of which will be advertised around Carrick. Keep an eye on the Barr Village Website.

Barr Community Council and Barr Community Association are pleased to announce that Barr Village Hall now has WiFi, soon to be a hotspot. In addition, with the help of a small grant from Barr Community Council and a lot of work from John Donaldson, a defibrillator is being installed at the back of the hall. Thanks also to Alan Ringrose for helping with the installation. Once it is up and running information on its use will be posted through all doors in the village along with full information on the website.



Barr Bits

The 'Aye Glass'

The 'Aye Glass' Summer season started well with an Easter stall at Dumfries House followed by a new regular street Market fixture on the South Beach at Troon on the 4th Saturday of the month. Do come along and see us at Culzean Country Market (1st Sunday of the month 11- 4) or Ballantrae Farmer's Market (2nd Sunday of the month 11- 3). Aye Glass is also found at Many Thanks Gallery in Mauchline, the Stables Gallery at Culzean Castle and the Barr wee Gallery. Visits to the Barr studio can be arranged out of hours with the Barr wee Gallery - open 10-5 every weekend until September.



Barr Wee Gallery

Summer visitors enjoying the scenic walks around Barr also take pleasure in seeing local artists' work in the Barr wee Gallery. Tucked away in a quiet corner next to Kirk Angus, the Gallery showcases and encourages local talent in a wee hidden haven of creativity. The beautiful fused art glass of resident artist Angus Corbett of 'Aye Glass' catches the sunlight beside examples of 'Clachan Wood', 'Peinn Mor' Pottery, 'Celtic Shore' jewellery, and a range of art, cards and prints by Carrick artists. With a working studio at the rear, the Gallery welcomes visitors any time, if available, but best to check in advance to avoid disappointment. Regular opening times are Sat/Sun 10 – 5.

Community Council

Barr Community Council's hard work lobbying SPT over the last three years for a return to a scheduled bus service finally paid off and is in place Monday Wednesday and Friday. Further information is available on the Barr Village Website and Facebook page where events and trips utilising this service outwith the regular times will be posted. Barr Community can now enjoy regular trips to the new Quay Zone leisure complex, Further Education, Health Care and other local services, while offering visitors access to Barr's lovely conservation village and Galloway Forest Trails as the bus also connects with Girvan trains and buses. SACT Group have been appointed by SPT to manage this service (route no. CB8). Route maps and timetables can be downloaded from www.barrvillage.co.uk/community.




Barr Community Council celebrated Cllr. Alec Oattes last official visit to Barr with a small presentation of a tartan glass dish and thistle token by local 'Aye Glass' artists. The Community Council wishes Alec all the best in his retirement, he has always been a great support to Barr community and all hope he will continue to visit at his leisure as he will always find a warm welcome at 'the Barr'.

Community Association/Barr Teas

Easter Sunday may have been damp but the Easter bunny was on hand to brighten the day with a fun egg roll over at the Clachan followed by an Easter egg hunt for both little and big kids around the village. Barr Teas offered refreshments and cakes in the Hall and a great day was had by all. A big thank you to all Barr's fantastic volunteers who did such a grand job but especially Annette Cron for her bunny bounty of creativity, quizzes, cryptic clues and general generosity!



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BARR BOWLING CLUB IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Barr Bowling Club got its season off to a successful start this year with more members coming on board at this increasingly popular club.

Incoming President, Alastair Smith, whose daughter, Victoria delivered the first jack to get play underway, told members and guests that the club would be seeking to build upon its growing reputation as a friendly place in which to play bowls where conviviality played as important a part as competitiveness. Currently Barr has over 30 members on its books with application forms still being handed out to likely new recruits.



The President paid tribute to green keeper Alan Ringrose and his part time assistant John Bunnett for the quality of the greens which they have provided for players this year under testing weather conditions. He also thanked Secretary, Isobel Ringrose for her organisational work in arranging events and fixtures as well as her band of willing helpers in the hospitality area.

If you want to know more, the club now has its own web site which has been built by John Logan, the address of which is; <http://barrbowlingclub.btck.co.uk>. Details of the club's activities can also be found on the Barr Village Facebook page.

Or contact directly Isobel Ringrose 01465 i61651, izzyring@aol.com

Barr Bowling Club, with the aid of a small grant from Barr Community council, has reworked the paths around Barr Village Hall and bowling green ready for the summer season. It was all hands on deck, wheelbarrows and rakes at the ready as volunteers gathered and laid the paths in record time.

Path one done first then followed by path 2. Traffic control was needed as the barrows whisked back and forward to the efficient shovelling team, keeping the raking team busy putting a good path in between the new wooden edging. Homemade scones and tea rounded off a fun working party.



80,000 YOUNG SALMON

Stinchar Valley Hatchery under licence from Ayrshire Rivers Trust have released over 80,000 young salmon into the tributaries of the River Stinchar over the last two weeks.

These were harvested from female fish caught in the Stinchar and then fertilised by a leading fish also caught in the river. It is hoped that somewhere in the region of 2% will eventually return to spawn in the upper reaches of the Stinchar and its tributaries.

