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Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all



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Minishant Primary

Class 1 were immersing themselves in the Greek culture on European Day of Languages! Some of our favourite activities of the day included making flatbreads with a Mediterranean yoghurt dip and learning some traditional Syrtaki dancing. Opa!



MINISHANT CLASS 1 AND 2

It was European Day of Languages this September and class 2 thoroughly enjoyed getting involved! To begin with, we used an online atlas to explore Europe as a continent. We then worked in teams to gather information on Estonia specifically. We researched the geography and history of Estonia, the type of food you

would find there and even learned some useful Estonian words/phrases. To end the day, we baked a delicious bread pudding with apple and blueberries! It was a hit!

Both classes joined forces for an outdoor learning session this term. The aim was to help rid Minishant of litter and after collecting five full bags of rubbish I think we achieved our goal!



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Funding is available for a wide range of projects and to find out more or to apply to this fund please contact **Claire Bryan** on **07730 748 896** 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. **Company AGM : 17th January 2022 (members only)** **Board meeting: 9th February 2022**
Application for funding must be received three weeks prior to this date.

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DUNURE

Dunure Parent & Toddler group meets on Tuesdays at Kennedy Hall Dunure 10am-12pm. Contact Bonnie McLean on **07825 198 694** for more details.



Kennedy Park

Following successful funding for equipment to enhance Kennedy Park, residents say they were lucky enough to have a Mirage bucket swing seat fitted, a three piece exercise equipment and a new climbing frame.



In the last issue of the newsletter, we remembered the 75th anniversary of former US President Dwight D Eisenhower being given the Freedom of the Burgh of Maybole.



In this issue, we mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of **Maybole Juniors Football Club** in 1946.

What are the origins of the club and its home homeground Ladywell Stadium?

Where better to start than with the memories of someone who was there and had a key role.

Andrew McCorquodale wrote this letter to the club's secretary in 2006:

"In 1944, I was appointed Burgh Surveyor of Maybole. Shortly after I started, a number of town councillors and local people were examining various projects to be ready for Maybole Servicemen returning from the Second World War.

"A public meeting was arranged, and the popular outcome was that a football field and a football team was agreed. Under the chairmanship of the late Ex Provost Tom Murray, a committee was nominated, of which I was a member, and it was decided that an area of ground between the local tannery, (now demolished), and the then Italian POW Camp would be suitable. I agreed to design and supervise the work to be carried out by a great group of enthusiastic volunteers.

"The area was cleared and roughly levelled, and an old retaining wall on the road up to the town being in a dangerous condition was demolished and the stones and earth were spread over the area and graded to give a gradual fall away from the tannery building, and drainage taken to the adjoining burn.

"This was duly completed by the volunteers, (with the occasional help of the Italian POWs). I then managed to get the loan of a "turf cutting machine" from Prestwick Airport and, with the approval of the Town Council, cut turf from part of the then closed golf course (part known locally as "the Slap"), and completely turfed the area.

"On completion, local tradesmen generously gave all the materials to completely build and equip the clubhouse and a fencer erected the spectators rail and surrounding fence to entirely enclose the completed football field, which was then named "THE LADYWELL STADIUM".

"Meanwhile other committee men, under Mr. Studie Qua, were scouting around and eventually got a team together, which was called "MAYBOLE JUNIORS" and who were accepted by the Ayrshire Junior Football Association, and the job was completed.

"After I left Maybole, I designed a covered stand with ex-Army Nissan Huts and a refreshment room, which were erected and added to the field.

"I am now 92 years of age, and one of my sons, Arthur, took me down to Maybole on Wednesday to see my old haunts in the town which I enjoyed working for three years and of course went along to the Ladywell Stadium, where I assure you, I had the most pleasant surprise of my visit to the town.

"Your club members obviously appreciate the stadium, and have maintained the whole ground and buildings in excellent condition, which gave me a proud feeling that my efforts and those of the original volunteers had been so worthwhile, and I would ask you to convey my sincere thanks to them for their hard work throughout the years. I may mention when I left Maybole, the Club made me an Honorary Life Member.

"Finally, I wish your President, your club members and followers, and yourself, together with the Maybole Juniors Football Team every success in the future."

We all congratulate everyone involved with the Juniors over the past 75 years and wish them many more successful years to come.



Stirling Juniors, Winners South Ayrshire Cup
Season 1995/96

Back Row (L-R): B McIndrick, J Cross, J Robertson, B McQueen, L Foray, H Simpson, D McCannick, C Walker, F Kallind
Front Row (L-R): B Dunn, S Dunn, M Kenna, B Russell, J Galloway, M McInnes



Royal Tribute To Maybole by the late Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of receiving the Freedom of Edinburgh in the Usher Hall on 1st March, 1949

"There are in this world hundreds of things which are right but which cannot be legislated for - things which will never be done unless someone is prepared to do them for no reward except possibly a clear conscience.

"Once upon a time it was a relatively easy matter to clear one's conscience by contributing money to various charities and organisations which set out to do the right thing. This method as you all know is not so easy now, and yet there is just as much to do. It will be fatal for us if we ever come to think that merely by passing laws we can get out of our responsibilities towards our fellow men.

"I have come across two examples of what can be done. There is the case of Ladywell playing field at Maybole in Ayrshire, which was laid out, levelled and turfed almost entirely by voluntary labour, and then, not content, they built themselves a grandstand and changing rooms.

"In the case of Sighthill, here in Edinburgh, the residents got together and made themselves a bowling green.

"To achieve this, the craftsmen gave their services and others helped with their hands. In both these cases unselfish service was freely given, and I refuse to believe that the glow in the hearts of those who took part is not the brighter for what they have done."

