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## NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We hope you will enjoy the Spring 2020 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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**DEADLINE FOR SUMMER 2020** – SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES TO REPS OR THE EDITOR IS 24th April 2020 (business adverts 17th April)

DISTRIBUTION TO VILLAGES WILL BE W/C 01.06.2020

Thanks to Sam Winter for the cover image

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**Are we doing a good job? Please let us know**

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Community Councils bridge the gap between local authorities and communities, and help to make public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent. For more information go to: <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/community-councils/>

	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 (except Dec) Village Halls
Pinwherry & Pinmore	3rd Thursday of the month Community Hall Pinwherry

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# Want to advertise your business in the Stinchar Valley Magazine?

Since the magazine began, we have been supporting local businesses with free business adverts. We want to continue to support local businesses but we have had to become more self-financing as a magazine.

There are two options now for business adverts in the magazines.

**Option 1 Join our 'Little Ads Club'** – (Exclusively for businesses within the Stinchar Valley villages of Barr, Barrhill, Pinmore, Pinwherry, Colmonell, Ballantrae and Lendalfoot)

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

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

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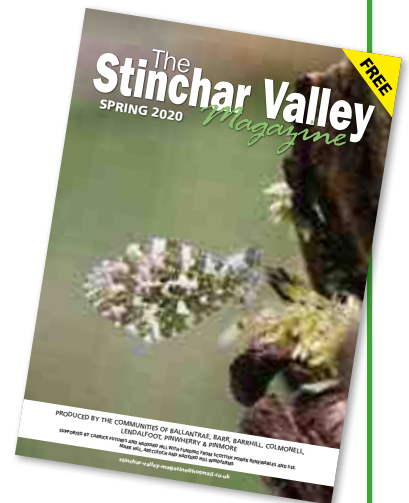
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- Half page £60
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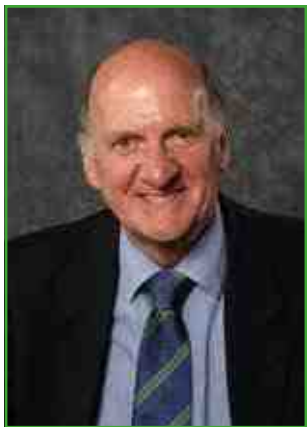
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## AN INDEPENDENT VIEW



Here we are in a brand new year ready and raring to go as we push in to the Spring of 2020 with all the potential of the year in front of us. Last year was a year of stalemate with the ongoing Brexit debate causing the important every day issues to take a back seat and causing a lot of frustration throughout the country. However a decision has been taken

which, whether we like it or not, will certainly push us in a different direction with the outcome as of yet unknown. Hopefully in our communities we will have a positive wind behind us and not a negative headwind in front of us.

As I write this some of you may have been celebrating the Bard's birthday with a plate of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties and a wee dram tae toast oor Rabbie. Sadly coinciding with the Bards Birthday, I attended a funeral to say goodbye to one of our old community stalwarts and friend Peter Mason from Maybole. I'm sure that many of you may have known or crossed swords with Peter who was known for his straight talking while always being fair. Peter was involved with Maybole Community Council and in particular the bypass group for many years as well as many Carrick and South Ayrshire groups. He lived to see the first sod being cut for the new bypass at Maybole and will be there in spirit at its completion. Maybole has lost a champion and he will be sadly missed.

Ayr Hospital is a really important facility for the folk of Carrick and it was concerning to see the possibility

of the closure of certain cancer treatment services at Station 15 with a potential move to Crosshouse. While we all appreciate the challenges in the NHS, a move such as this can make life very difficult for folk in rural areas both to the south and east of Ayr. Public transport to Crosshouse can be very difficult and for those folk having treatment that extra mileage and time can add to an already stressful time. I would urge you to take part in any NHS Ayrshire and Arran consultation, sign the petition on Facebook, and make your views known to Jeane Freeman MSP who apart for representing this area at Holyrood is also the Health Minister.

By the time you read this, public consultations will have been taking place on South Ayrshire Council's budget for 2020/21. With ever declining finance it is a particularly difficult time of decision for Council Members who are trying on the one hand to work toward a balanced budget while at the same time trying to protect the important public services on which we all depend. As the years go by we now have to think outside the box with nothing ruled in or ruled out. Personally I believe that over the last ten years we have had our fill of austerity and the time has come for both Westminster and Holyrood to loosen the purse strings and allow Councils to have the finance required to provide decent public services for all.

Until next time, keep well, keep safe and look forward to a good year.

Best wishes,

**Councillor Alec Clark**

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## COUNCILLOR IAN FITZSIMMONS



Christmas is past and when the Magazine comes out the spring flowers will be in bloom and the worst of the winter weather will be behind us. Gardeners will have started in their gardens, the Easter holidays will soon be upon us and the village organisations will have started planning their Summer events.

The Barr School extension should be finished and open.

Hopefully the parking problems will be solved.

The 20mph speed through some of the villages will be a step further on.

The Ballantrae Trust is going from strength to strength – planning events for the summer and I hope they can get the funding for the purchase of the Kings Arms Hotel which will become a Community Hub for the village.

This year I will be attending Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council meetings. I hope the community can take over the school for their community centre.

Enjoy the Spring and the lighter nights.

Happy Easter to you all.

**Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons**

# COUNCILLOR PETER HENDERSON



When this is published spring will be here and the nights lengthening. Spring is a time for new growth and renewal and I am pleased to say that, thanks to the hard work of communities, there are indeed projects underway in all areas that show progress and exciting developments for the area.

The effort and work by many in all the villages in bringing forward and driving initiatives

is heartening, working in partnership with the Council, Scottish Government and third party organisations in these austere times, demonstrates that we can make a big difference to the area. The work by communities and individuals is appreciated and I have been happy to support and assist as best I can.

Developments in cycling and walking paths with growth in interest and participation in this leisure activity and the Biosphere, coupled with local tourist initiatives are all showing increased interest in our area. The benefits of attracting tourism, encouraging growth in leisure pursuits and local produce are important for our future.

I have continued to attend as many meetings and events as possible also holding surgeries over the winter period and am pleased that I have been able to assist constituents successfully. Some issues are of course not easily remedied but I will always seek a resolution.

I have been kept busy with Council and Third Party duties. With so much happening it has been a bit frantic but worthwhile. Ensuring that our rural areas are well

represented has been continued in the administration and will continue to be so.

The Rural Forum has proved worthwhile in making our voice heard and we will progress initiatives this year.

The roll out of the new Council wide area network (wi-fi) has gone very well and all schools in the area are benefiting. Free wi-fi access in community centres etc. is proving popular and will be developed further. This also assists with training, communication and as an asset for visitors to the area.

More electric vehicle chargers are being progressed and will I hope continue to do so.

Climate change is apparent and we are seeking ways to improve recycling, source more locally produced products and develop ways to reduce pollution so that we make our effort to assist the reduction in emissions and harm to the environment. Everyone can help by contributing in this effort "many a meikle makes a muckle" as the old saying goes. Picking up our litter and making sure that visitors to our area also take their litter home, we all have a part to play in reducing waste and keeping our beautiful area at its best and helping the wildlife and our planet.

I do hope that spring heralds good weather and growth for our farmers and village initiatives. Looking forward to meeting up with as many people as possible in the near future.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and happy to assist if possible at any time. It is only by working together that we can make a difference.

**Councillor Peter Henderson SNP**



**A new year, a new decade and SWSCRIP has some exciting plans for 2020.**

The proposed car park at Barrhill Station has taken a leap forward and we have already secured over half of the required funding to create dedicated car spaces at the station for the village and outlying population. Since the 1980s a car park at the station has been mooted and SWSCRIP is hopeful that it will manage to secure the final funding required to deliver this for the community in spring/summer of 2020.

The other major project SWSCRIP is pursuing is to develop the two vacant rooms at Girvan Station for community use. Plans and costings have now been prepared and funding is being sourced for this exciting development. Consultation will take place in the Girvan community in order to prepare a business plan for potential funders and SWSCRIP will update the local community as plans progress.

Other plans include walking/cycling leaflets, open meetings in Dumfries and Stranraer along with on-going promotion of all 17 stations in our area.



# Carrick Communities Celebrate Cash Awards



Seven South Carrick community groups are celebrating being awarded funding through the Carrick Futures Fund.

A total of £47,023 was awarded in January to projects benefitting communities across the area, from Girvan to Colmonell, Pinwherry & Pinmore.

Among the projects supported was a grant of £10,000 to contribute to the costs of producing and distributing the Stinchar Valley Magazine 4 times a year for 2 years; supporting a key source of local information about past and upcoming community events.

£9,681 was awarded to the newly-established Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Development SCIO to install water supply and purchase three picnic tables plus a wheelchair-accessible picnic table on the Pinwherry Community Field. The group hopes this project will enable residents and visitors the chance to make more of this community asset.

The Girvan Traditional Folk Festival is a highlight of the cultural and summer calendar and the group was awarded £4,000 to contribute to the costs of the festival's artistic programme and rural transport initiative in 2020, supporting community cohesion and improved access to events.

