

BALLANTRAE FESTIVAL of FOOD and DRINK 2017

"A huge success"



Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink by Siobhan Liddington

Sunday 11 June was a wet and blustery day but that didn't deter a great turnout of visitors to this year's Festival of Food and Drink held in a massive marquee complex at Ballantrae Harbour where we had an amazing variety of local food and drink on offer to taste, buy and enjoy. Early indications suggest visitor numbers compare well with last year. There will be a fuller story with pictures in the next edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine but for the moment I would like to thank the Ballantrae Bakers, the Smugglers' Festival and all of the volunteers who worked so hard on the day alongside the stallholders to make the event such a success.



photographs by Harriet Ellis

Ballantrae Events Diary

June

27 Community Council meeting in the hall 7pm

July

- 1 Park Fun Day on recreation ground 1pm
- 1 Village Dance
- 2 Bowler/non-bowler comp 1pm
- 5 Car Treasure Hunt at Kings Arms 7pm
- 9 Farmers' Market at Craigmains 11am — 3pm
- 15 Open Pairs bowling competition
- 22 Ballantrae Church Fair 2pm at the hall
- 23 Bounty Poker Comp. 2pm Kings Arms
- 25 Community Council meeting 7pm
- 28 Psychic Night at Kings Arms 7.30pm

August

- 11 Farmers' Market at Craigmains 11am — 3pm
- 13 Darts Competition at the Kings Arms 2pm
- 14-31 Ballantrae Smuggler Scarecrows in evidence in the village
- 19 Horticultural Society Flower Show 2pm
- 26 Ballantrae Smugglers' Supper at the Kings Arms Hotel 7pm for 7.30pm
- 27 "Ballantrae Smugglers' Chase" skiff racing at the harbour 2pm

September

- 2 Race Night in the hall 7pm for 7.30pm
- 10 Farmers' Market at Craigmains 11am — 3pm
- 23 "Ballantrae Smugglers' Road Trip" (coach journey) combining a book launch "The Carrick Smugglers" time to be confirmed
- 30 "The Best of Ballantrae" in the parish church

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 or drop the information in to 42 Foreland, Ballantrae

Next Deadline Dates

Stinchar Valley Magazine
27 July for distribution w/c 4 September.

Ballantrae News
9 October for distribution end of October.

BALLANTRAE SCOUT GROUP

The last month has been a busy one for the Group with the Scout Auction on 20 May which raised £941 and "Ballantrae Scout Group Have Got Talent" which raised £262 and showed just how much talent we have in our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in Ballantrae. At the AGM and Annual review on 6 June, Wendy McKeachan our new GSL and Scout Leader, reported on the wide range of activities arranged last year and our Treasurer Ian McKinley reported on the state of our finances (healthy!). John Allsop and Claire Erskine left us during the year and she thanked them for their services. John was appointed Group President (an Honorary role in recognition of his Scouting service to Ballantrae), Andy McAlpine was re-appointed Group Chairman for another year, and a small group of parents was appointed to help with future fund-raising activities. At the time of writing, the Beavers and Cubs are looking forward to their camp at Drumfairn and the Scouts their summer camp in Aberdeen. The thanks of our young people, their parents and the folks of Ballantrae go to the leaders for all the time and effort they put into arranging an interesting and challenging programme of activities indoors and out throughout the year.



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

Schedules are available
now at Craigmains
Garden Centre or
from Mrs. Linden Hunt
1 Ailsa Drive
price 50p

*you need
a schedule
to enter!*

Ballantrae Play Park Development Group Presents



Football Fun Day



Saturday 1st July

1pm – 4pm

**Ballantrae
Football Park**

Helpers on the day
and donations for the
bottle stall would be
much appreciated.

