

Ballantrae NEWS

Contact Details

If you have an activity or event, you would like publicised in the Ballantrae News or the new monthly 'What's On Calendar', please email debbiecassels@icloud.com

Next Deadline Date

Spring Issue (March, April, May) copy deadline will be Feb 1st, 2023

Key Dates

Sat 3rd Dec, 7.30pm, Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol

11th to 18th Dec, Little Christmas Festival of Light

Sat 24th Dec, 11.30pm, Ballantrae Parish Church Watchnight service

Sun 25th Dec, 10am, St Colmon Parish Church Christmas Day service

Also, check out the new monthly 'What's On Calendar' around the village!

Ballantrae News is funded by Ballantrae Community Fund.

Ballantrae's Little Festival of Light (11 – 18 Dec)

Thanks to funding from Kilgallioch Community Fund, new Christmas lights have been purchased to replace last year's old and failing Christmas lights at the Village Hall and Cemetery. In 2023 we will seek further funding to provide Christmas lights beyond Main Street but for 2022 the Ballantrae Community Association and Community Council are looking for households to get involved in bringing some Christmas cheer to the whole village.

From 11th to 18th December, we will be holding a "Little Christmas Festival of Light". We are seeking households and businesses in the village, willing to create a decorative window in their property. Each participant will be given a specific night to illuminate their display and there will be clues to help villagers and visitors find the windows. Ideally, we would love as many decorative windows as possible to bring light to the village during what may be a dark and difficult time for many.

Preparation is underway and the focus will be decorating on a budget. You can either use what you already have or come along to Crafty Bees for some help and inspiration. Materials and battery lights will be made available to help keep cost of illuminating displays to a minimum. Full details of how to sign up and a date for the Crafty Bee night will be published shortly.

Weather permitting, we hope villagers and visitors will go for a walk each evening to view

the new Christmas Lights and window displays and to vote for their favourite display. At the end of the week a prize will be given for best window and to our competition winner. We will also be working with The Ballantrae Trust to provide a family Christmas film in the hall, some mulled wine and mince pies for the adults and Santa for the children.

We hope you like the idea enough to get involved.

Light up for Christmas

Join us in lighting up our beautiful village for Christmas. We are looking for residents and businesses willing to light up a Christmas window display between the 11th and 17th of December, for families to find the light of the night.

Battery lights and help with a display can be arranged

If you would like to participate please leave your name address and contact at Shellknowe Garage or email Sadams2705@gmail.com by 25th Nov

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Ballantrae Community Groups working in partnership. Thank you to the BCC & Kilgallioch Community Fund for resourcing the purchase of new Christmas lights. *Rosier Maker*

The Ballantrae Trust

Firstly, thank you to Rachael Corney for her dedication and commitment to the Ballantrae News and we wish you all the best in the future. Thanks to Debbie Cassels and Calum Macdonald for taking up the baton and running with the website, Ballantrae News and a new monthly 'What's On Calendar'.

We have had a busy summer programme of events including two well attended Kids Fun days, one to mark the start of the holiday period and one before the restart of the new term. In September, we held a Psychic Night which attracted a sell-out crowd with Sally Buxton. These

three events were held in the Kings Arms Community Pub and Hub and were very enjoyable. In addition, we had a stall at the Harbour Gala Day in Girvan, spreading awareness of the Trust and fundraising.

Halloween has just passed, and we reintroduced the movie projector in the Village Hall for a kids party with fun and games too.

We would like to thank our development officer Fiona Conlan and our board members for organising, running, and



attending these events along with the many volunteers who are a massive help to us.

We have two exciting theatre nights planned as the year runs on towards the festive season with *The Wind* and *the Willows* on Thursday Nov 17th and A Christmas Carol on Saturday the 3rd of December in the Village Hall in partnership with the Gaiety in Ayr.

Garry Thomson
Chair



Sadly, the King's Arms has found itself in a position where it needs to close allowing the Management Committee and shareholders to take stock of its situation and decide and plan the future of the project.

On the back of world events, Increased costs in maintaining the business whilst being unable to recruit a chef or management has led to decreasing sales. There were many successes over the summer but unfortunately it was simply not enough to boost the business. If there are any shareholders in the area who would like to be involved on the MC and perhaps put a fresh set of eyes on the project please write to us at info@kingsarmsballantrae.co.uk - or indeed if there are any local volunteers to help complete outstanding building tasks, please also contact us at the above email address.

