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## Events

### May

- 1 Ballantrae Trust AGM 7pm
- 7 SWI AGM in BRICC "Taste and Try"
- 8 Beaver & Cub event: Beach
- 11 Ballantrae Theatre "Price of a Fish Supper" 7.30pm
- 13 Farmers' Market : Craigmains
- 19 WRI Rural Trip
- 19 Annual Scout Auction: 1pm for 2pm
- 29 Community Council meeting 7pm
- 30 SCOTSHEEP in Ballantrae

### June

- 9-10 Festival of Food & Drink
- 14 Ballantrae Theatre "The Moira Monologues" 7.30pm
- 26 Community Council meeting 7pm

### July

- 7 Gala Day (1pm-4pm) and Dance (7:30pm)
- 8 Farmers' Market : Craigmains
- 21 Church Fair 2pm

### August

- 4 Flower Show 2pm
- 10-12 Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival
- 31 Ballantrae Music "Kilda" time and venue tbc

## The Ballantrae Trust AGM

The Trust will be holding its first AGM on Tuesday 1 May at 7pm in the Community Hall. The event will be run by the Trust's two Development Officers - Chris Hanna and Andrew Ward. As well as reflecting on the work of the Trust's predecessor the Ballantrae Development Group, which will cease to exist after the AGM, the main item on the agenda will be the election of the Trust's

Board of Directors drawn from the Trust's Ordinary Members. After the AGM there will be an opportunity to mingle over refreshments.

Following an assessment of readiness in February by Development Trusts Association Scotland - the national umbrella body for Community Trusts - The Ballantrae Trust has now been accepted as a member.

## Craigmains Joins VisitScotland VIPs



across Scotland to help visitors receive the warmest of welcomes and make the most of their visit. VisitScotland Regional Director Annique Armstrong said: "Craigmains Home and Garden Centre is a fantastic addition to our network of VIPs. They have worked closely with the local community to ensure that visitors receive a high standard of customer service and sound local knowledge."

Ballantrae's Visitor Information Point - a partnership between Craigmains Home and Garden Centre and the Ballantrae Development Group (now the Ballantrae Trust) - has been recognised by VisitScotland as a "Visitor Information Partner."

Craigmains joins a list of 90 businesses and visitor attractions across Ayrshire & Arran to sign up to the scheme. Launched in May 2016, the VIP programme aims to harness the local knowledge of partners

"The VIP programme celebrates and supports tourism businesses and local communities as they act as local ambassadors and help provide information, assistance and advice on all there is to see and do in the area. This follows a growing trend among consumers to use online resources to plan their trips and we now have partners throughout the country providing high quality information and advice to visitors with whom they interact."

## Contact

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](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com) or drop the information in to 42 Foreland, Ballantrae.

## Next Deadlines

Stinchar Valley Magazine (Summer) Ballantrae News

27 April for distribution w/c 4 June

4 June for distribution end of June



# Ballantrae Play Park Development

In order to make the dream of a new park come true, it is essential that we secure funding. With this in mind, we set off for the Participatory Budgeting event on the 24th of February to bid for £2000. Our group decided that this money would be used to help fund a ground trampoline. We were accompanied by Chloe Hibbins, who helped our pitch by describing how the trampoline would be of benefit to the local gymnastic group. It was a nerve wracking but enjoyable experience for us and we were absolutely delighted when the results came in at the end of the day and we were successful with our bid.

Following our success, we were keen to meet with Chris Hanna one of the Development Officers for the Ballantrae Trust. Chris will now be working directly

with our project and is currently using her expertise to find funding for phase one of the park development, which is the installation of a MUGA (multi use games area).

It is important that we keep going with local fundraising events and we look forward to our next event, which is an evening of mediumship on Friday 27th of April in the King's Arms Hotel.

Thank you to our community for your continued support. It is much appreciated.



Cheryl Agnew  
The Ballantrae Playpark  
Development Group

## Ballantrae FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 June  
11am - 5pm

In its fourth year, this award winning festival is an inspiring visitor experience. The festival will, once again, feature some of Scotland's finest chefs and food and drink producers showcasing their skills and products in South

West Scotland in the heart of an area renowned for its high quality food production and natural beauty.

You will be able to enjoy the delights of a huge selection of high quality produce from over fifty stalls - including street food, local food and drink. Ballantrae Primary School will be involved in foraging for children and the importance of eating a "rainbow diet". Join us on the Saturday when we'll be celebrating "World Gin Day". On both days there will be an exciting line-up of cooking workshops, talks and tasting sessions - included in the ticket price - with live music throughout the day. Find out more about the natural ecology of the area and our UNESCO Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere. As before, marquees in the stunning setting of Ballantrae shore with its views of Ailsa Craig and Arran provide the backdrop. It's sure to be a fun day out for all the family!