For more information
contact:

Fiona Stevenson:
07917133220

Anna Kosak:

07477681548

Cheryl Agnew:

07767081602

Gemma Laverty:

07901070407

**Bouncy Castle
Football
Bottle Stall**

**Beer Tent
Face Painting
Coconut Shy
Tea Tent**

**Burger Van
Slip 'n' Slide**

Football:
Kids/Juniors
fun 4-aside games –
report to Eddie and
Kenny by 1.30pm
on the day.

Players wanted for
adults 7-aside
– contact Eddie
or Kenny
by 25th June.

The Vale V's Kings Arms
Memorial Cup
for Albert Hyslop

(Eddie McCulloch
07877006812
Kenny Balfour
07837385213)



YOUTH GROUP'S NEW EQUIPMENT



The Ballantrae Youth Group now have a table tennis table and other equipment thanks to a grant won in the "South Carrick Decides" competition on 18th February. Congratulations to the team who made an excellent presentation in order to win the funding.

**Ballantrae
FARMERS'
MARKETS**

9 JULY 13 AUGUST
10 SEPTEMBER 8 OCTOBER

11AM TO 3PM

AT CRAIGIEMAINS
HOME AND GARDEN
CENTRE, MAIN STREET
BALLANTRAE
KA26 0NB

Ballantrae Park Development Group

Race Night

Saturday 2nd September 2017



Tickets £2.50

Available from;

Cheryl 07767081602 Fiona 07917133220

Anna 07477681548 Gemma 07901070407

Ballantrae Community Hall, Licenced Bar, snacks provided.

7pm, first race starts prompt 7.30pm

All proceeds towards Ballantrae Park Development



**please note the
change of
contact details:**

GROUP SCOUT LEADER and SCOUTS:

Wendy McKeachan tel. 01465 714889

or 07831370514

"The Best of Ballantrae"

**Ballantrae Parish Church
Saturday 30th September**

*A display of historic and modern
information and talents
from the people of Ballantrae*

put the date in your diary - more details to follow!



CAR TREASURE HUNT on Wednesday 5 July with staggered starts from 6pm. Max teams of 5 (i.e. a car load) £7 per team/car with a cash prize

BOUNTY POKER COMPETITION on Sunday 23 July at 1.30pm for 2pm. Cost per head to be confirmed.

PSYCHIC NIGHT on Friday 28 July at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets for sale in the pub at £5 per head in advance. Private readings will be arranged on the night at £10 per head.

DARTS COMPETITION on Sunday 13 August at 1.30pm for 2pm start. £6 entry fee, prizes to be confirmed.

SMUGGLERS' SUPPER Saturday 26 August at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £13 (includes entertainment). An adults only evening. Prior booking is essential. Tickets on sale from the Kings Arms.

STINCHAR VALLEY PHOTO GROUP

The Annual Report at our AGM held in May reported that, during the previous year, we had heard from individual members and seen examples of the sort of pictures they enjoy taking whether they are new to photography or have been taking pictures for some time. They showed us pictures on a variety of subjects including wildlife/pets, weddings, the Ayr Air Show, astro photography, landscapes, local events, and stained glass windows at Colmonell Church. We had outings to Ailsa Craig, Culzean's grounds and Swan Pond, the Red Kite Feeding Centre at Bellymack Farm, various gardens, and Ballantrae Beach (for "painting with light"). We had also produced a new video loop which plays in the Visitor Information Point in Craigmains showing pictures of Ballantrae and the surrounding area taken by members.

As the new committee of Karen Stewart (Chair), David Littlechild (Secretary), Howard Galley (Treasurer), Roger Pirie and Pauline Keane (Committee Members) plan the programme for the coming months, we aim to organise more outings where like-minded people fill a car and head off somewhere, and in the winter months more external speakers (and members) who can inspire and challenge the group's thinking and spur us on to take even better pictures. If you would like to join us we meet on the last Thursday of every month (except December) in BRICC House at 7.30pm.



