

## **BALLANTRAE TRUST WILL YOU JOIN?**

*find out more at a village hall meeting*

As reported in the January Ballantrae Newsletter, we are in the process of setting up a **BALLANTRAE TRUST** which will take over and expand upon the projects that the Ballantrae Development Group have previously worked on.

All residents of Ballantrae will be eligible to join the Trust as ordinary members and, if they wish, put themselves up for election as a Board Member.

If you have an interest in the future of Ballantrae, including its sports and entertainment facilities and the other projects you think it should focus on, then please consider joining the Trust.

**Meetings have been organised in the village hall to explain the Trust in more detail**

**FRIDAY 21st APRIL 7pm - 8pm and 8pm - 9pm**

**SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 10am -11am and 11am -12noon**

This is a one-hour-long meeting repeated four times. You only need to attend one meeting. Each meeting will consist of a short presentation, a question-and-answer session, and an informal chat.

Refreshments will be available.

Attending the meeting will put you under no obligation whatsoever, and we hope that as many people as possible will come along.

If you cannot attend any one of these meetings but would still like to be kept up to date or contribute your views then please e-mail [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com)

### **Do you wear NHS Hearing Aids?**

Did you know that you can visit Help Hubs in Ballantrae and Girvan to get free servicing of your NHS hearing aids, receive practical help, advice and replacement batteries?

**Ballantrae:** BRICC, Main St., Ballantrae on the third Monday of every month 1pm—2pm

**Girvan:** Age Concern, 2 Duff St., Girvan on the first Tuesday of every month 10am—12noon

### **FUN FIT**

Fun Fit classes take place in Ballantrae Village Hall

**MONDAY 6pm—7pm**

for everyone over the age of 18

**Come & enjoy the fun!**

Please bring water and a towel

### **Diary**

#### **APRIL**

- 16 Scouts sponsored walk up Knockdolian hill starts at 11am
- 21&22 Trust consultations
- 24 Ballantrae in Bloom AGM 3pm in BRICC House
- 25 Community Council meeting

#### **May**

- 6 Coffee morning in aid of the Senior Citizens' Outing
- 14 Farmers' Market, Craigiemains
- 20 Scout Auction in the hall
- 30 Community Council meeting

#### **June**

- 3 RVS Coffee Morning
- 9 Music, Poetry & Smuggling stories at the harbour 7pm start
- 11 Festival of Food & Drink
- 11 Ballantrae Bakers stall at BFFD
- 17 Malawi Cream Teas
- 27 Community Council meeting

#### **July**

- 1 Park Fun Day & dance in hall pm
- 9 Farmers' Market, Craigiemains
- 22 Church Summer Fair

### **Contact Details**

If you have an activity or event you would like publicised on the Ballantrae website, on the Community Centre noticeboard, in this Newsletter, or in the Stinchar Valley Magazine please e-mail [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com)

or drop the information in to  
42 Foreland, Ballantrae

### **Next Deadline Dates**

Stinchar Valley Magazine  
28 April for distribution w/c 5 June

Ballantrae News  
12 June for distribution end of June



**Ballantrae FARMERS' MARKETS**  
 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: APRIL - OCTOBER  
**11AM TO 3PM**  
 AT CRAIGIEMAINS

9 APRIL | 14 MAY | 11 JUNE  
 - FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK  
 | 9 JULY | 13 AUGUST |  
 10 SEPTEMBER | 8 OCTOBER

**FARMERS' MARKETS** are coming back to Ballantrae! Previously, they were held quarterly. This year, they will be held in Craigiemains on the **second Sunday of every month** from April to October with the exception of 11 June when the award winning Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink will be staged again overlooking the harbour. We hope you will support these markets and the Festival.

**Ballantrae FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
 BALLANTRAE'S AWARD WINNING FESTIVAL OF FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON  
**SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2017**  
**11.00AM TO 5.00PM**

PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WITH A WONDERFUL SELECTION OF QUALITY FOOD & DRINK STANDS AND STREET FOOD STALLS AS WELL AS EXCITING COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS.  
 SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US FOR ANOTHER CELEBRATION OF OUR AMAZING FOOD AND DRINK HERITAGE!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 for the Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink

*I'm looking for adults and older children to volunteer their help on Sunday 11 June. Tasks would include: handling refreshments for the stall holders; visitor counts; directing visitors to various locations; etc. If you're able to volunteer a few hours of your time please contact me: Cordelia Galley 01465 831 537 or balkissocklodge@icloud.com Thank you Cordelia*

**Ballantrae & District Horticultural Society's 2017 FLOWER SHOW**  
**19 AUGUST**

Schedules are available now at Craigiemains Garden Centre or from Mrs. Linden Hunt  
 1 Ailsa Drive  
 price 50p  
*you need a schedule to enter!*

**Smugglers Festival**  
**HISTORY HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY**  
**• 2017 •**

Ballantrae will come alive again this summer as we recall & celebrate the village's colourful smuggling history. Activities and events this year will include:  
**"Music, Poetry and Smuggling Stories"** - an evening for the whole family on Friday 9 June at 7pm the Harbour;  
 a **"Smugglers' Contraband Store"** as part of this year's Festival of Food & Drink on Sunday 11 June;  
 an adults only **"Smugglers' Supper"** hosted by the King's Arms Hotel on Saturday 26 August at 7.30pm  
 and the **"Ballantrae Smugglers' Chase"** on Sunday 27 August from 2pm at the harbour when skiff crews will battle it out to take home the trophy with the tall ship La Malouine overseeing the action.

