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NCCBC Website Updated

North Carrick Community Benefit Company has updated and relaunched its website: www.nccbc.org.uk

NCCBC

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The look of the site hasn't changed much but some new buttons have been added so people will be able to find much more information than was available before.

One of the new sections is 'Newsletters' where there will be copies of all of the North Carrick Community Newsletters; that will be useful for people who like to read things on screen or who want to send electronic copies to friends.



Other new sections include 'Documents' with copies of all of the new local Action Plans, and 'News', which focuses mainly on information about projects that have received NCCBC grants. Other news and information that may be useful to people in North Carrick will be uploaded.

People can get in touch with the company via the 'Contact' page in the website and suggestions on how the site can be improved are welcome. The website address is: www.nccbc.org.uk

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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.



The North Carrick Community Newsletter is produced with funding provided from **ScottishPower Renewables**

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 eighth 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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North Carrick Community Benefit Company



Funding is available for a wide range of projects and to find out more or to apply to this fund please contact Marion Young on **01292 612626** or your community council representatives. You can also contact the company directly on ncarrickcb@gmail.com

Copies of the newsletter are delivered to every house in Maybole and the North Carrick villages. If, for any reason, you don't receive a copy please let your community councillors know.

Extra copies will be left in various outlets in each community.

Board meetings:

- 12th February 2020
- 13th May 2020
- 12th August 2020

Application for funding must be received three weeks prior to these dates.

MAYBOLE AND NORTH CARRICK VILLAGES DECISION DAY

Maybole Town Hall

15th February 2020

Marketplace Event 10am - 12pm (drop in event)

Members of the Public Welcome

Funding applications should be aligned to the following Maybole & North Carrick Locality Planning Group priorities:

- Tackling Social Isolation & Loneliness
- Tackling Drugs & Alcohol Issues
- Promoting Good Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Access to Service and Information about Local Health and Social Care Provision

Funding bids should directly address one or more of these priorities and support groups running within the North Carrick Area

Now's your chance to secure up to £1,000

to help make a difference in your local community...and decide on which other community projects should be funded across Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality!

For more information or an application form contact;

Sharron Connolly, Community Engagement Officer on email: sharron.connolly@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Kildoon Challenge sponsored walk

Regulars and friends of the Maybole Arms raised £1,330 with their Kildoon Challenge sponsored walk. Photos show Callum McKelvie and Sarah Best presenting a cheque for £665 to Kenny and Eilidh McKay on behalf of the Teenage Cancer Trust; and Callum presenting a cheque for the same amount to Robina Campbell on behalf of Fairknowe Care Home.

Callum, proprietor of the Maybole Arms, would like to thank everyone who supported the Challenge.



**The Kirkmichael Singers
present**



CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 7th December

St Michael's Church, Kirkmichael

at

4.30pm

Mulled wine and mince pies

Tickets: Adults £5 Children Free

Available in the Shop or at the door

Proceeds to Ayrshire Cancer Support

Maybole has a new world champion



KAYLEIGH HAGGO



Photo shows Richard Taylor, Process Engineering Manager who oversaw the project from start to finish, with Kayleigh and her mum Sandra.

Former Carrick Academy pupil Kayleigh Haggo is pictured with Gavin Drysdale after they both won gold in Dubai, recently.

The Ayr Seaforth pair were crowned the first ever race running world 100m champions at the World Para Athletics Championships.

Kayleigh's golden time was 18.32 seconds while in the men's event, Gavin, 18, won gold in 16.72 seconds. Both winning times were new world records and they dedicated their achievements to their coach Janice Eaglesham, who passed away in July.

Kayleigh, 20, said afterwards, "We just wanted to make sure we gave it our all for Janice. It was never about the medals with her – she never put any pressure on us.

"As long as we did our best, she was proud. It was all about having fun whilst doing what we love. These gold medals are for her."

She added, "We have the European Championships in Poland next June so after a couple of weeks off, we will be getting back into training to prepare for that. The ultimate goal is to get race running included in the Paralympics and being included at the Worlds was a massive step forward.

"I've been training really hard but I'm always striving to improve and there is definitely a few things that I can focus on improving for next season."

Kayleigh's overseas bike carrier

Kayleigh Haggo, and her mum, approached SAS International in Maybole and asked if the company was able to build an overseas bike carrier for Kayleigh's trip to Dubai.

Julie Heath, Personnel Manager, told us, "We were happy to help and the finished article was presented to Kayleigh and her mum on Monday, 28th October. The paint and the stickers for the carrier were supplied free of charge by the suppliers."

Kayleigh's mum, Sandra, said on Twitter, "A massive thank you to the amazing team at SAS International Maybole, and to the paint and sticker suppliers for Kayleigh's absolutely FABULOUS overseas bike carrier. We can't thank you all enough and hope you all enjoyed the challenge. Ready to go for gold now."

Kayleigh added, "Thank you soooo much to the team at SAS Maybole for making me an amazing aluminium box for my RaceRunner when travelling abroad!"

David McKay's Butcher Shop re-opened in time for Christmas

A hugely popular Maybole business has re-opened - five months after it was gutted by an electrical fire.

On 29th June, David McKay's Butcher Shop was engulfed in flames when a suspected electrical surge sparked the inferno which destroyed the interior and damaged a lot of the timber roof.

Davy was serving customers on a busy Saturday morning when smoke began to billow from a drainpipe outside. There had been earlier reports of power problems at a nearby chemist which had prompted a call to Scottish Power. And as the pavement began to shake and smoke worsened, he had to act fast to get people out of harm's way.

Smoke began to engulf the neighbouring Simpsons Bakers first and the emergency services were contacted although the fire didn't actually start in Davy's shop until after the fire brigade arrived.

Despite the damage to his business and his livelihood, he's just grateful that nobody was hurt. He told us, "The only blessing is that nobody was hurt, because it could have been a whole lot worse. The ferocity of it could have really hurt somebody."

However, he is delighted that his shop has re-opened and he is taking Christmas orders.

Davy said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me through this traumatic time which is thankfully now past.

"A big thank to my family whose support has helped me to get back to where we belong; all my friends and customers for their help and good wishes.



"I would also like to thank James, Hamish and Ross at Dalduff; Jake and Margaret Nisbet from Sorn. Thanks as well to my shop neighbours, David Kiltie and Maybole and Ayr fire brigades who all helped everyone avoid serious injuries or worse on the day of the fire.

"A massive thank you to Billy Galloway from H2O plumbing for being project manager and a massive support - I couldn't have got there without you, Bill. A big thanks to John Jamieson, James Harper electricians, Paddy and Chris the joiners, oor Ross and Michael who all went over and above the call of duty to get the shop reinstated.

"I would also like to thank the painter who came in at the last minute and did a great job; he was that quiet the other workmen never knew he was there - cheers Andy Dowie."



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Carrick Academy pupil Caitlin Hothersall 3B who scooped the top prize of a 4-axis camera drone at a STEM event for South Ayrshire secondary schools. The prize was awarded to the pupil who could ask the best science-related question and that was Caitlin!

Miss Gibb and Miss Dewar commented on how well all Carrick pupils had conducted themselves at the event.





Bennett Ward of **Maybole** was part of the Scotland team that beat England in the Auld Enemy Blind Golf International.

Photo by kind permission of the Ayrshire Post.

Maybole's Bennett Ward helped Scottish blind golfers bring home the Auld Enemy Cup from England, recently.

The Scottish team fought back from a bad start to win the trophy by a single point at the Royal Ashdown Forest course.

Bennett was a key part of the team and said, "It was a great competition – we were the underdogs and England are a very strong team with big hitters. It was nail biting stuff. We lost the opening foursomes match 4-1 then on the second day fourball we managed to get it back a bit with a 3-2 win.

"But with a mountain to climb we managed to win the singles 6½-3½ and the Auld Enemy Cup was coming with us up north."

