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Village Events



Date	Event	Location
02/12/19	Colmonell Christmas light switch-on event	Colmonell Community Centre
07/12/19	Barrhill Christmas Craft Show	Barrhill Memorial Hall
07/12/19	Christmas at Craigmains Home and Garden Centre	Craigmains Ballantrae
11/12/19	Ballantrae Senior Residents' Christmas Party	Ballantrae Community Hall
12/12/19	Barrhill Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner	Barrhill Memorial Hall
12/12/19	Colmonell school party	Colmonell School
14/12/19	Ballantrae Children's Christmas Party	Ballantrae Community Hall
14/12/19	Barrhill Primary School PTA Christmas Fair	Barrhill Memorial Hall
15/12/19	Carols, Readings & Refreshments 7pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
16/12/19	Church of Scotland Guild slide show of birds 7.15pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
19/12/19	Colmonell Church Concert	St Colmon's Church
20/12/19	Colmonell youth group party	Colmonell Community Centre
23/12/19	Barrhill Children's Christmas Party	Barrhill Memorial Hall
24/12/19	Watchnight Service in Ballantrae Church 11.30pm	Ballantrae Church
24/12/19	Watchnight Service in St Colmon's Church 11.30pm	St Colmon's Church
25/12/19	Christmas All Age Service	Ballantrae Church
31/12/19	Ballantrae Hogmanay Dance	Ballantrae Community Hall
18/01/20	The Barr Stools and Jimmy Wolfe Band	Barr Village Hall
24/01/20	Colmonell Circle Annual Whist Drive 7.30pm	St Colmon Kirk Hall
25/01/20	Stinchar Valley Photo Group Exhibition	Ballantrae Community Hall
26/01/20	Stinchar Valley Photo Group Exhibition	Ballantrae Community Hall
26/01/20	Ballantrae Bowling Club AGM	Ballantrae bowling green
28/01/20	Ballantrae Scouts Burns Night	Ballantrae Community Hall
28/01/20	Ballantrae Community Council Meeting	Ballantrae Community Hall
15/02/20	Colmonell Community Action Plan Investment Event	Colmonell Community Centre
24/02/20	Scottish Night with Alan & Friends 7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
13/06/20	Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink	Ballantrae Harbour
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NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We hope you will enjoy the Winter 2019 issue of the Stinchar Valley Magazine.

Once again, we've tried to bring you news of what's been happening in the communities in the valley and the surrounding area...

If you would like to submit something for a future edition, please contact a member of the Editorial Team - their names can be found below.

HOW TO SEND IN YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES

Please email articles and pictures to your community representative or to the address below. If you do not have access to a computer you can post to Guildhall, Pinwherry, Girvan KA26 0RT. Please remember to include your name, address and telephone number and let us know if you want anything returned.

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	All meetings are open to the public
Ballantrae	Last Tuesday of the month (except July and Dec) Public hall, start time 7pm
Barr	7pm in the Village Hall every second Thursday in the month (except Dec).
Barrhill	Last Wednesday of the month (except July, Sept & Dec) Memorial Hall
Colmonell & Lendalfoot	4th Tuesday of the month (alternate months from Jan) Village Hall
Pinwherry & Pinmore	3rd Thursday of the month Community Hall Pinwherry

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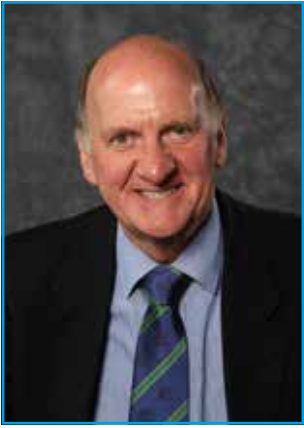
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AN INDEPENDENT VIEW



Autumn and Winter is upon us and the mists of Summer have evaporated in to a distant memory. Hopefully as you are reading this column, it finds you all in good health and ready to welcome the man with the white beard (did I just make reference to the "S" word). As the saying goes, the older you get the quicker the years seem to go and this one is certainly no exception. However as I write this it does feel like we are stuck in a time

warp as far as the dreaded Brexit is concerned and it seems that we are in a perpetual political loop of maybe, possibly, should we, can we, and not sure. Perhaps we'll think about it again and again and again (Yawwwn). Surely it will be sorted one way or another by the time you read this.

It can never be said that our communities are so indecisive. My experience is that when a problem needs tackled, an issue dealt with, or a project taken forward, then action is what is required, and action is what you get. I have been attached to Ballantrae and Barrhill Community Councils this year and they have to be commended along with the other community groups, on the sheer amount of good work that is carried out by volunteers at no gain to themselves on behalf of their village communities.

Austerity has been a word in our vocabulary in the last few years and as far as providing Council services are

concerned, it has been a severe restriction on the ability of the Council to maintain a standard of service provision in the face of the austere, ever tightening Council budgets which have reduced every year since I was first elected in 2012. The expected requirement of the Council is to provide assurance of best value in spending the public pound on the provision of services, as should be the case, and we are held to account through Scrutiny Panels, Internal Audit and externally on behalf of Audit Scotland. We are now at a point where the fat has been cut off, not much flesh is left, and if the projected cuts in the pipeline over the next few years go ahead, we will be through to the bone with not only cuts but the demise of many Council services.

Until when and not if central government in both Holyrood and Westminster get a grip on reality and realise that centralisation means strangling communities and cannot continue, it will be vitally important that both Councils and communities fully engage with each other to make sure that the priorities that are vital to both parties can continue to be enjoyed.

I am ever the optimist and I believe that no challenge is insurmountable when we work together and great things can be achieved. Here's to that. Have a wonderful Christmas with family or friends and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councillor Alec Clark

COUNCILLOR IAN FITZSIMMONS



Now that Winter is here, dark nights and mornings, the Autumn has been and gone and the Halloween parties are past. Remembrance services have been held in towns and villages throughout the Stinchar Valley. I will have been at the services at Pinwherry, Colmonell and Ballantrae for all the fallen of the two World Wars and the conflicts since. The villages should now have their War Books with the names of the fallen - project

organised and taken forward by a Girvan couple, Richard and Lorna Conaghan, who deserve a lot of praise for all the work they have done. They have organised an Exhibition in the McKechnie Institute in Girvan and are there at certain times to help and answer any questions you may have.

I was at the Awards Ceremony in Ayr Town Hall in October. BRICC in Ballantrae won an award for Service to the Community and Rosemary Stevenson won the main award for Volunteer of the Year. Well done to Rosemary - it was well deserved.

Well done to the Barrhill Development Group for getting

the funding to take over the Trout Inn - a hub for the village for the locals to enjoy and create some employment and training for local people. Hopefully the new car park will get permission to start at the railway station.

Work is going ahead at Barr School after the delay, and hopefully it will be finished shortly.

The Festival of Food & Drink at Ballantrae was a great success again this year - hopefully it will continue to develop. I hope the new Minister for the villages has settled in and is enjoying the area. The Church Fete in Ballantrae was well attended and the Ordination of the new Minister was a great night.

The Colmonell Church Fete was also well attended and it is great to see everybody working together in the villages when something is on.

Christmas is coming and I will be attending as many "lights switch on nights" as I can and as many Christmas Concerts and parties as I can manage.

May I wish everybody a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and all the best for 2020.

Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons

COUNCILLOR PETER HENDERSON



As I write the clocks have just changed and the longer nights are here again. It is at this time of year especially that I would ask everyone to look after their neighbours and community. It can be lonely for many as they don't get out as usual; it is important that we check and take time to ensure that people don't get down and despondent. A few words and a kind thought can make a big difference.

It has been an honour and a privilege to attend the Remembrance Services and ceremonies throughout the Ward again. It is, I feel, very important that we do remember and learn from the lessons and sacrifice of the many who gave their all, so that we can enjoy our peace and futures.

Work at the Council has continued to be extremely busy and in many ways rewarding. Improvements taking place in housing, cases resolved, communities making progress on many ventures; planning as best we can for Brexit etc.. The roll out of the new Council Wi-Fi system to all schools and most community centres is already making a big difference to services. I have attended Surgeries in all villages on a regular basis and along with attending meetings, Community Councils and events have been

pleased to meet so many in all areas and be kept informed of initiatives and innovative ways of working. Working in partnership with communities is, I feel, showing progress.

I am pleased that more improvements are being made to our roads and while diversions can be frustrating, I do hope the work will make for safer travel.

I have attended meetings of outside agencies representing the Council, which is making a difference and highlighting South Ayrshire as a destination for tourism, Investment and a place where they choose to live and work.

I attended two award ceremonies for Council initiatives that have been recognised nationally and it is satisfying to know that efforts are recognised as leading the way in local government.

As we celebrate the festive season I look forward to the many events, nativity plays and family time for many. I do hope that all enjoy a Happy Christmas and wish everyone all the very best for the coming year. Please spare a thought for those less fortunate but have a joyous time. I hope to bump into many at the events taking place.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Councillor Peter Henderson SNP

South Ayrshire Community Transport

by Catriona Haston

Community Transport has played a vital role over the last few decades in helping people to access services and facilities, work, education, training and social and leisure activities. Its role has traditionally been important for older people, the disabled, young people, those on low incomes and those living in rural communities with minimal public transport provision. South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT) was created in 2016 in order to:

- Combat social isolation
- Connect people with the places and facilities they need
- Promote better health
- Encourage a more environmentally sustainable form of travel and reduce reliance on private car use

We currently have 10 minibuses in our fleet, ranging from 5 to 17 seats and all but one of them are wheelchair accessible. We also have an Electric Car Club which is based in Ayr www.sact-carclub.co.uk



At the moment, we keep three minibuses permanently based in Girvan in order to serve South Carrick:

- A 15-seater Mercedes Sprinter which does the Barr-Girvan schedule service 4 days per week
- A 5-seater VW Vista which is mostly used to provide the MyBus service in the South Carrick area
- A 17-seater Peugeot Boxer

But we can, and regularly do, supplement these with some of our other vehicles as and when required. All the buses are available for hire by constituted community groups, sports group, schools, social enterprises, Care Homes etc. We will also shortly have an electric 7-seater MPV based in Girvan. This will not be wheelchair accessible but will be available for hire by people from South Carrick through our Car Club scheme. For more information on that, check out the website above or email admin@sact-carclub.co.uk

The buses can be hired with, or without drivers. They are a lot cheaper to hire if groups can provide their own drivers. For anything bigger than our 9 seaters, we would prefer that drivers have a D1 on their licence. If you passed your driving test before 1996, you have this by right. If not, your choice of vehicle will be more limited. If your driver also has MiDAS certification (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme), so much the better. SACT is also a registered Driver Training Centre and holds regular MiDAS training days. We will shortly also be able to provide D1 training.

If you, or your group, need a minibus to take you anywhere, just get in touch and let us know. You can find lots of information on our website www.sacommunitytransport.org. You can email us at info@sacommunitytransport.org or just give us a ring on 01929 270864 and we'll talk – we like talking!



Photograph by Anthony Hills

Stinchar Valley Photo Group

by Heather O'Hare

Following our successful exhibition in Barrhill in July we took the exhibition to Colmonell (in October) and will be taking it to Ballantrae on 25/26 January. Watch Facebook and local posters for details nearer the time.

Our Autumn / Winter programme is being developed and will consist of practical sessions and guest speakers.

We are a small informal group which meets on the last Thursday of the month (with the exception of December). As we have members from Ballantrae, Barrhill, Pinwherry, Pinmore and Colmonell, we have started to move around the area rather than only meeting in BRICC House. Our aim is simple. We help more people take better pictures. Why don't you come along and join us?

Contact Karen on **01465 831717**.



The Valley Choir by Catriona Joss

The Valley Choir is now meeting on Tuesday evenings (please note change of day from Thursday) at 7:30 in Colmonell Village Hall.

We are still in the early days of establishing our choir but there are about 12-15 regular members at the moment, about 8 ladies and 7 gents but we are always hopeful for more singers!

This season we are working on a number of carols for Christmas time but we are also starting to add to our repertoire of a variety of music for example Medley of "The Phantom of the Opera" and "The Rhythm of Life" (from the musical Sweet Charity). We are aiming to be able to appeal to as many people as possible and continue to develop enthusiastically as a community choir.



