FREE

THE STINCHAR VALLEY MAGAZINE

AUTUMN 2015

The Cover picture shows images from Daljarrock Woods.

Produced by the communities of
Ballantrae, Barr, Colmonell, Lendalfoot, Pinwherry & Pinmore

Ballantrae Development Group

Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink
Elsewhere in the magazine you will find a report and pictures. This event exceeded our expectations with almost 4000 people turning up. We are currently completing the evaluation of the event with a view to considering whether to make a recommendation to the Community Council to run a festival again next year.

Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival
This is our third year and our thanks go to everyone – festival partners, sponsors and volunteers for all the ideas and planning that went into this year's Festival. Reports on some of the things we got up to in the run up to the festival can be found elsewhere in the magazine. There will be a full report with pictures in the next edition.

Farmers' Markets
Building on the success of the event, we scheduled 2 Farmers' Markets for this year – the first on the opening day of the Smugglers' Festival and the second on 4 October. Farmers' Markets are held in Craigiemains Home and Garden Centres. See elsewhere in the magazine for details.

Keep Ballantrae Safe
At the time of going to press plans are being finalised for a "Keep Ballantrae Safe" evening in September to progress some of the issues raised with the police during Ballantrae Community Council meetings earlier in the year and priorities that emerged from the review of the Village Development Plan and the village survey undertaken by the Youth Club. Watch local press and www.ballantrae.org.uk/visiting/events for more information.

Andy McAlpine
Secretary, Ballantrae Development Group
andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com Tel:01465 831122

Ballantrae FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK

The first Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink, held at Ballantrae Harbour on Sunday 10 May – organised by the Development Group and friends, far exceeded the expectations of the organisers and has been judged a great success by locals and visitors. Organisers had hoped for around 2000 people but during the course of the afternoon nearly 4000 people attended the festival – some standing in a queue for over half an hour on a very windy day, because the huge marquee was at capacity and organisers had to operate a "one in one out" policy.

Stalls offering fresh quality local food all did a roaring trade. Writer and broadcaster, Kirsty Wark, foraging expert Mark Williams, local cook Susan Crosthwaite, Trump Turnberry's Executive Chef Munur Kara and Andrew Beattie of the Cook School Scotland all demonstrated their cooking skills using local produce. Live music was provided by the Pulse Jazz Combo. Pop-up restaurants provided by Glenapp Castle, Marrbury Smokehouse and Drumbreddan Hog Roast served hundreds of meals over the day.

The festival fitted the Ballantrae Development Group's 3 key aims of supporting local business, encouraging tourism and organising unique events for locals, surrounding communities and visitors. An additional reason for organising the Festival was to ensure Ballantrae Farmers' Markets continue to be sustainable in the future. As 2015 is "The Year of Food and Drink", the Development Group (a sub group of the Ballantrae Community Council) wanted to do something special to highlight the association our area has with high quality food and drink so they sought support from the Community Food Fund and South Ayrshire Council for funds that were only available in 2015 for events like this. Despite tough competition they were successful.

The Development Group's thanks go to Susan Crosthwaite and her team of volunteers and all of the festival's partners, stallholders and pop-up restaurants for a truly amazing event.

Ballantrae FARMERS' MARKETS

The Ballantrae Development Group (a sub group of the Community Council) will be holding its second Farmers' Market of the year on Sunday 4 October from 11am to 3pm in the grounds of Craigiemains Home and Garden Centre, Main Street Ballantrae.

Continuing to build on the very successful Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink held in May, this market will include a wide range of food and drink for tasting and to buy.

Watch local press and www.ballantrae.org.uk/events for more details

In addition to the goods on sale at the market, at Craigiemains, visitors will also find a coffee shop, gifts, books, garden supplies, the miniature train and the Visitor Information Point.

Ballantrae Library serves the village and the surrounding area. Following its' recent makeover we asked the librarian Heather O'Hare to tell us about the services the library provides:

Q. How often do you get new books?
HO. New books are delivered almost every week, barring outside circumstances eg holidays or van breakdowns.

Q. If I see a book publicised in a magazine and I would like to read it, can you order it for me?
HO. I can order any book from other South Ayrshire libraries; some will be delivered within a week, but new and high demand books may take longer.

Q. What sort of books are most popular in Ballantrae?
HO. Crime is always popular, with general fiction a close second.

Q. Apart from loaning books, what other services can you provide?
HO. Ballantrae Library has a new computer/scanner/printer for public use, which can be reserved by telephone. Normal allowance is 2 hours daily. The building also has free Wi-Fi. Library members can download ebooks and emags, and have access to worldwide newspaper publications. All South Ayrshire libraries offer free access to ancestry.com, Carnegie Library in Ayr also offers free access to find my past and reduced price vouchers for Scotland's People for use at home. In addition, we do our best to answer any questions on local history and can usually point you in the right direction.

Q. We hear that you have recently been renovated - what did this entail and how will this improve your service?
HO. The building was totally renovated, which means we have new shelving, new flooring and new furniture. The interior walls and doors have been painted, which has made the room much lighter and fresher. The seating area has comfortable chairs, which we hope will encourage people to linger, perhaps with a newspaper.

Q. What are your opening hours?
HO. Our hours are Monday 3.30pm-7 pm; Tuesday 2.30pm-5 pm; Thursday & Friday 10am-12 noon.

Q. You have a lot of space on your shelves, why?
HO. We find that books are better displayed when there is room to see them properly, and they can be easily removed from shelves. As long as stock is turned round regularly, with new books for loan, we feel that is what customers want.

Q. Do you have any special events coming up?
HO. By the time this goes to print, we hope to have been very much involved with the Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival. Smuggling books have been delivered and displayed in the library and we will have had a presence at the Smugglers Children's Day on 17 August.

Now you have read all about Ballantrae Library please drop in and see it for yourself. You'll find it next to the Community Centre. Heather looks forward to seeing you.

BALLANTRAE GALA WEEK

Ballantrae Gala got underway on Saturday 27 June with a Parade of Floats and a Fancy Dress Competition with prizes for winners in both before a Bar-B-Q and refreshments. Then on the Sunday there was a Concert of Praise in Ballantrae Church.

The week continued on Monday evening with a Family Fortunes made up from 8 teams of 5 including children. Peter Newland from Ballantrae spent hours creating a computer programme so that it could be displayed on the big screen like on TV. The Committee are very grateful for all his help and hard work to make this successful. This was a fun and entertaining evening with Pimms, pink lemonade and nibbles on offer included in the ticket price. The winners were The McIlwraith Family so well done to them.

On Tuesday the Annual Football Tournament sponsored by McCulloch Rail began. This was another great success and the eventual winners on Friday evening were Tommy Robertson's Team, Hendrie the Butchers; runners up were Dave Mac's All Stars. Well done to all teams who took part.

Saturday was Gala Day and this was opened by the Gala Queen Chloe Hibbins and King Kieren McIlwraith. The Gala Party were brought into the field in style by limo supplied by McNeils of Stranraer. After the opening the crowds were entertained by a professional dance troupe of belly dancers called Twisted Tails from Edinburgh. This went down a treat and the dancers all remarked on how welcome they were made by everyone.

There was a break for everyone to enjoy the many stalls and other activities on offer such as face painting, candyfloss, fresh homebaking, tombola, raffle, coastguards, strawberry tarts, waterballs, bucking bronco and much more; or to relax and take it all in from the beer tent or tea tent where fresh tea, coffee and homebaking were supplied.

The Ballantrae Gala Girls then surprised and entertained the crowds with a Flash Mob, dancing to Steps version of "Tragedy". This was very colourful with them all in their pink tutus and one with pink hair and sun glasses!! The Pet Show and Tug-o-War followed. The food for the day was supplied by Carolyn's mobile kitchen from Portpatrick. Everyone was well looked after and enjoyed anything from filled rolls to curry and lasagne, with many people also ordering up their evening meal that night.

On Saturday evening the Annual Family Gala Dance took place in the Community Centre. The tickets for this event sold out within an hour of them going on sale back in March at the Craft Fair. Some became available from people who couldn't make it at the last minute allowing others to snap up the opportunity to enjoy the evening. Music was by Destination Anywhere and as usual they were outstanding and had the dance floor filled by the second song. Band member Craig Orr's son Jamie also sang a few songs which made it even more special. There was a great family atmosphere and everyone from grandparents to the very young had a great time.

Sunday was the Louise Knox Memorial Bowler/Non Bowler event at the Bowling Green sponsored by G McIlwraith Fishmonger - another great family event and the winners were Dougie Porter (bowler) along with George Falls (Non Bowler). Runners up were Kieren Balfour (Bowler) and Gillian Horne (Non Bowler). Ballantrae Community Association who organise the Gala would like to thank everyone who turned out to the week's events. As usual every single event was well attended. Although we have a committee the majority of people who help make this a success every year are not in the committee but are committed members of the community who work hard along with us all year to make this succeed. We are all about family and work hard to make each event suitable for all ages. Thanks for all the support - same time next year?

Craigiemains
Home & Garden Centre

Craigiemains is an independent family run garden centre with lots to offer everyone

- Coffee shop
- Homeware and Gift Shop
- Plant Area
- Bird Care
- Childrens play area
- Donkeys
- Miniature Train
- Access to Ayrshire Coastal Path

Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9-5 Saturday and Sunday 10-5

www.craigiemainshomeandgardencentre.com
Follow us on facebook and twitter

Ballantrae Visitor Information Point is now in the garden centre

Main Street, Ballantrae
KA26 0NB
Tel: 01465 831052

HOWARD GALLEY
your local
APPLIANCE & SATELLITE ENGINEER

Repairs to most makes of
WASHERS, DRYERS, DISHWASHERS,
COOKERS, VACUUM CLEANERS, etc.

I specialise in FREEVIEW and SATELLITE
MULTIROOM TV
(e.g. television in bedrooms)
and REPAIRS and INSTALLATION of
AERIALS, SATELLITE DISHES, etc.

I can install, repair and go where SKY engineers are not allowed!