Bennett suffers from retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic disorder of the eyes that causes loss of vision.

When he was 36, he was forced to stop working and thought he would never golf again as his eyesight deteriorated. However, Bennett took up blind golf and now wants more blind people get involved in the game.



SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWE'EN

The staff and pupils of St. Cuthbert's Primary School had a spooktacular time celebrating Hallowe'en.....lots of frightening sights!!!!



Nine Carrick Academy S4 pupils completed their Bronze qualifying expedition in the Loch Doon area. They all did great and worked well in their teams, well done to them all!

PE Department: Better Movers Better Thinkers

The Physical Education (PE) department have been delighted to welcome Dr. Andrew Dalziell into Carrick Academy this session. Dr. Dalziell is a world leading consultant in strategies to improve academic performance.

Dr. Dalziell will visit Carrick six times throughout the current academic year, working closely with Jordan Flynn to oversee the implementation of a movement-based programme called Bilateral Integration (BI). BI is a range of exercises that are designed to

develop coordination, balance, muscle tone and postural control which, in turn, will enable pupils to develop the 'tools' they require in order to learn with greater ease and efficiency. The exercises are directly planned to optimise academic performance and cognitive skills for the children involved from Carrick Academy.

Netball: The S1/2 netball team played two league games of netball recently.

They won 18-4 against Largs Team 1 and 19-0 against Largs Team 2. They demonstrated great team dynamics and determination throughout the game. Abbie Campbell received player of the match for game 1 and Kasey Sharp was awarded player of the match for game 2.

Tour of Britain

On 7th September, hundreds of professional cyclists and their back-up teams passed through South Ayrshire and the village of Straiton as part of the First Stage of the Tour of Britain. The village was packed with spectators and a local group of volunteers, Straiton Environment Group, decorated the local Hall with balloons and flags. A pop up cafe offered refreshments to visitors and over £170 was raised for the Village Plant Fund which was used to plant winter pansies and spring bulbs in the four new planters.



Straiton Community Garden

On Sunday, 27th October, a group of volunteers including pupils, parents and villagers converged on Straiton Primary school to help prepare the Community Garden for winter.

General tidying up included wall repairs, weeding, pruning and cutting down the fast growing willow trees. After a couple of hours of hard graft, the garden area was looking in great shape for the school pupils to work in and local visitors and villagers to relax on the benches and enjoy the environment after a local walk or returning from their walk up the monument.



The Music Department at Carrick Academy

The Music Department at Carrick Academy has started the new session with a great new ensemble, open to all pupils, their all-new Steel Band.

Following a successful bid for funding, they were able to secure the purchase of brand new instruments and the first rehearsal produced some really talented performers.

Jo-Ann Spreadbury, Principal Teacher, said, "We were delighted to see some of our new S1 pupils joining in too!

"The group will run on a Tuesday lunchtime in the Music department and we would be delighted to see more new faces, we have plenty of instruments!

"All year groups and levels of performing ability welcome!"



Your award-winning information service!

The South Ayrshire Life community information service has won a national award for its work in helping people to help themselves. South Ayrshire Life, which is run by Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA), has just scooped Scotland's Self-Management Resource of the Year 2019 award at the Scottish Parliament.

The national award scheme, organised by the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, recognises organisations which are leading the way in helping people manage their own health and wellbeing and putting them in control when it comes to improving their lives.

South Ayrshire Life helps people find social groups and activities as well as signposting them to the right place when they need a helping hand. As well as a website, a freephone helpline and a community information hub in Ayr, the South Ayrshire Life team are out and about in North Carrick making sure local people can easily find out what's available in their area. You can drop in and speak to someone from South Ayrshire Life at:

- The Carrick Centre on the FIRST Monday of the month, 11am to 1pm
- Straiton Village Hall on the SECOND Monday of the month, 10am to 1pm
- Maybole Library on the SECOND and FOURTH Mondays of the month, 2pm to 4pm
- Maybole Connect at Health Centre (rear car park entrance) on the SECOND and FOURTH Wednesdays of the month, 2pm to 4pm

To find out more about South Ayrshire Life, please visit www.southayrshirelife.org, or call Freephone 0800 432 0510.

Career Mentoring

Jonathan Rusk, Depute Head Teacher, told us, "Our programme gets under way with S6 having monthly meetings with their designated mentors. A big thank you to our mentors for giving up their time to share experiences and knowledge from the workplace and help prepare our pupils for life after school.



L-r: Vivienne McNeill, of South Ayrshire Life; Marie Oliver, VASA Chief Executive Officer; Phil White, of the South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, and Salena Riley, of South Ayrshire Life.

Head of year team building day at Dumfries House accompanied by their new campus police officer PC McGinlay

Each year Carrick Academy's Pupil Council and class representatives spend a team building day at Dumfries House. On their return, they work collegiately to create the Pupil Improvement Plan which they they execute throughout the year. The Heads of House work with their young people to support them in completing the work that they have identified for improvement.



President, Mrs Young, was delighted to welcome a larger-than-usual turnout to the October meeting, held in the Community Centre, Crosshill.

Members were brought up to date with forthcoming events within Ayrshire Federation, and Mary Hogg was warmly

congratulated on her prize-winning photography. Members and visitors enjoyed an interesting and wide-ranging cookery demonstration by fellow-member Sylvia McCosh, who has followed a Vegan diet for over 30 years.

Sylvia was very well-prepared, producing many dishes for members to sample, including a nut-roast, a curry, and a selection of desserts -

some of which were prepared in advance and some made on-the-spot. The results, both savoury and sweet, were much enjoyed, with the evening's most surprising dish being the egg-free mini-meringues.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Vegan cookery at Crosshill

CARRICK CANOE CLUB

Carrick Canoe Club recently bought some new junior kayaks with the aid of a grant from North Carrick Decides. There are currently spaces available for winter pool training sessions in Maybole swimming pool – Wednesdays 8-9 pm. Below are some photos of club members using the new kayaks.



Paddling and capsizing in Maybole swimming pool.



Paddling in the sea from Maidens



Father and daughter Graham and Daisy reached Turnberry lighthouse (summer 2019)

Looking for some advice or support with your Health & Wellbeing but don't know where to go?

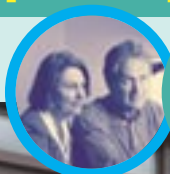
Then why not pop into Maybole Connect Drop In. You will find us every Wednesday 2pm – 4pm in Maybole Health Centre (rear entrance) where we can provide support and information on local services, community groups and activities. Maybole Connect is open to all residents of North Carrick. Keep up to date with Maybole Connect via South Ayrshire Connect and/or Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning Facebook page and local advertising.

MAYBOLE CONNECT



DROP IN
MAYBOLE HEALTH CENTRE
(Rear Entrance via Car Park)

Every Wednesday
2pm – 4pm



Advice & Information for:

- ❖ Carers and people who need support
- ❖ Dementia/Cognitive Impairment queries

Access to:

- ❖ Information from a range of local organisations including Seascope, Home Energy Scotland, Social Work etc.

No need to book an appointment



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SEASCOPE HUBS

DAY	LOCATION	TIME
Monday to Friday	Housing Options Office Kyle Street, Ayr	1pm to 4:30pm
Tuesday	Girvan Townhouse 25 Knockushon, Girvan	2pm to 4pm
Wednesday	Maybole Health Centre 6 High Street, Maybole (Social Work entrance via car park)	2pm to 4pm
Wednesday	Care and Share Riverside Church, John Street, Ayr	2pm to 4pm
Thursday	10 to 10 Trust Ross Street, Ayr	12 noon to 2pm
Friday	South Ayrshire Life Shop Newmarket Street, Ayr	10am to 1pm
Friday	Troon Old Parish Church Ayr Street, Troon	12 noon to 2pm

SEASCOPE DUTY WORKER

DAY	LOCATION	TIME
Monday to Thursday	Seascope Office Top Floor, Boswell House, 10-12 Arthur Street, Ayr	9am to 1pm

Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme Housing Support Service Landlord Liaison
2Share (Flat Sharing Scheme) Refinancing Service



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Burns on the Beach

Fri 24 Jan 7-10pm on Ayr beach (Pier end)

Burning Burns Finale with Clanadonia!