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Rural Forum comes to Ballantrae by Andy McAlpine

This was an opportunity for residents from Ballantrae and surrounding communities to meet face-to-face with Councillors and Officials to discuss current issues.

Jim Whiston outlined the work of Ayrshire Housing and the need for more development in rural areas. Discussion took place around how Ayrshire Housing allocates houses and how they ensure that people getting houses want to reside within the area allocated. Jim advised that Ayrshire Housing work in partnership with South Ayrshire Council when letting houses, however houses are let in accordance with housing applications therefore if someone does not want to be allocated a certain area they can remove that area from their application. Councillor Henderson confirmed that the majority of people applying for council housing are added to the Ayrshire Housing list at the same time. Councillor Grant said that rural housing need is massive. But people don't always ask to be considered for particular areas as they don't think they will be allocated a tenancy there.

I had been asked to provide an update on the work which has been undertaken to make Ballantrae a great community in which to live, work and visit. Various festivals and events take place throughout the year and the majority of this is down to the joint working of the Ballantrae Community Council, Ballantrae Community Association and Ballantrae Trust. Recent work undertaken in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University students provided insights into how Ballantrae is perceived digitally and where Ballantrae is missing out on some excellent opportunities. I explained the discussions currently underway about the Ballantrae community purchasing the Kings Arms hotel to develop it into a Community Hub.

Sharon Hodgson provided an update on the Ayrshire Growth Deal and advised that this is a 10-15 year

investment programme. The three Ayrshire authorities will receive £251 million with the aim of changing Ayrshire and making it more attractive. A large portion of the investment will be put into Prestwick, the development of Aerospace and the potential Space Port. Sharon provided an update on other programmes which will be rolled out as a result of the Growth Deal (tourism, manufacturing, ICT etc.) and advised that the hope is that this will help to create an extra 7000 jobs in the Ayrshire area. A new broadband fibre cable from America is being brought into North Ayrshire which means that they are now the best connected part of the UK. In response to a question about getting better broadband into rural areas generally, Sharon advised that all 3 local authorities are aware of the issues around broadband and the aim is to make sure everyone is connected. However this won't happen overnight; it will require a programme of investment over a period of time.

Neil Feggans and Adrian Browne provided a presentation on the work related to the new Local Development Plan. Everyone was encouraged to take part in the consultation starting in September. Following discussion on this topic a more general discussion took place on Asset Transfers.

Councillor Clark closed the Forum by thanking Ballantrae Head teacher Yvonne Templeton for her hospitality and thanking everyone for attending these meetings which will help to shape the Rural Strategy for South Ayrshire.

Minutes and copies of the various presentations are available on the SAC website. Future Rural Forum meetings are scheduled for Monday 18 November 2019 – Colton Primary School (7pm); Monday 17 February 2020 – Craigie Village Hall (7pm); and Monday 20 April 2020 – Dailly Primary School (7pm).

BARRHILL

Barrhill Development Trust



Funding Success for Community Purchase of the Trout Inn

Barrhill Development Trust is delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing funding from the Scottish Land Fund for the purchase price of the Trout Inn, in Barrhill, following the retirement of the current owner. The purchase will allow this important village asset to remain open and to be developed for the local community and economy.



John Thomson, Chair, Barrhill Development Trust said: "I am delighted that Barrhill Development Trust has been successful in securing funding from the Scottish Land Fund for the purchase of our village pub, the Trout Inn. Although Barrhill is a small village, we have a very proactive community, who wish to see our local area flourish. We will refurbish The Trout Inn and provide an offering of good quality, locally-sourced food and drink, in addition to entertainment, music and social events; welcoming local people and visitors alike, to Barrhill."

"Our long-term plans will also see the delivery of catering and hospitality workshops and training opportunities for local people, using refurbished facilities in the pub. Funding from the Scottish Land Fund is instrumental in bringing our project to fruition and we are excited for this new project to begin."

The Trout Inn is a long established, purpose-built, licensed hotel, dating back to the late 19th century. It is located in a prominent position on the Main Street of Barrhill and is the only pub in the village. The current proprietor, who has owned the business and property for eight years, is wishing to sell the property in order to retire.

Research on the current trading of the business, context

of the local area, demographics, economy, heritage, connectivity, tourism, has been carried out by our Community Development Worker, in addition to research on case studies of similar rural pubs and restaurants and other community-run pubs. Evaluation of the finances and predicted finances, the current offerings and cultural opportunities in the local area, including annual festivals and how these may positively impact, have also been undertaken, in addition to study trips to other community-owned pubs.

An independent valuer was engaged to carry out and produce a valuation report, whilst architects carried out a non-invasive survey on the property and produced initial proposals. As a result of all of the above research, a Feasibility Study was produced, followed by a Business Plan.

The community has also been consulted via an open day, a questionnaire sent to every household in the Parish and information has been made available online. **The results showed a high level of support for the community purchasing and managing the Trout Inn as a pub and restaurant - 76% voted yes, 19% voted no and 5% voted unsure.**

Over the coming months Barrhill Development Trust will use some of the wind farm funding received by the community, to upgrade and refurbish the bar, dining area and kitchen and a staff team will also be employed to facilitate this process and run and manage the business once it reopens. The community will be kept updated as this exciting project progresses.

Barrhill Community Action Plan Update

The Barrhill Development Trust (BDT) thought it would be a useful exercise to provide an update on the Barrhill Community Action Plan (BCAP), published in 2017, in terms of what has been achieved by various parties, or changed in the community since then and what points from it remain to be considered. We issued out questionnaires to the community seeking feedback as to what locals consider the community's focus should be on, and to add any issues not covered by the BCAP. The information will be analysed during November/December, with results being released to the community soon.

Barrhill Development Trust – Website Live

Our new website for Barrhill Development Trust is now live; please go to www.barrhilldevtrust.org We also have a Facebook page – you can find us at www.facebook.com/barrhilldevtrust

We would like to continue to encourage the community to become members of Barrhill Development Trust. Becoming a Member does not entail any specific commitment and is completely free, it simply shows that you support the aims of the Trust. To be eligible to become a member, you must be aged 16 or over and be a resident of Barrhill, or the Barrhill Community Council Area. As a Member, we will write to you

from time to time about the development of our projects and you will be invited to all Member's Meetings (these are usually annual).

Please email Amy for a membership form – amy@barrhilldevtrust.org, or pop into the Memorial Hall office on a Tuesday to pick up a form. The constitution of Barrhill Development Trust is available to view, please email Amy for a copy, or go to www.barrhilldevtrust.org/about



Barrhill Memorial Hall Update

In the Barrhill Memorial Hall the stage has been taken down and a storage cupboard has been installed in its place. The stage was rarely used for events and instead served as a place to store the chairs and tables, which were difficult to access and manoeuvre throughout the building. Creating a ground floor storage cupboard in the footprint of the stage is more user-friendly and creates a tidy main hall.

We intend to install a defibrillator and a hearing loop system in the hall before the end of the year.



Barrhill in Bloom

One of the priorities of the Barrhill Community Action Plan is to improve the aesthetics of the village, creating a nice and welcoming place for people to live, work and visit. As such, 39 large, high quality planters were purchased and placed along the Main Street. Whilst Liam, the village Handyman, oversees the maintenance of all the planters, a planter adoption scheme was developed, providing opportunities for residents to adopt a planter and to water and weed or dead head the plants when required. The community has embraced this and the village has been looking very pretty and colourful indeed!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

by Ann Robertson



Barrhill's weekly coffee morning on 27th September was in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised £90 on the day from our sales table and a raffle. Together with donations on the day and money collected through donations at the weekly coffee mornings since they began earlier this year, we were very pleased to reach a total of £210.

Thank you to all who donated and came along to support this wonderful service.

Why not come along and join us at our weekly coffee morning in Barrhill Memorial Hall each Friday 10am – 12 noon. You can either stay for the full two hours or just drop in for a quick coffee. Bring along your knitting, sewing or crochet etc. to work on, join in with a game of dominos or just have a chat and find out what is going on in Barrhill. You will be made very welcome.

Barrhill's Young People

by Linda Wild

Here is a look at what Barrhill's talented and hardworking young people have been achieving over the last year.

Barrhill Primary School P3 Erin has her winning design in the annual South Ayrshire Christmas Banner Competition displayed on Ayr High Street.

Daisy Redman won The Pride of Barrhill award at Barrhill Primary School.



Charlie Russell was awarded the 2019 1st Year Apprentice of the Year for Ayrshire. He also came a very close second in 2019 Electrical Apprentice for West Scotland.

Ethan Wild won a gold medal representing Scotland and Northern Ireland Region in U17 shot putt at the Air Cadets Corps Athletics at Grantham Stadium. He also won a gold medal for shot putt at Ayrshire Schools Athletics.

Girvan Academy Annual Prize Giving 2019

Iona Thomson was awarded a Certificate for General Excellence in S1.

Ethan Wild was awarded the Parent Council Fourth Year Prize, Prize for General Excellence in S4, Prize for Chemistry in S4, Prize for Scientific Studies in S4, Prize for Technical Subjects in S4 and Prize for English in S4.

Harry Flower was awarded a Prize for General Excellence in S5, Prize for Biology in S5, Prize for Geography and Outstanding Performance in S5.

Barrhill Primary School

ASSEMBLIES

We welcomed our parents into the school to watch our class assemblies. Parents have had a chance to find out a little more about what the children have been learning this term and it gives us the chance to celebrate their recent achievements and award certificates.



JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers)

The P6 JRSOs and Mrs Stewart recently attended an induction seminar at Maybole Town hall. They participated in peer workshops to extend their knowledge and designed an eye-catching poster which is now displayed in the school.

CHRISTMAS

We are delighted to announce that the children of Barrhill PS & EYC will be performing "Snow White" for our Annual Christmas Show on Wednesday 18th December and Thursday 19th December. We will have tickets on sale soon.

JUNIOR COACHING ACADEMY

Claire, from Active Schools, has been into school to train our Primary 6 & 7 pupils to become Junior Coaches. Following this training, the pupils are now able to lead their younger peers in safe and enjoyable physical games.

CHRISTMAS BANNER

Each school is invited to enter the annual South Ayrshire Christmas Banner Competition in which a winning design is selected and then displayed on Ayr High Street. Our winner this year is Erin in Primary 3. Well done!



Pictured right:
Christmas Banner Design

Barrhill Youth Club

by Amy Watson

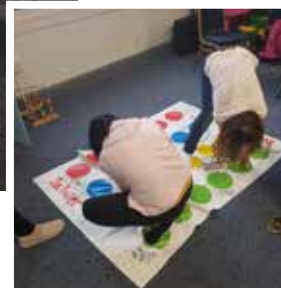
Barrhill Youth Club launched in July 2019 with 4 initial sessions during the school summer holidays and due to a high uptake and enthusiasm for the youth club to continue, it runs during term time on Friday evenings. The children and young people participate in sports, baking, games, arts and crafts, pool, Playstation 4 and other activities, or they are welcome to come along and chill with friends and listen to music.

Barrhill Youth Club runs from the Memorial Hall and is split into two age groups; the Junior session for children aged 5 – 9 runs 5pm – 6:30pm, the Senior session for young people aged 10 – 17 runs 6:45pm – 8:15pm.

The volunteers who run the youth club are fully PVG Scheme registered and all appropriate policies and procedures are in place.

We are organising a Children's Christmas Party on Monday 23rd December, in the Memorial Hall for children aged 5 – 17 (under 5's to be accompanied by an adult).

Parental consent forms are required for all children and young people who attend any of our sessions. Please contact Amy for forms. If you have any questions, or ideas, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy at amy@barrhilldevtrust.org, phone 01465 821000 or 01671 820654.



Barrhill Christmas Craft Show

by Linda Wild



Think summer flower show... BUT with all things Christmas instead!

We hope you will find some classes which set your creative juices flowing. It's time to get into the Christmas spirit!

The show is open to everyone to enter and you can enter as many classes as you like. It would be great to see what you can make and you might just win a prize.

Of course Christmas is loved by children and there is plenty of choice of classes right from pre-school to age 16 which are free to enter. Why not get your children or grandchildren busy on the long dark winter evenings creating some Christmas magic to share. There are Christmassy handicrafts and baking and why not gather a group of two to four

friends or family together to enter a Christmas Day place setting?

