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PRIZE**

## Amateur Photography Competition Winners

Winning photograph 'Fishing Boat in Maidens Harbour' by Bill Arnott.



Wishing all our readers a very  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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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.



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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 eleventh 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](mailto: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:

- 10th February 2021
- 12th May 2021

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

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# Maybole Community Council ...UPDATE

Just a few lines to keep everyone up to speed, as despite the pandemic the world is still turning and things are still happening for Maybole.

The bypass is progressing, and we will share an update as soon as we have something definite from the contractor. Follow Maybole Community Council on Facebook as this is the best way for us to communicate at these times and when we have an update it will be put on there.

The new school campus is now fully designed and is going before the planning and regulatory panel in December and if approved will be space-ready in the spring of 2021 or sooner if everything lines up for contractors etc. To view the plans, go to South Ayrshire Council planning online and use simple search and type in academy and the campus is the first one that comes up at this time. Likely by the time this reaches households, the plans will be approved.

Rumours around the Co-op planning to move to the old Dunabie yard are true. The developer has met with the community council to discuss the pre-planning application and as you can see the outline design overleaf. The store is much bigger than the current one and has more parking. Again, if you want to keep up to date with information like this then like our Facebook page. People have already made comments in relation to this proposal.



## Play parks

We reported previously that South Ayrshire Council allocated £200,000 for playparks in Maybole with £170,000 going into Miller Park to create a destination play park similar to those at Belleisle or Ayr and Girvan sea fronts. We will again show the plan, when available, through Facebook.

## Maybole regeneration project

This has been hampered, like most projects this year, but we are pleased to announce some steady progress which includes the appointment of three members of staff all due to start shortly. As we ease out of Covid restrictions in the new year we will have a larger team to really drive the programme forward, particularly when the bypass opens and more works in the High Street can begin. Progress so far include:

- **Small Grants** - The first wave of small grants and shopfront improvements have been approved and will begin, as circumstances allow, next year, with a grant round opening in February 2021.
- **Maybole Castle** – the Design Team has been appointed to develop and deliver a plan to bring the Castle, its outbuildings and land into use. Work is expected to start towards end of 2021.
- **Maybole Town Hall** – Design Team soon to be appointed with improvements plans to be shared and consulted upon in February with plans for works to begin in Spring 2021.
- **Maybole Active Travel** - consultation on draft plans to develop and deliver new and improved walking and cycling routes into the town centre expected January 2021 with work expected to begin in Summer 2021 subject to the bypass remaining on schedule.

## What's the situation with the charity shop?

As if the year hasn't been hard enough for everyone, the closure of the charity shop, just as groups are trying to recover, is a hard blow for Maybole and the surrounding area. To try and put this into context for now and give answers to some of your questions:

North Carrick Community Benefit Company has been looking at the possibility of taking ownership of the charity shop on Maybole High Street to ensure its future both as a physical

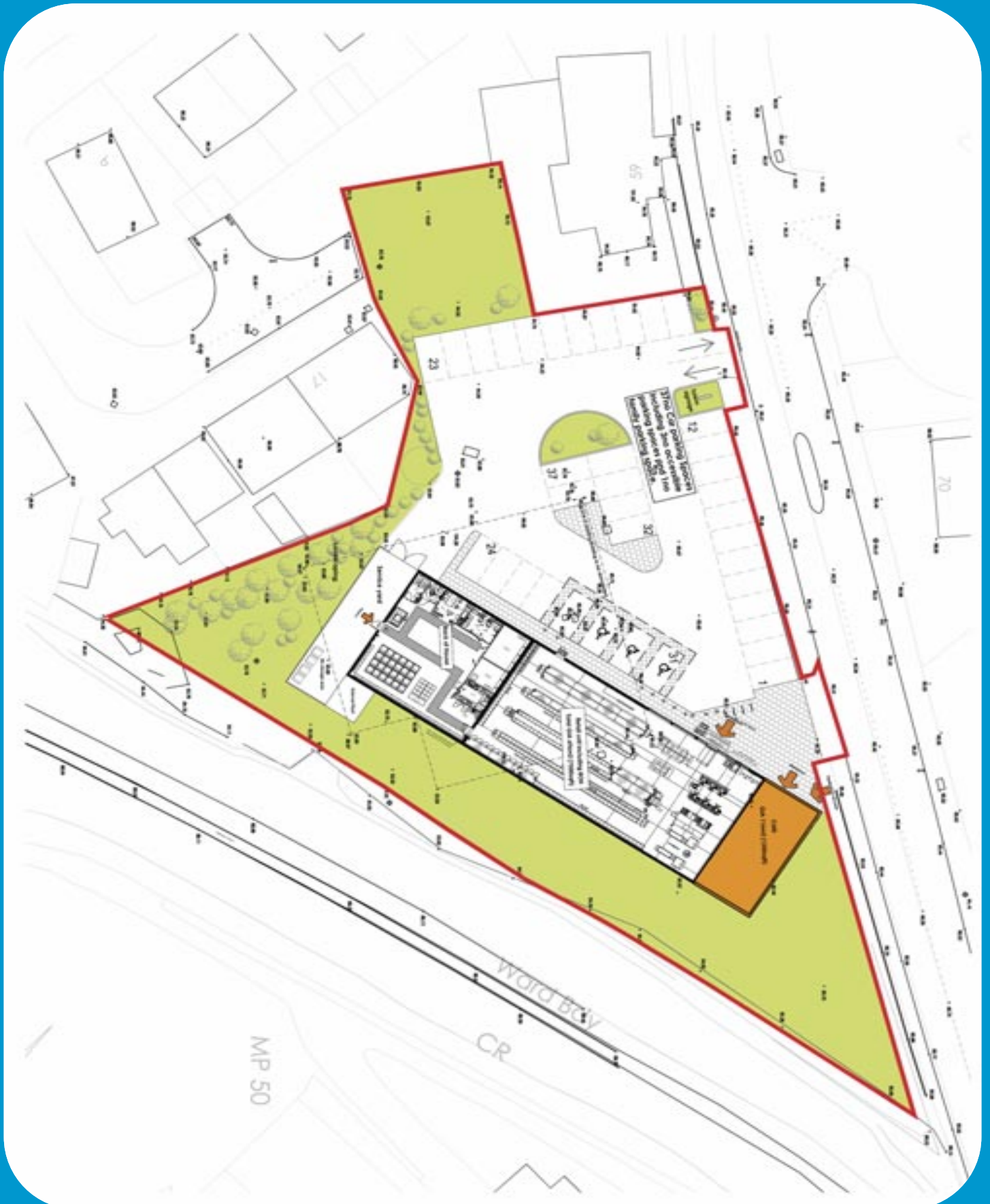


building but also as a charity shop that groups could continue to use for fund raising for years to come. The current shop has served the community well but a survey undertaken by NCCBC shows the building to be in a poorer than expected state with a number of safety concerns raised. Owners have been informed of the findings.

Following the safety concerns raised the shop committee have rightly made the decision to close until further notice. It is understood that many people rely on the shop for picking up bargains and the lost footfall on the High Street harms other businesses. Groups have suffered lost income already this year due to Covid-19 and this hammer blow causes more set-backs to community groups that rely so heavily on this facility to cover running costs and the shop committee are trying very hard to find alternative premises.

The wider Maybole regeneration project is working with NCCBC and the owners as well to see if a plan can be put in place to get this shop back into use as quickly as possible. Talks are at an early stage and we will let you know once there is something concrete to report on.

# NEW CO-OP PROPOSAL





# Kirkmichael

## Lest we forget- Kirkmichael Primary School

The boys and girls of Kirkmichael Primary School have been learning about Remembrance Day and have been thinking about all of the soldiers who have fought in wars to help to keep us safe. We thought it would be a good idea to make community links with Kirkmichael Parish Church and create a Remembrance display to honour those involved. The whole school painted stones including pictures with poppies, soldiers and messages to show how much we appreciate the sacrifices people went through to make our lives better today. We also produced a Remembrance sign to show that the soldiers will never be forgotten.



# Fisherton

## Harvest Hampers

As a result of the many kind food donations from parents/carers, we were able to present Harvest Hampers to 14 members of our wider school community who were nominated by our families. They were a delight to the grateful recipients and we are pleased that we could continue this tradition during a time when many of our normal family and community activities have required to be carried out in an alternative way.

## Early Years centre

As a result of a successful funding bid, the Early Years centre have been awarded £420 from the Edina Trust and the school have been awarded £600.



This will be used to purchase a range of science equipment for children to use in both our indoor and outdoor environments to enhance learning experiences, promote curiosity and independent enquiry and foster a love of science.



## Early Years Outdoor learning

The infant class have been joining up with the Early Years centre to provide outdoor learning experiences which have linked to topics covered in class. The children especially enjoyed 'Going on a Bear Hunt' around the local attractions using the language from the story to describe the environment. They have used the local forest area to gather materials to create textured artwork. The pupils have really enjoyed these experiences as the area offers a wide variety of locations to support learning. The Early Years centre raised £51 for Save the Children by going on a Muddy Puddle walk.

## Remembrance Day

Our pupils sprinkled poppy seeds and read our school poem 'The Lost Ones' before they observed the Remembrance silence.



# HALLOWE'EN IN CROSSHILL

The EYC, Class 1 and Class 2 at Crosshill had a whole lot of spooky fun!



## Minishant

Hallowe'en photo from Class 1 and Class 2 at Minishant who thoroughly enjoyed getting into the 'spirt' and dressed in some fabulous and inventive outfits!