Trophies Won: Vernon Trophy - 1962/63, Ayrshire District League winners: 2003-04, 2011-12, Kyle & Carrick Cup: 1991-92, 1993-94, South Ayrshire Cup: 1995-96, 2001-02





LIFELINE INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Created by the team behind the South Ayrshire Lifeline helpline, the website features details of hundreds of support services and activities in South Ayrshire.

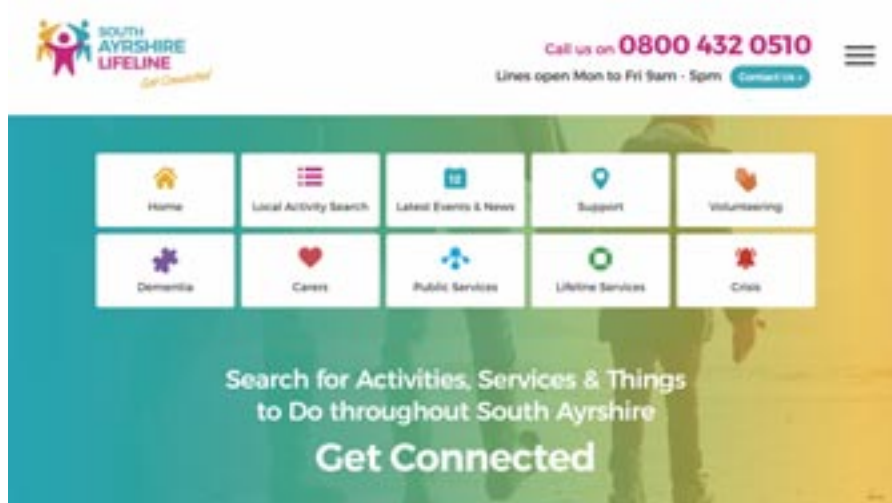
The South Ayrshire Lifeline helpline, set up last March by Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA) to support local people through the Covid crisis, is still open.

But now the website will offer another way to find out quickly and easily what groups and activities are out there and what support is available locally on a wide range of issues. Angela McWhinnie, who heads the South Ayrshire Lifeline team, said, "Staff here at South Ayrshire Lifeline have been contacting all the organisations and support services previously listed on the South Ayrshire Life website so our rebranded South Ayrshire Lifeline site has all the most up-to-date information about what's going on out there.

"The website is really easy to navigate. People can search for local activities, print off handy Support Guides, search for volunteering opportunities, find crisis contacts quickly, learn more about our Lifeline services and much more." Angela is keen to reassure people that the South Ayrshire Lifeline telephone service will still be available to signpost them.

She said: "The website is a great resource with so much useful information just a click away but we are still here on our freephone number and you can still call us." As more activities and groups start up again, they will be added to the website. Any local organisations who are not yet listed can contact South Ayrshire Lifeline to have their details included on the website.

If you want to connect with support services or activities in your area, please visit **southayrshirelifeline.org** or call **0800 432 0510**.



NHS as a Community Links Practitioner

Hi, my name is Denee Blaikie. I work for the NHS as a Community Links Practitioner and I am aligned to Carrick and Maybole Medical Practices.

As a Community Links Practitioner, I can support you around a range of social stressors that affect health and well-being.

I have time to talk to you about what is going on in your life and we can then try to identify any concerns or issues you may have, offering one to one support to help you access services and activities to support you to live well in the community. I can help get you support, advice and information for many different issues including money worries, housing, social isolation, bereavement, unemployment, alcohol and drug use, managing stress and anxiety and living a healthier lifestyle.

Clinics are held in the practice or I can offer a telephone consultation. Appointments with myself can be made by calling the GP practice; I can offer face to face or telephone consultation. We are not currently offering home visits at present, but hoping this is something that will be available again soon.





Are you looking for a tradesman or company to carry out work for you?



Lockdown has led to a significant increase in unsolicited telephone sales calls offering home improvement contracts. After a difficult year for businesses across South Ayrshire, let's show our support by using local businesses to carry out work around our homes.

If you are looking for a trader and don't know where to start, try the South Ayrshire Trusted Trader scheme. It's a directory of local businesses that have been vetted by Trading Standards, who have also made a commitment to treat their customers fairly, helping you choose the right tradesman with confidence.

Alternatively, if you're a trader looking to join the Trusted Trader Scheme, please get in touch.

You can find out more information on the South Ayrshire Trusted Trader scheme by:

Visiting our website: www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/trusted-trader/

Calling: 0300 123 0900

Email: trusted.trader@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

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Tony Kerrigan

Obituary



There won't be many families in the town who haven't had their photo taken by Tony Kerrigan.

Known as Tony, his Sunday name was Anthony Joseph Kerrigan. He was born in Liverpool in 1947 to Alicia and Paddy. He was the second of ten children with seven brothers and two sisters. He grew up in Huddersfield and became a Yorkshireman at heart.

At the age of 11, Tony went to Ushaw College in County Durham as a seminarian. It was at this time he was given his first camera which sparked a life-long fascination with photography. His love of music was fostered at the college when he joined the choir in which he was a soloist and was led by Canon Hollis.

After leaving Ushaw, he followed the lens working in a variety of photographic jobs which led to him joining the RAF as a photographer, ultimately taking him to Bahrain in the middle east cultivating his love of travel. An unlikely rebel, he claimed to have never worn uniform whilst in service.