A full list of grants awarded in January 2020 is below:

Group	Amount	Project Description - Summary
Girvan Early Years Centre	£9,625	To run a two-year outdoor education programme with the Adventure Centre for Education, giving children the opportunity to benefit from outdoor activities.
Z1 Girls Group	£2,500	To contribute to a programme of diverse leisure and healthy lifestyle opportunities for girls in Girvan for one year, encouraging new learning experiences.
Colmonell Primary School Parent Council	£2,590	To contribute to a residential trip for primary school children to the Field Studies Council Centre in Millport, offering additional learning activities for the pupils involved.
Ayr United Football Academy	£8,627	To offer football coaching during school, summer sessions and after school sessions.
The Stinchar Valley Magazine	£10,000	To contribute to the costs to produce and distribute the Stinchar Valley Magazine 4 times a year for 2 years supporting a key source of local information about past and upcoming community events.
Girvan Traditional Folk Festival	£4,000	To contribute to the costs of the festival's artistic programme and rural transport initiative in 2020, supporting community cohesion and improved access to events.
Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Development SCIO	£9,681	To install water supply and purchase three picnic tables plus a wheelchair-accessible picnic table on the Pinwherry Community Field.

The next application deadline for Carrick Futures is Monday 17th February for a decision in late April. More details on how to apply are available on the Carrick Futures website, including a downloadable fund factsheet and application form. <https://www.carrickfutures.org.uk/how-to-apply/> The website also includes details of grants awarded since 2016.

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Image: "the eyes" by Karen Stewart.



## Stinchar Valley Photo Group

by Heather O'Hare

Following successful exhibitions in Barrhill and Colmonell in 2019 we held our final exhibition (for a while, anyway) in Ballantrae in January. We have very much enjoyed organising and planning these exhibitions, and it is always a pleasure to meet people who express an interest in our hobby. Overall, around 90 people attended the exhibitions, some of whom became new members. We used the opportunity to raise a little bit of money for good causes, and donations for refreshments went to Help for Heroes (Barrhill), St Colmon Church (Colmonell) and the Play Park Development Project (Ballantrae).

Our Autumn / Winter programme consists of practical sessions on Photoshop and Black and White photography and guest speakers. As the evenings get lighter we try to take-up members suggestions for outings with our cameras, when we can learn from each other in different ways.

If any of this interests you and you would like to know more, maybe you have a question for us, or you just fancy a chat with like-minded people, then why not come along for an evening of enjoyable company - we promise coffee as well!

The SVPG is 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 in Ballantrae. Our aim is simple - we help more people take better pictures. Why don't you come along and join in?

Contact Karen on **01465 831717**.



# KNOW YOUR PLACE

## PLACE in the Biosphere

The River Stinchar has provided the inspiration for a poetry booklet and a fascinating talk bringing to life the historical figure of Hew Kennedy of Ardstinchar.

The booklet is the result of engagement by PLACE intern Katy Ewing with communities of Colmonell in the Stinchar Valley. Katy used words provided by those who know the river to create a unique piece of art – a poetic story. Over the summer artist and writer Katy asked local people a series of questions on social media, at prominent social venues in Colmonell and at an evening guided walk along the river bank. Katy used the 33 separate written submissions to create a poetic story of the River Stinchar. An electronic version of the poetry booklet is available on [Colmonellvillage.co.uk](http://Colmonellvillage.co.uk) and [Ballantrae.org.uk](http://Ballantrae.org.uk).

Jean Brittain revealed the amazing life story of Hew Kennedy with the help of the man himself, (reenactor Denis Reid), at an event at Colmonell Community Centre. From a boyhood training to be a priest to mercenary supporting Joan of Arc to a diplomat for kings he may even have played



a part in the beginning of Scottish golf, Hew Kennedy had an influence across Europe as well as the Stinchar valley.

The PLACE in the Biosphere project aims to encourage people to be curious, take a closer look at their surroundings, appreciate the natural and cultural heritage of their landscapes and tell the story of their place to a wider audience. Managed by Southern Uplands Partnership, the project involves communities in three distinct landscapes within the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere: the Borge Peninsula; the Wigtownshire Moors; and the Stinchar Valley. Jointly supported by the Lottery Heritage Fund, D&G Council and South Ayrshire Council the project



has enabled the publication of an updated walks leaflet for the Stinchar Valley.

Another talk is being planned this spring in Barrhill about covenanters and will be publicised soon.

The PLACE in the Biosphere project aims to open your eyes to a fantastic valley



And we are keen to help you take a closer look by offering a series of walks and talks. From rare flowers to unusual headstones and geology to butterflies tell us what you would like to know more about by emailing [nic@gsabiosphere.org.uk](mailto:nic@gsabiosphere.org.uk)

Photos (in order of appearance):

1. Scotch Argus found near Barrhill
2. Oyster plant found on the shore at Ballantrae
3. Jean Brittain and Denis Reid giving a talk about Hew Kennedy



# BARRHILL

## Barrhill Development Trust (BDT) by Amy Watson



### Trout Inn

BDT has now purchased the Trout Inn and it is currently temporarily closed to allow for refurbishment work to take place. This work consists of upgrading the bar, dining area, kitchen and toilets and some of the wind farm benefit funding will be used to do this.

In the meantime the Trustees are advertising for a Management Team for the business, consisting of two people who have the skills to set up, manage and develop a rural pub and restaurant, including experience as a trained chef or in food preparation and service. Initial enquiries about this opportunity are very encouraging and we are sure that we'll find the correct "fit" for Barrhill.

### Barrhill Community Action Plan Update

The questionnaires relating to the Barrhill Community Action Plan Update have been analysed and a report will be issued to the community in the very near future.

### Barrhill Memorial Hall Update

We now have a defibrillator installed at the hall, on the wall by the main entrance. At the end of last year we installed a hearing loop system in the main hall and in the smaller meeting room. A PA system has also been installed in the main hall.



Currently excavation work is being carried out on the ground around the outside of the Memorial Hall next to the car park, to make way for new large storage buildings to store equipment used at the hall or around the village. We are progressing with the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Memorial Hall and have the final design specification from the installers. Work is due to start on this at the end of February and the energy produced will be used to off-set the running costs of the hall and a Feed in Tariff will be in place for import and export generation.

### Barrhill Youth Club



The children and young people who attend Barrhill Youth Club have been enjoying participating in a range of games and activities and are looking ahead to planning their first trip. We organized a Halloween Party on 1st November and 31 children and young people aged from 3 to 16 came along. We also ran a Christmas party, with Roadrunner Entertainment in attendance and even Santa managed to make an appearance at such a busy time of year for him! 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. 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](mailto:amy@barrhilldevtrust.org), phone 01465 821000 or 01671 820654. You can also keep up to date with Barrhill Youth Club on Facebook!



### DTAS

BDT is pleased to announce that we are now full members of Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS). DTAS is an independent, member-led organisation which aims to promote, support and represent development trusts in Scotland, contributing to the building of independent, enterprising and resilient communities.

### Community Events

BDT organised the fireworks display for the community, on Saturday 2nd November, which was well attended, with over 100 people turning out for the event. We also offered soup, pies and a bar in the Memorial Hall after the display.

The Senior Citizens Christmas dinner was a great success. 61 local residents attended what was an excellent evening. The 3 course meal was provided by Drumbreddan Catering and funded by BDT. The proceeds from the raffle were used towards the entertainment costs of the children's Christmas party.

BDT held a Burns Night on 25th January in the Memorial Hall, which included a 3 course dinner, a dram, guest speakers and a piper. There was a great turn out.

## Contacts

If you'd like to contact Barrhill Development Trust, please use the contact details below:

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Barrhill Memorial Hall Caretaker – barrhillcaretaker@gmail.com

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## SKIP Dates

Please find below the list of dates for 2020 that the skip will be in Barrhill. The additional skips funded jointly by Barrhill Development Trust and Barrhill Community Council are annotated (BDT & BCC):

- Monday 2nd March (BDT & BCC)
- Friday 3rd April (Council)
- Friday 15th May (Council)
- Monday 15th June (BDT & BCC)
- Friday 17th July (Council)
- Monday 17th August (BDT & BCC)
- Monday 14th September (BDT & BCC)
- Friday 23rd October (Council)
- Monday 16th November (BDT & BCC)
- Friday 4th December (Council)

## Barrhill Bowling Club

by Ann Robertson

The Barrhill Bowling Club AGM will be held on Saturday 28 March at 4 pm in Memorial Hall, all welcome.

Opening Day is Saturday 18 April at 1.30pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

Barrhill Development Trust has granted funding to continue the green improvements and work to prepare the green for this season has already begun.

## Barrhill Memorial Hall Coffee Morning

**Fridays 10am to 12 noon**



**Open to all**

**Drop in for a cuppa and a chat  
or a game of dominoes**



## Blair Farm

These are the first lambs for Blair Farm, Barrhill in the new decade, born on the 4th of January 2020, lambs held by Alaina Heath and Hermione Staley.