Currently, the Management Committee is waiting on the accountants to complete the accounts so we can give 14 days notice to shareholders of an EGM, this process was started at the time of the announcement of the closure. We also understand from some feedback, that some shareholders did not receive notifications from recent circulars, this was unfortunately down to the technology, and we are investigating the problem.

We are sorry to make this announcement as many of us both in the community and on the board have put our heart and soul into it, but with some calmer seas, we would all like to see the project rise again. Thank you to those that supported and continue to support the project.

The Kings Arms Management Committee

Ballantrae Community Association

At a BCA EGM on Monday evening the 24th October, the BCA adopted a new constitution that will enable it to apply to become a registered Charity. However, the meeting was poorly attended, and an interim board was unable to be appointed. The constitution states that the organisation requires a minimum of 12 registered members and the Board requires having a minimum of 5 registered members. Without these numbers, the BCA cannot proceed to apply to become a registered charity. This is a reminder to all affiliated groups that they must and need to nominate a specific person (not one for 3 different groups for example) to attend and vote at general meetings and also AGMs. We will be sending out registration forms to all affiliated groups to be completed and returned and then we intend to hold another meeting on Wednesday the 14th December to elect an interim board. Representatives of affiliated groups need to attend to allow BCA to take the required next steps.

Remember folks, this is about the future and sustainability of the Ballantrae village hall!

Ballantrae Community Council

Ballantrae Community Council meets on the final Tuesday of the month. There will be a meeting on 29th November and then the next meeting is 31st January 2023.

The Ballantrae Community Council over the year has worked to get benefits within the village...we organised armoured rock to reinforce the harbour wall, a new path from the playing field to the carpark and toilet for disabled people and the tennis courts have been enhanced with tidying up and enhancing gates and nets.

All good wishes for Christmas and may 2022 be the best for all in the village.

Ballantrae Primary School and Early Years Centre

Ballantrae P6 ACE Days

Thanks to funding our P6s have enjoyed 2 ACE days since returning to school after the summer holidays. On the 29th September they enjoyed canoeing followed by stand up paddle boarding (SUP) on the 6th October. Thankfully, the weather was kind to us, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Forest Kindergarten

Our aim in Ballantrae Early Years is to allow our children to experience play as often as they can in the outdoors. The outdoors could be their immediate EY play area, the local play park, the beach or even further afield to places such as Culzean.

This year we are fortunate to have staff trained in a Forest Kindergarten approach and since September our Early Years pupils are enjoying Tuesdays in the Forest Kindergarten. Please look out for us at the greenspace area across from the school.

School Litter Pick

On the afternoon of Tuesday 11th October our school went out on a litter pick along the beach. Despite the breezy weather we managed to collect a lot of rubbish. Well done to our children and staff!



Ballantrae Baby and Toddler Group

The baby and toddler group meet on Mondays in the community hall from 10am -12am. Our group can be found on Facebook Ballantrae toddlers.



Ballantrae Scout Group

Ballantrae Scouts meet each Tuesday evening during term time, either in the Community Hall or an alternate location within Ballantrae village.

Beavers (age 6-8) meet from 5.45-6.45pm

Cubs (age 8-10) meet from 6-7.30pm

Scouts (age 10-14) meet from 6.45-8.15pm

Boys and girls from Ballantrae and the surrounding villages are most welcome to join us!

This term we hope to have our usual activities as well as a Christmas camp! For more details, please contact Wendy McKechan (07831 370514) or Kate Thomson (07765490649) for Beavers & Scouts, and Hazel Cowieson (07533997402) or Alison Mackay (07710 973015) for Cubs.



Ballantrae History Group

After a successful launch of the Ballantrae History Group in September, we met again in October, and this time we watched a video produced by Keith and Christine Brown that showed a tour of Ballantrae from one end of the village to another. This started people thinking of what was there, what was no longer there, recollections of previous events and buildings and people. The Ballantrae History Group is part of a wider initiative run by Simon Glendinning of the Carrick History Society to bring history of the Carrick area alive. If you are interested contact colin_j_mcnally@hotmail.com



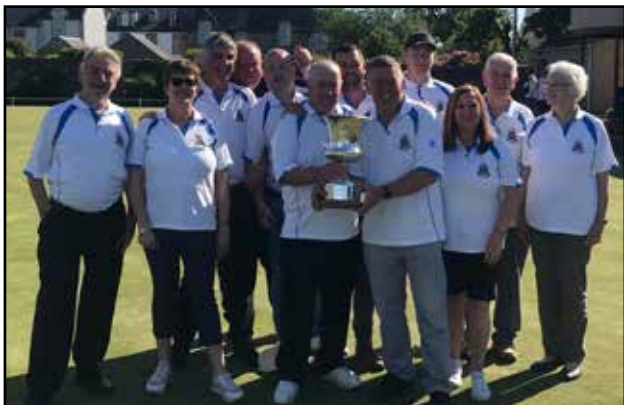
BOWLING CLUB

Unfortunately, membership at the Bowling club has declined over the last few years and we are desperate for people to get involved at the club to continue the success and enjoyment of bowling at Ballantrae.