On leaving the RAF, Tony joined West Yorkshire Police as a Police Photographer and scenes of crime officer. He met his wife Liz through a mutual friend prior to his posting in Bahrain and they married in 1971. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary in July this year, a milestone he was determined to reach from the early stage of his diagnosis and which he got to share with family and friends and brought him great pleasure.

He moved to Scotland in 1971 to start a job with Ayrshire Constabulary, settling in Maybole to start a family. In 1974, daughter Nicole was born closely followed by son Andrew in 1976.

He became well known in the local community as he worked several side gigs documenting the happy events in people's lives; taking pictures for the local papers of events, from the opening of bowling greens to the town gala, sports matches and countless presentations. He chronicled people's lives by taking family portraits, doing wedding photographs and even having people knock at the front door to get their bus pass and passport photo taken.

There won't be many families in the town who haven't had their photo taken by Tony. This work was a marked contrast from the often harrowing scenes he encountered in his day job. Despite the difficult job he did, there were moments of light relief, like the time he was in an attic space to photograph a hole in a ceiling used by someone to spy on their neighbours. He didn't get the shot he needed as he fell through the ceiling but managed to save the day by getting a bit of ceiling with a drill hole in it to place in an evidence bag.

Tony retired from Strathclyde Police in 2011 after 39 years' service. Remarkably, despite working many jobs he still found time for his passions. For well over 20 years, he was an active and enthusiastic member of Ayr Choral Union and Galloway Voices. He cherished the trips the Choral Union organised to meet up with their twin choir from Saint Germain.

He loved to travel as he would often manage to combine all his favourite pastimes in one trip - taking photos, taking in a concert, swimming in the sea and, of course, eating. Over time, he became a Grandad to Owen, Quillan, Monica, Chloe and Sophie all of whom he adored.

Over the past four years, Tony bore his illness with great courage and with his typical sense of humour which remained even to the end. Throughout his illness he fought to get out of the house as much as he could - to go on trips, meet up with friends and family and live as normal a life as he could.

Our thanks to Liz, Nicole and Andrew for sharing their memories of Tony. Our deepest sympathies go to them. As Andrew said in his closing remarks when giving his eulogy at his father's funeral service, "I think we will all remember Tony as positive, funny, friendly with a real love of life and someone who was generous with his time and talents."

St Cuthbert's Primary

St Cuthbert's Primary is enjoying getting back to 'normal' and experiencing all the activities that have been missed! Staff and pupils are delighted to welcome The Iris Ayr to help them with a film production project. Mr Welsh is teaching Music and the pupils loved their recent lesson. Mr Crookston is back....they love PE with him! Swimming has returned and the whole school is enjoying getting back in the water. Halloween was spooky and fun....everyone had a great day! Primary 7 pupils were so excited to receive their Leavers' Hoodies!

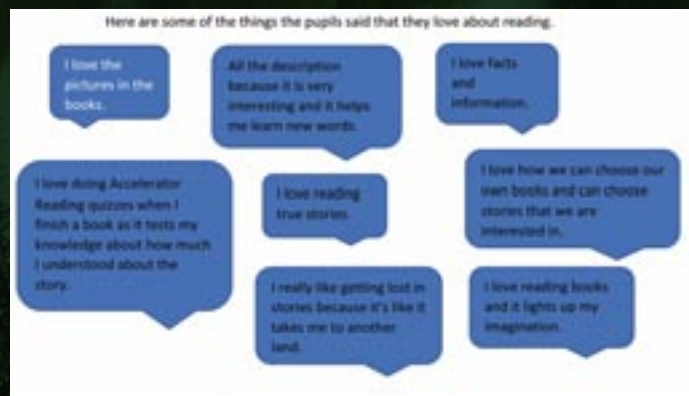


FISHERTON Primary School

Our big class (P567) are always very focused during their personal reading time. They really enjoy opportunities to read outside and are delighted with the newly installed school gazebo.



Last year they set themselves a class target of reading 4,000,000 words and were really pleased when they achieved that goal. This year they are even more confident and have decided to set their class target to 6,000,000 words. Good luck to them all!!



The Big Class are attending swimming lessons every Monday morning at Maybole Swimming baths. They are thoroughly enjoying learning new skills in the pool, such as the importance of water safety, the different strokes and they have even learned how to somersault under the water!

The Nursery and The Wee Class (P1-P4) have recently started to participate in outdoor learning together every Friday. The children enjoy exploring the local woodland area and the beach and having their picnic lunch. The children love to be creative and they thoroughly



enjoyed creating dens in the woods so that they could eat their picnic lunch in a dry space.



They made some Autumn crowns by collecting items they found in the woods.



They collected items from the beach and used these items to create their own pictures.



The Nursery and The Wee Class enjoyed celebrating Hallowe'en together with a Hallowe'en party where they danced, played games and won prizes. They also had great fun carving the pumpkins donated by Morrisons in preparation for the party!



Pin the hat on the cat at the Hallowe'en party.



Fisherton Primary are currently working towards their Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award. The children love discussing their rights and how they can make their school a better place. Each pupil in the big class is researching into a global/local issue to promote change to help support children's rights around the world. It is great to see the children leading their own learning.

Maybole and the rest of North Carrick will sorely miss **DAVY McKAY** from the High Street

Davy was a great supporter of our magazine and many local organisations as well as being a very popular butcher with loads of very satisfied customers.

Our editor spoke to Davy just days before we went to the printers to let him know how much he would be missed and to wish him well in whatever he chose to do in the future. Perhaps Davy said it best when he posted on Facebook:

It is with a heavy heart I have decided that David W McKay Butchers will be closing down on Saturday 20th November. The last three years from the shop fire, to the pandemic and now the tragic events within the last month have led me to this decision. After 37 years in the shop, the time is finally right for me to go, for my own health and well-being. I would like to thank all my family, friends and customers for their continued support. The shop will be getting put up for sale/lease in the coming weeks and hopefully Maybole will not be without a butcher's for long."