FREE event with option to buy a limited cosy ceilidh ticket from ayrgaiety.co.uk or 01292 288235.

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2020 COASTS & WATERS Burns Night south AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Maybole Co-op

The Maybole Co-op took over the local charity shop for a week and raised £850 for young Nyara Bone. The three-year -old has a unique chromosome disorder and multiple medical conditions. Christine Mcneish told us, "Nyara is a local cause close to our community's hearts."

Photo Left to right: Alastair Travers (manager) Stefan Bone (father), Christine Mcneish, Kenneth Hutchison, Heather Smith (mother) and Nyara Bone.




Sat 7th Dec

Breakfast - WITH - Santa

10AM - 12 NOON
ONLY £5 PER CHILD
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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WWW.CARRICKCENTRE.CO.UK

KIRKMICHAEL Women's Group

Kirkmichael Women's group is a friendly, informal group which meets usually in the McCosh hall, Kirkmichael on the first Tuesday of the month at 8.00 p.m. We are not affiliated and welcome women (or men on an open evening) of all ages and interests. Our aim is always to involve villagers and the local community either as visitors or speakers. (There is so much talent about!!)



CHARITY WORK – In its present form in the last ten years, we have successfully held a village quiz in January which has provided not only incredible entertainment but also provided funds for a variety of charities totalling almost £5,000. Some of the charities have included Marie Curie, Alzheimers, Save the Children and in the last two years McMillan Nurses and Ayrways – which raised £1,500. (Last year we had a full house so book early!)

PROGRAMMES – Our programme is very varied and has attracted a very 'healthy' membership of 20-30 each year. We pride ourselves on having new ideas for both inhouse events and outings; however, if you have a talent you want to share, just get in touch.

Here is the syllabus for 2019 -2020...

- Fri 20th Dec 2019** **CHRISTMAS SUPPER** – As last year an evening of good food and company in the McCosh Hall. 7 for 7.30pm
- Sat 18th Jan 2020** **VILLAGE QUIZ** - Our popular annual charity fundraising event held in the McCosh Hall. 7 for 7.30 start. Bring your own goodies.
- Tue 4th Feb 2020** **WHITELEYS RETREAT** - A representative from our selected charity will give us an insight on their work and accept our donation.
- Tue 3rd Mar 2020** **GORDON RIDDLE, BIRD IDENTIFICATION** – Gordon will share with us the sights and sounds of some of our native birds.
- Sat 4th Apr 2020** **TRIP TO SANQUHAR** – Starting with a visit to "A' the Airts" craft centre with a talk and lunch, then museum, shops, etc.
- Tue 5th May 2020** **AGM + SOOH SWEENEY** - Join us for a very relaxed AGM including Sooh sharing her knowledge of researching our ancestry.

Annual membership fee – £12. Visitor fee £3 per evening.
Raffles will be held on each of the 'home' events.
Donations of prizes will be welcomed throughout the season.
Thank you for your interest, hope to see you at our next meeting.
For any enquiries or further information on any of our meetings please call **Noreen Lyon** on **01655 750378** or **Fiona Seviour** on **01655 750329**.

Are you interested in working with children?

Early Years – Brand new course in Girvan!

SWAP (Scottish Widening Access Programme) – Access to Childhood Practice

SCQF Level: Level 5/6

Attendance/Duration: 3rd February to 18th December 2020 school term-time only
Monday to Friday - 10.15am to 2.45pm

Venue: Carrick Opportunities Centre, Henrietta Street, Girvan KA26 9AL

It can be daunting to take the plunge into a new career – especially if you're not entirely sure what to expect. But if you're looking for something that's rewarding, good fun, and has the potential to change lives, then our SWAP (Scottish Widening Access Programme) – Access to Childhood Practice could be a great career move for you!

- No formal qualifications required. Only an interest in children's learning and development.
- Bursary, Childcare and Travel Costs are available (subject to eligibility).
- Study in a supportive environment.
- Guaranteed place on HNC Childhood Practice on successful completion of course.

To register your interest or for more information please contact **01465 716600** or email **chelsea.glass@south-ayrshire.gov.uk** by Friday, 17th January 2020.

MORGAN SINDAL VISITING SPEAKER

N5 and Higher Business Management pupils at Carrick Academy enjoyed a visit from new school contractor Morgan Sindal. Victoria Proven, Site Manager and Aftercare, provided an insight into the customer service strategy followed by the company. Pupils were given a real customer scenario and worked in teams to feedback possible solutions. It was clear no matter your position in the company – your interaction with the customer is vital!



HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY

St. Cuthbert's Primary School recently celebrated their 80th Birthday and as part of their on-going celebrations they held a Celebratory Mass, at Our Lady and St. Cuthbert's Church, which was followed by a Birthday Tea, with cake, in school. Past and present staff, pupils and friends all enjoyed this wonderful occasion and many memories were shared. Photo below shows Head Teacher Mark Ingram welcoming everyone to the party.



Photo by kind permission of the Ayrshire Post.



Broun's Bistro

A Hidden Gem in Maybole

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Christmas menus and bookings now available



Two sporting legends have hit the target to land a prestigious award.



Colin and Nancy Downie, who live in Maybole, are the driving force behind Ayr Archery Club and have been handed lifetime achievement awards when they were honoured as part of the latest South Ayrshire Sports Awards. The do-it-all duo have served their beloved club for almost half a century. Colin, 79, said: "You don't do this for the awards or accolades, so we're stunned to be honoured in this way."

Photo by kind permission of the Ayrshire Post.

Colin, 79, and Nancy, 76, have been married for 55 years. Colin was a History and Modern Studies teacher at Carrick Academy for 26 years and Nancy was a civil servant for 20 years. They have lived in Maybole since 2006.

Nancy started a beginner's course in archery in 1977 along with a friend as she was fed up with Colin always away playing golf. Colin soon reduced his golfing and the attachment to archery began in earnest.

A fine competitor, Colin has a lifetime of service to the sport in so many ways. He has held all committee positions with Ayr Archery Club (President, Secretary, Treasurer) and is currently Club Coach and Development Officer. He has overseen coaching programmes for beginners and existing members for well over 35 years, helping to introduce hundreds (more probably thousands) to the sport and helping hundreds

find their level in the sport, whether as a casual pastime or the many, probably about 25, who have gone on to represent Scotland at Junior and Senior Level. Nancy has been a key support and assisted with all aspects of this.

Colin has organised "Come and Try" events throughout the community along with Nancy and club members whether it be fundraising for the club, charities or the community, and generally raising the profile of the club and sport.

He helped raise the club profile further by organising major tournaments, that helped bring the national championships to Ayr many times and ran many events with club members such as the Scottish Archery Association week-long tournament in Skye for three years. He also started the Ayr Archery Club Holiday Week which brought around 50 archers from all over the UK and Europe for a week-long event from 1994-2001.

In the 1980s and 90s he helped put on events as far afield as the Shetlands, to help develop the sport and help with formation of new clubs.

In Maybole, through work at school, he started Carrick Juniors which ran mainly on Saturday mornings (with regular lunchtime sessions) for roughly 10 years and produced four archers who competed for Scotland at Junior Level. Most developed their interest via Ayr Archery Club where there was more time.