In addition you will be able to walk one of our four **"Smugglers' Trails"** over the summer; make a **"Smuggler Scarecrow"** during the latter half of August, and join us for a **Smuggling Road Trip** up the coast in September.

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

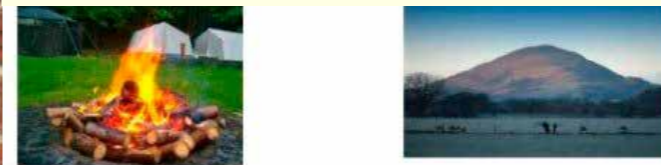
**scouts**  
 be prepared . . .  
**Ballantrae Scout Group (2nd Ayrshire)**

**Scout Auction**  
**Saturday 20 May**  
 Community Hall, Main Street, Ballantrae  
 Auctioneer Dr. Tom Smith

**1pm Doors open for viewing**  
**2pm Auction begins**

Entry £1  
 Children accompanied by an adult FREE  
 Watch local press for information on unusual lots!  
**Refreshments available**  
 All items sold as seen  
**To donate items please call Andy McAlpine on 07920 51770**

**Scouts' Easter sponsored walk**  
 Ballantrae Scout group are organising a sponsored hill walk to raise money for our 6-night camp in Aberdeen.  
 Our sponsored walk is up Knockdolian hill on **Easter Sunday 16th April 2017.**  
 We will meet at the field gate at **11am** (on B7044 signposted "Knockdolian Hill Walk").  
 Please bring a picnic/lunch and drink for at the top and we will also be having a decorated boiled egg competition. If you want to take part you can bring a decorated egg and we will judge them before rolling them down the hill.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME !!!**



**LOVE YOUR VILLAGE**  
 The Ballantrae in Bloom group AGM is at 3pm on Monday 24 April in BRICC House when it is hoped someone from each village organisation and all interested residents will come along.

**visitor information point**  
 The leaflet dispensers in the VISITOR INFORMATION POINT at Craigiemains are filling up for the new season, with up-to-date information of things to do on a day out from Ballantrae. Why not drop in and have a look? The video loop is also being updated by the Stinchar Valley Photo Group with great pictures of Ballantrae and the surrounding area.

**BALLANTRAE BOWLING CLUB**  
 is now open for the new season and anyone interested in starting or re-joining can contact  
  
 Anne McCulloch on 07917 843135  
 or  
 Jimmy King on 01465 831457

**STINCHAR VALLEY PHOTO GROUP**  
 We are an informal group that meets on the last Thursday of each month (excluding December) in BRICC House at 7.30pm. Fees are currently £2 per evening including refreshments. Our aim is simple - to help more people take better pictures whether they use a mobile phone, a tablet, a compact camera or a digital SLR. Our relaxed informal monthly gatherings provide an ideal opportunity for you to just drop in and take part, have a natter over a cup of tea or coffee and look at the pictures people have taken since we last met. Sometimes we have a speaker or we discuss an aspect of photography such as sizing pictures and what to do if your sensor needs cleaned. We've recently been working on a video loop for the Visitor Information Point at Craigiemains. As the lighter nights come along we'll take pictures outside as a group, not only on group nights, but sharing cars on other evenings or weekends to see events or visit places of interest.



photo by SVPG member David Littlechild



## A Community Association with no Office-bearers

At the Ballantrae Community Association AGM on Monday 20 March 2017, 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 we currently have an Association with 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. Linden asked group representatives to go back to their groups and ask whether anyone would be prepared to take on the vacant Community Association roles. In the meantime three members of the Community Association - Andy McAlpine of the Development Group, Mhairi McKenna of the Community Council and Linden Hunt of the Horticultural Society will arrange a meeting with South Ayrshire Council to discuss options for resolving the situation.

### PLAY PARK GROUP

The Play Park Group have a programme of fund-raising events scheduled throughout the Summer, including a baking stall at the Food & Drink Festival on Sunday 11 June, a Park Fun Day followed by an evening dance in the village hall with Destination Anywhere on Saturday 1 July, and a race night on Saturday 2 September. They need a lot of support once again from our community.



### AGM TUESDAY 6 JUNE 7pm

The Annual General Meeting which parents and supporters are invited to attend, is on Tuesday 6 June at 7pm. This is a good opportunity to get to know the leaders, and to see what has been happening within the Group over the previous year.

### FACEBOOK

The Group has a closed group Facebook page which they use to inform parents of things that are happening on a weekly basis or if Beavers, Cubs or Scouts are required to bring certain things to a meeting. It is a great way of communicating with everyone. If you or your child are not on the Facebook page and would like to be added please speak to one of the leaders.

### MORE ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Group can only run successfully with the active participation of parents - whether simply encouraging your child to get the most out of Scouting or helping out occasionally at meetings. The Group is always on the lookout for more adult volunteers and they have a range of volunteering opportunities whatever your skills, experience and interests and, whether you can spare an hour a week, a month or just occasionally, they would love to hear from you. Support and training are provided. You can enjoy the fun, friendship and adventure of Scouting on a flexible basis. If you feel you might be able to help please call Wendy McKeachan on 01465 714889 or 07831 370514.

### FUNDRAISING

They also need help with fundraising. The Group can only run activities if they can afford to do so. The youngsters are working hard to raise money for this year's summer camp in Aberdeen. This will be a big adventure! Please get involved and support them when they ask for assistance. Look out for the Knockdolian Sponsored Hill Walk, the Family Beach Bar-B-Q, the Scout Auction, and the "Ballantrae's Got Talent" evening!