RING ME FOR A QUOTE !

Tel. 01465 831537
Mobile 0789 44 33 084
e-mail howardgalley@outlook.com

CSH Property Services
01465 861 165 / 07903 119 948
Email : cshpropertyservices@live.co.uk
free estimates cscs carded

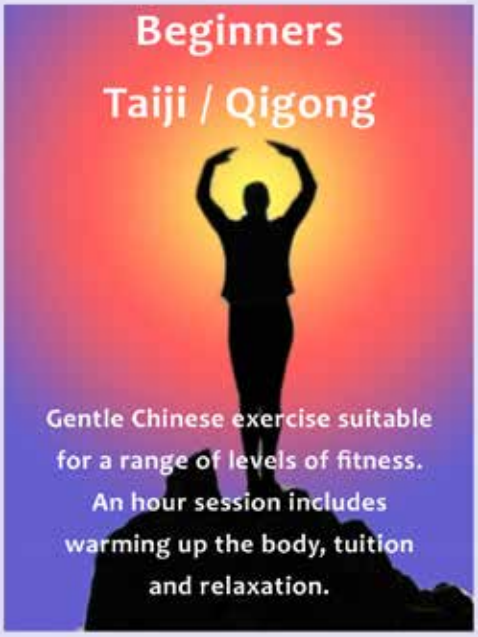
Cleaning	General Labour Hire
Contract	Bathroom strip out
Small Offices	Kitchen strip out
Spring Clean	Complete strip out
After Builders/Party	Walls chopped back
Litter Picking	Walls & floor stripped
Forecourts & Yards	Taking down /Dismantling
Move in/out	Anything else considered
Regular / one off	

WALLPAPER STRIPPING

Houses
Offices & Shops
Landlords
Estate Agents

Single walls to full properties
take away all paper
all kinds of wallpaper
O.A.P Prices

Beginners
Taiji / Qigong



Gentle Chinese exercise suitable for a range of levels of fitness. An hour session includes warming up the body, tuition and relaxation.

Mondays, starting September 7th 2015
10.45 - 11.45 in Ballantrae Village Hall
(no class on Sept. 21st due to hall closed)

£5 per session or pay monthly in advance £4ps

For more information ring Jacqui on
01776 820214

Your hosts, Suzanne and Brian Stirling, look forward to welcoming you.

Kings Arms Hotel, Main Street, Ballantrae Tel. 01465 831202
www.kingsarmsballantrae.com Email: info@kingsarmsballantrae.com

BALLANTRAE SMUGGLERS FESTIVAL

Smuggler Scarecrow making and short stories

Once again the children of Ballantrae and Colmonell Primary Schools had great fun helping to make Smuggler Scarecrows for this year's festival. These were displayed during Ballantrae Gala Week and also in the Exhibition in the McKechnie in Girvan. In addition we received over 100 short stories including "wee story books" from the children in both schools for our Short Story Competition. A truly outstanding effort – well done – and all linked to the curriculum!

Lendalfoot residents outraged!

A group of smugglers from Ballantrae made their way to Lendalfoot in July to deliver a consignment of contraband to the locals. But after their visit it seems some of the promised brandy had gone missing. .....

One of the themes of this year's Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival was about where the contraband brought in by boat to Ballantrae went after it was landed. One community that definitely benefited was Lendalfoot – a fact reinforced in the song "Smuggler" recorded by the McCalmans folk group. So the organisers of this year's festival decided to re-enact the delivery of the contraband from Ballantrae to Lendalfoot in the run up to this year's festival. Pushing a barrow groaning with contraband and protected by fierce looking guards wielding heavy clubs, the motley crew arrived at the village hall under cover of a darkening sky and a light drizzle.

Andy McAlpine, who is a member of the Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival organising group and who led the crew of Smugglers for the delivery to Lendalfoot said "The community had put in an order for tea, salt, tobacco, brandy and fine wines from France. They sampled the salt and expressed themselves content with the quality, but the men only seemed interested in the drink. After a price was negotiated and paid, the wine was opened. But despite a whip round they didn't have enough to pay for the brandy so that's now on its way to another customer!"

Isabel Melville of the Lendalfoot Community Association who helped organise the event (and who it is rumoured actually ordered the delivery of contraband) said "We were pleased to welcome the smugglers from Ballantrae as our stocks were getting low. They arrived with a police escort with blue flashing lights - they must have paid them off! They showed us a film of last year's festival and told us of their plans for this year and suggested ways in which we could become involved. Then they gave us the opportunity to sample the contraband on offer and we expressed ourselves content with the quality. Their leader was very plausible but after they left we noticed that the brandy was missing. We are outraged.....!"

Our thanks go to The Lendalfoot Community for entering into the spirit of the event and for a great evening.

Ballantrae Smugglers Exhibition in the McKechnie Institute, Girvan

Our thanks go to South Ayrshire Council and the staff at the McKechnie for agreeing to host an exhibition in the McKechnie from 22 July until 1 August. This was the scene that greeted you;

"*The year is 1814 and Alexander Coulter senior of Ballantrae is sitting at a table with a map of Ballantrae and the surrounding coastline set out in front of him. Also on the table are a small bottle of brandy (half empty) and a pistol – both within easy reach. Around the table are his sons. Together they are planning the next delivery of salt, tobacco, tea, brandy and fine wines from France. In the middle of the table is a replica of the kind of ship that he is hoping will bring his next shipment of contraband. In the background are a number of the villagers ready to help unload the cargo when it arrives on Ballantrae beach. But who's that in the corner? It seems his eyes follow your every movement..... On the walls are posters and storyboards telling Ballantrae's Smuggling Story and elsewhere in the room you will find books that tell that story – one of them written by the children of Ballantrae and Colmonell Primary Schools. A short video loop plays the highlights of last year's Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival. The pictures from the Muir Collection add atmosphere to the room.*"

And so it's over for another year

At the time of writing this, the festival is just two weeks away. But by the time you read this we hope that you will have attended some of the events during the 7 day Festival such as the Smugglers' Market and the Smugglers' Supper with great food and drink, Children's Day at Craigiemains and the Music, Poetry and Smuggling Stories evening, the events at the harbour involving skiffs (maybe you even had a go yourself), attended the Craft Fayre or if you were feeling energetic, took part in the Coasteering (Searching for the Contraband), the launch of our new "Smugglers' Trails" or the Strongman Competition. Was the weather kind to us during the week? Did everything go as planned? We'll bring you the pictures in the next edition.

INFLATABLE MARQUEE ARRIVES

The long-awaited Ballantrae inflatable marquee has arrived. A team of volunteers led by Leonard MacKinnon inflated it for the first time on the evening of 30th July on the playing field and it is a very impressive structure! It is 12m long by 7.3m wide (that's 40ft x 24ft if you're as old as me) and, with plenty of headroom, feels very spacious.

You will no doubt see it used many times for Ballantrae events, and it will be available for hire by other villages in the Stinchar Valley. Contact details for this will be published in the next Stinchar Valley Magazine.

JS ELECTRICAL &
PROPERTY SERVICES
JON SALES
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS & MAINTENANCE
PAINTING & DECORATING
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & RENOVATION
TEL - 07526 020306
JS_ELECTRICAL@YAHOO.CO.UK
BALLANTRAE &
SURROUNDING AREAS

from the archives . . .

snippets of local history gathered from newspapers, the British Library Archives and many local sources by Keith and Christine Brown of Ballantrae.

The 1920's and 1930's were a busy time in the Ballantrae area.
Unveiling took place of the Ballantrae War Memorial by Mrs Hughes Onslow CBE of Laggan and the dedication service was performed by the Rev JH Baxter Ballantrae Minister, Rev Robert Steen UF Minister and the Rev Ewen MacGregor of Glenapp.

First assembly of the Ballantrae Christian Brethren meets in Ballantrae

The New Public Hall was built in Ballantrae and Glenapp Church was restored.
Electricity was installed in Ballantrae Parish Church as well as the fitting of a toilet in the Vestry.
Following the Church amalgamation The Free Church Manse was sold to the Inspector of the Poor for £625. Three years later the Free Kirk building was sold for £65 to a building firm from Cumnock to be demolished.
The last of the Bargany Kennedy family left Finnarts House when it was purchased by the Earl of Inchcape.
Coal boat XL from IOM sailing to Kilkeel from Ayr sinks 2 miles North of Ballantrae. The crew got into a small boat and managed to row to Ballantrae Coastguard Station where their 'needs' were supplied by the local agent for the Shipwreck Mariner's Society.

The Earl of Stair intimated he was prepared to give a 5 year lease of a field adjacent to the village free of charge as a Recreation Ground. The Council agreed to equip the field for £60.
Basking shark caught in a net in Lendal Bay by Ballantrae fishermen Robert & Tom McQuiston (salmon fishers).
Ayr County Council agree to buy the Toll House with a view to demolish it to make way for a new bridge.
In 1939 Ballantrae village now had 7 ARP Wardens and 5 Special Constables trained on how to deal with gas in Air Raids.
Colmonell village had commenced training of 12 ARP Wardens and 9 Special Constables.
Post Office announce that a Public Telephone box will be erected as soon as possible

Public inquiry was held into the proposed new bridge and road alterations. First part of the scheme to be the section from Ballantrae to Lagganholm including a proposed new bridge which was to cost £35,000.

DID YOU KNOW?
A lot of historical facts, trivia, and photographs from Ballantrae's past can be viewed on the village website.
Go to www.ballantrae.org.uk/history
You don't have a computer? No problem. You can use the one at Ballantrae library!

"DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OR INFORMATION ?
Do you have any old photographs or information about the local area that you wouldn't mind us copying for future reference? We would look after them and return them to you unharmed. We are particularly short of photographs of Barr and Barrhill. Please contact Keith and Christine Brown at kaycee.history@gmail.com "

Feedback on these articles would be appreciated either via the magazine editor or by e-mail to Keith and Christine at kaycee.history@gmail.com

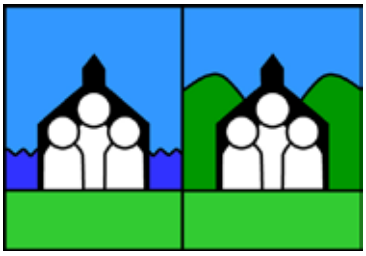
There is very little in the archives about Barr. Any historical information would be welcomed.