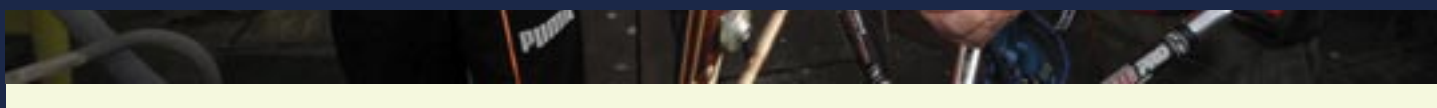
Nancy achieved a great deal of Individual success and still holds many individual club records. She competed for Scotland many times narrowly missing out on the Auckland Commonwealth Games in 1982. She was very frustrated when the Games came to Edinburgh in 1986 (she was No 1 in country at the time) and archery wasn't included in the Games!

Nancy represented the Civil Service Archery Association

many times, held all committee positions with Ayr Archery Club and is the current Membership Secretary.

Kevin Parkin, AAC Treasurer, told us, "I have known Colin and Nancy for around 10 years after I signed up for a beginners course with Ayr Archery Club. In these years they have helped me and many others to master the art of shooting arrows. They both live and breathe archery and the contributions they have made to both the club and to Scottish Archery are outstanding. They are always the first to arrive and the last to leave any event and always willing to share their knowledge. I am certain that without them being involved for the past 42 years Ayr Archery Club would have struggled to survive."

To this day, Colin and Nancy are still running coaching courses, competing on a leisurely level from time to time. Long may it continue.



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Remembrance Sunday

Maybole Town Hall was packed on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, for an ecumenical service led by Rev Jim Geen, chaplain to the Maybole Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland. The service began at 10am with Blair Hannah and Alex Gemmell carrying in the colours of the Royal British Legion Scotland and the Union Flag into the packed hall to be received by Rev Geen. Carrick Academy captains Louise Reid and Cara Wilson read the lessons.



Following the service, Maybole Pipe Band led the parade to the war memorial where at 11am there was the traditional two minute silence during a service also led by Rev Geen. Wreaths were laid by the local branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland as well as South Ayrshire Councillors and many of the town's organisations. Afterwards, the pipe band led the parade back to the Greenside for dismissal.



Monday, 11th November was the 100th anniversary of the first official Armistice Day events.



ARMISTICE DAY

Maybole held its annual service at the Greenside, organised by the local branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the branch and South Ayrshire Council, as well as local schools, organisations and families laying poppy crosses.



Finding HOLLY



Monday, 14th October turned out to be a somewhat tragic day for Amanda Hendry.

Heading home after work, Amanda was involved in a serious road traffic accident and has a word of warning for others, "I owe a lot to the gentleman there who stopped everyone from trying to pull me from the car. So, to anyone reading this who doesn't have First Aid training, remember back or neck pain and don't move the person. The hospital later advised this gentleman has saved me from some even worse injuries, and believe me the spinal fracture, 30 stitches in my head, vertigo and soreness are plenty to be going on with."

In shock, and in addition to her own injuries, Amanda discovered that only two of her three dogs had been recovered - Holly, her 18-month-old Springer spaniel was missing.

The next 17 days were the worst. The ward had no WiFi and next to no phone signal so she could barely even post Holly was missing. However, help from the general public was immense. Amanda said, "Everyone was looking but at this point we were told we could



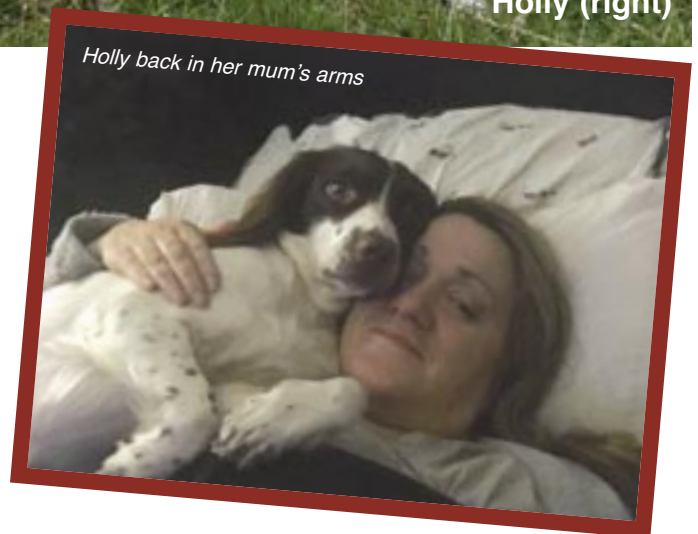
actually be doing more harm than good. I shared everywhere 'please don't shout on her and please don't walk across fields'. Sadly, we still picked up folk out there searching with their dogs hoping she would go to them. It doesn't work like that. So; the point of this article is to get out there what to do when your dog becomes lost."

She continued, "Remember their primary sense is smell. They don't know their name and another dog or human is a predator. A dog will be literally two feet from its owner before it finally recognises them. The best thing to do is get the word out there on social media, newspapers and posters. Lost dog clubs can be found on Facebook and they can be immense to provide necessary technology.

"They will teach you how to set up trail cameras and feeding stations and how to assess the area for the



Holly (right)



places a dog is likely to hide. When searching, do it from high and, if you get a sighting, plastic bags with dog food smeared on the bottom should cover your shoes so where you walk becomes a lead to where there is food.

"One word should be in your mind at all times LURE... - that's what you're trying to do. Get 'search' out of your mind; you're luring an animal to safety. I'm pleased to say that after 17 nights in the cold, a sighting, a BBQ and my friend and husband on their bellies for five hours in a wood to lure her is what brought our girl home. It was the most amazing moment lying here to have her brought back and sat on my knee. There were lots of tears but at last with happiness.

We have a long road to recovery but we thank each and every member of our community for their support, help and kindness shown in our times of need."

This newsletter is for **YOU**, the community, so **PLEASE** submit all your articles, events, news updates etc. to:
David Kiltie at: david.kiltie@talktalk.net

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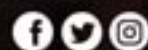
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The Kirkton Inn

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A sneak peak at three dishes we think The Kirkton customers will love this Christmas...



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DAVID McINTYRE HUNTER FSA Scot.

With the death of David Hunter FSA Scot, Carrick has lost one of its best-known and admired residents.

Better known as Davie, he was a well-respected local historian and expert on Carrick as well as being involved with numerous organisations.

Davie Hunter was born in 47 Coral Glen (The Wee or Sma' Glen) Maybole on 21st June 1931. His family moved to Sanquhar when he was six years old and from there to Oldham in the Manchester area at the beginning of the Second World War.

Following the Manchester Blitz, and during the Battle of Britain, Davie was to be evacuated to New Zealand but this was cancelled as on the day he was due to sail from Liverpool an evacuee boat (The SS Benares) was sunk and all foreign evacuations were cancelled.

He returned home to Oldham and shortly afterwards was evacuated to his grandmother's in Cairnfield Avenue, Maybole where he attended the Cairn School.

When air raids became less frequent, Davie was sent back to Oldham but the family returned to live in Maybole just before VE Day on 8th May, 1945. As well as attending Cairn School, he also attended Carrick Academy and Ayr Academy.

At 15 years of age, after an unsuccessful attempt to join the French Foreign Legion with his cousin Donald McIntyre, Davie enlisted in the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers. He was posted to Dundonald Camp, Troon and from there to North Camp, Glencorse Barracks, Edinburgh before being posted to Dortmund in Germany aged 16 years.

In 1948, the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Royal Scots Fusiliers amalgamated and he travelled all over Europe during the next few years and took part in the Blockade of Berlin.

Whilst stationed in Germany, he came home in 1950 and 1952 to take part in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and in 1953 took part in the Coronation Parade when the Royal Scots Fusiliers led the parade and appeared briefly in the film "A Queen Is Crowned". The first ever Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo was held in 1950.

During service in the British Army of the Rhine, he took part in many ceremonial parades and visited France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Denmark.



