

# Ballantrae News



## There's lots happening!

Ballantrae is a place where a lot happens. Of course we have events like Gala Week, craft fairs, the flower show, festivals and coffee mornings. But did you know we have over 25 groups in the village catering for all sorts of interests? You'll find a list along with a contact person for each group on page 4. Many of the groups have been in existence for some time. This edition brings you information about two new groups - the Walking Group and "Fun Fit".

### New Ballantrae Walking Group

Time you took some exercise.... you know it'll do you good! George McCardle is keen to link up with like minded folk who like a bit of exercise in the outdoors. Meet at 11am in the King's Arms Hotel car park on Saturday 8 October for the first outing - a 5 mile walk. Bring water-proofs and wear stout shoes or boots. At the end of the walk why not stay on for a refreshment / a bite to eat at the King's Arms - you'll have deserved it! For more information contact George on 831505.

### New "Fun Fit" Group

Meeting at 6pm on Mondays in the Community Hall. Open to everyone over the age of 16. £2 per class. Please bring water and a towel. Come and enjoy the fun on dark winter nights. For more information contact Anne Melville 891285.

### Welcome Home!

A long lost gold plated Swiss watch has returned home to Ballantrae after turning up in a charity shop. The watch was saved by Ayr ironmonger Amar Singh who found it and had it valued at £100 before deciding he wanted to pass it back to Ballantrae without charge. The Ayrshire Post had appealed for help in tracking down anyone who knew a Helen Mitchell who was presented with the watch 80 years ago by Ballantrae WRI. At the first meeting of the new season current President Jessie Brown said she was delighted to receive it on behalf of Ballantrae - and showed members a picture of Miss (Nellie) Mitchell, the third president of Ballantrae WRI in 1951 with a cake to celebrate the branch's 21st birthday.

Jessie said: "It is a wonderful story and we are so happy to have it. It is a lovely watch and at the moment the ladies are discussing whether we could present it annually for something. The watch is a piece of our history and it will be cherished into the future. We cannot thank Amar enough."

## Diary

### October

8 Walking Group  
outing  
21 Two Spoon  
Supper  
22 Darts Comp  
25 Community  
Council Meeting

### November

19 Craft Fair  
29 Community  
Council Meeting

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## 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 email  
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## Deadline Dates

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# It's been a busy summer.....

## Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink shortlisted for Ayrshire Awards

Ballantrae's Festival of Food and Drink was shortlisted to the final three in two of this year's Ayrshire Business Awards - the Ayrshire Food and Drink Award sponsored by East Ayrshire Council and the Tourism Award sponsored by Seamill Hydro. Susan Crosthwaite and Siobhan Liddington made presentations to the judging panels and answered questions and were up against tough competition in both categories. The winners will be announced on Thursday 6th October.

## Race Night

Organisers of the Race Night on Friday 9 September to raise funds for the Play Park Development were absolutely delighted with the result and the support from the community, family, friends and local businesses such as Wm Grant, Pebbles Spa and Leisure & W & D McCulloch. Just over £2300 was raised on the night.

**Congratulations to** all of the winners in the Ballantrae in Bloom Competition and all the winners in the Horticultural Society's Open Flower Show competitions.



## Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Smugglers' Festival events in Ballantrae in August such a success. Although the Strongman Challenge went ahead in pretty awful weather with a very small audience, the Smugglers' Supper in the Kings Arms Hotel, the Smugglers Chase (skiff racing in the bay), and the Landing of the Contraband all pulled in the crowds. We were delighted with the inclusion of the Landing of the Contraband in the ITV Border Life programme broadcast on 29 August and our own videos of this year's festival are currently being produced. There will be a fuller report of this year's festival in the next edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine but, for the moment, here are some pictures (see below).



## Children's Smuggling Storybook

We've just taken delivery of a reprint of the Ballantrae Primary School "Our Smuggling Stories" book price £7.50. The school receives £3 for every book sold. If you would like a copy contact the school on 831369.



## Ballantrae Scout Group

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had a cracking summer with paddle boarding, a Beaver Camp and canoeing.



## ....and more to look forward to

### Ballantrae Patchwork and Quilting Group

From 17th September until the end of October there is an exhibition of Patchwork at Rozelle House in Ayr and a number of the Ballantrae Group have quilts and wall hangings on show. The Ballantrae Group meets on Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 4 pm in the Buffet room of the Community hall. They like people to pop in to see what they do even if they have never sewn before. If you think you might like to have a go why not drop in? Penny Savage says "I had never done anything like patchwork but always thought I would like to, so when I came to live in the village 19 years ago I went along and now I am addicted!" If you would like to have a chat before you go along, give Penny a ring on 841686.



### New Glenapp Tea Room

The Glenapp Castle walled gardens and Gertrude Jekyll designed Italian gardens are truly a hidden Scottish treasure. Relax in the Victorian splendour of the Glenapp Castle gardens whilst enjoying a beautiful cream tea with home made scones and cakes, a freshly prepared salad or savoury dish from their famous kitchens. For more details of the menu go to [www.glenappcastle.com](http://www.glenappcastle.com) and look at Tea Rooms. Open from 11am to 5.30pm every day until 15 October. For booking details please call 01465 831212 or email [info@glenappcastle.com](mailto:info@glenappcastle.com)

### The Two Spoon Supper 21 October

Your opportunity to enjoy superb soup and delicious desserts right here in the Community Hall Ballantrae for one night only! From 5.30pm until 8pm. £5 for adults. Children free. Proceeds go to the work of Lwambaza Church, a small rural church in Malawi, which is twinned with Ballantrae Church.

### Community Association Darts Competition 22 October

An open darts competition. £6 entry. 1st prize £150. 2nd prize £75. All proceeds after everything is paid will be donated to 2 charities - Help for Heroes in memory of Michael Lavery and The Beatson Hospital in memory of Pauline Agnew. There will be food and refreshments from The Creel Bar from Sharon Robertson and Fiona Roper. Tombola and kids fun activities throughout the day with dominoes and cards in the bar area. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. The hall will be open for practice at 11am; bar opens at 12 noon; names in for 1.30pm ready to start at 2pm. Enquiries or donations please contact Garry Thompson, Sharon Robertson or Fiona Roper.

### BRICC Lunch Club

The BRICC lunch club runs every Thursday at 12pm. Its open to everyone so if you fancy a nice lunch and a bit of company why not go along. For only £4 you get a 2 course home cooked lunch followed by tea / coffee and a bit of cake. It's great value! The only requirement is you let the BRICC office know by the Tuesday before so they know how many they are catering for. They can also arrange transport to pick you up and deliver you home again. They can be reached on 01465 831380



### Community Association Craft Fair 19 November

Ballantrae Community Association is holding a Craft Fair on Saturday 19th November from 11am to 4pm in the Village hall in Main Street. Tables are £10 and a donation of a prize for the raffle. If you would like to book a table contact Fiona on 01465 831475



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