

## November

- 5 Fireworks
- 11 Armistice Sunday Service
- 12 Community Association Meeting
- 14 Parent Council Fashion Show
- 14 AMBITION for Ballantrae workshop
- 16 Cinema in the Church
- 20 School Parents' Evening
- 24 Craft Fair
- 27 Community Council Meeting
- 27 "Democracy Matters" consultation

## December

- 8 "Celtic Christmas Strings"
- 13 School P1-4 Christmas Party
- 15 Childrens' Christmas Party
- 19 School Christmas Show
- 21 School End of Term Festive Service
- 24 Watchnight Service

## January

- 10 Cinema in the Church
- 27 Bowling Club AGM
- 29 Scout Burns Supper
- Community Council Meeting

## 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 (Winter)**  
26 October for distribution w/c 3 December

### Ballantrae News

7 January for distribution at the end of January

# Ballantrae NEWS

## Democracy Matters

Would you like to have your say about how decisions which affect communities could be made differently by devolving powers, budgets and responsibilities from local authorities and other public bodies, to local communities? The Community Council and the Ballantrae Trust are jointly hosting a public consultation on 27th November, 7pm - 8pm, at in the Community Hall to give you the opportunity to identify issues

and think about new ways in which better decisions could be taken leading to better outcomes for communities. Views from the event will be fed back straight to the Scottish Government before the deadline of the end of November. With all the complaints we hear at BCC meetings and elsewhere this could be a well-attended event!

## "The Best of Ballantrae"

This year's event had a "Year of Young People 2018 looking back" focus. We had lots of historical pictures and press cuttings, two display Boards on the school of yesteryear, 2 video loops to watch (one on the school and the other on Scouts, Guides, Pipe Band, Youth Club, Galas and other events), Scout memorabilia, Ballantrae and Colmonell Gymnast trophies, Play Park Development progress and lots more. There were "Memory Boxes" and other

items to commemorate those who fell in WW1. Looking forward, there was an explanation of 3 possible imaginative "Linking Technology and History" projects to help keep Ballantrae's story alive for future generations. All of this plus great refreshments and home baking in the manse! A lot to pack into 3 hours. Well done to all the helpers and everyone who lent their mementoes. A great afternoon!

Colin McNally





# BALLANTRAE CINEMA AND THEATRE



The Ballantrae Trust continues to bring performances to the village in partnership with the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network. And from October we are bringing cinema back to Ballantrae in partnership with Driftwood Cinema based in Dumfries and Galloway.

Our programme for the next few months:

## “Peter Rabbit” [PG Film]

Friday 16 November, 6pm, in the church

## “The Guernsey Literature and Potato Peel Pie Society” [12A Film]

Friday 16 November, 8pm in the church

## “Celtic Christmas Strings” [Music]

Saturday 8 December in the church

## “The Red Turtle” [PG Film]

Thursday 10 January, 7pm, in the church



## Ballantrae Trust

The Trust ran a successful summer holiday activities programme and Smugglers’ Festival. You can read elsewhere in this newsletter about our cultural activities programme. Our Development Officer Chris Hanna secured planning permission and continues to attract grant funding for the MUGA and to support our Play Park Development Group generally (see the profile of Chris below). Membership of the Trust now stands at 108. Please consider joining the Trust if you have not already done so (email Chris at ballantraetrust@gmail.com for a membership form - it’s free to join) and “like” our Trust Facebook page.

### Development Officer

Chris Hanna is one of the Trust’s Development Officers (she shares the role with Andrew Ward). Andrew and Chris work for Creetown Initiative, Andrew as the Projects Manager and Chris as Senior Project Officer. Chris has lots of experience of working with community groups having joined Creetown Initiative in 2014. Her role has involved community consultations, feasibility studies, business and financial planning, governance, marketing and project planning. Grant funding applications are a big part of her day to day work. Chris is enjoying working with the Trust and has already had significant involvement in helping us develop various Trust projects and fundraising.

Andy McAlpine



## AMBITION for Ballantrae Businesses

Following the successful initial general workshop at the end of June a workshop on Creating a Digital Marketing Strategy is being run on 14 November from 1.30 - 4.30pm in BRICC House. For more information or to register interest in this local programme email andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com. This partnership involving the Ballantrae Trust and the SAC Ambition programme aims to support existing local businesses and those who would like to set up on their own.

## Ballantrae Parish Church



This year, our special Armistice service on Sunday 11 November to mark the end of World War 1 will start at 11am at the War Memorial, followed by the parade to the Church. This differs from previous years considerably when the service started at the church at 11.30am.

## Ballantrae Community Association

Thank you to everyone who helped make Gala Day such a great success. We raised just over £1000 - a fantastic achievement for all of those involved. As you will all be aware the day ended on a tragic note and we took the decision to cancel the dance as it seemed inappropriate to go ahead. We would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding and our deepest sympathies are extended to all of Tricia’s family and friends.

We now have new windows in the Community Centre courtesy of South Ayrshire Council. The new extension to the school, upgrade and repairs to the existing building, are expected to be completed and ready for occupation by pupils after the 2019 Easter holidays. The current anticipated date for the children being back in the school is 23 April 2019. The Nursery will remain in the hall Buffet Room until this date and the P1-P7’s will remain at Girvan Primary. Currently there are no plans for the P1-P7’s to move into the main hall. This means that the Community Association and the wider community can access the main hall on the same basis as at present. It is anticipated that this arrangement will remain in place until April next year. We have agreed with the school direct, that community groups will be able to have access to the kitchen as at present, after 3pm, agreed with Roy the Hallkeeper in advance, however the Buffet Room will still not be available for our use.

