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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you will enjoy the Summer 2018 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.

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.

Jim Fleming

"It is with sadness we report the passing of our friend Jim Fleming, the Editorial Board representative from Lendalfoot. We shall miss him and our thoughts are with Margaret and his family at this time."

Thanks to our local photographer for the cover images

HOW TO SEND IN YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES

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 Ligliarrie 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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	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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Maybole Community Council - supported by Pinwherry Pinmore Community Council To all residents of Maybole and North/South Carrick

FED UP OF SUB STANDARD ROADS ?

If you, like us, are fed up with the conditions of the roads in and around Maybole and the outlying villages, we need your help to raise awareness of our/your frustration.

The link below will take you to a page where you register complaints about roads. You can register just one by using the simple map pinning the location or you can use the contact page to give a wider report.

The high road from Ayr to Maybole is a disgrace with pot holes that shake your fillings in your teeth. Culzean road from Greenside to one of Scotland's finest tourist attractions Culzean and beyond is more holes than tar now. Cars are swerving to avoid holes and accidents are inevitable.

Maybole to Crosshill, Girvan to D&G border, Pinwherry to Ballantrae etc etc.

We would ask that everyone help us by swamping the roads department with complaints. We know budgets are getting tighter but the standard of repair we get cannot be good value when less than 6 months they're worse than ever.

Please share and more importantly start raising the bar with the roads department.

<https://www.ayrshireroadsalliance.org>

Could YOU be the next editor of THE STINCHAR VALLEY MAGAZINE ?

After seven years as editor of this magazine, John McAlley will soon be moving out of the district and we are looking for his successor.

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For more information about what is involved in editing this quarterly magazine, please see the back cover in this edition.

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The Stinchar Valley Magazine is now in its fifth year. Our budget is smaller than mainstream magazines because our volunteer Editorial Team puts in over 800 hours a year so that villagers across the valley can have a free professionally produced quarterly magazine delivered to their door.

We have received funding support from Hadyard Hill and Carrick Futures Community Benefit Funds for the last 5 years but the Carrick Futures Board of Directors, as a condition of our grant, have asked us to start exploring other sources of income so that the magazine can continue beyond the foreseeable future. That's why we need your help.

We hand deliver or post over one thousand copies and we send out PDF copies where requested.

The Magazine is on many websites to download or read and we have links on Facebook.

This means a great coverage across all media and good value for money.

If you are interested in placing an advert, or buying a four page centre-fold, please contact Marie McNulty at stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

The sounds of children playing, grass being cut, birds singing and warm days, it must be Summer. This is the time of year when families get together for holidays and when communities go out to support their local fetes, flower shows and galas. Speaking of Galas, this year will see the costs of the galas covered after the ridiculous situation when the last administration caused so much pain in local communities for the sake of a relatively small amount of money. Local folk made their feelings clear and it was with great satisfaction after a long struggle that one of the first actions of the new council administration was to reinstate support for the galas in our communities.

It is good to see that Barrhill Village now has the Community Hall reopened after sterling work from various groups within the village. It was quite a painful exercise when South Ayrshire Council decided at relatively short notice not to renew the lease on the hall, however it has now been renovated and is back in community hands. I hope that it will be well used and appreciated for generations to come. In April my colleagues Councillor Peter Henderson, Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons and I had the privilege to attend the Health Week prize giving event held at Barrhill Primary for Barrhill and Barr Primary along with Invergarven Special Needs School from Girvan. It was a joyous occasion with a wonderful representation of pupils and staff from the three schools. The children (or the weans) were really appreciative and it showed how lucky we are in our neck of the woods to have such caring and hardworking teachers and staff.

This year I have been attached to Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council and Turnberry, Maidens and Kirkoswald Community Council whilst also attending Girvan Community Council along with my colleague councillors. It always amazes me when attending these local CC's and other community groups, just how much work is carried out on a voluntary basis just to make things better for the communities they live in. These folk are not the "armchair critics" that we so often suffer. These gems are the coalface workers and it is the job of myself and others to support them.



As you may know, I represent SAC on the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Board. This is a designated UNESCO status which you will be hearing much more about. I would ask you in the meantime to have a look online at the following site www.gsabiosphere.org.uk where you will find out all the facts and information you need. It was very interesting to see a presentation to the last meeting of Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council about the drive to create interest in the formation of a new National Park in Galloway and South Ayrshire. I'm sure that we will be hearing a lot more of this in the near future.

This year is also the 350th Anniversary of the granting of the Girvan Burgh Charter to Thomas Boyd of Penkill. To mark this anniversary there will be various events throughout the year for you to enjoy.

Have a wonderful summer in the company of family and friends and keep well.

Councillor Alec Clark

COUNCILLOR IAN FITZSIMMONS



Summer is almost with us and all the summer attractions. Some of the events taking place are: the naming of the new Girvan Lifeboat, Barr Gala Day, Lowland Games in Girvan, Colmonell Gala, Ballantrae Gala, Lifeboat Gala in Girvan, Barrhill Gala, Smugglers Festival in Ballantrae, Ballantrae Flower Show, Girvan Flower Show and Barrhill Flower Show.

In April, three schools, Barr, Barrhill & Invergarven, all participated in Healthy Living Week where pupils did health living works, sports, swimming, and healthy eating, all helped by volunteers, sports tutors, Quay Zone staff and local chefs. It was great

to see what the pupils did. They all enjoyed their week and got certificates and medals at the end of it. One pupil from each school received a trophy, chosen by teachers from each school. Thanks must go to all the pupils, staff and volunteers for all the hard work that made the week such a success.

The renovations and extension to Ballantrae Primary School have started. Barr Primary School is next to be extended and renovated and with works at Invergarven now well underway, the school should be open later this year. Well done to the Education Department.

When you read this, Summer will be here. I hope the weather is great for all activities and I wish everyone a lovely summer.

Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons

COUNCILLOR PETER HENDERSON



It is hard to believe it's a year since the council elections and the time has flown in. I have learned a lot about the reality of local government, the effects of continuing budget cuts, and managing expectations.

The adverse weather this winter has caused hardship and severe problems for our rural economies as well as damage to our road infrastructure. I do hope a good summer will allow recovery. There is progress being made with extra funding for roads and improved internet provision, building improvements at Nursery Court, the new Invergarnen school etc.

I have had a very busy year with numerous personal cases, and assisting individuals and communities. This coupled with my Portfolio duties, the budget, external bodies etc. has meant very little time for other activities. I owe a debt of gratitude to my wife and family for their understanding.

I was proud to launch the Ambition Programme for the rural areas in Girvan ahead of the main launch. I have regularly held surgeries in all communities, attended Community Councils, development organisations, schools and various other bodies in the ward through the year, which has allowed me to meet and discuss various matters and understand

needs and hopes for our area. I applaud and appreciate the dedication of the many individuals and groups that strive to improve the area and am happy to support their efforts.

Positive changes are being made and the administration is moving our inclusive agenda forward. The consultation on the budget (a first) coupled with increased community involvement are examples of this, shaping policy and ideas driven by constituents. I have tried to represent all constituents well and will continue to do so.

It is time for summer events and I hope to meet as many people as possible. At the time of writing I am looking forward to the Girvan Folk Festival and the Girvan 1668 events, the lifeboat naming ceremony and the many community Galas etc. All take hard work by the organisers and I hope that all are well supported.

The choices made at UK level for austerity policies are making lives difficult for everyone and with the uncertainty of Brexit, all agree that difficult choices lie ahead. With a strong presence in the administration I assure you that our ward will have its voice heard.

I hope you enjoy the summer months and thanks for your time in reading this.

Councillor Peter Henderson SNP

PINWHERRY & PINMORE

PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM MEDICAL SERVICES

It is now over two years since Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council instigated a scheme to assist residents with the cost of transport to and from medical services. This scheme has been very successful and, so far, has paid out over six hundred pounds. The scheme gives a generous mileage allowance or pays full public transport costs. The application form is simple and easy to use and all details remain fully confidential. The scheme does not arrange transport

The application form is available on the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council website, from ppcctransport@btinternet.com or from Joy Chamberlain on 01465 841211

SWIM OR GYM? Extended to Over 60's

If you are twenty years of age or younger, sixty years and over and you live within the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council area, you can still apply for a free three month membership of the Quay Zone Girvan. This can be either a swimming membership or if over 16 years of age a gym membership. Application forms are available on the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council website, from mechamberlain@btinternet.com or by phoning 01465 841211.

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PINMORE AND PINWHERRY UPDATE

On a wet Easter Sunday afternoon, our local children took part in an Easter egg hunt. Fun was had by all including the parents who took part in the Easter bonnet competition.