Whilst in Germany, Davie came home in December 1952 to marry Susan on Boxing Day and this was the only Christmas and New Year leave was granted whilst in the army.

In 1954, the Regiment came home to Edinburgh from Berlin and in April sailed for Malaya. His son David was born on 27th March and, after a 48-hour pass, Davie left Dailly when his son was one day old and he never saw him again until 1956.

Davie spent his last few months' service in Churchill Barracks, Ayr and demobbed with the rank of Sergeant in June 1957, a month after daughter Valerie was born.

He worked for a few months as a shunter with British Rail at Falkland Junction, Ayr then as a coal miner in Killochan Pit for three and a half years before leaving to enlist in the police at Heathrow, London. Over the next 25 years, Davie also served with Ayrshire Constabulary and Strathclyde Police as a Sergeant, the last four years stationed in Girvan.

He was a founder member of Strathclyde Police Search and Rescue Unit and was team leader before becoming Training and Incident Control Officer following an accident during a rescue exercise. He was awarded several Chief Constable Commendations and a Royal Humane Society Parchment for bravery following the rescue of a youth in an underground Lime Works in Patna.

As a member of the Police Federation, Davie attended bi-monthly meetings for eighteen months at the House of Commons, arranging the amalgamation of BAA Constabulary with the Metropolitan Police and Ayrshire Constabulary.

During his police service, Davie was involved with Scouting and eventually had 40 years' service during which he held several appointments including Assistant Area Commissioner for Leader Training in Ayrshire. He was awarded the Scout Association Medal of Merit and later awarded a Bar to the Medal of Merit.

He was also involved in training and other activities with the Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and Girl Guides and was awarded the Guide Association's Thanks Badge. For several years, Davie was involved as Co-ordinator and Assessor with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and attended Holyrood Palace several times for the Duke's Gold Presentation. Along with his wife Susan, he received three invitations to Royal Garden Parties at Holyrood.

For over 40 years, Davie visited many clubs, schools and organisations giving lectures and slide shows on local history and the Home Front during the Second World War. He gathered large collections of world-wide militaria; police badges and equipment from all over the world and badges and uniforms from world-wide youth organisations and several other minor collections all of which have been put on display on many occasions to raise funds for several charities.

After leaving the police, Davie enlisted in the Royal Observer Corps and was promoted to Leading Observer in the Ballantrae Post until the Corps was stood down. He became a member of Girvan Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland and later transferred to Maybole Branch where, during eleven years as chairman, he organised at least one major event each year which were attended by Legionnaires from many other Branches throughout Ayrshire.

Over the years, Davie received many accolades which included a Maybole Community Council Medallion in 2000, the Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies' "John Strawhorn Quaich" in 2003; honorary membership of Maybole Historical Society the same year, and a Maybole Community Council "Scroll of Appreciation" in 2005.

It would probably take a whole newspaper to list everything that Davie Hunter was involved in locally, but here's a flavour.

He was responsible for the erection of Dailly Miners Memorial and information plaques at Old Dailly Churchyard, at John Browns Grave in Dailly Churchyard and at Dailly Miners Memorial; set up original walking routes for Dailly and District Walks.; named the greens and bridges and wrote a short history of Brunston Castle for Bob Low when Brunston Castle Golf Club was opened; wrote several pamphlets on local history and two books ("The Covenanters of Carrick" and "The

Girvan Valley Coalfield"; his interest in local history ranged from south of the River Doon and west of the River Nith and encompassed the Carrick District of Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway; he has also a keen interest in Military History.

Davie was involved with a number of clubs and organisations over the years. These included Dailly School Board; Dailly Community Council (Chairman); Dailly Gala Week Committee (Chairman); Dailly Tenants and Residents Association (Chairman); Dailly Keep Fit Class Instructor; Dailly Church House Group; Dailly Home and Away Club; Founder of Covenanter Memorials Association; Mountain Bothies Association; Dailly Scottish Country Dance Class; Girvan Scottish Country Dance Class; Compo Club for retired professionals; Compere at Brunston Golf Club Scottish Evenings; Dalmakerran Historical Society; Girvan Historical Society; Maybole Historical Society (Life Member); he was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland; Girvan Living with Leisure Club (Chairman and President); Carrick 800 Committee; Carrick 800 Re-enactment Group; Carrick Crime Prevention Panel; life member of the Retired Police Officers Association Scotland (Ayrshire Branch); International Police Association; International Police Association (Ayrshire Representative); Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association; The Carrick Ramblers Galloway Hills Forum; Friends of the McKechnie Institute; Kyle and Carrick District Council Road Safety Committee; and Local History Representative for the Forestry Commission Consultative Committee.

Davie was also interested in family history and he was the fifth great grandson of Gavin Hunter, a Covenanter from Shotts; a first cousin three times removed of Dr David Livingstone, Missionary and Explorer whose great-great-grandfather was killed at the Battle of Culloden; several uncles fought in the military during the Napoleonic Wars, another uncle whilst working as a clerk in Glasgow was press-ganged to a Man of War and died on board ship in the Mediterranean Sea. He was a second cousin twice removed of Robert Livingstone (son of David the explorer) who died of wounds in a Confederate Prisoner of War Camp whilst serving with the New Hampshire Volunteers.

David Hunter will be sadly missed by all who knew him and benefitted from his vast knowledge of Carrick. Our condolences are extended to his wife Susan and their family.

Cllr Brian Connolly was chairman of Maybole branch of the British Legion Scotland after Davie Hunter retired. He commented, "Carrick has lost one of its great characters; a stalwart of the RBL with an encyclopedic knowledge of local history." The collection after Davies funeral raised £600 which was split between Marie Curie and Macmillan Nurses.

Co-op members' payout for local causes

Three Carrick groups were delighted to receive cheques in November from Alastair Travers, Manager of the Co-op in Maybole, and Jim Cuthbert of Co-op Funeralcare. Cheques totalling £10,587 were handed over to Carrick Rural Arts Group (£3,367); Girvan and South Ayrshire Community First Responders (£3,673) and Gardenrose Primary (£3,547).

The funds were made available through the Co-op members' payout for local causes. The Co-op donates 1% of members' spending on own brand products and services to the fund, which supports local projects. And members can nominate a local cause to receive their 1%.



Above:
Cheques were handed over to Carrick Rural Arts Group; Girvan and South Ayrshire Community First Responders and Gardenrose Primary.

Left: Alastair Travers, Manager of the Co-op in Maybole, and Jim Cuthbert of Co-op Funeralcare presenting a cheque to Gardenrose Primary.

Crosshill WI celebrated its 95th birthday with lunch at Wildings

Right: Honorary President Mrs Mary Baird cuts the cake.
Below: group photo



HARVEST SOUP KITCHEN

On Thursday, 10th October the children at Straiton Primary School held a 'Harvest Soup Kitchen' in support of the Ayrshire foodbank. The children prepared a variety of soups, cakes and tray bakes in order to serve the community of Straiton a delicious lunch. We received many donations for the foodbank and raised over £70!



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The Carrick Centre held an Open Night recently and Andrea Hutchison, Centre Manager, told us, "What a night it was. Filled with activities for the children, face painting with Lorna, The Toy Story Mascots provided a fantastic song and dance session. Gina brought some of her pets along and the little ones just loved being able to cuddle and feed the rabbits, guinea pigs and ducks."

"Our regular lets were there to showcase the wide range of activities and support available throughout The Carrick Centre, seven days a week; everything from Supported Yoga, cooking classes, T'ai Chi, craft groups, CCTV and Dansarena Musical theatre to name but a few. SADSAs and Invigor8 provide weekly support groups and the Food Bank are with us every Monday and Friday between the hours of 10am and 12noon."