## Hallowe'en at Straiton

Straiton Stores window all dressed up for Hallowe'en. And what is that? A witch also made an appearance. A competition was held for the children to "name the butler", a really fearsome figure who struck terror into volunteers who came upon him in the shop!



## Straiton

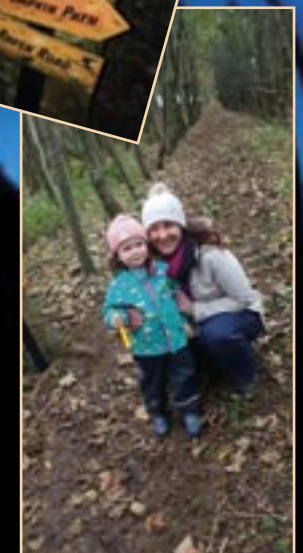
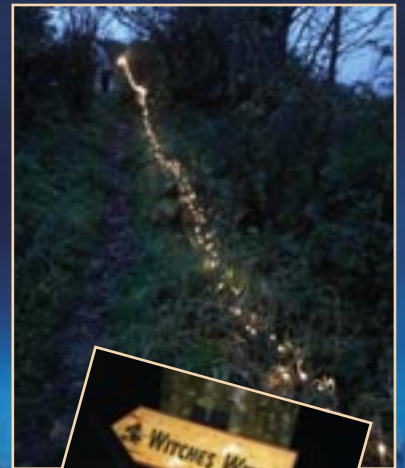
Straiton Primary and Early Years Centre took part in Hallowe'en celebrations on Friday, 30th October. Well done to all the boys and girls across the nursery and school for their creative and spooky costumes! We had a fantastic range of costumes this year; cheerleaders, clowns, witches, Spiderman, dinosaurs and even a few plague doctors! We had a lovely afternoon watching Hocus Pocus with a Hallowe'en Ice-cream float!



## DUNURE

### Hallowe'en Trail

A few parents from Fisherton Parent Council prepared and ran safely a Hallowe'en trail on Sunday 1st November for the children of Fisherton & Dunure. The Parent Council made a wee goodie bag for children as a treat at Hallowe'en along with a donated activity book from Co-op Doonfoot. A great time was had by all who attended!





# Gardenrose Primary

Gardenrose Primary had an amazing time at the Sponsored Spooky Walk on Friday 30th October. The enthusiasm from the pupils was outstanding and it was fantastic to have everyone dressed up in their costumes. A huge thank you to all of our parent helpers who were stationed throughout the golf course to guide us on our way – we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to Councillor Connolly and Spar for donating refreshments and to campus cop PC McGinley for all of her help. Thanks to all of those who donated, we have managed to raise an incredible £1,047.80 for school funds. A very different Hallowe'en for us but an amazing time had by all!







# WANTED !!!

Do you love your local community and want to make it a better place for all?

The Carrick Centre is a vibrant, thriving charity serving the North Carrick area, based in Maybole, South Ayrshire. We are looking for board members with a range of skills including working with people, project planning, training and finance.

**We need people who can give around four hours a month to attend meetings, mostly in the evening, to help steer the centre through these challenging times.**

To find out more about what we do check out our web page:

**[www.carrickcentre.co.uk](http://www.carrickcentre.co.uk)** or our facebook page – The Carrick Centre



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Due to this years pandemic and the uncertainty that it brings, **CHRISTMAS ORDERS** will be available throughout November & December which includes the weeks leading up to both Christmas & New Year.

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Thanks for your  
continued support

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

#### HAMPER 1

**£28.50**

1KG Turkey Crown  
455g / 1lb Chipolatas  
455g / 1lb Stuffing  
455g / 2 x 8oz Gammon Steaks  
200g / 7oz Streaky Bacon  
Med / Serves 3 Steak Pie

#### HAMPER 2

**£60**

2KG Turkey Crown  
1.34kg / 3lb Gammon Joint  
910g / 2lb Silveride  
680g / 1 1/2 lb Chipolatas  
680g / 1 1/2 lb Stuffing  
400g / 14oz Streaky Bacon  
Large / Serves 4 Steak Pie

#### HAMPER 3

**£110**

2.75 - 3KG / 6 - 6 1/2 lb Turkey Crown  
1.81kg / 4lb Gammon Joint  
1.81kg / 4lb Silveride  
680g / 4 x 6oz Grison Steaks  
910g / 2lb Chipolatas  
910g / 2lb Stuffing  
600g / 5 1/2 lb Streaky Bacon  
XL / Serves 6 Steak Pie



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## Membership drive

### NCCBC NEEDS YOU!

North Carrick Community Benefit Company is working to make our area the best place to live, work or visit.

NCCBC is developing a Strategy for Youth in North Carrick. But we need to know what young people want!

### COME ON TEENAGERS – TELL US WHERE TO GO!

The strategy will help to decide how North Carrick Community Benefit Company spends some of its money to make our area a great place for young people.

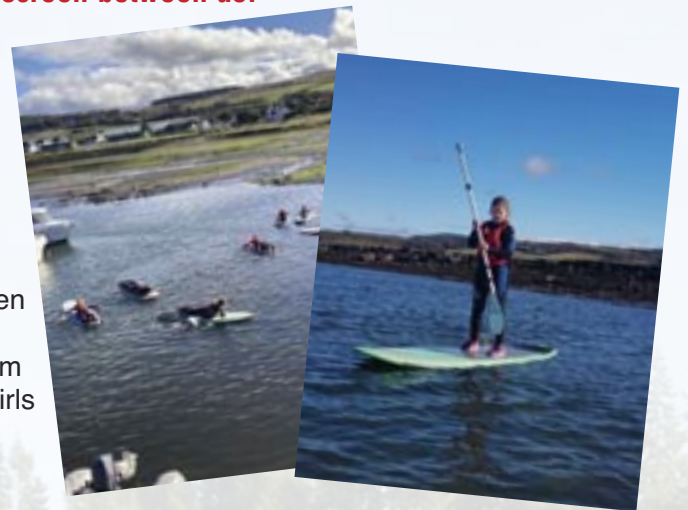
Help us to get the strategy right by answering some questions at:  
[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthCarrickYouthStrategy](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthCarrickYouthStrategy)

It will not take you long and you will be making a difference.

## 1st Crosshill Guides – Autumn 2020

After an extended summer break, 1st Crosshill Guides were able to finally meet in person outdoors at the beginning of October. It was fantastic to see the girls again, without a screen between us!

Girlguiding has given us very extensive guidance, in line with the Scottish Government, on how we can safely organise meetings for Guides outdoors, while minimising the risks. We have also been grateful to have received PPE and hand sanitiser from NCCBC, and each of our girls has been given their own sanitiser for use at Guides!

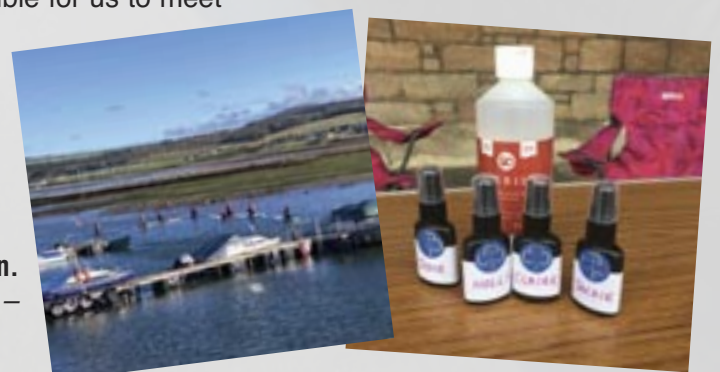


We met outside the hall and had a good catch up, played some fun socially distanced games, and reflected on what has been a very strange year for us all.

We also decided to do something exciting to make up for all the lost activities that we had planned for the summer, so we arranged an outdoor activity that we could do at a safe distance and went for a stand-up paddle boarding day at Maidens Harbour one Sunday last month. Eleven girls attended and a great day was had by all in the lovely autumnal weather. Our fantastic instructors from Adventure Centre for Education assured us the water is at its warmest at that time of year! 'ACE' are a local company based in Girvan and provide all sorts of exciting outdoor activities.

Normally we would have represented Girlguiding with a flag party and readings at Crosshill Church on Remembrance Sunday. Sadly, we are not able to take part in the service this year due to the rules, but our wreath has been laid at the monument in the village. Next on our calendar would have been our week in the Maybole Charity Shop. Many locals will know about the unfortunate closure of the shop. The charity shop week is a hugely important part of our annual fundraising and we hope to be able to sell our goods if an alternative venue is found, to raise money to provide more exciting opportunities and resources for the girls.

It doesn't look like we will be able to have our annual Christmas Movie Night or trip to the Glasgow Christmas Markets this year, but rest assured we are planning some gorgeous Christmas crafts for the girls to do at home, and we are looking ahead planning what we can for the new year. Due to current restrictions it is not possible for us to meet indoors now, but we are doing all we can to facilitate meetings again as soon as it is safe to do so.



**The Guiding light shines on.**  
*Jackie, Jodie and Claire – Leaders of 1st Crosshill*



# ARE YOU READY FOR BREXIT?

2020 has been unprecedented for businesses in South Ayrshire and the UK as the coronavirus pandemic has impacted the nation. As business owners have focussed attention on continuing trading through this challenging time, it's only natural that Brexit planning may have taken second place to COVID-19. However, the UK will leave the EU on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and South Ayrshire Council's Economy & Regeneration team want to help you find support.

Brexit is inevitable and regardless of EU negotiation outcomes, by the 1st January 2021, how UK companies trade with the EU may look very different from 2020. However, there is an enormous amount of advice available to business from the Government level to local level.