This is done by volunteers and will help sustain the fish stocks in our valuable resource for future generations. The hatchery and releasing of the fish was very interesting, and we are looking forward to the increase of salmon returning to our river.



GOING NATIVE

Text ©Andrea Jones 27/04/17

Going back a few decades a Brazilian artist and designer named Roberto Burle-Marx made a trip to the Botanic gardens in Berlin. There for the first time he saw his native Brazilian plants in a different light. Tropical trees bejewelled with brilliantly coloured leaves and flamboyant flowers were held in great esteem by the Europeans and plants he considered weeds at home such as the succulent leaved Agaves were prized and put on pedestals within the glasshouses. He returned to his native Rio with a new regard for his native plants and new ideas as to how to use them to effect in the public and private landscapes he was commissioned to design. His planting ideas inspired many future generations of gardens designers in the USA and Europe.

Perhaps we should take a leaf from his book and give more credence to the plants that thrive in our own locality? Our own climate is hardly tropical and some may even consider it less than ideal for gardening, but that doesn't stop us having a rich diversity of plant life to enjoy and a range of garden plants that we can select to use in our gardens in our own style. Our landscape varies too of course, from salt blasted coast to sheltered woodland, exposed hillside to lowland bog. So gardeners in each area need to pay attention to what works best in their environment. There is no point trying to force a plant to grow where it doesn't want to. It'll just shrivel and die.

We enjoy the ferns that grow on the fallen logs by the riverbank, the bluebells in the woods and the foxgloves that appear from the tiniest cracks in the walls and dilapidated roofs. Campions (*Silene dioica*) by the



roadside and primroses (*Primula vulgaris*) beneath the hedgerows. The hawthorns and blackthorn themselves are generous with their pretty blossom and vibrant green foliage. We are rich in plant species. So like Burle-Marx perhaps we need to take note of what we have growing naturally around us and use it to its best effect. Or at least sometimes perhaps more garden worthy versions of those plants.

Even in the small area we live there are various zones where certain plants thrive and fail so best to spend some time looking around you and note what grows well in the wild. Living in the area for ten years now we feel we are only just getting to know what works in our own garden and what doesn't.

The palette of plants we have in our own garden includes:

Astrantia major 'Roma' (a masterwort cultivar) provides a pretty froth of pastel colour under our old apple trees from spring through autumn. Ground covers of *Alchemilla mollis* (Lady's mantle) thrive with violets and *Claytonia perfoliata* (Miner's lettuce) in our gravel drive and provide a carpet of lime/yellow, pink and mauve in spring. A variety of lupins, lamiums and the ornamental grasses such as *Carex comans* Bronze form, *Stipa tenuissima* and *Stipa gigantea*, enjoy our gravel borders too by the garden entrance and we allow strawberries (*Fragaria* × *ananassa* 'Cambridge Favourite') to overflow from our veg patch into the gravel also. I've noticed a pretty alpine variety join of its own accord lately too, a welcome gatecrasher.

Currently, we are training a range of Sweet pea varieties (*Lathyrus odoratus*) to climb high up the twine we have threaded in front of our metal pole barn and *Macleaya cordifolia* (plume poppy) returns year after year showing off its large exotic foliage which looks amazing when the sun shines through its leaves.

Everyone with an interest in gardens has their own taste in plants. Gardens are very personal spaces indeed. But for those who are starting off or perhaps rethinking their gardens, nature may be a good place to start looking for inspiration.

And what's wrong with a garden of foxgloves and ferns?

For professional advice and plants for your garden visit Helen Willis at Mansfield Garden Centre, 22 The Avenue, Girvan Tel 01465 714268.



BALLANTRAE

BALLANTRAE SCHOOL

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council have made our school more aware of litter by creating posters about our playground we need to keep trying harder because we still spot lots of litter in the playground. We have promoted the Friendship bench because no one was using it, but after promoting it we have found that some people use it more now.

We were also in charge of Children in Need Day and we had a great success and raised £321.58. We did activities around the classroom. One of our activities was teddy tennis held by Olivia, Reuben, John and Mirren. Another one was dancing dolls held by Zoe, Jessica, Kayla and Teigen. Our last activity was colouring, dot to dot and Pudsey collage held by William, Bence, Thomas and Ryan H. Everyone enjoyed it. Our theme was spotacular and crazy colours.

We are also going to be in charge of Red Nose day.

Last week we made smoothies. We all cut up a bit of fruit and put it in a bowl. We all chose fruit and juice and put it in Mrs Gregg's smoothie maker. They were very tasty.



Eco Committee

At the start of Eco Committee we made Eco Guardian Badges with string and paper. The Eco Committee have been doing a lot of work around Keeping Eco friendly by emptying our fruit bins into the compost bin. We were responsible for switch off fortnight.

As a group we created a presentation to let everybody know when it was, where it was and for how long it would last and what we would be doing to save energy in the school and how everyone could save energy at home.