The PPCDA has now become a SCIO that will allow us to employ a local development person to assist in the development of local initiatives:



the future development of the Pinwherry Primary School buildings into self-contained Holiday accommodation, a Pinwherry Rail Halt, and other local enhancements, and also work with other local voluntary organisations to develop new programmes and opportunities.



Pinwherry Community Association and 2pins Company

**Craft Fair / Vintage Cars /
 Vintage Tractors**

Public entrance free, car parking, on site catering, toilets.
 An event for all the family.

BOUNCY CASTLE
Saturday June 16th
2pins site, Pinwherry

Main Street Pinwherry KA26 0RN
from 10 am – 3 pm

Craft Fair enquiries contact Jill 01465 841298
 Tractor enquiries contact Jimmy Stewart 01465 713410
 Car enquiries contact Peter Walker 01465 841215
 The event is to raise funding for the new 2 Pins Community Centre

The 2 Pins Community Company is currently looking at a new redesigned community facility and it is hoping to be able to present this to the community later this year.

The Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Association with the 2 Pins are currently looking for an Events person to assist in developing future community events.

This year the Craft fair and Vintage tractors and cars will be held on the 16th June on the 2 Pins field.

On the 5th July in Pinwherry Hall the Gaiety Theatre presents Barluath, a diverse and innovative Scottish folk band that embraces both the traditional and contemporary music of Scotland, Ireland and America.

On the 25th August the annual Cream Teas will be held on Pinmore Green.

BARLUATH

Pinwherry Community Centre

5th July 2018

Get ready to dance with Barluath, a diverse and innovative Scottish folk band that embraces both the traditional and contemporary music of Scotland, Ireland and America. Barluath have continued to grow since forming in early 2010 and have delighted many audiences, such as with their appearances at Scotland's Celtic Connections, Linlithgow Folk Festival and PipingLive! to name a few of their home audiences, as well as at festivals in Germany and Belgium. In November 2011, the band was invited to Washington DC as part of the Scottish Government's St. Andrews Day celebrations in the USA, culminating in performances at The National Museum of Women in the Arts and the British Embassy. The band has also worked on several European tours including playing at the Labadoux festival in 2015.



This incredible 5-piece ensemble are not to be missed. This event will be a bring your own bottle event. Pinwherry Community Council look forward to welcoming you to their hall.

PINWHERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Pinwherry Community Association is run by a committee of volunteers who currently joint fund raise with the 2pins Company, but on our own we organise the events at Christmas for the children and senior members of the communities of Pinwherry and Pinmore.

To allow us to continue with this work, we urgently seek more volunteers from Pinwherry and Pinmore to join us.

Our committee numbers have dropped significantly and without further help we will struggle in the future. Please consider this request. Meetings for the Community Association are only 3-4 per year. If you are interested, please contact Morag on 01465841641 for more information.



PINWHERRY S.W.I



Hello everyone. We have had a great year of demonstrations and speakers and a big thank you to them all. We meet in the Pinwherry village hall on the second Monday of each month from September to May. Wishing everyone a lovely summer and see you all back in September. We would make any new members more than welcome, so come along and enjoy a good evening at the rural. For more information please contact Lana Rafferty (secretary) on 841272.

the **GAIETY**

05 Jul, 2018
19:30
£6.00 to £9.00
120 mins
Pinwherry Community Centre

BOOK NOW

Online bookings are subject to a £2 booking fee per transaction.

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR WANTED

The Joint Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Association and the 2 Pins Community Co are looking for a volunteer to assist with the organising and development of future community events in the village. Craft Fairs, Vintage Tractors and Cars, Family Bar-B- Qs, Entertainments, Children's events Etc.

If you are able to assist pleased contact Morag Campbell on 01465 841641.

COMMUNITY PRESS ORGANISER WANTED

The Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development SCIO is looking for a person to assist with the publicity of local community events, on our web site, Facebook and in the local press. Craft Fairs, Vintage Tractors and Cars, Family Bar-B- Qs, Entertainments, Children's events Etc.

For further information please contact John McAlley on 01465 841198.

STINCHAR VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

by Moira McAlpine

The club has had a busy time over the winter months and our members are now trying to catch up with some actual gardening now the weather seems to be improving.

In March, members enjoyed a very interesting talk by Carole Bainbridge on the subject of rock gardening. Carole is a member of the SW Scotland Rock Garden Club and very knowledgeable about European rock plants and gave us tips about what, how and where to grow these diminutive plants in our sometimes hostile environment.

Our AGM was held on 18th April and members turned out in force to elect a new committee and, once the club "business" was over, to enjoy a bit of socialising over a wee glass of wine. The new committee members are Moira McAlpine (Chair), Gavin Fairbairn (Treasurer), Sue Royce (Secretary), Mhairi McKenna, Linda Bruce and Tom Smith (Members).

Our first visit of the new season was to Millhall garden near Kirkcudbright on 21 April. This is a wonderful garden situated on the Cree estuary. The garden boasts a wonderful collection of Rhododendron, Camellias and Magnolias. The club visited this garden last year to enjoy the fabulous display of summer planting but having spotted the Spring shrub/tree collection, we decided a return trip was in order so that we could admire the early season flowering. The challenge facing the owner of this fabulous garden is the sloping site but he has done a fantastic job in maximising the contours to his advantage.

Our visit in May will be to Balcer Farmhouse. This is an outstanding 4-acre flower garden situated near Castle Kennedy just outside Stranraer.

Whithorn will be next on the agenda to visit Woodfall garden on 20 June. We will be meeting there at 11am.

Our July visit is yet to be arranged but we are hoping to enjoy some of the gardens which are part of the 2018 "Gardens Open" scheme.

In August, we are hoping to arrange a visit to Mount Stuart, Bute, on the 15th. Details to be finalised.


That takes us up to September when the club will meet indoors again for the start of the winter season of talks and demonstrations by invited guests on a variety of interesting garden topics.

Please come and join us. We are a welcoming, informal group of enthusiastic gardeners. We don't hold competitions. We just enjoy gardening and sharing advice on things to grow! Contact me on 01465 831122 for more information.



CREAM TEA

AT PINMORE GREEN



Homemade scones

25th AUGUST

SATURDAY

2PM - 4PM

£3.00 - TEA FOR ONE

A fund raising event hosted by the Pinwherry SWR to raise funds for the 2 Pins Centres. For more info check out www.2pins.org.uk

Location Pinmore HA20 0TR

PINWHERRY AUTOGRASS 2018



17th June

29th July

12th August

16th September

TEL: 07821241454

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.

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. Laggansarroch Farm. Pinmore Girvan. KA26 0TA. Tel: 01465 841279



GIRVAN AND SOUTH CARRICK VILLAGES LOCALITY

Some of our achievements last year:

- Three successful Participatory Budgeting events distributing over £98,000 to local voluntary organisations
- From requests from communities established the Community First Responders. A Community First Responder is a member of the public who volunteers to help their community by responding to medical emergencies while the ambulance is on its way. This then enables them to provide lifesaving treatment to those people within the community who are critically ill, in the first few minutes prior to the arrival of an ambulance
- Started the “Girvan Connect and Open Doors” programme - a drop in service every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm in the Townhouse Girvan, where people can meet confidentially with a Social Worker, and other local community assistance support organisations
- Worked with our local police on drug and alcohol issues
- Worked with the Town Team on making Girvan a Dementia friendly town
- Continued to work on local transport issues
- Launched the free Strictly Seniors magazine “Living Life to the Full”. Copies are available from the South Ayrshire Life office in Newmarket Street Ayr or the Town House Girvan.



The Partnership have set out our local 6 priorities for the next two years: Social Isolation; Alcohol and Drugs; Support our Older People in the Community; Mental and Dementia health issues; Access to services and information; Local Youth.

Over the coming months we will be concentrating our monthly meetings on seeking local input to these priorities. The May Partnership meeting will discuss Alcohol and Drugs, and Mental and Dementia issues. In June we will discuss Social Isolation and access to information and services.

The focus of our July meeting will be Support and Development and influencing work among Older People and Young People. The August Partnership meeting will review and discuss Alcohol and Drugs, and Mental and Dementia issues.

The Partnership meetings are open to any local resident or organisation to come along and raise any issues or concerns. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at the Community Hospital from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

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Year of Young People 2018 Project



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The bad weather over the two week Easter Holidays didn't dampen the enthusiasm of Ballantrae youngsters for a programme of Easter activities.

As a result of some local fund raising and funding from a recent Participatory Budgeting session the Ballantrae Trust - in association with a number of partners - mounted a programme of activities during the school holidays as part of the village's celebration of the Year of Young People 2018.

