

# BALLANTRAE NEWS

## Diary

### January

- 13 Horticultural Society AGM
- 21 Psychic Night at the Kings Arms
- 26 Community Council Meeting
- 28 Deadline for next edition of Stinchar Valley Magazine
- 31 Ballantrae Bowling Club AGM

### February

- 6 Qigong Open Day
- 22 Community Association Meeting
- 23 Community Council Meeting
- 28 Lenten Lunch

### March

- 4 School Fundraiser
- 7 (w/c) Stinchar Valley magazine issues
- 19 Guild Coffee morning
- 22 Community Association AGM and Mtg
- 29 Community Council Meeting

### April

- 17 Farmers' Market

## Contact details

If you have an activity or event you would like publicised on the website, on the Community Centre Noticeboard or in the Newsletter please email [info@ballantrae.org.uk](mailto:info@ballantrae.org.uk) or drop the information in to Andy McAlpine at 42 Foreland, Ballantrae.

## You asked for it.....

Welcome to the first edition of Ballantrae News. We already have the Ballantrae Website ([www.ballantrae.org.uk](http://www.ballantrae.org.uk)), various Facebook pages, and noticeboards around the village. We also have the Stinchar Valley Magazine which issues every quarter. Why do we need a newsletter? When the Ballantrae Development Group (BDG) - a sub group of the Community Council - and the Youth Club undertook their consultations and Village Survey in 2014, a need was identified to continue to find ways of improving communication within the village, particularly for those who don't use the internet or social media and to provide an opportunity to find out more about what the various groups in the village are doing. The intention is that the Ballantrae Newsletter will issue in between issues of the Stinchar Valley Magazine and be hand delivered to every house in Ballantrae. Initially the BDG will be responsible for editing and distributing the Newsletter but it is hoped that, over time, others will volunteer to help. If your group has events or activities planned for 2016 please let us know. Don't wait for the next edition. See "contact details" in the column on the left.



## Children's Christmas Party

Another great event. Thanks to Claire, Stacey and all of their helpers. Thanks too to Santa, the Road Runner (alias Ross Bark) and everyone else who helped give the children a great time!



## A Reindeer in Main Street?

## River Stinchar Bursts its Banks

The strong winds and heavy rain of storm Frank on Wednesday 30 December brought havoc to Scotland and closed the A77 when the river Stinchar burst its banks resulting in the A77 being closed in both directions at Ballantrae Bridge for most of the day. Once again the villagers took the initiative to help those stranded. Thanks to everyone who got involved. To the coastguard who were out all day working alongside Police Scotland and Transerv, to the volunteers in the Community Hall and BRICC, to those who delivered hot food and drinks to those at the bridge, and to the villagers who donated soup, sandwiches, biscuits and sweets.

### Crafty Bees

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month in BRICC House at 7:30pm. For more information contact Barbara Ogston (831252).

### Ballantrae Bowling Club AGM

Ballantrae Bowling Club are holding their AGM on Sunday 31 January at 2pm. This will be held in the clubhouse at the Bowling Club. For any further details or to add items to the Agenda please contact the club secretary on 07917843135

#### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting Approved, – Anything arising from minutes
3. Treasurers Report
4. Bar Report
5. Green Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Subscriptions
8. Tournament Dates and competitions to compete in
9. Any other business



### Stinchar Valley Photo Group

The Stinchar Valley Photo Group meets on the last Thursday of every month in BRICC House at 7.30pm. Each session, which lasts around 2 hours, is broken into 20-25 minute segments - each dealing with a different aspect of photography. During recent evenings the group have viewed pictures taken by members at the Air Show in September, tried "Light Painting" using long exposures, and how to put together a simple DVD with special effects and music. The group also recently had a day trip to Ailsa Craig including landing on the island. Karen Stewart, one of the founding members of the group, said "The aim of the group is to help more local people take better pictures whether they are using a mobile phone, a compact camera or a digital SLR. Our members reflect all levels of expertise. There are no competitions - the emphasis is on helping each other and sharing knowledge and ideas. And there's always an opportunity to chat to others during the refreshment break."

If you are interested in photography go along to BRICC on the last Thursday of the month. You'll be made very welcome.