We did a bit of cooking a few weeks ago. Recently we have been making a bird book about the different types of birds there are, where to find them, what they eat, and writing all about them. We have also looked at biodiversity and found out about what insects and bugs are in our school grounds.

Health Committee

By Struan and George

When we first met as the Health Committee we all took on different roles in the group. Our first task was to look at food standards and food safety. We made posters to go on the wall and encouraged the rest of the school to take part in the Food Standards Agency Poster Competition. After that we looked at anti-bullying and more about what bullying meant.

We made posters and put them around the school. Then we investigated Food Hygiene and healthy eating. Next we looked at ways of keeping healthy and fit. After we made a power point and showed it to the rest of the school during assembly times. After that we went litter picking. First we were in the playground, we found a lot of litter. Then we went to the park and found a little litter there.



What the JRSO have been up to (JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER)

Our display

The second week of being JRSOs we put our JRSO wall up in school. It is very colourful and bright because that is what you should be on the roads at night. Be bright at night. On the display we have one picture of us, posters of the winning people of our last competition.

Training

Earlier in the year we were invited to go to a full day training course in Ayr. At the course we worked in teams to rotate around different activities including how to promote road safety in our school.

Last Competition

For our last competition we did a speed calendar competition. Everyone in the school entered and there were 10 winners. Mrs Robertson said it was very hard to pick because everyone did so well.

Next Competition

Our next competition asks all the pupils to design a jacket that could be seen at night. We are looking forward to seeing all of the different colourful designs.

BARR and BARRHILL PRIMARY SCHOOLS STEM week

In March we spent time working with Invergarven School in Girvan on all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

This included lessons with our own staff, input from visiting specialists and workshops at Dumfries House. At the end of the week our school champions were Rocco Darbyshire, James Ratchford and Bethanny Wilson.



World Book Day

Pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite story book characters to celebrate World Book Day. Can you guess who we all are?



Cluster Activities

Miss Burton was instrumental in organising a fabulous Science Day at Girvan Primary for all P5s-7s in the cluster. This was a chance for pupils to learn about careers in the sciences and experience a range of hands-on activities.



Tree Planting

Pupils from both schools, through the Ayrshire Rivers Trust and with the help of local volunteers, planted trees to improve river bank stability and enhance the natural habitat. Through the project pupils learnt about fish, invertebrate



species and the importance of trees surrounding their local watercourse.

Community Projects

Our curriculum is very much enhanced by the knowledge, skills and expertise of members of the community. At Barrhill we have been watching the fruits of our labour grow in the community garden under Annie's care and guidance.

At Barr we are delighted to be part of Merlin's work with the Forestry Commission to develop the local trails. We are currently designing our own fairies and imagining their stories.



COLMONELL SCHOOL

Colmonell Pupil Council

Colmonell Pupil Council have been busy over the past few months. In September a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning was organised with a variety of fundraising stalls including baking, bottle, treasure maps and raffles.

The excellent sum of £481.00 was raised for a very worthy cause. In November it was more fundraising, this time for Children in Need. The sum of £134.10 was raised with a bring-and-buy sale of toys, books and DVDs. The next events took place in March. Firstly on the 2nd March pupils dressed up as a character from their favourite book which proved very interesting. A total of £39.00 was sent to Africa as part of Book Aid International which sends books to schools in Africa.

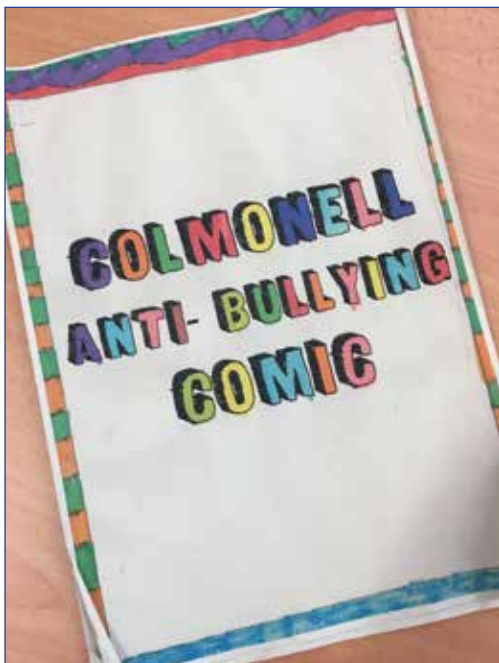
On the 24th March it was the turn of Red Nose Day to benefit from our fundraising activities. The theme this year was Make People Laugh and the pupils certainly did make everyone laugh with their various costumes. To add to the fun there was a joke telling session. As a result the fantastic sum of £40.00 was raised.

The Health Committee

The Health Committee this year includes Kirstie Martin, Flynn Williams, Charlie Bretherton, Abbie Robertson, Lyra Williams, Emma Milroy, Peter Bradshaw, Kara Walker, Amy Walker and Cerys Jones. Throughout the year we have discussed on healthy eating. We were interested to see what the pupils in Colmonell Primary had for snack and if they were healthy snacks.