A dunlin, photographed on the shoreline at Ballantrae
by SVPG member Stuart Strachan

BALLANTRAE SMUGGLERS' FESTIVAL 2017

Our Ballantrae Smugglers' events for 2017 kicked off with "Music, Poetry and Smuggling Stories" in the marquee at Ballantrae Harbour on Friday 9 June. This event for the whole family included the children from Ballantrae Primary School reading stories and poems from the book they published last year, and a performance of "Smuggler", the song they have just recorded in a recording studio which will be the soundtrack of the 2017 Smugglers Video. We were joined by "Celtic Voices" and Davie Hunter. The usual Smugglers' Festival characters, The Minister and Doctor, and two new characters, put in an appearance. We had a great night despite the Minister realising smuggling is a sin and burned the contraband. This upset the doctor who then shot the Minister! What a great night and a great start to this year's Smugglers' events. At the Festival of Food and Drink on Sunday 11 June the "Smugglers' Contraband Store" attracted a lot of attention, particularly since the smugglers were giving away free samples of the fine wines recently landed as part of the consignment of contraband and, using a variation of a "treasure hunt", visitors could try to guess where the contraband would be hidden. Watch out for more pictures in the next edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine.

On 26 August there will be a "Smugglers' Supper" in the King's Arms Hotel in Ballantrae (adults only) and on 27 August "The Ballantrae Smugglers' Chase" involving skiff racing, will take place in Ballantrae Bay. On Saturday 23 September a "Smugglers' Road Trip" (coach trip with commentary) will work its way up the coast from Ballantrae, up to the heads of Ayr and Barrhill, finishing with the launch of a new book "The Carrick Smugglers" at Dowhill.

For more details of all of these events go to www.ballantrae.org.uk/smugglers and watch local press, Information Ballantrae on Facebook, and noticeboards.



Some of the Friday entertainers. Photograph by Harriet Ellis of the SVPG

BALLANTRAE BAKERS

The Ballantrae Bakers would like to thank everyone who donated baking for their stall at the Festival of Food and Drink, helping them to make £607.50 to be split between school funds and the development of the Play Park.



BALLANTRAE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Our efforts over recent months have concentrated on organising the Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink and the Smugglers' Festival involvement in that, as well as Smuggler events in August and September (see the report on the left for more details). We continued our work on establishing a Ballantrae Trust including running two public consultation events on the Trust and its priorities on 21 and 22 April. People who were unable to attend those events have since been in touch and given us their views. The consultation remains open until the end of June. If you would like a questionnaire please email andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com or call him on 07920517700 leaving your name and address and he will make sure you get one.

BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The April edition of Ballantrae News and the Summer edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine brought you up-to-date following the AGM in March and the meeting with South Ayrshire Council in April. We reported that we would be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting to tell Community Association members what has been happening regarding the formation of a Trust in Ballantrae and how that might relate to the Community Hall; to discuss how we separate events from the running of the hall; and to appoint Community Association Office bearers so that the Association can continue operating and deal with the outstanding hall issues until the Trust is set up. That EGM was held on Thursday 22 June in the Community Hall. We shall report the outcome of the meeting in the next edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine.

BALLANTRAE BOWLING CLUB

The Open Triples sponsored by Scotmid took place on Saturday 10 June. Winners of the Day were R McIlwraith, G Richardson and G McIlwraith. Runners-up were P Dodds, J McCulloch and A McCulloch.



Ballantrae Bowling Club were hosts this year for the British Legion Trophy which saw three teams from Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell and Ballantrae compete for the Trophy. Winners this year were Ballantrae with all 3 home teams winning their games. Next year Barr will be host for the competition.

The Bowler/Non-Bowler will take place on Sunday 2 July from 1pm, this event is being sponsored by Gordon McIlwraith, Fishmonger, and the winners will take away the Louise Knox Memorial Cup.

If you wish any further information please contact Anne McCulloch 07917 843135 or Jimmy King 01465 831457.

Ballantrae will be hosting their Open Pairs on Saturday 15 July and entries are now being taken.