Some great places to seek advice are:

- **UK Government Brexit website:** This website has extensive advice for businesses about how leaving the EU may impact them. The site ([www.gov.uk/transition](http://www.gov.uk/transition)) also includes an interactive tool that generates a personalised list of actions to get ready for 1st January 2021.
- **Scottish Government Brexit website:** This website ([www.prepareforbrexit.scot](http://www.prepareforbrexit.scot)) has a wealth of information on how to prepare, including a business checklist and you can sign up for Brexit too.
- **Business Gateway (BG) website:** Here ([www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)) you can read about how real Scottish companies are preparing for Brexit.

If you seek more information or specific advice for your business that is not available on the above websites, please call **0300 303 0661** and speak to an adviser in the national Brexit support team.

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# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance services in Maybole were very different this year but two services were organised by the local branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland. One at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November and the other at 11am on 11th November at the Greenside

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*  
Laurence Binyon

*'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,  
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'*  
Kohima Epitaph







# Armistice Day





# STRAITON

## Shoe Box Appeal

The shoe box appeal was started in 1993 by Blythwood Care, a charity which started in Glasgow in 1966 and takes its name from Blythwood Square where they had a small office. The filled shoeboxes were sent to the poorest and most vulnerable countries in Europe and over the years it is estimated that some three million boxes have been distributed.

Janet, our minister's wife, took up the shoe box appeal some twenty years ago, firstly at Kirkmichael Church, but joined shortly afterwards by Straiton and Barr churches. Unfortunately, Barr had to withdraw several years ago but Straiton and Kirkmichael have kept up the tradition. In the early years between 30 and 40 boxes were sent but this number grew and last year there was a total of 129 boxes.

This year there was some doubt as to whether the appeal would be able to proceed but, in September, we were informed that everything would be as usual. Our boxes have now left the manse, where they were collated, and have gone to be checked before starting

on their journey to Moldova, said by some to be the poorest country in Europe.

In what for many has been a very difficult year there has been an excellent response from the communities and again 129 boxes have been filled with gifts and love.

We are told that our boxes bring great joy to those who receive them, but for the many involved here the joy is in the making and choosing of items to fill the boxes.

## Church services

Church services have resumed, albeit in adapted form with what we now accept as normal: face coverings, hand sanitisers, social distancing, no singing.

Our minister, Gerald Jones, continues to send out a message on the church website every Sunday too. Go to [straitonchurchayr.co.uk](http://straitonchurchayr.co.uk) for the messages and the beautiful photos which accompany them, thanks to Catherine, one of our younger elders who administers the site.

## Flower tubs

The flower tubs were cleared of the summer stock and refreshed with winter pansies. They continue to bring pleasure and a topic of conversation to residents and visitors alike.

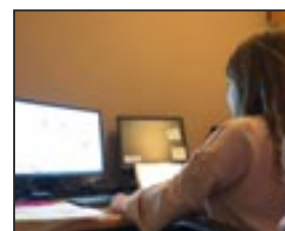


## ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY

During Lockdown we celebrated VE Day and decorated our windows. We got up to lots of different activities during lockdown, but loved using the computer to send work to our teachers, chat to our friends and even keep fit!

Our P5s - Lucy, Daniel and Hannah - finally got to celebrate their Sacrament of Holy Communion and Grace and Noah proudly represented St Cuthbert's Primary on Remembrance Sunday and laid our wreath at the memorial.

Every year we raise money for Military Charities, during November. This year we had a sponsored silence, which started with the National Two Minutes Silence. Our Primary 7s were delighted to get back to school and receive their P7 Leavers Hoodie.





# CARRICK MINIS AND MICROS RUGBY CLUB



Carrick Minis and Micros Rugby Club train every Tuesday at Carrick Academy between 5pm and 6pm and Sunday at the Glebe between 11am-12pm.

Want to be part of a community club with 40 players from all across the region Carrick? Then this is your chance. No matter what your ability or experience, come down and take part for absolutely nothing!

Carrick Minis and Micros are a community club run exclusively by volunteers. Our aim is to deliver affordable rugby in the community with all profits invested in our young people.

**Our club has many values and encourages teamwork and sportsmanship but our number one rule is to do all this while having fun!**

Our primary 1-3s play touch rugby and learn all about working together as part of a team, learning the basics (passing, scoring tries etc.) and having fun.

Our Primary 4-7s play contact and learn all about respect, social interaction (brilliant for P6 and 7s for going to Carrick and meeting kids from across the region), teamwork and health and wellbeing.

We have 10 coaches across our three age groups and play all of our fixtures within a 30 mile radius.

We recently received new equipment from Foundation Scotland's Community Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund. This will support our fantastic volunteer coaches as they continue to provide high quality, safe training for all ages. Come along and join in the fun.

Please like and follow our Facebook page (Carrick Micro/minis) for more information.

## North Carrick Business Recovery Project UPDATE

Despite the ever changing climate of restrictions, businesses across North Carrick are soldiering on and taking all of the guidance and regulations in their stride. NCCBC's Development Officer (Stuart Lindsay), and Recovery Coordinator (Claire Bryan) have been continuing work on the North Carrick Business Recovery Project to support businesses further as we look to the future.

Our designers and developers at Launch have created a fantastic draft version of the e-commerce website which we are now editing and improving before inviting businesses across the area to create their 'business profile', with the opportunity to use the online sales platform coming soon! Designs also continue for the exciting new branding for the area! Maybole Community Council and NCCBC are also supporting the Scotland Loves Local campaign with plans to really push the message of 'shop local' to the area in the run up to Christmas.

If any local businesses have any questions or would like to find out more they can contact Stuart on [stuart.northcarrick@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.northcarrick@gmail.com) or Claire on [claire.northcarrick@outlook.com](mailto:claire.northcarrick@outlook.com)

The 'North Carrick Community Resilience – Isolation Support Project' officially finished at the end of August. However, Claire, the project coordinator, has kept in touch with the council, VASA and local community pharmacies to ensure that North Carrick is prepared to respond to the needs of the community as restrictions tighten once more. A few volunteers have been reinstated across North Carrick to support the community pharmacies with emergency deliveries, and we are very grateful to them for their continued service.





## Carrick Resilience Team to the Rescue!

It's been a busy year for the Carrick Resilience Team in their inaugural year of serving Carrick. You may be wondering who they are, so Operations Manager Andrew Girvan explains for us, "We are a group of local volunteers who have access to 4x4s and other specialist equipment that can be utilised to assist any emergency services or member of the public when required."

"Emergency services do have access to specialist vehicles and equipment, but these are based in Glasgow and further afield and would take, in some cases, over an hour to mobilise and get down to Carrick. Also, we have invaluable local knowledge of the area."

"Our callouts throughout the last year have included assisting Scottish Ambulance Service to get a casualty from a wooded area after a tree surgeon was struck on the head. The ambulance couldn't make it to the casualty, so we brought the casualty to the ambulance."

"We also assisted in unblocking the A719 between Pennynglen and Culzean after a tree blew down. The police had closed the road and when we arrived on scene, we quickly cut down the tree and the police were able to re-open the road that evening. Other calls included assisting local ambulance crews and coastguard teams when retrieving ill or injured patients from the beaches. Last year, we assisted both emergency services at Dunure beach and again, only in July, we helped retrieve someone from Croy Shore who became ill and was unable to walk to the awaiting ambulance. This is only a snapshot of our callouts to help with logistical support requests."

"Another aspect of our work is to provide welfare support to any member of the public or emergency service during a prolonged or major incident. We are in the process of fundraising to purchase large portable shelters that can be utilised as a survivor collection point; this will allow casualties to be kept warm and dry. We have been assisting the Carrick Isolation Support Service by providing welfare support to those that have been shielding or self-isolating during lockdown. Our team were, on a daily basis, distributing prescriptions and collecting shopping for elderly and vulnerable members of Carrick."

If you would like to volunteer or find out more about our team please contact: [carrick.resilience@hotmail.com](mailto:carrick.resilience@hotmail.com) or checkout: <http://www.facebook.com/CarrickResilience/>







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**NASA's Curiosity Mars rover** is now performing tasks on the planet. It has been working a few metres from the "Maybole" outcrop on the surface of Mars. We're not quite sure how the outcrop was named after the ancient capital of Carrick but have contacted NASA to see if we can find out.

*Watch this space - pun intended!*

## North Carrick Community Newsletter needs stories



**We are looking for any stories, large  
or small to include within future  
publications as  
North Carrick needs YOU !!**

Please send all your stories  
and photographs to:  
**david.kiltie@talktalk.net**

## ScottishPower Renewables

Over the past five years, ScottishPower Renewables' Dersalloch Windfarm has contributed more than £1.47m in community benefit funding to communities across North Carrick. This past year has been a difficult one for many of us and North Carrick Community Benefit Company has been able to use these funds to support COVID-19 efforts across North Carrick communities. Funds have also helped to develop and create local action plans to identify community priorities; fund activities for local swimming, rugby and bowling clubs; and contributed towards the provision of counsellors in local schools to support the mental health of young people.

We appreciate the continued efforts of the North Carrick Community Benefit Company Board and encourage all local communities to get involved in the fund, bring forward projects you would like to see delivered in your area and to maximise the benefits the fund can deliver across North Carrick.

*Gillian Arnot, Senior Community Liaison Officer.*





by Bryan Clark

Davie's musical journey began in the family home, his mother playing the auld piano. At the age of 13 a serious accident saw him convalesce by learning a fair bit of music. Albeit with a two string Spanish guitar - you have to start somewhere!

