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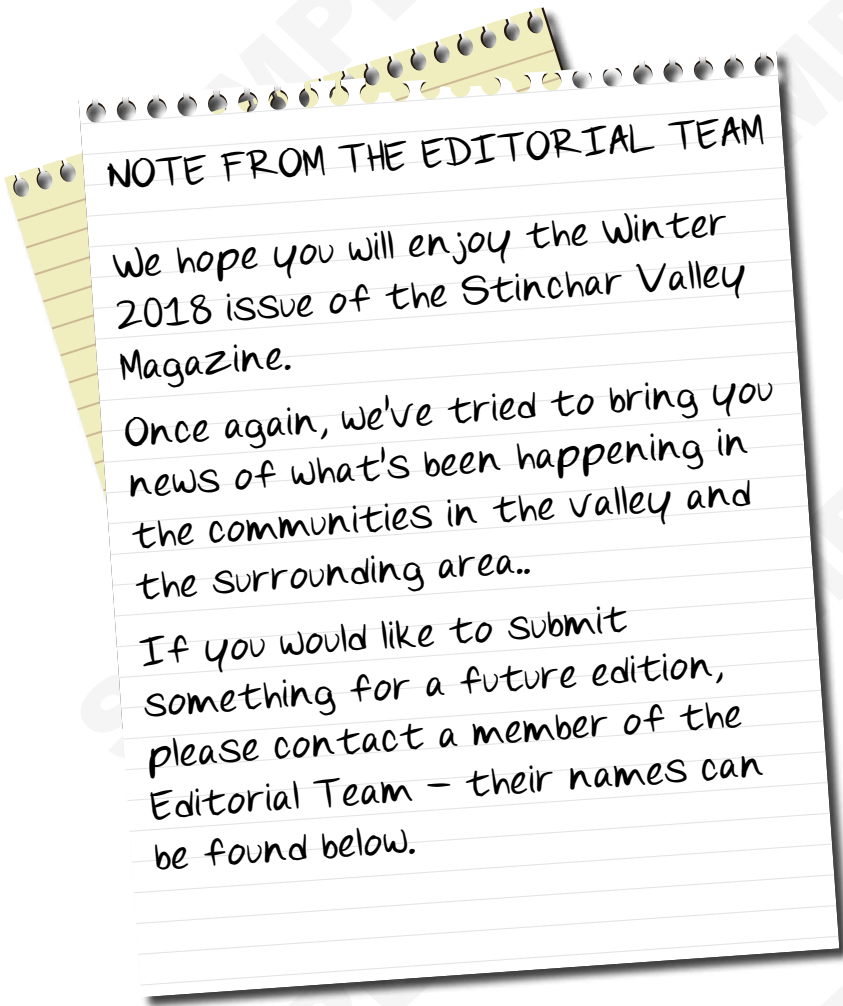
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Barr	7pm in the Village Hall every second Thursday in the month except Dec.
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## Big thank you to Claire

The editorial team want to give a big thank you to Claire Pirrie for her many voluntary hours working on the Stinchar Valley Magazine.

Claire who has recently stepped down from the editorial team to focus on her work at St Colmons had been an original editorial team member with the magazine from the start along with John McAlley.

Claire kept everything in order and running smoothly in her voluntary role as secretary and treasurer and worked hard to secure the funding over the years for the magazine through applications to Carrick Futures and Hadyard Hill.

The editorial team wish Claire all the very best for the future.

# 'Little Ads Club' gets off to a great Start

The editorial team would like to thank those businesses who have joined the Little Ads Club and those who have paid for a larger advert in the Winter edition. Since the magazine began we have been supporting local businesses with free business adverts. We want to continue to support local businesses but we have had to become more self-financing as a magazine and our funders have asked us to start exploring ways of generating income.

There are two options going forward for business adverts in the magazines.

## Option 1 Join our 'Little Ads Club'

(Exclusively for businesses within the Stinchar Valley villages of Barr, Barrhill, Pinmore, Pinwherry, Colmonell, Ballantrae and Lendalfoot)

For £10 a year you can have a credit card sized advert in the magazine in the winter, spring, summer and autumn editions or

For £20 a year you can have a double credit card advert in the magazine in the winter, spring, summer and autumn editions

## Option 2 Have a larger paid advert in the magazine

This option is available to those businesses in the Stinchar Valley and others outside the area. It offers a reasonably priced option for businesses wanting a larger advertisement to promote their business

Prices for an advert in one edition

- Half page £60
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- All 4 centre pages £300
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Payment for all adverts would be in advance.

If you wish to join the 'Little Ads Club' or would like a larger paid advert in the magazine please contact Marie McNulty for more information on

[stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stinchar-valley-magazine@hotmail.co.uk)

## Off to pastures new for our Stinchar Valley Magazine editor John & wife Jill

Our Autumn edition was sadly the final magazine involving our editor John and his wife Jill as they waved farewell to Pinwherry. John and Jill had been involved in the magazine from the start... John was our volunteer editor extraordinaire and Jill worked hard to make sure everything went smoothly with distributing the Stinchar Valley Magazine to the villages. As a thank you to them both and for what would be thousands of hours over the last few years that John had spent editing the magazine the editorial team produced a framed copy of the front cover of the final edition as a gift. The framed print was presented to John and Jill and it now has pride of place in their living room in Garstang, Lancashire. We asked John and Jill for a few words.



*Hi All*

*All, sounds so inadequate! From Yorkshire to Scotland was a big step, along with a lifestyle change!*

*We found so many great friends living around us willing to help and be helped, the more involved with the community we became the more friends we made. PPCC, 2Pins, PPCDA, PDA, Stinchar Valley Magazine, Stinchar Valley Gardening Club and further afield Ballantrae Medical Practice, South Ayrshire Councillors. Too many to name, so many people wearing so many different hats!*

*We must thank you all for giving us nearly twelve years of very happy and rewarding times.*

*We thank Keith and Beryl at Peinn Mor Pottery for their support and the great gifts we were given, to Peter Walker and Sandra, so much effort to our community at personal expense and valued friends.*

*Many thanks to the Editing team of the Stinchar Valley Magazine, what a great and rewarding time I had as Editor, thanks also to all those who contributed to make the magazine so successful*

*I did not want to leave, a greater power made it a must and I now can walk further before I drop!!*

*We miss you all.*

*Best wishes*

*John and Jill*

***We wish John and Jill all the very best for the future.***

## AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

The beautiful balmy days of our wonderful Summer are but a fond memory and winter's cold blast is upon us. However no matter what the weather may bring, our busy communities carry on with everyday life. In Carrick we are lucky to have so many folk who give of their own time and effort for the benefit of others. These groups are always looking for volunteers to share the load and being involved in your community gives you a sense of pride and wellbeing. It also gets you out of the house and makes new friends, becomes a social occasion and helps out folk of all ages to have a vibrant town or village. So don't be a lonely couch potato, get out and enjoy yourself as part of the bigger picture.

As always roads have been a bugbear and this summer and autumn have been no different to others where myself and colleagues have had to intervene at times to sort out problems with transport access during roadworks, especially on the A714. However what I can say is that the improvement of the A714 Girvan to Barrhill and on to the D&G Border since I was first elected in 2012 is terrific. The latest works which are supplemented by Timber Transport Funding have given this route a new lease of life which is to be welcomed by all who use and live along this road.

Another major issue this year has been the closure of part of the Ayr Railway Station for public safety reasons which have not just hampered travel for the communities South of Ayr, it has decimated travel in many cases. Public transport in rural areas can be sporadic to say the least, so the rail link at an assured time can be vital. Students going to College and University, employees getting to work and people accessing medical appointments and hospitals as well as visitors coming to enjoy our area and stimulate the local economy. All of these are issues which affect the everyday life of ordinary folk and I'm sure would have been sorted out quickly had any of our cities experienced such disruption. It is not beyond reasonable expectation (given the period of closure) for the rail



companies to provide a single train on the line South of Ayr to Stranraer with a bowser for refuelling at Stranraer. This would have provided a service with assured travel times and restored the somewhat dented reputation of the transport providers.

One of the most important issues for me is communication and with that in mind I am delighted to see that South Ayrshire Council has now established our own online newspaper called "South Ayrshire Council Live" which will keep you up to date with all of the latest news, views, decisions, communities, planning issues, building projects, school news and much more. All with glorious colour reviews and easy to read stories. Make sure to access this online paper by visiting the South Ayrshire Council website.

Keep well, keep warm and enjoy a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New Year in the company of family and friends

Aye Yours,

**Councillor Alec Clark**

## COUNCILLOR IAN FITZSIMMONS



The winter is now upon us and everyone will be preparing for the Christmas festivities, but I hope everyone had a good summer – what great weather we had, much better than in past years which brought more visitors to the area to see all the great scenery that we have to offer.

The two Flower Shows, Girvan & Ballantrae, were well attended with a lot of entries in each of the categories. Thanks must go to all the Committees and volunteers who do a huge amount of work in organising these events for the public to enjoy.

When you read this all the Remembrance services will have taken place and I hope to have attended the ones

at Pinwherry, Colmonell and Ballantrae. The Firework displays too will also have taken place, hopefully without incident.

Ayrshire Roads Alliance are starting pavement repairs, scheduled to be underway by the beginning of December. Barrhill will be getting speed restrictions on the main street which will be starting in the new year. During November the A714 will have all been resurfaced to the border with Dumfries & Galloway.

The new school at Ballantrae should be ready about Easter 2019, which will be a benefit to the community.

To all the readers of the Magazine and all residents in the Stinchar Valley, I hope you enjoy the Christmas lights switch-on events, parties, Church services etc. and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

**Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons**

## COUNCILLOR PETER HENDERSON



The dark nights are back with us and preparations for the festive season underway. I would ask all to have in mind their neighbours at this time, those who are less fortunate and perhaps alone. Please take a few minutes to call in if you can and disperse the loneliness that often goes unnoticed. A short chat and a kindly gesture can be of immense assistance.

It has been a busy and productive few months since the last article, with communities and the council working hard to make improvements for all. It is heartening to experience the efforts made in all areas. In Barr I was privileged to see the new Multi Use Games Area and playpark open; the work on Ballantrae School making significant steps forward; at Pinwherry and Pinmore new proposals for a community hall and centre up and running. The new refurbished Barrhill Hall is a great success and asset. House refurbishment and a terrific Community Garden in Colmonell. At Lendalfoot work on beach access and conservation. Daily refurbishing the Church and improving the Community Garden. These are just a few examples of the community driving forward.

The Ambition programme from the Council has attracted record numbers of applicants for new and established business to grow and develop. I hope

we can all see the investment that has been made in road improvements, despite often inconveniencing people. This will continue and I do hope assist in better access for individuals and business.

The involvement and consultation with communities in reflecting your needs is vital for me and the administration, and I urge everyone to take part in consultations, reflect your views either directly or through your community councils, associations and development groups. It is only then we will be better informed as to the communities' needs not dictated from the centre.

I continue to attend Community Councils, surgeries etc. on a monthly basis as well as assisting many cases who ask for help. Council and external committees and bodies attended ensure that our area is always represented and I hope the progress for the villages is being reflected in the attention received.

The Ayrshire Growth deal is now starting to make headway and representations continue to be made regularly regarding improvements to the A77. The Government Transport review is also underway.

I wish everyone a happy and enjoyable festive season and all the very best for the new year.

**Councillor Peter Henderson SNP**



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# PINWHERRY & PINMORE

## PINWHERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Christmas Meal Outing for Senior Citizens and Christmas Event for Children

We are currently arranging our Christmas events for Senior Citizens - (Ladies 60 years and over and Gentlemen 65 years and over) and all Children in the Pinwherry/Pinmore area.

If you have not received an invitation in the past, but think that you may be eligible please contact Morag on 01465841641 or campbell0qe@btinternet.com. We would like to encourage as many eligible residents as possible to come and join with us in these enjoyable events.



### Pinwherry Craft & Local Produce Fair

The wind and rain couldn't stop a fabulous day at Pinwherry Village Hall. With 20 stalls showcasing the great talent of craftspeople that joined us on the day - there was something for everyone. The day was made complete by the tea room, bake stall and tombola run courtesy of the Pinwherry SWI (and honorary member for the day - Joe) and not forgetting the much-appreciated bacon rolls! The event helped raise £378 which will contribute to the activities of the Pinwherry Community Association and the 2 Pins Community Company.



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Auld Lang Syne is a new one-woman theatre show from Scottish musician Mairi Campbell.

Auld Lang Syne tells a very human story through Mairi's personal relationship with the world-renowned Scottish Song.

The performance braids together three stories: a childhood friendship, early married life and her adventures with the song. Auld Lang Syne is a potent, funny and heartfelt show that uses Mairi's personal experience to create a piece that resonates with the wider universal truths.

