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MAYBOLE BYPASS has officially started!

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 will go down as a momentous day in the history of Maybole and North Carrick.

That was when work began on a bypass for Maybole with Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, on-site near Smithston Bridge to cut the first sod in a ground-breaking ceremony.

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Straiton ...

A group of local villagers in Straiton have been meeting to support matters relating to the environment of Straiton and the surrounding area for the benefit of its residents and many visitors.



Over the last year, projects have included planning new stone planters at entrances to the village and removing graffiti from Hunter-Blair Monument. Recently, the group has carried out surveys on the condition of paths and benches around the five Straiton walks. Other improvements could include improved signage, new picnic benches and repairs to the monument. The group has applied to the Calor community fund for support under the project heading of 'Straiton Paths Improvement'. Supporters can vote for the project through www.calor.co.uk/communityfund.

There was a public meeting held after Ayrshire Roads Alliance had consulted with the community over proposals for a 20mph speed limit through the village. It was clear from the comments of the community that, although in favour of the 20 speed limit, there was no need for the restrictions proposed through chicanes and multiple signs which were not thought to be in keeping with the nature of a conservation village. It was agreed that the 30mph limit signs would be moved further out and that 20mph signs would be installed with red blaze marking on the entrances to the village.



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Board meetings 2019:

- AGM - 26th June 2019
- 21st August 2019

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Your voice matters...

We would like all communities in North Carrick and individuals to get involved with the production of this publication. This is YOUR newsletter, so please use it to your benefit.



We want to encourage everyone to contribute. We also welcome your comments and thoughts on the newsletter as well as any ideas on what you would like to see more of (or less). This is our sixth issue and we want to ensure the newsletter grows from strength to strength but we cannot achieve this without the participation of our readers and advertisers.

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MAYBOLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE LONG SERVICE OF **PETER MASON**

At their March meeting, Maybole Community Council made a special presentation to a member who celebrates 25 years on the community council this year. Mark Fletcher, current chair, said, "The current members were delighted to recognise the long service of Peter Mason who moved to live in the town in the early 1990s.

Mr Fletcher thanked Peter for his long service and commitment to Maybole and reminded members of some of the work Peter had been involved in.

"As well as the Bypass Committee," he said, "Peter led two very significant organisations.

"The two groups were South Ayrshire Community Councils' Forum and also the Carrick Community Councils' Forum which saw all the rural communities of Carrick come together to work collectively on a number of projects.

"Peter was also one of the representatives involved in negotiating with energy companies for the community benefit from any wind farms that were built in the area, and the area currently benefits from the Dersalloch wind farm.

"Aside from this, Peter is still a director of May-Tag Ltd which is a community company that saw the delivery of employment programmes and a community advice centre that helped local residents maximise income potential etc. for many years.



"More recently, Peter was involved with the delivery of the Maybole 500 project which celebrated the burgh status of Maybole; this involved putting on events such as a lantern parade and fireworks, jousting at the Glebe, a large Burns supper and a whole year of other activities."

Mr Fletcher then presented Peter with a flower bowl for the house with the inscription, "Presented to Peter Mason for his Passionate & Unwavering long service to Maybole Community Council and South Ayrshire."



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Maybole Pipe Band celebrated 25 years of friendship with the German community of Urmitz, recently.

Urmitz is some five miles downstream, on the banks of the River Rhine, from the German city of Koblenz and band members travel there every year to perform in carnival parades during the “Rosemontag” festival. The band has performed in these carnivals every year since 1994 and made great friendships with the town and its people with whom they are invited to stay.

As well as Urmitz, band members have played in parades in more than six other neighbouring towns in the Rhine area.

To celebrate the anniversary, Mayor Norbert Bahl had invited the band members with their host parents and representatives of various local groups to a celebration lunch where he presented the band members with gifts to mark the occasion. Our photo shows a new medal struck for the occasion.

After the mayor’s welcome, Manfred Kuhn, who was mayor of the village in 1994, briefly reviewed the history of the friendship with Edward Nocker translating. The importance of sadly deceased Peter Carey in the origins of the links was emphasised.

The band had taken gifts for their hosts and presented Mayor Bahl with a quaich. As a sign of friendship, of course, afterwards there was some drink shared from the quaich.

After having lunch together, there was a full programme of entertainment. Hans Toni Fink sang Scottish songs in his specially tailored kilt and he was supported by Maybole’s Emily Hastings.

Highlights included the Mariech Dance by Kea Ahlfeld and Maybole Pipe Band.

Many parents of today's band members were in Urmitz as teenagers 25 years ago.



St. Cuthbert's Primary ...

The pupils and staff of St. Cuthbert's Primary School were delighted to have been awarded a grant at the Maybole and North Carrick Decision Day. This will help to provide swimming lessons for the whole school next session.

One P4 pupil, Grace Murdoch, made her Sacrament of Confirmation and is pictured with Bishop Nolan at the Cathedral in Ayr.

Pupils have been attending Crosne Street on a weekly basis, enjoying spending time and playing board games with the residents.

Well done to the pupils of St. Cuthbert's who participated in the local swimming gala!



Kirkmichael and Straiton Primaries ...



Kirkmichael Primary School's Early Years Centre had a very successful visit from 'Fun with Food' sessions. These sessions have encouraged the children to try new foods.

The primary 4-7 children from Kirkmichael and Straiton Primary Schools took part in the Active Schools triathlon at Girvan. They all showed off their skills in swimming, running and cycling in the lovely sunshine!

Kirkmichael Primary and Straiton Primary had great fun at the Maidens Tournament, where they showed off their talents in netball and football.

Kirkmichael Primary took part in The Big Pedal. Pupils got to cycle, scoot or walk around the village.

Primary 5-7s headed to Inverclyde Sports Centre for their residential trip this year. It was an extremely busy three days of gymnastics, cycling, kayaking, dodgeball and tennis! Not forgetting an 'Inverclyde Olympics' to finish. They also had the opportunity to spend time with children from other schools while walking to the beach and enjoying the sunset, as well as the disco on the final evening.



The pupils of Straiton Primary School have raised a fantastic £385 for their chosen charity RNLI. They took part in a sponsored cross country run around the village and the pupils, joined by staff and parents, ran distances of up to 9.6KM in order to raise as much money as they could. The children are looking forward to a visit to the local RNLI lifeboat station.



LOCALITY PLANNING REPORT

from Sharron Connolly, Community Engagement Officer.

Over the past few months your Locality Planning Group (LPG) has been busy organising and delivering the Participatory Budgeting Decision Day event and planning for the roll out of the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative.

We aim to support our priorities of Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness and Promoting Good Mental Health through this initiative. At present we are working in partnership with representatives from Alzheimer Scotland, Education, local senior citizens' groups and services around the planning and delivery of the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative. You may have seen the dementia questionnaire in the last edition of this newsletter; the responses from this will be used to help shape the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative. With this in mind, the LPG would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete and return this questionnaire.

It is our hope that a Dementia Friendly Community will help to support our community members living with dementia to feel included and remain a valued part of our community for as long as possible. It is hoped that having the chance to maintain personal independence will help to promote positive mental wellbeing and feelings of community inclusion and in turn reduce social isolation and loneliness. By raising awareness of dementia locally, we hope to reduce any stigma by providing information, training and advice to local residents and businesses. Although we are in the early stages of developing this, everyone at the LPG is looking forward to working in partnership with local services and groups to help deliver this initiative. After all: If we get it right for people with dementia, we get it right for everyone!

The above is an example of the type of work being carried out at present by your Locality Planning Group. Interested in becoming involved? We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month 10am – 12 noon in the Carrick Centre, Maybole. Anyone living, working, studying or volunteering in Maybole & North Carrick villages is welcome. Come and use your voice!

