

## The BALLANTRAE TRUST is up and running !

The Ballantrae Trust came into being on 16 November 2017. Already, nearly forty residents have joined the Trust as Ordinary Members. If you haven't joined yet, please read on . . .

### Why should I join the Trust?

As you will read on page 3, additional windfarm money is coming to Ballantrae this year and every year for some time to come. The Trust will bid for some of that money and so members of the Trust will have some influence on where and how the money is spent. To help establish and run the Trust, we have received funding for a part time Development Officer who will be appointed shortly to help us keep everything running smoothly. If you care about the village and the community, then you really should become an Ordinary Member of the Trust and have your say.

### Can anyone become an Ordinary Member?

To become an Ordinary Member with voting rights, you must be over 16 years of age and live in the Ballantrae Community Council area. Under 16's can join as Junior Members, and others (for example, people living outside the area or people with a holiday home here) can join as Associate Members – but only Ordinary Members may vote. There is a one-off membership subscription charge of £2 for all members.

### How do I join?

There is an application form in this newsletter, or you can get one by contacting [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com)

### What happens next?

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be arranged shortly in which the Ordinary Members will select a number of Directors of the Trust, all of whom must be Ordinary Members themselves. This is necessary as the Ballantrae Trust is a "Company Limited by Guarantee" and the law requires this. The Board of Directors will then elect their own Chair, Treasurer and any other office-bearers from the Board members.

### Where can I get more information?

If you want more information, or an electronic copy of the Trust's Articles of Association (all 25 pages of it), contact Andy McAlpine at [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com).

## Stinchar Valley Gardening Club

next meeting— Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm  
in the Kirk Hall, Colmonell

Speaker: Faith Fairbairn  
"From Quito to Coldstream – a Journey in Permaculture"  
All welcome. Non-members £3.00.

## Ballantrae Events Diary

### January

- 28 Bowling Club AGM 2pm at the club
- 30 Community Council meeting 7pm

### February

- 12 Deadline for grant applications to the Ballantrae Community Fund (see page 3)
- 23 Parent Council Bingo Night 6.30pm
- 27 Community Council meeting 7pm

### March

- 3 Ballantrae Theatre "Murder Mystery" 7.30pm
- 24 Girvan Traditional Folk Festival performance in Ballantrae 7.45pm
- 27 Community Council meeting 7pm

### April

- 10 Ballantrae Theatre "The Wonderful World of Lapin" (children) time tbc

### Ballantrae Groups

Our apologies to Cordelia Galley of the Ballantrae Crafty Bees for the typo and for misnaming the group in the November issue.

### Contact Details

If the contact person for your group has changed or your group was omitted from the list in the November edition, or 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 (Spring)**  
26 January for distribution w/c 5 March.

**Ballantrae News**  
9 April for distribution end of April



## Ballantrae Theatre

Following a successful pilot performance in 2017 of "Barnaby Rudge" in Ballantrae, the Gaiety Rural Touring Network is bringing three more productions to the village in the spring.

### "Memento Mori" - Murder Mystery

**Saturday 3 March – Ballantrae Community Centre at 7.30pm (Audience over 18s only)**

CAN YOU CATCH THE KILLER? In the Victorian era death was serious business. But when the daughter of a business woman is found dead in a mort safe and her suitors are the suspects it can only mean trouble. Who could have done this? Watch events unfold then have your chance to interrogate each subject in turn. Bring a team or come on your own! Fun, funny, mysterious and a good night for all! Can YOU catch the killer?

**TICKETS £10; CONCESSIONS £9 (Over 60, Disability, Unemployed, Students)**

### "The Wonderful World of Lapin" (for children aged 3-8yrs)

**Tuesday 10 April - Ballantrae Community Centre (start time to be confirmed)**

Tania has just arrived from Paris for a very special occasion - The World's Tastiest Carrot Competition! In her leather trunk she carries her very own garden, through which a whole world is revealed...a world of Tania's animal friends, each of them desperate for a taste of the prize carrot.

Narrated in English with the puppets speaking simple French sentences, the show is fun and a heart-warming bilingual piece of theatre, accessible to all non-French speakers. The company's productions foster curiosity, expand the imagination, and tap into a child's innate ability to learn and engage with the spoken word to jump-start their foreign language acquisition skills!

**Tickets £3**

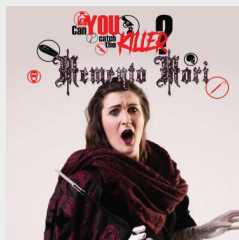
### "The Price of a Fish Supper"

**Friday 11 May - Ballantrae Community Centre at 7.30pm (Audience age 16+)**

Set somewhere on the Ayrshire coast, the play explores the demise of the fishing industry as seen through the reminiscences of the central character Rab and his riveting story of love, rivalry and disaster. His personal decline has paralleled the wider economy of the place where he lives and the coast from which he once worked. 'The price of a fish supper', is not just a case of hard economics. It's also a story about the human suffering at the heart of this most hazardous of traditional occupations. This one-man play is tragic and funny, holding out, by the end, the faintest glimmer of hope for the future. Contains strong language and scenes of an adult nature.