"Furthermore, after our closing date on the 20th, we will work on until the 27th November fulfilling any Christmas or regular orders out for home freezing, which can be collected or delivered."

Davy's post had hundreds of comments, all mainly saying they were sorry to hear the news and how much he would be missed but adding that he needed to do what was best for himself and his family.

Samples of comments were:

"You and your family need to be your top priority. Sending lots of love."

"So sorry to hear this Davy but you need to put you and your family first..... thank you for being such a great butcher."

"Very sad news, but health is very fragile...good luck for the future."

"Your health is your wealth and family time is precious, your shop will be missed so much."

"You and your staff will be missed so much David but your health and family come first. It was a pleasure to come into the shop, always met with a smile! Best wishes for the future."

"So, so sorry to read this. Maybole will never have another butcher like Davy McKay; you have served our wee town well but health and family come first, wishing you and the staff all the very best for the future."



"Best wishes Davy. My grandpa loved visiting you all in the shop, you always took such good care of him. You'll be missed! Take care all."

"So sorry to hear this, you and your staff have always done amazing, will miss all your happy faces. Take care and best wishes to you all for the future."

"Not just a butcher but a great friend; so sorry to hear you are closing down, you will be sorely missed. Health and family come first so we wish you your family and your staff all the very best."

Former teacher at Carrick Academy Gordon Brown commented, "Davy I am really sorry to hear that but you and your family come first! Your slice sausage was the staple diet for many a school rugby team and the support you gave Carrick Rugby during my time at the school and club was hugely appreciated! I wish you and the family all the best for the future!"

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Maidens

Litter Picking with local MSP

Elena Whitham MSP joined keen locals in litter picking in September as part of the BIGBEACHClean21. Every second Saturday of the month, the local Maidens Wombles host a litter pick in the village starting at 10am from the car park opposite Wildings and all are welcome.



●●● Maidens Mile

We are delighted that we can once again hold our annual Maidens Mile! The categories within the Maidens Mile are as follows: Mile - P6/7, Midi Mile - P4/5 and Mini Mile - Nursery and P1/2/3. The Maidens Mile has been established for well over a decade.

The school was kindly donated money from Mrs J Alexander and Mrs M Rodger who set up a Maidens Mile Fund to enable pupils to continue a tradition which had been in place when they were at the school. The fund allows the first boy and first girl to receive a medal and their names placed onto the shields which were donated by David Rodger and Kenny Alexander.



Maybole Historical Society has been wound up

None of the existing Committee Members, including the Chairwoman and Treasurer, were standing for re-election and an invitation for other members to put their names forward for election to the committee did not produce any positive response.

It was therefore, with great sadness, that members present were asked to vote on the proposal that the Society should be wound up. The result was - 7 for: 2 against; and 1 abstention. This outcome resulted in the winding up of the Society.

There then followed a discussion about the possibility of the Society being restarted in the future and suggestions were made about how this may happen and how the format may be changed. Suggestions made were (1) by making more use of Social Media and (2) by joining up with history groups in surrounding villages to create a Carrick History Society.

Maybole man Simon Glendenning has used social media, saying, "The sad closure of the Maybole Historical Society this year was another sign of the times we currently live in. Other similar organisations such as that in Girvan and the family history societies of Alloway and Troon have suffered a similar fate. Each was dependent upon a dwindling number of dedicated and hard-working enthusiasts. In the case of the family history societies the vast resources now available online have virtually made them redundant. The demand, and need, for a vibrant History Society in Carrick still exists but it cannot thrive if focused on just one town."

Simon feels that fresh thinking is required and added, "The current pandemic has helped to foster a spirit of cooperation and sharing of resources and these will be the founding principles of the new society. A constitution is being devised that will maximise online resources and have an essential focus on evidence-based research and an innovative consideration of publications and presentations. The formation of the new Carrick History Society will be supported by James Brown, a trustee of the Scottish Local History Forum. This will take a few months to develop and the first event is expected in the early months of 2022."

In the meantime, anyone interested can visit the social media pages [facebook.com/HistoryCarrick](https://www.facebook.com/HistoryCarrick) or Twitter [@HistoryCarrick](https://twitter.com/HistoryCarrick) or contact Simon at carrickhistorysociety@gmail.com



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Carrick Coastal Rowing Regatta in September

A great day was had by everyone who attended the regatta which hosted nine different rowing clubs including clubs from Wigtown, Largs and Arran. The main Exciseman's Case was won by the home and hosting club - Carrick Coastal. With a BBQ and home baking being offered to all participants and spectators, the post - 10 year anniversary of Carrick Coastal Rowing was a successful event for the Maidens-based club.



Maybole Library

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FESTIVE OPENING HOURS

Friday 24th December	10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm
Saturday 25th December	Closed
Sunday 26th December	Closed
Monday 27th December	Closed
Tuesday 28th December	Closed
Wednesday 29th December	10am-12noon
Thursday 30th December	10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm
Friday 31st December	10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm
Saturday 1st January	Closed
Sunday 2nd January	Closed
Monday 3rd January	Closed
Tuesday 4th January	Closed



Christmas at Maybole Library

A warm cheerful welcome awaits you at Maybole Library this festive period. Not only do we have a fantastic selection of books to browse and borrow, we also have free, festive fun events to come along to. Whether you're looking for the perfect Christmas story to cuddle up with, or recipe books to help plan your celebrations, we've got something for everyone.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Monday, 6th and 13th December, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Design and make your own Christmas cards and tree decorations. Ice and decorate your own Christmas muffin and gingerbread men. Suitable for primary school aged children - must be accompanied by an adult. Free event but booking required.