Any further information required please contact Sharron Connolly, Community Engagement Officer, on sharron.connolly@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Sharron Connolly



Our Overarching Local Priorities are:

- Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness
- Promoting Good Mental Health
- Tackling Drug and Alcohol Issues
- Access to services
- Information about local health and social care provision

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Last year, Maybole Memorial Park Bowling Club received funding through a “Decision Day” event.

Peter McArthur told us, “The grant funding was used to purchase sets of junior bowls so that young boys and girls wishing to try out the sport had bowls specifically designed for junior players. The funding was also used to purchase Target Mats – used to aid the clubs coaching sessions. Since the purchase of the equipment, the club has organised coaching sessions run weekly over 12 weeks for young boys and girls aged 16 and under. These children were also supported by the local schools to attend our coaching sessions. On average, 16 boys and girls attended each week and six of these young boys and girls have since become members of our club. We also held ‘introduction to bowls’ sessions for 10 young boys and girls with additional learning needs. The bowling equipment has also been used to help us run an ‘adult/junior’ pairs competition which attracted over 16 pairs.

“In addition, the club now has over 20 juniors aged 14 and under as well as 12 others aged under 25 years. The funding allowed the club to organise more ‘introduction to bowling’ events and coaching sessions. Two of our young members have since participated in local and regional competitions and

have also been chosen to play in the Scottish Juniors.



“This year not only do we have weekly coaching sessions planned for our young members but we also have nine weekly ‘introduction to bowling’ sessions organised with our three local schools. These sessions have helped bring generations together with young members being supported by older adult members.”



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Positive signs for North Carrick

Report from Development Officer, Stuart Lindsay

My first three months in the job have shown me that there is plenty of energy in most of the villages and lots of ideas for improving each area. I'm looking forward to working with communities to turn ideas into projects and then to get the money that's needed to implement those projects. So far, I've attended meetings of each of the five community councils and met with community groups across most of North Carrick. The exceptions are Kirkoswald, Maidens, Turnberry and Crosshill. So, if you're from one of those villages and you want to make improvements, please contact me.

One priority has been to work with Dunure – building on work that has been done by Councillor Iain Campbell to bring improvements to the village. I've met with people in Dunure and council staff and it seems clear that there is some momentum for change in the village. One of the first things that needs to be done is to follow up on the proposed project to resurface parts of the harbour side. NCCBC has allocated £57,000 for the project and South Ayrshire Waste and Environment Trust £5,000. Unfortunately, an application for the rest of the money was unsuccessful. Now I'm keen to work with the Harbour Committee to try to find other match funding.

Another main priority is the work that I've been doing with Kirkmichael Village Renaissance. Following several meetings and various drafts, they now have a fairly comprehensive business case for the proposed new village shop and café. That document will help the community to raise the money they need for the next phase of the project. They'll be working with architects and engineers to get the project up to full planning application stage. At the same time, the community needs to do a bit more work on the business case to turn it into a full business plan. A strong business plan will be essential if Kirkmichael is going to raise the amount of money required to build the new shop.

Another village with a lot of ideas is Straiton and I'm

hoping to work with the Environmental Group and others there to turn some of those ideas into reality.

As all of you who are active in your communities will know, there is always too much to do and not enough people to do it! An obvious way to solve the problem is just to get more people involved! That's easier said than done but let me ask you this: if you're not yet involved in any projects in your community, and can spare a bit of time, can you contact me to see if there's a way you can help?



Another way to solve the work versus resources puzzle is to make sure that we don't waste time. With that in mind, I'm encouraging communities to think about all of the things they want to get done in their villages and to gather information about all of those things into one place. The aim is to create a programme of projects that the community wants to implement. Then we'll do a bit more work on prioritising the projects and getting them costed.

These "community programmes" are our next step on from the new Community Action Plans – helping to turn plans into action. They will help when it comes to raising funds.

Just as importantly, if all of the people who are working for the community "get with the programme" then it will be easier to co-ordinate effort and reduce wasted time. We've started the process in Dunure with their programme of 18 projects and I'm looking forward to working in the same kind of way with other communities in the area.

Now is a great time to make progress in North Carrick. NCCBC is working towards using its funds more strategically; South Ayrshire Council seems to be keen to work with the villages; plus each community has a new Action Plan to help focus efforts.

Please contact me if you want to be part of it or even if you just want to know more about what's happening: stuart.northcarrick@gmail.com

Easter at the Carrick Centre



Andrea Hutchison, Centre Manager, told us, "We at The Carrick Centre were delighted at the success of the Easter Holiday Programme; hosting the event and working in partnership with both CLD and North Carrick Community Sports Hub was a pleasure."



"Our thanks must also go to Carrick Academy and Cash for Kids who kindly donated an Easter Egg for every child. The team supported over 130 children who participated in a wide range of pursuits available over the two week period. Sports, arts and crafts, cooking classes, crochet and felting were just a few of the activities on offer."

"The response was overwhelming and a joy to watch, a fantastic resource to have within our community. As a result, we are now about to launch the Summer Programme 2019. Four weeks of fun commencing Monday 8th July offering hours of interactive play, cooking, street art, crafts and all with a healthy lunch to ensure the children keep their energy levels up."



Keep an eye on our website - www.carrickcentre.co.uk - as more details will be coming soon."

Ronnie Sinclair, Community Learning & Development Team Leader, added, "Through joint planning between The Carrick Centre, Community Learning & Development,

the North Carrick Sports Hub and Active Schools, partners joined forces to offer the young people of Maybole and North Carrick villages a programme of exciting activities during the school Easter holidays.

"Such was the high attendance and success of the Easter programme that plans are now well under way for an even bigger and better programme for over the summer holidays. This is an excellent example of a range of organisations coming together to deliver a fantastic programme of activities for the local communities of Maybole and North Carrick."

Summer Programme

After the success of the Easter Holiday programme, The Carrick Centre is delighted to once again host and work in partnership with both Community Learning and Development and North Carrick Community Sports Hub.

As part of the Summer Programme the centre will donate 110 hours of let space at a community rate of £15 per hour as well as 48 hours of manpower to provide setup, housekeeping and support throughout the programme. In addition, as part of the opportunities available, they will also offer four cooking sessions a week with a tutor providing 3½ hours per class, giving an additional 56 hours donated. They are looking at an alternative



funder to cover the cost of the food for the cooking classes.

Andrea Hutchison told us, "During these periods we will also provide a healthy lunch for all children attending. The free Workshops on offer will include Cooking, Sports and Arts and Crafts and the number of places available are 80 on Mondays; 20 on Tuesdays (cover by TCC or alternative funding stream) and 65 on both Thursdays and Fridays."

For more information contact The Carrick Centre on **01655 883222** or at www.carrickcentre.co.uk



Maybole Bypass has officially started!

Work began on a bypass for Maybole on Wednesday 22nd May when Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, was on-site near Smithston Bridge to cut the first sod.



Left: Peter Mason – sometimes, especially when you’ve worked tirelessly for over 20 years on a project, you need to take a wee rest!

Centre - left to right: Peter Mason, David Kiltie and Mark Fletcher point to the planned roundabouts.

Following public consultation they will be named Smithston, Culzean and Crossraguel.



Right: Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity



Mr Matheson said, “I am delighted to be here today to mark the start of this project which has been long awaited, particularly by the local community.

“The project will deliver benefits for both road users and the local community and builds upon the significant investment already delivered across ten improvement projects on the A75 and A77 since 2007.

“The Scottish Government is committed to having a safer and more efficient transport network and the start of work today is another step forward to delivering this for the people of Scotland.”

Jeane Freeman MSP added, “I was absolutely thrilled to have attended today’s official sod cutting ceremony for the Maybole Bypass. It truly was brilliant to see the good folks of



Jeane autographs a bypass poster

the Maybole Bypass Committee front and centre. Talk of the “phantom bypass” can now stop, thanks to the tireless efforts of this group which has seen this significant infrastructure project come to fruition.