We found out that people have balanced snacks throughout the week. Some days they enjoy healthy snacks and other days have crisps or biscuits. After we researched this, we made a display to show which snacks were healthy and which snacks it would be good to avoid.

We also spent a long time creating an Anti-Bullying Comic. Each of us created a comic strip or superhero to add to the comic. We created comics which showed scenarios that often happen that show bullying and importantly they showed different ways to deal with bullying. As a group we led an assembly to talk about bullying and used this time to make sure everyone knew what to do if they were being bullied or saw bullying happen. Everyone enjoyed looking at our comic book and we had great fun making it!



Tree Planting

On the 20th February 2017 primary 4-7 were invited by Ayrshire Rivers Trust to plant trees along the bank of the river Stinchar close to the village of Colmonell as part of the Carrick River and Tree Planting Project 2016/1017. The children planted a mixture of native species (Alder, Birch and Hazel). We were shown how to plant the trees using a protective sleeve which expands as the tree grows.

The members of Ayrshire Rivers trust explained to the class the benefits of the trees e.g. habitat for wildlife and flood protection.

Later in class we used the activity as a context for instructional writing.



ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Girvan Academy Futsal Tournament

(a modified form of soccer played with five players per side on a smaller, typically indoor, pitch.)

In term 2 Active Schools held a Futsal Tournament at Girvan Academy. 11 teams from most of the secondaries within South Ayrshire attended with Carrick Academy winning the final against Belmont Academy. The teams also took part in various football related challenges while they were waiting in-between their matches. The event was supported by the PE staff at Girvan Academy and Student Liam Mullen from UWS.

Barrhill Dance Afterschool Club

In term 2 dance teacher Emma Abel from Popdance Newton Stewart delivered a 6 week afterschool club at Barrhill Primary. Over the 6 weeks the pupils learnt a dance routine which they performed in front of school staff. At the end of the block they received a certificate from Emma for working hard and taking part. Well done girls!



Ballantrae Jump Rope Club

In Ballantrae, Claire from Active Schools delivered a new "Jump Rope" after school club for the P4-7 pupils. Each week the pupils learnt a different skipping skill which they added into a routine they performed at the end of each session. The pupils had a great time and even practised in between the sessions at home and in the playground.



Colmonell Tennis and Basketball Afterschool Clubs

Local Sports Coach Rachel Melville came into Colmonell Primary to deliver two afterschool clubs on a Wednesday. She delivered tennis to the P1-3's and Basketball to the P4-7's. Both sessions were really well attended and the pupils had a great time.

Barr Cross Country

Pupils at Barr have been participating in a cross country lunch club every Monday since October. The pupils have been training for the South Ayrshire Cross Country event at Rozelle in March. Well done to all the pupils who took part.

Lawn Bowls

Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill and Colmonell bowling clubs will be delivering an afterschool club to their local primary between May and June which will lead onto a Girvan Cluster competition at Ballantrae Bowling club at the beginning of June.



GIRVAN CLUSTER CLUBS

TENNIS SESSIONS

Active Schools are now delivering free coaching sessions at Girvan Tennis for all pupils from the Girvan Cluster to attend on a Tuesday from April until June. Sessions are:

- 3.30pm - 4.30pm – P1-3
- 4.30pm - 5.30pm – P4-7

STREET GAMES

Active Schools are running a Street Games Multi Sport session on a Wednesday night from April to June again. Due to high numbers we have now added in an extra session:

- 6.00pm - 7.00pm – P1-3
- 7.00pm - 8.00pm – P4-5
- 8.00pm - 9.00pm – P6-7

Cost of these sessions are £1



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls' football is running at Victory Park in Girvan for all P3-7 girls within the Girvan cluster on a Thursday night from 4.00-5.00pm.

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 costs. 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.

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 www.facebook.com/activeschoolsSA www.twitter.com/activeschoolsSA

GIRVAN COMMUNITY SPORT HUB POP UP SPORTS

by Connor Watt

Girvan Community Sport Hub has become aware of the issue in regards to transport etc. for young people out with the town of Girvan to attend some programmes (in this case ours) during the holidays or after school and outwith term time.

For this reason, we decided it would be best for us to bring some activities to the young people in the locality - delivering in 6 different areas of South Carrick within the villages to young people at their 'doorstep'.

Over the Easter holidays we brought along a variety of resources to Pop Up Sports sessions in Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill and Colmonell with archery, cricket, rounders, football, rugby, basketball, hoops and generalized sport and physical activity resources with the emphasis on getting young people active while having fun. As well as the young people attending we had a number of Sports 'Volunteers' who live in the village we were delivering in come out and support the 'doorstep sport' and engage with the young people.

If funding allows we will be running Pop Up Sports sessions during the summer holidays.



BARRHILL

Barrhill Memorial Hall – Essential Repairs

Once Planning Permission and Building Warrants are obtained we will be in a position to begin the essential repairs to the hall using the money from South Ayrshire Council which was paid to bring the hall back up to the standard it should have been when they gave up the lease.