Mairi Campbell is a pioneering figure in Scottish music. Mairi has won several awards for her musicianship including Instrumentalist of the Year and Scots Singer of The Year at the Scots Traditional Music Awards

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For more info on the evening and to get tickets (start price from £7) contact Morag Campbell Tel 01465841641 or book on-line at <https://thegaiety.co.uk/shows/>



## PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### SUPPORT COSTS FOR TRANSPORT TO AND FROM MEDICAL SERVICES

It is now over two years since Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council instigated a scheme to assist residents with the cost of transport to and from medical services. This scheme has been very successful and so far, has paid out over six hundred pounds. The scheme gives a generous mileage allowance or pays full public transport costs. The application form is simple and easy to use, and all details remain fully confidential. The scheme does not arrange transport.

The application form is available on the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council website, from [ppcctransport@btinternet.com](mailto:ppcctransport@btinternet.com) or from Joy Chamberlain on 01465 841211

## SWIM OR GYM?

If you are under twenty years of age or are aged over 60 and live within the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council area, you can still apply for a free three month membership of the Quay Zone Girvan. This can be either a swimming membership or if over 16 years of age a gym membership.

Application forms are available on the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council website, from [mechamberlain@btinternet.com](mailto:mechamberlain@btinternet.com) or by phoning 01465 841211

## Here's a Christmas Quiz with 20 questions for you to try!

The answers can be found  
elsewhere in the magazine

1. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
2. How many Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus?
3. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza's?
4. What was the name of John the Baptist's mother?
5. Who brings presents to children in Holland on the 5th. 6th of December?
6. How many letters are in the angelic alphabet?
7. In what town was Jesus born?
8. How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
9. In what decade was the first Christmas Card sent in the UK?
10. In what country did the family escape too?
11. How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with the letter 'D'?
12. What country did Christmas Trees originate from?
13. Who was the 'King of the Jews' who ordered the babies to be killed?
14. What's the second line of 'I'm dreaming of a White Christmas'?
15. What was Joseph's job?
16. Who started the custom of Wassailing?
17. Who were first people to visit the baby Jesus?
18. What's lucky to find in your Christmas Pudding?
19. What angel visited Mary?
20. Where did the baby Jesus sleep?



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# Ayrshire meets Italy at Pinwherry SWI

At October's meeting Pinwherry SWI welcomed Lindsay Guidi from Home Cook School. Lindsay who is based in Maybole demonstrated how to make an Italian classic carbonara with local ingredients. The eggs were from Little Turnberry Farm, the bread for sourdough garlic bread came from Bhaile Craft Bakery in Ayr and of course not forgetting Ayrshire smoked bacon. Rural member Liz Gregg was a willing volunteer who assisted Lindsay on the evening. The completed dish was sampled by all and it was agreed it was delicious. Lindsay shared with us the recipe and revealed to us that in Italy often a few Chilli flakes are added to your carbonara to give it a little kick! Why not give the recipe a go and try the dish for yourselves. You can find out more about Lindsay and her business at [www.homecookschool.com](http://www.homecookschool.com)



Pinwherry SWI has a great programme lined up for the coming months. You are welcome to join us for the one night as a guest and pay £4. We meet in Pinwherry Hall at 7.30pm 2nd Monday of the month. Our program from January is a butchery demonstration by Hendries of Girvan, February we are lampshade making with Sarah Redman and in March we are joined by Lord Lieutenant John Dalrymple Hamilton. For more information contact Lana Rafferty on 01465 841272



## Recipe

Spaghetti Carbonara  
(serves 4 as a starter)

### Ingredients

- 1 packet of pancetta strips or good quality smoked bacon. Around 200g roughly chopped
- 400 g Spaghetti or Linguine
- 1 white onion finely chopped
- 3 gloves garlic finely chopped
- 6 egg yolks whisked
- Knob of butter
- Splash of olive oil
- Splash of cream (optional)
- A pinch of red chilli flakes (optional)
- Handful of chopped flat leaf parsley to serve (optional)
- A generous handful of grated parmesan plus a little extra for serving
- Salt and pepper to season

### Method

1. In a large pot, bring water to the boil. Add a generous pinch of salt (or a vegetable stock cube) and a splash of olive oil. This will help stop your pasta from sticking together. Add your pasta and allow to boil for 8-10 minutes. Keep checking your pasta towards the end of its cooking time. It should be 'al dente' (firm to the bite).
2. Meanwhile, in a large frying pan, heat some olive oil and a knob of butter. Add the pancetta/bacon and fry on a medium to high heat for a couple of minutes so it starts to go crispy. Empty the bacon onto a plate, then in the same unwashed pan, at a medium heat, add the finely chopped white onion, taking care that they don't burn.
3. Meanwhile, mix up the egg yolks and handful of grated parmesan in a jug. Set aside.
4. After the onion has been frying for 4 or 5 minutes, return the bacon to the pan, then add the finely chopped garlic and allow to fry for another couple of minutes. At this point you could add in the chilli flakes if you like but it is entirely up to you!
5. Once the spaghetti is cooked, drain, but set aside a mugful of the pasta water. This starchy water can be used to thin out the sauce if need be. You may not need to use it though. The traditional way is not to add cream!
6. Take the frying pan off the heat and combine the pasta and pancetta/bacon mixture. Then pour over the egg yolk and parmesan mixture and quickly stir through. The spaghetti should be coated. If you feel the mixture needs moistened, add a splash of the pasta water or cream to loosen it off. Taste and season accordingly.
7. This is a dish which cannot be made in advance or reheated. Sprinkle with the remaining grated parmesan and garnish with the parsley. Lovely served as a starter or main with some garlic flat breads. Buon Appetito!

# Cream Tea on Pinmore Green

The sun came out for us at our Cream Tea at Pinmore Green in August. The annual event organised by Pinwherry SWI was a fantastic day with delicious home-made jam and cream scones, bake and local produce table and balloon entertainment by Fabulous Fraser, great fun for the children...and some of the adults!

The Cream tea also provided the perfect setting for a family reunion of brothers and sisters who stayed in Pinmore and attended the old primary school which is now Peinn Mor pottery. We couldn't have wished for more and also raised over £400 towards local projects.

Big thanks to all those who helped make the day happen, especially our marquee erectors and dismantlers and to all those who joined us for cream tea and made it so special.



# What's Special about our PLACE?

Pinwherry and Pinmore residents joined in the October workshop with the PLACE team from the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere.

The community shared what they felt was special about their place and what they felt could be done to help connect more with the things that are special. We heard interesting stories about smugglers at Daljarrock, illegal whiskey distilling in hidden copper stills in and around the villages and the story of the 'thin man', an escaped prisoner hiding out who was so thin he could slip through the bars of the jail!

What was agreed was that we have something special in our landscape, the valley, our rivers that run through it, flora and fauna, our Stinchar Valley Walks, special geological features and a rich cultural heritage. Even Robert Burns felt the river Stinchar was special and included it in one of his songs.

Going forward we hope to look more into how we can build on our stories and rich history, develop our existing Stinchar Valley Walks and connect more with the river and the valley through exploring how we can improve access and create villages which are not only for us but for others to stop to enjoy.



## My Nanie, O

A song by Robert Burns, 1783

Behind yon hills where Stinchar flows,  
'Mang moors an' mosses many, O,  
The wintry sun the day has clos'd,  
And I'll awa to Nanie, O.  
The westlin wind blows loud an' shill;  
The night's baith mirk and rainy, O;  
But I'll get my plaid an' out I'll steal,  
An' owre the hill to Nanie, O.  
My Nanie's charming, sweet, an' young;  
Nae artfu' wiles to win ye, O:  
May ill befa' the flattering tongue  
That wad beguile my Nanie, O.  
Her face is fair, her heart is true;  
As spotless as she's bonie, O:  
The op'ning gowan, wat wi' dew,  
Nae purer is than Nanie, O.  
A country lad is my degree,  
An' few there be that ken me, O;  
But what care I how few they be,  
I'm welcome aye to Nanie, O.  
My riches a's my penny-fee,  
An' I maun guide it cannie, O;  
But warl's gear ne'er troubles me,  
My thoughts are a' my Nanie, O.  
Our auld guidman delights to view  
His sheep an' kye thrive bonie, O;  
But I'm as blythe that hands his pleugh,  
An' has nae care but Nanie, O.  
Come weel, come woe, I care na by;  
I'll tak what Heav'n will sen' me, O:  
Nae ither care in life have I,  
But live, an' love my Nanie, O.

## Good for Business...Business for Good

Pinwherry resident Ann Berry has just set up a new business Biosphere Bikes. Marie McNulty asked Ann to share her business journey so far.



### How did the idea for your business come about?

I was looking for a local club and could not find any nearby. By chance I came across a facebook page about Girvan Wheelers. Girvan Wheelers was a new community cycling group being set up by a lady called Sally Johnston. Sally works for Firstport and runs the WHAT IF... GIRVAN project. WHAT IF...GIRVAN programme works with local people in Girvan and the surrounding areas to inspire them to turn their ideas into businesses that transform their local area and benefit the local community. I met with Sally and discussions led to how good it would be to have a cycle hub where people could learn to ride, hire bikes, go on led rides, learn about bike maintenance and other cycle related activities.

### What does it mean to have a social business or be a social entrepreneur?

A social business or what's referred to as a Social Enterprise has a main purpose to encourage and make social change that truly benefits the local community it is serving. That could be impacting on health and wellbeing, encouraging tourism which brings economic benefit or employing or training local people within the business.

### What was your key driving force to become a social entrepreneur?

For me it was the passion over profit and the desire to help the local community where I live. I love cycling and know the great physical and mental health benefits it can bring. I also think that there is a great opportunity for economic benefit to the community through cycle tourism. This is a magnificent area of Scotland and we need to get people out there seeing it whilst being kind to the environment by ditching the car and 'gettin on yer bike'

### How did you come up with the name for your company?

Now there's a question. Sally and myself had brainstormed on loads of different names to do with the coast, sea, sand, harbour, Girvan related names and others. We then had a sort of a lightbulb moment. We are right in the middle of Galloway and South Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, why not Biosphere Bikes. The hub would be in Girvan but those 2 wheels could take you as far as you wanted to go into this special area.

### Where is your favourite place in the Stinchar Valley to ride your bike and why?

Tough question, there are so many places and so many I have still to explore. I love going out towards the forests, bit bumpy on the tracks but I love the peacefulness of nature. The coastal ride through Maidens towards Culzean and Ayr has the most amazing views out to sea.

### Who has been your greatest inspiration?

When I first started this journey I went to see Cycle Station based in Kilmarnock, another social enterprise which is very much along the same lines of what I would like to achieve in Girvan. There I met a chap called Alan Vass who started bike hire on a small scale from Kilmarnock Railway Station with the Railway Heritage Trust. Alan is now independent and runs bike hire from Whitelees Windfarm. He has opened a shop in Newmilns selling recycled bikes and has volunteers he is training as bike mechanics with the purpose of employment. Alan gave and is still giving me great advice and has offered help in any way to get the hub at Girvan started. I also have to mention Chris Saunders from ACE (Adventure Centre for Education) again another social enterprise who has also been so supportive and willing to help the hub get set up. Both are passionate about what they do and have a very strong moral compass.

### What piece of advice would you give to someone wanting to set up a social business?

As someone who is new to the business world and finds this a bit of an alien pathway then I can say what was good for me.

If you are passionate about what you want to do and it is your dream then go for it.

There will be ups and downs and wobbles along the way but it's like riding a bike, to keep your balance you have to keep moving forward.

Take as much help and advice as you can from other businesses and supporting agencies like WHAT IF...GIRVAN. The guidance and support they provide is absolutely invaluable.

AND, involve the community you want to make an impact for. Ultimately for me they are the most important part.

**All the best for the future Ann!**

## Club Diamonds Dazzling 10 year Anniversary

**Fitness class fans in Girvan, Dailly, Colmonell and Barrhill raised a glass to celebrate 10 successful years of South Carrick Club Diamonds.**

These popular classes, held across Girvan and South Carrick, have provided regular fitness opportunities since 2008, and ten years on, they're still going strong.

Fast feet, shoulder presses and aerobic exercises feature in the varied programmes devised by three fully qualified instructors. The workouts, done with music, focus on strength, agility, and balance. And the added bonus is that social interaction adds to members' well-being.

Club Diamonds is run by volunteers and staffed by qualified instructors.

Over the years, members have also been able to access advice on promoting good health, gaining valuable first aid skills and CPR training, all made available through Club Diamonds.

South Carrick Club Diamonds grew out of activities set up by South Ayrshire Council and the Health Board as part of an initiative in Falls Awareness and Prevention. When the funding for this initiative was withdrawn in 2008 the club members felt that the fitness classes had been so beneficial that it would make sense to try to keep them going. A committee was established and they made applications for funding which were successful. Thereafter they worked hard to draw up a constitution and get the new club up and running.

The committee would like to thank all funding bodies, instructors and volunteers who have been involved through the years. Club Diamonds ensures that people in Carrick enjoy fitness today, aiming to future-proof their health for the long-term.

It's never too late to start a fitness programme - pop in to a Club Diamonds class this week.