His undoubted idol is Buddy Holly, as years rolled on a broadminded attitude led to an appreciation of music right across the spectrum; from Classical to Rock to Traditional. Currently he plays with a rock n roll band 'The Peas' with Jimmy Murdoch and Gavin Loch who are also instrumental to the tradition side of Davie's music as well as his solo career, which leans towards the traditional area.

He has played with and is respected by some of Scotland's top musicians. Something that is worth so much more than making a massive hit record to gross millions. No, Davie would rather have critical acclaim than monetary gain.

Unfortunate or not, "Love so Strong" was created amidst the corona-virus troubling all of us. Music being the wonder of escapism, Davie was able to create "Love so Strong", during these dark days, not dissimilar to his own experience back as a teenager.

Such a shame he can't get out and play this live. Then again, so many artists feel the same; such are these times.

"Love So Strong" is a musical odyssey of places we would normally wander freely, listening to Davie's own songs and a modern take on classic Burns tunes, such as a Parcel o' Rogues. It begins in the Hebridean Island of Vatersay after a friend regaled a tale about the pure white sands. Back home, local names like Mochrum and Kildoon are given the eloquence equal to the status of Kilimanjaro or Honolulu in other songs.

**"No too lood..."** (Davie's Mum always said this when he was playing somewhere)

*Written in honour of my mother, who was instrumental in my musical upbringing, this simple melody embodies her gentle nature and kind spirit.*

*Davie Anderson*

# Davie Anderson Music



## Barbara's Waltz

Barbara's Waltz, an instrumental, has been critically acclaimed by some of the top performers of traditional music in Scotland including Sandy Brechin, Blair Douglas, Adi Harper, Duncan Chilsolm and Alistair McCulloch. It comes straight from the heart, being a tribute to Barbara, his mother, who played that piano many years before.

How wonderful it is to have a local lad promoting the local area, yet giving listeners an honest view of the great big World, as in Freedom Come-All-Ye.

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Album was produced by Davie and Ally Smith of Soundmagic Studios Ayr

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# NCCBC NEEDS YOU!

North Carrick Community Benefit Company is working to make our area the best place to live, work or visit.

We are a membership-based organisation where the members elect the directors and the directors run things month-to-month. We have made changes to the NCCBC constitution to make it easier for everyone in the area to have a say in how the money from SPR's Dersaloch wind farm should be used. Every year the members review the company's work and elect the directors for the following year. Any full member can be elected as a director and the liability of members is limited to a maximum of £1 each. Membership costs you nothing and joining will give you and your village or town a say in how North Carrick should develop.

## SO, IF YOU SUPPORT OUR AIMS, WHY NOT SIGN UP AS A MEMBER?

Whether you are an adult or a young person living in North Carrick, or you represent an organisation that wants to support North Carrick's development, there is a membership category for you at: <https://nccbc.org.uk/types-of-user/>



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*Bill Arnott (Maidens) - Fishing Boat, Maidens Harbour*

**1ST  
PRIZE**

## WELL DONE NORTH CARRICK'S AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Fifty-nine amateur photographers submitted almost 400 images for the recent North Carrick Community Benefit Company competition and a total of £1,060 worth of prizes has been awarded.

The aim of the competition was to create a bank of cost and copyright free images that can be used by businesses, groups, and individuals to help to promote North Carrick.

### RESULTS:

**1st Prize - £500** worth of digital equipment to **Bill Arnott** from Maidens

**2nd Prize - £350** of digital equipment to **Gordon Caldwell** from Kirkoswald

**Runners Up - £30 gift vouchers to:**

- Kirkmichael - **Natasha Green**
- Straiton - **Gordon Ferrie**
- Maidens - **Jane Lutz**
- Maybole - **James Hearton**
- Maybole - **Jim Cuthbertson**
- Crosshill - **Ian Robb**
- Dunure - **David Smith**



*Bill receives his winning prize from Mark Fletcher*

**2ND  
PRIZE**



*Gordon Caldwell (Kirkoswald)*

There were no entrants from Turnberry and Minishant - so no runners up prizes there. "You've got to be in it to win it!" Kirkoswald had only one entrant, who won 2nd prize - so no runner up prize there and Maybole had two runners up because both had made it to the final round of judging, and it would not have been fair to choose one over the other.

The images are available via the NCCBC website (<https://nccbc.org.uk/nccbc-photos/>) and are being used by consultants who are working on the new North Carrick e-commerce platform.

**Well done and a big thank you to everyone who took part!**



# 9 RUNNERS UP



Ian Robb (Crosshill) - Maidens Fishing boat



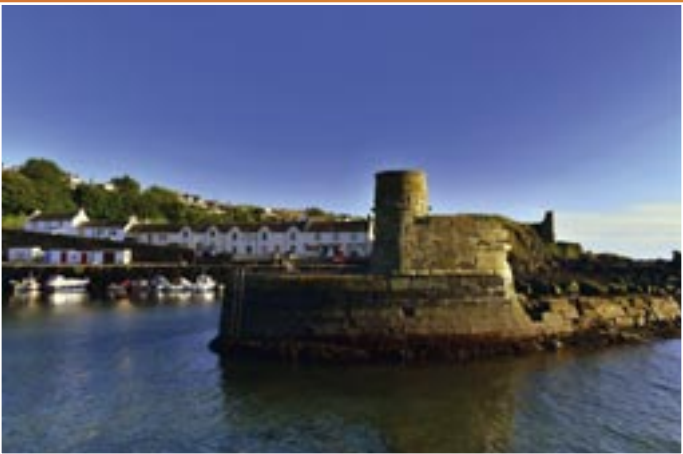
Jane Lutz (Maidens) - Maidens



Natasha Green (Kirkmichael) - Culzean Swan Pond



Jim Cuthbertson (Maybole) - Pulling power



James Hearton (Maybole) - Dunure harbour



Gordon Ferrie (Maybole) - Straiton



Gordon Ferrie (Maybole) - Straiton



*Thank you to all who entered*



# Carrick Academy HALL OF FAME



Carrick Academy has a long tradition at the heart of the community. For the first time we are reaching out to families in the local community and beyond in order to help establish a 'Hall of Fame' within the school. The aim of this initiative is to celebrate the work and achievements of those who have walked through the doors of Carrick Academy as well as to inspire the next generation as they enter.

We understand that people may not have been in communication with the school for a number of years or have individuals in their family who should be recognised but they have now moved away. We are excited and intrigued by what we could unearth and the stories that go along with it. We would love to hear from you if you, or someone you know, reflects any of the following criteria (please note they must have attended Carrick Academy as a pupil):

- Made a significant contribution to support their field of work.
- Notable accomplishment or achievement in any discipline.
- Represented Great Britain (GB) or Scotland in any field/ been involved in professional sport.

All correspondence should be made directly to [jack.hannah3@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:jack.hannah3@south-ayrshire.gov.uk) or through David Kiltie who has kindly agreed to offer his own expertise to support this initiative.

## October school holiday fun

During the October school holidays, a group of local young people braved the weather to take part in an exciting programme of outdoor activities facilitated by South Ayrshire Council's Community Learning and Development and Active Schools services. The programme offered a total of six engaging 2-hour sessions for young people in P4-P7 from Tuesday 13th October to Tuesday 20th October, delivered outside the Community Wing at Carrick Academy in Maybole.

Alison Wales, CLD Team

Leader for the Carrick area said, "Our CLD team coordinated a vibrant outdoor programme for young people in challenging circumstances. The programme of activities included: Hallowe'en-themed arts and crafts; STEM challenges; scavenger hunts; team games; outdoor education activities and multi-sports."



Young people who attended the programme highlighted that "Meeting new people was nice.", "Making the pumpkins sick was gross and fun!", "Using water pistols to paint was so cool."

All participating young people also received a free and healthy lunch at each session.





# Martin's Fields goes from strength to strength

Martin's Fields has been operating for around 18 months now. We are a small charity based in North Carrick offering outdoor, practical experiences to children and young people from South Ayrshire, who have difficulty engaging in education. We have a site in the hills above Turnberry where we carry out woodwork tasks and grow fruit and vegetables. We also visit other locations exploring wild landscapes and engaging with nature. All our activities take place in the North Carrick area.

Despite having difficulties in school, young people attending Martin's Fields are enthusiastic and try all activities. Many live in the North Carrick area and others tell us they want to return to the area with family to share the experiences. All attendees are able to attain The John Muir Award and recently several young people were awarded the intermediate Award at Explorer level.

Last year we had a great crop including potatoes, beans, onions, carrots, tomatoes, strawberries and leeks that the children shared with their families. Unfortunately, our polytunnel was destroyed twice by storms (we are in a very windy spot!) and we were unable to have many crops this year. We are saving up for a stronger structure so that we can renew these activities. In an effort to windproof the area we have planted over 200 trees, donated by the Woodland Trust, and built a windbreak on our site. We are immensely grateful for support from Billy Gray who donated a piece of land; JM Paterson for a shipping



container providing secure storage; North Carrick Decides for our initial start-up fund, NCCBC for our BBQ hut that keeps us warm and provides a meeting place; South Ayrshire Council and to many others for their support in kind.

Martin's Fields resumed activities after lockdown in August and continues to be staffed by teachers Claire Quinn and Henry Anderson who were joined earlier this year by local outdoor learning expert Charlotte Megret. Please follow Martin's Fields on Facebook and Instagram and look out for our fundraising crafts for sale as we approach Christmas.