Work is set to take 3-4 months and will begin after the Barrhill Flower Show which takes place on 2nd September. During this time the hall will be completely closed. Work will take place to improve drainage around the hall and the exterior of the hall will be recovered. The kitchen will be given a much needed update along with the toilet facilities which will include a disabled toilet. The windows will be replaced and the interior will be repainted to give the hall a brighter and more modern feel.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused while this essential work is carried out. We hope that when the work is complete and you return to the hall you will find it a much more pleasant place to meet.

BARRHILL'S YOUNG PEOPLE ARE QUIETLY ACHIEVING GREAT THINGS

Justin Stewart has been playing for Carrick under 16's Rugby Team since he was selected to play in December 2016 as a flanker. Also, after a year of hard work, Justin received his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at an awards ceremony in February.

Zoe Allan has been playing for Ayr-Wellington U15 girls Rugby Team as a hooker since September 2016. She played at BT Murrayfield in the National Shield Final on 29th April where Ayr-Wellington beat Lismore 70-20 to become National Shield Champions.

Harry Flower swims for Newton Stewart's Merrick Mavericks. They recently won the Solway League, which is made up of the swimming clubs in the Dumfries and Galloway district: Stranraer Stingrays, Kirkcudbright Otters, Annan Alligators, Dumfries Dolphins, Stewartry Seals (Castle Douglas) and the Merrick Mavericks (Newton Stewart). His training schedule is for an hour for three days a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday and 2 hours on Saturday morning.

Courteney Flower starts 4 years at Glasgow Strathclyde University to study a Maths and Physics Combined Degree in September.

Ethan Wild played a flute solo at the Ayrshire Music Festival and Girvan Academy Arts Festival. He was also awarded Highly Commended in this year's Scottish Schools Science Fiction Writing Competition for his extract of an autobiography of Scottish Scientist Sir Robert **Alexander Watson-Watt**. He received his certificate at an awards ceremony at St Andrews University in March.

Finlay Hegarty, Barrhill's youngest entrepreneur at six years old, has set up his own business 'Finlay's Logs & Kindling' to earn money to save towards things he would like to buy. He collects the wood himself and delivers it to customers within Barrhill using his green handcart. See his advert for further details.

BARRHILL FAMILY FUN DAY

By Linda Wild

Barrhill's Family Fun Day on Saturday 15th July is set to be a great day out for all the family, with plenty to keep you occupied throughout the afternoon.

The day will begin with a Roald Dahl themed fancy dress parade at 1pm for ALL AGES. Release your inner child and dress up with the children as your favourite Roald Dahl character, there are so many stories to choose from! Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, The BFG, The Twits etc. there's sure to be one to suit you! There are prizes to be won so why not give it a go!

Throughout the day there is fun to be had in Arnshean Park on our biggest attraction of the event, The Giant Inflatable Army Assault Course from Fun Time Entertainment which gives 68 feet of fun battling through tunnels, over walls and down the slide. The great news is that it's for both adults and children!

There will also be the fantastic Moonwalker Bouncy Dome for the children. This is a bouncy castle like no other! Jumping around inside this giant, air-filled bubble will leave you feeling like your floating in space, as jets of air rush all around you making you feel like you are walking on the moon.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day and there will be stalls selling a range of goods and Kids Fun Fair will be bringing traditional fairground fun to Barrhill where you can try your hand at the games on offer.

We will be running family sports day themed events along with special team events on the Giant Inflatable Army Assault Course for the prize of Assault Course Champions. Are you up to the challenge? There will be £10 entry fee for each team of 4 adults and a £5 entry fee for each team of 4 children. Watch out for further details nearer the time.

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BARRHILL EASTER CRAFT FAIR

By Linda Wild

On 1st April Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association held a very successful Easter Craft Fair. With 14 stalls selling a huge variety of hand crafted items including colourful quilted and stitched items, engraved glassware, hand knitting, soft toys, a variety of wooden items, cards, photographs, preserves, dog treats, upcycled homewares and delicious home baking along with 3 car booters who made the most of the fine weather. We would like to say a big thank you to all the stallholders for supporting the event and bringing such beautiful handmade items to sell.

The morning began with a colourful Easter Bonnet Parade and competition where the best bonnets won some scrumptious chocolate Easter Eggs and Giant Chocolate Bunnies which were generously donated by Queensland Holiday Park.

The children of Barrhill Primary School had spent an enjoyable afternoon designing and making their imaginative and colourful Easter bonnets at school. Finlay Hegarty won first prize for his chick and bunny covered bonnet and Daisy Redman won second prize for her bunny bonnet in the 0 to P4 age group. Kirsten Stewart won first prize for her chicks and eggs bonnet and James Russell won second prize for his bunny bonnet in the P5-P7 age group. In the S1 to S6 section Kayleigh Jordan won first prize for her nest full of eggs in a blossom tree and Ethan Wild won second prize for his futuristic Egg Scanner bonnet. In the adults section the biggest chick filled Easter Bonnet I have ever seen won first prize for Annie Clarke and second prize was won by Linden Hunt for her flower covered bonnet. Well done and thank you to all who entered for making the parade such a colourful spectacle.