On offer were outdoor activities at Culzean with a 50% discount funded by the Trust for young people with a Ballantrae postcode and archery at Ballantrae, all with Adventure Carrick the local outdoor pursuits company; and in Ballantrae "Homemade Rockets", "Ballantrae Sky at Night" and the "Water Laboratory" with Elizabeth Tindal The Freelance Ranger. The programme also included a delightful puppet performance "The Wonderful World of Lapin" by Le Petit Monde organised by the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network. The performance was a great way for the youngsters



to learn some French!

There is no doubt the activities were voted a great success by the youngsters. Here are some of their comments:

"I liked the rocket launcher. It touched the roof!" (Jackson)

"I made a rocket with my mummy, vinegar and cake powder. It popped and went right up to the ceiling!" (Connor)



"I found this (Ballantrae Sky at Night) really interesting because I like space and stars, I learnt a lot about the stars from Elizabeth and it was out of this world to see the International Space Station and Venus go over while we were watching." (Ruby)

"I wanted to do the stargazing as it was a bit different to the others and I really enjoyed it! Elizabeth made it very interesting and although it was very cold it was great fun down on the Foreland looking at the stars and trying to find all the ones we had talked about. My favourite part was when we spotted the International Space Station passing overhead" (Jessica)

"My favourite part was the ice sliding. I liked working together" (Rhiannon)

"I was playing the water drums and I felt happy" (Riley)

"I enjoyed when Lapin got angry. Tanya wouldn't let him have her carrot" (Oscar)

"(Archery) Smaller groups, more opportunity" (James)

Andy McAlpine, organiser of the activities on behalf of the Ballantrae Trust said:

"Our Ballantrae Year of Young People 2018 Project is an opportunity for our young people to show off their existing skills and learn some new ones, and complements the great work already being done in the village in our Scout Group, Youth Club, gymnastics group, primary school and the church. The weather during the two weeks was very variable but I'm pleased to say that the only casualty of the weather was the outdoor "Pop Up Sports" organised by the Girvan Community Sport Hub. We are grateful to all of our partners for the memorable experiences they provided. We will look closely at the comments we received from the youngsters and their parents, grandparents and carers and use them to inform future holiday activities we run."



BALLANTRAE PLAY PARK DEVELOPMENT



In order to make the dream of a new park come true, it is essential that we secure funding. With this in mind, we set off for the Participatory Budgeting event on the 24th of February to bid for

£2000. Our group decided that this money would be used to help fund a ground trampoline. We were accompanied by Chloe Hibbins, who helped our pitch by describing how the trampoline would be of benefit to the local gymnastic group. It was a nerve wracking but enjoyable experience for us and we were absolutely delighted when the results came in at the end of the day and we were successful with our bid. The quote received for the Huck trampoline and its installation is for over £10,000.

Following our success, we were keen to meet with Chris Hanna one of the Development Officers for the Ballantrae Trust. Chris will now be working directly with our project and is currently using her expertise to find funding for phase one of the park development, which is the installation of a MUGA (multi use games area). Quotes have been sought for this area and appropriate planning permission. (Planning permission alone will be around £450, with the MUGA itself in the region of £35-50,000)

It is important that we keep going with local fundraising events and at the time of writing we look forward to our next event, which is an evening of mediumship on Friday 27th of April in the King's Arms Hotel. We are considering another race night in Feb 2019.

We are keen to progress with improving the seating/picnic area in the next few months. We have arranged a meeting with the contractor currently developing the primary school regarding the possibility of them working with us in assisting with the resurfacing of this area and are sourcing quotes for appropriate new seating suitable for this location and considering various abilities. Hopefully you will see these in place soon!

We are all frustrated with the length of time it is taking to see improvements taking place due to various reasons and red tape we must go through; however, we are finally seeing the light through the tunnel. David Lowden from SAC is very supportive and is guiding us through the process.

Thank you to the Ballantrae community and our friends from further afield for your continued support. It is much appreciated. Please get in touch with us if you have any suggestions, fundraising ideas or are in a position to support in any way. Please continue to bear with us, we are not giving up on this exciting development for our community!

Cheryl Agnew & Fiona Stevenson
The Ballantrae Playpark Development Group

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Glenapp Castle's Victorian Tea Room is now open till mid-October
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BALLANTRAE YOUTH CLUB

Congratulations to Ballantrae Youth Club on raising £333 in a sponsored silence for Children in Need. Congratulations too to Andreas Papakanellou and Victoria Briggs on being presented with their VASA Saltire Awards for volunteering 100 hours to Ballantrae Youth Club.



DO YOU HAVE AMBITION?

Businesses in Carrick are being promised additional support to secure financial growth in the next three years. A specialist seminar was held at the Quay Zone in Girvan on 27 March where 40 people were given a preview of the new-look AMBITION programme. The Ballantrae Trust was represented at the event.

The AMBITION programme has a specific focus on supporting growth for existing businesses and helping individuals to start-up. South Ayrshire Council (SAC) is committed to supporting local companies to maximise their performance, creating business growth, and securing new jobs for the local economy.

The new Ambition to Achieve programme will provide new and existing businesses with access to a range of specialists in sales and marketing, finance, digital, procurement, people, innovation, and management development.

Ambition to Grow discretionary grant funding will support businesses during periods of transition. The grant is open for applications from new and existing South Ayrshire businesses to help deliver projects that create employment opportunities. Grants from £500 to £5,000 will be provided on up to 50% of qualifying project costs (10% in the case of capital expenditure). The Ambition to Grow grant is for businesses looking to hire at least one additional full-time employee within the next 24 months.

Ambition to Start is aimed at helping get businesses up and running, with grants available of up to £1,000 to cover start-up costs including capital expenditure and working capital. The Ambition to Start grant is also for businesses with the ambition to hire at least one full-time employee within a two-year period.

Councillor Peter Henderson, South Ayrshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance said:

"We're committed to supporting rural areas and helping to promote businesses, both old and new, is central to our wider work. The Quay Zone session provided an invaluable opportunity to hear directly from local business people about their major priorities, as part of our shared aims of achieving growth and creating jobs for the local economy. We're gearing up to provide a broad range of support to companies across South Ayrshire through the new look Ambition programme."

The Ballantrae Trust is planning to bring the Ambition Programme organisers to Ballantrae during the coming months. If you run a local business or are thinking of starting one and would be interested in meeting with them please email andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com





Silver Daisy

Do you have a sewing machine that you wish you could use? If so, perhaps a six-week introduction to sewing course would appeal to you?

Or would you like to come and make your very own lampshade? Bring fabric with you if you want to make one to match your décor or choose some from my stash.

There are also gifts to buy and lampshades with matching cushions can be made to order.

Contact me for more details or follow on Facebook or Instagram @silverdaisygifts

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SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Community Asset Register

The Community Asset Register (CAR) is a database of community volunteers willing to protect and support their communities in an emergency. The community volunteers work alongside the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other emergency responders, to bring incidents to a successful conclusion. Community volunteer assets could include 4x4 vehicles, boats, generators, diggers, etc., or specialised skills such as rope or water rescue qualifications. Individuals or groups with these skills or equipment are encouraged to volunteer.

Instances where the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would ask a volunteer to help include:

- Incidents where support from community volunteers will support and enhance the multi-agency response;
- Incidents where a community volunteer may be able to make an intervention more quickly than a similar SFRS asset; or
- Incidents where the SFRS does not possess the required skills or equipment.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will administer the database, but it can be accessed by other emergency responders. More information can be found at: [http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-\(1\).aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-(1).aspx)

To register, or find out more contact: sfrs.communityassetregister@firescotland.gov.uk

THE BALLANTRAE TRUST

by Andy McAlpine

Following an assessment of readiness in February by the Development Trusts Association Scotland - the national umbrella body for Community Trusts - The Ballantrae Trust has now been accepted as a member.

At the time of writing, our Development Officers Chris Hanna and Andrew Ward are making the detailed arrangements for the Trust's first AGM on Tuesday 1 May. The AGM will give us an opportunity to reflect on the work of the Trust's predecessor - the Ballantrae Development Group - which will cease to exist after the AGM. Looking back over the last 7 years much has been achieved including:

- Creating Ballantrae's own website
- The Visitor Information Point in Craigmains and influencing external tourism partners
- The upgrade of the Public Garden
- Farmers' Markets and the Festival of Food & Drink
- The Smugglers' Festival
- Ballantrae News, the Stinchar Valley Magazine and a Village Diary of Events
- Planning and local fundraising for the upgrading of the Play Park and Recreation Ground
- A programme of Ayrshire Rural Touring Network productions in the village
- The Year of Young People Project

The Trust will not be starting with a blank sheet of paper. We have a solid basis on which to build and indeed move up a gear.