Stinchar Valley Photo Group

The Stinchar Valley Photo Group meets on the last Thursday of the month in BRICC House, Ballantrae at 7:30pm.
If you are interested in photography why not join us?

For more information contact Karen on 07701 026941

BALLANTRAE CHURCH LINKED WITH ST COLMON CHURCH



When I was on holiday in July, my family and I went to Futuroscope in France. It is said to be one of the four main theme parks in France, together with Disneyland Paris, Asterix Parc and Puy du Fou, though I imagine many of you will have only heard of Disneyland Paris. Futuroscope, situated just outside Poitiers, is a technological theme park with many 3D and 4D rides and various IMAX screens.

If you have never experienced a 4D ride, it is very similar to a 3D ride, but as well as wearing 3D glasses to make your eyes believe you are in a virtual reality, they also blow air or spray water at you to make you feel you are somewhere else. For instance, on one of the rides we saw on the screen rats running towards us and the next moment, through the use of carefully timed blasts of air, it felt like the rats had just ran between our legs. Needless to say the first time you were on the ride you did get a bit of a shock.

All this works on the premise that if you see and feel something, then your brain begins to feel that you are somewhere completely different. I guess at times in our lives many of us would happily switch on a system and be instantly transported somewhere else, far from our worries and concerns. Life can sometimes seem like a hard slog and the solution to the situation that we face is not always that obvious.

In the Bible, Jesus was honest with his disciples and said, "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows, but take heart, because I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Jesus reassured them again and again, that although they may struggle with life, he would be with them and give them his peace. Therefore, even though we may feel it would be easier, we are not removed from the hard times, instead Jesus gives us the strength to cope with all that comes our way.

In the reality that you face today, whether it is a time of joy or sorrow, I pray you know God's presence with you and a real sense of his peace.

Stephen

Alpha Course

Have you ever wondered what the meaning of life is? Why are we here? What is our purpose in life? Does God exist? Why is there suffering in the world?

The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore these questions and more, in a relaxed, non-pressurised environment. The course is primarily aimed at people who don't go to church or haven't been in a long time and are interested in learning more about the Christian faith. Over 7,000 churches are currently running the Alpha course across the UK in rural and urban settings, including every major UK city.

Each evening which will be held in St Colmon Church Hall, will start with a meal, followed by a short video about an aspect of the Christian faith. After this, we will have time for discussion, as we explore and question the theme for that evening.

The next Alpha course begins in late September/early October and if you want more information or are interested in attending please contact Stephen (details below).

Church Information

We are friendly churches where we gather to celebrate God's love for us and where everyone is welcome.

St Colmon Parish Church

10am every Sunday in Colmonell, with Sunday Club for all children from 3 to 12 years old.

For those who find the church steps a challenge the 10am All Age service on the first Sunday of each month is usually held in the Kirk Hall, which has easy access.

3pm on the third Sunday of the month in Barrhill Memorial Hall.

Ballantrae Parish Church

11:30am every Sunday in Ballantrae with Sunshine Club for all children 0 to 12 years old.

We also have our contemporary Sunday at Seven service which is usually on the first Sunday of the month at 7pm.

If you want to contact Stephen, our minister, to check service times, or to arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals or anything else, his details are:

Rev Stephen Ogston
The Manse, 1 The Vennel, Ballantrae, KA26 0NH 01465 831252
ogston@macfish.com www.ballantraeparishchurch.org.uk www.stcolmonparishchurch.org.uk

We are also on Facebook as 'Ballantrae Church' and 'StColmon Church'.

BALLANTRAE PARISH CHURCH MALAWI LINK.

It is all good news from Malawi as we are soon to provide hospitality for a visiting team from Bandawe Presbytery.

The team will be hosted by different families throughout Ayr Presbytery with two members coming to stay at Ballantrae Manse with Stephen, Barbara and the children.

The visit will take place towards the end of August and the beginning of September and will give our congregation an opportunity to hear directly about what is happening in Lwambasa.

We continue to fund raise with our Cream Tea in the late spring (£700.00 was made this year), and the Two Spoon Supper in the Autumn, the date for this year is the 9th. October.

The supper is a very happy night for all foodies with a choice of four hearty homemade soups with homemade bread, comforting homemade puddings with lashings of custard and cream and to complete the meal biscuits and cheese and tea or coffee, if this makes your mouth water please come along and join us, you will be very welcome.

We continue to look for garden tools to ship out to Malawi so if you find at the end of the season as you are tidying away your implements you have anything that has passed its sell by date or is surplus to requirements we would be delighted to collect them for our family in Lwambasa.

We thank you all for your continued interest and support for our overseas mission.

Meg Peacock
Ballantrae Church Malawi Committee

CRAFTY BEES

Ballantrae Crafty Bees have started our new session. We have lots of new crafts to learn and are looking forward to developing our craft projects. Our group meets twice a month, on one evening we bring along our own craft projects to work on or use club resources, and on the other night we learn a craft altogether. Any new members from 16 years to 100 + would be very welcome to join us.

We meet in BRICC House on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Barbara Ogston on 01465 831252.

Peaches & Cream

Beauty Therapy

Treatment room & mobile service 07796 980828

The perfect pampering gift to show how much you care. I am fully qualified and fully insured for all my beauty treatments. Although based in Ballantrae I also cover the surrounding area. Enjoy a professional friendly service in a relaxed atmosphere at our Treatment Room or in the comfort of your own home. So why not get in touch and treat yourself to one of our fantastic beauty treatments.

Bespoke Bridal Packages are now available to help you prepare for your big day. Phone for details to make your wedding all you could wish for and more.

To book appointments, for information or a leaflet on treatments just call
Tel: 01465831040
Mob: 07796980828
Address: Carnethy, 4a Church Street,
Ballantrae KA26 0NF

SPECIAL OFFERS
New Clients 30% discount on first appointment.
Pensioners discount
15% discount on all treatments on Mondays
Book 5 treatments together and receive 1 free
GIFT VOUCHERS NOW AVAILABLE

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Fire can happen to anyone.

FACT: Every hour of every day there's a house fire in Scotland

But it is the job of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to help make sure your home is as safe from fire as it can be. This is why we provide free Home Fire Safety Visits. Our staff can help you spot a possible fire hazard, offer advice and guidance and fit smoke alarms free of charge if your home requires them. A Home Fire Safety Visit only takes around 20 minutes. And that 20 minutes might just save your life. Visits are easy to arrange. A Home Fire Safety Visit can be organised at a time that suits you, day or night. The Service would also like community members to think about anyone they know who could be at risk from fire. It could be a friend, relative, or neighbour.

To book a free Home Fire Safety Visit for you, or for someone you know:

CALL 0800 0731 999 or visit www.firescotland.gov.uk
Always ask for official identification - all employees of the
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be happy to produce this on request.

Ballantrae Patchwork Group

> Classes will resume on Wednesday 9 th Sept. 2015 .
> We meet in the Ballantrae Community Centre at 1 30 p.m.
> New members would be most welcome.
> For any further information contact Penny 01465 841686

POEM BY ELMA KIRKWOOD

I took a walk the other day
Along the shore at Ballantrae
My thoughts went back to childhood then
Remembering those long summers when
We met as soon as it was light
Armed with swimsuits and chittering bite.

If the tide was in we'd swim in the harbour
Less with style and more with ardour
We'd then consume our snack with sand
Shivering to get it to mouth from hand.

Then to the rocks to see who could nab
Whatever was there – perhaps a crab
Such fun we had then home we'd trek
Sunkissed and usually very wet.

Fond memories I'll always treasure
Those days of sun and fun and leisure
Remembering youth – now far away
Of childhood days in Ballantrae.

BARR VILLAGE NEWS

DIARY DATES FOR THE BARR COMMUNITY ASSOC.

Barr Village Badminton will start on Tuesday 25th August for six weeks initially. 6pm - 9pm. This is being backed by Sports Active rep Claire Rogerson, 6 -7 for youngsters and 7 - 9 for everyone else. First night is free taster thereafter £2 for adults & £1 for kids, this will help towards buying equipment etc.

The Village will be holding a **Halloween Party** in the Village Hall this year on 31st October , it will be a bring your own bottle event. See Barr village website or facebook page for more details to follow www. barrvillage.co.uk https://www.facebook.com/TheBarrVillage

Barr Village Fireworks, 7th November. See Village Facebook/ Website for more details (again need to have a call round re help etc and Dave is away at the moment)

Barr Village Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, Sunday 15th November, 11am till 3pm, £10 per stall, Soup & Teas will be available. Anyone wishing to book a stall please contact Isobel Ringrose, 01465 861651, email: izzyring@aol.com. Looking for craft stalls with a difference.. .bring your inspiration to BARR.

Barr Bowling Club Triples Competition - hot on the heels of the very successful Open Pair Competition Barr Bowling Club are pleased to announce their Open Triples Competition on Saturday 5th Sept. 1st prize of £150 for the winning team is up for grabs. Entry is just £9 per team. To enter call Sec: Isobel Ringrose , 01465 861651. Closing date for teams is 3rd Sept.

BARR BOWLING CLUB'S OPEN PAIRS COMPETITION

Fine weather prevailed for the Barr Bowling Club's Open Pairs competition on Saturday 25th July with 13 teams, including visiting rinks from Barrhill and two from Ballantrae, travelling to compete.

In the end it was the local rink of Dougie Gordon and John Fleming which won through against Dave Sherry and Johnny McKechnie in a closely fought final.
The competition was sponsored by the village's King's Arms Hotel. Winning skip Dougie Gordon is pictured receiving the trophy from Alan Ringrose thereby preventing a situation where he presented it to himself ... he's also the Barr Club's President this year!