Tasty homemade soup and cream teas were enjoyed throughout the day by happy shoppers in the tea room. A popular egg rolling obstacle course took place in the afternoon. Ethan Wild won the children's section and Annie Clarke won the adults section when her egg almost reached the other end of the hall!

The day was rounded off when the raffles were drawn and the lucky winners of the other competitions were announced.

Over £550 was raised towards Memorial Hall funds on the day.



BARRHILL BOWLING CLUB

by Linda Wild

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the start of a new season with some new people in position to take the club forward through a busy and hopefully successful year of bowling.

After 8 years of loyal service and hard work for the club, Alvon Hirst has stepped down from his roles as Treasurer and Match Secretary and Freda Hirst has stepped down from her role as President. Their hard work and dedication has been the driving force behind the club and helped to keep it running over the years, for which we owe them a huge thank you.

The role of President is at time of writing vacant, Heather Bourne is continuing as Vice President, Ann Robertson has moved to Treasurer, Linda Wild is Secretary, Stuart Donnelly and Pat O'Connor are joint Match Secretaries and Ethan Wild has taken over the role of Greenkeeper. Irene McCrae continues the popular Whist Drive nights which run from May to September on the 4th Friday in the month at 7:30pm which help to raise funds for the bowling club.

Membership has gradually fallen over the last few years so we would like to encourage new members to join the club. Everyone will be made very welcome no matter if you are an old hand who wants to return to bowling, someone who has never played before or you're somewhere in between. Players of all ages are welcome but children under 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We are running 'Try Bowling' days throughout the season on the second Sunday of the month at 2pm. These are open to everyone, bowlers and non-bowlers, and will give you a chance to have a few ends of bowling in a relaxed atmosphere, with refreshments at half time.

If you are new to bowling all you will need is a pair of flat soled shoes. We have bowls you can borrow and we will be happy to give you some tuition to get you started.

If you would like to join the club, membership is £25 per year for adults and £10 per year for juniors. Club days are Tuesday evenings (6:30pm or 7pm depending on the time of year) and Saturday afternoons at 1:30pm.

By Christine Welsh nee Forsyth

There is so much more I could write about.
I was born in Barrhill in 1944, met my husband there and our 3 boys were born there. So many changes, but memories can't be changed. I can still see it all in my mind's eye!

My Village

Just ask me where I came fae
And I will tell to thee
about my village Barrhill
A place sae dear to me.

What made this place sae special
Were the folk that bided there,
where nae yin was a stranger
the folk there a' did care.

We didnae need tae travel far
Tae get oor odds and ends
For oor wee village had it a'
Wi' plenty shops tae vend

We even had a market
And a station, we could boast,
where we watched the hissin' steam trains
As they headed for the coast.

Oor childhood days were carefree
I dinnae need tae feign
It always seemed sae sunny
And I cannae mind the rain!

But there are always changes
As we pass along life's way
Regardless of all that's happened
In my heart, **Barrhill** will stay!

Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association

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Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association

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Colmonell Fun Day 2017

Colmonell Fun Week Princess for this year will be Kayleigh Robertson, who will be attended by ladies in waiting Alana Clark and Kirstie Martin, as well as page boy Lewis Martin. Kayleigh will open the Fun Day on Saturday 10th June at Colmonell playpark, where there will be a range of entertainment including Roadrunner, Bunny Luv petting zoo, a bouncy castle and an inflatable obstacle course, Stinchar Valley Pipers and all the usual stalls and teas.



The Fun Week starts from 2nd June with the following activities taking place during the week:

Friday 2nd	Fundraising bingo night in Colmonell Primary School
Monday 5th	First round of football tournament and Silly Gilly's circus skills workshop
Tuesday 6th	First round of football tournament
Wednesday 7th	Quiz in Colmonell village hall
Thursday 8th	Semi-final of football tournament and sand art workshop for children
Friday 9th	Clay pigeon shoot organised by Knockdolian gun club
Saturday 10th	Fun Day
Sunday 11th	Final of football tournament

For more information see local press or 'Colmonell' Facebook page.

Colmonell Baby & Toddler Group

An Easter Egg hunt was held at the baby and toddler group on Good Friday and was very well attended by 16 children. Everyone enjoyed hunting for the eggs, making Easter baskets and chicks and of course the tea party with food provided by parents.



The group meet every Friday 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

Parents Early Education Partnership (PEEP) sessions take place in Colmonell village hall every Wednesday during term time, from 10am – 11am. All pre-school babies, children, parents and grandparents are welcome to attend and take part in songs, stories and crafts. For more information contact Alison Wales on 01655 882105.

Get Active in Colmonell!