**TICKETS £10; CONCESSIONS £9 (Over 60, Disability, Unemployed, Students)**

**Tickets for all 3 performances** are available from the Gaiety Box Office  
<http://www.ayrgaiety.co.uk> or 01292 288235.



## Ballantrae Community Association

Congratulations to Gemma Laverty, Anna Kosak and their helpers for the Fireworks Display and the Autumn Craft Fair. The Fireworks raised £70 and the Craft Fair £585.80. Sharon Robertson and Fiona Roper donated the profit from the bar at a recent event (£277) and Glenapp Castle donated £50 for the loan of trestle tables for an event. Thanks to Stacey Stewart, Kim Edwards, Suzi Curtis, Linda Lyle and Natalie and Garry Thompson for the great Children's Christmas Party on 22 December. Thanks too to everyone who helped ensure we had a Christmas tree and decorations in the hall. The "Ballantrae Gala Week" Facebook page has now been renamed "Ballantrae Gala & Events". We'll shortly start the detailed planning for the Spring Craft Fair and Gala Day (7 July) and we are in discussion with those groups most affected when the school takes over sole use of the hall August - December.

## Girvan Traditional Folk Festival Outreach Concert in Ballantrae

Ballantrae Community Centre  
Saturday 24 March 2018  
at 7.45pm

Featuring  
Nathan and Rhona Jones  
Brian McArthur and Alex McKenzie  
Davie Hunter & Lorna McColm

An evening of traditional music and song  
with a licensed bar.

Tickets available at the door  
Adults £5;  
Concessions (Students and over 60s) £4;  
Family ticket (2 adults plus children) £12.00



## Community First Responders (CFR)

A CFR is a volunteer trained by the Ambulance Service to attend 999 calls within the community in which they live or work. CFRs supplement the professional service - they do not replace it and are always backed up by a professional ambulance resource. But, because they operate within the local community, they can often bring lifesaving skills to the scene of an emergency before the ambulance arrives, particularly in remote rural communities such as ours, where the nearest ambulance may be some distance away. For example, when a patient is in cardiac arrest, for every minute they go without cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) there is a 10% less chance of the patient making a meaningful recovery. So CFRs can really make a difference. Ballantrae is keen to recruit a small CFR team. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Mark Bradley at [markbrad96@gmail.com](mailto:markbrad96@gmail.com)

## Play Park Upgrade: PROGRESS!

The Play Park Development Group is working with SAC officials and councillors to ensure that the School upgrade and Play Park Development projects are run side-by-side during 2018. This should provide some opportunities for economies of scale and possibly even save some money. While the community will be responsible for raising the money for the Play Park upgrade, we want to make some of the Play Park equipment available to the school during school hours. The school have identified a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and "The Circuit" round the recreation ground, and "sensory panels" as their highest priorities.

Working with SAC officials, we have now started to prioritise the work that needs done and are exploring breaking the play park upgrade into the following phases:

- Identifying and replacing some of the existing equipment
- Replacing the existing picnic area including benches
- Installing a MUGA between the back of the school and the football pitch
- Installing "The Circuit" round the outside of the reception ground
- Identifying and installing some new equipment to the north of the existing play area
- Installing sensory panels, an outdoor classroom, performance and storytelling spaces (the two sets of planners will liaise over whether some of this might already be included in the school upgrade)
- Installing exercise equipment round "The Circuit"

We are currently considering an estimate for installing a MUGA and await an estimate for creating "The Circuit". We are revisiting costs for replacement and new equipment, and will work with the Play Park Planner to prepare the visuals for a final consultation on the replacement equipment, the new equipment and the other phases.

## The Ballantrae Community Fund (BCF)

Groups within the Ballantrae Community Council (BCC) boundary are encouraged to apply to the new BCF for money to support your activities. Grants of **between £500 and £10,000** are available.

The BCF, funded by ScottishPower Renewables community benefit fund from its Glenapp Windfarm, is administered by Foundation Scotland on behalf of the BCC. The BCF Advisory Panel, which is made up of local volunteer members, decides on grant awards from the fund. The Fund will support community-led charitable activities that support rural regeneration and sustainability, and benefit the community. Awards can support costs and activities including equipment costs, running costs, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities etc.. Download a copy of the Ballantrae Fund Factsheet for more information at [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/ballantrae](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/ballantrae)

Around **£38,000** will be available initially in 2018. Around **£55,000** will be available in subsequent years and will be index-linked. Priority will be given to projects that address community needs as identified in the current Ballantrae Village Development Plan, which is also available to download from the Foundation Scotland website. The fund will normally operate one funding round each year, although a second round will take place later this year. The first application deadline is **Monday 12 February** for a decision in April. If you have any queries regarding the fund please contact Foundation Scotland either by emailing [office@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:office@foundationscotland.org.uk), by telephoning 01557 814927, or writing to Foundation Scotland, The Kiosk, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2HP.