But the main item on the agenda for the AGM will be the election of the Trust's Board of Directors drawn from the Trust's Ordinary Members. It is encouraging to note that eleven people have indicated that they are prepared to put themselves forward as Directors of the Trust. Details of the outcome of the AGM and the new Board will be contained in the next edition of Ballantrae News in June.

If you would like to join the Trust, membership forms are available from Craigmains VIP or from Chris Hanna at ballantraetrust@gmail.com.

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BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BCA)

by Laura Cunningham



At the AGM on 26 March I reported that 2017-18 had been a challenging year for the Association largely as a result of the uncertainties surrounding the withdrawal by South Ayrshire Council (SAC) of gala stall funding and the plans to pass on utility bill charges. Both of these issues had now been dealt with following pressure from local communities including Ballantrae, and the local council elections in May. We now hold "General meetings" (which deal with hall and general issues) and "Events meetings" (which concentrate on planning fund raising events).

In addition to groups holding their weekly meetings the Association continues to host coffee mornings, the church fair, the flower show, dances, school concerts and parent council events, Councillor, MSP and MP surgeries, and charity events. From time to time we also take bookings for birthdays and weddings. In addition the Ballantrae Trust is bringing Ayrshire Rural Touring Network productions and an outreach concert by Girvan Traditional Folk Music festival to the hall (although sadly the

latter had to be cancelled because of road closures). Local groups benefit from selling refreshments at these events and the Association benefits from rental income.

The following were elected as office-bearers for the year 2018-19: Laura Cunningham (Chair); Andy McAlpine (Secretary & Vice Chair); Linden Hunt (Treasurer); and Lynn Nield (Bookings Secretary). Stacey Stewart will take over the role of Treasurer during the coming year.

Whilst the refurbishment of the Primary School takes place, the school will be taking sole use of the hall from 13th August, until early January 2019. Access will still be available to the buffet room and kitchen outwith the school day. South Ayrshire Council (SAC) will be carrying out works to the hall in the run up to the school moving in to make it fit for the use of the school. As part of these enabling works, SAC have provided funding for the windows in the hall to be replaced. Can any groups affected by these works who haven't already done so, please get in touch with me if you require assistance, email: lauracunninghamruby@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 01465 831785

Our Craft Fair held on 28 April raised £286.

Planning for this year's Gala Day on 7 July continues. This will involve a football tournament in the morning with the presentation of the Gala Party and the Crowning of the Gala Queen, and lots of stalls, activities and a car boot sale in the afternoon. If you would like to book a table at the gala, please call me on the number above. Watch out for more details of the Gala programme in Information Ballantrae and Ballantrae Village Gala and Events Facebook pages and in the June edition of Ballantrae News.

Ballantrae
FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK

cancelled

We regret the very difficult decision had to be taken to cancel the Festival this year because of a shortfall in the funding needed to ensure its success.

We are sorry for disappointing both stallholders and visitors who were looking forward to participating. However, the Ballantrae Trust Board are already thinking about what we need to do so that it can return in 2019.



This year's programme will include a production for children called "McDougall's Treasure Hunt" and a "Smugglers Murder Mystery Evening" for adults, both in partnership with the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network. Look out too for some music, a "Contraband Challenge" (in partnership with Adventure Carrick) and a film made by the schoolchildren.



Keep up to date with the programme as it develops on
www.ballantrae.org.uk/smugglers
and at Information Ballantrae on Facebook

BALLANTRAE SCOUT GROUP

by Wendy McKeachan

On Saturday 7 April Ballantrae Scout Group joined in with the Ayrshire Rotary Club's Big Beach Clean but decided this year we would do our own stretch of beach here in Ballantrae.



Johnny, one of the Scouts, reports

"We had a beach clean on Saturday. We got about 40 big bags of rubbish and we found a big mattress too. I think the beach is much cleaner now. We made all the helpers soup, rolls, sausage and toasted marshmallows to thank them for coming to help us clean the beach. That night we camped in a field outside Ballantrae in our new tents. When we got up



the next day we went on a seven mile bike ride. It was lots of fun as some of the track was off road and a bit muddy."

Our race night on 20



Our AGM and Annual Review will be on Tuesday 19 June at 7pm. Come and join us and see what we've been up to during the year.



BALLANTRAE

June

2	Malawi Cream Teas in BRICC House	2pm - 4pm
14	Ballantrae Theatre "The Moira Monologues"	7.30pm
19	Scout AGM & Annual Review	7pm
26	Community Council Meeting	7pm

July

7	Gala Day 1pm - 4pm and Dance 7.30pm	
8	Farmers' Market : Craigiemains	11am - 3pm
21	Church Fair	2pm

August

4	Flower Show	2pm
10-12	Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival	
12	Farmers' Market : Craigiemains	11am - 3pm
31	Ballantrae Music "Kilda" Ballantrae Church	7.30pm

September

9	Farmers' Market : Craigiemains	11am - 3pm
25	Community Council Meeting	7pm
29	"The Best of Ballantrae"	time tbc

April raised £981 and at the time of writing we are making the detailed preparations for our Annual Scout Auction on 19 May. The money we raise at both of these events will help to fund the attendance by the Cubs and Scouts at SCOTJAMB 2018 during the summer.

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BALLANTRAE BOWLERS

If anyone would like to come along and join us we play on a regular basis on a Sunday and Wednesday evening at 7pm also a Thursday afternoon at 2pm.

If you would like any further information please get in touch with Anne McCulloch, club secretary 07917843135.



CRAIGIEMAINS JOINS VISITSCOTLAND VIPs!

Ballantrae's Visitor Information Point - a partnership between Craigmains Home and Garden Centre and the Ballantrae Development Group (now The Ballantrae Trust) - has recently been recognised by VisitScotland as a "Visitor Information Partner."

The garden centre, which includes a café, shopping, Alfie the donkey, miniature railway and children's play area, has now added to its offering by joining an impressive network of VisitScotland Information Partners (VIPs), committed to providing visitors with local information.

Over 90 businesses and visitor attractions across Ayrshire & Arran have signed up to the "VIP" programme which was launched in May 2016 and aims to harness the local knowledge of partners across Scotland to help visitors receive the warmest of welcomes and make the most of their visit.



VisitScotland Regional Director Annique Armstrong said:

"Craigmains Home and Garden Centre is a fantastic addition to our network of VIPs. They have worked closely with the local community to ensure that visitors receive a high standard of customer service and sound local knowledge."

The VIP programme celebrates and supports tourism businesses and local communities as they act as local ambassadors and help provide information, assistance and advice on all there is to see and do in the area. This follows a growing trend among consumers to use online resources to plan their trips and we now have partners throughout the country providing high quality information and advice to visitors with whom they interact."

Marie McCulloch from Craigmains Home and Garden Centre said:

"We're delighted to join the VisitScotland Information Partner programme. We have worked closely with the Ballantrae Development Group and now The Trust to create an information point for locals and visitors within the garden centre. Our proximity to the Ayrshire Coastal Path and our proximity to the ferry terminals, means we welcome a number of visitors and we want to ensure that they experience the best that Ayrshire and Scotland as a whole has to offer."

**Ballantrae
FARMERS'
MARKETS**

Ballantrae Farmers' Markets return on the second Sunday of every month July, August, and September from 11am to 3pm at Craigmains

Home and Garden Centre, Main St, Ballantrae KA26 0NB

Your chance to sample great local food and drink. Stalls vary every month but usually include a variety of local veg, eggs, meat, honeys, jams and chutneys, pies, gluten free produce, and home baking. In addition, visitors will also find a coffee shop, gifts, books, garden supplies, a children's play area, the miniature train and the Visitor Information Point containing ideas for visits to places of interest and activities within easy reach of Ballantrae. There will also be an opportunity to meet Alfie the donkey!




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BALLANTRAE CRAFTY BEES



We have welcomed three new Members since the New Year and have completed a wide range of activities.

January saw us successfully making lampshades using a selection of very pretty cotton prints. Throughout February we worked on a longer sewing project where some of our members learnt to sew using a sewing machine and others developed their skills by making strip quilted cushions and bags. We have also done some ceramic painting, crochet and made clocks using driftwood, pebbles and other recycled materials.

If you would like to join us please do come along. We meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at the BRICC House in Ballantrae at 7.30pm. It costs just £3.00 per session which includes materials and refreshments.