A 6 week block of Pilates was organised for April and May, following the successful taster sessions held with Alison Howie. If you are interested in attending any future blocks please register your interest with Eileen McCutcheon on 881 191 or eileenmilroy@hotmail.com The cost is £24 per 6 week block and the full block must be paid in advance to guarantee your place.

The fitness equipment purchased by Colmonell Development Group is now available for use in the hall on Monday afternoons 2-4pm, and Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6-9pm. Please note that these times may vary during school holidays so check the hall window for details. Equipment includes an exercise bike, cross trainer, punch bag and a variety of other items to allow people to make up their own circuits routine. The equipment, as well as the Pilates and fitness classes have been organised with the support of funding from South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership and Big Lottery Fund.



The badminton club continues to meet in the village hall on a Thursday evening from 8pm and the cost is £5 per player for the season. Racquets and shuttles are available for use. For more information contact David McCutcheon on 881 191.

Coffee Afternoon & Consultation

Colmonell Development Group held a coffee afternoon on Sunday 12th March to gather views on findings from the consultation that the group conducted in the village in August 2016. There was also some children's entertainment and face painting, which allowed parents to get involved in discussions. The coffee afternoon was well attended with plenty of dialogue on what locals felt should be the main priorities for the village. There were several key themes which emerged, which included:

- Environment (community garden, flower tubs, upgrade playpark, public toilets, promote fishing, paths and improve signage)
- Communications (local information point, superfast broadband/3G, community shop, encourage tourism, promote local heritage)
- Community safety (Neighbourhood watch scheme, speed notices, improve derelict land/village appearance, extend pavement areas)
- Events (more events, activities, classes and outings)



Colmonell Development Group



February 2017



Gardening Club volunteers



Christmas lights and switch on event



'Keeping children safe' presentation

WHO ARE COLMONELL DEVELOPMENT GROUP?

Colmonell Development Group was set up in September 2015 after a public meeting asked interested people to come forward to form a group to make improvements to the village. On the group are Heather O'Hare (chair), Barry Robertson (vice chair), Michelle Mitchell (secretary), Eileen McCutcheon (treasurer), Helen Allan, Yvonne Jones, Evelyn McCubbin and Yvonne Templeton (representing Colmonell Primary School).

We have been working hard for the past 18 months and:

- Have agreed a constitution, developed a logo and set up a bank account
- Purchased Christmas lights for the hall and trees in the village
- Organised 2 Christmas light switch on events with music from Creetown Silver Band
- Organised a 'Keeping Children Safe' presentation with Children's 1st
- Attended Colmonell Fun Day with information about the group
- Organised a community consultation
- Been awarded £1010 in South Carrick Decides Participatory Budgeting Day for the Christmas Event, Gardening Club and fitness classes
- Set up a Gardening Club, tidied the garden area beside the village hall and flowerbeds in front of the old public toilets, set up a greenhouse
- Set up a Monday night exercise class and organised some Pilates classes. Purchased exercise equipment for the village hall. Set up a badminton club for junior members and their parents.

The Development Group is keen to hear from anyone who may be able to help or has ideas for any of these projects. If you are interested please contact Michelle Mitchell, Secretary on michelle_mitchell83@outlook.com

COLMONELL EXHIBITION

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Plans are proceeding for the Colmonell Exhibition 2017, which will be held from 8-10th September throughout the village. There will be something for everyone, the weekend will start with a bat walk around the village on the Friday evening and will proceed with events including: learn to fly fish, guided river walk led by Mark from the "Where there's wildlife" project, and exhibitions of village clubs and groups throughout the years. Colmonell school will be holding a display of pupils' work, their project for this term is "Our Village", and also hosting the teas. St Colmon Church are planning guided tours of points of interest in and around the church, and are having an "open weekend". Ross McCreadie will give a demonstration of his chainsaw art, and we have many other attractions and events planned.

If anyone has any photos or items which they would like us to include in the exhibition, please contact any member of the Development Group - Helen Allen, Yvonne Jones, Evelyn McCubbin, Eileen McCutcheon, Michelle Mitchell, Heather O'Hare, Barry Robertson. Make a note in your diary and we hope to see you there.

COLMONELL DOMINO TEAM

Belated congratulations to the Boars Head domino team, who won the Girvan & District League in February, and took the cup home with them - "an amazing achievement by a small village" said team captain Brian O'Hare. Well done to everyone who took part!

COLMONELL BOWLING CLUB

A small turnout of members and friends attended the opening of the Green for the 2017 season. President Stephen Challis welcomed everyone to the green and thanked the retiring President Margaret Robertson for the 28 years' service that she has given to the club. Evelyn McCubbin presented Margaret with a basket of flowers as a thank you gift.

Stephen threw the first jack and bowl and declared the green open for play. The weather was slightly on the cool side, but everyone enjoyed a game of bowls and a lovely afternoon tea.

New members and visitors are always welcome to join in our games, even if they haven't played before. For more information contact Evelyn on 881293 or Stephen/Fiona on 881318.