**BARRHILL EVENTS**  
In association with

**BARRHILL Development Trust**

**Live Music & Licensed Bar**  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Memorial Hall

**Easter Activities & Teas**  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Memorial Hall

**Live Music & Licensed Bar**  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Memorial Hall

**Village Gala Day**  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Teas, Entertainment, Inflatables & Stalls  
For stall hire contact yvonne.wilson84@icloud.com  
or Memorial Hall 01465 821000

## Barrhill Badminton Club



**Tuesday evenings**  
**6pm - 8pm**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall**  
**Equipment supplied**  
**Come along and enjoy the fun**  
**All abilities from complete beginner**  
**Welcome!!**

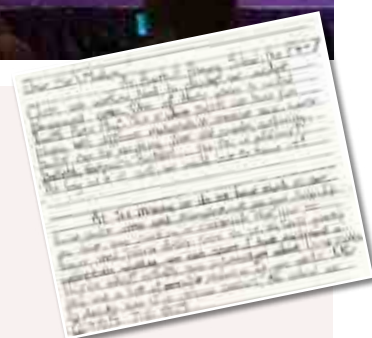
## Barrhill Primary School

It has, as usual, been a busy place in Barrhill PS & EYC with our Christmas Show - Snow White a distant memory. All the children put on two fantastic performances for parents/ carers and the Community.



All our children continue to enjoy ACE activities with a recent visit to the Centre, where we participated in an archery session and used the climbing wall to develop our skills.

The younger class have enjoyed making use of our fantastic outdoor space by creating number poems with adjectives.



The senior class have been enjoying constructing with our loose parts. We have had a fantastic response from local companies and community members for resources, thank you. If you have anything we could use then please contact us. You'd be surprised what imaginations we have.

## A hearty HELLO from a tentatively entitled Barrhill Thrifters group.

We live in a wonderful part of the world, rich in scenery, very rural and somewhat isolated. Living within this amazing environment, it makes you wonder, are there ways to make better use of our own resources and skills in ways where we, our neighbours and our environment could benefit? Could like minded individuals in our community come together to share ideas becoming a little healthier, wealthier and wiser?

Maybe you are already thrifty, eco conscious and resourceful, or you are not sure but are interested in making your hard earned £££s go further?

Imagine we support, share ideas and information, measuring success by recording £££s saved, miles saved, waste diverted and skills gained! We all have lots of ideas, skills and talents and our group would be local and open to all.

Maybe...

- A community newsletter with links to interesting websites and highlighting opportunities, for example sales or spare harvest?
- A formally constituted group;
- Community ownership of free equipment like a lawnmower
- Organising local training e.g. keeping livestock, car maintenance, mending leaky taps/replace washers, how to batch cook and menu plan etc
- Whatsapp groups for shared car journey's / bartering & exchange / optimising oil tanker deliveries
- A "meet swap" to recycle, upcycle, repurpose and reuse unwanted items;
- Campaigning: exercise equipment aimed at adults? Negotiating better access to windfarms? Affordable / sheltered housing?
- Environmental: litter picks, green exercise, wild swimming group?
- A blether at Ann's lovely coffee morning on Friday's at Barrhill Memorial Hall 10am – 12 noon?

## SLIDES Lampshade



Slides: (the way images were shared in the days before Instagram) re-purposed into a one of a kind lampshade. Instructions: Drill 4 corners of each slide using a thin drill bit. Use steel rings to join them to each other and to join the slides to the wire frame. Be aware, over time the slides become bleached in the sun.

So what do you think? What would you like to see or do? If you'd like to join, to help, or if you have any ideas, skills to share or if you know of anyone else who would be interested, please contact me at [barrhillthrifters@gmail.com](mailto:barrhillthrifters@gmail.com)

Thanks, Armeria

## Biosphere Bikes Launch Day - Girvan Bike Fest!



Biosphere Bikes is a not-for-profit social enterprise that is bringing accessible cycling activities to Girvan and surrounding communities.

 facebook @Biospherebikes  
[www.biospherebikes.com](http://www.biospherebikes.com)

Supported by Cycling UK, a great day is lined up for all ages to launch Biosphere Bikes.

**Saturday 18th April 2020, 10am - 4pm**  
**at the Biosphere Bikes Hub, adjacent to the Quay Zone Leisure Centre, Girvan, KA26 9AG**

**Free Cycling activities including:**

- Led bike rides every hour on the hour, 11am - 3pm. All welcome, adults and children
- Quadcycle and go-kart rides along the prom
- Dr. Bike - bring your bike for a free health check
- Re-Cycled cycles - bring along an unused bike and donate it to the project so it can be reused





## Barr Primary School

### Santa Drive

Parents and staff packed the school hall for the Santa Drive fundraiser in December. Prizes were won and refreshments enjoyed at what was a thoroughly enjoyable evening which raised over £400 for the school fund. Many raffle prizes were won which included a star prize £100 Amazon gift voucher which was very kindly donated by Clark Contracts. The lucky winner of the star prize was Julie McCloskey, pictured with Clark Contracts Site Manager Jim McDowall.



### Annie Jr.

That's a wrap on Annie Jr but what an amazing time we had. Absolutely fabulous performances by our superstars. Huge well done to the cast and crew and a big thank you to all those that supported us.

### Christmas Service

The pupils delighted parents once again at the Christmas Service where the Junior class led the service telling an uplifting story of love at Christmas. The Seniors sang a beautiful French song and read festive poems.



### Wear It Blue day

A fabulous day was had celebrating World Children's Day. We wore blue to raise awareness of this important day and took part in lots of activities to develop our understanding of children's rights.



# Barr Farming Chat

## Winter on the farm

Well, we are pretty much in the middle of winter now and until now it has been fairly kind.

Wet.. but kind.

You would think not a lot happens on the farms in the winter and yes, it's a little less busy but still much to do. The cows and any calves are all in and being fed daily, morning and night. They have a balanced diet of silage and of concentrates full of minerals. Any sheep that are in, are being fed with a mixture of silage or hay and concentrates which are suitable for sheep. Some of the pedigree sheep will be in that are coming close to early lambing too.

Like us, there might already be one or two lambs about.

## Scanning

Following on from the discussion on tipping in the autumn, January is the time for all the sheep on the farms to be scanned to see if they are in lamb. Grant and Bill Hurcomb and Jimmy Hyslop are up and down the valley and surrounding farms this month scanning all the ewes. Every farm has a different method of identifying which ewes have a single lamb, twins or triplets. And occasionally not in lamb.

At GG we use nothing for the singles, as they are the least common, a blue dot in the middle of the back for twins and two for triplets.

We had two sets of quads last year and they were marked with 3 and fortunately we are pleased that all 8 of those lambs did well.

Luckily, this year we have no quad mothers, but lots of twins which pleases Neil and a fair number of triplets too. Which can be tricky at times. The aim is for twins as ewes have two

teats which is ideal for feeding twins. And hopefully raising a healthy pair of lambs. With triplets, we usually try to adopt some of them on to the single mothers. This is normally quite successful. Occasionally though, we are left with some triplets as pet lambs. It's far better for the lambs and easier on the ewe if one of the triplets is removed for adoption.



So in the fields at Upper Barr if you see double dots you will know these are triplets mothers. These mothers are kept in the fields with the most grass and fed accordingly. This usually starts from the beginning of February. Occasionally in harder winters though, feeding will start in January.

From around the 17th of March onwards you will start to see some of the lambs in fields on some farms even earlier.

Farm maintenance also takes place in the wintertime. All of a sudden there will be new fences up around the fields and some of the hills. New fencing this year has taken place at Upper Barr. Fence maintenance is essential for keeping the animals safe in their fields and apart from anything else the fields look far better with adequate and fine fencing around them. Tree felling and hedge cutting has been done round parts of Barr.





## Nursery Trials

This year we have had two nursery trials in the Barr area, one at the Lanes and one at Upper Barr. Neil this year so far has done exceedingly well with his nursery dog Boss, the nursery trials are not over yet so it's all open for the local winner. Nursery dogs are all under 3 years old and this is the start for many future Scottish and hopefully Uk champions .The Scottish Nursery Final this year will take place near Dumfries.

On the 7th of March, the top 5 dogs and their handlers from each of the 10 Scottish areas will take part. The handlers and

their dogs will attend from as far afield as the Shetland isles in the north to Kintyre in the west down to the Borders in the south and everywhere in between.

That's about it for the farming winter report. Lambing and calving is around the corner and at the time of writing its 50 days till spring. Hopefully it comes quick this year and the sun shines down upon us all. Stay warm and keep safe everyone.

Till next time

## Upper Stinchar SWI

In November celebration of our 90th year took place initially at our regular meeting with sparkling wine and birthday cake cut by President Yvonne Jack and Nellie Lambie, one of our long service members. This was followed by the opportunity to do some shopping at Louise's pop- up shop.

Celebrations continued on the following Sunday with a delicious brunch in the magnificent surroundings of Trump Turnberry. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

In December we were delighted to welcome Grant from William Grant and Sons who introduced us to the making of Hendricks gin at the 'gin palace' the botanicals added to raw spirit to create the gin. We were able to taste the different still products as well as the finished product.