## Ballantrae Parish Church

It was good to see so many different faces over the Christmas season at our various services. Thank you for supporting us. Our Nomination Committee

with representatives of the two churches is now working hard to attract a new minister. Currently, we are under the care of our Interim Moderator, Rev. Ian McLachlan, who lives in Girvan. He will cover any pastoral care, weddings, baptisms and funerals. If you require his services please contact him at [imclachlan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:imclachlan@churchofscotland.org.uk) or myself, Claire Strain, at [clairestrain@live.co.uk](mailto:clairestrain@live.co.uk). Ian has been very successful at inviting different ministers to come to St Colmon and Ballantrae to preach on Sunday mornings. We have a minister about every second week and the local Worship Team cover the Sundays in-between. It is good to have such a variety and you would be welcome any Sunday at 11.30am in Ballantrae to hear and see what is going on!



**9—10  
JUNE  
2018**

## Ballantrae Flower Show

The flower show will be held on the **4th August** this year - earlier than usual. Just wanted to let you enthusiasts know well in advance as it will affect the planting time for certain things. *Linden Hunt*



**10—12  
AUGUST  
2018**



## 2018—The Year of Young People



If you are over 25 years of age..... look away now! If you are under 25, read on.....

"The Year of Young People 2018" aims to inspire young people throughout Scotland by celebrating your achievements, valuing your contribution and creating new opportunities for you locally, nationally and globally. In particular it will provide an opportunity for you to have your views heard and acted upon, to showcase your talents, to help develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations and provide an opportunity to express yourself through culture, sport and other activities.

Aye right... in Ayrshire? Absolutely! Not only that, but in Ballantrae! We have ambitious plans to celebrate the Year of Young People 2018 and we would like you to be involved in:

- planning a programme of adventurous indoor and outdoor activities during the Easter and Summer holidays
- linking technology to the history of the village - after all you are the ones who are digitally savvy
- helping to organise cultural activities and festivals involving - music, theatre, cinema and film making
- the upgrading of the play park and recreation ground
- making the Stinchar Valley Magazine and the Ballantrae News more young person / social media friendly
- suggesting what the priorities for the new Ballantrae Trust should be (see page 1) and encourage you to become a member

We also hope that one or two young people from Ballantrae will attend a Columba 1400 Leadership Academy.

But these are just some initial thoughts..... we're sure you'll have your own ideas. And you don't have to be a member of one of Ballantrae's existing groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Youth Club, Gymnasts) to take part. We want to encourage every young person to become involved. Interested? Want to know more? Then send an email to [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com) with the message "YoYP tell me more!".

Oh, and if you are over 25 and have been having a sneaky look at this article please now show it to someone you know under 25 in Ballantrae!

### Oor wee school's a great wee school.....

Education Scotland recently ranked Ballantrae Primary School "very good". The report said "A strength of the school is the strong leadership of the Head Teacher and the effectiveness of her approaches in promoting a sustainable, inclusive learning environment.... (and) the strong and productive partnership with parents and the community which impact positively on children's learning experiences.... the strong team work of staff who, by working well together are enhancing the quality of children's learning in and beyond the classroom..... resulting in improvements to the curriculum bringing about the best possible outcomes for all children."

In addition Ballantrae Primary was one of only six schools in Ayrshire to have won gold at the SportScotland School Sport Award designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education and school sport opportunities.

Commenting, Yvonne Templeton, Head Teacher said:

"I am so proud of Ballantrae's wee school. The children, staff and parents are great to work with. We are so pleased to be part of the community of Ballantrae and appreciate the support from everyone. I was incredibly delighted that the inspectors recognised the very strong community links. In the expanded report there is a comment which makes me feel quite emotional every time I read it. It says: "The culture of respect, trust and equity is tangible throughout the school and is valued by staff as the bedrock on which children thrive."

"Our staff, parents, and children work incredibly hard to deliver a range of sporting and physical after-school clubs. We believe that physical education, physical activity and sport are important factors in the school curriculum, developing children's health and wellbeing and qualities such as resilience, perseverance, leadership and team building."

### Stinchar Valley Photo Group

We are planning a visit to the Dark Sky Observatory and a practical session on Photoshop in the near future and in March we will welcome Jan Jerome of the Edinburgh Photographic Society to talk about techniques for printing pictures and to show us some of her own. The aim of the group is "to encourage more people to take better pictures". We meet on the last Thursday of every month (except December) at 7.30pm in BRICC House.