Henry and Leon finish the composting toilet



A group visit Garryhorn dairy farm



Molly receives John Muir Award – Explorer Level



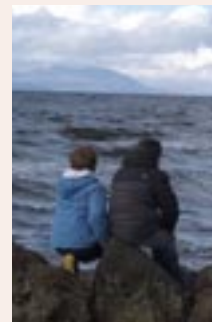
Henry supervises tree planting



Sawing at Culzean



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# Maidens

## Nurture Group Music & Art sessions

Under expert instruction from Mrs Purdie, some of our pupils are learning how to work together through music and art.



## Harvest Hampers

As a result of the many kind food donations from parents/carers, we were able to present Harvest Hampers to four members of our wider school community who were nominated by pupils. The grateful recipients were Chris Philpott, Janet O'Brien, Margaret Brown and Jim Oswald who have been regular volunteers within the school prior to the pandemic.



## Early Years Centre News

Exciting times are ahead for the staff and pupils of our Early Years Centre. Staff and pupils will be working together to design, plan and create a sensory garden. As part of this project, staff will be working towards the John Muir Award. We would like to express our gratitude to the Carrick Round Table for their generous donation of £350 towards the costs of this initiative. Our aim is to create a garden in which children can use all their senses to learn about the environment, encourage animals to visit and create their own habitats and to teach children about sustainability and conservation.

As a result of a successful funding bid, the Early Years centre have been awarded £420 from the Edina Trust. This will be used to purchase a range of science equipment for children to use in both our indoor and outdoor environments to enhance learning experiences, promote curiosity and independent enquiry and foster a love of science

## Energy Agency Lockdown Calendar Competition

Congratulations to Jennifer Doyle, P4, who was runner up in the Energy Agency Lockdown Calendar Competition. Jennifer's winning design will feature in the Lockdown Calendar for 2021. Jennifer will attend an online awards ceremony in December, when her award will be presented by Provost Helen Moonie.





# Remembrance Day

Our Primary 6/7 pupils, along with their class teacher Mr Gregor, held a memorial service within one of our outdoor learning huts to commemorate those who lost their lives in the great wars. Pupils made their own poppies which they pinned up to create a remembrance wall that other pupils in the school can visit to pay their respects. As part of the ceremony, pupils read out poems they had written, one of which is featured opposite.



## You Fought Well My Friend

He fought, he died, it's true no lie,  
You've fought well, you've fought in hell,  
You fought well my friend.

You've fought on the grass,  
You've fought on the hills,  
You've fought on the beaches,  
You've fought well my friend.

You fought every day,  
You fought with pay,  
You fought all the time,  
Germans made crime  
You fought well my friend.

You've fought on the streets,  
You've fought on the mountains,  
You've fought on the roofs,  
You've fought on the ground,  
You've fought well my friend.  
By Leigh Gemmell P7

# Ayrshire Young Arts



Young people who would like to create their own model Christmas Village, all lit up with fairy lights, can join a special arts group.

Ayrshire Young Arts has a programme of activities for youngsters aged 8-18 which includes the model village, how to write a gold leaf illuminated letter, nature studies of the coast with renowned local artist Roddy Mckenzie and creating their own design for an advertising campaign. Activities cover drawing, painting, crafts and expressive arts and can be done by a whole family together or individually.

Ayrshire Young Arts has been running for 27 years as a provider of arts workshop for young people and a non-profit voluntary group, working under the Young Arts model of the Arts Society, retaining close links to this organisation.

But like other Arts groups, AYA has been affected by COVID so it has now moved to providing online video workshops, accessible at any time. These give an opportunity to see established artists at work, and provide inspiration to make unique creations. Membership costs £21 per family for a season up to March, and members are given password access to the workshop page on the website. This links to the workshops, which can be logged into just like a podcast.



Full details can be found at  
[www.ayrshireyoungarts.weebly.com](http://www.ayrshireyoungarts.weebly.com)





# Christmas at The Carrick Centre

In need of some Christmas cheer? Christmas at the Centre has always been a special time of year. Twinkly lights, lovely decorations and a background of festive tunes come together to bring you a warm welcome in a wonderful atmosphere. With the tough times we are living in just now, we want to make sure we can still offer some of that special Christmas spirit for you to enjoy. So why not come along and soak in the atmosphere? Our Café will re-open on Saturday 12th December and you could even treat yourself to one of our special Winter Warmer Hot Drinks or our well-loved Festive Lunches or Supper. And... you won't want to miss the 'Alternative - Breakfast with Santa'.

## What's on in December

- All information can be found at [www.carrickcentre.co.uk](http://www.carrickcentre.co.uk) 'What's On' page.
- Advance Booking is essential for the Festive Lunch, Festive Supper and Breakfast with Santa.
- Current guidelines for Café and Private Room are 2 households max 6 people.
- The following events/services are being offered within government guidelines and we will endeavour to accommodate any adjustments if restrictions change before events/bookings. If guidelines impact our ability to honour bookings, then refunds will be provided.

**Café @ Christmas:** 12th December until 22nd December (Monday - Saturday 10am-2pm). Come along and enjoy the festive atmosphere while relaxing over a morning coffee, tasty breakfast, lunch or sweet treat.

**Café Take-Away:** 30th November until 11th December (Monday - Friday 10am-2pm); 12th December until 22nd December (Monday - Saturday 10am-2pm). Order online and choose your pick-up time or call 01655 883222 to place your order. You can find our menu and online ordering at [www.carrickcentre.co.uk](http://www.carrickcentre.co.uk).

**Festive Lunches:** Saturday 12th December until Tuesday 22nd December (Monday - Saturday 12noon-2pm). Enjoy the lovely atmosphere in the Café at Christmas.

**Festive Supper:** Friday 18th December 7pm. Without the usual Christmas party scene this year, why not treat yourself to a delicious festive supper with family or friends?

**Breakfast with Santa:** Saturday 12th December 10am-12noon

**Sensory Santa:** Saturday 12th December 12noon-1pm Ho! Ho! Ho! - An alternative Breakfast with Santa coming your way. Don't miss out and book your date with Santa today.

**Pop-Up Charity Shop:** Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December 9.30am-4pm. Why not drop in for a bargain and enjoy the festive atmosphere? See advert opposite.

**Carrick Seniors Christmas Lunch**  
**Home Delivered:** 11th December



## The Carrick Centre Christmas and New Year Opening Times:

We will be open for take-away throughout December. Our Café re-opens Saturday 12th Dec until Tuesday 22nd December 2020. New Year opening will be from Monday 11th January 2021 at 10am.

Call **01655 883222** to book any event.

**"We Would Like To Wish Everyone A Merry Christmas And Best Wishes For 2021"**  
**From all the Staff at The Carrick Centre**

**The Carrick Centre**  
**Festive Lunch**

Homemade soup of the day  
Chicken liver pate and potatoes  
Creamy garlic mushrooms

Roast turkey with all the trimmings  
Breaded pork escalope's on a tomato sauce  
Baked salmon fillet with lemon butter  
Vegetable curry with saffron rice

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce  
Black Forest gâteau  
Scottish shrewsbury with crackers

Tea/Coffee and a mince pie an additional £1

**12th - 22nd December 12noon until 2pm**  
**Booking Essential £10 per person**  
(payment in full on booking!)

**Festive Supper Menu**  
**Friday 18th of December**

Lentil soup  
Slices of mutton topped with prawns in a Marie Rose sauce  
Mushrooms in a rich sage and garlic cream  
Roast Turkey with all the trimmings  
Beef and red wine casserole  
Poached fillet of sole glazed with a rich cheese sauce  
Vegetable lasagne served with a tossed winter green salad

Christmas Pudding and brandy sauce  
Tiramisu  
Caramelised peaches with ice cream and raspberry sauce  
Coffee and a mince pie

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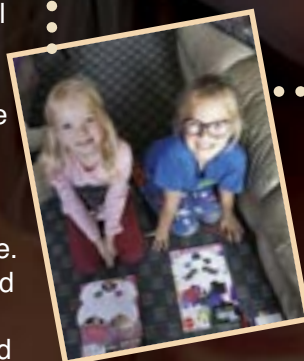


## Fun, Crafts and So Much More! – Carrick Centre @ Your Door

It was all go at The Carrick Centre 'Factory' again this autumn. We had hoped to be able to hold our usual October Holiday Fun for P1s-S2s but with restrictions still in place it was time to get our production line up and running once again. And, as we'd done it all before, we made our Autumn Activity Packs even bigger and better than before. We were delighted to be supported by The Scottish Government's Supporting Communities Fund and with funding in place it was all systems go. Ideas were created, online links were made, orders were placed and then the deliveries started arriving. Six hundred of EVERYTHING arrived in boxes, bags, bubble wrap and then it was down to our fantastic volunteers and staff to get it all sorted.

Hours and days of unpacking and counting later, *(I don't think we want to see a lollipop stick, pipe cleaner or grain of rice again, well ..... until next time!)*, and we were ready for our production line.

Our large Culzean Room was lined up with tables and all the goodies; bird feeders, Hallowe'en masks, stained glass and crafts galore, then it was all systems go. With all hands on deck and



## The Carrick Centre Update

*There's just no stopping us!*

As we move through these difficult times, and from one challenge to another, the team just keep on giving. Our newsletter is now on its 33rd issue - recipes, jokes, riddles and news updates to keep in touch with those around us. "Tales From The Back Page" is a weekly topical comic created by our Tech team for the young people within our community whilst giving our trainees the opportunity to develop their design and editorial skills on a variety of software packages.