For further information please contact me and I'll be happy to help.

Cordelia Galley (Chair)

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BALLANTRAE CHURCH LINKED WITH ST COLMON CHURCH



While we are currently seeking a minister, our churches remain open and active, and we very much appreciate those who show their support by attending services or events. Work has begun on the manse to ensure it is ready when we appoint a minister. Both Churches have launched new websites where our parish profiles, annual reports and other information can be seen.

Our interim moderator, Rev. Ian McLachlan is doing an excellent job organising different ministers to lead our Sunday services, with our local Worship Team filling in when necessary. Rev McLachlan will conduct any baptism, wedding or funeral.



We are working hard to continue God's work in the community and the world. Our Church families aim to care for those around us in any way we can; share the Good News of Jesus, who came to save us, and who promises us eternal life with Him; pray for everyone locally and around the world. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our contact details are below.

SERVICES

St Colmon Parish Church

10am every Sunday in Colmonell. For those who find the church steps a challenge the service on the last Sunday each month is held in the Kirk Hall, which has full disabled access. At 3pm on the third Sunday of each month a service is held in Barrhill Memorial Hall. Children are welcome at all services with colouring books and toys provided. All services are followed by refreshments.

Ballantrae Parish Church

11:30am every Sunday in Ballantrae with Sunshine Club for all children up to 12 years old. On the first Sunday of each month at 3pm a liturgical and ecumenical service is held in Glenapp Church, and we are grateful for the dedication of the team that lead this.

Café Church

7pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall, Colmonell on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month. Come along to our cafe style service and enjoy live worship music, informal discussion and coffee, tea and cake. Free, but any donation is appreciated.

Prayer & Praise

Our world and our Churches need prayer, so please join us for a time of worship, music and prayer in St Colmon Kirk Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10am.

Bible Study

Do you wonder if the Bible is relevant today? Come and find the answers at our informal meetings with coffee / tea on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall.

Ballantrae Parish Church News & Events:

Ballantrae's sister church in Lwambaza, Malawi, is also seeking a minister and we continue to support them. A fundraising Cream Tea is organised for Saturday 2nd June from 2pm to 4pm. Adults £3 and children free. This is a really enjoyable treat with baking and book sales tables, so please come along to BRICC House.

We will have our Annual Summer Fair on Saturday 21st July.

In partnership with Ballantrae Trust, music and theatre performances will be held in church during August to December when the Community Hall is being used by the school during its upgrade. We will also work with the Trust on the Ballantrae Year of Young People 2018 project. Another "Best of Ballantrae" will be held on Saturday

29th September, building on the success of last year. We would love to see you at these events.

ST COLMON PARISH CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS:

Messy Church

At Easter children and their families enjoyed a Messy Church Easter Egg Hunt at St Colmon Kirk Hall. Crafts included an Easter bonnet and an edible garden of Gethsemane! Dozens of eggs were hunted down before enjoying the Easter story, music and refreshments. Look out for posters for summer Messy Church.

Coffee @ Kirk

Every Wednesday St Colmon Kirk Hall is open between 10am and 12noon for coffee, tea, biscuits for the price of a donation. Books are available to borrow or buy.

Every 7 weeks a podiatry clinic is held. Contact Claire Pirrie to book an appointment.

Auction

A fundraising auction will be held in St Colmon Kirk Hall on Saturday 7th July. Viewing from 1.30pm and auction at 2pm. Admission £1. Refreshments available. Items can be delivered between 6pm and 8pm on Friday 6th.

Annual Kirk Fair

Saturday 4th August from 2pm to 4pm at the Kirk Hall and glebe land with teas, jewellery, baking, books, bric-a-brac, games, tombola.

CONTACT DETAILS

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St Colmon Parish Church Session Clerk:
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We are also on Facebook as 'Ballantrae Church' and 'StColmon Church'.

BALLANTRAE THEATRE

The Ayrshire Rural Touring Network continues to bring performances right to our doorstep. Unfortunately we had to postpone the "Murder Mystery" evening because the bad weather in March prevented the performers getting from the central belt but it was re-scheduled and performed on 14 April. What a great night with full audience participation!

As part of Ballantrae's Year of Young People we were treated to the charming "Wonderful World of Lapin", a puppet show for children - also in April. See the article on "Ballantrae Year of Young People 2018 Project" for the details.

At the time of going to print, we are looking forward to "The Price of a Fish Supper" on 11 May. As part of our summer programme, we are hosting "The Moira Monologues" on 14 June; a "Smugglers' Murder Mystery" on 10 August and "McDougall's Treasure Hunt" on 11 August - both part of this year's Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival; and on 31 August "Kilda" (a group of very talented young musicians) who will perform in Ballantrae Church. Come and join us. These are very professional theatre and musical performances in a great atmosphere! Watch "Information Ballantrae" and "Ballantrae Village Gala and Events" (our Facebook pages) for more information.



"The Moira Monologues"

Thursday 14 June - Ballantrae Community Centre at 7.30pm (age 15+)

Meet Moira Bell, cleaner, single mother, and the hardest woman in Falkirk. Whether defending her wee dog Pepe from the local Rottweiler, attempting to seduce a teacher, or belting out Diana Ross for the Scotia karaoke night, Moira is hilarious, hypnotic, frightening and heart-warming company.

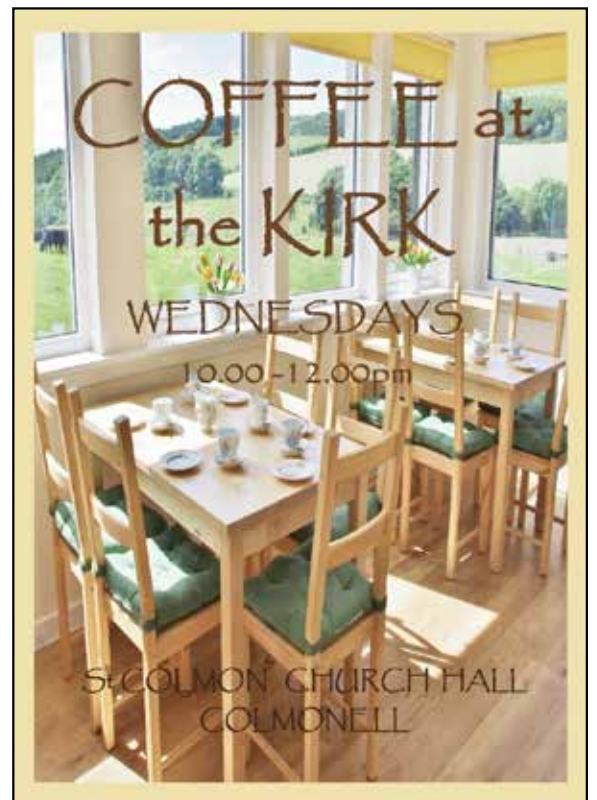
Based on the stories and characters in the Hallglen area of Falkirk, where The Moira Monologues first premiered, Moira, her long-suffering pal Babs, her neighbour (Bawface), her laddies ("they're guid laddies, but they canny take their hash") and her wee dug Pepe, have left audiences all over the country weak with laughter.

Audience: 15+ (explicit language and adult content, references to violence and sex)

"A near-perfect series of new monologues, both howlingly funny and unnervingly sharp and poetic." – The Scotsman

"Such a riot my ears popped a couple of times from the row behind me shouting with laughter." - The National

TICKETS £10; CONCESSIONS £9 (Over 60, Disability, Unemployed, Students) are available from the Gaiety Box Office <http://www.ayrgaiety.co.uk> or 01292 288235 or Craigmains.



BARR

BARR COMMUNITY STORES

By the time you read this, we should be well underway with our refurbishment plans, which include updates to the Post Office area and equipment, a larger kitchen area, a new door, a new display fridge and a cake display fridge so we can show off our delicious home baking.

We hope that these renovations will be completed in time for Barr Gala Day on 2nd June, so why not come to the Gala and pop in to see our new look and partake of some of our goodies on offer!

Our bigger kitchen space should enable us to cater more efficiently for walking parties and cycling groups: we're happy to cater for groups outwith shop hours – contact

us on 861221 for more details. Here's looking forward to an exciting summer with lots of visitors.

Talking about excitement.....Barr parish residents, we've got an exciting surprise for every

household coming your way soon. We won't say more at present; just remember to watch for an envelope from us coming through your letter-box!

Happily we were successful in our funding application for a Book Club to be hosted in the shop cafe (outwith shop hours), so thank you very much to South Ayrshire Council and the Rural Participatory Budgeting Group and also to everyone who voted for us.. Please contact us on the above number for details.