Even though our membership is small we were very successful this year with winning the Carrick Cup (played in Girvan 4 teams of triples from clubs all over Carrick) first time Ballantrae has won it since 1954. We also won the Maybole League top 6 competition, second time in a row.

As well as competing in competitions and leagues we have friendly sweep nights and club competitions, and we will be looking at taster days at the start of next season. It is up to each member if they want to compete in the competition or just the sweeps, it is always fun and full of banter, so please watch out for Opening Day which will be sometime in April next year. It would be really good to have support of more of the community and see more people playing at Ballantrae, it would be such a shame for the club to fold. ***So PLEASE PLEASE if you like light exercise, fresh air, having a laugh then what is stopping you?!***

For any further information please speak to any member of the club or phone Anne McCulloch 07949734136.



Coastguard Rescue Team

In October the team was joined by teams across South West Scotland to celebrate 170 years of service by 5 coastguard rescue officers. We started with two 20 years long service followed by two 40 years long service and an incredible 50 years long service. Big congratulations to all who got their awards. Our very own station officer James "Jimmy" King was awarded his 40 years long service. We as a team want to thank Jimmy for his service to Ballantrae coastguard. He is a fountain of knowledge and experience. We would also like to thank all the families who are in the background for allowing us to do this. For all the interrupted dinners, birthdays, family time - thank you.



BRICC Thrift Shop and BRICC House

We continue to raise vital funds for the development at Orchard Lea. Strong volunteers are always very welcome to help in the shop and with the van.

BRICC House and kitchen are available to hire for meetings etc.

Our monthly Whist evening has restarted – watch out for dates.

The BRICC Lunch Club has restarted on Thursdays. Booking is essential (phone the office 831380 on the Monday prior to the Thursday). We are looking for another volunteer to cook the meal one Thursday in three.

We at BRICC, support Care in the Community. When you need help, please ask – it is easy!

Rosemary Stevenson

Crafty Bees

It is so great to be back to our twice monthly meetings after so much disruption from the pandemic. We have met a few times now, doing different crafts each time. It is fun to sit and chat with a group of people all enjoying the same thing. We have done some wet felting, jewellery making, and a needle felted pumpkin.

If you fancy getting out of the house, doing some crafts, and having some cake, pop along and join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month (excluding school holidays), from 7-9.30pm in Ballantrae Village Hall. £3 each session. No crafting experience needed. Bring ideas of any crafts you fancy doing. All welcome.



Daft Dippers

Have you ever fancied having a wee dip in the sea but maybe don't want to go alone. Feel free to join us at any time. We have a Facebook page called Debbie's Daft Dippers. All ages are welcome. Male and Female. We are more dippers and talkers than serious swimmers but have a great time. It really is therapy! You get to have a chat with friends and enjoy the swim/playing in the waves - plus sunsets look even



more beautiful from in the sea. Join the Facebook page or contact any of us if you are interested. We usually just post when free and then make a plan from there. You won't regret trying!

Scottish Country Dancing Class

The class has restarted. We meet in the hall at 2:30 – 4:00 pm on a Tuesday, cost £1 per class.

We are a small, informal group and we welcome new members, previous experience not required, and beginners are very welcome.

Come along and give it a try!



Ballantrae in Bloom

Ballantrae in Bloom plant and maintain flower baskets and tubs in the village, to make it attractive both for residents and visitors. We also organise an annual competition for best kept garden, tubs etc, and one for children.

Congratulations to this year's Sunflower Competition: Riley, Jackson and Pavlo, with Janette Sloan (BiB) and judge Liz Gregg florist at GlenApp Castle.



The baking stall at the Church Fayre



Meg Peacock receiving her retiral gifts, on retirement from the Malawi Committee



Ballantrae Parish Church

There has been a lot happening and restarting in the life of Ballantrae Parish Church. We were delighted when the Covid restrictions allowed us to get a bit closer than 2 metres, we no longer had to wear masks or were prevented from singing. Church is back to normal along with every other situation in our lives!