Schedules are available to download from www.barrhill.org.uk select Christmas Show from the Other menu. Or find details on Facebook.

We will be welcoming a very special Christmas visitor to our show, Santa will be taking time out of his busy schedule to visit everyone at the show. There will also be stalls where you can purchase locally made gifts.

**Saturday 7th December 2:30pm-4:30pm
Barrhill Memorial Hall.**

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

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Christmas Craft Show

Saturday 7th December 2019

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Barrhill Memorial Hall



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Christmas Handicrafts

Christmas Baking

Christmas Children's sections

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BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL

COFFEE MORNING



**FRIDAYS
10am - 12noon**

*Open to all. Drop in for a
cuppa and a chat!*

Barrhill Flower Show by Linda Wild

The third Barrhill Flower Show on 7th September 2019 was held in memory of our dear friend Annie Clarke who was such a big part of the previous 2 shows. In the 2017 show Annie submitted a staggering 42 entries across 5 sections and went on to win the trophies for Best in Whole Show, Most Points in Show, Best Exhibit in Flower Section and Best Exhibit in Decorative Section. This year Annie's husband James generously donated a beautiful salver in memory of Annie for Best Dahlias in Show in recognition of her passion for growing dahlias.

The judges then had a very difficult job selecting the prize winners from so many excellent entries. A big thank you goes to the judges for their hard work. We were impressed by the number and quality of exhibits entered into this year's show, a total of 347. Our new Photography section proved very popular attracting 58 entries. We would like to thank Tog Porter for generously donating The Wigwam Photography Cup and a £10 cash prize which was presented to the winner of best photograph in the show. Look out for new photography classes in next year's show. Something else new for this year was a class for knitted premature baby hats to be donated to Crosshouse Hospital. The final total is 120 hats and 3 blankets. Thank you everyone for generously donating such an amazing number of little hats.

There were many positive comments from visitors to the show saying how much they had enjoyed the show and commenting on the high standard of the entries.

A huge THANK YOU goes to everyone who helped to make the show such a great success. There are too many people to name individually, but you know who you are – thank you. Thank you to those who helped out on the day of the show, busily working to keep everything running smoothly. The scone makers and soup maker. Everyone who kindly donated raffle prizes. BCC for providing a grant to allow us to run the show and the BCIC for giving us free use of the hall. Thank you to everyone who grew, baked, arranged, crafted, photographed, created and brought their exhibits to the show for all to see. Thank you to the staff and pupils at Barrhill Primary who all worked together to produce some delightful entries in the children's section. Last but by no means least, thank you to everyone who came along on the day to support this event and admire the exhibits. Congratulations to all the prize winners for their wonderful entries.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

There will be some new classes in the show next year, so keep a lookout for schedules in the spring. If you have any suggestions for new classes please let us know.

The Trophy Winners

The David Hall Quaich for Best Exhibit in Whole Show – Babs Handley
The Queensland Holiday Park Trophy for Most Points in Whole Show – Linda Wild
The Trout Inn Trophy for Runner up Points in Whole Show – Glenalty
The Annie Clarke Dahlia Trophy – Hugh Murray

Best in section winners:

Vegetable Section – Glenalty
Flower Section – Harriet Ellis
Decorative Section – Helen Walker
Photography Section – Richard Brown
Baking Section – Glenalty
Preserves and Confectionery Section – Liz Ottaway
Biggest, Heaviest & fun Section – Linda Wild
Handicrafts Section – Babs Handley
Children's Early Years Section – Sarah
Children's Junior Section – AJ
Children's Senior Section – Emily



SHORT MAT BOWLING



SHORT MAT BOWLING

As summer started to wane it came to our notice that there was a need for something that everyone from the village would be able to engage in during the winter months, to break up the monotony of the long dark evenings, and to bring people together to enjoy a time of fun and games! After some initial canvassing to see how well our idea would be received, an approach was made to the BCIC for them to purchase, for the village, two short mat bowls mats and other equipment necessary to bring things to fruition. Our thanks to them for embracing this initiative.

So far, we have had three sessions of short mat bowls, available to anyone staying in Barrhill (children must be accompanied by an adult), at the Memorial Hall. There has been much laughter and excitement as we all come to terms with the fact that it doesn't matter if you have never played bowls before, you can still win!!

Dates and times can be found on the notice board at the Memorial Hall.

Elizabeth McLaren and Joanne Rennie

Barr Primary School



Prize Giving

Primary 7s were given a fabulous send off at our summer prize giving when we celebrated a year of successes and achievements.



Dixie's Bell!

Contractors discovered the old school bell during construction of our new extension. The bell hadn't been seen in many years and certainly not by any of our current members of staff. The bell was made in 1878 in Glasgow by John C Wilson and Co. Dixie along with the pupils enjoyed restoring the bell back to its former glory. It is unclear what date the bell was given to the school so if anyone has any information on when the school was built, or when the bell was given the school, Dixie would love to know.



Reversible Chemical Reactions

P5-7 investigated reversible chemical reactions by testing the best filters to separate materials from water. It was rather messy but lots of fun.



Junior Coaching Academy

Claire Rogerson from SAC Active Schools spent a day with our senior pupils training them to be Junior Sport Coaches as part of the Junior Coaching Academy. They passed!

JRSO

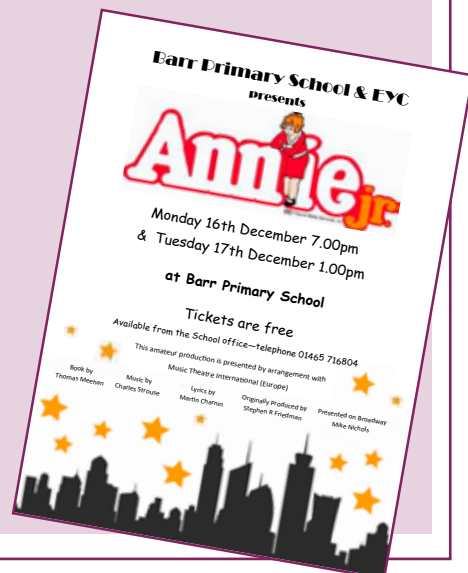
Molly and Rosie had a fab day at Maybole Town Hall learning all about JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer) scheme. JRSOs help promote road safety issues within the school and local community. The girls enjoyed a range of informative, colourful and engaging resources.



Annie Jr.

This year the pupils have chosen 'Annie' as their Christmas show and rehearsals are well underway. Please come along to enjoy what is going to be another fantastic show. Tickets are on sale from the School office.

Tel: 01465 716804.





The Cycle of Life

Autumn arrives in the Barr Valley this year before we know it. During a warm and busy September, the farmers and shepherds are all getting their lambs, Tups (Rams), cows and bulls ready for the breeding sales. It is a busy time.

The Scottish Blackface Tup sale takes place in Newton Stewart on the first Saturday in October every year and some of the local farmers spend time feeding, grooming and polishing up their Best Tups to take to this sale. Good prices were gained at the sales this year by some local farmers and some of the Tups have come home to live and work in the valley in neighbouring farms.

Neil has been busy helping out where needed and much time has been spent preparing first the field ewes for the tup, then later in the month the hill ewes. The ewes are all brought in, a field at a time and dosed for fluke, wormed and given vitamin drenches to keep them in good condition, they have their tails trimmed, this helps keep them clean as well as allow easy access for the tup. Feet, mouth and udders are checked to ensure the ewes are all healthy and correct. Any that are deemed unsuitable are taken out the stock and sold at market for the food chain.

All healthy and correct ewes then go into lush fields of grass. This in turn gives them a boost of minerals and vitamins allowing for good egg production. This is known as flushing the ewes.

The beginning of October a few tups go out in amongst the ewes. This teases them, which encourages egg production. Together with the shortening days and increasing hours of darkness boosts the release of melatonin in the ewes. Thus allowing them to become fertile by starting the reproductive process.

A ewe will cycle every 17 days. Hopefully the ewe will be fertile and have eggs fertilised in the first cycle of the tups going out to the fields with them. This usually increases lamb numbers. The aim is for lambing to start when the grass starts to grow in the springtime. The higher up the valley the later the grass grows. So, different farmers put their tups out at



different times depending on their grass and fields and their hill ground.

At Nether Barr, The Wilson's put their tups out to the ewes on the 4th of October, at Glengennet Neil puts the Tups out on the 23rd October and towards the higher end of the valley, at Pinvalley, Robert and Brian don't put the Tups out until the very end of October. Every tup will go to 40-50 ewes.

You will notice in the fields around Glengennet and Upper Barr the ewes have large red or blue marks on their rear end. This is because when they are tipped (mated) they are marked. The tup has a keel block attached to a harness around his chest.

This keel in turn runs off on the ewe, you therefore, know that ewe has been tipped by the mark left on her tail end.

8 tups went to the ewes on the 23rd October and by the 30th these same 8 tups had tipped 300 ewes! That's a lotta work for the boys in a week! But it's also going to be a lotta work come the 18th March 2020!



How do we know this? Because we count the red bums while checking the stock every day. After 7 days the keel blocks on the tups chest are changed to blue.

This allows the farmer to know when the ewes were tipped and can count out when the lambs are due. The tups remain out with the ewes until at least 2 cycles have passed. Any ewes marked red and blue the farmer then knows that they haven't been fertilised the first time they were tipped and therefore knows the lambs won't be due until later in April.

Different farmers may use different colours. Have a look as you drive round the country and see the ewes in the fields and if you are lucky you might spot a tup or two.

A farmer judges the gestation period of a ewe as five months minus 5 days, there are a few old tales but time has proven this to be the best judging method.

In other words from the first week in March Nether Barr will be lambing indoors and the outdoor lambing will start at Glengennet and Upper Barr about the 18th March. Keep your fingers crossed it's a good warm spring next year too.

If you have enough buildings and suitable facilities lambing indoors ensures the highest numbers of live lambs by cutting down on lamb mortality both from the elements and also from predators. However, it is very labour intensive and in real terms means working 24 hours a day.

This year the weather and the good quality and quantity of grass has allowed lambs and calves to thrive. As well as the cows and ewes being in great condition. It is a pleasure to look at the stock daily.

However, it is also really disheartening for the farmers who have seen this good quality stock go to market and receive much less per head than previous years fattening lambs have been sold £8-£12 less for the same weight as last year and cattle have been trading at £150- £200 per head less than last year.. but as we all know, there has not been a drop in supermarket prices for meat or lamb.. food processors and supermarkets are still trading at the same price as last year. I will leave you to work out who has been making the profit.

Farmers don't expect to make a fortune but what they hope for is a fair price for their efforts.

In October and November the cows and calves come into sheds for the winter. They are brought in for their well-being. Here they are fed the good quality hay and silage grown on the farms and harvested in the summer. They are also given concentrates which consists of a balance of cereals, minerals and oils to suit the animals needs. There they remain until late March to early May when they return to the fields and hills.

Heading out on the other side of Barr you will notice when driving up out the screws on the left side of the road, a new breed of sheep have arrived in Barr. They have been brought in by The Young farming family. The Young's have just taken over this farm this year. Good luck to them with their new farming venture. This breed of sheep are called Swales. Usually a breed found on the fells of northern England, they should be well suited here in Barr.

It will be interesting to watch and see how well they breed and live on the hills and fields surrounding the screws.

Barr Sheepdog Trial Report



The National Sheepdog trials this year saw Neil and Fraser Shennan, two local handlers get in to represent Scotland at the International sheepdog trials. Both of whom qualified and made it into the supreme championship and both ending up in the top 10! Considering, that 600 of the best dogs in the UK are entered for the nationals. This is a huge achievement for them both in the sheepdog world and one which many handlers strive for each year. Well done Neil and Fraser.

The Barr trial held at Lanes Farm this year ends the open trialling season for 2019 on a high. There was a great turnout at the trial this year and such is the popularity, there were competitors from Norway, Germany and Spain,

There were also two Shetlanders here who specifically came for the trial. They spent a couple of days in the area and were so impressed they promise to return bringing their friends next year.

On a personal note we are delighted to have received our breeders licence from South Ayrshire Council for breeding our Labradors and Cocker Spaniels. This breeding year ends as Lady has her first beautiful litter of Cocker Spaniel pups.