BARR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS NEWS

The children were studying science in the school.

At the beginning of the science unit the children explored what a science fair was and worked in mixed groups to investigate a hypothesis.

They discussed how to record data for a science fair and had the opportunity to carry out a number of experiments focused on changing materials.

The children went on to work in groups with peers of their age group. They chose a hypothesis to explore and were responsible for planning, carrying out and recording their experiments.

They repeated their experiments in order to increase the reliability of their results.
Children created posters to display their findings. They followed a step by step blueprint to do this.

Parents were invited along to walk around the different experiments and the children took responsibility in discussing their work. They all did a great job.

On Tuesday 16th June the Parent Partnership held their annual BBQ at the school. Kick off was at 6pm, there was food, face painting, nail painting, giant connect 4, treasure hunt, bouncy castle and raffle prizes with the main prize being and Ipad mini which was donated by SSE. With BBQ ticket sales and raffle ticket sales they raised a brilliant £446 toward school funds.

Another great money raising event took place on the last day of school, the parent partnership held a Cinema Night for the children in the Village Hall, there were 2 movies showing at £1 per child per movie - BIG HERO 6 at 6pm and then DIVERGENT at 8pm. There was fresh popcorn on sale along with crisps and sweets, everyone had a great evening and another fabulous £120 was raised to add to the school funds. Look out on the village facebook page for upcoming movie nights. **https://www.facebook.com/TheBarrVillage**

There were 2 celebrations in the school this term our School Assistant Mrs Melinda Sinclair Celebrated her 50th Birthday at the beginning of the school holidays and our First Level Teacher Miss McCrindle got married becoming the new Mrs McBirnie. What a wonderful way to start the school holidays.

BARR GALA DAY

Despite the inclement weather which hit the area in June, Barr Village managed to pull off another excellent Gala Day

This year's King and Queen are Barr Primary's Nathan Harvey and Ellie Faulds with Elysha White as their Lady in Waiting. With the Dunaskin Doon Band leading the way, they paraded with the floats through the village to their "coronation" in the village hall to declare the Gala Day open.

This year's theme was "Children's TV Shows" and it was a a lively and colourful affair with many of our favourite cartoon characters making an appearance.

The day got off to an early start with the traditional Fell Race for adults and children over Auchensoul.

Then it was onto the Gala Parade through the village followed by the crowning of the Gala King and Queen.

The weather stayed dry until after the ceremony when the first of the afternoon's rain drove the crowd into the covered stalls and the tea room. The Dunaskin Band sought refuge in the village hall from where played a full repertoire throughout the afternoon. It dried up once more for the Dog Show and the Scooby Doo trail which was big hit with the children as was the variety of games held on the putting green

At the end of the day, no one really seemed to mind the weather, though there's no doubt that it kept a number of visitors away. It was a pity, because they missed one of the best Gala Days for a number of years.

THE KINGS ARMS HOTEL, BARR.

FOR SALE/LEASE

An opportunity to lease a well-established country pub in the lovely village of Barr.

Restaurant, Pub and B&B.

Restaurant with wood burning stove, bar with beer on tap, serving real ale and 3 letting rooms all en suite, well-proportioned and bright and airy.

The lease also offers a private 3 bedroomed residential flat within the hotel.

For enquires and further details please contact 01465 861602 or email paulabarr10@outlook.com

BARRHILL PARK OPENING DAY AND GALA DAY

Ross Doyle Joinery

for that special creation or a simple job made special

Skilled Joiner & Craftsman

Offering you high quality & attention to detail
No job too small or too complex
Let us take care of all your joinery needs

Services

External
fencing, decking, windows and doors

Internal
doors, kitchens, bathrooms, flooring and more

uPVC work
fascias, doors, windows and more

Extensions / Renovations
Household Repairs/Maintenance
Ironmongery repairs and fittings

Custom Creations

Children's beds
Storage solutions
Personalised toy boxes
Unique designs
Event pieces
Shop fitments
Individual furniture pieces

Whatever your imagination dreams of we can make happen, from personalised beds to elaborate individual designs. Unique pieces tailored to meet your personal requirements.

Tel: 01465 821433 **Mob: 07825 141910**

email: ross@rossdoylejoinery.com web: www.rossdoylejoinery.com

THE TROUT INN BARRHILL

Excellent pub grub is now being served every Friday from 4-9pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2pm-9pm.

Takeaway service is also available

01465 821313

Welcome to the wonderful world of Acupuncture

Acupuncture is an ancient system of healing developed by the Chinese and has been practiced in China for thousands of years.

The treatment involves inserting fine, stainless steel needles into the body to treat a wide variety of conditions including pain, headaches, arthritic conditions, digestive disorders, heart/lung conditions and skin disorders to name a few.

The general theory is that Acupuncture helps to disperse energy blockages in the body that are responsible for causing disease thus enabling a free flow of energy throughout the body to aid better recovery.

When I first qualified as an Acupuncturist I went to work in an Acupuncture Hospital in China. I experienced many strange and wonderful things: - from the daily queues and the strong intoxicating smell of herbs from within the Hospital, to the elderly people elegantly practicing Tai Chi in the corridors. There was also an operation being performed using Acupuncture as a natural form of anaesthesia which I found totally amazing.

As I observed all this I began to understand that Acupuncture is a way of life to these people, used not just for health problems but as a preventive measure to enable them to lead a better quality of life with a better balanced body and mind.

These days it has become popular within the Western society and an example of this is using Acupuncture to help to bring life into the world. I have treated many couples going through IVF and infertility and it has helped greatly with pregnancy success rates.

Not long ago I treated an elderly gentleman who used to be so depressed he dreamt nightly about his own funeral. After 5 sessions of Acupuncture he felt his spirit and general melancholy had lifted and he felt much brighter and able to sleep at night without the dreaded nightmares.

These are just a few examples of the true benefits of Acupuncture. Cherie Blair (wife of Tony) had regular sessions for stress, even wearing an acupuncture stud in her ear.

I generally treat myself for wellbeing and energy boosting and find it extremely beneficial, the same way the wise old men from ancient China known as Sages used Acupuncture and lived to be a ripe old age with little health problems.

So whatever problems or ailments you may suffer from, Acupuncture provides a safe and beneficial solution.

An old Chinese proverb says:-To nurture one's life and health is mainly accomplished by cultivating one's mind. If the mind is calm and clear, the spirit is in a pure and healthy world. If the spirit is in a healthy world, how can the illness enter you? – Qing Dynasty

Julie Perry BSc (Hons). M.BAcC FEA
(Member of the British Acupuncture Council)
To arrange an appointment 01465-821236/ 07890-502955 Barrhill.

BARRHILL CAMERA CLUB

Barrhill Camera Club (BCC) is a club designed to encourage digital photographers from novice to expert to get the most from their digital camera.

Meetings are every other Thursday from September to April inclusive and are held in the Memorial Hall Barrhill.

This is a great opportunity to meet other photographers and benefit from the experience of professional photographer Alan Pratt.

Membership is open to all and likewise cameras big and small are welcome. Contact: **Colin Keane on 07774 416595** or email **pa4thecourse@hotmail.com**

We are also on Facebook at Barrhill Camera Club.

1st Meeting for after summer recess will be Thur 10 September at 1900 in Barrhill Memorial Hall

Do You Need a Website?

Wigwam Web Services

Affordable website design and hosting

www.wigweb.biz

Quote Stinchar Valley for 10% discount

Tel: 01465 719303 email: admin@wigweb.biz

COLMONELL WRI

Wednesday 9th September starts the winter syllabus with a talk from 'Gardening Leave', an organisation that uses horticultural therapy to support veterans with mental health issues.

Friday 2nd October is our annual whist drive

Wednesday 14th October Mary Jeans will talk to us about her trek up Kilimanjaro.

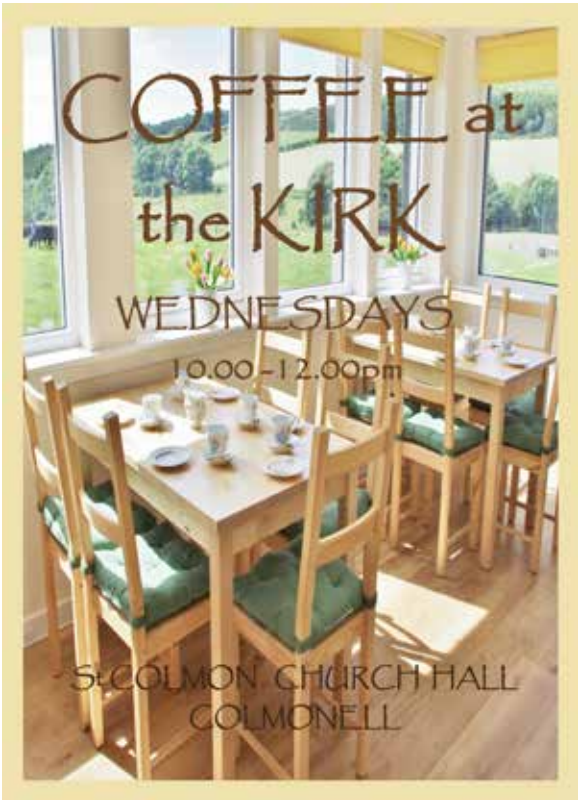
Wednesday 11th November is our open night with a demonstration by Annie Sutherland 'Games for all ages'.

Wednesday 9th December is our joint Christmas Party with the Senior Citizens. A festive dinner followed by entertainment by 'Music Box'

Meetings are held in Colmonell Community Centre at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

COLMONELL CUP WIN DOUBLE

The weather this season may not have been the best for bowling, but the rain hasn't dampened our enthusiasm. Saturday 6th June saw a first time ever win for the Colmonell team in the Carrick Cup Triples hosted by Girvan Bowling Club. The British Legion trophy made the double on Sunday 28th June and the competition was hosted by Barrhill Bowling Club. Hopefully summer will arrive before the bowling season is over.



