

Civic Pride

By Maybole Councillor Brian Connolly

THE Civic Pride initiative launched by the Conservative administration, with much publicity, had my full support. A fund that would be used to establish and continue to set the standard of cleanliness and the appearance of our region was most welcome, especially with the shameful appearance of our road-side verges and dull town centres. The priority would always have been Ayr and the town centre is now awash with hanging baskets and tubs of flowers. However, the large fund, under the administration of the Provost, belongs to all the residents of the region and we expect to receive our share to enhance our local area. Watch this space!

tion. Wind is not in short supply with no shortage of locations to pick from and the scenic choice of the Croy farm may prove to have been an error.

However, am I the only person who does not feel comfortable with local rural communities, and I include Maybole in this, who are not affected by the farm in any way, receiving extortionate sums of money? How can the small communities in the Hadyard Hill area justify sums in the region of £500,000 each year, simply because the country side is suitable for the wind farms? Should all residents in South Ayrshire not receive the financial benefits of this income?

Local community enhancements

ALTHOUGH there is not a surplus of funds within the region we have received requests from various clubs and projects within our area for assistance with worthwhile projects. If you don't ask you don't get and we would encourage any ideas to enhance the



communities as we probably know somebody who can help.

Maybole road safety

WHILE we await our much needed by-pass we have been discussing the general road safety within the region, particularly Maybole High Street. We have been encouraged by the temporary speed restrictions which will protect children during appropriate school times but a permanent 20 mph speed limit from the Whitehall to Kirkmichael Road is a must.

By-pass for Maybole

By MSP Cathy Jamieson & Councillor Alan Murray

WE are committed to working with other members of the local community and elected representatives to press the case for a by-pass for Maybole. The amount of heavy traffic which currently travels through Maybole poses serious health and safety problems, particularly to local pedestrians going about their business on Maybole High Street and young people trying to cross this busy road.

We know precisely the traffic problems that affect the town and we are determined to ensure that both South Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Executive are fully aware of the views of local people when they speak to us at our surgeries, and write to us in our constituency mailbags saying clearly that Maybole needs a by-pass.

Tackling Crime and Anti-social behaviour

WE recently met with South Ayrshire's new Police Superintendent to discuss crime and anti-social behaviour. Superintendent John Thomson recently moved to South Ayrshire after working in the East End of Glasgow for a number of years. He has a track record of introducing effective and innovative ways of working with local communities to tackle anti-social behaviour. He has also been at the forefront of the work to combat sectarianism.

Maybole is a great place to live and we've got to keep it that way by dealing with the minority of people that cause problems in our communities through their own disruptive behav-

our.

We are determined to work closely with Supt Thomson and the police, South Ayrshire Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team and local residents to make the streets of Maybole safer places to live and work.

If there are any local issues you wish to raise with us please contact us at the following addresses: Cathy Jamieson MSP, Constituency Office, Block 1, Ayr College East, Caponacre Industrial Estate, Cumnock, KA18 1SH. Tel: 0845 458 1800. Fax: 0845 458 1801. cathy.jamieson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk. Councillor Alan Murray, South Ayrshire Council, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR. Tel: 01655 884446. alan.murray@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Positive action

By MP Sandra Osborne

I WELCOME the opportunity of making a short contribution to the Maybole community newsletter.

Since I was elected to the new constituency of Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock in May of last year I have seen a very vibrant and caring community in Maybole.

From social services for all age groups, charitable fundraising, to campaigning activity such as the By-Pass campaign and even creating jobs for young people, it is clear to me that Maybole is very fortunate in having a number of very committed individuals and church and community groups who are a credit to the area.

At a time when cynicism seems to be the order of the day it makes a refreshing change to see positive action from a real close knit community. It is a privilege to represent Maybole as the Westminster MP and I look forward to helping in any way I can in the months

and years ahead.

The specific areas of responsibility of elected representatives can often be very confusing for people and of course we are all very interested in all of the issues which affect our communities, as has been shown by the Health Board proposals for Accident and Emergency. And of course I work very closely with my Council and Scottish Parliament colleagues. However, it may be useful if I outlined what my remit is as the Westminster MP and how I can be contacted outwith my regular local surgeries.

The UK Parliament deals with the Constitution, UK Foreign Policy, UK Defence and National Security, UK Fiscal, economic and monetary system, Common Markets for UK goods and services, Energy, Employment Legislation, Social Security and Pensions, Transport safety and regulation, Trade and Industry CSA and cer-



tain other matters subject to UK Regulation eg National Lottery and Equality Rights Legislation.

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CHURCH NEWS

Maybole New Community Church Project

MEMBERS of the Church of Scotland Trustees have recently visited and met with the New Church Project Team, our architect ARP Lorimers and Peter Walker, Funding Consultant.

Our visitors were very impressed with the design of the new building and strongly encouraged us to submit the plans to them and South Ayrshire Council as soon as possible.

The whole meeting was very encouraging and they and Presbytery are enthusiastic to see this innovative project complete.

ARP Lorimers, Architects, have now applied for a demolition warrant. Once this has been granted work will begin to remove the old warehouse from our site. Then detailed drawings will be submitted to South Ayrshire Council for planning consent, alongside plans for the youth centre.

Several applications have been sent to possible funders.

The local committee and congregation have now raised £18,000. This was raised by the committee holding auctions, BBQs, coffee mornings and the charity shop.

There are also now the choir's CD, coasters and bookmarks for sale. These are available from Maybole Resource Centre. The book will soon be underway about the history of both Maybole Parish Church and the West Church.

There will also be the charity shop once again. There will now be meetings to discuss future fundraising events for the next year. If anyone has any ideas, please contact the committee who will be happy to hear about them.

Once again well done and thank you for your support!

