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Keep up to date with what's happening in Ballantrae by checking www.ballantrae.org.uk, Facebook Information Ballantrae and local noticeboards

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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 email andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com or drop the information in to Andy at 42 Foreland, Ballantrae.

Another Gala Success!

What another fantastic Gala Week! The fishing competition, the Football Competition, the parade of Floats and-



Fancy Dress, the Gala Dance, the Bowler / non Bowler Competition and of course Gala Day itself once again showed that the village can pull out all of the stops and put on a great show. This year the organisers battled not only with the weather but uncertainty over increased costs from South Ayrshire Council which could have scuppered Gala Day but thanks to last minute support from Ayrshire LEADER the event went ahead. The Gala party were fabulous and did a great job. Sharon Robertson, Fiona Roper and Linden Hunt have been the masterminds behind the gala for years. But this was their last Gala Week - they are now handing over the organisation to the younger "Gala Girls". Thanks ladies for all you've done





**Ballantrae Scout Group
(2nd Ayrshire)**



The Smugglers are coming!

This year's Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival started in June. We launched the children's book "Our Smuggling Tales", we've published the 4 Smugglers



Walking Trails (copies in Craigiemains), we've piloted a Smugglers' Road Trip around Scotland phase 1 Stranraer to Girvan, and mounted the Smugglers! exhibition in the McKechnie Institute in Girvan. We are now planning 4 events in Ballantrae in August:

At 7.45pm on Friday 5 August: "The Landing of the Contraband" at the Harbour with the tall ship La Malouine, skiffs, Smugglers, Excisemen and the Militia, and horses all re-enacting the Ballantrae Smuggling story. The event is FREE. The action starts at the harbour and ends at Craigiemains. ITV are planning to film the landing and La Malouine's role in it so you could see yourself on TV! Come to the harbour and enter the FREE prize draw for a bottle of contraband whisky!"

At 6.30pm on Saturday 6 August the popular "Strongman Challenge" in the Recreation Ground with teams of 2 from the village and surrounding communities. There will be 2 competitions - one for adults and one for children.

At 7.30pm on Saturday 13 August in the King's Arms Hotel, a Smugglers' Supper with good food and musical entertainment. Tickets will be available from the Kings Arms Hotel.

At 2pm on Sunday 14 August at the harbour "The Smugglers' Chase" (skiff racing) involving boats from Ayrshire and beyond. The teams will be competing for the trophy crafted by John McIlwraith

Watch local press, Facebook "Information Ballantrae" & "Ballantrae Smugglers Festival" for more information.

Scoutabout

The pictures in the panel alongside show some of the activities the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts of the Ballantrae Scout Group took part in recently

Congratulations

To the **Children at Ballantrae Primary School** for winning the Church of Scotland Stevenson Prize for Excellence in Religious Observance.

To **John Allsop**, Group Scout Leader of the Ballantrae Scout Group (2nd Ayrshire) on his award for 40 years service to the Scout Association

To **Claire Erskine and Stacey Stewart** on being joint winners of the Silver medal "Parent Volunteer of the Year" in recognition of their contribution to South Ayrshire Active Schools

Ballantrae In Bloom 2016 Garden Competitions

Be sure to collect your entry form for these competitions from the BRICC Thrift Shop.

Best Kept Garden
Best Kept Lawn
Best Kept Hedge
Best Tub / Container
Best Hanging Basket

Complete and return the form(s) to the Thrift Shop before 4 August.

It's free and fun to enter and win one of the worthwhile prizes. Judging will take place on Thursday 4 August starting at 10am.

HELP TO MAKE
BALLANTRAE BLOOM!

Good Luck!

Ballantrae and District Horticultural Society Open Flower Show Saturday 13 August

The show will be opened by Paul and Poppy Szkiler, the new proprietors of Glenapp Castle. This will be followed by the presentation of prizes by the Gala Queen. The show opens at 2pm and ends at 3.30pm. Entrance £2 includes a cream tea. All competition entries must be submitted on entry forms from the current year's schedule. Copies price 50p are available from Craigmains Home and Garden Centre or 1 Ailsa Drive.



South Ayrshire Community Transport now has a bus available for hire in Carrick, complementing the Carrick Community Transport buses currently in use. If your group needs a bus to take you wherever – shopping trip, meal out, away-day trip – then get in touch. If you don't have your own MiDAS trained driver one can be provided. The Carrick Bus is not wheelchair accessible, however if you require a wheelchair accessible vehicle, please get in touch and they will try to arrange for one of their other buses to be made available. Contact 01292 270864 or email info@sacommunitytransport.org

SACT are keen to set up an **Out and About Excursion Service** for Carrick. A similar service in Kyle has proved hugely popular with virtually every trip oversubscribed and a significant number of people making the trip from Carrick to join in. There are no pre-conditions or age limits to taking part and individual membership is free! They will pick you up from home and drop you off there at the end of the trip. A list of possible trips will be published shortly so contact SACT in order to let them know if you would be interested in becoming an individual member and getting a programme of excursions.

Go to Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/South-Ayrshire-Community-Transport-494861790723876/> and the website www.sacommunitytransport.org for more information.



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FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK

The Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink on Sunday 12 June, with over 40 food and drink stallholders, 10 street food stalls, 6 cookery demonstrations and tastings, foraging sessions and a book signing was a very ambitious event that attracted around 3000 visitors. Building on the success of last year, initial feedback suggests this was a much more enjoyable experience for everyone with an additional car park, a different layout in the main marquee with more room to move around, the demonstrations in another tent and no queues! A more detailed article will be in the next edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine.



Ballantrae SWI

The new session of the Ballantrae SWI will open in September. Meetings are held monthly in the Community Centre at 7.15pm. The annual subscription is £15 for members but they welcome visitors who are only able to join them for one meeting at £2 per evening. No evening at "The Rural" is complete without tea and coffee being served! An interesting syllabus is being planned for the session September 2016 to May 2017. The first four months are as follows:

- 4 September Baking demonstration by Mrs Anne Walker
- 3 October Memories of Guernsey by Mrs Angie McClinton
- 7 November Open Night with visiting Rurals and Friends, Flower arranging demonstration by Mrs Margaret Finlay
- 5 December Christmas Dinner

Details of further plans will appear in future editions of Ballantrae News and the Stinchar Valley Magazine. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Jessie Brown (01465 831544).