**Club Diamonds Classes take place as follows:**

Colmonell	Monday 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Colmonell Community Hall
Barrhill	Monday 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Dailly	Tuesday 10.00am - 11.00am	Dailly Community Hall
Girvan	Tuesday 11.30am - 12.30pm	Girvan South Parish Church Hall
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## Girvan Coastal Rowing Club

Girvan Coastal Rowing Club, established in 2013, offers social and competitive rowing for all age groups.

Regular rowing sessions in the Girvan Academy-built skiff are held twice-weekly from Girvan Harbour, with free taster sessions available.

With experienced coxswains in charge, rowers can enjoy rowing on Girvan Bay and along the Water of Girvan.

Affiliated to the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association, Girvan rowers can row competitively in any number of regattas around the Scottish coastline.

The St Ayles Skiff World Championships, known as Skiffeworlds, will be held at Stranraer in July 2019.

For more information about Girvan Coastal Rowing Club contact [girvan.rowing@btinternet.com](mailto:girvan.rowing@btinternet.com) or find us on Facebook.



# BALLANTRAE

## Ballantrae Year of Young People 2018 Project

by Andy McAlpine

The Ballantrae Trust's Summer Activities Programme provided around 30 activities and events for Ballantrae's young people over the summer holidays. Over 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 which included Archery, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, hill walking, coasteering, and beach adventures. As well as working with Adventure Carrick, they attended the Scouts Scotland Scotjamb camps at Lochgoilhead in Argyll where they were involved in sailing, canoeing, mountain biking, hill walks and high rope work.

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 some unique and memorable experiences for our young people. More pictures can be found on the Ballantrae YoYP Project Facebook page.



## "The Best of Ballantrae"

by Colin McNally

This year's event had a "Year of Young People 2018 looking back" focus and raised over £400 for church funds. The event was held to remind people that the work of Ballantrae Church is ongoing - despite the church having no permanent minister at present.

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. There was also an explanation of 3 possible imaginative "Linking Technology and History" projects to help keep Ballantrae's story alive for future generations.

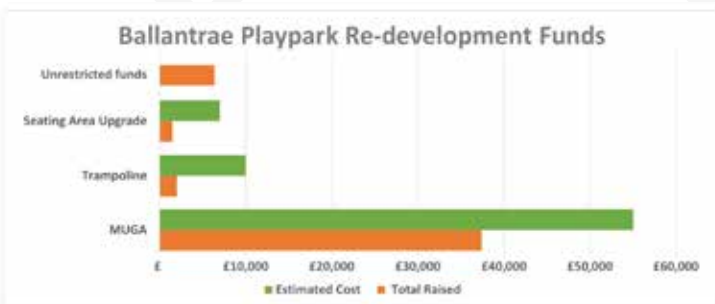
All of this plus great refreshments and home baking in the manse! A lot to pack into 3 hours. Well done to all the helpers and everyone who lent their mementoes. A great afternoon!



# Ballantrae Playpark Development Group

We are continuing to drive the playpark development forward to achieve a fantastic welcoming area for residents of Ballantrae, the surrounding areas and visitors to our lovely community to enjoy for hopefully many years to come. We are continuing discussions with our contact at South Ayrshire Council (SAC) and local suppliers.

The graph below shows where we are as at end September 2018 with the confirmed funding for each of the elements of the development.



Since Chris began working with the Ballantrae Trust as Development Officer, one of her priorities was to secure planning permission for the MUGA (achieved) and to apply to various funders to enable the Playpark Development goals to be met within an acceptable timeframe. We all appreciate the frustration regarding the time it is taking to see our agreed improvements happen. However please look at the process so far in the graph. We are well on our way to make this finally happen!!

In September there was a display in the church as part of "The Best of Ballantrae" with a small selection of photographs of some of the local fundraisers we have organised or been part of, and a few of the events attended to raise the profile of our project to apply and thankfully successfully receive grants towards items of equipment. The most recent was a stall at the Craft Fair in November.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last few years. To make these improvements happen in our community we rely heavily on local people, businesses and people volunteering. Unfortunately, attendance at our meetings has dwindled considerably. Please, if you can help in any way, possibly assist in a fund-raising event, have any suggestions, or indeed can organise a fund raiser, please get in touch.

Many thanks.

**Fiona: 07917133220 Cheryl: 07767 081602 Kenny: 07837385213**

## BALLANTRAE LIBRARY - open for business as usual

Ballantrae Library is situated at the rear of The Community Hall on the Main Street near the Scotmid Shop. It is open for business on Mondays from 4pm to 7pm, Tuesdays from 3pm to 5pm and Thursdays and Fridays from 10am - 12am.

The small but "perfectly formed" Ballantrae library offers a comprehensive selection of books for all ages. Can't find what you are looking for? Speak to Heather and she'll try and source it for you.

For those wanting to do some job searching or to do a spot of family history research there is free access to a PC with internet. If you have a document needing to be printed for that last minute holiday booking or piece of homework we also provide access to a colour printer. For those of you who prefer to use your own mobile device Ballantrae Library also has free Wi-Fi access. (Wi-Fi printing coming soon!)

Even when the library is closed there are lots of library services available 24/7, such as,

- Find out about our wider collection of books from our online catalogue
- Libby (Overdrive) our ebook and eaudio service
- PressReader - online newspapers and magazines
- A spot of historical research using Find My Past, Scotsman online Historical Newspapers or our Births Deaths and Marriages Index 1803 -1835

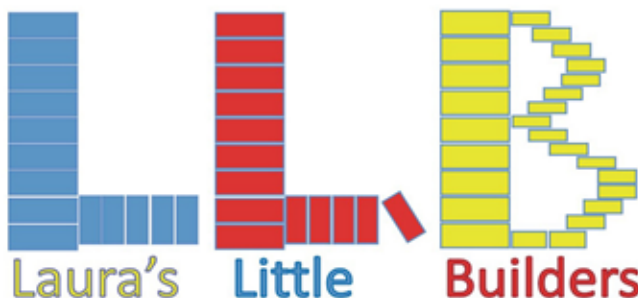
And much more

Check these out and find out what else is going on in your South Ayrshire library service from our website - <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries/>

**Michelle Jefford**  
ICT Systems Librarian -  
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### REGISTERED CHILDMINDER BALLANTRAE VILLAGE



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Laura's Little Builders Childminding

# Ballantrae Trust by Andy McAlpine



The Trust ran a successful summer holiday activities programme and Smugglers' Festival. You can read elsewhere in this edition about them and also 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. Work continues on bringing the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink (BFFD) back in 2019 and creating a new Ballantrae website. Along with the Community Council we are working with the "PLACE in the Biosphere" project officers to identify what is unique about Ballantrae and how we can make more of it for locals and visitors.

We now have a temporary Trust office (in the small front room of the Community Hall) which Chris our Development Officer will use one day a week (see the profile below of Chris). We are grateful to the Ballantrae Community Fund for their financial support of BFFD 2019 and to allow us to recruit a trainee Development Officer to take over from Chris and Andrew - our experienced DOs - when they move on in November 2019.

At the end of October the Board spent a day visiting two very different neighbouring Trusts - The Creetown Initiative and Kirkcudbright Development Trust - and their very different and inspiring projects. While we are very lucky to have a broad range of relevant skills within our Board, the "learning visit" - part of our Board development funded by the Scottish Community Alliance (SCA) - provided an opportunity to focus on how other Trusts operate and to discuss with our opposite numbers some of the challenges they have faced and how they have addressed them. Incidentally, SCA funding is available to other Ballantrae groups to visit their opposite numbers elsewhere in Scotland. For more information and SCA contact details, email Chris the Ballantrae Trust Development Officer (email address below).

Over the coming months we will be following up on offers of assistance from Trust members to help us move forward the Ballantrae Trust's various projects. Our membership now stands at 108. Please consider joining the Trust if you have not already done so. Email Chris at [ballantraetrust@gmail.com](mailto:ballantraetrust@gmail.com) for a membership form - it's free to join, and "like" our Trust Facebook page.



## Chris Hanna The Ballantrae Trust's 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 to develop various Trust projects and fund-raising.

# BALLANTRAE SMUGGLERS' FESTIVAL



This year's programme included two productions arranged by the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network - one was 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 from two superb local musicians - the Wah Wahs. 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 or on [www.ballantrae.org.uk](http://www.ballantrae.org.uk)/smugglers.

Sponsors this year were SCOTMID and Carrick Futures / Ballantrae Community Council Community Benefit Fund. Partners were The Ayrshire Rural Touring Network, Adventure Carrick, The King's Arms Hotel, and Craigmains Home & Garden Centre. Our thanks go to them, to our volunteers, the local Primary School children who always play an important part in the festival, and our audiences.



# BALLANTRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Early Years Macmillan Coffee Morning

Ballantrae early years class hosted this year's Macmillan coffee morning. They had fun baking lots of cakes to sell at the event. Parents, grandparents and members of the community attended the event where they enjoyed cake, coffee and conversation. Thanks to everyone's kind generosity and the hard work from the children we managed to raise £308 for the charity. Well done everyone!



## Rugby Taster

In August, Primary 5 and 7 strolled along the street to Victory Park in Girvan. After crossing the squelchy soaking grass they played tig which was enjoyed by all. The coaches from Carrick Rugby Club then taught the different types of tackles through playing octopus tig. After some work on passing, the children had the opportunity to play a couple of games of rugby. The children had an exciting time and since then some have gone on to join the Carrick Rugby Club in Maybole.



## Stincher Valley Outdoor Learning

On Thursday 20th September Primary 1-2 joined with the nursery for a day of outdoor learning by the river. The

children were very creative and made magic wands using sticks and different coloured wool. They also made their own paintbrushes using interesting objects that they had found in the woods. Primary 1-2 were very responsible and kept their nursery buddies safe by being very sensible and holding their hands when walking to the river. We all had a great day and it was lovely to be back in Ballantrae!



## Halloween Party

On Friday 26th October the annual Rural Ladies Halloween Party was held in Ballantrae Hall. This year the children wore upcycled and homemade costumes and participated in a parade.

The children and staff and ladies were entertained by the fantastic Roadrunner who had the children dancing, playing games and even turning Mrs. Gregg into a Mummy.

The children had a fun filled afternoon and would like to say a massive thank you to the ladies from the Rural for the array of sausages and cakes.



## BALLANTRAE SWI by Jessie Brown

We started the new season with Flower arrangements by Mrs. Margaret Finlay. October was a Massage Therapy by Kate Adams and in November we are planning a practical class on crochet by Annette Torbet. December will be our meal out. January is a slide show of Girvan Valley by Mary Hogg, February will be a demonstration of Tray Bakes by Anne Walker, March is our 89th birthday party, and April is a talk by Turnberry Carpets, finishing with our AGM.

We meet in the Community Centre at 7.15pm on the first Monday of the month. All are welcome. For more information please contact me, Jessie Brown, tel 831544.



# STINCHAR VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



by Dr Tom Smith

The winter season for the gardening club started in September with a welcome to old and new members. A plant swap, a glass or two and a bit of fun eased us into the new season along with the news that the annual subscription remains at £12. At around a pound a meeting for a great series of speakers and visits over the year it is spectacular value!

As the speaker for October, I showed the audience a different side to their garden plants. We may all know about willow bark and aspirin, and foxglove and digoxin, but what about the anti-cancer drugs developed from yew trees, periwinkle and mustard, or the anti-gout drug colchicine from autumn crocus? I described the link between St Vitus Dance, the Salem witch trials and ergometrine, the injection given to women after childbirth to control bleeding – all

linked to ergot, a fungus growing on rye. Did you know that the anticoagulant coumarin was developed from chemicals released from mowing your lawn? You will have friends whose lives depend on taking it daily.

But my talk came with a warning. For some of these medicines the therapeutic dose (the one that cures) is close to the lethal one (that kills) so don't try using these plants off your own bat. I claim to be an enthusiastic amateur gardener and that the rest of the speakers are better qualified!

On 21 November we have Jim and Sonja Brodie to talk about Edible Gardening. Our saliva is already flowing, preparing us for the Christmas lunch on 14 December at Austin's in Girvan. On 16 January a local bee-keeper will encourage us to keep bees or at the least do what we can to welcome them into our gardens. On 21 February Angus Hogg from Crosshill will talk of the surprises arising in his 30 years of watching birds in his garden, and give us hints on how to attract them and other wild life into ours.

Denis Reid from Girvan will be with us on 20 March to discuss his collection of bonsais and to show us how to follow his example in creating them. Denis is an entertaining speaker and actor well known for his Edinburgh Festival contributions and for his battle re-enactment skills, so he will be a fitting climax to our speakers' season.

Our AGM is on 17 April 2019, a pleasant sociable evening, with refreshments provided. Our summer season programme of garden visits is being planned – it will be ready for the spring edition of the magazine. All the meetings are in the Colmonell Kirk Hall: it is cosy and perfect for us. We would like to see it full of both old and new members.