In January Cordelia Galley inspired our members to produce some artistic pieces of painted pottery, a practical and fun evening.



# Care.

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Malin Court Care Home is known for its very high standards. Our residents are the most important people in the building and we make sure they are aware of that. Their apartments are delightful, the food is top quality and expertly prepared by our chefs.

The building itself is modern, bright and cheerful with wonderful views across the sea to Arran. Staff are focussed on ensuring that our residents receive, every day, the care, affection and respect they deserve. The hotel, which is integral, makes visiting and spending time much easier for relatives and friends. And it's all set in a beautiful part of the Ayrshire coast. Visit our website for a closer look. Graded 5 (Very Good) by the Care Inspectorate.



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# Barr Parish Church

No sooner have the shops been emptied of Halloween costumes the shelves are crammed with Christmas novelty trinkets, wear, gifts and festive yummys. Invariably many will groan at the untimely reminder to get organised and into the Christmas spirit. Yet, it never fails to amaze how quick it is upon us and how we fall into the trap of the 'last minute supermarket dash'. Amongst this festive frenzy the church had to be cleaned, tree decorated, garlands, tinsel and nativity scene set in time for Barr Primary School to do their Christmas Service. Half an hour untangling fairy lights and scouring nooks and crannies for 'baby Jesus' we just about made it! The wee 'uns did a nativity play while the older class sang carols. They put on a sterling performance watched on by their very proud parents.

Christmas for 2019 was a little more subdued than we have experienced in previous years with less organised events, but

it gave us time to reflect on what is important this time of year - the sentiment of nativity, Faith, Hope, Charity, Peace and Love. Faith and trust in God; Hope and Charity epitomised in 'Santa Claus' - Nicolaus, the Christian bishop in ancient Greece who used his inheritance to assist the sick and needy, renowned for those in need and his love of children; Peace - how fortunate we are when we consider the troubles and conflicts around the world; and finally 'Love', for family and friends. A special time to reflect and celebrate what we do have.

And in the New Year we continued the success of our new 'tradition' of shortbread and mulled apple juice after service. The turnout again was very good and it was lovely to see so many in the church (see photos).

The year 2020 promises to be very interesting with discussions on proposed



changes to linkages, sharing resources and collaborative working. So between meetings and church business it won't be long before we'll be making preparations for Easter.

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



## Ivy takes the PRIZE!

Barr primary school was very proud to learn that P2 pupil Ivy Cross was the winner of a South Ayrshire wide art competition. She was rewarded with a beautiful poster and an amazing tour around Owen Kerr signs in Ayr. Owen Kerr were very kind and welcoming during the tour. Ivy and her mum found the factory very interesting and would like to thank Owen Kerr for running the competition.

## Barr Bikes

Hi everyone

We are planning a programme of rides again this summer, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome anyone who would like to come along and join in. We can provide mountain bikes - off road rides - for a wide range of age groups.

Our first ride out this year will run along side The Barr walking day, which takes place on Sunday the 17th May 2020. You can bring your own bike along or use one of our bikes, we have twelve bikes of various sizes and cycling helmets to fit most people.

All rides take place over weekends and will leave from Barr village hall. We will meet at 9.15am and leave at 9.30am. We are always open to suggestions if there is a particular route you like.

More dates will follow in the next edition and on the Barr Village website, and Barr Bikes Facebook page.

Please find all the above info on the Barr Village Website or contact [chrisgunson@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisgunson@btinternet.com) or call Chris on 01465 861135.

Chris Gunson



## Barr Village Shop

Barr Stores has a new feature! A jigsaw is situated in the cafe and you are encouraged to do some while you wait, if you put in the final piece you get a free chocolate bar. We have lots of jigsaws on rotation.

We had a successful AGM where our name was changed from Barr Stores Steering Group to Barr Community Stores and it was voted to apply for a charity status.

Our window decorations have been popular, we currently have a Rabbin Burns portrait, if you haven't seen them pop into the cafe. Our seniors who come by for Tuesday's coffee morning enjoy seeing what painting has been done.

We have had a busy winter and Christmas period and we thank you for your continued support of our Store and Post Office.



## BARR VILLAGE TRAILS DAY – SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020

Barr Village will be holding its annual 'Trails Day' on Sunday 17th May. Come and enjoy a walk round our lovely trails, something for all abilities. Hospitality available throughout the day. The Barr's famous Bacon Butties on the Trails, Barr Scones and Homemade Soup in the Village Hall & Barr Bowlers will have a licence if you would like a cool beer or glass of wine when you return from your walk. Please look out on our FB page '[www.facebook.com/TheBarrVillage](https://www.facebook.com/TheBarrVillage)' for further details nearer the date.



## Stinchar Valley Quilters

Our self help quilt group continues to grow. Meeting on a Monday and Weds in Barr Village Hall we are busy making new items to display at our 3rd Quilt Show and Charity Raffle. Once again we will be supporting the work of the Air Ambulance while also showing off our wide range of talents and quilts.

Once a month we meet on a Sat, watch our Facebook page for the dates. We have group outings, stock calico and wadding, exchange ideas as well as lunch!

The quilt show will be held on Sat 15th and Sun 16th August...more details to follow. Any questions please call Susan Trotter on 01465 861655....All very welcome

## BARR BOWLING CLUB

We are expecting to have our opening day on Saturday 2nd May, as always this is dependant on the weather. Our Greenkeeper Alan Ringrose has been busy all winter tending the green, adding potions and with the mild weather even a late mow! This is all inbetween being lead for the Girvan Musical Society for this years production 'Bingo'.

Once open we will as usual be playing every Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening, along with various competitions and extra social nights. Keep an eye on our Facebook page or contact our Secretary, Isobel Ringrose, [izzyring@aol.com](mailto:izzyring@aol.com) or call 01465 861651.

The club looks forward to welcoming you during the 2020 session.

## BARR COMMUNITY SCIO

Barr Village has received SCIO status from OSCR that will enable them to apply for Stage 2 Asset Transfer of Barr Village Hall from SAC. This will ensure that The Hall remains as a Social Hub for Barr Community. Funding has been received from Scottish Land Fund for architects initial scoping work and is in progress. We have also received Funding for a Development Manager from Carrick Futures, Assel Valley & Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Funds that will enable us to have a Development Manager to steer the asset transfer project forward.

The Hall is currently used by various groups, Stinchar Valley Quilters, Upper Stinchar SWI, Girvan Community Sports Hub as well as our annual village activities. Barr Bowling Club are open from 2nd May till end Sept. Anyone wishing to hire the hall can do so, contact Maggie Bunnnett 01465 861062 to check availability.



# Barr Community Association

**Another Winter has nearly passed, Christmas seems just a memory as we plan for the Spring and Summer.**

November was a busy month, starting with our annual village fireworks, a great display as usual thanks to the expert lighting by our Chair Dave Trotter, aided by John Bunnett. This was quickly followed by a wee Wine & Cheese evening to introduce the new residents in the village to the clubs which use the hall. This was a small affair just to tempt the residents into the hall and hopefully interest them in such as the Church, Quilters, SWI and Bowling.

Our annual Christmas Fayre followed and it was great to see new stalls attending. A good turnout of visitors meant that most stalls had a profitable visit to Barr. Homemade soup and cakes were enjoyed in the Tearoom run by the Church.



We next had to plan and stock up for the annual full roast Christmas Dinner, the bar keeps getting set higher and higher. This year seems even more fun than ever, a thrown together "choir" started off the night with Carols....they are available for hire but....! After the meal we were entertained by a few games of Bingo....lucky to have our local thespian Alan Ringrose, who just happens to be the lead in the Girvan Muscial Society performance of....Bingo! A show not to be missed if his performance was anything to go by.



Treeline Forestry kindly donated our tree again this year and the light switch on was organised for the night of the Santa Drive at the school. With a welcome break from events the village rolled on till Hogmanay when a free village party was arranged with Deja2 disco in the hall. Much enjoyed by families and visitors 2020 was rung in in style.



The BCA ran the pop up Bar to support the Barrstools dance in aid of Barr Primary Parent Council. The tickets sales were largely due to the efforts of Elaine and Hamish Denham, thanks also to Barr Village Shop for their sales. The Barrstools and support band Jimmy Wolfe provided a fabulous dance, the BPPC put on a light supper and the bar was nearly drunk dry! A minibus ran from Girvan and did a 2nd trip to Colmonell due to popular demand.

Looking forward, we are in receipt of some funding from the Assel Valley Barr Fund so have booked The Murder Mystery Company who will be putting on a Cluedo Mystery on the 27th March, by popular demand Electric Velvet will play on the 25th April as a joint fundraiser with Barr Bikes and the last dance arranged at the moment is on Gala Night 6th June when we have managed to get the well known group Dakota. All tickets, times etc will be on Facebook/websites. If enough demand we would be happy to put on a minibus at a small cost for any of these events, numbers dependant. These events will all have a licensed bar (pop up one). Watch out for further events and Gala details.