## Do you run a business in Ballantrae?

The Ballantrae website [www.ballantrae.org.uk](http://www.ballantrae.org.uk) provides a free opportunity for you to publicise your business. If you don't already advertise there, have a look at the website to see what other adverts look like. If you already have an advert on the website please check to ensure that your details are up-to-date.

Send your details / amendments to [info@ballantrae.org.uk](mailto:info@ballantrae.org.uk). You can also advertise in the Stinchar Valley Magazine. 1000 copies are produced every quarter. The Ballantrae representatives on the Editorial Board are Andy McAlpine and Peter Newland. Their email addresses are [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com) and [peternewlands1@btconnect.com](mailto:peternewlands1@btconnect.com). The deadline for the next edition of the magazine is **28 January**.



Noel Porter's carriage had its first outing recently, ably pulled by Huckleberry, from Craigmains up to Glenapp Castle and back.

### Congratulations.....

To Sean Lowe of the Ballantrae Youth Club for winning the "Young Star of the Year Award" and the "Volunteering Award" in the recently announced South Ayrshire Council Youth Forum Awards. Seventeen year old Sean, who has been a supporter of the Smugglers Festival for a number of years, was recognised for his work as a volunteer with the Girvan Lifeboat Crew while studying for his Highers.

### BRICC SECURES FUNDING TO DEVELOP RESIDENTIAL CARE UNIT

BRICC have received confirmation they have received funding from the Scottish Land Fund funded by the Scottish Government, the Big Lottery and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to develop a 12 bedroom residential care facility in Ballantrae.

Amelia Stevenson, Chair of BRICC said "We are delighted that we have the opportunity to take the next step in our development. It is underpinned, as is everything we do, by the support of the people of Ballantrae and the rest of South Carrick for this important community venture.

She added "We already run a successful home care agency. The new unit will allow us to continue the care... so that service users can stay at home safely. It will also increase local employment opportunities."

## Ballantrae Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 9 December senior citizens of Ballantrae and District enjoyed a Christmas Dinner and entertainment in the Community Centre. The local RVS organised the event. There was music, dancing, a raffle and a visit from Santa. Auld Lang Syne brought a happy evening to a close. Thanks to everyone who made the event such a success.

## Interested in.....

- A little gentle exercise suitable for a range of fitness? One hour sessions in the Village Hall, Mondays starting at 10.45am. For more info call Jacqui on 01776 82214
- Gardening? New members (and non members) are always welcome at The Stinchar Valley Gardening Club. Contact Secretary Harriet Ellis 882221
- Helping to build Ballantrae's own Skiff (the boats the smugglers used this year to unload the contraband from the sailing ship)?
- Joining a new Ballantrae Walking Group?
- Joining a Ballantrae Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or
- Helping to edit or distribute this newsletter?

**For more information contact [info@ballantrae.org.uk](mailto:info@ballantrae.org.uk) or phone Andy on 831122**

## Quickies...

Ballantrae Community Council meets on the last Tuesday evening of each month (except December).

Ballantrae and District Horticultural Society are holding their AGM in the Community Hall on Wednesday 13 January at 2pm. New members and helpers welcome.

## Ballantrae Parish Church

We meet every Sunday at 11:30am, with Sunshine Club for all children 0 to 12 years old. On the first Sunday of the month, we also have our contemporary Sunday at Seven service, with the praise band leading the worship. We hope to have various film nights in Ballantrae Church from January to March, however the dates and films are yet to be decided (license provided by CCLI).

Two new events from Ballantrae Parish Church are:

### Taste & See Cafe Church

(in association with St Colmon Church)  
Come along to our cafe with live music and discussion on a current issue.

Enjoy coffee, tea, cake and a wide variety of hot chocolate (dark or white flavoured with orange, mint, almond, raspberry, lemon, coconut etc).

6:30pm for 7pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall, Colmonell, on every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month throughout 2016 beginning on the 22nd January.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tasteandseecafe/>

### Sunday at Glenapp

A reflective service drawing on different church styles across the UK and the world.

At 3pm on Sunday 31st January, 28th February and 27th March, in Glenapp Church.

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

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