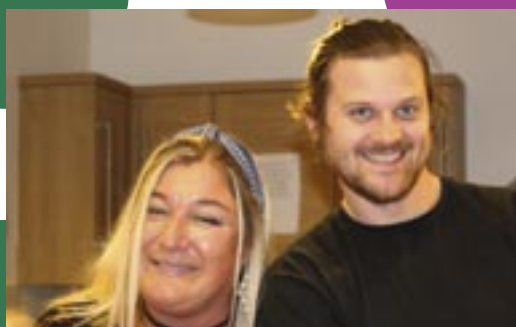
Andrea added, "We work in partnership with South Ayrshire Council to provide an abundance of free activities and lunch during the school holidays for P1 to S2 as well as a varied support programme during term time."

"We were delighted to welcome along to the evening both Douglas Hutchison, Director of Education SAC, and Bill Grant MP. Bridie Casey was able to provide information about the work of Wills Construction on the Maybole Bypass."

"It wonderful to see the familiar faces, family and friends coming through our doors and to realise the impact The Carrick Centre has on our communities."

"This, it must be said, cannot be done without the volunteers, partnerships and support from funders, all greatly appreciated and required to allow us to continually grow and develop."

"One of those being The Big Lottery Community Led Activity Fund which the Centre were very grateful to have been awarded earlier this year."





Maybole Bowling Clubs annual presentation

Maybole Bowling Club Results:

Gents

Champion – Wm Kennedy; r/u Wm Bissett
 Presidents Cup – Wm McKean; r/u Wm Bissett
 V Presidents Cup – Wm Bissett; r/u Wm Kennedy
 Novice Cup – D Murray; r/u G Geddes
 Senior Trophy – Wm Kennedy; r/u D Walker
 Matthew Reid Pairs – Wm Kennedy & D Walker;
 r/u G Geddes & T Thomson

Ladies

Champion – S Clark; r/u A Reid
 Presidents Cup – A Walker; r/u P Webster
 V Presidents Cup – S Clark; r/u P Webster
 Ladies Pairs – E Hoggitt & S Clark;
 r/u A Reid & A Walker
 Senior Ladies Pairs – E Hoggitt & A Reid;
 r/u S Brown & A Walker

Mixed

Tom Hind Memorial Cup – A Walker; r/u S Clark
 Wm Bulloch Trophy – A Walker; r/u D Walker
 Marble Bowl – P Webster; r/u Wm Gaffney
 Memorial Park Trophy – A Walker; r/u S Brown
 Nominated Pairs – S Clark & A Menzies;
 r/u J Thomson & T Thomson
 Senior Mixed Pairs – A Reid & D Murray;
 r/u J Thomson & T Thomson
 Two Bowl Pairs – A Walker & D Murray;
 r/u A Reid & S Clark
 Mixed pairs – E Hoggitt & Wm Kennedy;
 r/u J Dewar & A Walker
 Mixed Triples – H Sloan, Wm Kennedy & S Brown;
 r/u S Scobie, R Murray & D Murray
 Peter McEwan Shield – J Thomson & A Walker;
 r/u E Hoggitt & T Thomson

Presentation was held recently in the Clubhouse; trophies were presented by Mr & Mrs Gaffney. A special thank you goes to Michael's Chip Shop for supplying the food.



Family matters

Are you affected by someone else's drug or alcohol use? Would you like some support to help you cope with this and in turn will help the relationship with your loved one and encourage them to get well?

Addaction run one to one CRAFT (Community reinforcement and family training) which can encourage, support and guide family members to make changes which will allow their loved one's to also make changes to live a healthy and happy life.

Addaction have started a family support group in Girvan every Tuesday form 12 – 1.30 in the Milestone Church (formerly Jesters nightclub), anyone is free to drop in and have a chat with Alison or Margaret-Ann. This is a friendly and safe space and is strictly confidential.

The family support group is an important service as it benefits not only the individual living with the addiction but also their loved one's who are trying to support them. This will also benefit your local community as more people recovering from addiction can only be a good thing.

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TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB RUN ...

SACT is very happy to say that its Tuesday Lunch Club runs are continuing even though the Speakers is now closed for refurbishment. Instead, we are running around the villages and Maybole and ending up in Kirkmichael where the volunteers and staff at the Community Shop and Café have welcomed us with open arms. Most of the regulars are enjoying the wee change and it's nice to get a run out into the country especially on a nice sunny day.

The food is excellent in the Community Café with homemade soups, freshly cut sandwiches and freshly baked scones. There is also the added bonus of having a shop on site and quite a few people are taking the chance to do some of their weekly shopping at the same time. It's really easy when you've got a bus to take you right to your front door and a driver to help you in with your bags!

There have been lots of lovely comments like:

- *"I really look forward to it"*
- *"It's my one day out in the week"*
- *"It's lovely to get a run out – it's so nice here"*
- *"It's great to get out and have a blether"*
- *"We really enjoy it"*

There is certainly no shortage of chatter around the table. When I joined them, the conversation ranged from new grand babies, to Christmas, to politics, climbing Ben Nevis and the North Coast 500!

If you, or someone you know, would like to join our Lunch Club run, just give us a call on **01292 270864**. We cover all the North Carrick villages and Maybole and we will be happy to pick you up at your front door and make sure you're back through it again safely when we take you home. The transport is FREE, it's a lot of fun and the regulars are a really friendly bunch who will make you very welcome. Why not give it a go?



South Ayrshire Sports Awards

Paul Thomson - winner of performance coach of the year, This is for his work with us and active schools. He's been great over the last year or two helping out whenever he can.

Andrew Gamble - Andrew has helped with growing the mini section at the club for the last couple of years. One of his sons is now in S1 and he has been helping with the school teams on a Saturday morning, he won volunteer of the year for South Ayrshire Council, he works within employability and skills and is responsible for trying to get some of our challenging young people into positive destinations.

Abbie Alexander is a former pupil who is at college doing social care but on her days off volunteers to help with boys and girls rugby. She has been a great asset to the club and the school, especially on a Saturday morning. She was recognised for her volunteering.

Scott Anderson was recognised for some fantastic achievements in growing the game. He was a senior pupil who left last year and is now doing a modern apprenticeship with the rugby at Carrick within South Ayrshire.



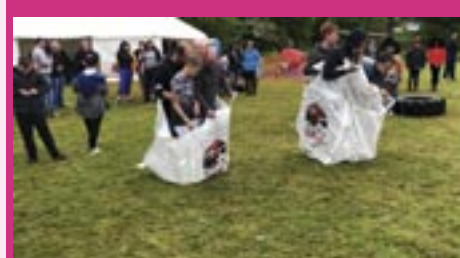
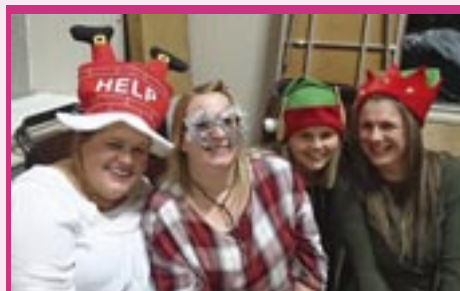
Kirkmichael Kids & Community Group



In the beginning..... Six years ago a few of us were remembering our childhood growing up in Kirkmichael, the things that we remembered most fondly were the events that were held in the village, the Gala, the Kids Christmas Party, the Village Trip, but sadly they didn't happen anymore. We wanted to do something about it, try and revive these events, and give our kids great memories of their childhoods. Initially a few events were organised in partnership with other village groups and then four years ago "Kirkmichael Kids & Community Group" was created.

The group was born..... The aim of the group is simple, to bring back the sense of community and to be completely inclusive of everyone in the village, all the groups, all ages, everyone! At present we organise the Gala, the Kids Christmas Party, the Christmas Quiz Night, this Autumn we have had a Kids Hallowe'en Party in the McCosh hall and a Psychic Evening with Sally Buxton, as well as Christmas party and Quiz night planned, we raise funds in many ways including our annual Rag Bag collection.