## Barr<sup>wee</sup> Gallery

featuring Local Artist's Paintings, Prints, Cards & Crafts incl.  
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# BALLANTRAE



## Ballantrae Playpark Development Group

Update by Fiona Stevenson

We are delighted to have been successful with our applications to Ballantrae Community Fund & Carrick Futures Community Benefit Fund in securing funding for a zip slide. Our contractor aims to have this on site and installed by the end of February 2020.

Our last fund raiser was the Christmas hamper raffled off at the craft fair. We raised £161 from this.

Members of the group recently met to discuss our next steps and future fundraising ideas for 2020. Those present suggested a race night, (possibly the second weekend in May), games (IT) afternoon, sponsored walk finished off with picnic in the park/fun day and an Easter Hamper. We rely on the

community, local businesses and those involved in volunteering. If you are able to support us in any way we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with either Cheryl or myself. We are aiming to put the hamper together by mid-February to allow us to sell tickets in advance of Easter. If you have any non-perishable donations, please pass them on to us or we can arrange to collect them from you.

Hopefully 2020 will also see a "circuit" around the park. Our discussions continue with those involved and sourcing quotes. As I'm sure you can imagine there are considerable costs involved with this next step, however we remain positive! We are looking forward to seeing our park develop

further and become a more inviting area for everyone to enjoy. We would also love to improve the signage within the village to encourage those travelling through to stop off and enjoy the facilities we have on offer within the village. This of course would also encourage spending within the local businesses and return visitors.

If you wish to join the group, have ideas or suggestions please get in touch. Many hands make light work!

Thank you to all who continue to support this project.

Fiona: 07917133220  
Cheryl: 07767 081602

## BRICC CLUB

by Jean Dunlop

On 10 December 2019 the BRICC Club celebrated its 21st Birthday. Three founder members Jean Dunlop, Mary McWhirter and Margaret Maule attended along with around 14 others. The BRICC Club invites seniors and those who would otherwise be housebound to meet in BRICC House on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm where they enjoy entertainment, tea with home baking, board games and good company. Membership is free.

If you would like to attend please contact Mary McWhirter on 831464 or Jean Dunlop on 831351.

REMEMBER - DON'T BIN IT, BRICC IT.







## The Ballantrae Trust

by Carol Bell



In January I took over from Andy McAlpine as Chair of the Trust. I am delighted that he will continue to be on the Board of Directors, lending a guiding hand and lots of support. I am really excited about the projects that are happening in Ballantrae and I hope The Trust will continue to go from strength to strength and the community projects continue to flourish.

On behalf of myself, my fellow Trust Directors and members, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Andy for his service as Secretary of the Ballantrae Development Group for 7 years, being instrumental in setting up the Trust, for being its first Chair, and for his vision and contribution to our local community.

Most of our effort over the last 3 months has been devoted to The King's Arms Project, particularly the Community Consultation which concluded in mid-November. 312 completed questionnaires were returned. 281 (90%) support the idea of the Trust purchasing the pub on behalf of the community; 8 (3%) do not support the idea; and 23 (7%) are unsure. You will find a report on the outcome of the consultation and a Q&A about the project on the Ballantrae website at <https://www.ballantrae.org.uk/village-organisations/the-ballantrae-trust/projects/>

Planning is well underway for this year's Festival of Food & Drink being held over the weekend 13&14 June. I am grateful to Leonard MacKinnon and his colleagues for the excellent sold out Hogmanay Ceilidh which helped to raise funds for this year's festival.

On the Ballantrae website we have recently added more pictures to the group pages. You'll also find more information and pictures in the historical Timeline

thanks to additional material provided by authors and historians Jean Brittain and Frances Wilkins - the latter providing Smuggling facts from her book "Ballantrae's Smuggling Story".

We continue to see progress with the upgrading of the Play Park & Recreation Ground. You can read about it elsewhere in the magazine.

The first event in our "Music, Theatre and Cinema" programme for 2020 was a free matinee screening of "Dumbo" for children and adults to celebrate the installation of our new cinema equipment in the hall thanks to a grant from Carrick Futures Community Benefit Fund. The next event was the film "Fisherman's Friends" (cert 12) in February. We have booked "The Barrstools" to come back to Ballantrae on Saturday 18 April and we have more events at the planning stage including bringing back The Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival on 20-23 August.

We shall continue to bring business workshops to Ballantrae in 2020 to support our new and existing local businesses.

Our Trainee Development Officer Fiona Conlan now works 3 days a week as a result of funding from the Ballantrae Community Fund for the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink. The contract for our two job share experienced Development Officers (Andrew and Rebecca) on loan from the Creetown Initiative was due to end in November but thanks to a Scottish Government grant we have been able to retain them one day a week for a further year to support Fiona and to help with the Food Festival and the King's Arms projects.

### The Board's priorities for the foreseeable future include:

- The King's Arms Project
- Planning our AGM in March
- Planning the Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink 2020
- Trying to establish whether we should revive - "The Ballantrae Market"

# Ballantrae Primary School & Early Years

by Donna Ball

## FESTIVE SEASON

December is always a busy month for our staff and pupils.

Ballantrae children put on a Christmas performance for family and community, and this year was no exception. "Children of the World" was our performance of choice for 2019 and told the story of a group of angels who visited different countries of the world, explaining how children across the world celebrate Christmas. Our morning performance of "Hey Ewe" was delightfully performed by our Early Years and P1-3 children to a packed audience of family and friends. Many thanks to all staff in school for their support in making our performances so successful. Our fundraising for this event raised the fabulous amount of £355. A huge thank you from all of us at Ballantrae Primary School to everyone for their support.

All the children enjoyed themselves at their Christmas parties and we even had a visit from Santa Claus. We welcomed Colmonell Primary 5-7s for the upper school evening party.

On Wednesday 18th December our Early Years visited the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway. We participated in a Tim'rous Beasties Workshop and got to spend time in the museum and its different areas. At lunchtime, we all got to meet and receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Friday 20th December was the last day of term. Our P1-P7s went to the Gaiety Theatre in Ayr to see "Jack in the Beanstalk". Everyone agreed it was a great way to start the holidays and we all thoroughly enjoyed the Pantomime. While our Primary School was at the Pantomime, our Early Years children hosted a Festive Morning. Parents were invited in and we sang some Christmas songs. A delicious buffet was served and we enjoyed homemade soup, sandwiches and festive sweet treats.

Many thanks to our Parent Council who funded the tickets and transport for both outings.

## Swimming

This term sees the start of swimming activities for all children at Ballantrae Primary and Early Years Centre. This year Primary 4 & 5 have a ten week block of lessons, which began earlier in January. Every other class will also have the opportunity to have a five week block of lessons. Last year, every child in the school benefitted from swimming at the Quay Zone and we are building on those skills this year.





# Ballantrae Scout Group (2nd Ayrshire)

by Wendy McKeachan



Beavers and Cubs camped at the Glasgow Science Centre with 380 others from across the District, enjoying free access to the science mall, planetarium and science show "after hours". We did manage a "few" hours of sleep! They also all had a great camp at Culzean (albeit a little wet and very muddy) followed by the District Beaver and Cub Funday where they took part in archery, crate stacking and made armpit fudge.....yum! Two of our hardworking Beavers, Oscar and Jake, received the Chief Scout's Bronze Award - the highest award available to Beavers. Well done to you both!



To round off the year, we had a great night at our end of term fun session for all 3 sections at The Quay Zone, followed by a badge presentation and moving up ceremony during which we awarded our first Chief Scout Gold Awards to Scouts Zoe, Adam, Rueben, Josh, Iona and Johnny.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all back with a bang this term with preparations well under way for our annual Burns Supper in February when our Scouts will serve up a traditional Burns Supper while guests will be entertained by all 3 sections. We will also be celebrating Australia Day / Invasion Day and Chinese New Year with our Scouts cooking their own Chinese dishes!



Before Christmas the Cubs worked on their World Issues Badge, learning about issues that affect different parts of the world such as lack of sanitation and water, and the impact that plastic and imported goods have on our world. They also thought about their impact on our local environment and why it is important that we look after our local area and wildlife. The Cubs made fantastic Christmas ornaments from recycled and upcycled materials which they sold at the local Craft Fair to raise money for the Group.

The Scouts held their first Christmas camp (yes tents in December!) complete with full Christmas dinner, secret Santa, games and a "snowball fight" - a fantastic night likely to become an annual event. Scouts also held a "Lamb for St Andrews" dinner to encourage people to eat lamb on St. Andrews Day the way we tuck into haggis on Burns night. We served 84 people from our local communities a delicious 2 course dinner. A huge thank you to United Auctions who provided us with the beautiful lamb, to Girvan Early Growers for the potatoes, and Laigh Kilphin for the carrots. The evening was a huge success and our Scouts received many compliments for their efforts. We paid a visit to Boyle Court Nursing Home in the run up to Christmas to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with some of the residents.



In the coming weeks we have lots of exciting activities planned including a Colmonell sleepover and Blair Drummond Safari Camp for our Beavers along with an end of term Bowling Party for all sections. Cubs and Scouts will be undertaking a "tough muddy challenge" at the Scottish Assault Course Centre before the Cubs head off to Scotjam and the Scouts travel to Durham for a week long camp.