As we near winter remember to feed the birds. They need water and food out. If you are lucky to have a hedgehog or two at the bottom of your garden remember to leave a pile of leaves and logs untouched as they make their homes there to hibernate for the winter..

Hopefully the winter is not too harsh in these animals, they aren't as lucky as the farm livestock so please keep an eye on them.

Take care and stay warm everyone, until next time.

Neil and Wendy Gillon

Barr Parish Church

At the time of writing the last article for the Stinchar Valley magazine in July we were waiting for the arrival of our Covenanters' flag to adorn our reception hall - compliments of the Stinchar Valley Quilters of course!! . We are proud to say the flag has now been completed and takes 'pride of place' on the wall as you enter the church. It is a beautiful piece of needlework which we are sure, will be enjoyed for many years to come. Our sincere thanks to the quilting club for their brilliant efforts. Our next task will be to present the history of Covenanters in the area to complete the display.

Our main event to date has been the Harvest Festival. Leith Bakers in Girvan provided the 'Harvest festival wheatsheaf' which took its traditional centre stage of the altar display. Hazel and John McKinley decorated the church beautifully throughout, filling every 'nook and cranny' with rich autumnal colours. Food parcels were dropped off at the community shop kindly donated by village members. With all the effort it takes to bring such events to fruition it is always rewarding to see so many attend and feel the warm ambience these occasions generate; and as has become the custom, refreshments were served after the family service. All food (and floral) donations were distributed to the Food Bank in Girvan and the elderly/infirm members of the community.

Next on the calendar is Armistice day. In previous years Barr village has been very fortunate to see a high turnout at the Remembrance event, particularly since the Barr Community Association (BCA) put on WW1 exhibitions to mark the centenary of the Great War. This year Rev. Jim Guthrie will lead the event starting with a church service followed by the act of Remembrance at the memorial, then refreshments at the village hall.



Thereafter, in a few weeks we will be in full swing of the nativity season, carol singing and mince pies! We hope you will be able to join us. Future events will be publicised on the Barr Village website.

**Barr Church Services: 12.15pm every Sunday.
All are welcome!**



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The annual Barr Village Coffee morning was a resounding success. Thanks to everyone who, helped, baked, donated and supported this extremely worthy cause.

Villagers and others munched their way through delicious homemade scones, purchased raffle tickets and snapped up the home baking. The Stinchar Valley Quilters held their popular cushion raffle with the addition of some splendid quilted bags to add variety.



Hampers and raffle prizes were admired and Barr Primary all trooped along to do their bit!

A final grand total of £792.23 was banked so large applause all round.

Thanks again to everyone from Maggie Bunnett & Alison Milroy



Barr Community Shop

There have been a few changes at Barr Stores over the last few months, our new staff members and directors provide a variety of new skills. Pop in to try our homemade cakes and selection of specials.

We have created a shop tartan which has revamped the style of the notices and website. A new and updated website barrcommunitystore.org.uk created by one of our new directors is up and running along with an Instagram account #Barrvillageshop. We are also thrilled to have been able to upgrade to fibre broadband.

We have new cafe and outdoor seating which greatly improves both areas.

Thank you to Assel Valley for the grant allowing us to make essential upgrades that makes your experience of Barr Stores a highly enjoyable one.

Over the winter months be on the look out for new window decorations themed for fireworks night, Christmas, New Year and Burns night. Check our Facebook page to vote on what our resident artist paints each time.

**Thank you for your continued support,
we hope to see you over the festive period.**

Darcey's Hair Raiser

While many communities around the country were holding their Macmillan Coffee mornings raising money for cancer, one young teenage girl decided she would go the extra mile, or should it be inches. Darcey Trotter of Barr village took the extraordinary step of donating her hair for the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up to the age of 24, who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other conditions. The trust also funds academics and organisations involved in researching the causes of paediatric cancer and ways of developing less aggressive treatments. Reading online about the good work the charity carries out Darcey applied for a fundraising pack and started collecting donations from relatives, friends, neighbours, Stinchar Valley Quilters, Barr Primary School, Girvan Academy, South Ayrshire Council, the Maybole Branch of the British Legion and even 5 Military Intelligence Battalion army reservists. To her credit £724.75 in total was collected for this very worthy cause. On 3rd October Darcey Trotter arranged to get 8 1/2" of her hair cut and tied into neat plaits, and together with all the donations the parcel was sent to the Little Princess Trust.

This was a brave step given for most young teenage girls 'hair' is the crowning glory - the longer the better!! Fortunately the change of appearance has also brought about less stressful mornings getting ready for school. Well done Darcey and everyone who kindly donated!!



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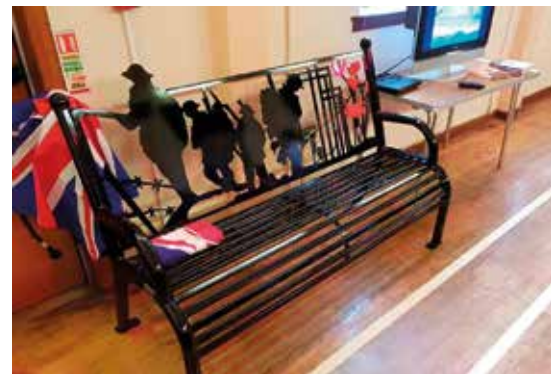


Barr Community Association

Being involved with the Stinchar Valley Magazine seems to fast forward our year! Only seems minutes that we were reporting on our Gala in June and now, by the time you read this our annual Christmas Fayre will, be done and dusted, Christmas lights will, be up and the tree illuminated we hope!

The Ayrshire Rural Touring Theatre brought us renowned acoustic guitarist Catfish Keith. His guitar playing was amazing and it was sad that the support was not as large as hoped, it was a really good night and everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed his performance.

With the aid of some additional villagers a Halloween dance was arranged, bar and disco sorted, a lot of effort was put in to costumes and a good night was had by all who attended.



Remembrance Sunday will see our new bench in centre stage and we hope we had better weather than last year. A planned welcome to the village event, Barr Connections, with Pop up Bar in the hall will be in the spring report. We have had an influx of new people, so as we currently don't have a pub we are hosting this trial event. If popular more will follow while the planned asset transfer of the hall proceeds.

The only event which has been booked at the time of this article is the Barrstools with support band Jimmy Wolfe who will be raising the roof of our hall on Saturday 18th Jan....watch for ticket information. Our Easter Fayre and teas, gala and spring dance will be in the next issue once dates are finalised. Keep an eye on Barr Village Facebook and Website.

Upper Stinchar SWI

Upper Stinchar in Ayrshire founded in 1929.

Throughout its long history the Rural was an important part of social life in Barr and the surrounding area, even drawing members from Girvan on that first night held in Clashgulloch schoolhouse, three miles from Barr, on the banks of the River Stinchar. Upper Stinchar S.W.R.I. continued to draw women of all ages to the rural. They travelled from farmhouse, village and scattered herds' cottages and later from the many new forestry homes constructed in the 1940's and 50's to be part of this new fellowship of women.

The membership was strong and women came together to learn new skills (poultice making, trussing a fowl) to share old ones and to form long-lasting friendships. In those early years people often travelled on foot to the venue or by horse and cart as few had the luxury of access to a motor car, often taking advantage of the moonlight to travel safely. The third Thursday of the month was designated and meetings were held initially throughout the year but in more recent years only from September through the winter until the A.G.M. in May.

During WW2 Clashgulloch was needed for evacuees but meetings continued in members homes with thrift demonstrations and sock knitting for the Red Cross. The village hall in Barr has served as our continued meeting place since the end of W.W.2 into 2019, with occasional forays to the village school if necessary.

Meetings throughout the pre and post war eras were aimed not only at broadening house-wifery skills but at education as well. Members enjoyed talks and demonstrations or hands-on nights on a multitude of topics, some of which seem strange to us today for example, how to dismantle and clean an electric cooker (electricity having only recently been installed).

The advent of electricity in the early 1950's allowed meetings to modernise but as connection was often problematical, they still relied at times on candles or paraffin lamps to go ahead. This is now rarely a problem although our December 2013 meeting had to be cancelled due to a power outage during extremely stormy weather.

Upper Stinchar, like other Rurals learned about the wider community as well and supported both national and international causes: the U.K. Disaster Fund in 1953 due to flooding and refugees in 1959/60 including sponsoring a child. This concern and support has continued to the present with annual donations to a broad range of worthwhile causes both at home and abroad. Most recently special efforts were made through providing cream teas to support Mary's Meals during the annual gala day.

The Rural has always played an active role in the village community by providing for Halloween parties, whist-drives and dances, often on the same night and participating in village events such as the Barr Gala.

As we approach our 90th, we continue to meet and will celebrate our big birthday with two events in November, a fashion show and pop-up shop with Louise's Boutique on 21st and a celebratory brunch at Turnberry on 24th.



Names for the picture.....anyone fill in missing ones?

Back row - Vera Dunlop, ? ?, Jessie Milroy, ? ?, Mrs Paxton, Mrs Morland, Agnes Reid, Eleanor Murdoch, Can't See- Might br Daisy Scott, Betty Mc Kenzie, Mrs Seaton

Middle Row - Elizabeth Milroy, Jo Travers, ? ?, Wilma Gracie, Elizabeth Mullen, ? ?, Nancy Gardiner, Jean Leil, Mrs Seaton

Front Row - Christine Mc Cormick (Mc Vittie), Yvonne Jack (Milner), Marion Milroy, Agnes Gracie, Peggy Mc Ewan, Betty Mullen, Mrs Mc Cutcheon, Nellie Lambie, Margaret...



Barr bowling Club

Barr Bowling Club has had a very enjoyable season with few days lost to the weather. Fine bowling, a good green and great craic as usual. Alison Milroy continued her season as president by presenting the Triples trophy to club members Dougie Gordon, Johnnie McKechnie and Alistair Wilson. Alan Ringrose, Anne Hamilton and Jimmy Milroy came a close 2nd.

The overall league was won by Alan Ringrose and was announced as Alan took down the club flag on the final day of the season. A winter of maintenance on the green is now planned as we look forward to next season. The opening day as usual depends on the green and weather running up to spring. All members past, present and new will be given a warm Barr welcome when we restart. In the meantime any questions please contact club secretary Isobel Ringrose.



Barr's annual competition for enthusiastic gardeners has taken place and this year there were worthy winners in the sunflowers and spuds categories.

The competition to find who could grow the most potatoes in a pot was a new addition to the event. Competitors were all given one seed potato of the same variety and a pot of uniform size - how they encouraged growth was up to them

And it was Mrs Jessie Milroy who had the knack and produced a magnificent 6lb 4 oz of spuds to come out a worthy winner.

SUNFLOWER AND SPUDS - THEY GROW THEM BIG IN BARR!

In the sunflower competition, Gabby Duvall's entry was a towering 11ft 1inch which took the first prize.

Proceeds from the competition, organised by Jenny Craig and Alison Milroy, were donated to The "Crossroads" charity who will benefit to the tune of £70.00.

They thanked their respective halves John Craig and Jimmy Milroy for ensuring fair play in the measuring and weighing department.

Barr Bikes



The end of season has arrived. We managed various rides this season, some better supported than others.

Villagers are welcome to book out bikes over the winter. Please contact Chris Gunson to arrange. It is planned that the new season of dates will be launched ready for what we hope is a super spring. Keep an eye on both our Facebook page and the village page for announcements.

In the meantime it's Happy Christmas from Scarlett and the bikers!

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Ballantrae Playpark Development Group by Fiona Stevenson

We are delighted to finally see the park development moving forward and achieving what we set out to do a few years ago. The MUGA is well used daily by both the school and our children. Feedback has been wonderful for both it and the new trampoline.

Work on the seating area is now in progress. What a difference already! Great to see this area being updated and some life put back in to provide a welcoming area for people to meet and socialise in. As you can imagine it took some time to raise and source funds for the new surface, seating and sensory panels. Our vision is for this area to be added to in the years to come as and when funds are available. We are also hoping with the continued support of our local resident Linden to get a group of children together to plant up tubs etc. We are confident our young people will contribute to keeping the park litter free and an inviting space for everyone to be proud of.