COLMONELL GRACEFUL YEARS CLUB

If you'd like to come along to the graceful years club, they meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Community Centre, to play cards, dominoes, blether and have a wee cup of tea.

For more information phone Margaret Robertson on 01465 881352

COLMONELL FUN DAY

1. Stinchar Valley Pipers.
2. Johnny McKechan being presented with the Anne Lawrence trophy by Princess Aliyah Aubad.
3. Robert Wilson receiving a special presentation for his time as chair and secretary with Colmonell Community Association from Evelyn McCubbin.
4. Dancers from Pinwherry School of Dancing.
5. The waterslide.
6. Colmonell Firefighters in disguise!
7. Winners of the 6-a-side football tournament, McCulloch Rail.

FOREVER LIVING

My name is Hayley McCrindle, I live in Girvan and I am an independent distributor of health and wellness products under the umbrella of a company called Forever Living. I have a wide range of different Aloe Vera based products and also products including bee derived ingredients. We offer a 60 day money back guarantee as we are dedicated to making our customers happy with the products we supply. For the full range please contact me for a brochure.

I am also looking to expand my distribution team locally and am looking to add 3-5 new highly motivated people to the team. If you or someone you know is looking for a change, a second income is self-motivated and enjoys helping people then please get in touch! With possible earnings of £200 part time to £2000 full time, 2 free global trips a year and a car plan all around current commitments, this opportunity could be for you.

Feel free to get in touch through any of the following methods listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest Regards
Hayley

phone: 07717942582
facebook: Forever Hayley's recruitment
email: hayleymflp@yahoo.com

FreeDailyCrosswords.com

Monday, August 3, 2015

Copyright (c)2015 freedailycrosswords.com

Edited by Timothy Parker

ACROSS

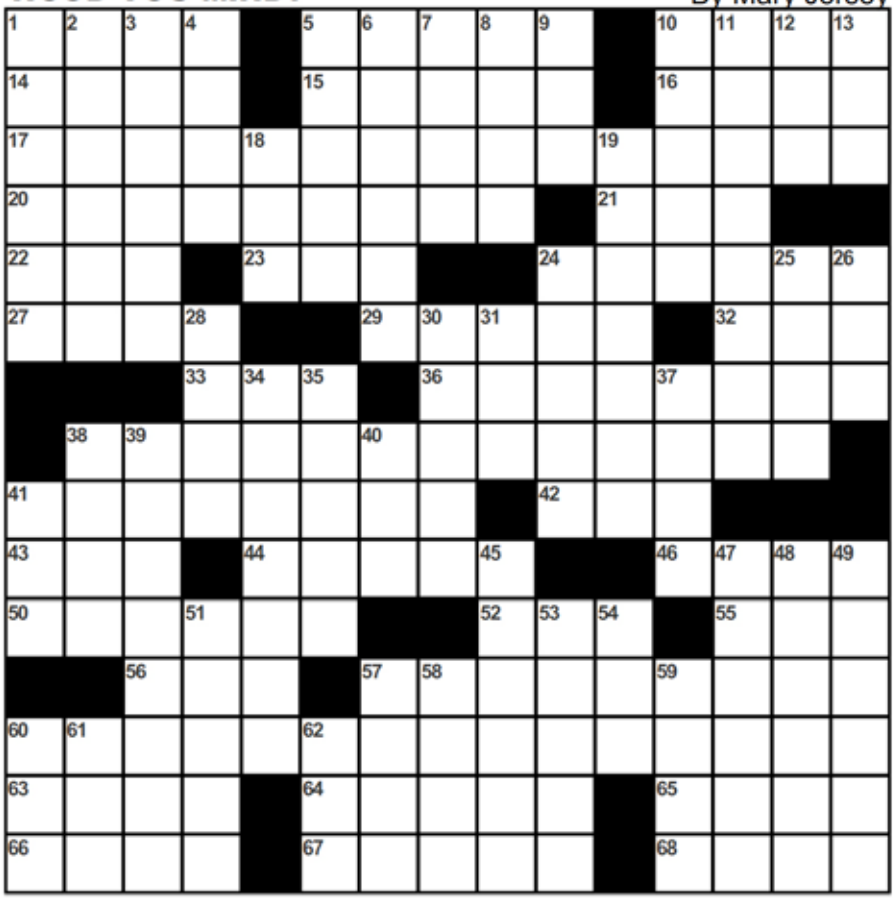
1) ___ A Sketch (classic toy)
5) Long-faced one
10) Jungle creatures
14) Old woman's nursery rhyme home
15) Pro sports venue
16) ___ Major (constellation)
17) Arizona attraction
20) Pitching lineups
21) Cup part
22) Fury
23) Erie Canal mule
24) Civil rights target
27) Hardly an old pro
29) Actor M. ___ Walsh
32) "___ sells seashells ..."
33) Greyhound vehicle
36) Like possums and squirrels
38) It puts on coats
41) Pad with springs
42) CBS symbol
43) At ___ cost
44) Even if, briefly
46) Pre-college exams, for short
50) Fix potholes
52) Plumber's pipe material (Abbr.)
55) Memorable time for historians
56) Suffix with "cyan" or "ox"
57) Young vegetable shoot
60) Some Australian growths
63) Fraction of a kilo
64) Utility bill information
65) Life-of-Riley state
66) De-squeaks
67) "Growing Pains" star Joanna
68) Fire, red and black insects

DOWN

1) Cleverness of wit
2) The Big Bang, e.g.
3) Fastening pin
4) Mother of Ares
5) Puzo subject
6) Brooks Robinson, for years
7) Rounded hammer part
8) Draws to a close
9) Battle of Britain fighter (Abbr.)
10) Goldfinger's first name
11) Building and its grounds
12) Count finish?
13) Parked oneself
18) Not his or hers
19) Art of public speaking
24) Jewish teacher (Var.)
25) Ayatollah predecessor
26) "Braveheart" star Gibson
28) A few words in passing?
30) Wet, spongy ground
31) Half a married couple
34) Come apart
35) Ancient upright stone
37) Regrets
38) Window part
39) Not ordinary
40) World record finish?
41) Vandalize
45) Question the validity of
47) Sea bordering Greece
48) Straightest, as an arrow
49) Mouths off to
51) One of two presidents
53) Arrangement containers
54) Old-style computer screen
57) Church nook
58) Celestial twinkler
59) Carpet layer's calculation
60) Bigheadedness
61) Swiss canton
62) "That's gross!"

WOOD YOU MIND?

By Mary Jersey



Make a kite

Woodland Trust
nature detectives

All you need is some paper, string, a twig and some sticky stuff :O)

Step 1

Download and print a kite template
(to make it bigger try enlarging it to A3!)

Step 2

Cut it out then decorate the wings, leaving the 'body' bit in the middle clear

Step 3

Fold down the centre line, so the decorated wings are on the outside, then fold along the diagonal lines to create a paper aeroplane type shape and tape it in place.

The decorated wings should be on the underside of the kite – this is what you'll see from the ground when it's flying :O)

Step 4

Make your kite stronger by taping a twig on top, across the wingspan

Step 5

Punch out holes where the small circles on the body are, then tie a really long bit of string through – this will be what you hold on to when your kite is flying

Now find a breeze and see if your kite flies!

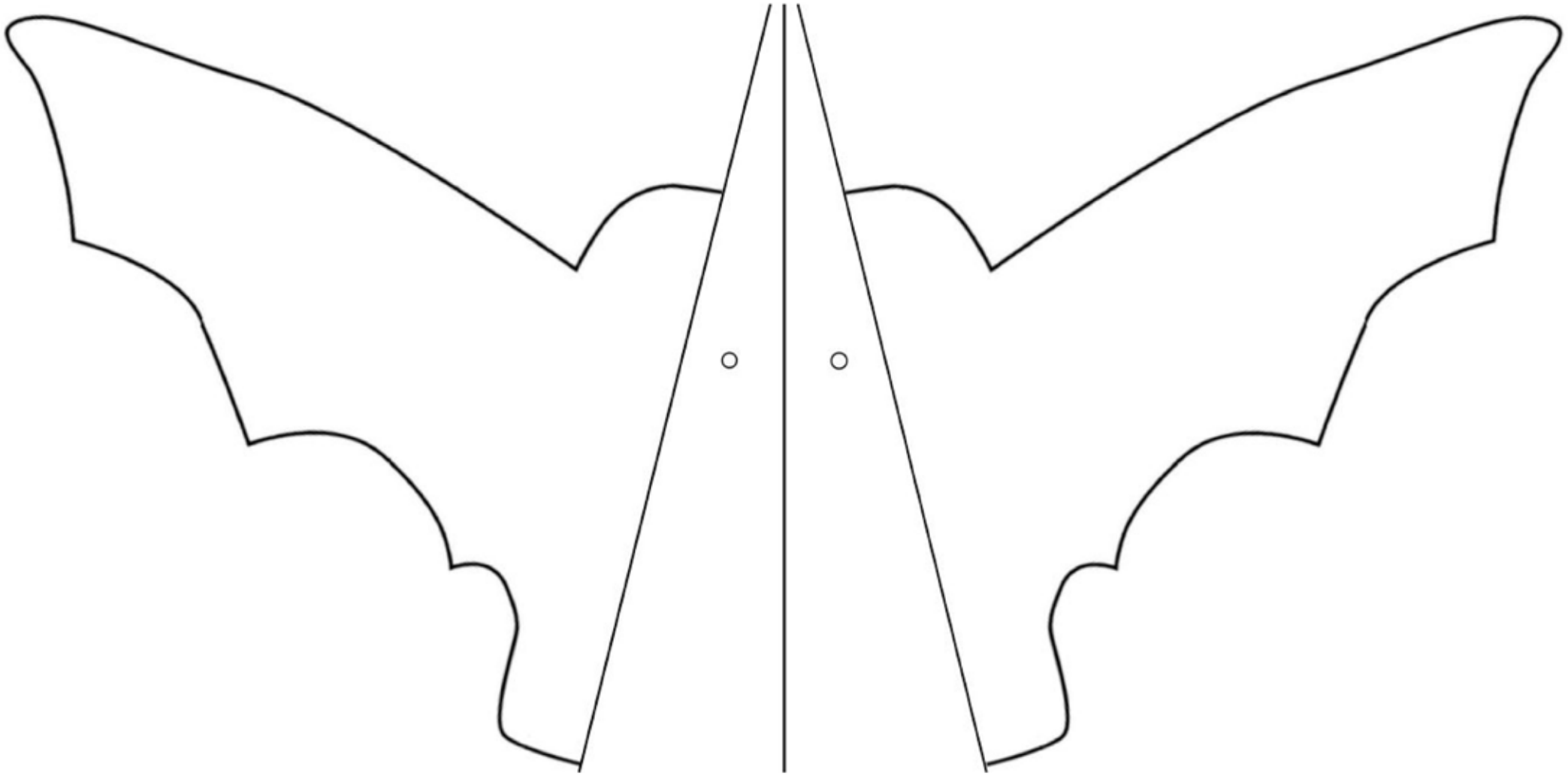
Start your own adventure at naturedetectives.org.uk