We have also been successful in our bid for funding to the Assel Valley Community Fund in Barr, administered by Foundation Scotland and funded by Falck Renewables.

We will be holding three Reminiscence Lunches during late May/June, which is open to all residents, former residents or anyone with memories of Barr who'd like to have a good natter and share those memories with

others. Details will be on our website and Facebook page or give us a call).

Many of our visitors admire (and buy) the locally made art and craft items which are displayed in our cafe area. If you have artwork or crafts that you'd like us to display/sell, please call us on the number above.

We are currently sourcing funding to enable us to offer training opportunities in licensing and food hygiene. You don't have to be a village resident to apply, but you will need to be over 18 and be able to offer the shop about 48 hours of volunteering over a 6 – 12 month period (that's 1-2 hours a week).

Finally, does anyone have a laptop they no longer use? Our old one is on its last legs and we'd really appreciate the donation of a younger one! It doesn't need to be high spec., just reliable. You'll be rewarded with plenty of tea/coffee and cake!

So, through the coming summer, we look forward to Barr Community Stores going from strength to strength with the support of the local community and our welcome visitors.

Contact us:

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2 Glenginnet Road, Barr, KA26 9TP

Telephone: 01465 861221

Email: manager@barr-shop.uk,

Facebook Barr Village Shop@barrcommunitystores

Web site: <https://barr-shop.uk>



BARR ON POP MASTER!

Radio 2 at 10.30 during the week is compulsory listening for a lot of the village of Barr. It was therefore quite a surprise when we heard Ken Bruce welcome his contestant ... Annette Cron from Barr....radios were turned up and fingers crossed.

The questions were difficult, answers flowed, radios were shouted at and by the end of the round Annette had a very respectable 18 points! Not a winning score this time but another tick off Annette's special list50 things to achieve before she turns the magical 50 later this year! Her next big challenge is climbing Goat Fell which she is doing to raise funds for MS. This will be on the 19th May so watch this space for an update.



BARR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

At last we seem to have sight of the sun. It has been really elusive these past few months, but hopefully the worst is over. A number of regular clubs in the hall suffered from the ongoing snow and ice but in the main we have survived the winter. We hope

Our first main event was an Outreach evening run by the Girvan Folk Festival. Acts included Dave Rankin, The Late Bloomers and our ever popular Barrstools. It was a really good introduction to the Girvan Folk Festival ending with our usual hair down support of the Barrstools.

It only seemed a matter of days before the hall was transformed by a magical storytelling puppet theatre complete with a full size yurt! The primary children and parents were enthralled by the performance, one of the puppeteers Razan from the Haya Cultural Centre has written a blog from all the tour dates and it is really worth reading. The show has now returned to Haya. Check out Vision Mechanics on the web, they do some really interesting shows.



The hall was then cleared and the Association put on a friendly Car Boot and Easter Teas. With a range of stalls, games for the children, a very popular Egg Decorating table and best of all an Easter Bonnet competition the day was full and fun. The tea room was packed for most of the day, visitors and stall holders availing themselves of homemade soup, sausage rolls and yummy cakes...as can be seen in the picture. The school supported the Easter Bonnets but it was a visiting grandchild, Elle Denham who actually won. The adult Bonnet was won by Beth Blane. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported.



The association continues to look for new ideas for entertainment in the hall and has actively supported the Barr Trails Day which was on the 20th May (watch for the report in the Autumn edition of the magazine) and our annual Gala which with the theme of Broadway Musicals should yield a substantial report and photo opportunity.

Our diary is a bit thin at the moment as the Trails Day and Gala take up so much of our attention. We do have Ayrshire Rural Touring Theatre presenting the Moira Monologues on Sunday 17th June - watch for the posters. Other Theatre events are in planning along with more music nights in the hall. Keep an eye on the Barr Village Website and Facebook pages.

STINCHAR VALLEY QUILTERS

Our second quilt show on the 11th and 12th August is something we are all looking forward to. We are currently missing one of our prolific members, Beth Blane, and wish her a speedy recovery. The rest of the group are working hard to get their projects ready for the show. Two trade stands will be coming with a vast selection of fabrics, threads and notions. Loads to spend your money on.

As you can see from the picture the handmade quilt which is the main raffle prize is taking shape, just to quilt and bind. Cushions for both the show and our ever-popular cushion raffle are starting to pile up.

The quilters will be doing a tea room on both days with everything from soup and a roll to delicious cakes. So even if you don't want any fabric (really?) then come, look and eat.....all for £3....such value !

Any offers of raffle prizes or questions please call Susan Trotter on 01465 861655. Keep an eye on our Facebook page....Stinchar Valley Quilters for any more news and updates.



BARR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

ACE Days

Barr pupils have enjoyed several days of outdoor learning with ACE including cycling, extreme rock pooling, stand up paddle boarding and so much more. The photographs show the primary 6 and 7 group abseiling at Mauchline and canoeing at Loch Braden.



Dumfries House

This year's residential took the primary 6 and 7 pupils to Dumfries House Tamar Manoukian Outdoor Centre in February. The snow fell and temperatures dropped to below zero but the pupils weren't fazed at all. Activities included building a campfire, circus skills, rock wall climbing, geocaching and archery. The photographs show the pupils getting knee deep in the mud trail and racing through the assault course.



Award of Ambition

As part of the Award for Ambition programme the pupils chose to hold an afternoon tea for the community. Pupils created their own invites and delivered them around the village. Tea, coffee and delicious cakes were enjoyed followed by a few rounds at the board games.



World War II

Primary 5-7 have been reading about World War II. As part of this topic the pupils were asked to bring materials from home which could be used to recreate a World War II bunker. The class managed to construct 2 bunkers from recyclable materials.



Health Week

Health Week, in many schools, is now an annual observance created to celebrate school health and wellbeing. Observed during April each year, this special week shines a spotlight on the great efforts schools are making to improve the health and wellbeing of their students and the link between nutrition, physical activity, and learning.

Barr Primary enjoyed a full week of events which took them to the Quay Zone in Girvan for swimming and active workouts, they visited Barrhill and Invergarven Primary Schools to partake in their Health Week events and learned about different careers when volunteers from the community came in to speak to the pupils about their jobs.



The photographs show pupils learning about nutrition and a talk with Chef Chris McManus from Trump Turnberry Hotel.



BARR BOWLING CLUB

President, Isobel Ringrose is pictured throwing the first jack to open the season at Barr Bowling Club. The club, which is hosting this year's British Legion Cup competition is looking forward to the new season and is hoping to benefit from the large amount of hard work which has taken place on the greens during the closed season.

The new assistant Green keeper is also pictured, an impressive new model with many talents.

Despite a shower of hail minutes before the opening ceremony, bowlers played out a full 14 ends before retiring to the club house for 1st day celebrations.

The club meets on a Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon during the season with the odd extra game thrown in. Anyone interested please contact the Secretary, Isobel Ringrose on 01465 861651 or visit our website www.barrbowlingclubbtck.co.uk or our Facebook page for current information.



BARR TRAILS

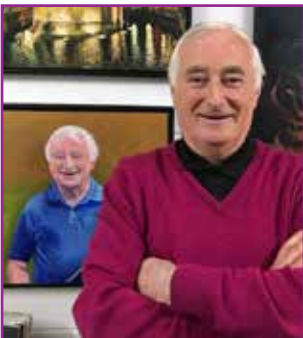
There has been a lot of work done on the Trails some of which you will have seen on the TV programme. Interest has been building and a number of walkers have been investigating what the fuss is all about. Our own village Trails promoter, Janey Gillespie, has been very active recently with her Facebook page, Gillian's Walks have reviewed the Fairy Knowe and another new local walker has a page called Pawsome Walks Ayrshire.

The annual Trails Day was on the 20th May and a full report will be in the next issue. It will be interesting to see the visitors to the Fairy doors....and the Fairy cakes in the shop. New bunting has been ordered and the village mosaic is being repaired after various run-ins with the grass cutters.

The trails are open all year, they vary in length and South Ayrshire has produced a new trails leaflet which is available in the shop and hall.

If any groups want to make a special event or day out then we are happy to assist or put on additional catering etc. Groups can be accommodated in the cafe at the shop or larger numbers can be catered for in the hall. www.barrvillage.co.uk

BARR WEE GALLERY AND BARR ART GROUP (AULD BAGS)



Barr Wee Gallery opened its doors for the 2018 summer season with a difference. An exhibition of the work from some very talented villagers has started the season off with aplomb. Work was on display from Ally Smith, Doreen Sherry, Annette Cron, Peter Laver along with Pat & Julie McCluskey.