Thank you to all the local businesses who provided quotes and carried out work in this area, all of which is appreciated.

We are delighted to advise we have also been successful in securing grant funding for a "zip slide" or "flying fox" whichever you prefer to call it. This will be located in continuation along the line of the existing play equipment at Downan Avenue as recommended by our SAC contacts and suppliers. A big thank you to Carrick Futures & the Ballantrae Community Fund for funding this.

We are still continuing to fulfil the requests and suggestions from the community consultation at the beginning of this project. We are in discussion with contacts at SAC, local suppliers & councillors about moving on with the next big step in the project.....a "Circuit" around the park. As you can imagine there will be considerable costs involved, however we are not giving up!

Quotes are currently being sourced.

To enable us to continue to make these improvements happen in our community we rely heavily on local people, businesses and people volunteering. We would be delighted if you have any ideas or suggestions or indeed would like to join our group. Please get in touch with either Cheryl Agnew or myself. Maybe you have ideas for fundraising or sources of funding you could suggest?

We would also like to welcome Rebecca, Ballantrae Trust's new Development Officer on loan from the Creetown Initiative (who replaces Chris Hanna) & Fiona Conlan Ballantrae's Trainee Development Officer to our group. We look forward to working with you both in the future.

Fiona: 07917133220
Cheryl: 07767 081602

The Ballantrae Trust

by Andy McAlpine



We've been encouraged by the number of people who have shown interest in The Trust purchasing the King's Arms Hotel on behalf of the community. We have continued to explore potential funders and started to talk to people who have done this sort of thing before. We have now received a very positive report from our architect and a Community Consultation was taking place in November. The focus was on whether we should buy the King's Arms for the community and what the building should be used for.

Work on the Play Park and Recreation Ground Development continues. New picnic tables and benches have been delivered and are in storage awaiting completion of the groundwork. The sensory panels will be ordered shortly. A grant funding application has been submitted for a contribution towards the costs of a "Flying Fox Zipwire" and the sub group is exploring possible sources of funding for "The Circuit" round the perimeter of the recreation ground.

Work has started on planning the Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink 2020 which will be held on the weekend 13/14 June. We were delighted that an independently produced study we commissioned after BFFD 2019, which attracted around 3000 visitors, identified that the event brought around £150,000 into the local rural economy. 93% of the 500+ people surveyed said that the Festival was 'Very Enjoyable' (67.6%) or "Enjoyable" (25.7%) and 71% of respondents were interested in receiving information about future events. 34% of the respondents were from the Ballantrae area, 32% from elsewhere in Ayrshire, 29% from elsewhere in Scotland, 4% from elsewhere in the UK and 4% from outside the UK (including France, the Channel Isles, the USA and Ireland).



Following their extremely successful trip to Japan, we had a wonderful afternoon in Ballantrae on a Sunday in August with the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra. Inspiring music played by very talented youngsters and the best turnout yet for one of the Trust's performances in our programme of "Music, Theatre and Cinema" with over 70 tickets sold. Our October performance by "Catfish Keith" - a blues performer - did not attract such a big audience but it was a great night and his guitar work was quite outstanding. The Trust's "Music, Theatre & Cinema" sub group has been expanded to include more Trust members and it is currently planning the Autumn and Winter programme.

I was delighted to be asked to do a presentation about partnership working within and outwith the village at the recent South Ayrshire Council Rural Forum when it came to Ballantrae in August for the first time. Other speakers covered Ayrshire Housing, the Ayrshire Growth Deal and the new Local Development Plan. This was an opportunity for elected members, officials, residents and communities to meet face to face to discuss these and other issues. The Community Council, Community Association and the Trust were all represented at the event and you can read a report on proceedings elsewhere in this edition.



We continue to manage the village website on behalf of the village. If you've not already looked at it go to www.ballantrae.org.uk for everything locals and visitors need to know about the village. If you run a business locally or are an office bearer in one of the village groups, please check that your entry in the "Living in Ballantrae" section of the website is up-to-date. We are keen to develop group entries in particular (text and pictures). Contact me on andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com if you have any amendments or suggestions how we might do that for your page. We were pleased to show the new website off at the church's "Best of Ballantrae" event in September and to talk to visitors about the village's historical timeline in particular.

At the beginning of October, as part of our commitment to support local businesses, we hosted a "Managing your Finances and Cash Flow" workshop in Ballantrae for new and existing businesses presented by Colin McNally on behalf of Business Gateway. Three Ballantrae Businesses were represented.

We've had a few changes in paid personnel in the Trust recently. Fiona Conlan, who lives in Girvan, joined us as our new Trainee Development Officer at the beginning of September and Chris Hanna who worked for Creetown Initiative but was on loan to us as an experienced Development Officer left at the end of September. Her place has been taken by Rebecca Giblin.



The Board's priorities for the foreseeable future include:

- Continuing the Play Park and Recreation Ground Development particularly the upgrading of the seating area, the installation of sensory panels, and the installation of "The Circuit" around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground
- The King's Arms Project
- Planning the Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink 2020
- Music, Theatre and Cinema
- Supporting Local Businesses and Tourism
- Preparing to celebrate VisitScotland's "Year of Coasts and Waters 2020"

Ballantrae Primary School

Summer Play School

by Yvonne Templeton

During the summer holidays Ballantrae Primary School ran a hugely successful Summer Play School for all our children from Ballantrae and Colmonell.

Whilst many of us remember the long summer holidays with nostalgia, and there is no doubt our young people look forward to the extended break, the summer holiday can present some challenges.

We live in a rural area and access to a range of activities can sometimes mean travelling quite a distance. Summer Play School gave our children access to a range of activities closer to home or, in some cases, provided children with access to activities further afield.

During the holidays, children can often become bored with their own company and miss the company of their friends. Summer Play School allowed them to meet again and to socialise with each other during play experiences. By combining the two schools, our children also had the opportunity to extend friendships.

Seven weeks is also a long time to be away from school and formal learning. On return to school, teachers and school staff often find that children have forgotten some of their previous learning. Therefore, the first few weeks are spent catching up on basic skills. Summer Play School helped with this, by keeping our young people in touch with each other and their school staff.

The Summer School was all about play. Play opportunities provide children with many benefits:

- The opportunity to socialise with friends and build relationships, developing skills in co-operation, dealing with conflict and resilience.
- To develop emotionally – play allows children to express themselves through physical activities, games, storytelling and expressive arts.
- Play develops both fine and gross physical skills such as strength, co-ordination, manipulation and balance.
- Play gives children the opportunity to take risks – in friendships; to try something new; to push the boundaries.
- Play helps children think differently. It stimulates imagination, curiosity and creativity.
- Play encourages children to make choices and learn from mistakes.
- Play helps develop our children's health and wellbeing.

The Summer Play School ran for 5 weeks on a Tuesday and a Thursday and was very well attended each day. It was supported by school staff from Colmonell and Ballantrae. Each day began with a 'soft start' breakfast club from 9am until 10am.

On a Tuesday we remained in school to play. Activities included: outdoor games and sports; free play; art and craft activities; science activities; cooking; climbing on the wall bars; creating their own obstacle courses and cycling. On a Thursday we went further afield: we visited

Agnew Park in Stranraer, went swimming at the Quay Zone in Girvan, played at Culzean and had a day in Straiton where some of us walked to the monument.

Children were provided with home cooked lunches on a Tuesday. I put my chef's hat on and with the help of our young people made some lovely healthy homemade dishes for all the children and staff to enjoy. We had lots of empty plates!! On our Thursday excursion day, children were provided with a packed lunch. All activities and meals were free to all the children attending Summer Play School. This was funded by our Pupil Equity Funding money.

It is safe to say, we all had a great time during Summer Play School 2019!



Ballantrae Primary School & Early Years Centre by Donna Ball

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, organised by our Early Years Centre, was held on Friday 27th September. There was a wonderful array of home baking donated by the community. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and came along to support this worthy cause. We raised a magnificent amount in excess of £422.

Harvest Thanksgiving: Primary 6/7 led the Harvest Thanksgiving on Thursday 10th October. This year they performed "Harvest Hope". Our P6/7s baked fresh bread and made soup in the morning, which was served at the end of the Thanksgiving. We asked parents / carers for donations of food items for South Ayrshire Food Bank. Again, a big thank you to all who kindly donated food items to the Food Bank.



This summer our Scouts had their first taste of an International Scout and Guide Camp – read their story in their own words (see below).

Back in Ballantrae, we have been busy! William and Fiona Stevenson kindly hosted our first Family Farm Funday at Auchenflower which was a great afternoon of fun and games with a farming theme. We even managed to raise some money along the way! Also, we had our first ever Group Camp with all 3 sections camping together at Culzean, courtesy of Carrick Futures, who awarded us money to allow us to purchase new tents so we had enough for everyone to camp together. This was great fun, despite our old enemy the rain! The following day there was a District Fun day for Beavers and Cubs, which we were able to join in with, and was enjoyed by over 100 children altogether. Our Scouts ventured into Culzean for a hike and explore. The highlight here for us was Wendy our Scout Leader / Group Scout Leader receiving her very much deserved Wood Badge – a culmination of a lot of training and validating!

Other things to look forward to this term include a very exciting District Sleepover at the Glasgow Science Centre with 400 Beavers and Cubs from across our District and including other districts too. This was a huge success last year and we are very much looking forward to going back. Basically we take over the Science Centre for the night once the public leave at 6pm and keep going until 8am the following day! Not much sleeping to be done there!!

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all working towards badges this term, keeping them occupied on these dark winter nights.

Beavers currently has a waiting list (6-8 years) ring Kate Thomson 07765490649, but we do have space for both Cubs (age 8-10) ring Charlotte Whitehurst 07388909328, and Scouts (10-14) ring Wendy McKechnan 07831370515

We look forward to meeting you!



Charnwood 2019 by Ballantrae Scouts

27th July 2019 we started our journey to Leicester. To get there we had to take 3 trains and 2 buses. A couple of Scouts and Wendy drove the van down with all our equipment but we carried our massive backpacks ourselves! When we arrived they had already started pitching our tents.

The Charnwood camp was split into 6 subcamps, Sound, Light, Fire, Mechanical, Earth and Water. We were in Mechanical along with another 2 thousand Scouts and Guides. The week before our camp there was a heatwave, so when we arrived we were shocked to meet rain. The rain lasted for 2 days without stopping, so along with all the people walking through it made the ground like a swamp. No one had brought wellies and so the mud went over our walking boots.

The first day after we got there we explored camp and there was a massive blue and yellow circus tent. This was our main area for night time activities and ceremonies. Zoe was selected to represent Scotland and carry the flag at the opening ceremony.

At Charnwood the entertainment was great. We especially liked the stunt bikes and the night club. The water sports day was our favourite. We got to do sailing, paddleboarding, bell boating, Kata Canoeing and Raft building. It was the best day to have offsite and do watersports as it was the warmest day, and the water was not cold. Kyle chose to go for the day to Nottingham, and had a fantastic trip there too, going ice skating, playing crazy golf and exploring old mining tunnels.

At camp every troop had to cook their own meals. Everyone in our camp enjoyed the meals that we helped to cook. Although the weather wasn't the best we all managed to keep our spirits up by playing cards, exploring and chatting. There was never a dull moment in our camp!

All of our Scout Group headed to Charnwood International Camp in Leicester this summer. Unfortunately the weather wasn't so good! But it didn't matter. We were still very happy to put our waterproofs on and go and do stuff, it didn't stop us! The range of activities we could do on camp was very good – like quad biking, Hit the Mole, Zip wiring, mountain biking, bucking broncho, shooting and many more. You could also get fast passes which were very good as it meant you could skip the queue! The café was very good also, and sold very nice hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows! It also sold chips and our favourite meal was sausages and beans cooked by us but with chips from the café – we were very happy with that!



BALLANTRAE & St COLMON CHURCHES of SCOTLAND

Dear All,

As I write to you, I am preparing for the birth of my next child, due to be born in early December. I await the birth with excitement as well as pondering how life might change again.