“This is a truly fantastic day for Maybole. A huge thank you and well done to Peter Mason and the Bypass Committee again. I look forward to seeing this progress and the opportunities for Maybole High Street that will follow.”

Peter Mason, chair of the Bypass Committee, said, “Today’s sod cutting marks a date in history for Maybole.

“As chairperson of Maybole Bypass Committee, there are many people whom I feel should be thanked. Can I start by thanking the Roads Minister, Michael Matheson, for attending today’s sod cutting ceremony and Jeane Freeman for all of her work in achieving the bypass. Thanks, also, to our three local councillors and South Ayrshire Council.”

“Maybole Bypass Committee members,” he continued, “have worked tirelessly over the years and I must not forget the stalwarts of the of the Bypass Committee who are no longer with us. My thanks go to all of them. My biggest thanks must go to the people of Maybole who backed us the whole way.

“In recent months, I have heard the words ‘a phantom bypass’ being used by some people. Today’s event will hopefully put an end to all of the rumours and the doubters.

“This is now a time for the people of Maybole to pull together for the good of the town whose future is now looking a lot brighter.”



Diggers move in after the ceremony

SWIMMING GALA

At the recent North Carrick schools' swimming gala, Cairn Primary finished as overall winners and they also won the Girls Relay.

Gardenrose Primary won the Boys Relay and Fisherton Primary won the Best Village competition. Cairn last won the competition in 1996. The gala was organised by Maybole Amateur Swimming Club and sponsored by Carrick Round Table. Medals and trophies were presented by Hugh Simpson.



Cairn Primary



Cairn Primary



Gardenrose Primary



Fisherton Primary

Action planned for Maybole and North Carrick

Community Action Plans have now been drawn up for the whole of North Carrick and our next issue will feature these in depth.



A Community Action Plan is a road map for implementing community change by identifying and specifying WHAT will be done, WHO will do it and HOW it will be done. It describes what a community wants to accomplish, what activities are required during a specified time period and what resources (money, people and materials) are needed for it to be successful.

Meanwhile, here is a list of priorities identified by the recent consultations.

Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael - More community events utilising local facilities; Protect and enhance wildlife habitats in the villages; Opportunities for socialising between young people in different communities; Improved Local Retail Offer; Improve the playparks in each village, Better cycling and walking infrastructure; Increased traffic safety and road improvements, and Improve public transport.

Dunure - Improved use of outdoor space, activities, making use of the waterfront; More clubs, festivals and community events; Improve the look of the villages, particularly the Harbour; Improvements to the school itself, extend and green the playground; Facilities and improvements to Kennedy Park; Traffic calming and road improvements and Tourism Destination Development.

Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry - More activities for families and young people and more community initiatives and events; Protect and enhance the natural environment with a focus on wildlife, habitats and scenic views; Better marketing of the area and its businesses; Disabled access improvements, increased traffic safety, road and public space improvements and Making the most of local area including existing and new facilities enhancements.

Maybole - More activities and community events; Improve the appearance of the town; Encourage new, local businesses; Upgrade the play park and skate park; Champion safer roads for walking and cycling and Improve leisure and sports facilities.

Minishant - Improve the appearance of Minishant and make it more environmentally friendly; More community events, involving more people; Improved Play Parks and Play Areas; Improve the woods for activities; Pub, community café, or a social space for all of the community; Traffic Calming and Car Parking; Better Quality and More Leisure Facilities.



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AMBITION can help you whatever stage you're at on your business journey - whether you've got an idea to start something new, are in the early stages of setting up or are already well established. It also supports every type of business.

The programme includes:

- **Ambition to Achieve** which offers you access to a range of business experts who can give you all the support and advice you need to get going, including sales and marketing, finance, digital, procurement and management development
- **Ambition to Start** which aims to get your business up and running, with grants up to a maximum of £1,000 to cover start up costs
- **Ambition to Grow** discretionary grant funding of up to £5,000 to help businesses deliver projects that create employment opportunities.



Ambition achieved - Kevin Rae in his restaurant, Austins

The AMBITION programme helped Kevin Rae fulfil a lifelong ambition to open his own restaurant. Having worked as a chef for over 25 years, Kevin opened Austins in his hometown of Girvan.

"Starting up your own business can be overwhelming, especially if - like me - you're doing it completely by yourself," explains Kevin.

"It was such a relief having my Business Adviser on hand to point me in the right direction on a whole range of issues and offer sound advice. It was like having a friend on the other end of the phone during quite a stressful time."

"I also received an AMBITION Start-Up grant which I used to help renovate the property. I'm now fulfilling my dream of providing a quality dining venue for local people."



Ambition achieved - Scott Wilson is growing his rural business, Ailsa Wood products

Ailsa Wood Products in Old Dailly also benefited from the AMBITION programme which helped the business expand its facilities and increase its number of local employees.

Managing Director Scott Wilson explains: *"Our expansion plans were centred on building an onsite sawmill, but to do this we needed to have access to power. With the daily demands of running the business, it was difficult for me to devote time to research funding opportunities. My Business Gateway Adviser was more than willing to help. He drew up a proposal on how the AMBITION programme could support our growth and facilitated everything for us."*

Ailsa Wood Products was awarded an AMBITION Growth Grant towards the provision of a power supply, allowing the sawmill facility to go ahead.

Scott continues: *"The people we dealt with via AMBITION did everything possible to support us. We're delighted to have achieved our own business ambition, while contributing to rural growth in our area."*

If you've got the ambition to run your own business or take your business to the next stage, visit ambitionprogramme.co.uk or call 01292 616 349.



'Cairn children awarded with the Bronze Arts Award – First primary school in Scotland!'

During the Spring Term, children in P6/7 at Cairn Primary School had the unique opportunity to work with Robbie Gordon (Creative Learning Coordinator - Gaiety Theatre) with the ultimate goal of achieving the Bronze Arts Award from the Trinity College, London.

This was a pilot project funded fully by the Robertson Trust and lasted six exciting weeks. The children had opportunities to learn alongside a range of arts professionals such as lighting technicians, actors, directors and theatre designers.

Children engaged in creative learning tasks including script writing, set painting and lighting design which culminated in a performance to their peers to share their hard work.

After a successful visit from an assessor from the Trinity College, London, 20 Cairn pupils became the first primary school children in Scotland to achieve the Bronze Level Arts Award.

Cairn Primary...

Maidens Tournament

Recently, Cairn Primary took part in the annual tournament at Maidens Primary school. It was a fantastic event with both the netball and football teams showing great skills and sportsmanship. The netball teams played extremely well finishing in third place and our amazing football team were extremely proud to bring home the football cup this year after many years. Well done to all who took part.



Foodie Fridays

This year the pupils have all had the opportunity to complete some cooking lessons with one of our teachers. This is a fantastic opportunity for small groups and every child in the school has had the chance to make some healthy and tasty treats and learn some skills for life.



Bowls

Primary 5/6/7 had the opportunity to take part in some bowling sessions this term with the players of Maybole Memorial Bowling Club. The members organised lots of games and activities for our pupils to participate in and it was an excellent afternoon session. We will be putting all our skills to the test when we take part in a bowling competition.



Daily Mile

This year we have been participating every day in The Daily Mile initiative. Pupils have been out in the playground completing laps to increase their fitness. On a Tuesday and Friday we complete the Daily Mile with the whole school, even the nursery children join us outside for some healthy fun.

Primary Relays

Primary 5/6/7 went to Dam Park Stadium to attend the primary relay competition. It was a great day with all pupils trying their best and having lots of fun.



Orienteering

We have been practising our orienteering this session and have been attending the Ayrshire Orienteering training events. We went to Belleisle first where we practised our skills and got some pointers from Ayrshire Orienteering club members. We then went to Eglinton park for a proper competition and had a great day out. The teams worked really hard together and all learned lots. Layla and Rhys were also placed third in their category. Well done to all who took part and thank you to Ayrshire Orienteering Club for the opportunity.