Two of our leaders are going to be abseiling from the Falkirk wheel this summer to raise funds for Cub camp. Charlotte and Hazel we wish you luck!

Above is a small selection of the activities we do so if our exciting programme sounds like something your child would like to be involved in please get in touch:

Beavers ages 6-8yrs tel Kate Thomson 07765 490649  
Cubs ages 8-10.5yrs tel Charlotte Whitehurst 07388 909328  
Scouts ages 10.5-14.5yrs tel Wendy McKeachan 07831 370514

# BALLANTRAE & St COLMON CHURCHES of SCOTLAND

Dear All,

I hope that you have all had a good start to the year. As a new year begins it is good to reflect on the year past, and consider what we have to be thankful for as well as any testing times which came our way. 2019 was quite an eventful year for me. At the start of the year I was half way through my "Familiarisation Placement" for the Church of Scotland after having transferred from Baptist Ministry. Then began my exploration of where the Lord might be calling me to serve which led to my appointment at Ballantrae linked with St Colmon church. Then we had removal to face followed by our attempts to settle into a new area. We are very much enjoying being here and the churches are very welcoming.

Towards the end of November our baby boy Simeon was born in the manse which was a time of great joy. Unfortunately, he took ill just before Christmas which meant an extended stay in intensive care. As we were with him I sadly missed the Christmas services. Thankfully he is back home and doing well! We thank everyone for their concern and prayers.

So yes 2019 was quite a year in different ways. Each year brings new opportunities and there will be good times as well as challenging ones for each one of us. As we begin a new year may we ask ourselves if there are positive things that we might do to grow in our lives and journey of faith.

Every blessing for 2020,  
Rev'd 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 12yrs. 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.



Every Sunday after their part of the service children go to the Kirk Hall for stories, crafts, play and music.  
Look out for special Messy Church Saturdays.

## St Colmon Events open to all



**1st Thursday monthly** at 7pm 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 in the Kirk Hall. A time of food and fellowship. For catering purposes let Claire Pirrie know if you are attending



**3rd Friday monthly** 7pm for 7.30pm at Girvan Harbour Quay Zone. Contemporary worship music. Inspiring speakers. Refreshments. Opportunity for healing prayer. [www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk)



**Prayer & Praise**  
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## Ballantrae Church of Scotland

All are welcome  
March 16th 7.15pm in Ballantrae Community Centre.  
AGM & Sailors Society Project  
April 20th 7.15pm in Ballantrae Community Centre.  
Open Night with "The Big Sing"

## Colmonell Circle

**Annual Scottish Night cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances**  
**Monday 23rd March 7.30pm** in St Colmon Kirk Hall – River Garden Auchencruive

## The Church Guild by Jessie Brown

Ballantrae Church Guild had a lovely lunch in Malin Court for our first meeting. Our AGM is on Monday 16th March with a talk on the Sailor Society as one of our projects. The Lenten Lunch is on Sunday 15th March at 1pm in the Community Hall. Monday 15th April will be our open night with the Big Sing with all your favourite hymns. 19th May will be our outing to Glenapp Castle for afternoon tea. We hope to have a coffee morning in April. Everyone is welcome to any meeting. If you want any information please contact me, Jessie at 831544.





The Christmas themed Craft Fair on Saturday 30th November was a wonderful festive day. There were a wide variety of stalls including wicker and woodwork, baking, cards, knitted goods and many more. Santa took time of out his busy schedule to meet some of our younger residents, who were all delighted to see him!

The seniors table tennis club is still in full flow. We have 3 tables available, along with bats and balls and there are always refreshments available. Please come along and have a go on a Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm - 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 was held on Saturday 14th December. The Elves ensured that all the Ballantrae children had a fabulous time. Santa came along to the party and all the Children were able to meet him.

If you would like to help out with the Community Association please contact either: Stacey Stewart 07809 266526 [staceystewart21@rocketmail.com](mailto:staceystewart21@rocketmail.com) or Laura Cunningham 01465 831785 [lauracunninghamruby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lauracunninghamruby@hotmail.co.uk).

### BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - NEEDS YOU!

Ballantrae Community Association manage the bookings of Ballantrae community hall, as well as maintaining the fixtures and fittings and equipment available for all groups to use within the hall. They are able to do this by using the income generated from hall lets, annual group payments, called affiliation fees and general fundraising.

There are three roles in the management board of the association, these are, chairperson, treasurer and secretary. At the next AGM scheduled to be held on Thursday 26th March at 7.15pm in the hall, both the current chairperson and treasurer will be standing down.

The association needs new faces and volunteers to help with the running of the hall and to take on these two roles. If the two vacant roles are not filled then the management of hall and all the income generated will revert to South Ayrshire Council. The consequences of this will be that SAC will be able to set the prices for lets, including affiliation fees. They will be able to dictate who is able to use the hall and also when the hall will be available for use, nobody in the village will benefit if this happens.

If you are able to assist the association and prevent the hall reverting to SAC please come along to the AGM. If you are not sure what the roles would entail and therefore whether you are able to help, please contact Laura Cunningham for further information on 01465 831785 or at [lauracunninghamruby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lauracunninghamruby@hotmail.co.uk)

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## The Ballantrae SWI

by Jessie Brown



Fourteen members of the Ballantrae SWI enjoyed a great night out in December at the Craignelder Hotel in Stranraer with a "Secret Santa". The January meeting was a slide show of birds of the south west coast by Angus Hogg. March will be the group's 90th birthday celebration! On 6 April we will have an open night in the community hall with a talk and slide show of Holmes Farm Plants by Brian Young. This will be a fun night. Our AGM will be held in BRICC House on May 4th with cheese and wine. We hope to have a trip sometime in May. For more information contact Jessie at 831544



## Ballantrae Youth Club

by Cathy Lopez

Youth club members taking a break from their Christmas disco party before the Christmas holidays. Thank you to Gary Thomson for supplying the disco.

## Ballantrae Open Flower Show

by Linda Wild

**Saturday 15th August 2020** - save the date!

We are making a few changes to the schedule this year, the main one is that this year the schedule will be FREE. Paper copies will still be available but you will also be able to download a copy.

We have added a few new classes this year too. In handicrafts crochet and needle felting have been added. We also have some new ideas for the decorative section and there are some new children's classes for our youngest entrants to try. Rest assured though, all the old favourites are still there.

This year Glenapp Castle has generously supported us by donating a voucher for a Six Course Gourmet Dinner including canapés, coffee and handmade petit fours for two guests. Raffle tickets will be on sale to give you a chance to win this magnificent prize.

We would love to see entries from new entrants along with our regular entrants. Why not have a look through the schedule, there is something for everyone, so why not have a go!

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## The Ballantrae Toddlers

by Cheryl Agnew

Our group of babies and toddlers had a special end to 2019. This involved a lovely trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park. The children enjoyed a morning of play in the soft play area and had a special visit to Santa's grotto in the afternoon. There was also the opportunity to pet some animals in the indoor small animal area. A great day was had by all.

Last session we took part in two successful fundraising events. We held a Partylite candle night in the Kings Arms Hotel as well as selling crafts at the Ballantrae Christmas Fayre. We are thankful to those who turned up to support us as well as those who donated items to include in our raffle. Our group is keen to continue



with fundraising events and would love to hear some suggestions of future events people would be interested in attending. Please get in touch if you have an idea.

Ballantrae Toddler Group continue to meet on a Monday 1pm-2.45pm in the Community Hall. All preschool aged children are welcome to attend. For more information contact me, Cheryl Agnew on 07767081602.

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## Ballantrae Bowling Club

by Anne McCulloch

Ballantrae Bowling Club opens for its 2020 season on Saturday 18 April at 2pm. If you are interested in joining us please come along. Bowls can be provided, the only requirement is flat shoes. There will be no pressure to become a member. This event is open to Members/Non-members/ Bowlers/Non-Bowlers. All will be made welcome. For further information please contact me on 07917 843135





## Ballantrae Primary Parent Council

by Laura Cunningham

On Friday 29th November we staged a fashion show which featured a range of garments from Louise Ladies Boutique in Girvan. Thank you to everyone who supported our evening by attending, donating and volunteering. We raised the fantastic amount of £430 for school funds. We appreciate all the help and encouragement we receive from our parent body

and the wider community, and are regularly overwhelmed by your generosity. We would also like to thank Louise, without whom the evening would not have been possible and Beth Whittingham, Liz Jenkins and Suzi Curtis our fantastic models who "volunteered" for the evening.

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# PINWHERRY & PINMORE

## Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Trust



### Introducing PPCDT Community Project Officer from Creetown Initiative

My name is Amy-Dee Watson (please call me Amy!) and I am the new Community Project Officer for Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Trust. I am pleased to be working in Pinwherry and Pinmore and I'm looking forward to getting to know local community members and driving your community project forwards. I have been working for Creetown Initiative since June 2011 and have carried out a broad range of community projects locally in Dumfries and Galloway and further afield across Scotland. Some may recognise me from carrying out a similar role in Barrhill.