Fun stuff for kids, families and schools by the **Woodland Trust**, a charity registered in England & Wales (294344) and Scotland (SC038885) at Autumn Park, Grantham NG31 6LL.
© 2009 You may print and copy this sheet, in its entirety, for non-commercial purposes. Do not put this pdf on other websites - please link to our download page. Questions? 0800 026 9650

WOODLAND TRUST

Bat kite

Woodland Trust
nature detectives



stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

Fun stuff for kids, families and schools by the **Woodland Trust**, a charity registered in England & Wales (294344) and Scotland (SC038885) at Autumn Park, Grantham NG31 6LL
© 2009 You may print and copy this sheet, in its entirety, for non-commercial purposes. Do not put this pdf on other websites - please link to our download page. Questions? 0800 026 9650

WOODLAND TRUST

COUNCILLOR ALEC OATTES

Dear Reader,

As I prepare this article in late July for the Autumn Edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine, it is raining yet again, it has not been the best of summers for bright sunny weather, but hope springs eternal! In spite of poor weather, the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink was a huge success with over 3,000 visitors. I doubt if Ballantrae has ever seen so many people on the one day. At this point in time I am looking forward to the Smugglers Festival in August when Ballantrae will celebrate it's historical past, when times were not quite so law abiding.

I welcome the news that Colmonell is planning to form a Development Committee which will see the area benefit from Community Benefit funding matched with other sources of funding such as Ayrshire Leader the European Rural Development Fund, which will be coming on stream in the Autumn. I was also pleased to see that Barrhill C.I.C. has been successful in creating a play park at Arnsheen, which local children and visitors can make good use of and enjoy. I am pleased also to note that the Two Pins Centre in Pinwherry is making good progress, with a decision on a major funding application due in the near future. I wish this project every success.

In this time of increasing austerity it is more important than ever that communities come together to make the most of any funding from whatever source, in order to improve the local area or community. To that end I welcome the Community Empowerment Bill which was passed by the Scottish Parliament in June.

The Bill will give groups of people, more powers to take over land, buildings and services, so that Communities which have abandoned buildings, or derelict land blighting an area, can identify the best ways to make improvements and take forward regeneration on their own terms. Further details can be obtained on the Scottish Government Web Site.

Another piece of Scottish Government legislation taking shape is the Integration of Health and Social Care, which was inaugurated in April this year, this new legislation aims to dove tail Health and Social Care into one body, which is designed to be more effective in delivering local health care by creating Locality Planning Groups, which any one can be a part of. For more information please contact Dawn.parker@south-ayrshire.gov.uk. Dawn covers the Girvan and South Carrick villages and she would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the Girvan and South Carrick Locality Planning Group.

Another issue of importance taking place is the Fifth Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements, which is open for consultation to individuals and Community Councils. The Local Government Boundary Commission welcomes comments and suggestions and the Public Consultation Phase takes place between the 30th. of July until the 22nd of October, this is your opportunity to have your say on this important piece of legislation. Details can be found at www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk

Finally I welcome the improvements to the A714 between Girvan and the Dumfries and Galloway boundary, this is long overdue and is a result of the sustained pressure from local residents and Community Councils to South Ayrshire Council, other improvements are planned over the next 4 years.

As usual I can be contacted by email at "alec.oattes@south-ayrshire.gov.uk" or by telephone at the numbers below.

Councillor Alec Oattes,
Girvan and South Carrick Ward,
South Ayrshire Council.
Tel. Office 01292 612382
Home 01292 435005

Have you completed the Crossword??
Before looking here!

FreeDailyCrosswords.com

Monday, August 3, 2015

Copyright (c)2015 freedailycrosswords.com

Edited by Timothy Parker

ACROSS

1) ___ A Sketch (classic toy)
5) Long-faced one
10) Jungle creatures
14) Old woman's nursery rhyme home
15) Pro sports venue
16) ___ Major (constellation)
17) Arizona attraction
20) Pitching lineups
21) Cup part
22) Fury
23) Erie Canal mule
24) Civil rights target
27) Hardly an old pro
29) Actor M. ___ Walsh
32) "___ sells seashells ..."
33) Greyhound vehicle
36) Like possums and squirrels
38) It puts on coats
41) Pad with springs
42) CBS symbol
43) At ___ cost
44) Even if, briefly
46) Pre-college exams, for short
50) Fix potholes
52) Plumber's pipe material (Abbr.)
55) Memorable time for historians
56) Suffix with "cyan" or "ox"
57) Young vegetable shoot
60) Some Australian growths
63) Fraction of a kilo
64) Utility bill information
65) Life-of-Riley state
66) De-squeaks
67) "Growing Pains" star Joanna
68) Fire, red and black insects

DOWN

1) Cleverness of wit
2) The Big Bang, e.g.
3) Fastening pin
4) Mother of Ares
5) Puzo subject
6) Brooks Robinson, for years
7) Rounded hammer part
8) Draws to a close
9) Battle of Britain fighter (Abbr.)
10) Goldfinger's first name
11) Building and its grounds
12) Count finish?
13) Parked oneself
18) Not his or hers
19) Art of public speaking
24) Jewish teacher (Var.)
25) Ayatollah predecessor
26) "Braveheart" star Gibson
28) A few words in passing?
30) Wet, spongy ground
31) Half a married couple
34) Come apart
35) Ancient upright stone
37) Regrets
38) Window part
39) Not ordinary
40) World record finish?
41) Vandalize
45) Question the validity of
47) Sea bordering Greece
48) Straightest, as an arrow
49) Mouths off to
51) One of two presidents
53) Arrangement containers
54) Old-style computer screen
57) Church nook
58) Celestial twinkler
59) Carpet layer's calculation
60) Bigheadedness
61) Swiss canton
62) "That's gross!"

WOOD YOU MIND?

By Mary Jersey

1 E	2 T	3 C	4 H		5 M	6 O	7 P	8 E	9 R		10 A	11 P	12 E	13 S
14 S	H	O	E		15 A	R	E	N	A		16 U	R	S	A
17 P	E	T	R	18 I	F	I	E	D	F	19 O	R	E	S	T
20 R	O	T	A	T	I	O	N	S		21 R	I	M		
22 I	R	E		23 S	A	L			24 R	A	C	I	25 S	26 M
27 T	Y	R	28 O			29 E	30 M	31 M	E	T		32 S	H	E
			33 B	34 U	35 S		36 A	R	B	O	37 R	E	A	L
	38 P	39 A	I	N	T	40 E	R	S	B	R	U	S	H	
41 M	A	T	T	R	E	S	S		42 E	Y	E			
43 A	N	Y		44 A	L	T	H	45 O			46 S	47 A	48 T	49 S
50 R	E	P	51 A	V	E			52 P	53 V	54 C		55 E	R	A
		56 I	D	E		57 A	58 S	P	A	R	59 A	G	U	S
60 E	61 U	C	A	L	62 Y	P	T	U	S	T	R	E	E	S
63 G	R	A	M		64 U	S	A	G	E		65 E	A	S	E
66 O	I	L	S		67 K	E	R	N	S		68 A	N	T	S

Age Concern Girvan

Welcome, My name is Tricia Watts and with the help of our wonderful cook and great team of volunteers we run a luncheon club.

We serve coffee, tea and cakes. At 12.00 we serve a three course meal for only £4.50. Join our club and join us for parties, and coach trips and support if you need any. All ages are so welcome.Please pop in 2, Duff Street at the corner of Dalrymple Street we would love to meet you.

If you would like to contact me. 01465 712032 web site www.ageconcerngirvan.org.uk

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Councils are the most local tier of statutory representation in Scotland. They are non-party political. They bridge the gap between local authorities and communities, and help to make public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent. Their primary purpose is to ascertain and express the views of the community to the local authority and other public bodies. Many Community Councils also involve themselves in a wide range of other activities including fundraising, organising community events, undertaking environmental and educational projects and much more. There are currently around 1200 Community Councils in Scotland, all of which are composed of elected volunteers from the community. For more information go to the Scottish Government website www.scotland.gov.uk or the South Ayrshire Council website www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

PINWHERRY AND PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council sits on the third Thursday of the month of alternate months in the Community Hall.7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome.
Minutes of Community Council meetings can be seen on the website www.2pins.org.uk

BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ballantrae Community Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Public Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Barrhill Community Council meets every fourth Wednesday in the month apart from July and December when there are no meetings.

COLMONELL & LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please come along to our meeting if there is anything you think we could help with. 22nd September at 7.30pm in Colmonell

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CONTACT CENTRE

Don't wait for others to report issues, it may not be done! E.g. road damage 01292 612302, dead animals on the road, water leaks – pick up the phone. Telephone the Customer Services Team on 0300 123 0900. Send a Text message to 0797 1120 498.