Very soon the church will travel through the Advent season. This is a time when the church considers what it means for God to break into time and draw near to us. Over the Christmas period we celebrate the greatest birth of all time. We Celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Jesus was both fully God and fully human and this is good news because it tells us that God understands fully all the joys and sadness we face in this world. As the days get shorter and we experience the dark nights may we reflect on the idea that Jesus is the Light of the World. Knowing him brings joy and peace in our lives and it helps us to rid our lives of everything that is sinful and disrespectful of God; everything that brings darkness.

I hope we can all reflect on the true meaning of Christmas; and ask ourselves if we would be ready for God to break into time once again bringing the world to judgement.

I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Through faith, the birth of Jesus brings Joy to the World.
Rev Theo Corney

Ballantrae Parish Church

Sunday 11.30am in Ballantrae Church with Sunshine Club for children up to 12yrs.

Glenapp Church Service at 3pm on the first Sunday of each month.

St Colmon (Arnshean Barrhill & Colmonell) Parish Church

Sunday 10am in Colmonell with Sunday Club in the Kirk Hall for children up to 12.

10am in the Kirk Hall on the last Sunday each month with easy access for those with mobility problems.

Barrhill Service at 3pm on the third Sunday each month in the Memorial Hall.

**All are welcome, and refreshments are served
after each service.**

CHRISTMAS

Sun. 15th Dec. 7pm Barrhill Memorial Hall
Carols, Readings & Refreshments

Thur. 19th Dec. 7.30pm St Colmon Church
Christmas Concert & Refreshments

Sun. 22nd Dec. 10am St Colmon Church
11.30am Ballantrae Church

Tue. 24th Dec. 11.30pm Watchnight Service in
both Churches

Wed. 25th Dec. 10.30am Christmas All Age
Service in Ballantrae Church



St Colmon Events open to all



1st Thursday monthly at 7.30pm in the Kirk Hall. An informal opportunity to discover the treasures of the Bible which are so relevant to our lives today. Open to all and coffee provided.



2nd Thursday monthly – 7pm for 7.30pm in the Kirk Hall. A time of food and fellowship. Let Claire know if you are attending for catering purposes.



Last Saturday monthly at 10am - Prayer & Praise
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Ballantrae Church of Scotland Guild

All are welcome

December 16th 7.15pm in Ballantrae Community Centre.
A slide show of birds of the Western Isles by Angus Hogg.

Colmonell Circle

Friday 24th January 7.30pm Annual Whist Drive in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Monday 24th February 7.30pm Scottish Night with Alan & Friends
in Colmonell Community Centre

Lost and Found in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Large oblong opaque lidded plastic food box; circular white china plate with moulded detail on rim; black scarf; pair of spectacles;

"The Best of Ballantrae" by Colin McNally

Our "Best of Ballantrae" event had over eighty visitors into the Church to view the archives and history of 200 years since the Church was built on its present location. Sixty people had a stunning afternoon tea, surrounded by floral displays and with an organ recital filling the church with music. They also left with a large volume of baking from the very well stocked baking stall.

The following day a lunch in the hall celebrated the 200th Anniversary with 60 people attending. Both events collected £600 before costs for church funds.



Ballantrae Church supports projects in Lambaza Malawi and we have been sending boxes of clothing there. The committee are currently reviewing the Malawi Box situation because the cost of sending boxes to Malawi has increased by 50%. There will be an update sometime in the new year.

Our friends in Malawi have been busy building as you can see from the pictures. Bricks are hand made and are now ready for firing. The photographs show a new house being built. They will rent the house out and generate funds for their church. We very much appreciate all the help we receive in supporting our church mission in Malawi.





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Rosemary Stevenson's a Star (it's official!)



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Rosemary Stevenson was recently recognised with a South Ayrshire Council Community Star Award.

Rosemary has worked tirelessly as a volunteer within the community of Ballantrae for all of her 54 resident years. Keen to encourage resources within her community, Rosemary and a group of other like-minded residents set up Ballantrae Rural Initiative Care in the Community (BRICC) in 1995, with the aim of providing local facilities to care for the elderly and frail within the Stinchar Valley area. The expertise of two South Ayrshire Council employees, Alex Anderson and Karen Monaghan, was very useful in establishing the charity and setting up committees with a good variety of skills. The BRICC Care Agency soon began offering a home care service to give residents the opportunity to maintain their independence and remain in their own homes and within their own community for as long as possible.

Rosemary has worked throughout this time to achieve the long-term goal of opening a residential facility in her local area. She works in the BRICC Thrift Shop every day along with a team of up to fifty other volunteers. The shop now raises in excess of £80,000 per year with a total of £859,500 raised in the twenty-one years since it started. Thanks in no small measure to Rosemary's commitment and drive, the group are more than three quarters of the way to raising the £2 million needed to build the facility.

Rosemary is also known for other voluntary efforts in

the area from growing, nurturing and maintaining the 'Ballantrae in Bloom' Main Street planters, keeping the church clock ticking, and previously being a Community Council member.

Rosemary's achievements haven't gone un-noticed as she was awarded an MBE by the Queen in 2007 for services to the community of Ballantrae. Her Majesty told Rosemary 'to keep up the good work' and that is exactly what she has continued to do.

Presenting Rosemary with her Star Award, Councillor Douglas Campbell, Leader of South Ayrshire Council, said: "The Community Star Award recognises the outstanding work of volunteers who are making a real difference in our communities. There is hardly anyone who deserves this award more than Rosemary. She has been an inspirational figure for many years and her determination to succeed has achieved so much in her local community."

Ballantrae Church Women's Guild

by Jessie Brown

The speaker at the Church Guild's September meeting was our new minister Rev Theo Corney, who told a good turnout of members about his background and his journey to Ballantrae Church and Colmonell Church.

In November we are planning a talk on "The Young Mums of Zambia". Our meeting on 16 December will involve a slide show about the Western Isles by Angus Hogg and on 20 January we are planning a meal out. Come and join our small band of friends!

The Ballantrae SWI

by Jessie Brown



Our first meeting of the session in September was a practical night on book folding and in October it was an Ayrshire local produce talk by Howard Wilkinson who brought some samples of Dunlop cheeses. November will be another hands on session - Christmas decorations with Mrs Jennifer Brodie and December a meal out with a "Secret Santa". We will be giving the school children a Halloween party in the school on 31st October.

Ballantrae Flower Show by Linda Wild

This summer The Ballantrae and District Horticultural Society's small committee, of which I am proud to be a member, hosted another successful flower show. It is only with the generous sponsorship received from Glenapp Castle and the lovely tea ladies who kindly baked and served those delicious cream teas that the show can continue running, so we would like to say a very big thank you to them.

The show was opened by Andy McAlpine, who also presented the prizes. Additionally he kindly took some excellent photos on the day, as you can see. Thank you Andy.

It was lovely to see some new people entering into the show, and being very successful this year. So if you looked around the exhibits this year and thought 'I could grow or make something better than the entries on show' please enter next year and prove that you can! We would love to see your entries and a bit of friendly rivalry brings out the best in people.

There were some impressive entries for all to admire and the well-deserved winner of Best Exhibit in Whole Show was Jimmy King for his beautiful bowl of sweet peas.

At the end of the show the committee presented Mrs Jean Dunlop with a bunch of flowers to thank her for her many years of involvement with the show, especially the children's section.

We hope you all enjoyed the show, thank you to everyone who entered exhibits and those who came to support us on the day, there would be no show without you.

If you would like to join our committee or help out at next year's show or indeed if you have any ideas on how we can improve the show or a suggestion for a new class please let us know.



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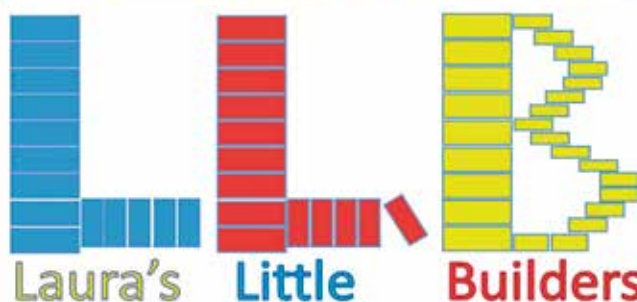
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BRICC NEWS

by Amelia Stevenson

The BRICC Thrift Shop has had another successful year with sales of £84,000. This brings the total raised by the shop since it started from small beginnings in 1996 to an amazing £952,345 - all raised from selling donated goods. A huge thank you is due to everyone who donates items for sale, works in the shop, as well as all the customers.

BRICC is very close to finding sufficient funds to build and open a new residential facility and four sheltered flats at 14 Main Street, Ballantrae. Building work is expected to start in 2020.

Additional volunteers are needed to work in the Thrift Shop - even two hours a month would be a help, two hours a week would be a big help. Please visit the shop to find out more.

REMEMBER - DON'T BIN IT, BRICC IT.



Ballantrae in Bloom winners

The Annual Garden Competition took place on a lovely summer's day in August after thunderstorms had done their worst. The judge was Annmaree Mitchell, Head Gardener at Glenapp Castle who commented "It was a very difficult task in a year when the weather had been topsy turvy and out of season. Despite all of this the standard in all classes was very high". There were 43 entries in total.

The winners were: Best kept garden - Janette McCulloch; Most varied garden - Dorothy Duffy; Tub/container/wall box - Phyllis Barnes; Hanging Basket - Phyllis Barnes; Plants in a bucket (Primary School) George Mills. Organisers are hoping for more entries from young people next year.

The Committee, whose motto remains "Love your village" would like to thank everyone who took part in the competition for all your efforts.



Ballantrae Bowling Club by Anne McCulloch

Ballantrae Bowling Club closed on Saturday 28 September after a very successful year. The open Triples, Pairs and Invitation competitions held at Ballantrae were well supported and organised by the club. We were extremely pleased to win, for the first time, the Maybole League Triples/Pairs/Singles which saw us in the final against Maybole Memorial Park. The Ballantrae team did very well on the night to secure a win for the club.

The picture shows our prizewinners for 2019. These were:

AP Stewart Shield	Jack McCulloch & Fay Agnew
Davina Trophy	Gib Agnew & Freda Hirst
Gents Pairs	Gary Richardson & Keith Brown
Ladies Pairs (D Murray Cup)	Anne McCulloch and Freda Hirst
R Kilday Cup	Alan Porter & Anne McCulloch
Rosebowl (2 bowl mixed pairs)	Scott Agnew & Andrea Porter
Masson Trophy (2 bowl singles)	Jimmy King
Triples Cup (played as a pair)	Jimmy King & Fay Agnew
Lyle Trophy	Robert Dunbar, Fay Agnew & Anne McCulloch
Alex Stewart Trophy	Alan & Andrea Porter
King Trophy	Jimmy King, Neil Agnew & Anne McCulloch
Mixed Singles	Fay Agnew
Ladies Singles	Anne McCulloch
Men's Championship	Gary Richardson
Mens Singles McCulloch Cup	Robert Dunbar
Wednesday Sweep	Gents Robert Dunlop; Ladies Freda Hirst
Thursday Sweep	Gents Joe McDougall; Ladies Freda Hirst
Sunday Sweep	Gents Jimmy King; Ladies Fay Agnew

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the club house on Sunday 26 January at 2pm.

We are delighted to have recent work completed at the Bowling Club and were supported by Ballantrae Community Fund with funding from Scottish Power Renewables' Glen App windfarm. The funding received allowed the Bowling Club to upgrade the pathway to the club house, replace a hedge with a wall, replace 2 double glazed windows, purchase kitchen equipment, garden tools and a garden shed.



Ballantrae Community Association by Laura Cunningham

It's been a busy year for the Community Association so far and at the time of writing we are looking forward to our Fireworks Display on 5 November and a Christmas themed Craft Fair on 30 November.

Our Seniors' Table Tennis Club is now up and running on a Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm, during school term times. So far we've had a good turn out, with players of various levels of ability, from complete beginners to more skilful players. We have 3 tables available along with bats and balls and there are always refreshments available. Please come along and have a go. It's completely free; there's no need to bring any equipment or a partner, just turn up! We look forward to welcoming you.



The annual Children's Christmas Party has been arranged for Saturday 14th December between 6pm – 8pm. The Elves are already working hard to make sure the evening goes well and that all the Ballantrae children have a fabulous time. Santa will be coming along to the party, so all the children will be able to give him an update on their last minute Christmas present ideas and let him know how much help they've been around the house!