Community groups in Maybole and North Carrick Villages are celebrating their funding success

Sixteen community groups applied for new funding to support their work and over 200 residents attended a "Decision Day" event, held in Maybole Town Hall on 23rd March, to vote for the ones they felt should receive funding. Unfortunately, not all were successful; 12 were fully funded, one was partially funded and three were unsuccessful but will be offered advice on other funders.

Organised by the Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning Group, the event was part of a drive to get people actively involved in local decision making known as 'Participatory Budgeting'.

There was £12,000 available and groups could apply for up to £1,000. Voting was open to everyone 10 years old and over who lives, works, volunteers or studies in Crosshill, Dunure, Fisherton, Kirkmichael, Kirkoswald, Maidens, Maybole, Minishant, Straiton or Turnberry.

Douglas Campbell, Leader of South Ayrshire Council, said this latest event was helping to get valuable projects off the ground, "Bringing people together to support each other and their community is what these events are all about.

"Through these events, we are helping local volunteers establish networks where they can join with others to develop more initiatives which could benefit residents even further.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the locality planning group for organising the event and for everyone who turned out to support the latest decision day for Maybole and North Carrick."

The money was provided by South Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership and South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

Depute Provost William Grant added, "This was an excellent organised event which was very well attended by the people from the town and villages of North Carrick. There were many worthwhile projects, and I found that the market stall concept allows organisations to inform everyone about what they do and why they are seeking funding."

Mark Fletcher chairs the funding sub group for the Locality Planning Group and he said, "The event was very well attended and the atmosphere in the main hall was very relaxed with stall holders and voters enjoying the experience.

"The event being a market stall gave everyone the opportunity to talk to the groups looking for funding on a one to one basis whilst also giving the stall holders/groups the chance to talk to each other and network.

"Very often at this type of event, the groups find common interests and are able to form new working relationships and this helps in building the capacity of the community at large and can often attract new volunteers.

"We hope that the groups which didn't secure funding this time, although they will feel disappointed, have gained something from the experience and made some new contacts for moving forward and we wish them every success with their projects and future funding applications."

Groups who were fully funded were:

Children's Gift Aid £1,000

To help purchase gifts to be used in our Gift Aid Initiative. No child should go without at Christmas and we work with local partner agencies to ensure that the children of Maybole and North Carrick can wake up on Christmas day to a gift under their tree.



Maybole Senior Citizens Indoor Bowling Club £1,000

Indoor short mat bowling group aimed at providing all senior citizens within our local community and villages the opportunity to participate in the sport of indoor bowling. Funding is required to support the continuation of this group.



Crosne Street Sheltered Housing £850

We would like to purchase some additional resources to help our residents maintain contact with family members via skype, participate in activities such as games and armchair exercises. The purchase of a smart TV will give us access to online materials and apps to carry these out. The games will support our intergeneration work when the local nursery visits.



South Ayrshire Dementia Support Association (SADSA) £1,000

We have recently opened a Day Care Centre in Maybole for those living with memory impairment and provide activities, outings and friendship to people living with memory impairment through to advanced stages of dementia. We also provide carers support. Funding is required to support the transportation of our clients to our centre.



Crossroads £1,000 Crossroads provide respite and time off for people (carers) who are providing 24/7 care for a relative or friend at home. These people can be caring for someone who suffers from a range of serious physical or mental illnesses including dementia in its various forms. Our care attendants enable the carer to take time out to re-energise and re-set. Funding will go towards providing individual care support packages of five hours per carer.



Carrick Centre: Panto Project £1,000

The Panto Project aims to provide opportunities for young people in P7 from Maybole schools to develop new skills, build connections and friendships with other young people from the area and promote the benefits of peer support which can also improve their overall wellbeing and social connectedness. Funding will go towards the overall cost of running this project.



Carrick Rugby: Mini/Micro Rugby Development £882

This project is aimed at children who are aged 5 – 11 years attending Carrick Cluster Primary Schools with an interest in playing rugby. Currently we do not have any size-appropriate equipment for our mini-micro section which limits our training and development opportunities. The funds requested would be used to buy this equipment which will be used for future generations to continue the rugby legacy in Carrick.



RecoveryAyr £950

RecoveryAyr supports a local community group of individuals in recovery from substance misuse and supporters of recovery through two drop-in sessions a week in Maybole. This has been effective for our group members and we would like to continue to provide our support sessions, develop these further by providing holistic and creative input to our sessions and widen out the work we already do across North Carrick. This funding will allow us to do this.



South Ayrshire Escape from Homelessness: Helping Older People Engage (HOPE) Project £1,000

The aim of the HOPE service is to enable adults who are over 55 years to make informed choices about their housing, support and care needs. The HOPE service will deliver person-centred support in North Carrick locality to help individuals to sustain independence and support them to access relevant services. Funding would pay for travel expenses, administration, advertising and go towards staffing costs.



St Cuthbert's Primary school £1,000

To help fund swimming lessons for all our pupils. Health and wellbeing are of great importance to us at St. Cuthbert's primary school and we want all our pupils to become confident individuals who have shared many experiences, both within the classroom and outwith. This funding will enable us to provide all our pupils with such an opportunity, giving them a greater appreciation and experience of learning to swim.



Carrick Senior Citizens Lunch Club: Dementia Friendly Community Initiative £998.80

The aim of this project is to promote Dementia Awareness to all communities within Maybole and North Carrick so that our community members with dementia can feel safe, secure, supported, understood and included whilst accessing support groups/services/ shops/community establishments

etc. This in turn will support people living with or caring for someone with dementia to continue to be as independent as possible for as long as possible. Funding will cover Dementia Friendly training for local businesses/

community groups and materials as well as a dementia-friendly logo, promotional and information materials.



Dunure Youth Club £1,000

The young people of Dunure Youth Club would like to have the opportunity to build their confidence and learn a new sport. They identified this sport as skiing and would use this funding to pay for a block of ski lessons at Newmilns Ski Centre where they will learn to ski as well as work towards gaining a recognised sports award in skiing.



One group was partially funded:

Mindful Maybole £319 (applied for £1,000). Promoting Mindfulness training and practice as a way of reducing stress and improving emotional health and well-being. We aim to make high quality mindfulness training accessible and relevant to all ages within the communities of Maybole and North Carrick and seek funding to help deliver introductory workshop sessions and customised mindfulness course.



Unsuccessful groups were:

Carrick Complementary Therapies £800

To provide holistic therapies within a community setting to support the management of existing health conditions such as Dementia, Anxiety and Depression to name a few.



1st Crosshill Guides £965 -

To purchase new resources and materials for delivering the new Guiding programme which helps our members to develop new friendships, skills, confidence and participate in outdoor activities.



Ayr Gaiety Partnership: ACTout!

£1,000 - ACTout! Maybole aims to increase confidence, wellbeing, resilience and social skills amongst the young people of North Carrick by delivering free to access fun, energetic, creative weekly youth theatre sessions. To make this possible funding is required to cover the running costs of the group.





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Gardenrose Primary ...

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This was funded from the Confucius Hub which enabled the school's Mandarin teacher Miss Lili along with Lyndsay Guidi from Home Cook School to deliver workshops showcasing how to make traditional

Chinese dishes such as spring rolls and dumplings. Everyone involved in the project has enjoyed it and they are looking forward to future workshops.