If you would like more information about the club, or how to join, please contact:

**Moira McAlpine (Chair)**

Tel: 01465831122 e-mail: moira.mcalpine@btopenworld.com



## ANNIE DUFFY...A LEGACY

The Stinchar Valley Gardening Club has received a donation from the family of Annie Duffy who was a former, long-standing, member of the club and who sadly passed away earlier this year. Annie was first and foremost a very keen gardener who loved to spend time in either her own garden or planting and tending the many planters around Barrhill and at Barrhill train station. She could regularly be seen trundling her wheelbarrow around the village filled with plants, compost and tools, off to her next gardening task.

She loved to share her gardening knowledge and inspire others to get planting. Annie spent time through the year with the children of Barrhill Primary School. She helped them with planting, tending and finally harvesting fruit, vegetables and herbs in the school community garden in Arnshean Park and also around the school grounds. The children loved her enthusiasm and encouragement as they got stuck into digging and planting with great gusto.

Annie always did wonderfully well at both Ballantrae and Barrhill Flower Shows, she entered a huge amount across not only vegetable and flower sections, but flower arranging, handicrafts and baking. She was thrilled when she won most points in show at the Barrhill Show in 2016 and 2017 along with Best in Show for her dahlias in 2017

In memory of Annie, the Club would like to invite expressions of interest from individuals or groups located in the Stinchar Valley outlining how they would use part of the donation (up to a maximum of £100). The Club would welcome proposals which are gardens or gardening orientated and would be of benefit to the local community. Projects which could clearly demonstrate Annie's commitment to the community, her love of gardening and could be seen to commemorate her life would be particularly welcome.

Once proposals are received, the Stinchar Valley Gardening Club Committee will consider which would be the most rewarding in terms of a memorial to Annie and a further announcement will be made in the New Year regarding the beneficiaries.

**The deadline for receipt of the proposals is 31 December 2018.**

Proposals should be sent to:

**Sue Royce - Secretary**

Stinchar Valley Gardening Club  
Woodburn Cottage, Pinwherry, KA26 0QZ

For further information:

Tel: 01465841267. E-mail: s.royce@sky.com

# BALLANTRAE FLOWER SHOW

by Linda Wild

After the long, hot, dry summer expectations for number and quality of entries in the vegetable and flower sections was low. We were however pleasantly surprised that so many people had managed to grow some impressive produce. The earlier date than usual and the weather did mean that some classes were down on entries but there were plenty of beautiful flowers on display.

Baking, handicrafts, decorative and children's sections also received a good selection of entries from the busy makers and bakers in the area.

The hall closed for judging at 9:45am on the day of the show and all went suddenly quiet. Then the judges busily set to work selecting the best in each class. Best in sections were then selected and finally best in show, which this year was won by Linden Hunt for a very impressive vase of herbaceous flowers.

The show was opened at 2pm by Alec Clark and a steady stream of people came to admire the exhibits and see if they or their friends had won any prizes. They also enjoyed delicious cream teas.



There were some wonderful exhibits in the children's sections. There had obviously been some busy children over the summer holidays.

A successful show was concluded when Alec Clark presented the prizes to the happy winners. There were also some very happy children when they received rosettes for their prize winning entries.

We would like to thank the judges who kindly give up their time, Fiona Roper, Linda Lyle and Stacey Stewart who generously made and served the teas and Sandra Wright

who manned the door. Without their help the show could not take place. Finally thanks goes to Alec Clark for opening the show and handing out the trophies.

We look forward to seeing you again next year on 17th August for the 2019 show which the show committee is already busy organising. Please see either Linden Hunt or Jessie Brown if you would like to help with next year's show. New committee members with fresh ideas are always welcome.



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# BALLANTRAE IN BLOOM by Lynn Nield

The Ballantrae in Bloom year began on 23rd April when 17 people came to our AGM, 9 of these represented 9 village groups and organisations. The Primary School was represented by Kaci, Lily and Mae with their teacher Mrs. Sloan.

Janette Sloan, our Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave her report of matters in 2017. Barbara Barlow was then elected as our new treasurer after the sad passing of our former treasurer Evelyne Scott. Pupils from the school were asked to join the committee and were keen to do so. The intention was to involve pupils by helping to keep the village planters looking good through the year. Unfortunately, due to the fire at the school and the pupils being bussed in to Girvan, this did not happen. Hopefully this can be started next year.



During the year the village planters have been full of lovely blooms. In particular the spring tulips planted by Rosemary Stevenson were magnificent. The planters and wall baskets are arranged and looked after by a number of people. South Ayrshire Council plant the ones at the Churchyard and at the north end of the village. The others are planted by Rosemary, Linden Hunt (around the Community Hall) and by members of Ballantrae in Bloom. Due to the glorious summer we had this year keeping them well watered was a bit of a challenge and we are very grateful to Rosemary, Marti Drummond, Jessie Anderson, Roy at the hall, Heather at the library and staff at Scotmid for helping us out with this. We would also like to thank Leonard McKinnon and Bob Agnew for helping us out with a bit of maintenance work.

Our annual garden competition took place on 9th August and was judged by Annmaree Mitchell, head gardener at Glenapp Castle. We were blessed with a lovely day for the judging. The categories for this year were 1. Best kept garden (won by Jeanette McCulloch), 2. Most interesting garden (won by Lynn Nield), 3. Best vegetable patch / garden (won by Robert Brown), 4. Best tub / container (won by Phyllis Barnes) and 5. Best hanging basket (won by Eric Mcillwraith). Other prizes went to Shirley Blythe, Sadie McCulloch, Dorothy Duffy, Janette Sloan and Jessie Brown. It was nice to see so many winners over the 5 categories. Hopefully this will encourage others to enter the competition next year. I know there are plenty of lovely gardens out there!

The competition of course would not be able to happen if it wasn't for all our sponsors giving us cash and vouchers for the prizes. We are very grateful to the following individuals and businesses who helped us. They are Scotmid, Jean Dunlop, Ballantrae Community Council, Craigmains Home and Garden Centre, Robert Dalrymple, John Greenhill, Tony Stevenson, Marti Drummond, Shellknowe Garage, Glenapp Castle, Lynn Nield, Barbara Barlow, Sadie McCulloch, Jessie Brown, McCulloch Rail Division, Soleburn Garden Centre, Chris McCulloch, Howard Galley, Andy Muir and the Kings Arms Hotel. As always a big thank you to Peter Newland who donates his time to produce our lovely posters.

Finally, the group this year managed to obtain funding from Carrick Futures to replace 4 of the Information boards on the Foreland. These boards are very corroded and will be replaced by new hardwood ones. They are going to be made over the Winter and should be ready for Spring time.

Ballantrae in Bloom operates with a small number of committee members. If anyone would like to join or help us, please get in touch with either Janette Sloan (831306) or myself, Lynn Nield (831769). You will be very welcome. Our AGM for next year will be held on Monday 8th April at 7.00pm at the BRICC House.

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# BALLANTRAE CRAFTY BEES



Crafty Bees have been busy this term making clocks, poppies and trauma teddies. We continue to meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the BRICC house. It costs £3 per session which you pay for on the night and this goes towards the craft materials and the cake supplied by one of the members. It is lovely to get out of the house and meet up with other like-minded people and learn new skills from each other.



So whether you're a seasoned crafter or a first timer this group is for you. You can keep up to date with what we're doing via our Facebook page Ballantrae Crafty Bees.

Please feel free to contact me anytime or just pop along. Liz: 07582 745114

# BALLANTRAE SCOUT GROUP

by Wendy McKeachan



As a result of financial support from the Ballantrae Community Fund, five 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 on 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". Cubs and Beavers had a talk on fire safety from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. All 3 sections will be heading to the Quay Zone in Girvan from the October holidays for an 8 week block to try and achieve their staged Swimmer and Lifesaver badges.

During the last weekend in October we had a Harry Potter themed camp at Culzean Castle for our cub section, with lots of magical and mysterious activities. Our cub leaders made handmade golden snitch badges and unique wands for each wizard and obviously no Harry Potter camp would be complete without our very own sorting hat to make sure our wizards are placed in the right house!

With the help of Andy McAlpine we have been researching the history of Scouting in Ballantrae. If you have any old pictures, press cuttings or memorabilia you or your family can share with us please contact Andy on [andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com).

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.



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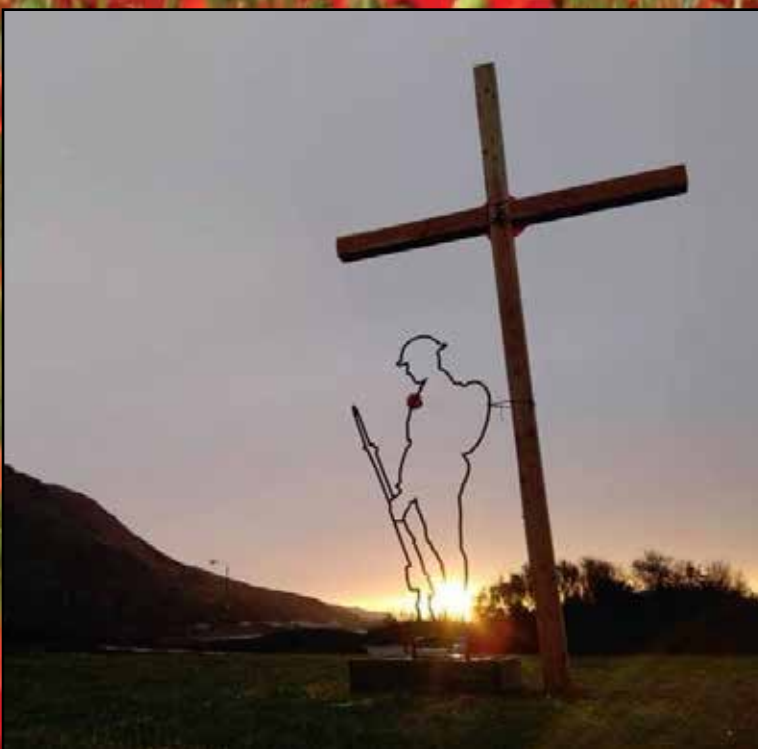


# COLMONELL





# PINWHERRY, PINMORE & LENDALFOOT



## Thank you!

It is difficult in the space available, to do justice to the tremendous amount of hard work that individuals and groups in each of the communities in the Stinchar Valley put into ensuring that the personal sacrifices made in WW1 and in conflicts since, were marked in a meaningful way.

Despite the poor weather, very moving services of remembrance were well attended in all villages. On behalf of the residents of the Stinchar Valley, the Editorial Board would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the many imaginative and creative ideas that allowed us to pay our respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

# BALLANTRAE THEATRE, CINEMA & MUSIC

The Ballantrae Trust continues to bring performances to the village in partnership with the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network. At the time of going to press we are currently in discussion with them about productions for Spring and early Summer 2019 and with the Girvan Traditional Folk Festival about a performance in Ballantrae (2018's had to be cancelled because of road closures in both directions). From October we have brought cinema back to Ballantrae in partnership with Driftwood Cinema based in Dumfries and Galloway.

## Our programme for the next few months:



**Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm**  
**Music "Celtic Christmas Strings" in the church**

There's something magical about harps, particularly at Christmas. Marie and Chris's Christmas show features a blend of traditional Irish music, swing jazz and bluegrass plus festive favourites given a fresh voice.

**Thursday 10 January at 7pm Cinema "The Red Turtle" (cert PG) in the church**

Surrounded by the immense and furious ocean a shipwrecked mariner battles all alone for his life. Right on the brink of his demise, the man set adrift by the raging tempest washes ashore on a small and deserted tropical island of sandy beaches, timid animal inhabitants and a slender but graceful swaying bamboo forest. Alone, famished, yet, determined to break free from his Eden-like prison, after foraging for food and fresh water and encouraged by the dense forest, the stranded sailor builds a raft and sets off to the wide sea, however, an indistinguishable adversary prevents him from escaping.



Watch local noticeboards, local Facebook pages, and local press for more details of performances from February onwards.



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# STINCHAR VALLEY PHOTO GROUP

*by Karen Stewart*

Over the summer months, as a group, we visited Glenapp Castle and Turnberry Lighthouse.

During the Turnberry visit we experimented with different camera settings as the sun set and also tried our hand at taking panoramic shots - shots of a landscape and stitching them together. See the example below which involves combining eleven pictures.

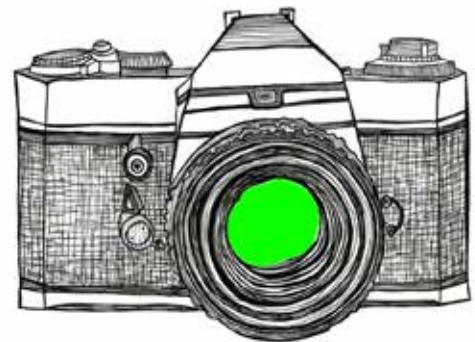
At the October meeting we discussed ideas for winter group meetings (cropping pictures for greater effect, simple Photoshop adjustments, and black and white photography) and saw some pictures taken by members during the summer months. We also started planning a group exhibition in 2019. Each member will be encouraged to select a few pictures they are most proud of and as a group we'll have them printed, mounted and displayed.