OUR ROADS

If you are driving and spot a road hazard, for example:

- Potholes
- Flooding
- Overgrown hedges
- Overhanging dead trees.
- Anything else on the roads that has the potential to cause harm, loss or injury

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:
Tell Ayrshire Roads Alliance immediately. You can do this as follows:

- Insert **www.ayrshireroadsalliance.org** ;into your web
- Select Roads for "road faults", or any of the other categories
- Fill in the form and send
- Telephone: **01563 503164**
- E-Mail: **enquiries@ayrshireroadsalliance.org**

Do not assume that somebody has already reported the hazard. Please remember, Ayrshire Roads Alliance cannot remedy faults they do not know about.

PINWHERRY BRIDGE CCTV

Residents in Pinwherry can help reduce costs for South Ayrshire Council and council tax payers by reporting any damage to Pinwherry Bridge. If damage is reported as soon as it happens, South Ayrshire Council can retrieve the CCTV footage and claim from the insurance of the driver who has done the damage.

Contact details for the Council's Bridges Section are as follows:-
Scott Greig (Supervisory Engineer – Bridges).
E mail. Scott.greig@south-ayrshire.gov.uk Tel. No. 01292 616659
Local contact: John McAlley Email: j.mcalley@btinternet.com Tel. No. 01465 84119

PINWHERRY WOMEN'S RURAL INSTITUTE

The 'rural' programme has been drawn up for another fun filled and informative winter's activities.

We meet the second Monday each month in Pinwherry Village Hall from September-May at 7.30pm. Here is some of our syllabus till December.

Our first meeting is Monday 14th September when we will be hearing an interesting talk and slideshow all about 'Life on Ailsa Craig' by Kenny Caldwell. We will also hold a progressive whist on Friday 11th September. All welcome.

Monday 14th December sees us having our Christmas dinner at Malin Court.

If you have been wondering if you should give it a go then come along and find out. You will get a warm welcome from a friendly group of women, perhaps learn some new practical skills and hear from speakers with interesting stories to tell.

Please take this as an invitation to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information please phone Mrs Jean Wyllie – 841279 or Mrs Lana Rafferty – 841272.

STINCHAR VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Please feel free to contact any of our committee for further information.

Secretary	Harriet Ellis	Tel. 01465881221	harriet@riverstinchar.co.uk
Chair	Roger Pirrie	Tel. 01465841644	rdpirrie@gmail.com
Vice Chair	Nan Wilkinson	Tel. 01465831704	nan@dunwhinny.plus.com
Treasurer	Susan Fairbairn	Tel. 07707286172	gavin@inter-disciplinary.net
Committee member	Pat Spence	Tel. 01465821377	pat.spence@piperpublications.co.uk
Committee member	Gavin Fairbairn	Tel. 07707286172	gavin@inter-disciplinary.net
Committee member	Margaret Bean	Tel. 01465 841635	margaret.bean@icloud.com

Whitehills

Barholm Castle

Heroncroft

Our Meetings are held in Pinwherry Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. A warm welcome is extended to new members and friends. The charge for visitors is £3.00 which includes tea/coffee. We look forward to greeting both old and new faces at our meetings.

Through the summer we have visited several very interesting gardens, beginning with Whitehills near Minnigaff in June, a 10 acre garden with landscaping all-round the house, and a large collection of rhododendrons.

We were fortunate to have a wonderful warm day in July to visit Barholm Castle, a beautifully restored 16th century tower house near Gatehouse of Fleet. Since the restoration, the three acre gardens surrounding the tower have been slowly developing from scratch, and we enjoyed the views over Wigtown Bay, and the fernery in the wooded ravine.

Our August visit was to Heroncroft, near Newton Stewart, again a really interesting garden plus delicious home baking!

Late August will take us to Burnside, near Drongan, a young 6 1/2 acre garden with a wide range of plants from trees to alpines, and we hope that in September we will be returning to Enid's garden near Creetown – always a very popular destination.

We resume our meetings in Pinwherry Hall in September.

Speakers for the 2015 – 2016 programme:

September	George Watt	"Alpines, and the making of a new garden"
October	Alec Reynolds, Pretty Ugly Plants	"Insectivorous Plants"
November	Louise Bustard, Glasgow Botanic Garden	"Plants that Kill"
December	Christmas Meal	
January	Dobbies Garden Centre	"Ponds and water features"
February	"Gardener's Question Time" Panel - Colin Belton, Logan Botanic Garden, Gaby Belton, Dunskey Garden, and Tessa Knott, Glenwhan Garden. This always proves popular – we are happy to accept questions prior to the meeting!	
March	To be arranged	
April	AGM and Plant Swap In addition to the invited speakers we enjoy a cuppa, chat and exchange of ideas and experiences. Non-members are always very welcome.	

EDITORIAL PANEL

The Stinchar Valley Magazine is published by the voluntary editorial group with the valued support of the contributors, with the aim of supporting the community interest and local businesses.

Funded by:
Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Fund Ltd / Carrick Futures Community Benefit Fund with Foundation Scotland.

Images are used with all needed permissions from, open source, Flickr.com under open copyright standard licence.
Images also courtesy of Clker.com and Public contributions.

All material copied from newspapers, websites and other sources are accredited and referenced wherever possible.

All contents and views in this publication are those of the contributors.

stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

MAIL TO THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Autumn 2015 issue of the Stinchar Valley Magazine stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

This publication is your chance to read and make the community news in the Stinchar Valley and surrounding region.

If you have any news you would like to send us or comments upon articles you have read in these pages please get in touch. The same goes for any additions to these pages you would like to see in the future and if you have events, clubs or anything that local people would like to attend or hear of. Would you or someone you know like to appear here in the future?

Are you from Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell, Glen App, Lendalfoot or Pinwherry & Pinmore areas?

For all this and anything else that crosses your mind about our communities contact the editorial team. Your input is vital. Be heard, make a difference. Items may be edited for spelling, grammar, clarity or length.

HOW TO SEND IN YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES

By Email to your local representative. Or to the Editor John McAlley at: Stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

Send in text as a WORD or OPEN OFFICE document. Please do not place photographs in a Word document.

Photographs should be correctly named; full size images straight from the camera and scanned images should be high resolution (Min 300 DPI) wherever possible and sent as separate attachments from your text please.

Tell us any special instructions about the layout/content of your article. What are the images about that you want included? Include any Website names and web links that are relevant.

If you have a logo or badge – please send a high resolution image of this. Try to avoid vivid colour backgrounds.

If you do not have access to a computer or Email you can post or drop off material to our Editor John McAlley at: Liglartrie Farm Pinwherry KA26 0SL. We will return any material to you.

People in the communities of the Stinchar Valley and beyond are interested in you, your club, your business and your local area:

- Please note – The Editorial Team will consider all submissions and make the final selection of material for each issue.
- Small grammatical errors will be corrected in the text of articles. Larger issues will be discussed with the author prior to publication if possible.

Please contact your area representatives:

Pinwherry/Pinmore: John McAlley - Editor Stinchar Valley Magazine: Liglartrie Farm Pinwherry KA26 0SL.
Tel: 01465 841198 Email: Stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk

Ballantrae representatives: Andy McAlpine: Email: andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com
Peter Newland: Email: peternewlands1@btconnect.com

Barr representatives: Email: barrvillagemums15@gmail.com

Barrhill representatives: Rebecca Boswell Email: rebecca.whitehurst1@gmail.com

Colmonell/ representatives: Representatives needed - please help your community

Lendalfoot representatives: Jim Fleming Email: margaretjimfleming@googlemail.com

STINCHAR VALLEY MAGAZINE YEAR PLANNER 2015

Please note our final dates for articles to the editor and the distribution within Communities dates. We hope this will help you ensure articles are submitted in time and their content is date specific

2015 Deadlines	Autumn	Winter
Final date for articles to Editor	31.07.15	30.10.15
Draft from Editor to Editorial Team	08.08.15	07.11.15
Management meeting	11.08.15	10.11.15
Draft from Editorial Team back to Editor	12.08.15	11.11.15
Draft from Editor to Publisher	14.08.15	13.11.15
Final draft from Publisher to Editor	24.08.15	23.11.15
Final Draft from Editor to Publisher	26.08.15	25.11.15
Collection from Publisher	04.09.15	04.12.15
Distribution within communities	w/c 07.09.15	w/c 07.12.15

LOCAL AND INTERESTING WEB SITES

Age Concern Girvan	www.ageconcerngirvan.org.uk
St Colmon Church	www.stcolmonparishchurch.org.uk
Ballantrae Church	www.ballantraeparishchurch.org.uk
Ballantrae Medical Practice	www.ballantraemedicalpractice.co.uk
Barrhill	www.barrhill.org.uk
Ballantrae Village	www.ballantrae.org.uk
The Ancient Tree Hunt	www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk/project/hunt
Pinwherry/Pinmore	http://www.2pins.org.uk
The Stinchar Valley	www.stincharvalley.co.uk
The Carrick website	http://www.carrickayrshire.com
Carrick Futures	www.carrickfutures.org.uk.
Galloway & Ayrshire Biosphere	http://www.gallowayandsouthernayrshirebiosphere.org.uk/
Red Nose Day	http://www.rednoseday.com/
The Southern Uplands Partnership	http://www.sup.org.uk/
Scottish Natural Heritage	http://www.snh.org.uk/
The Woodland Trust	http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
Forestry Commission	http://www.forestry.gov.uk/
Scottish Environmental Protection	http://www.sepa.org.uk/
Girvan Camera Club	http://www.girvancameraclub.org.uk
Girvan Attractions	http://girvanattractions.synthasite.com/
Red Squirrels in South Scotland	http://www.redsquirrels.org.uk
Ayrshire Rivers Trust	www.ayrshireriverstrust.org/cisp
Ayrshire Red Squirrel Group	www.ayrshireredsquirrels.org.uk/
ASDA Online shopping	http://groceries.asda.com/asda-estore/index.jsp
The Commonwealth Orchard	http://www.commonwealthorchard.com/
The Flavours of Home	http://www.flavoursofhome.co.uk/
BBC Web Wise	http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/courses
Going Wild	http://www.goingwild.net
The Big Wildlife Garden	http://www.bwg.naturalengland.org.uk/
Peinn Mor Pottery	http://www.peinnmor.co.uk/
M.J.A Photography	http://www.mjaphotography.co.uk/
Public services all in one place	www.direct.gov.uk
For timetables, fares and bookings	www.citylinkonlinesales.co.uk
Library Catalogue	https://library.south-ayrshire.gov.uk
South Ayrshire Libraries Blog	http://sayrshirelib.wordpress.com/
Scottish Water	http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/
Community Police Team	http://www.strathclyde.police.uk/your-community/ayrshire/girvan_and_south_carrick/
Barr Village	http://www.barrvillage.co.uk/
Stagecoach	http://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables
Foundation Scotland	www.foundationscotland.org.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Barrhill Community Bus, Self hire or arranged trips	01465 714665
Stagecoach, Ayr Depot	01292 613500
MyBus Rural, Door to door transport for Carrick. Mon - Sat 7am to 7pm	0845 123 5656
Accident & Emergency, Ayr Hospital	01292 610555
Minor Injuries Unit, Girvan Community Hospital	01465 712571
NHS 24	111
Samaritans	0345 909090
Citizens Advice, Stranraer 10am-4pm Monday to Friday	01776 706355
SEPA Emergencies	0800 807060
Gas Emergencies	0800 111 999
Scottish Power, Power Cut/Emergencies	Mob: 0330 1010 222 0800 092 9290
Police (non-emergency)	101
Emergency Services	999