Hot off the press is the launch of our new online interactive service - The Gaming Sector. Our team have set up a safe online environment where they will share their recordings of online gaming, highlight new releases, provide tips on how to play and secrets behind the games. You can check out our Youth Zone @ [www.carrickcentre.co.uk](http://www.carrickcentre.co.uk)

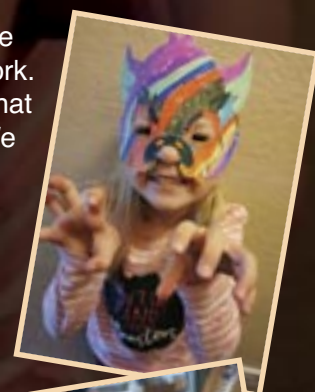
In the Training Kitchen we provide opportunities and experience in a live, working environment and for those newbies looking to take the plunge a gentler introduction to the world of cooking. Michelle and Gillian took to the kitchen on Monday and Evan made his first batch of scones. As we prepare for the Festive Menu, Juliet (our chef tutor) will be showing them everything from chicken liver paté through to a delicious fruit loaf and of course some wee mince pies for Christmas.

For more information about opportunities in our Training Kitchen call us on **01655 883222**

a tight deadline to get everything delivered to the schools before the holidays we were against the clock but with our usual fantastic support we made it.

Six hundred bags were delivered across North Carrick, one for every pupil from P1-P7 and some to Carrick Academy too - the pupils and schools were delighted. We have received some great feedback and photos and everyone thanked the team for their hard work. It is teamwork and great support that makes these initiatives happen. We especially would like to thank our staff, volunteers, funders and everyone who supports the Centre, as without them none of this can be achieved. Thank you.

*Great Support,  
Great Teamwork –  
Great Result for the  
young people in  
North Carrick.*





# THE STRANGEST OF TIMES BUT WORK GOES ON!

Many, many things are different now thanks to Covid-19 but there are still people and groups that are ambitious for North Carrick and trying to make good things happen.



NCCBC's own Isolation Support project played a big role in helping people through the first lockdown and that work has evolved into a new project to work with local businesses on an e-commerce platform. The project is being led by Claire Bryan, who did such a great job in the Support project. Businesses will be able to use the new website to promote themselves and sell online to local people and further afield.

*My current Community Engagement activity includes:*

- **General** - Contacting individuals with information on funding and other opportunities
- **Dunure** - Encouraging the formation of a panel for the "Community-led Project Funding" (CPF) process so that the £5,000 that NCCBC has allocated to each community can be used for great projects in their village
- **Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry** - Completing final draft of KM&T Development Programme with small and large projects and a focus on a major festival in 2024 to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the birth of Robert the Bruce in Turnberry
- **Kirkmichael** - Discussing potential projects with individuals as a precursor to re-establishing the local Working Group to produce a Development Programme for Kirkmichael and helping them to administer their CPF process
- **Minishant** - A site visit with representatives of the community and the football club, the Head Teacher of Maidens Primary and a Council officer to scope out a possible eco-walk
- **Straiton** - Working with new Straiton Development Group (part of the village co-operative) on plans for local consultation leading to a Development Programme for the village
- **Maybole** - Assisting Carrick Community Food Garden with its constitution and funding applications

NCCBC has been working with South Ayrshire Council on joint funding of a £200,000 programme for play parks and environmental improvements. Progress has been slow but is beginning to pick up. I have consulted people in all of the communities to find out what their priorities are, and this process will continue as we get to the final stages of deciding exactly what should be done in each place. New play equipment and environmental improvements will be in place starting in the new year.

*Some of the projects include:*

- Communities deciding which pieces of equipment they want from a 'Shopping list' of play park equipment
- New Notice Boards going into all nine communities in North Carrick
- A proposal to install outdoor exercise equipment at a site in Kirkoswald
- Construction of a path along Maidens shore
- Installing a bus shelter at Turnberry car park
- Improvements to the viewing point in Kennedy Park, Dunure
- Developing an 'eco-walk' in woodland around the football pitch in Minishant and improving the car park there
- Installing new combined litter and dog waste bins in Kirkmichael
- Repairs and improvements for the Straiton Trails
- Improvements to the courtyard at Crosshill Community Centre so that it can be used for children's play and outdoor community events
- Installing benches on the Crossroads in Maybole



The work on a Strategy for Youth in North Carrick has been continuing. As expected, consultation with young people has been hampered by Covid19 restrictions.

- A survey monkey questionnaire has been available for some time and, so far, has received around 40 responses (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthCarrickYouthStrategy>)
- A shorter survey, which focuses on the priorities of the strategy will be drafted and widely promoted in the next few weeks
- There have been several zoom meetings with a working group set up by Community Enterprise consultants
- Consultants will carry on with a determination on all sides that the strategy will be built on the views of young people
- Recent improvements in communication with Carrick Academy and primary school heads should increase the level of contact with young people

We completed a Photography competition with great results. You can see almost 400 entries via the NCCBC website (<https://nccbc.org.uk/nccbc-photos/>) and the prize-winning images are published in this Newsletter.

As well as working with communities I have been busy with several other projects relating to the development of NCCBC itself. These include: Working on changes to NCCBC constitution, improvements to NCCBC website (<https://nccbc.org.uk>), writing a business plan and securing a Scottish Land Fund grant for the purchase of the Charity Shop in Maybole, exploring the potential for the use of Cairn Primary School as a Community Asset Transfer project.

So, all in all, we may be living in interesting times, but good things can and will still happen.

Contact **stuart.northcarrick@gmail.com**, telephone **07977 115974**, for more information.

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# New history of **TURNBERRY AIRFIELD**

**A comprehensive history of Turnberry Airfield has just been published which details the story of the airfield from conception until the present. Margaret Morrell, the author, has been compiling information on the airfield for over 20 years, and during that time has spoken to scores of former airmen and others who worked there. The resulting volume is the most detailed account of the airfield ever written, or ever likely to be.**

## published

The airfield was created on the Turnberry Hotel golf course as part of a training school for Royal Air Force pilots during the First World War. Although the site was flat, the proximity of the hills and sea meant that landing was difficult, and dozens of aeroplanes crashed during practice. The names of all who died are in the book, along with details of the crashes.



Many of the airmen whom Margaret interviewed for the book have since died, but she managed to gather together a wonderful selection of personal accounts, original photographs and other memorabilia. Each person who suffered in a crash is written about in detail, and some of the old pictures of aircraft wrecks are unique, never having been published before.



The re-use of the airfield in the Second World War is also covered in considerable depth, and again, every person who was killed in the line of duty is commemorated with their details and story of their death. The methods of training are detailed, along with the many types of aircraft that flew in and out of the aerodrome.

In addition to the story of Turnberry Airfield, Margaret has written about the Loch Doon School of Aerial Gunnery, the major flop of the First World War, which was built in association with Turnberry.

To complete the whole history of Turnberry Airfield, the book includes details on what happened to the buildings and runways between the wars and since the last great war, connections with Turnberry Hotel, which was used as a hospital as well as officers' quarters.



Margaret Morrell

The book is packed with detail from cover to cover. It is on sale at various outlets in the Kirkoswald, Turnberry and Maidens area, from Waterstones in Ayr, or by post from the publisher, Auchinleck-based Carn Publishing at [www.carnpublishing.com](http://www.carnpublishing.com)

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# HELP US KEEP SANTA SAFE!



For over 30 years the Carrick Round Table Sleigh has taken to our local streets each December to spread a bit of festive cheer to our community, whilst raising smiles and funds for local good causes.

The chap at the door and the offer of a toffee sweet, for a wee donation or that chance for your kids or grandkids to jump on the sleigh and meet Santa, I imagine will be familiar to many of you as you read this article! For us Santa is all about, and always will be about, giving our community a special memory and festive cheer, and this year more than any, this is true!



As we all know 2020 is just a little different, and this year we need your help and support more than ever!

In the summer Santa took early to the streets and helped the local Foodbank collect 2200kg of food donations, supported by the good folk of Maybole, who never let us down. The collection was done socially distanced, with the safety of the volunteers and public always at the front of our minds.

So, is Santa coming out this Christmas? The plan is still yes, we have been working hard to work out a COVID secure way of making it work! This year, on obtaining approval, we will be out; it will be different though. The sleigh must keep moving to prevent gatherings and we must ask that you all stay at your windows, doorways or gardens and then wave like crazy for Santa! We will be asking and instructing everyone to avoid approaching the sleigh or from gathering with neighbours to help us keep Santa and our Community safe!

And what about our annual collection? Well, we are so pleased to announce that for 2020, we are looking to partner with West FM Cash for Kids who are going to support us and our Round Tables in Troon and Cumnock by providing text and online donations services to ensure we keep socially distanced.

So this year, we can't do a door to door collection and we are asking people to **TEXT CARRICK to 70905 to donate £5.**

Multiple texts can be sent, with all proceeds being shared between Carrick Round Table and Cash for Kids. You can also access the funding page to choose a different amount to donate:

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<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/santa/fundraisers/carrick/>

We are also going to look to work with the Cash for Kids Mission Christmas Campaign and help arrange locally a collection of kids' presents for the annual collection, to help ensure no kids in Ayrshire go without a special Christmas! Email: [carrick@roundtable.org.uk](mailto:carrick@roundtable.org.uk) for more details if you would like to donate a gift for a child.

So the dates, subject to receiving approval, are All nights are **6.00pm-9.00pm in DECEMBER**

**Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th : Maybole**  
**Wednesday 16th: Dalrymple & Hollybush**  
**Thursday 17th: Crosshill, Kirkmichael, Straiton**  
**Friday 18th : Dunure & Minishant**  
**Saturday 19th: Kirkoswald & Maidens**

Planning continues but we are working hard to ensure we retain just a little bit of Christmas normality in 2020! But for us the most important thing is safety; yours, ours and Santas!