Our members come from Pinwherry, Pinmore, Barrhill, Colmonell and Ballantrae. We meet on the last Thursday of every month (except December) at 7.30pm in BRICC House, Ballantrae. It's an informal group, no competitions, just plenty of chat, a sharing of ideas, tips and techniques and a good cuppa. Our aim is simple: "to help more people take better pictures" whether you use a phone, a tablet, a compact or digital camera. Why not come along and join us.



## Wanted: Photographs for the Stinchar Valley Magazine

Are you a budding photographer? The Stinchar Valley Magazine wants to share with everyone what a beautiful place we live in and the great things happening. We are looking to create a bank of images that we can use for our front cover and back cover and in the magazine. If you have any photographs that you are happy for us to use that you have taken (we will give you full credit when we publish the image of course) then please share them with us.



A couple of things to bear in mind: the higher the resolution of the image the better for printing so for example if you have a portrait mode image you think may be suitable for the front cover we recommend at least 2000 pixels wide X 2300 high. Also Stinchar Valley Magazine will be written across the top if it's a front cover image so that has to be considered if you think you have the perfect front cover!

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# BALLANTRAE CHURCH LINKED WITH ST COLMON CHURCH



Our churches may be vacant, but they are open and active. God is ever present and working throughout our parishes. Your support is vital for the Church in your community and we would love to see you at any services or events. We are actively seeking a minister and full details are available through websites and social media.

Rev. Ian McLachlan has had to go on sick leave and we hold him in our prayers. Our acting interim moderator is Dr. James Anderson, a reader and elder of Girvan South Parish Church, who will ensure we have ministers or worship teams to lead all Sunday services. Dr. Anderson will also arrange for ministers to conduct any baptism, wedding or funeral.



We are working hard to continue God's work in the community and the world. Our Church families aim to care for those around us in any way we can; share the Good News of Jesus, pray for everyone locally and around the world. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our contact details are below.

## SERVICES

### Ballantrae Parish Church

11:30am every Sunday in Ballantrae with Sunshine Club for all children up to 12 years old. On the first Sunday of each month at 3pm a liturgical and ecumenical service is held in Glenapp Church and followed by refreshments. We are grateful for the dedication of the team that lead these services.

### St Colmon Parish Church

10am every Sunday in Colmonell. Children are welcome at all services with colouring books and toys provided. Some may find the church steps a challenge, so on the last Sunday each month the service is held in the Kirk Hall, which has full disabled access. At 3pm on the third Sunday of each month a service is held in Barrhill Memorial Hall. All services are followed by refreshments in the Kirk Hall.

## CHRISTMAS Services and events:

### Sunday 2nd December at 3pm

Carol Service at Glenapp Church with refreshments

### Sunday 16th December at 7pm

Carols & Readings in Barrhill Memorial Hall with refreshments

### Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm

Christmas Concert in St Colmon Church with refreshments

### Sunday 23rd December

Nativity Service 10am in St Colmon and 11.30am Ballantrae Church

### Monday 24th December at 11.30pm

Watchnight services in both churches

### Tuesday 25th December at 10.30am

Joint Churches Christmas Day service in Ballantrae Church.

## WEEKLY EVENTS IN ST COLMON KIRK HALL, COLMONELL

All are welcome, and we hope there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall, Colmonell, except Filling Station in Girvan on the 3rd Friday of the month. Events are free, but donations are appreciated to help with expenses.

### 1st Thursday:

#### Bible Study



Over a coffee discover how the Bible, the No. 1 bestselling book, is relevant in our lives today

### 2nd Thursday:



**Food & Friendship** – join us for a pot luck supper. Just let Claire Pirrie know for catering numbers.

### 3rd Friday:



**Filling Station** – 7 for 7.30pm Woodland Bay Hotel, Girvan. An evening of contemporary worship music and inspiring speakers.

### 4th Thursday:



**Film Night** with refreshments available. Contact Claire for details or to request a film.

### 4th Saturday:



#### Prayer & Praise at 10am

Our world and our communities need prayer, so please join us for a time of praise music and prayer

## COLMONELL CIRCLE

**Scottish Night** - Monday 21st January at 7.30pm in Colmonell Community Centre. Enjoy an evening of Scottish music with Alan & Friends and some favourite Scottish food as refreshments.

**Coffee @ Kirk** - Every Wednesday St Colmon Kirk Hall is open between 10am and 12noon for coffee, tea, biscuits for the price of a donation. Books are available to borrow or buy. Every 7 weeks a podiatry clinic is held. Contact Claire Pirrie to book an appointment.



**The Church of Scotland Guild** is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

**Ballantrae Church Guild** is open to all as members or visitors and the projects being supported at present are The Boys Brigade, Seema's Project and the Sailors' Society. We meet in Ballantrae Community Centre at 7.15pm and you will be made welcome to any evening.

**Monday 17th December:** Christmas Theme Night with games and refreshments.

**Monday 18th February:** Open Evening with "The Rural Revellers" and refreshments.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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St Colmon Parish Church Session Clerk:

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 The boutique hotel on the corner?  
 Or the board room in the penthouse suite?  
 Where would he be born?  
 Would it be round the back of Greggs the bakers, just by the refuse containers?  
 Or on the steps of the railway station next to the free newspaper stand?  
 Where would he be born?

And who would see him first?  
 How would you proclaim the good news?  
 Would the Big Issue sellers announce it to weary commuters?  
 Or would the news peel out across the city from steeple to steeple?  
 Perhaps the night time revellers or the street pastors would hear the news whispered as they wind their way home, tired and dishevelled.  
 But, more than likely, people today would be too harassed to pay heed to angels disguised as humans or too weary to hope for a different song.  
 And Jesus would feel right at home in our world today.  
 Being born into a world of darkness, where people are made homeless because of war and oppression, unemployment and benefits cuts.  
 Where people are hungry and Food Banks multiply.  
 Where soldiers roam city streets.  
 Where families become refugees fleeing violence and corruption and injustice.  
 Themes that echo through the ages.....  
 Still your people long for something different –  
 for a miracle that will bring light into all the darkness and hope into despair and peace where there is none and love that will overcome.  
 Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

## Ballantrae Church Guild

by Jessie Brown

For our November meeting we are planning a slide show by Annette Torbet about her visit to the Czech Republic. December 17th will be our Christmas Theme night, January 21st a meal out, February 18th an open night to all with entertainment by Isobelle Montgomerie and her Rural Ramblers. We meet in the Community Hall.

**For more information please contact me, Jessie Brown, tel. 831544.**

## Ballantrae Bowlers

by Anne McCulloch

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.

Competition winners this season are listed below:

BALLANTRAE BOWLING CLUB - 2018 WINNERS		
Name of Competition	winners	Runners up
AP Stewart Shield	S Clarke and E King	A Hirst and A McCulloch
Davina Trophy	J King and E King	B Stirling and G Agnew
Gents Pairs	R Dunlop and J King	J McCulloch and R Dunbar
Ladies Pairs (D Murray cup)	F Agnew and C Brown	A McCulloch and F Hirst
R Kilday Cup	S Agnew and H McClung	B Stirling and R Doak
Rosebowl (two bowl mixed pairs)	S Agnew and A McCulloch	J King and G Agnew
Messon Trophy (2 bowl singles)	G Richardson	R Doak
Triples Cup	J King, A Hirst, F Hirst	S Agnew, A Bell, F Agnew
Lyle Trophy	P Dodds, K Brown, R Doak, F Agnew	W Lyle, J King, A Hirst, F Hirst
Alex Stewart Trophy	A Hirst, A McCulloch	J King, R Doak
King Trophy	S Agnew, F Hirst	J King, A McCulloch
Mixed Singles	J King	S Agnew
Ladies Singles	H McClung	A McCulloch
Mens Championship	P Dodds	E McCulloch
Mens Singles	A Porter	A Bell
Wednesday sweep	Gents - J King Ladies - F Hirst	
Thursday sweep	Gents - A Hirst Ladies - F Hirst	
Sunday sweep	Gents - R Dunlop Ladies - A McCulloch	

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 Anne McCulloch 07917 843135.



## Ballantrae Community Association (BCA)

by Laura Cunningham

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.

As we go to print we are looking forward to our Fireworks Display, fun family quiz and a Christmas Craft Fair - all during November. The Ballantrae Children's Christmas Party will be held on 15 December between 6pm and 8pm, and we're hoping for a special visitor!

# COLMONELL

## New Light for Community Centre

The coach light outside Colmonell Community Centre is shining once again thanks to local fabricators Fairbairn & McQuiston who have replaced the light with a new one crafted from stainless steel and polycarbonate glass. The old coach light, made from copper and lead was beyond repair, however the top of the light has been kept and will be displayed in the Community Centre. Replacement of the light was made possible with funds generously donated by Bardrochat and Dalreoch Estates and Colmonell Community Association. The Association now hope to secure funding to purchase brackets for hanging baskets outside the hall.



A display cabinet has also been purchased for the Community Centre by Colmonell Development Group, which will hold interesting pieces of information about Colmonell. This was made possible with support from Carrick Futures and funding from ScottishPower Renewables' Mark Hill and Arecleoch wind farms. Some items which were on display at the Colmonell Exhibition in 2017 are already in the cabinet, and if anyone has any other pieces of information they would like to loan for the display, this would be most welcome and can be given to hallkeeper Dawn Campbell. Several old postcards are also framed on the walls of the buffet room in the hall.

Thanks to Stuart Clarke for kindly giving his time to fit the cabinet.



## Badminton Club

Colmonell Badminton Club takes places every Thursday evening from 8pm in Colmonell Community Centre. New members are welcome to attend and fees are £5 for the season.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 3rd December 6.30pm

Christmas lights switch on and carol signing around village, followed by concert from Creetown Silver Band at Colmonell Community Centre.

### Friday 14th December, 4.30 – 6.30pm

Children's Christmas Party (12 years and under), Colmonell Community Centre.

### Friday 28th December, time tbc

Senior Citizen's Christmas meal, Boars Head Hotel. If you are new to the village and are over 60, please contact Evelyn McCubbin 881293 to be added to the guest list.

## Fitness equipment

A variety of fitness equipment including an exercise bike, treadmill, punch ball, dumb bells and skipping ropes are now permanently set up for use in Colmonell Community Centre. Availability of the equipment is as follows:



**Monday 12-5pm**

**Tuesday open by appointment**

**Wednesday 12-7pm**

**Thursday 12-3pm and 7-10pm**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday by appointment, contact Dawn Campbell on 07419908233 to arrange.**

Two table tennis tables are also available for use in the hall and will be set up in the buffet room when the room is free and the hall is open. Contact Dawn if you wish to book a table tennis session at any time.

## Colmonell Baby & Toddler Group

The group meets every Friday in St Colmon Kirk Hall from 1.30pm to 3pm. All babies and children under 5 years from the Stinchar Valley area welcome.

**For more information contact Eileen McCutcheon on 881 191.**



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# COLMONELL & LENDALFOOT CC - GAIETY TOUR EVENTS

By Patrick Andrews



CLCC have had a busy time over the last few months with Gaiety Tour events, starting on 12th August with "The MacDougall's" children's production in Colmonell. A fun tale of buried treasure and a crocodile, this event was much enjoyed by adults and children alike - lots of audience participation, singing and movement. Crisps and juice afterwards rounded off the day nicely.



On 2nd September Lendalfoot Hall hosted "The Alistair McCulloch Trio" featuring champion fiddler Alistair McCulloch, alongside former Capercaillie whistle wizard Marc Duff and past Scottish Musician of the year Aaron Jones of Old Blind Dogs & the Kate Busby Band on bouzouki, guitar and vocals. The trio lived up to its formidable reputation and entertained a packed hall with traditional Scottish music, played on a variety of instruments. The short bread was good too!

The 7th September saw Canadian band "My Sweet Patootie" in Colmonell for an evening of ballads, jigs and fiddle reels, with a touch of bluegrass and country. All present agreed what a fantastic evening it was, with good support from Girvan and surrounding villages.

We are looking forward to "Pals", being held in Colmonell soon - see next issue for a report.

## Our latest review - '4gowildinwellies'

On 26 October Colmonell was lucky to have a performance of 4gowildinwellies - a gentle show with a story of friendship and support, it was much appreciated by both children and adults. After school the children decorated a wellie picture, and then enjoyed a healthy snack - this was followed by the autumnal themed dance show, with amazing tents, fallen leaves and of course wellies! After the show the dancers had the difficult task of judging the wellie pictures and the winners went home with a small prize. An excellent afternoon!

## Colmonell Primary School

### Scottish Opera

This term, Primary 4-7 from Colmonell Primary and Primary 5-7 from Ballantrae Primary, joined Kirkmichael, Straiton and Kincaidston Primaries and worked with Scottish Opera to perform 'The Dragon of the Sea'. The story is about an Emperor from China, who visits Africa and India. Along the way his ship 'The Dragon' is besieged by some rather nasty Persian Pirates. Our children played the part of the Indians, singing a variety of songs and dressing up in lifelike costumes. A final performance was held in Ayr Town Hall. Working with Scottish Opera has been a great learning experience and the workshops and final performance certainly made 'opera' very exciting for our children.