For suspicious articles found on any beach contact (101 or 999) and ask for the Coast Guard, because it might have come from Beaufort's Dyke; which is the sea trench between Northern Ireland and Scotland within the North Channel. The dyke is 50 km long, 3.5 km wide and 200–300 metres deep

RECOMMENDED TRADESMEN

Plumber	Eric Gibson	Tel: 01465 714791	Mob: 07522672767	by Frank Bean	26/11/12
Carpet Fitter	Mark Foster	Tel: 01465 713884	Mob: 07722892263	By Frank Bean	26/11/12
Computer Problems	Robert Carty	Tel: 01465 479176	Mob: 07523847119	By Jim Fleming	08/11/13
Electrician	John Foster	Tel: 01655 331257	Mob: 07526464524	By Jim Fleming	08/11/13
Gardening Services	Fraser Wallace	Tel: 01465 831487	Email: wallace632@btinternet.com	By Jim Fleming	08/11/13
Painting and Decorating	Ian Picken	Tel: 07814 962695	Mob: 07814962695	By Ruth Murray	06/05/15
Plumbing/Heating.	Eric Hyslop	Tel: 01671 402646	Email: heat@ehyslop-ltd.com	By John McAlley	08/01/14
Appliance Repairs	Howard Galley	Tel: 01465 831537		By Peter Newland	24/01/14
Plumbing/Gas Engineer	Ross McCulloch	Tel: 01292 550954	Mob: 07766978568	By Claire Pirrie	26/01/14
Plumbing/Heating	Ian Terry	Tel 01465 712594	Mob: 07733470874	By Dr M L McKenna	08/14
"	"	"	"	by Rev Jim Guthrie	
Roofers	Danny Cunningham & Sons	Tel 01465 891000	Mob: 07971076308	By Dr M L McKenna	08/14
Plasterer	Scott Mcmillan	Tel:01465 715248		by Rev Jim Guthrie	
Joiner	W Lyle	Tel:01465 831039		by Rev Jim Guthrie	
Window Cleaner	Peter Schofield, Licensed/Insured		Mob: 07831499998	by Ruth Murray	06/06/15
Grass Cutting	Stephen Simpson	Tel: 01465 710421		By Ruth Murray	06/05/15
Tree Services	Ben Lockwood	Tel: 01671403111	Mob: 07985423790	By Ruth Murray	06/05/15
Painter/ Decorator	Jon Sale	Tel:	Mob: 07526020306	By Carol McKenzie	08/15
Electrician	George McCardle	Tel:	Mob: 0790435925	By John Thorburn	08/15

LOST & FOUND / WANTED & FOR SALE

Why not use this magazine to let your neighbours know what you need help with or what you would like to buy or sell? You could save yourself some money, time and a longer journey.

For Sale

SELF BUILD OPPORTUNITY

Building plot for sale at Garleffin Ballantrae
770sq metres, 10 minutes walk from the center of village. Great views over Firth of Clyde to Mull of Kintyre
Has planning in principle for 1&1/2 storey house For further details

Phone Cathy or John on 01465 831320

Elizabeth K 'Curiosity Shop'

Specialising in Mobile Phones/Accessories and Desktop repairs. We buy and sell gold and silver, (Best prices paid) Vintage and Costume Jewellery, Antiques, new and used goods. We have a Photo machine and Internet access.

Come and have a Wee look!

Open late. 6 days a week. 19 Hamilton street, Girvan, KA26 9EY Tel: 07826595814

HAVE YOU SEEN GREY SQUIRRELS?

The picture on the front cover shows we are not 'out of the woods' where Grey Squirrels are concerned!

Joram Smit our **Carrick Grey Squirrel Control Officer** is still working hard to protect our reds,

Joram needs your help, Carrick is a wide area and Joram must know where Greys are sighted before he can control them.

If you see a Red or a Grey, contact Ayrshire Red Squirrel Group at this link - **www.ayrshireredsquirrels.org.uk/**

Please help to protect our red squirrels Joram cannot do this on his own!

From 'Fruits of the Poem Tree' By Sandy McKight

An Appeal

I thought it time this note to send, to our kind handsome factor,
And not my tenancy to end, or borrow car, or tractor.
No! My request is simply this: E'er I lurch into my dotage,
Could the Estate see its way to painting this wee cottage?

Its walls grow bare and quite forlorn, the windows peeling now,
It's true within I wasn't born, yet I can tell you how.
I've come to love this homely place and sit quite snug therein,
The rhyming bard with bearded face and tattoos on his skin.

I really thought last year, ye ken, I'd see a painter man,
With ladders, steps and all his gear and maybe a braw wee van,
Come pulling up outside the place and say "It's time again
To give the place a facelift" but then it turned to rain.

And then it rained, it rained and rained and then it rained some more,
And Ardwell got its fair share, as did Sandhead and Drummore.
The ground was wet (it's no dry yet!). I thocht it would never end.
It damn near drove me off my head. Aye, clean around the bend.

But I am made of sterner stuff, I survived to promise one thing,
To write to Dougal sure enough when birds begin to sing.
When daylight hours lengthen out, approaching solstice day,
I'll lift the pen again and then, surely, I'll have my say.

Now a promise made can't be betrayed, so here I am at last,
The clocks have long since forward gone and Merry May has passed.
Sure, lighter nights will bring delights to make a maiden faint,
But still the plea foremost from me is: Don't forget the paint!

Sandy is a Girvan man now living in Stranraer.

This is from his first book which is available from 'Craigiemains' Ballantrae and 'The Sweety Shop' in Girvan.

Sandy is willing to give readings from the book to local groups or at events, which would be willing to pay his fuel costs and provide a cup of tea!

A second book is in the pipeline with others planned.

2 Pins Community Centre

HADYARD HILL · Find us on Facebook · Carrick FUTURES Brightening your future · South Ayrshire COMMUNITY PLANNING Partnership · Foundation Scotland

Company Limited by Guarantee No. 430441 **Scottish Charity No SC043849**

The Centre will consist of a multi-purpose hall that will accommodate a 5 a-side pitch or 3 badminton courts which can also be used for functions and social and community events. A community café and small shop, 2 meeting rooms which can be opened up into 1 large room and into the large foyer which can be used to display art and local heritage. An arts and craft activity room for both adults and children. Outside is ample car parking and picnic areas. Other amenities being considered are electric car charging point, cash point, and telephone box.

All are invited to come along to monthly meetings the second Thursday in the month at 7.30 in Pinwherry Hall.

2 Pins and Pinwherry Community Association Joint Fund Raising Events

Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 31st October 10am to 4pm In Pinwherry Hall
Race Night Saturday 14th November In Pinwherry Hall

The 2 Pins Craft Fair

With our new Marquee we had twice the space to have over twenty tables with our Crafters working hard making and selling produce. The bouncy Castle courtesy of Barr, kept the children busy.

The refreshment tent and Barbeques were very busy and the Chain saw carving was keenly watched.

The quality of goods provided by our stallholders was well up to their usual standards.

Margaret Bean proved tireless as the baking sold fast with customers and stall holders enjoying the wares. Margaret also had the ‘count the sweets’ jar which Bob won.

After the Craft Fair the tables and chairs were set out for the evening entertainment, with many burgers, bacon rolls and bring your own drink folk were ready for the '**Barrstools**' the very popular group from the Village of Barr. Check out our **Facebook** page for a Video! '2 Pins Community Company'

A great night was had by all, many thanks to all those who enjoyed the night with us, looking forward to the next one!

ESMÉ MAVER, FARRIER, SHALLOCHWELL : 1970-2015

Esmé died on the 19th July 2015, aged 44 years after a three year illness with a brain tumour. When Avril, her late mother bought Shallochwell (see the Stinchar Valley Magazine, Summer 2013) in 1980, Esme was just 10 years old; her sister Justine was 13 years old. The whole family made great friends with those already in the glen and those still to arrive.

Esme graduated first as a Blacksmith, then as a Farrier. She developed her practice over 16 years with clients as far afield as Ayr in the north and Wigtown in the South.

Since the death of her mother in 2009 – with the same tragic medical condition – she lived only with her horses (many born at Shallochwell – most importantly the Clydesdale Amber), her dogs and cats and her own wonderful independence.

In the latter stage of her illness, in Girvan Community Hospital, there was a great outpouring of good wishes for Esmé – a great consolation to her sister Justine and dad Tom.

MUCH MISSED, WELL REMEMBERED,
GOD BLESS