Weekly coffee time has been happening on Tuesdays from 1030am, firstly in the Kings Arms Hub and Pub, now in the Bricc House. This is open to everyone from the community, and we are getting to meet old friends and new.

Glenapp church is open on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for a service at 3pm. Come along to the 'Wee Kirk down the Glen' for a memorable time of fellowship.

In April we had retiral collections for the charity Blythswood and the Church of Scotland Ukraine Appeal. This money was sent out to help refugees in countries such as Hungary and Poland which were taking in huge numbers of desperate people.

On Easter Sunday there was a service at Ballantrae harbour at 7am followed by rolls and hot drinks in the Bricc house - over 20 people attended.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with an Afternoon Tea in the community centre. Thank you for coming along, enjoying our first big social chit-chat and having lots of delicious home baking to eat. This was quickly followed by having a baking stall at the Food and Drink Festival.

Our 'Annual Summer Fair' returned at the end of July; the recent Harvest Thanksgiving service took in donations for Christian Aid as well as practical food for the Girvan Food Bank. We are also supporting

the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal with boxes going to Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

We have had some fun line dancing evenings in September and November. Mary has been very patient teaching us the steps and great hilarity was had by all!

Our sister church in Lwambasa, Malawi has had a new minister appointed after a period of 2 years. We have collected wool, knitting needles, thread, sewing needles, phones to be packaged up and sent out to Malawi. To help raise funds to send these goods out, we had a very successful coffee morning with over £700 taken in. A huge thank you from the Malawi Committee.

Rev Theo has taken on Interim Moderator of Girvan South, Barr and Dailly church which means he is involved with their meetings and attends funerals, baptisms, and weddings. Please give him a cheery hello as you pass as he has his hands full of duties! Ayr Presbytery has now been incorporated into the new Presbytery of South West Scotland so changes are happening regionally too.

As this newsletter comes out it will be our Remembrance season with services at 2pm at Heronsford War Memorial on Friday 11th November, then on Sunday 13th November at 1130am in Ballantrae Parish Church followed by an Act of Remembrance at Ballantrae War Memorial.

We also hosted a Christmas craft fair in the community centre on Saturday 19th November from 10am - 2pm with a huge variety of crafts to inspire your Christmas gifts. There was a home baking stall and soup, teas/ coffee in the buffet room too. Thank you for your support.

Claire Strain
Ballantrae Session Clerk

The Church Fayre - it was a busy day!



Ballantrae Church Guild

Our meeting on 31 October centred on an enjoyable and informative talk by Liz Ottaway, from Barrhill, about the many years she and her husband spent in Malawi. Working as a nurse, in a region the size of South Ayrshire that had only one doctor, was clearly both challenging and deeply rewarding for her, both personally and professionally. Her talk followed a presentation in September, by Deacon Muriel Wilson from Ayr, who shared her experience of the Iona Community, as an associate member who lived for some years as part of the resident group at the Abbey on Iona which is the Community's birthplace and spiritual home. Many people in the village will know about Iona through Margaret Maule, who for many years was the teacher in Iona's school.


Our meeting on November 28th, included a discussion led by Gavin Fairbairn, about 'Lending with Care', a scheme that allows folk to support people in poorer countries to develop sustainable ways of increasing their standard of living by developing micro-businesses. Members of this scheme lend small amounts of money via a central body to enterprises or individuals of their choice. The appealing thing about this way of helping others is that once their cash has been repaid, they are able to choose another person/enterprise to lend it to. All are welcome to attend any or all of our meetings, whether or not they think of themselves as church folk.

Susan Fairbairn (Convenor)

Ballantrae – a Biosphere Community

'UNESCO Biosphere' is a place-based designation awarded by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, recognising a natural and cultural heritage of international importance. The journey to being designated as a UNESCO Biosphere begins with and is driven by local people; it signals a cherished sense of place and collective commitment to sustainable development.

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire was the first UNESCO Biosphere in Scotland and is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2022/3. Visitors to www.gsabiosphere.org.uk may have spotted the page dedicated to Ballantrae, which became a 'Biosphere Community' at the beginning of 2022. The GSA Biosphere has a longstanding connection with the village, including helping to promote the annual Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink. The Biosphere's team will be working on initiatives that support wildlife and habitats, sustainable business, and climate action in South Ayrshire during 2023 and anyone interested in getting involved is invited to get in touch via their website, social media, or by email to info@gsabiosphere.org.uk.