Bookbug Christmas Party at Maybole Library

Tuesday 14th December, 2pm
Join Bookbug's Christmas party session for babies and toddlers. Free event but booking required.



Bookbug Sessions

Bookbug sessions take place at Maybole Library every Tuesday, 2pm – 2.30pm until 14th December. The library is closed to the public during the session so booking is essential.

To book any event please call: **01655 883 044**



Fisherton Primary parent council were successful earlier in the year in receiving funding from the local Co-op. The money went towards sports equipment and breakfast club food.



Enjoy your retirement, ALASTAIR!

Staff and customers wished local Co-op manager Alastair Travers a long and happy retirement in October. Alastair had been with the Co-op for 36 years, over 10 of them at Maybole.



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Maidens

Rights Respecting School Activities Fundraising

On Friday 8th October, we supported the Ayrshire Hospice by holding a dress down day. Pupils wore purple and donated £1 to raise vital funds. Pictured are P4/5 pupils with Agent H.

P 6/7 – Looking at learning from different angles

P6/7 have recently been learning all about angles. As part of our topic we have been investigating angles through using K'Nex. Pupils created fabulous models and were able to identify and name the angles in the model they had made. Cara constructed a triangular grid. Brodie's design incorporated lots of angles of different sizes

P 1-3 – Learning about Children's Rights

The children have been learning about their rights and to aid their understanding of Article 3, which states that the best interests of the child must be a top priority. They were learning about people who help us. The children drew pictures and wrote about their chosen adult/service to evidence their learning.

P 1-3 – Learning in the great outdoors

P1-3 have been making the most of our wonderful local environment by going to the beach and Culzean during our Outdoor Learning afternoons. We have been using these afternoons to consolidate our learning in class. Our outings have included hunts for our sounds, numbers, patterns and symmetry and the children have been amazed by how much they can spot if they take the time to stop and look around. We've also had fun completing some of the RSPB Wild Challenge activities, too, including 'Fabulous Fungi' and 'Wildlife Detecting'.

Early Years News

The children have shown great interest in transport over the last few weeks so to develop their understanding of how to travel safely we went to Girvan on the bus. The children learned that we had to go to the bus stop and that they had to look for the number 60 bus, which would take us from Maidens to Girvan. Many thanks to JP Paterson's of Kirkoswald, the children got the opportunity to look in and around a real tractor, learning how it worked by looking at the engine as well as learning what the tractor was used for.

STEM/Outdoor Learning

This term, pupils in P4/5 have been investigating force and have learned that force is measured in Newtons. To practise measuring in Newtons, the class worked in groups to conduct their experiments and used a range of Newton spring

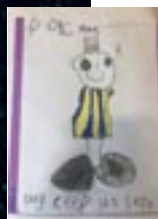


scales. First, pupils predicted how many Newtons each item weighed and then tested their hypothesis.



Coastal Community Project

As a result of a Community Lottery Fund award, we are having sensory pathways installed across the grass playground to our outdoor learning classrooms which will make them much more accessible all year round. Last month, we invited parents/carers and members of the local community to come along and 'Paint a Pebble' for inclusion in the paths. There were some beautiful designs and we are looking forward to seeing them incorporated into the paths. Parents/Carers and staff were on hand to help children with their designs.



Recruiting for February 2022

DFN Project SEARCH course, operates from Culzean Castle Country Park in partnership with National Trust Scotland and Girvan Youth Trust.

Project SEARCH gives young people the opportunity to work on a range of projects at the National Trust for Scotland site, equipping them with the transferable skills needed for entering the workplace.

The Project SEARCH course runs from February to October and is for anyone aged 17-29 in South Ayrshire who feels they have a barrier to learning.

Students on the course gain employability skills by taking part in rotational work placements, in areas such as ranger, gardening, housekeeping, castle guide and café. We will also be offering placements at Robert Burns Birthplace and Museum.

The interns are mentored along the way, receiving support and helpful feedback from a full-time job coach, Ayrshire College's Employability and Engagement Officers and onsite staff. They are then supported to find work once the programme finishes.

Ross Thomson, one of the interns on this year's Project SEARCH course, said, "Culzean Castle is an absolutely amazing place to work, the people and the staff are brilliant. I would tell anyone thinking about taking the opportunity to come do this course to do it."

Mark MacMillan, Employability and Engagement Officer at Ayrshire College, said, "The support from onsite staff at Culzean has been incredible throughout the course and we thank them all for being exceptional mentors to our interns."

"Now we look forward to recruiting for the next programme, due to start in February 2022."

Information on the next Project SEARCH course can be found on Ayrshire College's website, or if you are interested in finding out more about whether this course is right for you, you can get in touch directly with the team on

01655 884518 / 07703 464 027.

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Straiton

Since the last newsletter it's been a season of mellow fruitfulness, then driving wind and rain, followed by frosty nights with sunny days and blue skies. Rainfall for September was 114.8mm and October saw 182.9mm with 100mm of that falling in one week.

Our minister, Rev Gerald Jones, continues to send out his weekly service which can be read on the church website, straitonchurchayr.uk. As always the photos which accompany the words are appropriate to the theme as well as being beautiful and thought-provoking.