Lloyds TSB have accepted our application and a meeting to assess the project has been held with Peter Walker, Funding Consultant, Bill Miller, Convener and ARP Lorimers to discuss the plans in more detail.

More applications are currently being worked on and will be sent to possible funders over the coming weeks.

So far we have raised a grand total of around £850,000. With the support of the congregation and continuing fundraising we should achieve the funds required to realise the exciting vision of a modern Church in the Community of Maybole.

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Up to date information can be obtained from our web site www.maybolenevnewkirk.org or from our temporary offices at: Maybole New Community Church Project, 64 Culzean Road, MAYBOLE, KA19 8AH E Mail: funding@maybolenevnewkirk.org

Maybole Baptist Church

IT'S good to have this opportunity once again to inform you of what is happening within our fellowship.

We have been pretty busy with our church café on a Friday, what with our regular customers, and the boys from Carrick Academy and it is a real joy to see our customers satisfied.

If you haven't been to the café, please come along for a snack or a meal or even just a cup of tea and a chat.

The church is again going through a programme called The 40 Days of Purpose which is designed to show what we should be doing as a church, it's a very good programme covering many aspects of the church, again, if you would like to come along to one of our meetings, they take place on each Thursday evening at 7.30pm, you would be made very welcome.

We are currently holding a joint praise service with Maybole Parish Church on the last Sunday evening of each month at 6.30pm, with a cup of tea and time of fellowship after the service, these services are a real blessing as we worship together, as it not only boosts the singing, it gives us all a chance to get to know one another that bit better as we enjoy fellowship together.

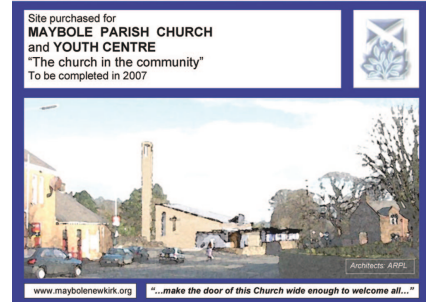
Again I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who feels they would like to join with us either at this service or any other service or meeting, you will be made most welcome.

If you would like to know more about anything concerning the church or what we do within the church, give me a ring on the number below.

The Women's Fellowship has now stopped for the summer but there are coffee evenings each month, and their session resumes in October.

Also the Carrick St. Kids Club has finished for the summer but will resume after the school holidays, so if you know of a youngster who would like to come along when it begins again, then please feel free to ask them to try the club.

Sunday - Church Services 11.30am & 6.30pm,



with Communion in the morning service each week.

Monday - Women's Fellowship - 7.30pm.

Wednesday - Carrick Street Kids Club - 6.30pm.

Thursday - Mid-week meeting for Prayer & Bible study - 7.30pm

Friday - Café, 11.30am. till 1.30pm.

Tom Barry - (Church Secretary). Tel. 01655 889508

Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's

HOLY Week and Easter services were well attended at Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's. The week began with Palm Sunday when the congregation, led by Fr. Stephen McGrattan, processed from the little grotto in front of the church house into the church, singing a hymn and waving their palm branches. Rumour had it that Fr. Stephen had been hoping to get hold of a donkey!

The Triduum began with the celebration of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday evening. The ceremony of the washing of the feet of twelve parishioners by Fr. Stephen was symbolic of the service everyone ought to show to others.

The young people of the parish did the readings and after the service the Church looked very bare with all signs of the presence of God and all ornamentation removed and the congregation again processing out of the Church into the hall, where silent prayer was held until 10 pm.

Good Friday saw a goodly crowd gather for the simple service of reading the Passion according to St. John, the veneration of the cross and Holy Communion. In the evening an ecumenical service of Stations of the Cross was well attended.

The highlight of the year, the Easter Vigil began on Holy Saturday at dusk, around 9.15pm. Everyone gathered in the hall and each person was given a candle, and then went outside to see the Paschal Candle being lit from the Easter fire.

As the people went into the darkened church, each candle was lit from the Paschal candle. The whole service was a mixture of darkness giving way to light, of death to new life.

The church was decorated for the first time in six weeks with beautifully arranged flowers in white and yellow colours. The cross which beforehand had been a sombre symbol draped in red, now stood bedecked with flowers and gold coloured vestments.

The music from the organ was joyful and accompanied by the ringing of the Church bell. At the end of the service, given that he had preached a homily, sung the Exultet and other parts of the Mass, it was surprising that Fr. Stephen still had a voice!

Easter Sunday morning saw record crowds with many children for whom the service had been specially arranged. The children participated in the ministries and the music - a notable addition to the music being drums which were ably and rousing played by a young parishioner.

We were privileged to welcome Bishop John Cunningham who celebrated Mass with Fr. Stephen whom he formally installed as Parish Priest. Afterwards, the children were rewarded with goodies in the form of chocolate.

All in all the week proved a very spiritual experience for priest and people.

Ellen Hawkes

St Oswald's

ON Sunday 2nd April we joined with the congregations of St John's, Girvan and Holy Trinity, Ayr, for a United Service in Ayr to bid farewell to our Team Rector, Revd David Jones, who has moved to a new job in Sunderland. A presentation of gifts and a cheque was made to the Rector on behalf of the three congregations. We hope our vacancy will not be too long and that our Vestries will soon be able to appoint a new Team Rector.

Members of our congregation enjoyed joining with friends from the other churches in Maybole for services during Holy Week. On Easter Day we were pleased to welcome a number of visitors to our 11.30am Eucharist.

On Sunday 30th April we joined with the congregation at St John's, Girvan, for a United Service in Girvan when our Diocesan Bishop, Rt Revd Dr Idris Jones, administered the sacrament of confirmation to one member from St Oswald's and one member from St John's.