## Ballantrae Community Association

At the AGM on 26 March the following were elected: Laura Cunningham (Chair); Andy McAlpine (Secretary & Vice Chair); Linden Hunt (Treasurer); and Lynn Nield (Bookings Secretary). Stacey Stewart will take over the role of Treasurer during the coming year.

Whilst the refurbishment of the Primary School takes place, the school will be taking sole use of the hall from 13th August, until early January 2019. Access will still be available to the buffet room and kitchen, outwith the school day. South Ayrshire Council (SAC) will be carrying out works to the hall in the run up to the school moving in to make it fit for the use of the school. As part of these enabling works, SAC have provided funding for the windows in the hall to be replaced. Can any groups affected by these works who haven't already done so, please get in touch with me if you require assistance; email: lauracunninghamruby@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone: 01465 831785.

Planning for this year's Gala Day on 7 July continues. This will involve a football tournament in the morning with the presentation of the Gala Party and the Crowning of the Gala Queen, and lots of stalls, activities and a car boot sale in the afternoon. If you would like to book a table at the gala, please call me on the number above. Watch out for more details of the Gala programme in the June edition of Ballantrae News.

Laura Cunningham



Auctioneer  
Dr Tom Smith

Refreshments  
Available!

All items sold as seen

## SCOUT AUCTION

Saturday 19 May

### Community Hall, Main Street, Ballantrae

1pm Doors open for viewing, 2pm Auction begins

To donate items please call 07920517700, or speak to a Scout Leader.



Entry £1

Children accompanied by an adult FREE

## BALLANTRAE THEATRE



The Ayrshire Rural Touring Network continues to bring performances right to our doorstep. Unfortunately we had to postpone the "Murder Mystery" evening because the bad weather in March prevented the performers getting from the central belt. At the time of going to press "The Wonderful World of Lapin" and the rescheduled "Murder Mystery" evening should have taken place in mid April. Details of forthcoming productions in May and June are set out below. We are currently finalising productions in August.

### "The Price of a Fish Supper"

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

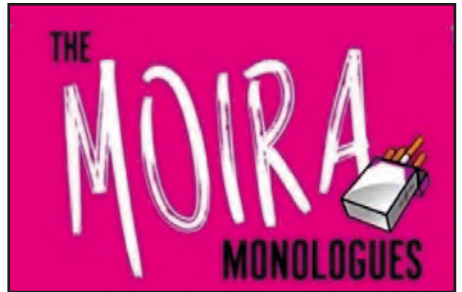
Set somewhere on the Ayrshire coast, the play explores the demise of the fishing industry as seen through the reminiscences of the central character Rab and his riveting story of love, rivalry and disaster. This one-man play is tragic and funny, holding out, by the end, the faintest glimmer of hope for the future. Contains strong language and scenes of an adult nature.



### "The Moira Monologues"

Thursday 14 June - Ballantrae Community Centre at 7.30pm (age 15+)

Meet Moira Bell, cleaner, single mother, and the hardest woman in Falkirk. Whether defending her wee dog Pepe from the local Rottweiler, attempting to seduce a teacher, or belting out Diana Ross for the Scotia karaoke night, Moira is hilarious, hypnotic, frightening and heart-warming company. Audience: 15+ (explicit language and adult content, references to violence and sex).



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

Tickets for both performances are available from the Gaiety Box Office [www.ayrgaiety.co.uk](http://www.ayrgaiety.co.uk) or 01292 288235 or Craigmains.

# Ballantrae Year of Young People 2018 Project



The consultation held last year about priorities for the Ballantrae Trust suggested that we should be doing more for young people in the village. The national "Year of Young People 2018" provides an ideal opportunity. As a result of some initial funding from a recent Participatory Budgeting session the Ballantrae Trust - in association with a number of partners - was able to mount an Easter Programme. This involved a range of adventurous outdoor activities, archery, "Homemade Rockets", "Ballantrae Sky at Night", the "Water Laboratory", puppet performances and "Pop Up Sports". The next edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine will carry the full story and more pictures!"



## Ballantrae Parish Church

We had our usual Easter Sunday morning service at the harbour at 7am. What struck me first was the silence - nothing moved, not even the tide! It was as if the world was waiting for the news of Jesus Christ being risen from the dead. Rev Albert Bogle says, "We must all take a moment to be still, to find a quiet spot to review the day. Take time to reflect on something for which you are thankful. Take time to confess something for which you are sorry. Resolve how you might change in the future."

Ballantrae church is not closed, we are just awaiting a new minister and in between times we are working hard to continue God's work in the community and the world. If we can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact any church member. Our sister church in Lwambaza, Malawi is unfortunately in the same position as ourselves and are waiting for a minister. We continue to support them and have a Cream Tea organised for Saturday 2nd June from 2-4pm. This is always a well enjoyed event - please consider coming along. It's a treat!

Glenapp church is used on the first Sunday of every month for a liturgical and

ecumenical service at 3pm, and we are grateful for the dedication of the team that lead this.