The future..... We have lots of plans for the future, we have just completed a questionnaire in the village to gauge opinion. We would like to get the Village Trip started again, and with no youth club in the village any more we want to do something for the young in the village. We have a great committee that's increasing every year but we always need more people getting involved, it can be in just one event, or as a new committee member. We need ideas, and as we said before we want to be inclusive of everyone in the village, so we are always looking for people in the village to bring us your ideas for Kirkmichael.





Pupils at Cairn Primary in Maybole went on a hill climb as part of their sponsored walk this year.

The p1-3 classes went down to The Glebe for a teddy bears picnic and the P4-7s climbed Kildoon Hill.

It was a fantastic day and the children all showed great stamina and teamwork climbing to the top where they had lunch with a view and managed to raise over £500 for school funds which will go directly back to supporting the pupils' learning experiences within the school.

Kildoon Walk & Teddy Toddle







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We have been very busy since the summer holidays.

Outdoor Learning Days

Every month we join with Maidens Primary for outdoor learning in our local area. All pupils, from nursery to P7, have an opportunity to learn in the outdoors and make new friends. We were also lucky enough to visit a local dairy farm and learn all about 'The Journey of Milk'.



Harvest Assembly

We held a Harvest Assembly and invited our families to join us. At the assembly we launched our new school values.



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We also sent our harvest hampers to elderly members of our community. Families and staff members donated items for these hampers.
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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Rev. Stirling led our Remembrance service and we welcomed members of the community to our school on Friday, 8th November. Members of Maybole branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland were also present alongside Councillor W. Grant. Our pupils recited poignant poems and our P7s hosted a 'Community Coffee' after the service.

Thanks to all who joined us to mark this time of Remembrance and to our Parent Council for organising the refreshments.



The Lost Ones by Fisherton Primary 2019

I am still a child
But I think I understand
How much love and sacrifice
Was given to protect our land

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In a place that's happy and healthy
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Surrounded by people to care for us
We are a lucky bunch
Safe places to play and have fun
Clean water and plenty of lunch

Protected from the horrible things
That children of war have to see
We would like to celebrate the lives
Given for you and me

So let us all together
Remember the fallen and lost
The unimaginable sacrifice
And how much freedom cost

KIND KIDS

We started the year off by thinking about kindness and how important this is.

We decided that 'Kind' should be one of our

school values. We were delighted when Owen Kerr signs launched a 'Kind Kid' campaign and were very grateful to receive one of the free signs offered to all South Ayrshire schools.



STV Big Breakfast Children's Appeal

We supported this charity by wearing PJs to school and



inviting our families to join us for breakfast. All families and staff member donated to this appeal and we had a lovely morning of munching.

FUTURE EVENTS ...

CHRISTMAS SHOW

Our Christmas show will be held in Fisherton Church on **Wednesday, 18th December**. There will be an afternoon performance for members of the community and an evening performance for friends and family. If you would like to see either of these performances please call the school office on **01292 612049** for more details. This year our show is called... 'The Wonder Of The Stars' This original FPS production is sure to spread Christmas love and cheer to everyone.

Blonde bombshell hits Maybole

The Carrick Cinema Club Marilyn Monroe and The Greatest Showman look-alikes toast the launch of ticket sales for Maybole's first film festival.

Standing on the red carpet Marilyn (aka Tia Hill) said: "Some like it hot and the tickets for this festival are red hot!" Showman, alias Chris Gourlay, said, "Nothing draws a crowd like a crowd."

The tickets were on sale at The Carrick Centre, Maybole for the eight film festival "Around the World in 8 Movies" which ran from 21st - 24th November.

The Carrick Cinema Club, who organised the festival, paid tribute to Regional Screen Scotland for the help they gave it with a £750 grant to launch the first festival. Club secretary Liza Donaldson said, "Thanks to this grant, we had the confidence to put into reality our dreams of holding a festival in Maybole."

The programme of Certificate 15s had something for everyone. The festival kicked off on Thursday, 21st November at 4.30pm at The Carrick Centre with a film celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall "Good Bye Lenin". It stars Daniel Brühl (Inglorious Basterds, Rush, Ladies in Lavender) as a lad whose mother is in a coma and who lovingly protects her from the whirlwind changes happening to East Germany. The same day at 6.30pm there was a red carpet prosecco reception to celebrate the start of the festival. At 7.30pm the double Oscar winning film "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri" was shown.

On 22nd November the early 4.30pm showing had a real Ayrshire flavour starring its very own son, whose castle is at Turnberry, "Robert the Bruce".

Friday evening had an Indian film "Monsoon Wedding" and an Indian curry was served for patrons. On Saturday, there were two Spanish films "Talk to Her" by the great Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar and "Motorcycle Diaries" featuring portrayal of a young Che Guevara.

On Sunday, a Chinese kung-fu film classic was shown "The Grandmaster" and a South African based sci-fi film "District 9".



Speakers closing night

and update on progress !!!

On Friday, 27th September 2019 The Speakers in Maybole held its last official function which was well attended.

The evening began with a 'thank you' dinner for the staff, cooked by the chairman of the trustees, to say thanks for all their hard work and the karaoke had no shortage of entertainers. It was great to see Gus Geddes giving everyone a tune; one of Maybole's finest entertainers and a true gent.

Mark Fletcher said, "It was a weekend of mixed emotions and lots of tears were shed as we said goodbye to The Speakers but there is no doubt that the new building will continue to be a great asset for the community.

"It will re-open as a fully-accessible and modernised building that will be available and open to all, whether for use for activities and space for groups to meet, a coffee shop and café, a bar or function suite for weddings and parties; there will be something for everyone."

Mark updated us on the present position at the end of November. He said, "Since closing, we have worked incredibly hard to clear the building ready for handover to the contractor. However, due to a couple of technicalities, we were delayed in the official appointment of the contractor. With the issues ironed out, all consents to begin were granted and a contract was issued to Lochlie Construction Group.

"We knew when we took over operation of the Speakers that a priority element was not just to give the building new purposes but also to give the building some very much needed care and attention. The image shows an area not accessible to the public and laterally we restricted access to staff as well and also reduced activity in some areas of the building.

"Whilst still safe to operate in the main areas, the



ingress of water due to failed parapet-concealed gutters, the age of the roof, wiring, plumbing, wet and dry rot have all taken their toll on the building. Best efforts to maintain it were becoming fruitless, so to say the timing is just right for the works to begin would be an understatement.

"As well as addressing all of the items mentioned, all asbestos will be removed; elements of the building will be demolished and re-created to make space for a lift and ramps where required; all new and fully accessible toilets; new meeting spaces; a room to the rear leading to outside seating; and better access to the walled garden where work has begun to create an all-weather space for those better days. There will be a new entrance to the front the entire facade will be taken back to as near to the original design of the historic fabric of the town in line with the conservation status of Maybole."

He added, "This has been a long journey of five years for some of us, since the inception of Carrick Community Leisure Group with the commitment to find new purpose for the building which had served the community for over 40 years.

"From a concept drawing in 2014 to the final design now, finding and securing the funding has all been a long process and we thank everyone who has supported the process.

"These are exciting times, and the end result will be a virtually brand-new facility for the town and surrounding area with community interest at the forefront of what we are doing. With that in mind we are looking for ideas for the name of the new facility. Something that has community engagement and activity as its priority focus but is equally marketable as a commercial enterprise to ensure its sustainability.

"Ideas for the name are welcome and If you have any ideas the Speakers Facebook page is still operational and you can private message your ideas to us or use email address: thespeakers2019@gmail.com

"Equally if you have functions you wish to plan for next year please contact us by the same method.

"We would like to thank all the funders: the Big Lottery, the Robertson Trust, Sawet, EB Scotland, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Ayrshire Leader, NCCBC, HLF and HES and also the SAC councillors and officers who have supported us through the process."