### Big Breakfast

On Friday 5th October, Colmonell Primary School held a very relaxing Big Breakfast for our school community. We all enjoyed a lovely breakfast of cereal, fruit juice and filled rolls. Funds raised from our Big Breakfast went to the STV Children's Appeal. Miss McAlister attended the show, held in STV Studios, later in the evening. What a lovely way to start the day!



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon was held on the 28th September. Colmonell children organised a variety of stalls including a Rainbow Tombola, baking stall, Lucky Dip, toys and book stall and Guess the Scarecrow's birthday, which was won by Mrs. Glenda McFarlane. Many members of our community came and joined us and enjoyed a relaxing cup of tea and some delicious home baking, kindly donated by parents. We raised



the amazing amount of £515. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

### Lantern Making

Recently, Carrick Rural Arts Group (CRAG), came to our school to help us make lanterns for the Carrick Carnival of Light. This year we made pyramid lanterns from willow canes. We decorated them with black silhouetted shapes representing Girvan, such as: ice cream, Ailsa Craig and boats. We included the date 1668, which was the year when Girvan became a Royal Burgh. The lanterns will be part of a parade held in Girvan on Saturday 3rd November.



# BARR

## Barr hits the heights with a Mega Sunflower

Barr's annual Sunflower and Marrow competition came to a conclusion with records tumbling despite it being a difficult weather year for the marrow growers but a great one for those trying to hit the heights in the sunflower department.

In fact when Sunflower winner, Willie Forey hopefully planted his seeds outside the kitchen window he had no idea that, by the end of the summer, he'd need to go upstairs to the bedroom if he wanted to see it!

For his sunflower, measuring a whopping 12ft 3ins, was a record breaker and nearly a foot ahead of the second place effort by Anne and Alan Hamilton

Hall caretaker Willie said, "Perhaps I had an advantage with my back garden facing due South. So with the fantastic Summer we had, it just grew and grew"

And Anne Dalton's marrow, weighing in at 11lbs 9oz was also a competition record breaker and was well ahead of the runner up.

Thanking all those who took part, competition organisers, Jenny Craig and Alison Milroy, expressed themselves "delighted" with the response to the competition, which raised £74.00 for the Crossroads charity which organises care for people in their own homes.



## BARR COMMUNITY STORES

Here at Barr Stores we have had a busy few months. Thanks to a grant from the Post Office our refurbishments started earlier in the year: we have new fridges, a new door and a new Post Office sign. Works were put on hold over our busy summer months, but will resume shortly, to give us a larger kitchen area and a new serving counter and Post Office counter layout.

The kind summer weather helped us have a busy summer season: it was a delight to welcome new cyclists, walkers and tourists as well as welcoming back our regular customers.

Thanks to a very generous private donation we were able to offer each household in the parish vouchers worth £45 to be spent in the shop. These vouchers were enthusiastically used through late June until the end of September. Local groups also benefitted and used their vouchers to good effect: for instance, the Church bought gifts to take to the sick, baking ingredients to make cakes for Harvest Festival and tinned goods for Harvest Festival; Barr Parish Development Company and Barr Association used their vouchers to provide refreshments for the opening ceremony of Barr's Multi Use Games Area and the Parents' Association bought items to be raffled off to raise funds for the school.

The shop still has part of the donation left and will use this to launch a loyalty card scheme.

We are also grateful to the Assel Valley (Barr) Fund for their grant towards our running costs.

At our recent A.G.M our members voted to pursue the ambition of obtaining charitable status, as well as pursuing the option to buy our premises.

We still hold our Seniors' Coffee Morning from 11 o'clock every Tuesday, as well as a Book Club once a month (please call 01465 861221 if interested in joining).

On 31st October we hosted a Halloween "spooky craft-making" session for the local "little monsters" which was great fun, whilst on Barr's Bonfire Night we hosted the guy judging competition and enjoyed Billy's "barrilliant" chips.

We are delighted to be showcasing more local arts and crafts than ever, so why not pop in for a coffee/tea and have a look? We're open from 9 am – 2 pm Monday to Friday, and open until 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday.



# Barr Sheepdog Trial

Neil Gillon with Shweep with 89 pts continued his winning streak, P Martin with Jill on 89 from Glenlyon was 2nd and Sandy McCulloch with Sam on 88 from Dalmellington were 3rd.



Fraser Shennan & Spot	83pts		4th
Neil McVicar & Bill	78pts	Dunoon	5th
Mike McNally & Raji	76pts	Invergarry	6th

## Confined Section Winner

Gordon Hodge, Cas, Lendalfoot

Judge was Steven Martin from Glenlyon

In total 46 dogs ran.

On a cold but sunny day the annual Barr trial took place at Lanes Farm, Barr, this popular hill trial is the last open trial in southwest/ central area , and has a 700 metre outrun where the dogs pick up 4 sheep and bring them down to the handler. The sheep are then driven round a course having to go through sets of gates and then finishing by penning the sheep.



Handlers from as far away as Glenlyon near Killin in Perthshire and Fort Augustus near Fort William along with handlers from Northern Ireland came over to compete at this event such is the attraction of

this big difficult hill course. Coming out in the top 4 placing were 3 of the Scottish handlers who made the U.K. supreme finals in Ireland this year , topping the placings were Neil Gillon and his dog Shweep who was recently third at the U.K. finals next was Peter Martin from Glenlyon and his bitch Jill , slipping in amongst the supreme handlers was Sandy McCulloch and Sam from Dalmellington, local handlers Gordon Hodge and Cas from Lendalfoot won the confined section and Jamie Shennan from Barr won the nursery dog section, with the daylight failing quickly the trial ended around 5.30pm in the evening

The organisers would like to thank Robert Dunlop of Pinvalley for the use of his stick and farm , and we are deeply indebted to Barr Community council and Hadyard hill Windfarm Fund for their support without which this trial would never go ahead.

Fraser Shennan was also congratulated after his recent success in the Scottish National trial winning an impressive display of silverware, Fraser is the 3rd generation of the Shennan family to win this competition. With Neil also being a member of the Scottish Team Barr has been well represented on the national circuit. Catch up with Neil on YouTube with his TV appearance.

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# Devils Trail Walking in Barr



By Gill Connell

Barr is a quaint picturesque village set amidst the hills of Carrick, which is beautifully situated beside the River Stinchar and the River Gregg. For Walkers the village radiates an Aura of peace and serenity and in Autumn you are sure to be spoiled by the varied selection of walks on offer. For me personally the Devils trail radiates all that is Autumn. Piled upon the dew covered grass, the crusty brown leaves give the air a sense of warmth, the sun's shine makes everything glimmer with a hint of gold, orange and red and the crisp gentle breeze blowing in the air.



meticulously placed blue way markers. Continuing on the Gentle Walk you are following tree lined forestry tracks and onto a steep Incline that take you deep into a conifer plantation. From here you reach Changue point before descending to the Changue Burn and after a short distance the promising views of Stinchar Valley are really rewarding you. A very cleverly placed bench lets you stop to ponder the view. It's here that local folk tales tell of a smuggler who made a deal with the devil in return for his soul. After years of financial success the devil returned for his promise only to be defeated by the smuggler who took down the devil with his sword and a little help from his bible!

If the views and ramble aren't impressive enough, post walk you can be tempted by a hot drink and home made cakes from the community run Village shop and café!..... Autumn in Barr..... Delicious!

More paths can be found at 'Paths for all' and Barr is coming together with the other Carrick communities to promote walking in South Ayrshire, with joined up paths and new routes. Work is being carried out and planned for route improvements. Watch for news over the coming months.



## THEATRE COMES TO BARR

Barr have been very grateful to the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network for the various shows which have been put on and are planned for Barr.

The entire school attended Martha, with shouts of its behind you we all laughed at the goose ! The set was simple but really effective, great sound effects and good for the imagination. Think actually the goose enjoyed itself enormously and might actually move here !

The adults were entertained by the After Hours Quintet with the best of fun jazz including New Orleans style and dashboards to the fore. With social layout of round tables everyone could chat, listen, nibble and dance ! These are one really talented set of young musicians, follow them on Facebook for additional shows around the country.

On a different note the hall was taken to a set of three acts of Twisted Tales , macabre, thrilling and extremely watchable. The whole production was slick and very effective. It was well received by the audience and a good forerunner of Halloween.

We are looking forward to the next production which is the Full Bronte followed by a scandavian fairy tale The Little Maid for Christmas. Future dates include Mairi Campbell and her Auld Lang Syne on the 25th January with Haggis ! Then who killed the Easter Bunny on the 20th April..watch Barr Village Facebook page for posts!



# HERITAGE SKILLS OF CROCHET AND KNITTING FOR UPPER STINCHAR SWI

Katy Gaffney, a member of Minishant SWI, brought a session of "Knit Crochet Natter" to Upper Stinchar's Opening meeting in Barr Village Hall.



Katy displayed a range of beautifully crafted crocheted 'granny squares' and some of her works-in-progress, before leading a workshop on crocheting.

For out-and-out beginners and for those who wanted to build on their crocheting skills, Katy was a proficient teacher.

There was talk of slip stitches, double crochet, trebles and waffle patterns as members concentrated on the hook and yarn in front of them.

Many members have been busily knitting and crocheting poppies for local Armistice Centenary displays.

Fourteen women joined Upper Stinchar SWI on the first night of the new session, which was a happy get-together after the summer break, as members enjoyed a delicious supper of sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee while they caught up on Rural and local news.

Main competition: 4 inch square (knitted or crochet) 1st Margaret Diamond, 2nd Liz Copeland, 3rd Yvonne Jack

Fun socks competition: 1st Rhona Anderson, 2nd Liz Copeland, 3rd Wendy Symonds

Our October meeting Upper welcomed Roddy Leitch

Weel-kent figure around Girvan Harbour, Roddy Leitch took time out of his hectic schedule to entertain Upper Stinchar SWI members with photos and stories of recent boating adventures to Ailsa Craig and beyond.

The audience enjoyed Roddy's stunning wildlife and landscape photography and were intrigued by drone footage of Girvan which shows familiar locations from a completely new angle. Dolphins, sharks and seals all starred in Roddy's latest picture gallery. The ladies were also given a sneak preview of Roddy's 2019 photographic calendar which features a selection of wildlife, sunsets and views of our beautiful Carrick region.

President Isobel Wood led members in a hearty vote of thanks to Roddy.

Roddy and his wife, Irene kindly agreed to judge the carved pumpkin competition, with results as follows:

1st Liz Copeland, 2nd Yvonne Jack, 3rd Rhona Anderson

The next gathering of Upper Stinchar members is to Austin's Restaurant in November to celebrate 89 years of the Rural at Barr followed in December by a cooking night with Home Cooking from Maybole. This will be held on Thursday Dec 13th, anyone wishing to come as a visitor please book with Rhona Anderson on 01465 714783, visitors pay just £4.



## Stinchar Valley Quilters

The Quilt group meet every Monday and Wednesday evening in Barr Village Hall from 6.30 till 9pm. We are a self help group, do occasional workshops and eat cake!

In between we help at various village events and ran for the 2nd time our very popular quilt show in August. It is amazing how many unseen quilted items we manage to gather for these shows. A lot of work is carried out in the run up, finishing projects, starting new ones and selling raffle tickets. The show ran over two days and was visited by quilting enthusiasts from all over South Ayrshire.

Robert Main brought his fabric stall and was kept busy with the fabric purchasers ... who can resist more fabric! Additional interest was supplied by other crafts such as Marie Richards and Joan McWilliam with their lovely knitted and crocheted items, beside Aye Glass with their every popular Glass products.

Yet again we were surprised with the amount we raised which totalled just under £1950 which we have rounded up to £2000. This will be distributed to the Scottish Air Ambulance, CAN – Cancer Action Network Girvan and Ayrshire Hospice.

We look forward to welcoming anyone interested in quilting to our group, if you want any information please check out our Facebook page or call Susan Trotter on 01465 861655.



# Barr Community Association

By Maggie Bunnett

I thought when I stated this article there was little to report but we have actually been busy this summer. The weather was so good that the time has flown by and it is quite a shock that we have finished Halloween, Fireworks and soon our Christmas Fayre....Christmas is just round the corner.

The BCA have co-ordinated various Theatre productions, helped at the Primary School Fundraiser, hosted a Biosphere Meeting, Poppy display manufacturing, held our annual Fireworks and Guy Competition.

The Guy competition was hosted by Barr Village shop, with a constant supply of yummy chips. Prize money was sponsored by the BCA and the first 3 guys are shown in the pictures. Once over everyone headed to the grass round our fabulous new Muga and watched a superb Fireworks display. Thanks to the Community Council for their help with funding this annual display. The weather was perfect and the additional rockets were amazing. Thanks to Dave Trotter and Kenny Lorimer for the very professional display.