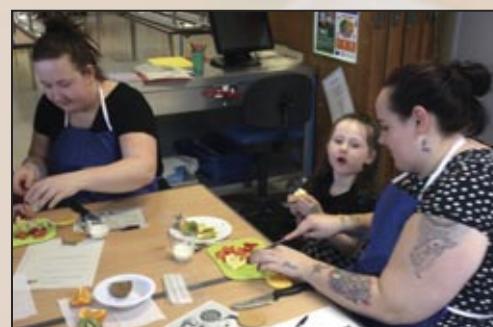
Homecook School


As part of their school improvement plan to develop food and nutrition education throughout the school, Gardenrose Primary School were successful in receiving funding from Food for Thought. This enabled them to buy lots of cooking equipment such as cookers and utensils. They worked in partnership with local company Home Cook School to deliver cooking lessons to the pupils. The focus of the lessons were cooking healthy meals based on locally sourced produce such as lamb from Dalduff Farm and Carrick Coastal honey. The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and look forward to trying out the recipes at home!



Mini Munchers

As part of their family learning programme, Gardenrose Early Years staff have been delivering mini muncher sessions with parents and their children. Everyone has enjoyed having the opportunity to make healthy snacks.







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Wed 7th August Ailsa Craig/Fishing Trip
Mon 12th August Bowls Night Kirkmichael
Fri 16th - Sun 18th Aug The Granite Games-National Sporting Weekend, Aberdeen
Fri 23rd-25th August Round Table World Meeting Romania including Draculas Castle Party
Sat 31st August Family BBQ & Fun Day
Sun 8th Sept Speedway Night Glasgow Tigers v Edinburgh Monarchs
Wed 18th Sept Pub Meal and Meeting with Newton Stewart RT
Fri 3rd - Sun 5th Oct Troon Beer Festival
Fri 11th & Sat 12th Oct Hartlepool Beer Festival
Fri 18th - Fri 25th Oct Maybole Charity Shop Week
Fri 1st Nov Hypertrax Night, East Kilbride
Sun 10th Nov Remembrance Parade
Wed 20th Nov Sleigh Preparation Night
Mon 2nd - Fri 14th Dec Santa's Sleigh

Events 2020

Sat 4th Jan New Year Tabler Pub Meal & Night
Sat 25th January Bar Young Farmers Burns Supper, Maybole Town Hall
Sat 1st February National Burns Supper & Tabler Meeting Dumfries House, Cumnock
Mon 16th February Curling Night
Saturday 7th March National Presidents Ball, Carlisle
2nd to 4th May National Conference Chelmsford incl. Music Festival & Oktoberfest Events

Further events to follow/dates subject to change.



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Fisherton

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Fisherton Primary will be running masterclasses on a Wednesday afternoon from September to December. These masterclasses will aim to teach the pupils some traditional crafting skills.

We're looking for some local crafters to help us deliver these masterclasses. If you would be interested in volunteering your skills please contact Helen Hamilton.

Email: helen.hamilton@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

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Fisherton Festival

Our school summer fete will be held on the school grounds of Fisherton Primary from 12.00pm -2.00pm on Tuesday 25th June. There will be crafts, plants and refreshments available to purchase as well as a range of games and activities to enjoy. All welcome.

Trip to Edinburgh

P67 enjoyed a trip to Edinburgh and tour of the Scottish Parliament. This was the perfect end to their politics topic. They thoroughly enjoyed their journey on the train, exploring the city and asking many questions on their tour of the parliament building.

School Swimming Gala

Fisherton Primary were delighted to win the village shield at the annual school swimming gala.



Margot and Caroline Johnston who has managed the pet shop for the past 15 years.

The Pet Food Co is celebrating 20 years of trading this year.

Margot Hendrie and Leslie Mc Fadzean opened the pet shop at 27 High Street in Maybole in 1999 to complement their existing business at Merkland Farm Feeds. Margot said, "as Maybole had no dedicated pet shop I thought we could provide a pleasant environment for our customers to purchase all their pet food and pet supplies in a convenient high street location."

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Gardenrose Primary's P4-7 School Musical - The Rosies Award Show

This was a fantastic show by Gardenrose pupils and featured hits from famous musicals including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, High School Musical, We Will Rock You, Sound of Music, Mary Poppins, Oliver and The Greatest Showman.





Peter Mason tries out one of the new benches at the Greenside accompanied by his wife Senga and Mark Fletcher.

New benches installed around Maybole

Mark Fletcher, chair of Maybole Community Council, said, "We would like to say a big 'thank you' to South Ayrshire Council for helping us to get new benches installed at the Greenside, the Town Hall and at the War Memorial."

Local residents in Maybole and surrounding villages had been asked to vote on priorities for their communities and funding was provided by Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning Group and North Carrick Community Benefit Company who are funded by the ScottishPower Renewables windfarm at Dersalloch.

The five local community councils were offered the funds for projects that the people of their town or village could all benefit from. Maybole Community Council put forward the idea of benches and four other small projects. The five options were put out for a vote at an event in the town hall where people could also talk about other projects and ideas for the town, which could help inform an action plan for the next five years.

Mr Fletcher added, "The benches project was the most popular idea and the intention is to mark 100 years of the guns falling silent at the end of WW1 and to ensure we never forget the sacrifice made by so many at that time. Please take the time to sit and ponder."

Priorities chosen by local residents in the villages were:

- Crosshill** New play equipment at the park;
- Kirkmichael** Funding for the Gala;
- Kirkoswald** New planters around the village;



Bikers make a recent stop off at Kirkmichael

Staffordshire bikers taking advantage of the current café in the village. Kirkmichael Village Renaissance have received support from NCCBC for their new larger, better and more viable community shop and café.

- Maidens** Complete the next section of the shore footpath from bridge to harbour;
- Minishant** New Christmas lights;
- Straiton** New planters around the village;
- Turnberry** To work with Maidens on the footpaths at Maidens shore.
- Dunure** Still to organise consultation.

Kirkmichael ...

The new large milking parlour at Auchenairney Farm, just before you get to Kirkmichael, is well advanced and negotiations with the community council over its precise position are self-evidently vindicated as it is far less overbearing than it would have been had it been erected in its original position.

Tenders have now been received by Kirkmichael Village Renaissance for the design team for the new community shop and a team appointed subject to funding being made available. A business case has been put together with help from Stuart Lindsay of NCCBC and grant aid is being actively sought. The selected firm is ARPL Architects who also carried out the initial Feasibility Study.

Ayrshire Housing is currently negotiating to purchase land on the east edge of the village to build additional social housing.

Ayrshire Roads Alliance is in the process of a three village wide consultation on traffic calming measures which is going well.

Lodge St. John No. 11 Annual Burns Supper



Back L - R - Paul Gray, Brian Scobie, John Wason, Alistair Hastings.
Front L - R - Hugh McNeilly, Tony Barton, John Shirkie, Gus Geddes.

Lodge St. John No. 11's annual Burns Supper was a roaring success. The bill o' fare was provided by David Mackay.

The ongoing of the night were hosted by RWM Tony Barton and the chairman was PM Alistair Hastings.

Artists were Brian Scobie - Holy Willie's Prayer and Willie Wastle; PM John Shirkie, Tarbolton - Immortal Memory; Bro Hugh McNeilly, Tarbolton - Toast to the Lassies; PM Bobby Green - Tam O'Shanter; PM John Wason, Dailly - Address to the Haggis; Bro Gus Geddes - Willie brewed a peck o maut; PM David Anderson - songs and Bro Paul Gray, RA198 - piper.

The company enjoyed what was described by many as the best Burns Supper they had attended in the company of St. John No. 11.

LIFE on the road



South Ayrshire Life
is coming to a town near you!

Your community information service has a website, a Freephone helpline and a drop-in centre in Newmarket Street, Ayr, but now there's a new way for local people to tap in to all the groups, activities and support available in the area.

You can now pop in and speak to someone from South Ayrshire Life at Straiton Village Hall on the second Monday of every month from 10am to 1pm. And they're at Maybole Library on the second and fourth Monday of every month from 2pm to 4pm.

To find out more about South Ayrshire Life or to add your group's details to the website, please visit www.southayrshirelife.org, call the team on Freephone 0800 432 0510 or text 07713 009 306.