Gold Award

Cairn Primary was presented with their SportScotland Gold school sport award at a special showcase assembly. The award is the result of three years of hard work to improve sport, physical activity and PE within the school.

The award is the highest that can be achieved and only a small number of schools in Scotland have gained one. Pupils from the sports committee alongside Mrs Kay and Ryan Douglas (active schools co-ordinator) presented their 'journey to gold' highlighting all the sporting activities and pathways that are available in Cairn. The after-school dance group also performed the dance that they recently displayed at the Active Schools dance competition.

The award was presented by Jane Leavey from SportScotland and parents, families, and special guests were proudly watching in the audience. It is a fantastic achievement for all involved and the school would like to offer their thanks to North Carrick Community Benefit Company for funding

which allowed them to connect their community to wider sporting opportunities. The afternoon was completed by all pupils singing a special 'sports song' for the occasion.

Well done to everyone.



What's happening in North Carrick?

Report from Development Officer, Stuart Lindsay

Several North Carrick communities are working on producing lists of projects that will improve their villages in line with the priorities that are described in their local Action Plans. We know from previous experience that having Action Plans is a good first step. But it is only a first step. Communities need to secure new resources – including money – to turn plans into realities. With that in mind, communities are beginning to identify projects that will deliver real results to achieve their local priorities. NCCBC and other external organisations will then be able to help people to develop the details of each of those specific projects so that funding can be secured.

Dunure is the first community to take on this approach. As reported previously, groups in the village came together to form the Dunure Working Group. They are now working on implementing the new Development Programme. The group is making good progress with the new storage building in Kennedy Park and small scale refurbishment of the interior of the Kennedy Hall should be underway by the end of the year.

The group is also continuing to develop proposals for the longer-term bigger projects that are included in the Development Programme. That includes improvements at the Harbour and in Kennedy Park.

Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry have started to explore a similar approach following on from a very well attended meeting at Malin Court Hotel. A working group of local people has had its first meetings and will take the lead in developing and implementing new projects.

Minishant is also keen to produce a Development Programme and a group has met to identify a range of projects that should be included. As well as working on specific projects, the Minishant community is thinking

about the organisations that are needed to take the lead on those projects. They've set up a new Social and Leisure group and are considering creating a new Development Trust to take on some of their bigger projects.



Kirkmichael is taking a different approach because it is at a vital stage of trying to implement its most important project – relocating the village shop into premises where it can be more profitable and so more viable. The overall aim is to build a new purpose built shop closer to the main population in the village and with the potential to attract passing trade and higher levels of income.

The village shop is also the main issue for the **Straiton** community where I've been helping with identifying potential funders. At the same time, the Straiton Environment Group is exploring the "Development Programme" approach and whether or not it needs to become a constituted group so that it can apply for funding in its own right.

In addition to these village-level initiatives, two new North Carrick-wide, sports related projects have come forward and NCCBC itself is considering a more strategic approach, including buying buildings and other assets that might act as catalysts for other developments including helping new businesses to start up.

All-in-all, there is a lot going on in North Carrick. Please contact me if you need help with your projects.

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Working Group for Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry



People in the area have come together to develop projects that will help to implement their new Community Action Plan.

Wendy McCrindle, a local resident and member of the new working group explained, "Residents in Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry (KMT) were sent a survey asking for their views on how windfarm money would be best spent to benefit their communities.

This survey, commissioned by North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC) led to the KMT community action plan. A meeting at Malin court on 25th September to gather views was attended by over 80 people - A great turnout.

"Many areas identified in the action plan were brought into focus by the local people present.

These potential projects were collated by Stuart Lindsay - North Carrick Community Development Officer and fed back to those who participated. There has now been a working group formed to help enable these project to be realised.

"Looking forward, it is hoped the initiative will be a catalyst for positive change and help benefit and enhance in and around our local areas. We are looking at completing the walkway from the burn to the harbour in Maidens. This project already has some funding in place but needs more. This will be one of the first tasks the working group undertakes.

"We will be keeping the communities involved up to date with new developments."

To find out more about any of these projects or get help with your own project ideas please contact:
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Maybole and North Carrick Locality Planning Group



Ava Lester and Darcie Cocker P7 with Jim Baird from Alzheimer Scotland and Sharron Connolly from Maybole and North Carrick Locality Planning Group



Zoe Conaghan and Shay Andrew Gamble, S1 Carrick Academy with Sharron Connolly.

Maybole and North Carrick Locality Planning Group is supporting the Dementia Friendly North Carrick initiative to develop and deliver training to any local businesses, voluntary and community groups who are interested in supporting our local residents affected by dementia.



You can keep track of any updates for Maybole Connect via Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning and/or South Ayrshire Connect Facebook pages and local advertising.

DECISION DAY ALERT !!!!

We invite anyone interested in receiving this training to contact Sharron Connolly on sharron.connolly@south-ayrshire.gov.uk for further information. You can also keep up to date with Dementia Friendly North Carrick via their Facebook page: *Dementia Friendly North Carrick*.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Cairn Primary School who kindly allowed Alzheimer Scotland to deliver a Dementia Friendly information session to their P7/6s as this is where the winning idea for the sunflower logo was conceived. Congratulations to the four pupils who came up with the winning sunflower idea, Shay Andrew Gamble and Zoe Conaghan, S1 Carrick Academy, Ava Lester and Darcie Cocker P7.

We continue to work with local Health and Social Care staff who support the Maybole Connect Drop In to develop this service further. If you live in the North Carrick area, and are looking for advice and support with your health and wellbeing, please feel free to drop in to Maybole Connect for support and information on support services, local groups and organisations. Maybole Connect Drop In "Supporting you to live life your way" is open every Wednesday from 2pm – 4pm, at Maybole Health Centre (Rear Entrance).

Planning is also underway for the next Maybole and North Carrick Decision Day Event which will be held in Maybole Town Hall on 15th February 2020, 10am – 12 noon. This will be a marketplace event and your chance to help local groups secure up to £1,000 in funding to help make a difference in your local community. You decide on which community projects should be funded across the Maybole and North Carrick Villages - so make sure you have this date in your diary.

For application information please follow us on: Maybole and North Carrick Locality Planning Facebook page and see local advertising.

The above is an example of the type of work being carried out at present by your Locality Planning Group. If you are interested in becoming involved we meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 10am – 12 noon in the Carrick Centre, Maybole. Anyone living, working, studying or volunteering in Maybole & North Carrick villages is welcome.

Come along and use your voice!

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

Representatives from Alzheimer Scotland were in Maybole recently promoting their new Purple Alert app.

This is geared towards locating missing people with Alzheimer's and St Cuthbert's Primary School and Cllr Brian Connolly kicked off the first information session.

The Purple Alert app aims to get the community involved in a search for a missing person, or someone who has lost their way, by sharing information and allowing for more eyes and ears on the ground to help with the search.

The app allows the community to see when someone with Alzheimer's has gone missing. In areas where it has already been rolled out it has helped to find seven people already so it is working.

The Purple Alert App could be saving lives and that's invaluable to those living with and caring for our community members with Dementia.

Let's help make North Carrick a Dementia Friendly Community by downloading the app and supporting our community members and their families.



Carrick Academy S4 pupils and Craig McPike Deputy Head Teacher.



St Cuthbert's - Jim with Mark Ingram, head teacher, and Cllr Brian Connolly. Jim Baird gave an overview of the Purple Alert app to St Cuthbert's Primary School (P1 - P7).



Health Centre - Kerry Gilligan, Alzheimer Scotland's Dementia Advisor for South Ayrshire, with Jim Baird, Locality Leader East & South Ayrshire Services Alzheimer Scotland.



Cairn - Jim with pupils

Information cards have been given out for the young people to take home and tell their families all about the app and ask them to download it. More information on the app can be found at www.purplealert.org.

For further information visit www.purplealert.org.uk

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