New funding Panel ready to welcome applications

Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Fund's new Advisory Panel held its first meeting in April and is ready and waiting to welcome applications for funding from community groups.

The fund is provided by SSE from the Hadyard Hill Wind Farm, for the benefit of the Barr, Dailly, Pinmore & Pinwherry communities, and is administered by Foundation Scotland.

The Panel decides on awards from the fund and is made up of local residents with a wide range of experience and interests. They are keen to support community and voluntary activity in the communities.

The members pictured from left to right are: Tom McCartney, Ian Yellowlees, Claire Pirrie, Jane Hepburn, Maggie Bunnett, Bruce Hacking and Laura Warrender. Not pictured are Isabel Kay and Julie Huggins.



Applications from organisations both inside and outside the area are welcomed, so long as they can demonstrate benefit to one or more of the villages. Grants of up to £5,000 are available, with the next application deadline on 2nd August.

Gareth Shields, Community Investment Manager for SSE, said "We are delighted to see the good work that the Hadyard Hill fund has done over the past years continue with this new panel set up, which brings it in line with the way the majority of wind farm funds now operate. SSE will continue to work with the local communities and Foundation Scotland to make sure that the fund continues to make a positive contribution across the three community council areas."

Download application forms & guidance from www.hadyardhill.org.uk or contact Laura, Karen or Cara via office@foundationscotland.org.uk or 01557 814927 to discuss your idea before applying

LENDALFOOT

What's on?

1. **Charity Walk** on Friday 9th June 2017 leaving the hall at 7pm refreshments in Hall.
2. **Car Boot Sale** on Sunday 23rd July 2017.
3. **Ladies Group Meetings** start at beginning of October meeting fortnightly. Come along and join us everyone welcome.
4. Lendalfoot Community has had another successful year with a **Charity Walk** in aid of Ayrshire Hospice, annual Car Boot Sale, Seniors Festive Lunch and Children's Christmas Party. Bowlers continue to use the Hall on a Tuesday evening starting in October.

LENDALFOOT CARPET BOWLING

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PINWHERRY & PINMORE (THE 2 PINS)

PINMORE CHURCH



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They came on foot, bicycles and pony and trap. The local ministers of that time took turns to take services regularly.

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.

Contact – Mrs J. Wyllie

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PINWHERRY SWI



Hello everyone. We have had a great year of demonstrations and speakers and a big thank you to them all. We meet in Pinwherry hall on the second Monday of each month from September to May.

We will be going on our end of year outing in May to Glentool craft shop and gallery and enjoying a light supper. 4 of our members will be going to Dumfries House to celebrate 100 years of the SWRI in July. Pinwherry S.W.I are celebrating the 100th year by having afternoon tea at Glenapp Castle in June.

We would make any new members more than welcome so come along and enjoy a night at the 'rural'. For any more information please contact Lana Rafferty (secretary) on 841272.

The new handrail has been replaced alongside the steps at Pinmore bus stop, at the other side to give more protection from traffic damage!

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 phone 01465 841211



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PINWHERRY CRAFT FAIR, VINTAGE VEHICLES AND BYGONES

Saturday 24th June 10am – 4pm on the 2pins Field



Refreshments, Bouncy Castle, something for all the family!



Pinwherry, Pinmore Great Egg Hunt



The Great Egg Hunt All Winners

The new CCTV cameras are now in operation at Pinwherry bridge

Pinwherry Autograss
Dates 2017

18th June

9th July

13th August

3rd September

1st October



For more info contact: 07821241464

THE STINCHAR VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Club had a good turnout, including two new members, for its final winter meeting in Colmonell Kirk Hall, for the AGM, followed by cheese, wine and other refreshments, and a Plant Swap.



The Club's programme of events for the summer:

Wednesday 24th May Lunch at Campbells in Portpatrick.

The following garden visits are planned – they are all inspiring in their own way, and should certainly give us plenty of new ideas to think about:

Tuesday 13th June Holmes Farm Garden, Drybridge, nr Irvine.

Wednesday 19th July Glenapp Castle Garden, Ballantrae, a guided tour of the gardens with beverage and snacks available in the Victorian Tearooms

Thursday 17th August Mount Stewart, Northern Ireland.

Wednesday 13th September Millhall, nr Kirkudbright, and Broughton House, Kirkudbright.

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 harriet@riverstinchar.co.uk or phone 881 221 for more details if you would like to join any of these trips.

New Members

The Club is always pleased to welcome new members at any time. An annual subscription costs £12. Please contact Harriet Ellis 881 221, Roger Pirrie 841 644, or any Committee Member if you would like to join the Club.

The Stinchar Valley Gardening 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.



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 GOLF COURSE



Ballantrae Golf Course (on Balig shore fields) was founded in 1877, originally with 9 holes and improved in 1893. It had 25 lady members each paying 2/6d (12.5p) membership fee and 123 male members each paying 5/- (25p). The clubhouse is now at Colmonell Bowling Green. The golf club closed in 1941 due to the war, and later re-opened at the top of the hill but was not a success.



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.