Carrick Rugby club were busy during their Easter training camp



Katy Gaffney, wife of this year's President William Gaffney, throws the first jack

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Maybole Over Fifties Group held its annual Easter Bonnet competition in The Speakers.

The winners were

Children's Bonnet - 1st Tyler Stitt : 2nd Olivia Campbell
Children's Decorated Egg - 1st Tyler Stitt: 2nd Lana Stitt

Adult Bonnet - 1st Anne Walker: 2nd Frances Murray
Adult Egg - 1st Frances Murray: 2nd Drew Murray



Introducing Ambitious for Ayrshire and the Primary Care Improvement Plan

Introducing our Primary Care Transformation Team led by Vicki Campbell, Programme Manager, who are here to support the implementation of new ways of working within local GP practices as part of the Caring for Ayrshire Programme.



From left to right: Sarah Barbour (Project Manager), Vicki Campbell (Programme Manager), Claire McCamon (Project Implementation Manager) and Alastair McInnes (Business Support Manager – GP Sub Committee)

This ambitious change programme aims to ensure we are continuing to meet the needs of the people living in our local area by transforming how health and care services are delivered within your GP Practice, and the community services.

In addition to the staff you may currently see within your GP practice, there will be a range of new roles which may include a Physiotherapist, Mental Health Worker, Community Link Worker or GP Pharmacist. Over the coming year, these professionals will be based in, or aligned to, your GP practice.

DAFFODIL TEA

The children from St Cuthbert's Primary School, Maybole, have been busy raising money for Missio Scotland and Marie Curie Cancer Care. Their annual Daffodil Tea, where home-made goodies were on sale, raised a total of £298 which will support the vital work of both charities.



Your GP practice may also direct you to your local Pharmacist, Dentist or Optician. This may mean that you will not always see your GP.

You may have noticed that some of these changes are already happening in your GP Practice, with the new staff in place offering specialist appointments to patients who are benefiting from accessing these services. These changes are all being introduced with the patient in mind at all times to ensure you see the right person, at the right time, in the right place.

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NANA NORMAS NIPPERS **all children under 5 welcomed**

Nana Normas Nippers is a playgroup in Maybole, held each Wednesday in the community wing at Carrick Academy from 9.30am -11.30am.

It is a non-profit playgroup for children. We have crafts, singing, dancing, reading as well as playing with the toys.

It's a great way for children to mix and for parents /child minders to meet other people and to get out.

The Co-op recently had a donation bucket for the group and raised £144 which was a great help in purchasing items for the children including Easter eggs.



L-r: Paul Skilling and Moira Houston from the Co-op pictured alongside Nana Norma (Norma Docherty) with her grandson Alex.

Please check us out on Facebook



We would like to mention a big thanks to Carrick Round Table and the Crafters

Obituary

William Torbett

Born in 1947, Billy Torbett and his family moved to the Maybole area when he was 12 years old. He attended Carrick Academy and, after leaving school, Billy worked on a local farm and at Templeton's supermarket in Girvan. His next job was as a theatre technician at Ballochmyle Hospital. Billy then joined the army and served with the medical corps before returning to his old job where the patients and staff used to give him a bit of a ribbing as he looked so young, so he grew a beard. Billy worked at the Stampworks (Neptune Scottish Stamping and Engineering Works) in the buffing department and was a shop steward; he also started his own driving school business, Cair'n School of Motoring and, yes, the apostrophe was in the name!



It was always his dream to have his own pub and Billy took over the Welltrees Inn at the turn of the century. He did well and was good with his customers, but his dream was cut short. About to walk one of his elderly customers home, to make sure they got there safely, he was attacked by a group of youths resulting in a broken ankle. Sadly, in hospital, Billy suffered a stroke which left him paralysed and unable to speak. It was the end of his working life and eventually he needed 24/7 care and



Billy Torbett - far right

moved to Doonbank Care Home in Patna. Billy's health gradually deteriorated and he passed away at Doonbank on Saturday, 13th April at the age of 71. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Billy had a few hobbies and interests over the years. He worked with youth clubs in Catrine and Maybole, he was a member of Maybole Community Council, Maybole Bypass Committee (it's just a pity the first sod was cut soon after he passed away), an executive committee member of Maybole and District Business Association and he was also a big supporter of the Royal British Legion Scotland. At his funeral, his coffin was draped with the community council's flag and escorted by Legion members.

Billy was a man who enjoyed life and, most importantly, a man who loved his family and friends and they loved him.

MARTIN'S FIELDS

Martin's Fields is a small charity that aims to provide outdoor, environmental activities for children and young people who have difficulties engaging in education. Based in the hills a few miles from Kirkoswald, Martin's Fields started operations in March 2019. The first group of young people from various South Ayrshire schools attended one day a week for six weeks and four pupils and five supporting adults attained a John Muir Award.

Another group is currently enjoying the activities which include - growing a variety of vegetables, making bird boxes, visiting a farm, exploring nature, rock pooling, assisting the Ranger at Culzean and cleaning Maidens beach. More groups will come to Martin's Fields after the summer holidays.

Martin's Fields is very grateful for the support of North Carrick Community Benefit Fund that has allowed it to purchase a BBQ hut for its site to provide a warm meeting place and the opportunity to cook some of the produce.





l-r: Scratch champion, Steven Johnston and Carrick Speakers captain, Les Newlands

Thrilling Finale to the Carrick Speakers Open

In the handicap section, there were no less than seven players on a nett score of 61 but even they were overshadowed by the winner whose nett 60 just edged it. In first place was Robert McCrea from Ardeer, closely pressed by Callum McCrorie from Stranraer and David Nelson from Girvan. All ties were decided on countback.

In the Scratch category, a worthy champion was Steven Johnston from Girvan with a gross 64, just pipping Stuart White, also from Girvan. by one shot.

Carrick Speakers Golf Club would like to thank South Ayrshire Council for the courtesy of the course and all sponsors, without whom the competition could not run.

On a day made for scoring, the 100 competitors in the Carrick Speakers Open at Girvan on Sunday 28th April produced a competition worthy of a mainly dry and calm day with two excellent performances claiming the prizes.



Cameron's Concert

In May, an enthusiastic audience in The Carrick Centre enjoyed the 10th Cameron's Concert run in aid of Yorkhill Children's Hospital by

local group "Hugh & Friends" ably supported by accordionist Murray Patrick and Ayr Academy choir.

The concert raised the splendid total of £1,500 and was sponsored by five local companies.

On the night there was a highly successful raffle run by Archie Cuthbertson and, as always, Morag McCulloch provided teas at the interval.



left to right: Seonaid Kay; Anne Swan, Treasurer; Mark Fletcher, chair of the NCCBC, and Margaret Logan, chair of the hall committee.

North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC) has presented a cheque for £18,345 to the McCandlish Hall committee in Straiton for improvements and extension to the hall

The project value is just short of £37,000 and the NCCBC funds will be added to an award of £8,000 from the Weir Trust and the balance paid by the Hall Committee's own funds.

The works will be carried out by D Rodger and Son, Maybole, and will consist of an extension to house new gents toilets and a fully accessible toilet with baby changing facilities.

The ladies toilets were modernised last year with a grant achieved through the local PAR funding event.

This will bring the facilities within the building up to a much more modern, and accessible for all, condition, which in turn helps to secure the long term usability of the Hall.

NORTH CARRICK VOLLEYBALL CLUB

runs every Monday night from 5.30 – 7pm at Carrick Academy.

Anyone age 12 years and older can take part.



Coach Nikola Zlatev said, "This is a brand new volleyball club, started for the community of North Carrick. We have been very fortunate to receive funding from the Decision Day that has allowed us to get this up and running.

"The club is run by experienced, qualified coaches."

NORTH CARRICK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Please email all articles, stories, photos and comments to **David Kiltie** at: david.kiltie@talktalk.net

The pupils and staff at Gardenrose Primary had a fantastic fun-filled day celebrating World Book Day.