Harvest Tide was celebrated on the first Sunday in October. Instead of the offerings of fresh food we were asked to bring canned or dried goods. A good deal of imagination went into the contributions and the proceeds were taken to a local food bank. This year marks the 28th year of our churches at Straiton and Kirkmichael supporting the Blythwood Care annual Shoebox Appeal. The boxes have been filled with some essentials and some little treats for people in Eastern Europe who have little in the way of even

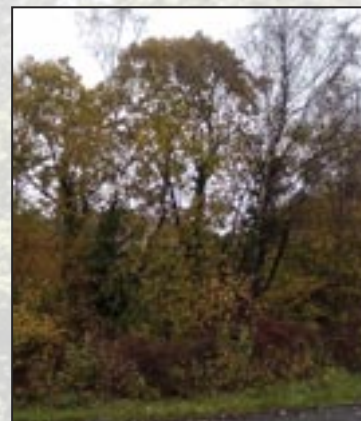
the things which we see as necessary for everyday life. It is always a joy to find items to fit into a shoebox, knowing that someone will benefit hugely from what to us is so very little.

The Guild committee hosted an afternoon tea for the members in September to find out what they saw as the way forward. It was decided that meetings would start again but, instead of meeting in the evening, we would meet in the afternoon.

Our first meeting took place in October when Susan Russell presented three short films of Old Ayrshire. These films had been made by her father whose imagination had been fired by the first "talkie" in 1927 and subsequently took up film-making as a hobby. The three films showed Ayr, the work of a dairy farm and steelmaking at Hurlford. Members of the Guild were enthralled by the films and the trip down Memory Lane which they evoked. The Guild meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the McCandlish Hall and all are welcome to the meetings.

Two other organisations, indoor bowling and badminton, are starting up again too. It is good to see a little bit of "normality" returning with the opening up of the village hall. Work on installing the new equipment in the playpark has started. This is funded by a combination of South Ayrshire Council and NCCBC grants and thanks are due to both.

Thanks to Ayrshire Roads Alliance which has now refurbished the bridge across the Kirk Burn and brought it back to its old good looks.



Go Purple Day

A big well done to all pupils, staff and families at Straiton Primary School who took part in Ayrshire Hospice's "Go Purple Day!" Agent H flew in to give them a quick visit, and some pupils and staff braved the dreaded "soak"! The children took part in a range of challenges throughout the day, led by pupils in P5-7, and in total raised a fantastic £330!



Whole School Outdoor Learning Days

All pupils at Straiton Primary and EYC have been enjoying their Wednesday outdoor learning days. They have visited deciduous and evergreen forests and shown great stamina and determination to get to the top of Straiton's highest hills! The upper primary pupils used teamwork to put up the shelter and all pupils showed great skill in climbing some very steep terrain.



Whole school visit to Blairquhan Castle

The pupils had a fantastic visit to Blairquhan Castle, a big thank you to Ganten Scotland Ltd. for an amazing tour and fantastic stimulus for Spooky Stories.



Straiton has been playing its part in responding to the climate emergency

During the period of COP26, members of Straiton Environment Group visited Straiton Primary School to present a plaque to staff and pupils to be placed beside a small rowan tree planted at the side of Newton Stewart Road.

The plaque contained fine words written by pupils from the school.

*"I want to be tall like my neighbour
So I can be its friend I may be
small now but I'll be a big part
of your life
Forever, in harmony."*

The tree planting and plaque was part of the Straiton Community Projects Fund Action points benefitting from a £5,000 grant from NCCBC. Enhancements to the Straiton environment have included two new benches, three renovated benches, and restoration work and improved signage along Church Walk, part of Straiton Trails. Other improvements have included winter, spring and summer planting of the four village planters as well

as locating a number of bird boxes. The village has seen a number of other recent developments including the repair and repainting of the Fowler/Kirk Burn bridge ready to survive the rumbling timber lorries. and ongoing work on the new play park equipment.

The 20mph traffic restrictions have also been introduced to the village with mixed success. In particular it seems clear that the 20mph scheme will have to be reviewed as traffic is still travelling too quickly through the village, in particular on the Newton Stewart Road in close proximity to the Primary School.

So the environment of Straiton is in good shape, but the safety of our young people is not only about the climate but also about the roads.





Armistice Day

Maybole held its annual service at the Greenside at 11am on 11th November; the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Organised by the local branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland, Branch Chaplain Rev Jim Geen welcomed everyone prior to the two minute silence. Carrick Academy senior pupils read from the Scriptures and wreaths were laid by Alex Hill on behalf of the branch and Cllr William Grant, Depute Provost of South Ayrshire Council, as well as local schools, organisations and families laying poppy crosses.



Remembrance Sunday

The Carrick Centre was the venue for Maybole's Remembrance Sunday service on 14th November. Following the service, Maybole Pipe Band led the parade to the war memorial for the traditional two minute silence. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the local branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland, the Scottish Government, South Ayrshire Council, Maybole Community Council and many of the town's organisations.



The two pieces below were recited at both services.

*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



Crosshill

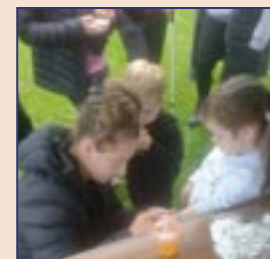
HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Crosshill's Hallowe'en party was a great success with dooking for apples, doughnut catching and some bouncy castle fun. Look at all the amazing costume winners and the fantastic pumpkin carvings.



Crosshill Community Association - FUNDAY

The kids at Crosshill had a fantastic time at the Family Funday. The event was organised by the new community association with help of funding from VASA. The villagers all came together to provide home baking and some great fun for the kids.