Follow Carrick RT and West FM Cash for Kids Facebook pages for more details !!

Thanks for your continued support



Kristoffer Gray,  
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Manager of Carrick  
Academy



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Manager of Girvan  
Academy

# PLACE2BE CARRICK

Two South Ayrshire school communities are benefitting from a brand new mental health and wellbeing service

Children's mental health charity, Place2Be, and a group of charitable funders are working together to pilot the innovative service within Carrick and Girvan academies.

Thanks to the collaborative work from The William Grant Foundation; North Carrick Community Benefit Company; The Robertson Trust; Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the schools themselves, young people now have access to some fantastic mental health and wellbeing resources, including a new counselling service.

Place2Be, the organisation delivering the service, has over 25 years' experience of providing mental health support in schools. The charity's whole school approach is to help schools spot mental health problems early, enable children to focus on learning and support them to develop the tools to cope with challenges throughout their lives.

The vital new service, which has been operating at the two South Ayrshire academies since schools reopened in August, responds to research into local young people's mental health needs. Young people, our schools and the local Community Learning & Development team worked together with Place2Be to develop the support.

Both schools now have a dedicated Place2Be mental health professional on campus. Place2Be, whose posts are part-funded by the Scottish Government, topped up with grants from the charitable funders, works closely with pupils, families, teachers and school staff to help improve emotional wellbeing and provide mental health support for the whole school community.

With young people facing additional challenges and changes in their lives this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this additional provision really couldn't have come at a better time. A number of pupils have already engaged with, and benefited from the service since their return to school on 11th August. Plans are

now underway to expand the service to make it accessible to people in our communities.

Councillor William Grant, South Ayrshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People said: "We want to support our young people throughout their school journey. Supporting young people to manage their emotional wellbeing plays an important role in closing the attainment gap. Ensuring that they have access to the right resources to help them take care of their mental health is a key priority.

"Working in partnership with Place2Be, and other charitable funders, has allowed us to provide more support to help children and their families look after their mental wellbeing. "The next step will be to extend this support to young people and families in the community."

Jacqueline Cassidy, Director (Scotland) at Place2Be, added: "We are delighted to be working with Carrick and Girvan Academies in South Ayrshire. Providing high quality support that is easily accessible, when and where young people need it is a crucial way to promote healthy coping strategies and good mental wellbeing. With the added pressures on young people as a result of the pandemic, there's never been a more important time to focus on mental health."

Mark Fletcher chairman of North Carrick Community Benefit Company said: "It was a privilege for us to be a part of this joint funding project and as a local funder we could see the absolute need to support our young people and their families through their school life and we know Place2Be are the right people for the job. We know this extra support will be even more important now in these strange times and we wish all the young folk of the area and their families the very best as we all work together for better futures."





## MAYBOLE JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB - 1946 DOCUMENTARY

## Old Players Needed

### Straiton telephone kiosk



An enquiry was made to BT about their 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme which would allow the kiosk to be turned into a library or tourist information booth. However, it would lose its function as an active line and a 999 phone which is important to Straiton locals and visitors as the village can have a very 'dodgy' mobile signal.

During the very friendly correspondence with BT they also suggested that the kiosk may be due a clean up and repaint. It was only then that we realised the K6 phone box was a B listed building constructed in 1935 and designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.



Andy also became our own local hero.

Sadly, BT indicated that due to coronavirus, Spring 2021 was probably the earliest date for a makeover as there was only one recognised painter of kiosks in the United Kingdom.

Imagine the shock when a few days later Monty the Westie walked up Dalmellington Road and spotted Andy the only BT painter on top of the kiosk giving the old box a coating of BS381C-Red539 'currant red'.

Andy, who lives in Essex, was given a choice of areas in the UK to visit after Lockdown, so between visits to Monai in Dumfriesshire in the south and Harris in Western Isles BT asked Andy to paint a late addition - Straiton in North Carrick. Andy with possibly the best job in the World also had his army-camouflage camper van and happily spent a night in the Ayrshire Alps.

There are plans underway to cover the upcoming 75th anniversary of Maybole Juniors Football Club next year, this will include a documentary and we are looking for ex-players dating as far back as 1946 who played for the club to feature in a documentary so you must be willing to be filmed and photographed.



If you have any old stories and/or photographs covering all football in Maybole from the early beginnings till present day, please get in touch by emailing Martin Bone at:

**[martinbonephotography@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:martinbonephotography@hotmail.co.uk)**

We also need help from the community to help keep the club going, to find out more follow us on facebook:

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# Surgeon General John McCosh. Part I

M.D. F.R.S.C.E. H.E.I.C.S. F.R.G.S.L.



John McCosh, India, 1852

**Born 5th March, 1805, in the Parish of Kirkmichael,**

**Surgeon General John McCosh was a Kirkmichael Village Benefactor, who had a varied, interesting and eventful life as a Military Army Surgeon with the 'East India Company'. He served primarily in India and Burma during the 2nd 'Sikh' War (1848-1849) and 2nd Burma 'War' (1852-1853).**

**He was also a Pioneer Amateur Photographer and he wrote a number of books on Medicine, Photography and several works of Poetry. This is his Story.....**

John was born to Robina Main (c1777-1857) and John McCosh (c1741-1841), a tenant Farmer of Barniel Farm and who later ran a small school in the village.

John McCosh had five siblings. Along with John, all of his siblings were born in Kirkmichael Ayrshire:- Jane McCosh (1802); Mary McCosh, (1806- 1891); Agnes McCosh, (1810-1875); William McCosh, (1814-1818) and David McCosh (1818-1901). John's sister Jane married William McMaster and they had a daughter Jane McMaster (1836-1896).

Little is known of John McCosh's early life, but it is assumed that he attended his father's school in Kirkmichael, before attending Ayr Academy. He may also have been apprenticed to a local Doctor.

## **Military Career and Photography**

In 1831, aged 26, and with no formal medical qualifications, McCosh joined the Army of the 'East India Company' as 'Assistant Surgeon' in Bengal (Calcutta) seeing active service in 1832-33 on the north-east frontier of India. While attending medically to his fellow soldiers in 1833, McCosh himself endured several debilitating bouts of Malaria and took sick leave. He set sail on 27th June, 1833, from Madras, aboard the Barque, 'The Lady Munro' bound for Hobart, Tasmania.

The Barque,  
'The Lady Munro'



On 11th October, 12.30pm 1833, 'The Lady Munro' was dashed on the rocks off the desolate and remote 'Amsterdam Island', a densely wooded volcanic plug in the Southern Indian Ocean. In less than a quarter of an hour, the 'Lady Munro' was in pieces. Of the 97 people aboard only 21 survived. John McCosh was the only surviving passenger.

After spending 14 days on the island, the 21 survivors had the fortune to be rescued from their miserable situation by an American shipmaster, a Captain Percival, whose ship had anchored at the island to make repairs. He was alerted to the presence of other people on the island when some of the prisoners and crew, who had survived with McCosh, accidentally set fire to the vegetation.

On his return to Calcutta, John McCosh published an account describing his experience of this disaster:- 'The Narrative of the Wreck of the Lady Munro', on the Desolate Island of Amsterdam', October 1833.

In 1840, he returned to England and attended Edinburgh University to continue his studies in 'Military Surgery and Medical Jurisprudence' (A branch of Law relating to the Application of Medical Facts to Legal Problems).

John McCosh qualified as a Military Surgeon in 1842 and set out to rejoin his regiment, the Thirty Four Bengal Native Infantry, as a qualified Assistant Surgeon. By this time, he had also developed his interest in photography.

Dr. McCosh was later posted to the Punjab during the Gwalior Campaign, 1843-44, for which he was awarded the 'Maharajpoo Star'. He saw further active service in the Punjab, 1848-49, during the 2nd Anglo-Sikh War with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battery Artillery 2<sup>nd</sup> Bengal European Regiment.

Dr. McCosh was later appointed Surgeon General.

Surgeon General McCosh was keen to learn about the new people and societies he came into contact with and it was his prolonged stays in India and Burma, which provided him with the opportunity.



Whilst never neglecting his surgical duties, Surgeon General McCosh found his photography a relaxing distraction from his daily work.

In 1856, he published 'Advice to Officers in India', again based on his own experiences. It was in this book he greatly stressed the benefits of photography as a useful hobby:

*'I would strongly recommend every Assistant-Surgeon to make himself a master of photography in all its branches, on paper, on plate glass, and on metallic plates. I have practised it for many years and know of no extra professional pursuit that will more repay him for all the expense and trouble (and both are very considerable) than this fascinating study — especially the new process by 'Colloidon' for the stereoscope'.*

It was in the Punjab where he took the first photograph of people of the Sikh Nation and palaces of Lahore in 1849. His photographs evidence a great deal of passion, curiosity and respect for his photographic subjects; a keenness to capture the essence and dignity of an individual and close attention to posture and expression.

Some of the earliest surviving 'Calotypes' of India and Burma taken by Dr. McCosh in the 1840s, were taken when photography was practically unknown in these two countries.

These photographs from an album of 310 taken by Surgeon General John McCosh, (1848-1853), which collectively are of artistic and historical importance, are preserved at the National Army Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum, in London and the University of St. Andrew's Fife, Scotland.



1849: One of the earliest photographs taken in the Indian Sub-Continent showing gateway of Badshahi Mosque, - Lahore. A photograph by Dr. John McCosh.