The day began with all children from Nursery to Primary 7 parading to show off their creative costumes as they dressed as their favourite book characters.

From the BFG and the Grinch to Harry Potter they had it all!

On the run up to World Book Day the pupils at Gardenrose ran an Extreme Reading competition to encourage everyone to read in strange and unique places. A huge well done to everyone who took part.

The DFS group organised many activities for everyone to enjoy on World Book day.

Throughout the day the pupils



had to "Drop Everything and Read" which meant they had to be on stand-by with a book and read whenever a bell was sounded wherever they were which caused much excitement.

Every class participated in a Where's Wally Hunt and had a fantastic time searching for Wallys all around the school. They also organised a book swap and encouraged everyone to recycle their old and loved books for new ones which was a great success.

Finally, at the end of the day all classes swapped to share a book together which was a lovely end to a busy literacy filled day.



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Access to Free Sanitary Products

South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership is supporting the Scottish Government's commitment of aiming to increase the number and range of places where free sanitary products are available for anyone who menstruates.

Funding has been made available for the purchase and supply of a range of products and these are already available from a range of locations in South Ayrshire including schools.

Over the next few weeks distribution locations will increase across South Ayrshire, initially within libraries, housing offices, council buildings and halls, activity centres, swimming pools and Customer Service Centres. We are very keen to extend the number of distribution locations and hope to do this through our partner organisations over the coming months.

Members of the public should be able to access products in public accessible toilets and/or at display areas featuring the 'wee white

bag'. Each 'wee white bag' should contain a small supply of free sanitary products which everyone can discreetly access. The products being used to support this campaign are from a company called 'Hey Girls' who are a social enterprise company using sustainable and environmentally products.

Locations will be supplied with an initial stock of products (sanitary pads and tampons), a set of plastic storage drawers for public accessible toilets (if space allows), a supply of 'wee white bags', and relevant promotional material from the Scottish Government. Stocks will be replenished when required. It should be noted that funding for this project is up to March 2020.

For further information or to become involved in the distribution can you please get in contact with [Susan McCardie](#), Community Planning Lead Officer on (01292) 559408 or email: Susan.mccardie@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



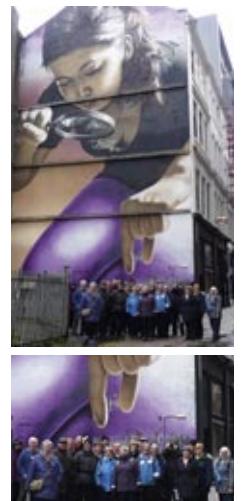
Maybole walking group (MOF'S)

In April, 22 members of MOF's Wednesday Walkers had a Spring outing to Glasgow to see the murals that are dotted around the city.

Members saw 12 of the murals from the Mural Trail with still another nine to see which will entail another visit to the city.

The group found the murals fascinating and shows what can be done to brighten up corners of a city or town.

A good day was had by all and it was a pleasant change from green fields, beaches, and hills.



Calling all readers...

We have had a request from Andrew Glendinning, can you help?

"My grandmother was Jessie Clark, daughter of John Clark, - "The Maister" referred to in Henrietta and Hugh Douglas's excellent book "Minishant is a bonnie wee place" and we have a number of old photos which you may be able to help us identify.

"We visited Minishant a few years ago and found the Old School House and the owner very kindly invited us in to look around.

"I am attaching one of the photos. I am not sure of the significance of the building as it appears to be on a road below the main road that you can see in the distance whereas I recall that the School House is above the main road."

Can you assist with identifying some places and people in **Minishant**

Should you have any information please email: Andrew.Glendinning@gmail.com



DUNURE IS ON THE MAP



There are hidden tourist gems all over North Carrick and none more so than the fishing village of Dunure.

The village is going through something of a transformation at the moment, following the global success of the television series *Outlander*, some of which was filmed in and around the picturesque historic village. Last year, this series brought an estimated 120,000 visitors to Scotland to follow the route of the film locations, and now Dunure is firmly on that route.

Through the enthusiasm of local community groups, with much appreciated help from South Ayrshire Council Officers and North Carrick Community Benefit Company, brown tourist trail signs have been sited at both ends of the village to encourage tourists and residents alike to pay a visit.

If you haven't been to Dunure for a while, go back and spend some time exploring the newly re-laid paths connecting the Kennedy Park to the Harbour, make your way around the Labyrinth, explore the soon to be floodlit castle and follow the new signs, reading on the way about the historic events that took place in this long overlooked village.

The trail will lead to the beautiful harbour where, thanks to help from a NCCBC grant, long overdue resurfacing work will soon take place. Longer term, hopefully, grants will be available to help save the historic lighthouse, which is the only example of its type in Britain and in desperate need of attention after centuries of pounding from the sea.

Cameron Kerr of Dunure Harbour Association commented, "Any improvements to the Hall and park or the Harbour and Lighthouse that can be carried out with the aid of grant money would be greatly

beneficial to the attraction of the Village and community."

Also, the village has recently seen the completion of a major refurbishment of the toilets in Kennedy Park,



making them fit for purpose, tourist friendly, and ready for the summer visitors. To sit alongside the toilets, locals eagerly await the erection of a new store thanks to South Ayrshire Council.

The Kennedy Hall itself is not being overlooked, as the next few weeks should see the hall painted inside and out following the installation of new windows. The village facilities of the Kennedy Hall and Park are "managed

by the people for the people". Locals and tourists alike can benefit from the use of the hall and park for social and recreational activities.

Janey McCreath of the Kennedy Hall and Park Committee commented, "There has been little investment in Dunure for many, many years so the committee are very grateful to Councillor Iain Campbell for his energy and enthusiasm in recognising the "forgotten gem" of South Ayrshire that is Dunure.

"It's very encouraging to see all the changes and investment from South Ayrshire Council that has happened over the last year and the promise of more to come. If all of that is not enough to bring you to Dunure, why not enquire about the new coastal rowing skiff which is currently being built and will be named shortly, to be part of the coastal rowing and kayaking initiative, made available through the community council."

Alex Gibson, the Chairperson of Dunure Community Council stated, "This has been a collaborative effort with the Kennedy Hall & Park and Dunure Harbour Committees and the Dunure Youth Club - with the Participatory Budgeting presentations being made by members of the Youth Club - working together to encourage members of the community of all ages to take part in these exciting new activities."

If that is still not enough, then definitely put these two dates in your diary. **Dunure Fun Day in the Kennedy Park on Saturday, 17th August 2019 from 1-3.30pm** is an excellent day out for all the family, and on **20th July, don't miss the Dunure Festival of the Sea**, a cultural event with good music, good food, good company and a beer tent - what more could you want?

So don't let the Community Groups' work be for nothing, go along and join in and enjoy this beautiful gem of North Carrick.

DUNURE



YOUTH CLUB SUMMER PROGRAMME

Dunure Youth Club is for young people aged 8 to 16. They currently have 32 members and an average of around 95% attendance each week. There is a range of activities including rounders, dodgeball, pool, table tennis and team building activities such as obstacle courses.

Members also do arts and crafts, baking and decorate the village hall for Halloween and Christmas. They meet every Thursday in the Kennedy Hall Dunure from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

The youth club applied for funds to help with their trip to Loch Ken where they have been going for a few years and every year they go members have a unique experience.

The best thing about this trip is that every young person gets the chance to take part and it's a great chance to try new activities both on land and in the water.



Carrick Coastal Rowing Club

Erected on land leased from South Ayrshire Council and now with the interior fitted out, the Club's Maidens Boat House includes a workshop area to create a micro environment which provides a dust free and temperature-controlled space for paint and gluing wood.



The Club offers regular sessions, for those interested in competitive rowing, as well as social/recreational rowing for those who would prefer a gentler time on the water. It is a coastal rowing club involved in recreational and competitive rowing and a member of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association which has grown rapidly since beginning in 2010, with many clubs around Scotland.