If you would like to help out at future events please contact either Stacey Stewart 07809 266526 staceystewart21@rocketmail.com or me on 01465831785 or lauracunninghamruby@hotmail.co.uk.

Ballantrae Toddlers

by Cheryl Agnew

Ballantrae Toddlers have been busy making Halloween spiders for our Halloween Party. We are looking forward to using our new craft materials to paint pictures, to make autumn crafts, and to buddying up with Colmonell Toddlers to visit Ayr Farm Park in December to see Santa.

We continue to meet on Monday afternoons (school term) from 1pm - 2.45pm. All pre-school aged children are welcome to attend. For more information contact me on 07767081602.



Ballantrae Crafty Bees

by Liz Jenkins



I love the Autumn with its misty mornings, beautiful colours and darker nights. It is a time to get out your half-finished crafts or be brave and start a new project. Ballantrae Crafty Bees is the perfect place to come to try your hand at a new craft, share skills with like-minded people, and have some tea and cake. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in Ballantrae Village Hall at 7.30pm with a cost of £3. Each week we do a different craft and learn as we go. New faces are always welcome and no crafting experience is necessary. See you there!



Ballantrae Youth Club

by Cathy Lopez

We currently have 23 members and three of our older members are doing part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award by volunteering during Youth Club meetings. We will be holding a Christmas disco on the 18th December after which we will be closed until January.

The young people in the Youth Club would like to say a big "Thank You" to the Ballantrae Community Council for the grant they awarded the Youth Club to purchase a pool table and craft materials (see pictures) to be used during their weekly meetings.



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Pinwherry School

The transfer of the old school to the community is progressing and we are working closely with South Ayrshire Council's Community Asset Transfer team and the Scottish Land Fund. Architects and a business planning consultant have now been commissioned and conversion drawings for the school, along with our business plan for the new community facility are taking shape. We hope to submit a funding application to the Scottish Land Fund early 2020. The PPCD have secured funding through the Assel Valley Wind Farm Community Benefit Funds for a 2-year community development person and Amy-Dee Watson from Creetown Initiative will now be helping us to take forward our plans for the school, the 2 villages and offer support to community groups.



Pinwherry Field

The 2 Pins Company received a grant from Pinmore and Pinwherry Community Council to improve access to the field, including a safer entrance with a new gate which will help us make the car park more accessible for locals and visitors. The next stage is to install local tourist information boards, picnic tables, and a permanent BBQ stand.

If you want to get involved or find out more about what is happening in Pinwherry and Pinmore come along to the community meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month 7.30pm in Pinwherry Hall.

Pinwherry Craft and Local Produce Fair



The weather was a bit dreich but it didn't stop a great day at Pinwherry Village Hall. With 15 stalls showcasing the great talent of local crafts people, artists and producers, there was something for everyone. The day was made complete by the



tea room and bake stall courtesy of the Pinwherry SWI and not forgetting the BBQ by Bob. The event helped raise around £320 which will contribute to the Pinwherry Community Association pensioners Christmas meal and children's party.



PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SUPPORT COSTS FOR TRANSPORT TO AND FROM MEDICAL SERVICES

It is now over four 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 £1850. 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 mechamberlain@btinternet.com or from Joy Chamberlain on 01465 841211

PINWHERRY SWI FEBRUARY 2020 OPEN EVENING

At our Open Evening in February we will be joined by Alice Blocksidge from Carrick Complimentary Therapies. Alice specialises in holistic therapies and a variety of massage treatments. Research has shown that regular massage can have a calming effect on the nervous system as well as other health benefits. Alice studied Complementary Therapies for 3 years and has a BSc in Integrative Healthcare and her aim is to provide people with a service that they can use as part of their self-care routine and lay the foundations for good health.

Why not come along on 10th February to our open evening. We meet 2nd Monday of the month in Pinwherry Hall 7.30pm. For more information contact our secretary Lana Rafferty on 841272

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 or by phoning 01465 841211



PINWHERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Pinwherry Community Association Christmas Party will be held on Friday 20th December, children living in the Pinwherry and Pinmore area are eligible to attend. Any child, who does not normally receive an invitation from us and is eligible, should get in contact to have their names added to the list and receive an invitation.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will be held on 16th December 2019, and any lady over 60 years and any gentleman over 65 years is eligible to attend. If you live in the Pinwherry and Pinmore area and do not normally receive an invitation, please get in touch as this is always an enjoyable evening of good food and great company.

Please do not get left out and contact Morag on 01465841641 or 07780632876

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COLMONELL

Community Association *Hallowe'en party*

An array of ghouls, ghosts and skeletons roamed the streets of Colmonell on Hallowe'en night after another successful party held by the Community Association. Many thanks to Yvonne Templeton for organising games and all the helpers for organising the tea. Roy and Kim Cuthbert had the difficult task of judging the fancy dress competition for the party and the winners were as follows:

Pre-school – 1st Mason, 2nd Evie, 3rd Ayda

P1-3 – 1st Emma, 2nd Jake, 3rd Abbey

P4-7 – 1st Cerys & Morgan, 2nd Olivia, 3rd Harry

Thanks to the kind residents of Colmonell who offered Hallowe'en goodies to the guises. The children all had a wonderful time.



Allan McNally Fine Art Studio-Gallery

In Autumn, Allan had three paintings selected for the 131st Annual Art Exhibition of the Paisley Arts Institute that ran from the 7th September to 20th October in Paisley. Two of the paintings named Riverbank Reflections, Galloway I & II were inspired by the Cordorcan Burn that flows through the Wood Of Cree near Minnigaff, along with a scene of Preston Mill in East Lothian were hanging in one of the oldest and most prestigious open art exhibition in Scotland, along with works of some of the top Scottish artists.

Finally, in September the gifted Mexican watercolour portrait artist Beatrice Adriana Hernandez Ortega and her Mother Patricia an equestrian clothes designer stayed for two weeks on a painting and sightseeing holiday at Allan's studio-gallery. Beatrice a design engineer in the automobile industry is a self-taught fine artist with a joyful enthusiasm for watercolour portraiture that has led to her work being recognised with a painting award in her native Mexico and her artworks being accepted for International art exhibitions. Beatrice will be returning to hold a watercolour portrait painting exhibition and to deliver portrait painting workshops at Allan's studio-gallery in 2020.



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Colmonell Baby & Toddler Group

Every Friday, 9am - 11am
at the Kirk Hall, Colmonell



All babies & toddlers from the Stinchar
Valley area welcome.

For further information contact
Eileen McCutcheon on 07730602677

Colmonell Baby & Toddler Group

We held our Hallowe'en party on 1st November this year. The children enjoyed a great selection of party food before making some pop up bats and monsters, and fridge magnet witches or spiders. The party finished with dooking for apples. At the end of summer we also had an outing to the Quay Zone for a visit to the soft play with all our friends. The next outing will be a joint trip with Ballantrae Toddlers to Heads of Ayr Farm Park in December, for a Christmas visit to see Santa! Colmonell Baby & Toddler group meets every Friday (excluding school holidays) in St Colmon Kirk Hall from 9am to 11am. All children under 5 years from the Stinchar Valley area welcome. For more information contact Eileen McCutcheon on 07730602677.

COLMONELL

Badminton Club



8pm every Thursday

from October - March

Colmonell Community Centre

ALL WELCOME!

Colmonell Village ... New Website

Our new website created by local resident Martin Ramsay is up and running.

<http://www.colmonellvillage.co.uk>

It is an exciting development and gives us the opportunity to bring together contributions from everyone, including storytelling, events, useful information, local services, it will also link across to the village Facebook page etc.

It is being set up with the specific potential of generating a small income stream for the village. Please go on-line and apply to join as a resident and become a potential contributor!

Thanks
Howard Wilkinson CDG Vice Chair

COLMONELL & LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Colmonell & Lendalfoot CC currently has vacancies for 3 members; these can be from either village. Why not come and join us. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every 2nd month – only 6 nights a year to make a difference to your community. If you would like more information contact Heather on:- heather521ohare@btinternet.com

Look forward to hearing from you.



We are excited to announce the return of Sunday Club at St Colmon's Church. We meet in the church at 10 a.m. every Sunday and are open to any children from the Stinchar Valley area. All ages are welcome and there are toys available for the under 3's. We usually have a Bible story followed by related activities and crafts. Up to 10 children have been coming so far but we would love to welcome YOU too!

Xmas light switch-on event in Colmonell

This is planned for Monday December 2nd,
7pm at the Community Centre.

The Creetown Silver Band will be attending along with the
Stinchar Valley Choir.

Santa and special friends will be around; mulled drinks
and mince pies will be available.

The event will also involve some carol singing around the
village, under the beautiful illuminated trees.

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Stinchar Valley Social Group Report

We already have had two successful meetings. One in September with Alister Wilson talking about the Grand Canyon, and the second a "Pop-up" party with Louise Boutique. Both meetings were well attended.

The Competitions at the meetings were very well supported with many unusual items shown.

- On the 13th November we will be having a hands-on demonstration by two members, Marion & Fiona, with "Gem Art".
- Our meeting in December will be a meal out somewhere. This has still to be decided.
- In January 2020 on the 8th Mark Bradley is giving a talk on First Aid and First Responders.
- On February 12th Howard Wilkinson is giving us a talk about local food producers and providers.
- March 11th meeting – topic still to be decided.
- April 8th will see a presentation by Richard & Lorna Cunningham with an account of their work and research about World War 1.

Just to re-confirm; everyone is welcome to our meetings. For more information or to offer ideas for future speakers please contact Margaret Robertson on 01465 881352.

Colmonell Development Group Update

The PLACE project in conjunction with the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere continues.

After the successful riverside walk in the summer a written collection of 33 contributions relating to the special significance of the river has been collated along with drone and photo imagery. This was published at the beginning of November and a limited number of copies have been printed and are available in the church hall and the community centre. It is also planned to link it to the village and other websites. Watch out for more details. Thanks to Nick Coombe and colleagues of the Biosphere for facilitating and the Ayrshire River Trust for the drone footage.

At the end of October, a special history-related event was held at the Boars Head to encourage older community members to share their reminiscences. It is hoped to capture these and share them for future generations.

The Stinchar Valley Walks publication has been updated and extended. Again, printed copies have been created and electronic versions are being submitted to tourism and area websites including the COIG. Congratulations to everyone involved with special thanks to Harriet. Some new signage has also been created for the pathways.



The Community Garden looked wonderful throughout the summer and autumn. . . a big thanks to Helen and her team for their hard work. . . looking forward to the bulbs in the spring.

The COIG tourism route and APP were launched late October. It certainly places the Stinchar Valley and Colmonell absolutely on the virtual tourism map. This is a big, big, on-line opportunity to attract visitors to the area. The App can be downloaded and is free. Check out the website <https://thecoig.com>. The technology is very clever and you can take images and send personalised e-travel journals to friends and family. Please spread the word.

The group has been investigating the viability of establishing an indoor bowling group in Colmonell to operate principally during the winter months. It is hoped that, by the time this edition of the magazine is published at the beginning of December, it will be up and running on a Tuesday evening fingers crossed!

Thanks. Barry



We are always looking for new ideas and potential projects.

Please contact the hon. secretary Michelle Mitchell or Howard Wilkinson on 01465 881260 with your suggestions.

Colmonell Recruitment



WE'RE RECRUITING

Colmonell Community Fire Station is currently recruiting to increase their staff numbers to enhance the professional service already provided in the Carrick Area by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

RDS (Retained Duty System) Firefighters are called upon to attend the same wide range of emergency incidents as their whole-time colleagues. The men and women who serve in this vital role respond to fires, floods, road traffic collisions, chemical incidents and many more events when people in their local communities are in danger.

RDS crew members have a high level of skills and training to allow them to deal with operational incidents competently and professionally on their own, however if additional crews are required to bring an incident to a satisfactory conclusion then both whole time and RDS crews will work together supporting each other as required.

Station Commander Derek Davidson provided additional background information regarding the role "RDS Firefighters provide a critical service within local communities which are often rural and some distance away from a whole-time fire station. The individuals come from diverse backgrounds and bring a variety of experiences to

the role. As they are local to their respective areas they have a sense of pride in being able to provide a service within their own communities and additionally are very aware of any specific risks or hazards within the immediate area."