During the Second Burmese War, 1852-1853, he took portraits of friends, British Military personnel and their families; key figures from the campaigns, as well as temples; architecture; animals and indigenous peoples of India and Burma, using a larger and heavier camera producing larger prints. The photographs from the Punjab, are thought to be the earliest and probably the rarest documents of their time.

Surgeon General McCosh was also an 'Artists wise Photographer,' as in 1855, he had presented a set of hand-coloured photographs in the exhibition of the 'Photographic Society of Bombay'.

The 50 photographs of Burma taken by Surgeon General McCosh, from 1853-1854, are the earliest images of the country to have survived.



First photograph taken in the Punjab.

1852, Manuthiha, Guardian at the Shwe-Dagon



Ensign William Henry Sitwell (1829-1850), 31st Bengal Native Infantry, who was killed in action.



1852, Manuthiha at the Shwe-Dagon Museum. Number 85300. (A Manuthiha is a seated creature with a human head and the body of a lion. Believed to ward off danger, they are sometimes found guarding the corners of a pagoda).



Although today, John McCosh is considered as being one the first war photographers, he did not create any images of the horror of war he witnessed as a surgeon. As mentioned earlier, photography for him was a mode to relax from his work.

In 1856, Surgeon General John McCosh retired from his post in the Indian Army. Following his retirement, he is known to have travelled widely to: Scotland, England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Egypt, India, Afghanistan, Syria and other parts of the Middle East.

**So what happened next in the story of Surgeon General McCosh?**

See next edition for Part II.



Connor Grant (S6) Community Project, Prince's Trust Achieve Award



Greg Humphries (S5) with PC McGinlay - Career Planning, Prince's Trust Achieve Award



Miss Neil, PT Pupil Support, with James Fletcher (S1) and Aidan Hughes (S1)



No Pens or Pencils Day - S2 pupils in the French Department



Our DIPA Display Board

## Cause for Celebration at Carrick Academy!

At Carrick Academy we have been on a journey to promote inclusive practice across our whole school community in order to meet the needs of all pupils in our classrooms in respect of learning as well as overall well-being.

We now have cause for celebration since on 22nd October 2020 we became the first secondary school in South Ayrshire to receive the 'Dyslexia and Inclusive Practice Award.'



Led by our Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, Miss Eileen Neil, a range of approaches have been implemented across subjects throughout the school to foster and sustain an inclusive environment. Some examples of good practice include: pupils having access to a range of supportive resources in DIPA boxes in every subject; 'Pupil Voice' posters on display in every classroom highlighting a range of strategies to best support learning; Literacy Mats within the English Department to encourage independence and progression. We also have a clear assessment pathway in place to establish and support all student need across year groups.

Individual learning styles have been shared with all teaching staff and approaches such as 'Making Thinking Visible' and 'Retrieval Practice' are integrated into lessons making learning more fun, diverse and engaging. The 'Better Movers and Thinkers' approach is used in PE to develop thinking skills through movement which, in turn, enhances working memory. Literacy and Numeracy Tutorials are delivered by Pupil Support teachers for S1 and S2 with some sessions being supported by senior pupils as part of their Work Experience programme. In addition to this, our Prince's Trust Achieve Award contributes to a more flexible, accessible curriculum and alternative qualifications.

In order to further cultivate inclusion, we work in partnership with a range of outside agencies including: Petra, the Reading Dog; Home Link; CLD to deliver Peer Education and Personal Development Awards; and Employability and Skills for 'Workout!'

With a focus on mental health and well-being, Miss Neil delivers sessions in 'Nurture', 'Seasons for Growth' and 'Draw and Talk Therapy' while some staff are trained in LIAM (Let's Introduce Anxiety Management) and Mental Health First Aid. We also have an on-site Place2Be Counsellor. Since fun is, of course, an important part of our curriculum we recently celebrated 'Dyslexia Awareness Week' throughout the school where a 'No Pens or Pencils Day' was promoted.

Pupils also have opportunities to take part in some extra-curricular activities at lunchtimes such as our friendly Up-cycling Club run by Mrs Diane Shearer, one of our very talented Pupil Support Assistants. This is open to all year groups and pupils are given the opportunity to upcycle or creatively re-use furniture in an environmentally friendly way while learning new life skills.

**And so there is much to celebrate at Carrick Academy. Our school motto is 'Superbe Gerimus' which, translated from Latin, means 'We wear it proudly.' And indeed we do!**



# Maidens Community Association

## Closer Community

Although the past year has been a difficult one, it has also shown the importance of community. Inspired by the stories in the news, a few local residents have taken the initiative to rekindle Maidens Community Association. Flyers and posters were put out around the village to give everyone the chance to join in and have their say. Responses were sent back and covered a broad spectrum of ideas from a walking club to a tennis court, community garden to a foraging walk, just to name a few.

## Is technology our friend?

The association are looking forward to having good relationships with the other groups around Maidens, like Maidens Harbour, Carrick rowing club and of course NCCBC, just to name a few. Unfortunately it is proving quite difficult to get a large meeting at the moment because of Covid restrictions and not everyone is comfortable using video calling yet. So they do have some challenges to work around, but one member quoted, "We won't let this dampen our spirits and we will keep trying our best to make something happen." Well done and good luck to them. Sounds like they could do with some extra support. If you are interested in joining in or if you have anything you would like to contribute, then you can email: [maidenscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:maidenscommunity@gmail.com).

There is also a new Instagram Account **#maidensvillage**, or If you wish to telephone then the number is available on request from Little K's Kitchen.

## What's happening with the phonebox?

We had some Spooky fun for Hallowe'en this year. It all started when Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry Community Council took ownership of the old phone box (next to where the old post office was on Ardlochan Road) for the enormous fee of, wait for it.... £1. This scheme has been running all over the UK but our phone box only got decommissioned earlier in the year. To help raise awareness that the community now had the phonebox as a community resource a couple of the volunteers dressed the phonebox up for Hallowe'en. I hope you agree it did look quite frightening.

Next step is to get it all painted and a design will be agreed about shelving. The new role of the phone box will be decided by the villagers, but we are looking at maybe a book swap, or local information

centre or maybe even a micro art exhibition, no reason why any idea can't get a turn. At least it has been saved and has a future.



## New beginnings

The next step is to get the phone box all primed and painted back to its original glory. A design will be agreed about shelving. Please see an example below courtesy of the Pencil Box, Isle of Bute. The new role of the phone box will be decided by the villagers. If you have an idea for example; a book swap, local information centre or maybe even a micro art exhibition, then please get in touch.



(permission of the Pencil box Isle of Bute)

## North Carrick Community Benefit Company introduce a new fixed fund

In response to a request from communities at the last AGM, North Carrick Community Benefit Company introduced a new fixed fund that would be made available to each community. This allows communities to self-manage their funds and gave each community some control over small project funding.

Each village, or town in the case of Maybole, has members as well as directors and the basic management structure for this fund is a panel made up of members and at least one director to chair the group. The group can invite wider community representation to decide how to distribute the fund, within NCCBC guidelines.

Straiton is the first community to have submitted their claim for the funds and the process used by them is as follows:

The committee delivered letters through the door explaining the fund and asking for volunteers, particularly younger people, to join the panel and also asked for ideas on projects to fund.

They received 50 returns which equated to 40% and the suggestions were:

- Basketball hoop and backboard at the park (129)
- Benches - an annual programme to replace and repair (230) allocated £2,000.
- Bird boxes along church walk (161) allocated £100.
- Paths improvements (not council owned) (252) allocated £2,400.
- Adopt the phone kiosk (116)
- Plant a tree scheme along the verge at Newton Stewart Road.

The local panel decided that £400 would be set aside annually for planting stone planters.

These options were sent out for voting and the scores were counted and shown in brackets above. The local panel then decided on the split of funding which is also shown next to the four projects plus the planting.

If you wish to help influence funding in your area, please consider NCCBC membership, but that is not compulsory, to be part of the CPF funding decision-making team.

*Well done to Straiton for being the first to fulfil the process.*

## You can find your local foodbank at The Carrick Centre in Maybole

It is managed by Wilma Milligan, a well-known, amazing volunteer from the area and other fantastic volunteers

who support the foodbank every Monday and Friday. If you know of anyone who might be struggling at this time please let them know about the foodbank and you can also help by making donations.



**Normal Opening Times:** 10am – 12noon every Monday and Friday with the exception of the Christmas and New Year holiday period which runs from Wednesday 23rd December 2020 until Sunday 10th January 2021.

In order to provide support during this time the Centre will open for the foodbank at the following times:

### **Foodbank Christmas and New Year Opening Times**

Monday 21st December 2020 10am-12noon

Monday 28th December 2020 10am-12noon

Monday 4th January 2021 10am-12noon

Monday 11th January 2021 10am-12noon

*(normal opening times on Mondays and Fridays will resume from 11th January 2021)*

**Donations:** You can help local people in crisis at this time by donating the following items to the foodbank.

All non-perishable goods are greatly appreciated but the following items are the ones most needed right now. Also, at this time of year, any Christmas Treats would be much appreciated.

- Cereal (Corn Flakes / Rice Crispies / Weetabix) 250gms and 500gms
- Tinned Main Meals (Curry/Stew/Mince/Chilli/Cold Meat)
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned or Packet Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Packet Rice
- Tinned or Packet Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits
- Diluting Juice
- Tea
- Coffee
- UHT Milk 1ltr
- Special Christmas Treats e.g. Sweets, Biscuits, Christmas Puddings etc.



**Donation drop off times: Preferred drop off time is Monday and Friday during the 10am-12noon opening times.**

Donations can be dropped off at The Carrick Centre. **Please do not leave donations outside the Centre!!**





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