News from Maybole Regeneration Project

by Coral McMillan

With the difficult times that we continue to face; our project has been significantly delayed; however, a great deal of progress has been made in developing a number of our grant schemes with the first now programmed to begin on site in Spring 2022. Our team has been working to support owners in the challenges that they face, particularly those whose buildings are under common ownership. The scheme is currently accepting applications for shopfront grants. If you are interested in applying to the scheme then please contact our team.

We continue to look towards the future with excitement and hope to restore Maybole into the bustling little Market Town that it once was. There is a lot of work going on within the community:

Maybole Regeneration Project Office - from late November, the team will be based in the lesser hall in Maybole Town Hall.

Artist in Residence - our artist in residence has been very busy engaging all age groups to take part in traditional craft taster sessions. Cate will be working within schools and out in the community. Her latest Leather Work Session was a great success. Cate also delivered a very popular silk screen printing workshop for young people involved in CLD's Holiday Programme.

Materials Audit - look out for the team from the Scottish Lime Centre Trust who will shortly be undertaking a study of the building stone and slate within the Maybole Conservation Area. By learning more about these materials and their likely sources, we can better understand not only the buildings themselves but also the

history of the town. The findings will be available to assist owners, building professionals and contractors in the conservation of the historic townscape.

Once this survey and investigative work is complete, we plan to hold study sessions to deliver our findings within schools and community.

Contractor Training - we are currently offering local contractors Rendering and Harling with Lime Training that will be held at the Scottish Lime Centre. Once our priority projects begin, we will be offering on-site accreditation for contractors. We encourage any local contractors to get in touch to discuss their training needs.

Heritage Heroes - working with Archaeology Scotland to deliver a fun, interactive course in schools based on our heritage, architecture and citizenship. This course will earn pupils and project a Heritage Heroes Award.

Evening Talks - Denis Reid delivered a series of evening talks on The Myths and Legends of Carrick 6pm-7pm on Thursday 4th, 11th and 18th of November. Each evening had a new creepy tale to explore.

For any information about any of our training and activities please contact coral.mcmillan@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Visit from Elena Whitham MSP - from Ms Whitham's Facebook post: "Great to meet with Duncan and Coral to learn more about the Maybole Regeneration Project. It was good to hear of all of the strands of the project, and of the ambition for sensitively regenerating this historic market town".



Report from Development Officer

Massive boost to North Carrick Regeneration



NCCBC's successful application for funding from the UK Government will see £565,000 invested to develop projects in North Carrick to the point where they are ready to be implemented. South Ayrshire Council received over £12m worth of project proposals and had to whittle that down to a shortlist of projects with a total value of not more than £3 million. NCCBC's project made it onto the shortlist of five projects put forward by the Council and is one of only two of the shortlisted projects that has been approved by the UK Government.

The money, which includes a £50,000 contribution from North Carrick Community Benefit Company, will be used for an intensive programme to convert community and business aspirations, ideas, and proposals into investment-ready projects. The Government specified that this funding has to be used for revenue and not capital costs. So NCCBC will employ consultants, engineers, architects, and other experts. They will work on a range of projects covering tourism, community assets, and workforce development.

The best thing about this "Foundations for Recovery" programme is that the work that these experts will do will lead directly to further funding applications. Those new applications will be to cover the capital costs of making big improvements in North Carrick. All in all, North Carrick could be in the early stages of a huge positive change.

Every community in North Carrick will be involved in Foundations for Recovery in one way or another. Contact your local NCCBC Director or Stuart Lindsay to find out more.

Other Work Continues – Including:

• **Charity Shop**

The costs of renovating the shop and the flat above it soared because of Brexit and Covid. NCCBC and the Maybole Regeneration Project have been working to secure the extra funding needed. Meanwhile, architects have been finalising the drawings and so

on that are required before the work can go out to tender and the plan is to put the contract out to tender early in the new year.

• **Kirkoswald**

The community came out in force for a well-attended public meeting to discuss possibilities for the former carpet bowls cottage (aka "Reading Room") – possibly developing it as a short-term holiday let or as a clubhouse for young people. A new committee is forming and will meet to work on bringing this local community asset back into use.

• **SAC/NCCBC Joint Funding**

The Council and NCCBC put over £150,000 each into a programme to improve North Carrick's Play Parks and make other environmental improvements in the area. The programme is taking longer to implement than anyone wanted. But the results are being seen now in most communities.

Work to install new equipment at the Play Parks in Crosshill, Dunure, Kirkoswald, Maidens, Minishant, and Straiton will be completed by mid-November. Kirkmichael will be completed soon after.

Other environmental improvements include the new coastal path in Maidens, improvements at the viewing point in Kennedy Park in Dunure, and new benches at the Crossroads around Maybole. Other communities should see their environmental improvement projects implemented in the coming months.

Every community has a new notice board that can be used to publicise local events, etc.

• **NCCBC Community-Led Projects Fund**

Most communities have started to use the £5,000 that NCCBC allocated to them in this new "easy access" funding scheme. As soon as they have completed the projects and reported on them, communities will be eligible for another £5,000. Contact your local NCCBC Director or Stuart Lindsay to find out how you can have a say in how this money should be used.

Stuart Lindsay, NCCBC Development Officer, November 2021

KIRKMICHAEL

Primary School

Hallowe'en Fun

At a very fun Halloween Party in school, the pupils looked fantastic in their costumes. They danced, played party games and got some Hallowe'en treats. Check their school Twitter account for pictures (@KirkmichaelPS).



Also, a huge thank you to Dowhill farm for very kindly donating pumpkins to the school.