He added "The majority of RDS Firefighters have primary employment, often within or sometimes out with the local town or village but often built in flexibility allows them to be available to respond to the needs of the service and the community when they are required most. The very fact that it's a vital and rewarding job providing a lifesaving service has tangible benefits for the community as a whole in addition to the self-satisfaction gained by those who commit their services. As an organisation it's critical that we maintain emergency provision within the rural communities therefore I would encourage anyone who thinks they would relish the opportunity to apply for the role at www.myjobscotland.gov.uk "

Interested parties are welcome to go along to Colmonell Community Fire Station on a Wednesday night after 7pm to discuss the role requirements with the local crew.

SCIO registration for Colmonell

Colmonell Community Association has recently become a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Charity Number SC049177. This group aims to benefit the community of those who live, work or have an interest in Colmonell, and current group membership includes representation from the village hall committee, Colmonell Bowling Club, Colmonell Primary School Parent Council, Colmonell Development Group, Colmonell Baby & Toddler Group, Girvan & South Carrick Community First Responders, Colmonell & Lendalfoot Community Council, St Colmon Church, Colmonell Angling Club and Stinchar Valley Gardening Club. The SCIO status means that the organisation can, if the community wish, acquire land or property, enter into leases and employ people to carry out its work. A Board of 6 trustees has been appointed and we have also begun to create a register of members who will be eligible to have a vote on the work of the SCIO.

If you would like to join the SCIO as an individual member, or to represent an organisation, please contact Lynne Hyslop on lynnehurcomb@hotmail.com. There is no obligation to attend meetings (although new faces are always welcome) but membership would allow you to have a say in the work

of the SCIO and the development of Colmonell. The first project will be the purchase of the public toilets in Colmonell. South Ayrshire Council have refurbished the toilets to allow the community to buy them for a nominal fee, with a view to reopening them for public use. We hope that visitors and locals will be able to 'spend a penny' in Colmonell again before too long!

N.B. Updates:

The Community Asset transfer for the Toilet block is out for formal consultation by South Ayrshire Council, and it is hoped that an initial confirmatory decision will be available in December.

The SCIO applied to SCDC (Scottish Community Development Company) for mentoring assistance. This has been awarded and meetings have taken place during September, October and November to develop a revised action plan and widen community group engagement. It is anticipated that there will be an open event for residents to be held in the new year, at a weekend, to work up new priorities, taking account of many changing circumstances including the number of new residents since 2017!

Ballantrae Community Fund

The Ballantrae Community Fund is funded by ScottishPower Renewables from its Glen App Windfarm in South Ayrshire. The fund supports projects located within or directly benefiting Ballantrae, South Ayrshire.

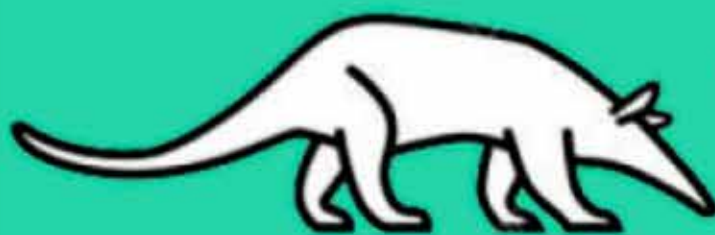
ABOUT THE FUND
The Fund has been operational for almost two years and supports community-led charitable activities that promote rural regeneration and the sustainability of the community. Awards can support a wide range of costs but priority is given to charitable projects that address community needs as identified in the Ballantrae Development Plan.

RECENT AWARDS:
Ballantrae Trust. To contribute to the installation of a Flying Fox zip-wire in the playpark. Amount awarded: £10,000
Ballantrae Trust. To contribute to the costs of equipment and a part-time Festival Development Worker for the two-day Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink in 2020. Amount awarded: £7,000
Ballantrae Rural Initiative Care in the Community. To contribute to the cost of building a 16-bed residential facility and four sheltered flats in Ballantrae. Amount awarded: £10,000
Ballantrae Primary School Parent Council. To contribute to the cost of a residential Field Trip to the Millport Field Centre for P5-P7 pupils in May 2020. Amount awarded: £6,597
Ballantrae Community Association. To replace all window blinds in the Community Hall. Amount awarded: £1,644

HOW TO APPLY
Application deadlines for 2020:
Monday 9th March for decision in May 2020
Monday 31st August 2020 for decision in October 2020.
Groups can apply online at <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/ballantrae/> or contact office@foundationscotland.org.uk or tel. 01557 814927 to request copies of application forms and the fund factsheet.

PANEL MEMBERS NEEDED
The Ballantrae Community Fund Advisory Panel, which is made up of local volunteer members, decides on grant awards from the fund and is currently seeking new panel members. The panel meets just twice a year to decide on applications. Being a Panel member enables you to make a contribution to your community, enhance your skills and gain experience whilst working with a variety of local people. You don't need any special skills, just a commitment to securing the best future for Ballantrae and to live, work or be an active volunteer here. Full training and support is provided by Foundation Scotland, a national charity with expertise in grant making.

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On the ground floor you can find its Café and purpose built soft Play Zone - themed on the harbour and Ailsa Craig it provides 4 levels of nautical fun and activity for children 12 and under. Featuring a traverse climbing wall, twin and spiral slides, a "walk the plank" and a special beach themed area for under 2s this fabulous space has been entertaining youngsters from all over South Carrick and beyond.

The Café looks on to its lovely, deck level swimming pool which has modern changing facilities and a state of the art "Poolpod" that ensures people of all mobilities (standing or in a wheelchair) can easily access the warm waters of the pool.

A lift or stairs then leads those wishing to take their fitness to the next level, or just stretch a few underused muscles to its

Gym & Studio Zones. With panoramic views over the harbour to Arran in the north and Byne Hill in the south they provide a perfect setting to unwind or burn off a few calories whilst jogging, cycling or working out in air conditioned comfort. With a full suite of cardio and resistance machines, free weights and 33 fitness classes there is plenty to choose from. Over this time the Centre has developed and now offers a host of additional services: family, fun and giant inflatable sessions, holiday activities, community events, audio and conference facilities and a great new Party Zone with various options for "Splash" and "Play" parties for any celebration.

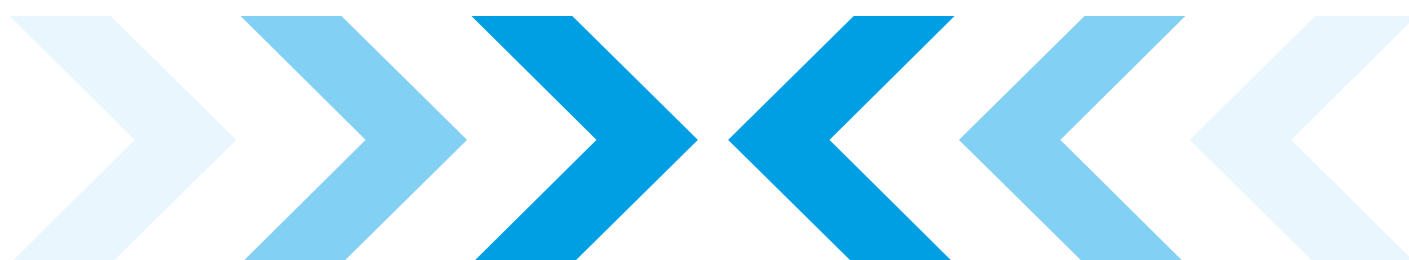
More recently, in partnership with South Ayrshire Council (SAC), it is delighted to be able to offer 'Access to Leisure' discount from 15%-50% on all its leisure services both drop-in and memberships. This now means EVERYONE in South Ayrshire is entitled to a minimum of 15% with an SAC Access to leisure card regardless.

There's never been a better time to visit or join and you can find more info. and 'What's on' at www.thequayzone.co.uk or follow them on Facebook @thequayzone

The Quay Zone, Knockcushan St, Girvan, KA26 9AG
Tel: 01465 915200, Email: info@thequayzone.co.uk

Regular meetings and clubs

Meeting/club	Day	Frequency	Time	Location
Ballantrae SWI	1st Monday of the month	Monthly from Sept to May	7.15pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Ballantrae Community Council	last Tuesday of the month	Monthly (except July and Dec)	7pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Ballantrae Youth Club	Wednesday	Weekly	7pm to 9pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Ballantrae Bowlers	Sunday, Wed. & Thursday	Weekly	Sun/Wed 7pm; Thurs 1.30pm	Ballantrae Bowling Club
Country Dancers	Thursday	Weekly from Sept. to March	3pm - 4.30pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Toddler Group	Monday	Weekly in term time	1.15pm to 2.45pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Church Guild	3rd Monday of the month	Monthly	7.15pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Ballantrae Scout Group	Tuesday	Weekly	6pm - 8.30pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Ballantrae Crafty Bees	2nd and 4th Mondays	Fortnightly	7.30pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
Ballantrae Wombles litter picking	Thursday		10am	meet outside Scotmid shop
Community Lunch Club	Thursday	Weekly	12.30pm	Ballantrae BRICC House
Community Tuesday Club	Tuesday	Weekly	2pm - 4pm	Ballantrae BRICC House
Stinchar Valley Photo Group	last Thursday of the month	Monthly (except December)	7.30pm	Various
Stinchar Valley Quilters	Mon and Weds	Weekly	6.30 - 9pm	Barr Village Hall
Barr SWI	3rd Thursday in the month	starts 19th Septmebr	6.45pm	Barr Village Hall
Barr Wee Gallery	every weekend	From Easter till Sept	11am to 4pm	Barr Wee Gallery
Club Diamonds Keep Fit	Monday	Weekly	7pm-8pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Badminton	Tuesday	Weekly (September to July)	6pm-8pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Wee Whist	Tuesday	Fortnightly (September to May)	7pm-10pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Pilates Style Class	Wednesday	Weekly	7:15pm-8pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Barrhill Community Council	Last Wednesday of month	Monthly (except Jul, Sept & Dec)	7pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Barrhill Craft Group	First Thursday of month	Monthly	7pm-9pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Coffee Morning	Friday	Weekly	10am-12 noon	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Barrhill Youth Club - Juniors 5-9	Friday	Weekly	5pm-6:30pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Barrhill Youth Club - Seniors 10-16	Friday	Weekly	6:45pm-8:15pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Bowling Club Whist	4th Friday of the month	Monthly (May to September)	7:30pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Glrvan Archery Club	4th Friday of each month		7.30pm - 8.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Colmonell Youth Club	Friday		7.00pm -9.00pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Colmonell Indoor Bowling Club	Tuesday (provisional)	November -March	7.00pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Stinchar Valley Gardening Club	3rd Wednesday of month	September to April	7.30pm	Colmonell Church Hall
Club Diamonds Keep Fit	Monday		2.30pm-3.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Graceful Years	Wednesday		2pm-5pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Brownies	Wednesday		6.30pm-8pm	Colmonell Community Centre
The Stinchar Valley Social Group	2nd Wednesday of the month		7.30 pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Peep for babies and toddlers	Friday		10.30am-11.30am	Colmonell Church Hall
Pilates style Keep Fit Class Intermediate	Thursday	6 week blocks	6pm-6.45pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Pilates style Keep Fit Class Beginners	Thursday	6 week blocks	6.45pm-7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
The Valley Choir	Tuesday		7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Whist Drive	1st Friday of the month		7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Badminton	Thursday	October -March	8.00pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Colmonell Community Council	4th Tuesday every 2nd month	starts January	7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Zumba	Monday		7.00- 7.45pm	Comonell Community Centre
Pinwherry & Pinmore Development Trust	2nd Thursday of the month		7.30pm	Pinwherry Village Hall
Scottish Womens Institute	2nd Monday of the month		7.30pm	Pinwherry Village Hall





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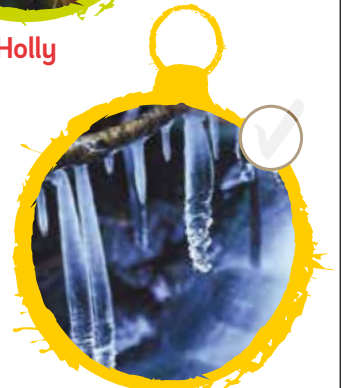
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