Engaged in building and rowing two St. Ayles skiffs, the first "Carrick Maid", built with the pupils at Carrick Academy, has now been followed by the "Patrick

O'Rourke" after a founding member who sadly passed away before he could see it competed.

A third two-seat skiff is planned for this winter – another build for the members. Skiff "Edith" is on loan from Andy Rendell, Secretary of the SCRA as a personal gift to the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association. Constructed as a fully adaptable normal and all-abilities rowing boat, it has just returned from a two-man trip up Loch Ness in a sponsored event to raise funds for a younger member - Callum Deboys. He has endured, with the most driven love for life, that club members have seen in a long time, after a serious road accident resulted in a loss of a leg. Eighteen months post-accident, Callum is a member of the GB Para-Nordic ski team, heading for Japan's Olympics in 2022.

The Club, rowing out of Maidens Harbour since May 2012, aims to build and row skiffs to reconnect the community with its nautical heritage and pass on related skills to future generations. This truly community resource was envisaged in those formative days to offer a comprehensive route for the people of Ayrshire, Carrick and neighbouring areas to become part of the rejuvenation of the interest in the sea and sea activities based on their Maidens Boat House. Members have gained substantive support from Ayrshire Sea Cadets, who base their "on the water" activities at Maidens - www.sea-cadets.org/ayr.

The financial assistance granted by the North Carrick Community Benefit Company augmented important tranches from other sources, creating all abilities shower and toilet facilities.

The Epic 4,000ft Mountain Challenge

What a challenge to raise funds for the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow (formerly Yorkhill) Schiehallion Ward and TCT (Teenage Cancer Trust) Unit within the ward.

Kenny Mackay, of Maybole, and friends decided to do a charity mountain walk to raise the money over the weekend of Saturday 25th May and Sunday 25th May.

It wasn't just one mountain, though, it was all nine mountains over 4,000 feet in Scotland – and in 48 hours!

Kenny has a very personal reason for wanting to raise funds for the charity as three years ago his daughter Eilidh, who was 14 years old at the time, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

Currently, Eilidh is wheelchair-reliant as the chemotherapy and intensive care has damaged the nerves in her legs and feet. Slowly but surely she is learning to walk again. She is in her final year at school preparing to sit her exams and trying to lead as normal a life as possible.

On the first day, they started and finished at Cairngorm Ski Centre and climbed Cairn Gorm (4,081ft), Ben Macdui (4,295ft), Cairn Toul (4,236ft), Sgor an Lochain Uaine (4,127ft) and Braeriach (4,252ft). The following day they started from Water of Nevis car park and finished at Nevis Youth Hostel having climbed Aonach Beag (4,049ft), Aonach Mòr (4,006ft), Càrn Mòr Dearg (4,003ft) and the tallest of them all Ben Nevis (4,413ft).

Kenny told us, "Some of my friends thought I was mad attempting something in two days that most folk take four days to complete. I convinced them it was do-able and so The Epic 4,000ft Mountain Challenge was born. After we picked up the minibus, we got an amazing send off from Cairn Primary School who were all lined up along the pavement chanting 'You can do it'. It was pretty emotional, especially for some of the wives.

"We were off to Aviemore for the first day of the challenge. We got up to a cracking morning and we were off making good time onto the first then the second mountains, then a massive drop into the Lairig Ghru where Shug was meant to meet us with

a stove for some hot food.

"Where's Shug' was the cry; he had stopped short of where we dropped off the second mountain. So, no lunch but, luckily, we had some odds and ends as back up.

"Then on to the third and that's when the rain came in, then onto the fourth. En-route to the fifth we met a guy who had made a bit of a navigational error and asked if he could tag along with us to Braeriach. We then had the long walk out which by the end of we were running on empty so it was back to Aviemore for food, fluids and the journey across to Fort William. "The weather was looking grim for Day 2; high winds, rain and we even had a bit of snow higher up. We set off from a rather wet Glen Nevis car park towards the first of the day which was the sixth overall. As we climbed, the winds got stronger.

"Six down and onto the seventh, becoming increasingly wet and cold, we dropped down to meet Shug with the hot food. 'Yes he's there' was our cry - one out of two ain't bad, eh Shug? Just what we needed, some hot food.

"The next part of the route was the only part that I hadn't been on and I knew it might be tricky with the wind but it turned out fine; definitely do that one again. On reaching the eighth, the end was in sight. Only the knife edge ridge, known as the CMD Arete (Carn Mor Dearg) which links Carn Mor Dearg to Ben Nevis, was stopping us.



Taken on the summit of Ben MacDui left to right Mick Robb, Anton Smith, Kenny Mackay, Owen Ross and Stephen Henderson. Photo taken with DJI Mavic 2 Zoom drone.



Eilidh Mackay

"The wind was horrendous; a stumble here was unthinkable but I knew we crossed from the north to the south side of the ridge which was sheltered from the wind. I just couldn't remember how far along it was. We sat for a few minutes discussing options, when a guy appeared about a hundred metres along the ridge on his hands and nearly on his knees. "We spoke to him and he confirmed what I needed to know; it was a hundred metres or so to the crossover point. We moved low and fast and were soon on the lee side of the wind. Onward to our objective, The Ben, where we did a bit of celebrating and photo taking before heading down.

"The wind, sleet and rain weren't abating, so we couldn't hang around. After leaving the summit we saw some people crouching behind a cairn. They asked if they could follow us down as they couldn't find the path due to the low cloud. On closer inspection and a few probing questions, we came to the conclusion that the girl was in the early stages of hypothermia and the guy was exhausted and wasn't far behind her.

"When the weather forecast is as bad as was expected, we always carry extra clothes and food. We gave them jackets, food and warm drinks and told them we needed to get them off the mountain as quickly as possible. Some of our group relocated the path and went a short distance ahead so we could follow with our new best friends. After two hours of stumbling we had them down with no harm done. Unfortunately, there are too many people today with no respect for the mountains.

A few photos at the finish and it was off for a hot shower, hot food and a few well-deserved drinks."



L-R Mick Robb, Anton Smith and Kenny Mackay on slopes of Ben MacDui



Left to right Stephen Henderson, Anton Smith, Kenny Mackay, Owen Ross and

Kenny said that, apart from their families, he would like to thank everyone who has donated to his JustGiving page or handed money in. "There are too many people to mention and I'm scared I would miss someone," he added.

"We also had to start getting some long walks in most weekends, and without the understanding of all of our better halves this would not of been possible. So, a big thank you to Lisa, Kerri, Vikki, Nicole, Aisha, Amy, and Laney.

"The following on facebook and comments have been brilliant. Firstly, I would like to thank my friends Anton Smith, Michael Robb, Brian Boyd, Stephen Henderson, Owen Ross and Hugh 'Shug' Kean without whom this would not have been possible. A massive thanks guys; I will always be grateful for the support and friendship you have all shown me during this difficult time and I will certainly never forget your commitment and dedication over the two days.

"Finally, I would like to thank our daughter Eilidh who has been our inspiration for this whole challenge. I can honestly say that I have never met anyone as strong in my whole life. I cannot put into words what she has endured and as a family how hard it has been. You make us so very proud every single day."

Kenny said that the two days had been hard and sore but their aches and pains will disappear after a few days. "We drew a massive strength knowing we were doing this for a very worthy cause."



Cheers, we did it!

Left to right - Kenny Mackay, Michael Robb, Anton Smith, Brian Boyd, Owen Ross, Stephen Henderson and Hugh "Shug" Kean

To date the amount raised is a massive £7,545 with money still to come in. Absolutely phenomenal. If anyone would like to add to the total raised, the link to JustGiving will be left open until November; alternatively donations can be handed in to Kenny or any of the team.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mountainmadness4000ftchallenge>

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