I have experience in community development, fundraising, market research, business planning and community action planning, arts project development, youth work management, graphic design and film making and general work with community groups and charities. As I work as part of an experienced, close-knit team at Creetown Initiative, I will also be assisted occasionally by my colleague Rebecca Giblin and manager, Andrew Ward. Creetown Initiative is a social enterprise and consultancy business providing support to other communities and charities, in addition to carrying out our own projects in our parish.

I am contracted to 10 hours a week with PPCDT and will be based out of the Pinwherry Community Hall on Thursdays 10am – 4pm; please do pop in for a cuppa and a chat. My email address is [ppcdtprojectofficer@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdtprojectofficer@gmail.com). Otherwise, I'll be working from our office in Creetown, where I can be contacted on 01671 820654.

### New Name, New Logo

In December 2019 PPCDT SCIO changed its name to Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Trust (PPCDT). Neither the structure, nor the



governance has changed – it is still the same charity in the form of a SCIO, with the same charitable aims. However, the Trustees felt that the SCIO acronym might not mean anything to the local community, whereas, "Trust" is instantly identifiable.

With a new name, comes new branding, so our Community Project Officer, Amy, has designed a new logo for the Trust.

### Pinwherry School

We are moving forwards with the Pinwherry School project and the stage 2 application form for the Community Asset Transfer from South Ayrshire Council to PPCDT is due to be submitted in the next couple of weeks. Architects have now also been engaged and have drawn up 3 possible designs for the redevelopment work on the school buildings. These were presented to the community at an open community meeting in November and the vote was unanimous for option 1, in terms of the best design to meet the needs of the community.

The design will see the former school converted into a community hall with a kitchen and possibly a café, in addition to a computer room, office space and meeting room. The former nursery will be converted into a two bedroom holiday accommodation, whilst the former school house on the first floor of the main building will be converted into a self-contained one bedroom flat with its own access from outside, for private let. Both elements will provide some income to support the running costs of the hall.

External business and finance consultants have drawn up a business plan and financial plan and the fundraising strategy is also in progress. The first step of the funding strategy is to submit the stage 2 funding application to the Scottish Land Fund. Work on this is in progress and the application will be submitted before the next SLF deadline in March.



## Community Consultations

A fundamental element of the asset transfer of Pinwherry School from South Ayrshire Council to PPCDT is to prove to the Council and to funders that we have the support of the community. We must demonstrate statistically that the transfer of the school buildings to the community IS the wish of the community and that it is a sustainable project. To that end, we have produced an information leaflet and accompanying community questionnaire, which has been delivered to every adult in the Pinwherry and Pinmore parish. At the time of writing, the leaflets and questionnaires have been distributed and the deadline for responses is set for the middle of February. After this time, the feedback will be analysed and collated and a report will be issued to the community, the Council and funders.

**IMPORTANTLY** – once the Asset Transfer Stage 2 application has been submitted to South Ayrshire Council in the next few weeks, the request will be put online on the South Ayrshire Council website, with the full asset transfer request documents and maps. <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/community-asset-transfer/current-cat-requests.aspx>

If you do support our community project, we urge you to please submit a letter or email of support and this will greatly help us in achieving our goal for the benefit of Pinwherry and Pinmore residents.

Details of where to send letters and/or emails will be published on the South Ayrshire Council Community Asset Transfer current requests page once our request is submitted. If in doubt, please contact Amy on the contact details below and she will be able to advise.

The 2 Pins Company has now folded and all assets, including the 2 Pins Field, storage buildings and associated equipment, have been transferred to the Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Trust. In this way, one organisation is now progressing projects for the benefit of the whole community.

## Contacts

PPCDT meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the Pinwherry Community Hall and these meetings are open to the community to attend. Please do come along, find out more, get involved, or give us your thoughts and suggestions. If you'd like to contact Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Trust, please use the contact details below:

**Community Project Officer**  
[ppcdtprojectofficer@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdtprojectofficer@gmail.com)  
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[www.2pins.org.uk](http://www.2pins.org.uk)  
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## 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](mailto:mechamberlain@btinternet.com) or from Joy Chamberlain on 01465 841211**

## PINWHERRY CRAFT & PRODUCE FAIR

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If you are under twenty years of age or are aged over 60 and live within the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council area, you can still apply for a free three month membership of the Quay Zone Girvan. This can be either a swimming membership or, if over 16 years of age, a gym membership. Application forms are available on the Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council website, from [mechamberlain@btinternet.com](mailto:mechamberlain@btinternet.com) or by phoning 01465 841211

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# STINCHAR VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

by Judith McCreath

The Stinchar Valley Gardening Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in Colmonell Church Hall over the winter. Our group is small and informal and we enjoy a variety of speakers, exchanging tips and gossiping on gardening. Everyone is made to feel welcome and

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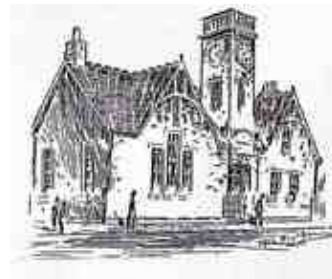
## Community Association Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party for the village was well attended again this year, and children enjoyed a delicious tea and plenty of party games. Santa made a welcome appearance, kindly leaving a gift for every child. Thanks to all helpers who made the party a great success and especially Yvonne Templeton and Wendy McKechnan for organising party games.

## SCDC and the Colmonell Community Engagement Day February 15

As reported in the last magazine Colmonell Community Association SCIO has been working with the Scottish Community Development Company to establish a consultative process which will culminate with an inclusive fun day. On line and offline questionnaire will be launched in order to help develop an action plan for the next 4 years. Supported by several agencies, many organisations and village groups it should be a very productive event highlighting current issues and opportunities ... Closing dates for receipt of the questionnaires will be March 22nd ... Please ensure your voice is heard by completing them, in a way that suits you.

Thanks Howard Wilkinson SCIO trustee



### Colmonell Community Association (SCIO) AGM

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7pm**

**Colmonell Community Centre**

All welcome. We organise the annual fun day, children's Halloween and Christmas parties, Senior Citizen's Christmas meal as well as other fundraising activities for the village throughout the year. Come along to share your ideas or to see if you can help

Colmonell Community Association (SCIO) Charity No. SC049177



# Colmonell Primary School



## WATER WARRIORS - 13th December 2019

Children in school were asked to wear blue to highlight the rights of people to good quality health care, to clean water and good food. We learned about Water Aid and made masks and shields to become water warriors.



## COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP SOUTH AYRSHIRE FOOD BANK

Well done to the Food Bank Community Action Group who received donations of non-perishable items to give to the South Ayrshire Food Bank. Here are a few photos of pupils who organized the donations and made a presentation to the school.

## Have your say

on the future of Colmonell. Tell us how we can make Colmonell even better!

## Colmonell

### Community Engagement Fun Day

Bring the whole family!

**Saturday 15th February 2020**

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- Galloway and South Ayrshire Biosphere
- Church and Sunday School
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Pupils from Colmonell Primary School tell us what they love about their home-town.



Kara Walker



Abbey Clark



Lucy Reid



Amy Walker

## Contacts:

Howard on 01465 881260 or  
get in touch with a member of Colmonell Development Group



### Community Action Group - Bird Watchers

Our CAG group are learning how to encourage birds into our playground. We have researched our local birds with thanks to the RSPB. We are now designing and creating our own bird feeders.

## Stinchar Valley Social Group

On Sunday 15th December the group went for our Christmas lunch to Malin Court. 24 members and friends enjoyed Christmas Fayre in the Kintyre Suite and a good time was had by all.

Our January meeting was on the 8th when we had our own First Responders giving us a talk Dawn gave a detailed account of what they do. There were demonstrations of the equipment by Mark & Tania.

On February 12th Howard Wilkinson gave an illustrated talk and mini tasting to highlight the opportunities and community benefits of buying locally produced foods, including receiving home deliveries here in the valley.

March 11th will see a hands-on demonstration and evening with Linda Wild.

April 8th Lorna and Richard Conaghan are coming to talk about their book on world war heroes.

May 8th is AGM time where we are hoping to get many suggestions for next year. Thoughts and ideas for our trip would also be very welcome.

Thanks for your support.

Margaret Robertson - 01465 881352.

## Allan McNally

### Fine Art Studio-Gallery

In the studio-gallery, it has been very busy over the past few months with Allan receiving several painting commissions, one of which was commissioned by McAndrew & Co. Solicitors in Stranraer as a retirement gift for a member of staff. The painting was well received by the recipient that was of their family home where they had living for over fifty years.

Allan's winter art classes have gone well with an exhibition of his students work planned for later this year in Stranraer.

The Carrick Art Trail Group (Allan McNally Fine Art is a member) held a meeting in Girvan in late January. A programme of events for 2020 leaflet is due to be available by Spring and copies will be available at Allan's studio-gallery soon.