The village has now got fibre broadband, though still with some teething issues but hopefully these are getting sorted and the Village Hall now has superfast. It has some additional wiring so hopefully everyone can access wifi in and around the whole hall, including the Bowling Club area. It is free to use and the password is displayed in the Foyer.

New mats are on the way to improve the entrance and help with the floor in the kitchen when we do any cooking.

A super range of stalls will be at the Christmas Fayre, report in next edition along with a report on the Barr Bikes Fundraiser on the 1st Dec with a new local group called Electric Velvet. Our lights and tree will have been switched on that night all in time for the exciting Christmas Show that we are all looking forward to by Barr Primary School. See their article for details but keep an eye on Facebook/website for additional information.



## Barr Diary Dates

Month	Event	Venue	Time	Cost
<b>December</b>				
Sat 1st	<b>Barr Bikes Fundraising Dance</b> with Electric Velvet and Light Switch on	Hall	8pm	£5
Thurs 13th	<b>SWI Home Cook School Demo</b> To book call Rhona Anderson 01465 714783	Hall	7pm	£4 visitors
Sat 15th	<b>VIP Christmas Dinner</b>	Hall		Invite
Thurs 18th	<b>Barr Primary School Christmas Show</b> - details to follow	Hall		Tickets
Weds 19th	<b>Matinee performance of Christmas Show</b>	Hall		Tickets
Mon 31st	<b>Hogmanay with DeJa2 Disco BYOB</b>	Hall	8pm	Free
<b>January</b>				
Thurs 17th	<b>SWI January Meeting.</b> Contact: Rhona Anderson	Hall	7pm	£4 visitors
Fri 25th	<b>Auld Lang Syne with Mairi Campbell.</b> With Burns Supper Watch for posters	Hall	6pm	TBA
<b>February</b>				
Fri 1st	<b>Barr Burns Club Annual Supper</b>	Hall		
<b>April</b>				
Sat 20th	<b>Murder Mystery...who killed the Easter Bunny</b>	Hall		
<b>May</b>				
Sun 20th	<b>Barr Trails Day</b>	Village		
<b>June</b>				
Sat 2nd	<b>Village Gala.</b> Pipeband, Stalls etc	Village		

### FOR ALL LATEST NEWS

Village Website: [www.barrvillage.co.uk](http://www.barrvillage.co.uk)

Facebook pages: Barr Village - Barr Community Association - Barr Community Shop - Barr Trails

Hall Bookings: Maggie 861062

Chair: Dave Trotter 861044



Barr Community Association now has its own Facebook page to help promote events in the hall, please like and share this page if you do Facebook. We will still be doing posters round the village and letterbox drops as far as possible.

Hogmanay in the hall will be with the ever popular DeJa2 Disco.... bring your own bottle and don't forget your favourite requests! Lets dance our way into 2019.

The theatre is bringing Auld Lang Syne to the village on the 25th January and we will be hosting a Burns Supper prior to it with Haggis, Neeps and Tatties....watch for more details...

Any suggestions for events or activities please let us know, new ideas are always welcome.

# BARR GETS NEW PARK

It was an exciting day for youngsters of all ages in Barr when the second phase in what has been termed "an exercise in fresh air" was formally opened this week.

The opening of a multi use games area (MUGA) brought to fruition a project costing close to £100,000 which has been four years in the making.

Phase one which consisted of a play park for the village's younger children was the first facility to open and has been popular with villagers and visitors alike. That has now been complemented with the completion of a football and basketball area and a skate park for older children as well as keep fit equipment for adults - something for everyone.

Barr's Parish Development Company developed the project which was funded by SSE Hadyard Hill Windfarm legacy fund and brought to fruition with a partnership agreement with South Ayrshire Council.

Community Councillor Alex Tait, who took the lead in the project's development, thanked all those who had supported them in bringing the project to the final stage.

Resident Mr James Gracie cut the ribbon to declare the MUGA open before the children gave the new park a big "thumbs up".



# BARR PARISH CHURCH

Barr Parish Church has been undergoing the final stages of its renovation so that it could be ready in time for this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Festival. It has been a busy time over these past few months as discussions on Barr Church and its future have been taking place. Pressure on rural churches such as ours is increasing as congregations are sadly ever shrinking along with the limited number of paid ministers available to parishes. However it is hoped that regular services will continue and we will publish further information as the situation develops.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday the twenty eighth of October. Food donations were received from Barr Village and church members. The Community shop £45 vouchers, which were kindly donated by an anonymous benefactor, went some way to boost the donations. Proceeds will be distributed to Barr's elderly and infirm, with dry/tinned food being given to the South Ayrshire Foodbank. Leith's Bakers in Girvan generously provided a 'Harvest Festival Wheatsheaf' for the Church display. Light refreshments were served after the Thanksgiving service. All in all it was a splendid display in the church which was enjoyed by all who attended. A very big thank you to all who have supported this very worthy cause.



Our attentions thereafter will be focused on the Remembrance Sunday Service which will be held on the eleventh of November at the slightly later time of twelve thirty. During this service we will be remembering those past and present serving members of our Armed Forces who do such vital work for the benefit of us all. This service will mark the centenary for Armistice Day and the end of World War One.

This will be the last service that the Rev. Ian McLachlan will be conducting for a time. Unfortunately ill health has meant that he has to be away from the parish for a few months. During that time the twelve fifteen services on a Sunday will be taken by some guest preachers. There will be an Interim Moderator appointed during Rev. McLachlan's absence and also a locum to deal with pastoral issues.

Only six weeks after Remembrance Sunday it will be Christmas time with preparations for nativity scenes, festival trimmings and carol singing in full swing. Information about services in Barr Church will be distributed nearer the time.

# Barr Macmillan Coffee Morning



Once again Barr turned up en masse to support this long standing fundraiser. With the ladies of the Rural and other willing helpers the attendees were treated to a selection of homemade scones, Tea and Coffee.

The Stinchar Valley Quilters donated their time and cushions to augment the funds with their ever popular cushion raffle. Homemade cakes sold well and the Hamper Raffle was well supported. It was unfortunate that the



weather with the high wind tree damage lowered the numbers on previous years but we still managed a very respectable final total of £732.

**Thanks to all who attended, helped and donated.**

# Barr Bowling Club

A strong number of entries from neighbouring villages led to a fiercely competitive triples competition at Barr - their last open competition of the season.

And despite a valiant fight from the hosts, it ended with two Ballantrae rinks battling it out for the honours and the prize.

In the end it was Stewart Clark's rink which won the day in an exciting final with Alan Porter's threesome.

Pictured are the finalists alongside Barr President Isobel Ringrose as they watch John Gregg of sponsors Gregg Agricultural Services present the trophy to the winning rink.

The Bowling Club singles were very well attended, playing on a green which had survived the incredible summer with a flourish. After numerous ends, lots of calculations, quarter and semis...the victor was Mark Smith. Continuing his run of success with his team qualifying for a prestigious golf final at Blair Gowrie.

The season drew to an end with our end of season supper and presentations in the hall. Supper and thanks provided by outgoing president Isobel Ringrose with her support team. A good evening was had by all crowned by a worthy league champion in Michelle Martin with Dougie Gordon a close 2nd. The club hope to have some social evenings over the winter and we are looking forward to another super season in 2019.



Michelle Martin  
Club League Winner 2018



Mark Smith - Singles Winner



L to R: Scott Agnew, Alan Porter, Andrea Porter, Isobel Ringrose, Barr President, John Gregg, Gregg Agri Services, Stewart Clark, Peter Dodds, D M Mc Taggart

# Barr Primary School

Since the start of the new school year we have been busy busy busy.

## Trump Turnberry Golf Festival

Active Schools hosted the Golf Festival at Trump Turnberry in August where the P6 pupils received tutorials and were given the opportunity to try the different elements of the game hands on. They all did very well.



## Competitive Schools Dance Competition

In partnership with Active Schools, Competitive Schools will be running the annual South Ayrshire Dance Competition on Friday 30th November in Troon Town Hall from 10.00-2.30pm.

The event will give pupils the opportunity to showcase a dance routine they have been practicing and watch a fantastic array of dance styles from all other schools participating. Barr Primary have a team of 3 girls who will be representing the School and have called themselves 'Barr Beats'. Performances will be judged by a judging panel made up of local dance instructors & prizes will be awarded to the winning infant/upper primary and secondary performances.

## Percussion with Mr Welsh

The Primary 5-7 class have been enjoying instruction from Mr Welsh in drumming this term. It has proven to be very popular within class with many of the pupils asking parents for drum kits from Santa this year!

## The Lion King Jr

Barr Primary school are currently rehearsing for their Christmas show which this year will be Disney's Lion King Jr. Pupils all auditioned for their favourite parts and are now perfecting each role to perform in front of parents and the community at Barr Village Hall in December. There will be 2 opportunities to come along and see this fabulous show. 1st show will be on Tuesday 18th December followed by an afternoon show on Wednesday 19th December at 1.30pm. More information regarding tickets and timings will be advertised nearer the time.



## Halloween Hooley

The School organised a Halloween Hooley fundraiser on Saturday 27th October at the village hall. The fantastic Barrstool's and The Junkman's Choir entertained a packed hall into the wee hours. Prizes were given out for best fancy dress costumes and raffle prizes including afternoon tea at Glenapp Castle and afternoon tea at Turnberry Hotel were won. The school raised a fantastic £908.



## Christmas Artwork

Once again the pupils all drew a festive scene to be considered for the South Ayrshire Council's Artwork competition. Mrs Murphy chose the winner who this year was Thomas Denham in P7. Thomas's beautiful drawing will now be judged along with other schools entries by Owen Kerr Signs. The winning pictures will be displayed on lampposts during the festive season throughout Ayr town centre.

Then we can all have a well earned rest before embarking on .... yes ... yet more in a packed calendar for 2019!

# BARRHILL

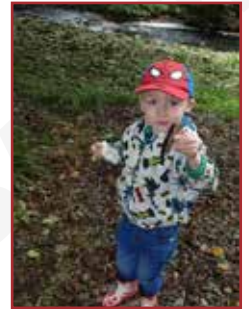
## Barrhill Primary School & Early Years Centre

### Muddy Mondays

Miss Clark has been enjoying Muddy Mondays with the Early Years' children. We have been exploring the beautiful surrounding area that we have here in Barrhill.

### Biodiversity

The pupils have been working with Mrs Logan to learn more about the local environment. Every Tuesday afternoon sees the pupils and staff examining the flora and fauna to deepen their knowledge and understanding of biodiversity. The evidence gathered is then used back at school to develop their creativity skills.



### Barrhill Primary and Early Years Centre Show

Our Christmas Show this year will be Cinderella & Rockerfella. The children are really excited about taking on the characters from this much loved story. We will be offering two opportunities to attend the show



– one in the evening and one in the afternoon. Hopefully many of our family and friends will be able to come along and support us. Look out for our Posters in the Village.



### Christmas Banner

The annual South Ayrshire Christmas banner competition in which a winning design is selected and then displayed on Ayr High Street is now open. Each school is invited to enter and our winner this year was Daisy. Well done!



## Arnsheen Church Conversion

*By Rod Ekern*

I am now the proud owner of the Arnsheen Church, and am converting the church building into a residence for myself. As an engineer and architect in Texas, I completed the construction plans for the project and submitted them to the planning council for permission. This was a lengthy ordeal as I was not familiar with the process here in the UK. The planning council was very helpful and understanding and I was able to obtain planning permission in due course.



As the church has sat vacant for almost 20 years, there has been a considerable amount of clean up and demolition required. That phase has now been completed with the help of my nephew, who came for 5 months, from February to June.

The new beginning. I hope to soon have the new windows and entrance door installed for the winter. The stained glass was removed and stored, with the intention of repair and reinstalling them. The windows had been much vandalized and will require a lengthy remaking process. However, as I complete each window, it can be reinstalled from the inside.

The new oak front door will be fabricated by Tony (a joiner in the village) and I. The door will be quite massive and has required a heavy steel frame, now installed. The slate roof has been repaired with new Velux roof windows installed. I found that the church clock

was almost complete and thus able to be refurbished for reinstallation. The old bell had to be removed due to structural reasons (total weight of 2,000+ pounds). The plans are for a small stone tower to be constructed beside the church and the bell installed. The clock will be connected electrically to the bell and cause it to ring 12 times each day on the hour.

My next project will be the mason work to repair walls, close up holes and create a new door opening for the first floor master bedroom (new terminology for me, I would call it the second floor). In addition, stone pillars will be constructed along the property line at the road with dry stone dyking between. The remaining site cleanup and gravel drive will be installed as well. This should complete most of the exterior work.

All are welcome to come for a visit to view the progress and give me your thoughts as well. A future article will be submitted concerning the interior work, which is to be started over the winter.

By the way, my new name for the property will be Arnsheen Abbey. Hope you like it.

# Barrhill Community Interest Company

by Amy-Dee Watson



## Please Welcome Barrhill's Very Own Handyman

Over the past couple of months, we have begun to develop a number of projects in Barrhill, with the long term aim of improving the local area and providing opportunities of all kinds, for residents.