A sneak preview of some of the works can be seen in the picture with the before and after Dougie Gordon!

These are all beginners and the results were very impressive, all the exhibitors resistant to praise but they should all be very proud.

The gallery will be open every weekend, 11am to 4pm until Sept. A new selection of Aye Glass items are on view along with a very special selection of jewellery from a local artist. If anyone wants to visit outside of these times please contact Merlin on 01465 861239.

the Barr Wee Gallery

AND 'AYE GLASS' STUDIO

OPENING TIMES

Saturdays & Sundays

April - Sept 11am - 4pm
or by arrangement
Call 01465 861 239

See Local Artist's work in Barr
wood, crafts paintings, prints, cards, fused glass, jewellery and more!

The Barr Wee Gallery, Kirk Ayr, The Avenue, Barr KA26 9TX

www.facebook.com/TheBarrVillage www.barrvillage.co.uk

BARR BIKES

Hi everyone

Here are our new upcoming events and dates for this summer.

We have planned some regular club rides and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome anyone who would like to come along and join us. You can bring your own bike along or use one of our bikes. We have eleven bikes of various sizes and cycling helmets to fit most people.

All rides are on Saturday mornings and will leave from Barr village hall. We will meet at 9.15am and leave at 9.30am. Can all riders please bring appropriate clothing, food and water for the ride.

The club ride dates are as follows:

June 16th Regular Ride

The following Saturday dates will run weekly through the summer holidays, these rides will be trips to different locations such as Glentool and Kirroughtree trails.,

July 14th | July 21st | July 28th

August 4th | August 11th | August 18th

We have also planned a few evening rides throughout the summer. The following dates will be on a Wednesday evening and leave from Barr village hall at 6.00pm

June 27th | July 18th | August 1st

August 15th | August 29th

More dates will follow in the next edition, on the Barr Village website, and Barr Bikes Facebook page.

And Finally we will be holding a club social evening on the last Friday of the month, on a trial basis, in the small village hall from around 8pm onwards, everyone is welcome to come and join in. It will be bring your own drink and snacks, we will supply the tunes. Come along and join in, we will look forward to your input and suggestions.

Please find all the above info on the Barr Village Website or contact chrisgunson@btinternet.com or call Chris on 01465 861135.



Unless you've been living on Planet Zod for the last year or so, you will know that it has been SACT's privilege to be running the three times weekly Barr – Girvan scheduled bus service.

You will probably also know that this was a pilot scheme, supported by SPT, Ayrshire LEADER, the North Carrick Community Benefit Company and by the Barr Community Council in order to assess viability and level of demand. While it maybe hasn't quite reached the level of demand that we had hoped (SPT wanted 2,500 passenger journeys, and we will have achieved somewhere around 1,700), we think everyone would agree that the service has been very much appreciated by everyone who has used it and it has well exceeded all the other key performance indicators set for it.

We think we can also all agree that we would all like the service to continue. However, while all rural bus services require a subsidy, this one requires more than most. It costs roughly £36,500 to run the service annually and we take in just over £5,000 in tickets, concessions and Bus Service Operators' Grant. SPT has made it clear that it cannot subsidise the service to that extent. Therefore, although the pilot period is due to end at the end of May, SACT will carry on subsidising the service until the end of September to give time to try and source funding. Without that, its future beyond September is uncertain.

SACT has applied for funding from a number of sources including SPT, South Ayrshire Council (SAC), Carrick Futures and LEADER and we are continuing to hold talks with SPT and SAC so hopefully we will be able to pull enough together to keep going for another year. In the meantime, the more people who use the service, the less the level of subsidy required, so you know what to do!



A large advertisement for D Horne Services Ltd. The top part shows a photograph of the service center at night, with a sign that reads 'TYRES - SERVICING - BRAKES - BATTERIES - ALIGNMENT - EXHAUSTS' and 'D HORNE SERVICES LTD'. Below the photo is a large black banner with the same text in white and red. At the bottom, it says 'WWW.GIRVANTYRES.CO.UK' and 'TEL: 01465 715500'. The General Tire logo is also present.

BARRHILL

RENOVATION OF THE BARRHILL WAR MEMORIAL

by Andrew Clegg

Over the years the steps leading to Barrhill's War Memorial had slipped out of position and had become very difficult to negotiate for those of our community who were not that sure of foot, especially as there was no handrail for support. Having reached the memorial platform there was no safety rail on the road side of the memorial with just a granite kerb of 4 inches separating the visitor from the drop down from the outcrop to the road.

The whole renovation process began back in the late summer of 2015 when, at the request of the Community Council, the War Memorial Trust sent two of their officers to assess the state of the memorial. The officers recommended that a professional condition report was carried out so that the scope of the work required was clearly defined.



The War Memorial Trust provided a grant to cover 75% of the cost of the survey which was carried out by Robert Potter and Partners LLP in April 2016.

What had started out as a desire to improve access to the memorial by adding a handrail suddenly turned into a major renovation project requiring a budget to match!

The photographs show the steps before and re-laid with new handrails.

The next problem was to find suitably qualified builders/renovators to carry out the work. Surely this would be a simple task. No - renovators did not want to do the building work and builders did not have the right accreditation to do the restoration work. Eventually we were left with a choice of one, William Waugh & Sons of Dumfries who were willing and able to carry out the work. This was a problem in that we had to provide three quotes to the War Memorials Trust in our grant application. At this point I have to say how helpful the War Memorials Trust were with the grant application and the problems of obtaining quotes.

So now it was December 2016 and grant applications were put in to enable the restoration of the war memorial and improved access and safety. Barrhill War Memorial was awarded a grant of £24,910 from the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund supported by Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish Government and a further grant of £8696 from Carrick Futures.

In the process of the renovation the steps were re-laid and an extra one introduced so that the platforms between the rises were level. Along with this, hand rails were erected to both sides of the steps. Although access still requires the climb of 22 steps, the footing is now level and stable and the hand rails can be used for assistance. To improve safety a fence was installed using uprights at 10cm intervals which do not impede the view of the memorial for those attending the Remembrance Service who stand on the opposite side of the road.

All the patchwork repairs of the last 50 years were removed and the whole platform area laid with granite chippings to help water drain away from the memorial. The memorial itself has been cleaned and all the joints pointed as have all the joints in the platform walls. The missing letters of the makers name have also been replaced.

All the work was completed 3 days before the Remembrance service.

Frances Moreton, Director, War Memorials Trust said, "War memorials are a tangible connection to our shared past creating a link between the fallen and today. It is vital we ensure all our war memorials are in the best possible condition for their age and the charity is delighted to support this project. The centenary of World War 1 is a wonderful opportunity for local communities across the country to protect and conserve their war memorials. If anyone knows of any other war memorials in need of help please contact us."

If you require further information on funding available to support war memorials then please contact War Memorials Trust on 020 7233 7356 / 0300 23 0764, 07586 920 153 or email grants@warmemorials.org.



THE OTHER BARRHILL

By Richard Brown

I found out about the other Barrhill purely by chance. I was using a piece of software that gives you sunrise and sunset times, and on typing Barrhill in the search space it came up with the New Zealand version. The photography degree module that I was doing at the time was "People and Places" and I thought it would be an interesting exercise to compare the two, particularly as the New Zealand Barrhill was a reasonably short drive from where one of my daughters lived in Christchurch. I contacted the local council there and was put in touch with a lovely couple, Colin and Annette Maw, (pictured) who said they would be happy to show me round when I was next over there. We duly met up and it turned out that Colin and Annette had visited our Barrhill, some years previously, and remembered going to the Trout Inn.



Barrhill church – it is still being used today and had its first service in 1877. It is made of concrete and is the New Zealand equivalent of a listed building.

They gave me lots of useful, and fascinating, information on the founding of Barrhill, a smaller village than its Scottish counterpart, and the man responsible – Cathcart Wason who lived over here at Corwar Mains. His house and estate he built in New Zealand was called Corwar in memory of this. In February 1869 Wason paid £10,000 for the London run of 20,000 acres, including 1,250 freehold on the south bank of the Rakaia River. By 1882 he had consolidated Corwar as a middle-sized freehold estate of 5,226 acres.



Aerial view of Barrhill – with a slightly bigger river bed than the one in Scotland. The centre of the settlement was planted with three circles of various oak trees to represent the holy trinity. Photo by kind permission of Colin and Annette's son.

the site with a variety of trees in an unusual pattern, possibly intended to convey a religious symbolism. Four outer avenues, each planted with a different type of tree, form a square, which is bisected by two avenues forming a cross. At the intersection of the cross stand three circles of oaks containing, respectively, the church, the schoolroom, and a house. I was told there a large number of different Oak varieties planted there.