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## Colmonell Baby & Toddler Group

This year instead of a Christmas party we had a visit to Heads of Ayr Farm Park with Ballantrae Toddlers. The children enjoyed soft play and seeing the animals before going to see Santa. There was even a chance to finger paint your own Christmas tree decoration. Everyone had a great day. 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 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 Fun Day

The Fun Day will be held this year on Saturday 13th June, with activities taking place in the week leading up to the Fun Day, from 8th June. Attractions this year include Stinchar Valley Pipers, petting zoo, inflatable assault course and drop slide as well as all the usual stalls and teas. Further details will be available nearer the time on the Colmonell Facebook page and in the local press.

GIRVAN ARCHERY CLUB

## TASTER SESSIONS



4th Friday of every month  
Colmonell Community Centre  
7.30 - 8.30pm



All ages and abilities welcome

Sessions are free but any donations will be used towards club running costs

## COLMONELL & LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

From January 2020 our meetings will be held monthly, rather than every second month as they have been up till now. Meetings will still be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month excluding December, May and August. The CC also has 3 vacancies, which can be from either community – new members would be very welcome.

If interested please contact me on:-  
[heather521ohare@btinternet.com](mailto:heather521ohare@btinternet.com)



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# Make 2020 your year!

The Quay Zone are giving a shout out to anyone who wants to make 2020 their year.

Since opening they have developed a wide range of classes and now have 33 on offer to suit all abilities and ages which can be found on their website.

If you want to exercise to Socialise, Get moving, Get fit, Achieve Personal Goals or even compete in a triathlon or event – they have the support and classes to help you.

Partnered with South Ayrshire Council they can now offer the added benefit of a minimum of 15%-50% discount, depending upon circumstances, on all their pool, gym and studio leisure activities and memberships for any resident in South Ayrshire with an 'Access to Leisure' card. There has never been a better time to access your local leisure facilities.

Swim, Bike, Run – A triathlon is a great challenge and The Quay Zone are working in partnership with Girvan Attractions to bring you the Civic Week Sprint Triathlon. They have developed classes open to everyone that will also enable the fitness stamina and techniques required to complete a triathlon.

Studio Cycle Classes where you set up your bike, then climb and speed your way through a planned routine that will push your fitness to new heights.

'Drench' for recreational to advanced swimmers to get more from their swim and improve their fitness.

And, as a partner of 'Parkrun' – a free, weekly, timed 5k walk/jog/run at 9.30am every Saturday on Girvan promenade. Open to all ages and abilities it is organised entirely by volunteers and it's friendly and fun.

The Civic Week Triathlon will be held on 27th June at 4pm at The Quay Zone and is open to anyone age 16+ to register. The Sprint Triathlon distance will be 30 lengths (750m) in the pool, 20km static cycle on the studio spin bikes and 5km run round a modified 'Parkrun' route.

**So what are you going to do?**

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# Village Events



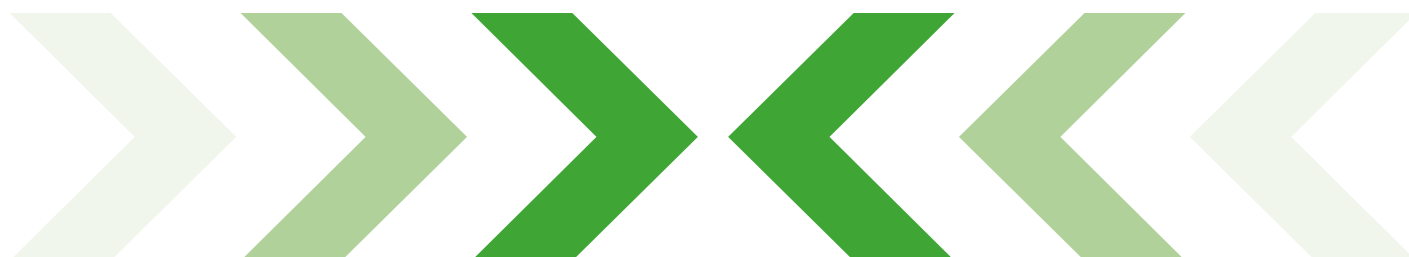
Date	Event	Location
15/03/20	Lenten Lunch 1pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
16/03/20	Ballantrae Church Guild AGM	Ballantrae Community Hall
18/03/20	Ballantrae Bowling club opens for new season 2pm	Ballantrae Bowling Club
18/03/20	The Barrstools at Ballantrae, 7.30pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
21/03/20	Live Music and Licensed Bar	Barrhill Memorial Hall
22/03/20	Colmonell Bowling Club AGM	Colmonell bowling club
26/03/20	Ballantrae Community Association AGM 7.15pm	Ballantrae Community Hall
27/03/20	Murder Mystery Cluedo	Barr village hall
28/03/20	Barrhill Bowling Club AGM	Barrhill Memorial Hall
05/04/20	Easter Activities and Teas	Barrhill Memorial Hall
11/04/20	Live Music and Licensed Bar	Barrhill Memorial Hall
25/04/20	Spring Dance with Electric Velvet	Barr village hall
02/05/20	Barr Bowling Club opens	Barr village hall
04/05/20	Ballantrae SWI AGM	BRICC House Ballantrae
06/06/20	Barr Village Gala	Barr
06/06/20	Barr Gala Dance with Dakota	Barr village hall
13/06/20	Colmonell Fun Day	Colmonell
13/06/20	Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink	Ballantrae Harbour
14/06/20	Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink	Ballantrae Harbour
20/06/20	Barrhill Village Gala Day	Barrhill
27/06/20	Pinwherry Craft Fair	Pinwherry Field
15/08/20	Stinchar Valley Quilters Quilt Show	Barr village hall
15/08/20	Ballantrae Flower Show	Ballantrae Community Hall
16/08/20	Stinchar Valley Quilters Quilt Show	Barr village hall
20/08/20	Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival	Ballantrae Community Hall
21/08/20	Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival	Ballantrae Community Hall
22/08/20	Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival	Ballantrae Community Hall
23/08/20	Ballantrae Smugglers' Festival	Ballantrae Community Hall
29/08/20	Cream Teas on Pinmore Green	Pinmore Green

## Wanted: Photographs for the Stinchar Valley Magazine

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

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

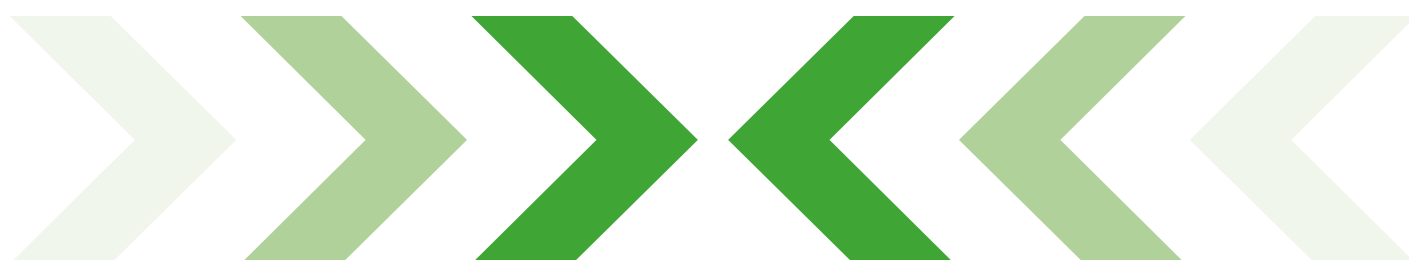
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# Regular meetings and clubs

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 Dec.)	7.30pm	Various
Stinchar Valley Quilters	Mon and Weds	Weekly	6.30 - 9pm	Barr Village Hall
Barr SWI	3rd Thursday in the month	till May	6.45pm	Barr Village Hall
Club Diamonds Keep Fit	Monday	Weekly	7pm-8pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Badminton	Tuesday	Weekly (Sept. to July)	6pm-8pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Wee Whist	Tuesday	Fortnightly (Sept. 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	10.00am - 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 Sept.)	7:30pm	Barrhill Memorial Hall
Glrvan Archery Club	4th Friday of each month		7.30pm - 8.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Colmonell Youth Club	Friday		7pm - 9.00pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Colmonell Bowling Club	Mondays and Wednesdays	Weekly (Late April to end Sept.)	7pm	Colmonell Bowling Club
Stinchar Valley Gardening Club	3rd Wednesday of month	September to April	7.30pm	Colmonell Church Hall
Coffee @ Kirk	Wednesdays weekly (with podiatry every 7 weeks)		10am - 12 noon	Colmonell Kirk 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		7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Peep for babies and toddlers	Friday		10.30am - 11.30am	Colmonell Church Hall
Pilates style Keep Fit Class	Thursday	Weekly	6.30pm - 7.15 pm	Colmonell Community Centre
The Valley Choir	Tuesday		7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Whist Drive	1st Friday of the month		7.30pm	Colmonell Community Centre
Colmonell & Lendalfoot Comm. Council	4th Tuesday of the month	Monthly (except December)	7.30pm	Colmonell or Lendalfoot
Zumba	Monday		7pm - 8.00pm	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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