Some dates for your diary - Fireworks Display Monday 5 November; Community Association Meeting Monday 12 November at 7.15pm (please note the time); Craft Fair 24 November; and Children’s Christmas Party 15 December.

Laura Cunningham

In the run up to Armistice Day, a number of projects will be running including “there but not there” silhouettes, the book about those whose names appear on the war memorial, crocheted poppies, painted stones and memory boxes. This is all happening during our time of vacancy and if anyone knows of someone who may be interested in being the minister for our parish, please contact us!

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# Ballantrae Year of Young People 2018 Project

The Ballantrae Trust’s Summer Activities Programme provided around 30 activities and events for Ballantrae’s young people over the summer break. Nearly 300 activity places were filled by young people and 180 by adults. Activities included Archery, a “Summer Swashbuckle”, a “Princess Unicorn Adventure”, “Chocolate Monster Shake”, “There be Dragons!” (arts and crafts), “Shingle & Shells” and “The Sound Laboratory” at Ballantrae Beach, in addition to activities for young people and their families during this year’s Gala Day, Flower Show and Smugglers’ Festival. Ballantrae Beavers, Cubs and Scouts also had a programme of adventurous activities during the summer locally and at the Scotjamb camps at Lochgoilhead in Argyll.

The Year of Young People 2018 Project is an opportunity for our young people to show off their existing skills and learn some new ones, and complements the great work already being done in the village throughout the year in our Scout Group, Youth Club, Gymnastics Group, Primary School, Early Years Group, and the church. We are grateful to all of our partners for working with us over the summer to provide unique and memorable experiences for our young people.



## Ballantrae Scout Group



As a result of financial support from the Ballantrae Community Fund, 5 of our leaders attended “Scoutfest” - an adult training session at Fordell Firs in Fife. We had lots of opportunities to learn new skills and swap programme ideas with other leaders. We also had the chance to learn more about Scouting’s history (see picture)! The new session has started. The Scouts have been researching World War One and putting together a Scouting Memorial Box and painting memorial stones for each of the fallen soldiers from Ballantrae. Beavers have been working on their “My World” Challenge Badge and Faith Activity Badge. Cubs have also been working on their My Faith Activity Badge and exploring their village with “welly walks”. All 3 sections will be heading to the Quay Zone in Girvan after the October holidays for an 8 week block to try and achieve their staged Swimmer and Lifesaver badges.

We still have some spaces for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts so if you / your youngsters would like to join us we’ll make them very welcome. Contact Kate 07765490649 for Beavers, Stacey 07809266526 for Cubs and Wendy 07831370514 for Scouts.

Wendy McKeachan



## Stinchar Valley Gardening Club

The last of our summer outings was in August to Dalswinton near Dumfries (see photo below). Forthcoming events under ‘News Snippets’.

Moiria McAlpine





# News Snippets Ballantrae Group Contacts

## Flower Show

Congratulations to all of the winners at the year's Flower Show.



## PLACE in the Biosphere Project

The Ballantrae Community Council and the Trust jointly hosted a workshop on the Biosphere Stinchar Valley PLACE project on 10 September to give the 2 project officers access to the wider community, for them to explain the project, and identify how we might better identify and celebrate why Ballantrae is a great place to live, work and visit.

## Ballantrae & Colmonell Gymnasts

Congratulations to Claire Erskine and Stacey Stewart our coaches on being selected to lead the new gymnastic club for youngsters in the Girvan area. Both are now working hard on gaining their coaching qualifications. Don't panic.... they are planning to continue to run the Ballantrae and Colmonell group!

## Stinchar Valley Photo Group

We meet on the last Thursday of each month (except December) at 7.30pm in BRICC House in Main Street. The aim of the group is simple.... "to help more people take better pictures - with phones, tablets, compact cameras and digital SLRs". Come and join us!

## Stinchar Valley Gardening Club

Forthcoming events:

**Wednesday 21 November:** Jim and Sonja Brodie from Edible Gardeners on "Edible Gardening"

**Friday 14 December:** Christmas meal 12.30pm at Austin's in Girvan

**Wednesday 16 January 2019:** A local bee-keeper - an insight into keeping bees and encouraging them into our gardens. We meet in the Colmonell Church Hall at 7.30pm. Come along. You'll be very welcome.

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If any group has been omitted or to make any changes, please contact Andy McAlpine at andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com or 831122

# Smugglers' Festival

This year's programme included two productions arranged by the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network - one a family friendly murder mystery written especially for us and based on a local story, the other was "McDougall's Treasure Hunt" with amazing characters and sing-along songs for the young audience. A "Smugglers' Supper" in the King's Arms was accompanied by live music. On "Smugglers' Sunday" the family "Contraband Challenge" included families from Glasgow, Halifax and Italy, cracking treasure hunt clues before paddling out into Ballantrae Bay to recover the contraband! To round off the festival, the children of Ballantrae Primary School produced a video entitled "Ballantrae Smugglers - What's the Story" using pictures from previous festivals to tell the story. This is available to view on the Ballantrae Smugglers Festival Facebook page. Our thanks to this year's sponsors, partners, our volunteers, the local Primary School children who always play an important part in the festival, and our audiences.



# Ballantrae Bowlers

Ballantrae Bowling Club closed for the season on Saturday 29 September. Sixteen players had a friendly sweep with the winners of the day being Alan Porter and Anne McCulloch. The bowlers were then joined by other members and supporters of the club for a lovely buffet, which was followed by the presentation of prizes for the season. We had a busy season with hosting the Carrick Finals and also a friendly competition with Gib and Scott Agnew's family for a celebration of their grandfather who died in France towards the end of WW1. Our AGM is on Sunday 27 January at 2pm in the club house. If anyone is interested in joining the Bowling Club then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07917 843135.

Anne McCulloch