Wason planted

The highest population of the village was about 50, but it had begun to decline within 10 years. In 1900 Wason sold up his property in New Zealand and returned to Scotland. That year he was elected as Liberal MP for Orkney and Shetland, and bought a London house and a property in Ayrshire not far from the original Corwar although I am not sure exactly what property the latter refers to. Colin and Annette very kindly shared with me lots of information about the history of the New Zealand Barrhill which makes fascinating reading. What struck me along with other places in New Zealand is how relatively recent is the settlement history of the country and how Wason was a pioneer in this respect.



The former pub at Barrhill - now a private house



The village hall and former schoolhouse. The school opened in 1878, with 23 pupils, and closed in 1938



BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE

At the time of writing the work on Barrhill Memorial Hall is still an ongoing project due to the snagging taking a lot longer than originally anticipated. Before the hall can be reopened to the public we have to make sure that everything has reached a safe and secure state and that all policies are put in place to comply with legislation.

That being said, we have employed a part time caretaker, Louise Ottaway, who is busy cleaning the premises of all the builders mess.

Ken McLaren Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association Chairman



BARRHILL BOWLING CLUB

by Linda Wild

Work to get the green in shape for the 2018 season began straight after closing day 2017. Scarifying the green has brought up a huge amount of moss and thatch which was causing the green to be slow and heavy. Funding has been secured from Carrick Futures to pay for a 1 year green maintenance contract with G. A. Groundcare which began in March 2018.

At the time of writing, a week before opening day, there has been a huge improvement to the green. It is much firmer and the areas of moss are now being replaced with grass. Daily mowing will continue through the season as improvement work continues.

Both our pre-season 'tidy up days' fell on a lovely sunny day making the work easier. Club members busily proved that many hands make light work. The green was scarified and cut, the surrounds mowed and strimmed, the new shed painted, paths were weeded, ditches cleared and the clubhouse cleaned.

Thanks to money received from the BCIC midge machines will be in place for the season so hopefully we will be able to play on a warm evening without being eaten alive! Also thanks to the BCIC we have a substantial new storage shed.



Following on from a very successful run of after school bowling club meetings in 2017 we will be running them again from the start of the season. We look forward to seeing even more improvement from the group of enthusiastic and talented Barrhill Primary School children.

We will be running 'Fun Days' on the third Sunday of the month throughout the season where we welcome anyone from beginners to experienced bowlers to come and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon of bowling followed by refreshments. Fun Days will be Sunday 17th June, Sunday 15th July, Sunday 19th August and Sunday 16th September all starting at 2pm. The club has bowls

you can borrow, so all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes and you don't have to be a member to play. Visitors will be made very welcome.

Barrhill Open Pairs will take place on Saturday 4th August, more details to follow nearer the time.

Membership is £10 for adults and £5 for children.

We hope that 2018 will be a very successful season which will see Barrhill Bowling Club on the up again.

We look forward to welcoming players both old and new, see you at the green!



BARRHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children at Barrhill Primary joined forces with Barr Primary and Invergarven School to participate in Health Week. During the week we enjoyed a great variety of activities. On the Monday we were lucky enough to visit The Quay Zone in Girvan for swimming followed by Life Saving Skills and a session in the soft play area.

On Tuesday we held a Careers morning in the school where we had a number of Health and Wellbeing Professionals visit us. We were lucky to hear from a vet, a police officer, a health visitor and an SSPCA officer, to name a few.

That afternoon we had a visit from Susan Wood of Skills Development Scotland and learned more about My World of Work -an on-line resource.

On the Wednesday we were invited to Invergarven School and participated in a couple of workshops including one with a Professional Chef.



Back at our own school on Thursday and we had a really fun morning involving mindfulness activities, athletics, the daily mile and in the afternoon we celebrated all of our successes in a ceremony with local councillors.



BARRHILL-ARNSHEEN GARDENING SOCIETY

(B.A.G.S) Bags of Fresh Air!!! Bags of Exercise!!! Bags of Fun!!!

By Pearl McGibbon

Work has begun on Barrhill's sensory garden located in the community car park. All the roses have now been planted as well as a primula. The next to go in will be a candelabra primula followed by some lavenders. Both white and ordinary lavender will be planted but some are so small they need potting up first.

Anyone wishing to help with the planting or weeding would be very welcome as this is an ongoing project. We still have a selection of herbs to add to the garden and then there will be bulbs to go in for next spring.

Anyone wishing to donate any plants for the garden please give me a call on 07765464275. We will be there most Sundays.

Miss Ferguson and the Rights Respecting Schools group have had great success in achieving our Bronze Award. A big well done!

Pupils from the Early Years Centre and Primary created some fabulous artwork and sculptures which were entered into The Maclaurin Schools Exhibition at Rozelle House in Ayr. Erin was the overall Primary 1 & 2 winner in South Ayrshire for her interpretation of "My Family".





Barrhill Primary 1-4 performed at our Easter Service to our family and friends. They put on a fantastic performance on the day!



The Early Years Centre have enjoyed a 6 week block of PEEP sessions with family members and Shevon. They enjoyed a variety of different activities designed to support early learning.



A group of keen crafters of all ages and abilities meeting on the 1st Thursday evening of every month throughout the year in Barrhill

Everyone welcome

For more info please contact Sarah 01465 821538

Or see our Facebook page



COLMONELL FUN DAY 2018

Colmonell Fun Week Princess for this year will be Kaiyah Hopkins, who will be attended by ladies in waiting Abbie Robertson and Lyra Williams, as well as page boy Alastair Shankland.

Kaiyah will open the Fun Day on Saturday 9th June at Colmonell playpark, where there will be a range of entertainment including Roadrunner, Bunny Luv petting zoo, Stinchar Valley Pipers, Pirate ship shooter bouncy castle or you can try to get the best time on the rodeo bull!

All the usual stalls and teas will also be available.

For more information on activities taking place during the fun week 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. Everyone enjoyed hunting for the eggs, making Easter crafts and of course the tea party with food provided by parents.

The group meet every Friday in St Colmon Kirk Hall from 1pm to 3pm. All babies and children under 5 years from the Stinchar Valley area welcome. For more information contact Eileen McCutcheon on 881 191.

PILATES

6 week blocks of Pilates organised by Colmonell Development Group take place in Colmonell Community Centre. The cost is £6 per session or £30 to pay for the full block in advance. Please contact Eileen McCutcheon on 881 191 or eileenmilroy@hotmail.com for more information or to book a space.

Fitness equipment purchased by Colmonell Development Group is available for use in the Community Centre. 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. Contact Dawn Campbell, hall caretaker on 881 052 to find out when the hall is open to make use of the equipment.



Girvan Community Market

Every Friday in the Town House 10am to 3:30pm

We sell a wide range of items including home baking, homemade bread, free range eggs, jams, chutney, candles, aloe vera products, gifts and plants

We also serve tea and coffee to sit in or take away

Stalls change every week. Tables are £15 please call Pearl McGibbon on 07765464275 to book

COLMONELL SECURES PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUNDING



Colmonell Primary School hosted a recent Participatory Budgeting event where there was a great turn out to see local projects bid for funding. Colmonell was successful in gaining funds for 5 projects, which include £1000 funding to set up a youth group in the community centre; £1720 for Colmonell Primary School Community Action Gardening Group to make improvements to the community garden in the village; £450 for Colmonell Primary School Parent Council to pay for transport to take school children to swimming lessons at the Quayzone; £784 for Colmonell Bowling Club to buy junior bowls to encourage more children to try their hand at bowling and £800 for Colmonell Community Association to purchase a laptop and printer for the Community Centre, for public use.

Can you help?

Colmonell Development Group needs new members. The group has been in existence for 2 years and has set up projects like:

- the Colmonell Exhibition in 2017
- new Christmas lights in the village and switch on event
- Colmonell gardening club, community garden and planters at the entrances to the village
- Pilates classes and purchasing exercise equipment available for use in the village hall.

We are keen to build on these projects as well as looking at new initiatives such as the purchase and development of land at the back of the village hall. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Michelle Mitchell, Secretary on michelle_mitchell83@outlook.com



WANTED LAYOUT EDITOR

WANTED Layout Editor (Volunteer) for the Stinchar Valley Magazine

We are seeking a suitable person to help us with the publication of Stinchar Valley Magazine. If you are computer literate, familiar with Microsoft Office and Word, and would like to join our small and friendly Editorial Team of volunteers we would like to hear from you.

If you would like to know more about what the role involves please email Marie McNulty stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

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