STUDIO SEVENTY FOUR

The Gallery is now closed for winter but will be open again in Spring 2023 with lots of new work from Debbie Cassels and lots of opportunities to see her at work in her studio.

Debbie's students held a 'Class of 2022' exhibition in Summer – it was wonderful to see all their marvellous work, framed and hanging in the Gallery... along with a few red dots! Next year, we expect to run day workshops for anyone needing to build their confidence or hone their skills. If you fancy coming along, please contact us on studio74ballantrae@gmail.com for further details.

Studio 74 would like to thank everyone in Ballantrae and the surrounding area for their support throughout our 2 seasons of trading. It has been a great pleasure to be part of such an energetic and thriving community.

We look forward to welcoming you in the new season.

Shellknowe Garage

Since the last edition of the Ballantrae News we have been working hard to recover from covid. The increases in utilities, parts etc continue to be a challenge. We are working hard in setting up a new pump for us to be able to supply E5 super unleaded. Unfortunately, our current supplier of coal is no longer supplying, we are looking into alternatives including more eco-friendly products, watch this space and feel free to let us know your thoughts.

We would like to thank the community for their continued support.

SHELLKNOWE GARAGE

MOT's, repairs, servicing, tyres and exhaust.

Call 01465 831365

Monday:	08:00 - 17:00
Tuesday:	08:00 - 17:00
Wednesday:	08:00 - 13:00
Thursday:	08:00 - 17:00
Friday:	08:00 - 17:00

Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol: MAD Productions



Saturday 3 Dec, 7:30pm
70 minutes

Ballantrae Community Centre
£6 - £9

BOOK VIA THE GAIETY, AYR

Concession prices apply to Disability / Over 60 / Student / Unwaged

A festive theatrical treat, on tour in rural South Ayrshire in association with The Gaiety. Mad Productions presents a one-man dramatic performance of A Christmas Carol, adapted by Greg Oliver Bodine, and based on Charles Dickens' actual performance on his second American tour of 1867. Ayrshire resident and actor Ken O'Hara plays Charles Dickens and other characters. The premise of the play is that Charles Dickens arrives at a Boston Theatre having lost his luggage. On reassuring the audience that a "story is what you were promised and a story is what you shall have!" He then proceeds to tell the story and play all of the parts (about 18) as he did in his various tours of the UK and America.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Mobile Branch Times

Location: Kings Arms Hotel Car Park

Time: 12:05 – 12:30

Every second Thursday

1st December

15th December

29th December



Library Opening Times

Monday 4pm – 7pm

Tuesday 3pm – 5pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 10am – 12 noon

Friday 10am – 12 noon

Ballantrae Medical Practice

Christmas Holiday Dates:

Mon 26th & Tue 27th December 2022

Mon 2nd & Tue 3rd January 2023

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ORDER
YOUR YOUR MEDICATION IN
TIME, GIVING 48 HOURS NOTICE,
THANK YOU!**

Bin Calendar

2022 December						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
			GF	2	3	4
5	6	7	GrF	9	10	11
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2023 January						
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2023 February						
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Collection Key

- Blue bin & Food caddy
- Food caddy
- Brown bin
- Green & Grey bins, Food caddy
- Purple-lidded bin & Food caddy
- Green bin & Food caddy
- Grey bin & Food caddy
- Green & Blue bins, Food caddy
- Check Local press, or see our webpage for Christmas collections

BALLANTRAE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Mondays 10am - 12noon

Ballantrae Village Hall

£1 entry

All welcome!



Story time

Rhymes

Toys

Snacks

Messy play

New friends

Request to join our page on Facebook; Ballantrae Toddlers 2022



Carrick Futures
Brightening Your Future

Carrick Futures

Grants of between £500 and £25,000 are available for community groups and projects that directly benefit the communities of Barr, Barrhill, Girvan, Ballantrae, Pinwherry & Pinmore and Colmonell & Lendalfoot.

CLOSING DATES FOR 2023 ANNOUNCED

Application Closing Date - 14th February 2023, decision late April 2023

Application Closing Date - 9th May 2023, decision late July 2023

Application Closing Date - 8th August, decision late October 2023

Grant awards of over £280,000 have been made in 2022!

More information can be found at the website

www.carrickfutures.org.uk

For pre-application enquiries and support please contact

clare@foundationscotland.org.uk

telephone: 07554 709542

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