BCIC have recently advertised for a Community Grounds and General Maintenance Worker for the village of Barrhill and the successful applicant, Mr Liam Barry, who lives in the village, began his employment at the end of September. Part of his remit is to improve the aesthetics of the village – making Barrhill a tidy and attractive place to live and work – in addition to general maintenance of community areas and facilities and a new village in bloom project will be implemented, including the installation of planters.

## Trout Inn Investigations

Barrhill CIC is currently investigating the possibility of purchasing the Trout Inn, with a view to retaining it as a pub and restaurant and continuing to provide the village with this much needed community facility. We are in the process of carrying out feasibility and survey work and we will present this information to the community, if we feel the project is a viable option to take forward.

## Barrhill Residents Approve the Creation of a New Charity

As readers will be aware, the community of Barrhill receives substantial windfarm funds which are to be used to benefit the people, village and surrounding area of Barrhill. Although the windfarm funds are substantial we must not get complacent and where possible the money should be used to lever additional funds. By doing this it makes it possible to take on major projects; projects that have a long term benefit and that leave a legacy for future generations.

Unfortunately, the Community Interest Company (CIC) model doesn't allow us to apply for certain funds. However, to maintain the winter fuel payments, we must retain the BCIC.

Therefore, Barrhill Community Interest Company (BCIC) is intending to create a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) to operate in parallel to the BCIC. The charity will be known as Barrhill Development Trust.

The reasons for creating a SCIO and becoming a charity are:

- Many more funding streams are available.
- Liability of charity trustees is limited and members are not liable to contribute to the assets if it is wound up.
- Title to land and buildings can be held in the name of the SCIO.
- There is only one single regulator – OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).
- Formal governance provides transparency and a legal operating framework.

At the BCIC AGM on 10th October, the creation of a new SCIO was voted on and approved by members and this is currently being taken forward by BCIC.

## Barrhill Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning

The fundraising began even before the day of the coffee morning with the help of everyone at Barrhill Stores who kindly sold £300 worth of raffle tickets. I'm sure there was no arm twisting involved!

On 29th September there was a great turnout with people from Barrhill and all the surrounding areas coming along to support the day. Gallons of teas and coffees were drunk and pounds of delicious cakes were eaten.



There were also craft stalls, live music and even a pop-up nail bar which was very busy all day. There was a wonderful atmosphere with everyone making the most of the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours over coffee and cake.

The total raised was £1330, which was way over expectations.

Many thanks to everyone who donated the amazing raffle prizes, baked the cakes, sold the raffle tickets and very importantly gave their money to help Macmillan nurses do their fantastic job. Thank you everyone.

# Barrhill – Year of Young People 2018



We have a talented and hardworking group of young people here in Barrhill. These are some of the things they have been achieving in 2018 The Year of Young People:

Zoe Allan won an S3 Certificate for Progress and Achievement at the school prize giving. She has been selected as a Sport Scotland Young Ambassador at Girvan Academy for 2018-19. Her role will involve promoting sport, and motivating and inspiring other young people to get involved in sport. Zoe also plays rugby for Ayr Rugby Club.

Robert Boulton is studying Computer Networking at Glasgow College.

Harry Flower gained a very impressive 7 A grades in his exams in S4. He also won an S4 Prize for General Excellence at the school prize giving. Harry plays in Gavin Welsh's South Ayrshire Percussion Ensemble.

Charlie Russell won the McLaughlin & Harvey Construction Prize for Product Manufacture at the school prize giving. He is now undertaking an electrical apprenticeship.

James Russell passed his Grade 1 piano exam with merit, in June.

Iona Thomson started to play the chanter in Primary 6, Barrhill Primary School, as part of a Scottish Initiative to get more children playing pipes and drums in Scotland. She seemed to have a flair for it, and just 1 year later moved onto the bagpipes. Now, under the instruction of Mr Ross Miller, she plays the bagpipes in the newly formed Girvan Youth Pipe Band at Girvan Academy. In February 2018, Iona represented Barrhill Primary School in her first ever chanter competition in Glasgow, and in March 2018 competed in the Scottish Schools Piping Competition as part of a quartet from the Girvan Youth Pipe Band, their first time in such a competition. Whilst there were no prizes, in both competitions the pipers received excellent feedback.

Since then, Iona has played at several school events, from Christmas shows to the prize giving at Girvan Academy, at William Grant's Distillery and even at the launching of a boat at Loch Mayberry!

Kayla Whitehurst has achieved her Chief Scout Silver Award in Cubs at the Ballantrae Scout Group.

Ethan Wild won an S3 Prize for General Excellence at the school prize giving and achieved a gold award in the annual UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge, scoring the highest mark ever achieved at Girvan Academy. He was a Sport Scotland Young Ambassador at Girvan Academy for 2017-18. He won gold medals at The South Ayrshire Schools Athletics in high jump and shot putt and went on to win gold in shot putt at the Ayrshire Schools Athletics.

Ethan recently gained his 50 hours Saltire Award for volunteer work with Girvan Youth Trust which he received at an awards ceremony in Ayr. He began learning to play the chanter with Billy McCubbin in March 2017 and now plays bagpipes with the Stinchar Valley Pipers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this article and well done to all Barrhill's industrious young people.



## BARRHILL BOWLING CLUB

2018 has been a year of change for Barrhill Bowling Club. The green has seen a huge transformation from heavy, spongy and mossy with brown patches to a green we are all very proud of. Work will continue over the winter to ensure the green is in top condition for the 2019 season.

The surrounds of the green have also been transformed largely due to the hard work put in by our groundsman, Martin Rennie, who has worked tirelessly throughout the year on many projects around the green. One such project was widening the side entrance to the green to allow better access. An additional gate and disabled access ramp have now been installed. We would like to thank David Bowling who kindly rebuilt the dry-stone wall after the new gate had been installed.

Trophies were presented to the winners of club competitions at the end of closing day.

Our thanks goes to Barrhill Community Council who have provided funding to purchase new mats and jacks ready for the 2019 season. Thanks to the BCIC we have been able to keep the green midge free with bait and gas for our midge machines. The BCIC has also provided funds which have allowed Ethan Wild to tend the green on a regular basis.

We look forward to welcoming new members and visitors to the club next season to enjoy playing on our much-improved green.



# PLACE in the Biosphere Project

The PLACE in the Biosphere project officers, Lynsay & Jono, have been exploring the three participating landscape areas and their People, Land, Art, Culture & Environment.

Following introductions to PLACE at Community Councils, open meetings were held in each community and all residents were invited to share information about what makes their place special.

Whilst covenanter tales and red squirrels were a common feature linking every community, Borgue Peninsula, once “the land of milk and honey”, has an intriguing Viking history, a distinctive picturesque landscape, and many castellated John Brown architectural structures dotting its beautiful coastline.

Wigtownshire Moors boasts ancient burial cairns and unique artworks at New Luce, a ruined abbey, nature trails, woodlands, lochs and the only court sanctioned public footpath in Scotland in Old Luce, to old mills along the biodiverse River Bladnoch at Kirkcowan – evidence of bygone industrial heritage.

Barr, at the eastern end of the Stinchar Valley, has several walking/cycling trails at Changue Woods, where wildlife thrives. At Pinmore & Pinwherry, legend has it that at midsummer, the shadow of Knockdolian Hill meets a local standing stone (the Glake Stane). Barrhill, proud of their excellent playpark, has several thriving special interest clubs and nationwide connectivity thanks to its railway station. Colmonell church has world famous stained glass, and where the Stinchar meets the sea, Ballantrae has many globally unique geological features.

*“We’ve met so many enthusiastic people,” said Lynsay. “There’s a huge sense of pride about where they live, and a wealth of hidden gems out there. We’re looking forward to exploring this further in the next stage of the project.”*

The PLACE in the Biosphere is a fantastic opportunity for communities to re-connect to their landscape and become a destination for tourism development or local pride.

The next stage of the project is to gather as much support for the project as possible. We will be targeting local groups and individuals with an interest in a specialist subject, such as archaeology, history, covenanters, natural heritage, wildlife etc.

In order to encourage this community support, we will be planning and delivering a series of events across each of the landscape areas from November onwards. If you would like to receive more information or would like to get involved then please contact us on [lynsay@gsabiosphere.org.uk](mailto:lynsay@gsabiosphere.org.uk)

**It’s time to celebrate what is so special about your PLACE!**



**Here are the answers to the Quiz**

1. Advent
2. More than one, the bible doesn't say how many!
3. Deep pan, crisp and even!
4. Elizabeth
5. St Nicholas
6. 25, 'No e'lli
7. Bethlehem
8. 364
9. 1840'3 – 1843 by Sir Henry Cole

10. Egypt
11. Three – Dasher, Dancer and Donner
12. Germany- It was Latvia but it was part of Germany then!
13. King Herod
14. Just like the ones I use to know
15. Carpenter
16. The Anglo Saxons – it means 'Good Health'
17. Shepherds
18. A sixpence
19. Gabriel
20. In a manger

The following funds are supported by Foundation Scotland. Other funds administered under other arrangements may also be available to your community.

Applications can be made by any constituted community group or voluntary organisation. Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities including equipment, running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities etc.

Each fund has its own more detailed criteria. We recommend that you read the **Fund Factsheet** for any fund you are considering applying to, then contact us before the application deadline if you have any further queries. We welcome pre-application enquiries.

You can contact us at [office@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:office@foundationscotland.org.uk) or 01557 814927.



### **Assel Valley Community Fund**

This fund is provided by Falck Renewables from its Assel Valley wind farm in South Ayrshire. The fund supports South Carrick Community Leisure / the Quay Zone in Girvan, as well as projects located within or directly benefiting three Community Council areas, each of which has its own bespoke application and decision making arrangements.

#### Pinwherry & Pinmore Assel Valley Community Fund

Applications can be made at any time and a decision can generally be expected within two months of applying. Application forms and guidance can be obtained from:

[marion.young@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:marion.young@south-ayrshire.gov.uk) or by phoning 01292 612626.

#### Barr Assel Valley Community Fund

Two levels of awards are available: Standard grants: £500 - £10,000 and Large grants: over £10,000. There is a pre-application enquiry process for large grants. The Fund Factsheet and details of how to apply can be found at:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/assel-valley-fund-barr/>

Application Deadlines in 2019 are:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February for a decision in late March
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for a decision in June
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August for a decision in September
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November for a decision in January 2020

#### Girvan Assel Valley Community Fund

Awards between £500 and £5,000 are available. There will be one funding round in 2019 with an application deadline of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April for a decision in late June. The Fund Factsheet and details of how to apply can be found at:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/assel-valley-girvan/>



## Carrick Futures

This fund is provided by ScottishPower Renewables from its Arecleoch and Mark Hill Windfarms in South Ayrshire. The fund benefits primarily the communities of **Ballantrae, Colmonell &**

**Lendalfoot, Barr, Barrhill, Pinwherry & Pinmore, and Girvan & District**, but also supports activity in other areas of Carrick, in particular **Daily**.

Two levels of awards are available: Standard grants: £500 - £10,000 and Large grants: over £10,000.

There is a pre-application enquiry process for large grants. A small grants scheme for amounts up to £500 is also operated by each of the Community Councils. The Fund Factsheet and details of how to apply can be found at: <https://www.carrickfutures.org.uk/how-to-apply.html>.

Application deadlines in 2019 are:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February for a decision in April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for a decision in July

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August for a decision in October

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for a decision in January 2020



## Hadyard Hill Community Fund

This fund is provided by SSE from its Hadyard Hill wind farm in South Ayrshire. The fund supports projects located within or directly benefiting

**Barr, Pinwherry & Pinmore and Daily**. Grants between £500 and £5,000 are available. A small grants scheme for amounts up to £500 is also operated by each of the Community Councils.

The Fund Factsheet and details of how to apply can be found at: [www.hadyardhill.org.uk](http://www.hadyardhill.org.uk).

Application deadlines are:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January for a decision in March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March for a decision in May

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May for a decision in July

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September for a decision in November

## Kilgallioch Community Fund



The fund is provided by ScottishPower Renewables community benefit funds, from its Kilgallioch Windfarm in Dumfries & Galloway and South Ayrshire. The fund benefits **Ballantrae, Colmonell & Lendalfoot, Barr, Barrhill, Pinwherry & Pinmore, Daily and Girvan & District** in South Ayrshire, as well as Wigtownshire in Dumfries and Galloway. Deadlines for 2019 had not been set at the time of going to print, so please check

<https://www.kilgallioch.co.uk/how-to-apply/> or contact our office for details.

## Ballantrae Community Fund

The fund is provided by ScottishPower Renewables community benefit funds, from its Glenapp Windfarm in South Ayrshire. The fund supports projects benefitting **Ballantrae** and will normally operate two funding rounds each year. The Fund Factsheet and details of how to apply can be found at:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/ballantrae/>

Application deadlines are: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February for a decision in early May

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August for a decision in October