Some planned fundraising includes a home baking stall at the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink on 9-10 June (we'll be there on Saturday 9th) and our Annual Summer Fair on Saturday 21st July. We would love to see you at these events.

Work begins on the manse this month, so you will notice tradesmen coming in and out. This work needs to be completed before we can accept a minister to the post.

Claire Strain



### REGISTERED CHILDMINDER BALLANTRAE VILLAGE



Laura's Little Builders

Registered Childminder and member of the Scottish Childminding Association, based in Ballantrae Village.

Operating hours 7.30am until 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Holding appropriate Disclosure Scotland checks and Public Liability insurance.

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# News Snippets

## Hearing and Sight Loss Clinic - Ballantrae: SISG (Sensory Impaired Support Group)

Third Monday of every month BRICC, 1pm till 2pm. You can visit this Help Hub to get FREE servicing of your NHS hearing aids, receive practical help and advice on acquired hearing and/or sight loss, signposting, referrals to other local services. NHS trained Volunteers.

## Ballantrae Farmers' Markets

Markets return to Ballantrae on the second Sunday of every month May-September from 11am to 3pm.

## Flower Show

Saturday 4 August 2pm-4pm: Schedules are available now either from Linden Hunt at 1 Ailsa Drive or Craigmains. Linden is also looking for helpers on the day. If you can help please call her on 01465 831207.

## Stinchar Valley Gardening Club

The Stinchar Valley Gardening Club will be organising monthly visits to gardens of interest throughout the summer, including Balker Farmhouse, Castle Kennedy, Woodall near Whithorn, and Mount Stuart on Bute. For further details phone 881 221 or any member of the committee.

## Ballantrae Bowlers

Ballantrae Bowling Club opened on Saturday 14 April. If anyone would like to come along and join us we play on a regular basis on a Sunday and Wednesday evening at 7pm also a Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm. If you would like any further information please get in touch with Anne McCulloch, club secretary 07917 843 135.

## Quilting & Patchwork Group

Contact Mauraid Anderson  
mauraid.anderson1@gmail.com or phone 710059 for information

# Ballantrae Scout Group



On Saturday 7 April Ballantrae Scout Group joined in with the Ayrshire Rotary Club's Big Beach Clean but decided this year they would do our own stretch of beach here in Ballantrae. Johnny, one of the Scouts, reports, "we had a beach clean on Saturday. We got about 40 big bags of rubbish and we found a big mattress too. I think the beach is much cleaner now. We made all the helpers soup, rolls, sausage and toasted marshmallows to thank them for coming to help us clean the beach. That night we camped in a field outside Ballantrae in our new tents. When we got up the next day we went on a seven mile bike ride. It was lots of fun as some of the track was off road and a bit muddy."



## DO YOU HAVE AMBITION?



Businesses in Carrick are being promised additional support to secure financial growth in the next three years. A specialist seminar was held at the Quay Zone in Girvan on 27 March where 40 people were given a preview of the new-look AMBITION programme. The Ballantrae Trust was represented at the event.

The AMBITION programme has a specific focus on supporting growth for existing businesses and helping individuals to start-up. South Ayrshire Council (SAC) is committed to supporting local companies to maximise their performance, creating business growth, and securing new jobs for the local economy.

The new Ambition to Achieve programme will provide new and existing businesses with access to a range of specialists in sales and marketing, finance, digital, procurement, people, innovation, and management

development.

Ambition to Grow discretionary grant funding will support businesses during periods of transition. The grant is open for applications from new and existing South Ayrshire businesses to help deliver projects that create employment opportunities. Grants from £500 to £5,000 will be provided on up to 50% of qualifying project costs (10% in the case of capital expenditure). The Ambition to Grow grant is for businesses looking to hire at least one additional full-time employee within the next 24 months.

Ambition to Start is aimed at helping get businesses up and running, with grants available of up to £1,000 to cover start-up costs including capital expenditure and working capital. The Ambition to Start grant is also for businesses with the ambition to hire at least one full-time employee within a two-year period.

Councillor Peter Henderson, South Ayrshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance said:

"We're committed to supporting rural areas and helping to promote businesses, both old and new, is central to our wider work. The Quay Zone session provided an invaluable opportunity to hear directly from local business people about their major priorities, as part of our shared aims of achieving growth and creating jobs for the local economy. We're gearing up to provide a broad range of support to companies across South Ayrshire through the new look Ambition programme."

The Ballantrae Trust is planning to bring the Ambition Programme organisers to Ballantrae during the coming months. If you run a local business or are thinking of starting one and would be interested in meeting with them please email [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com)

# Ballantrae Youth Club



Congratulations to the Youth Club on raising £333 in a sponsored silence for Children in Need. Congratulations too to Andreas Papakanellou and Victoria Briggs on being presented with their VASA Saltire Awards for volunteering 100 hours to Ballantrae Youth Club.