BANGING THE DRUMS!

Music specialist Tracy Nelson has been working with the whole school.



P1-3 learned a song about the Three Little Pigs and added musical instruments for special effects, with the older pupils bringing a carnival atmosphere to the school with their Brazilian Street Music.

P1-4 Outdoor Classroom

P1/2 and P3/4 have had a great time experimenting and getting creative in their Outdoor Classroom, making use of various everyday materials. Loose Parts Play involves everyday items which can be moved around, carried, stacked, lined up and manoeuvred in multiple ways to enhance creativity when playing.

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On Saturday 23rd October the newly revitalised Miller Park was officially 'reopened' with a small ceremony.



The historic local park has recently been totally revitalised by South Ayrshire Council (SAC) and the play area enhancements were fully funded by SAC through the VAT Recovery budget at a cost of £170,000. The overall cost also included the installation of the new Outdoor Adult Exercise Equipment items at the adjacent open space site at the top of Whitefaulds Avenue.

Representatives from North Carrick Community Benefit Company were actively involved in the consultation process and funded the 'Miller Park' archway over the new gates that were funded previously by South Ayrshire Council from another budget. The Council were also able to use an extra £11,000 from the VAT recovery budget to re-surface and replace the benches at the playpark at Dailly Road. NCCBC have also assisted Maybole Community Council to fund an interpretation

Upgraded Miller Park in Maybole officially open



panel which will soon be installed near the entrance to Miller Park, which outlines the history behind Miller Park and its importance in Maybole's history.

Those involved in the project were delighted to celebrate the occasion with a visit from Provost Helen

Moonie, Councillors Brian Connolly and William Grant, the Marquess of Ailsa Lord David Kennedy, descendants of James Miller and local community councillors.

The afternoon was a very small affair to mark the official reopening - sadly this was unable to take place as an open public event due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Mark Fletcher, chair of Maybole Community Council and NCCBC, opened the ceremony and then introduced Provost Helen Moonie who welcomed everyone to the official opening of the upgraded park.



She began, "I would particularly like to welcome those attending from the Miller and Chesney families. Some of you have travelled a great distance to be here, and your presence is very much appreciated. "Back in 1953, the Miller and Chesney families donated this park to the community.

Unfortunately, since then, the park had become tired, but thanks to significant funding from the Council's VAT Recovery Allocation, we have managed to turn the clock back.

"As you can see, Miller Park has been transformed and once again, it's a hub for the local community. There is new play equipment with wider appeal, and thanks to resurfacing, the park is much more accessible to wheelchairs and pushchairs.

"The transformation does not stop at Miller Park, over on Whitefaulds Avenue there is now an outdoor exercise zone promoting health and wellbeing.

"The ambition was to create a space which could be enjoyed by children, young people, and families, and looking around, I would say this has been achieved.

"A lot of hard work has taken place to revitalise this park and I would like to thank everyone involved. Local Councillors, the Community Council and North Carrick Community Benefit Company have been fantastic. Residents have also been extremely supportive."

The provost then handed over to Sally Anderson who was representing the families.

Sally said, "Maybole folk have long been recognised for their kindness and generosity.

"We are fortunate in having had benefactors in our family – notably Ex Provost James Miller and his daughter, Annie Isabella. Annie married Harold Chesney from Manchester and together they were instrumental in many charitable works.

"Today, we come to recognise their legacy of Miller Park, named after James Miller who passed away around 1950. Many children have enjoyed Miller Park since it opened in October, 1953.

"The ground had been used as allotments/plots by the local people and it was decided to landscape it and turn it into a playpark. Inherited by Gran Chesney, née Miller, Grampa

Chesney, Harold, employed John Dewar as the main landscaper and gardener. His son, Jackie, still stays in the town.

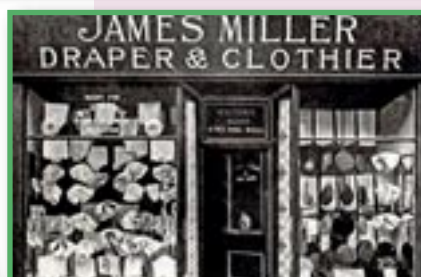
"The park has gone through a few transformations over the years. Today, it is a delight to see the park rejuvenated and appreciated by many more youngsters and their parents and carers. Hopefully, the legacy of the Miller/Chesney family will be enjoyed for a lot more years to come.



"Unfortunately, my Mum, Alice Chesney, passed away earlier this year but she would have been so proud of all the work that has gone into making this event happen. Her remaining sister, Helen, is with us today and can testify that her parents and grandparents would also be extremely happy with the development of Miller Park."

Provost Moonie then held the ribbon for Mrs Helen Grier, née Chesney, who had attended the opening in 1953, to cut the ribbon to mark the official reopening.

The park designer was SAC officer David Lowdon and the interpretation panel, designed by NCCBC's Claire Bryan, will soon be installed near the gate for all local residents to enjoy!



Harold Chesney died in 1954. Chesney Grove was named after him in recognition of his many services to the town. Miller Terrace was named after Provost James Miller, who held the position from 1912-21.



Maybole Over 50's (MOF's) are about fun and friendship within Maybole and North Carrick.

MOF's are a community based group bringing local people together in a safe and friendly environment. We aim to fight social isolation and loneliness, by bringing locals back together in small groups. We are still trying to get us back to "normal".

For some of our physical activity we have two walking groups:

The regular Wednesday walking group is led by Senga Mason and they walk on average between four and six miles leaving from the Greenside every Wednesday morning at 9.15am. You can see the fabulous pictures they put up weekly on Facebook, they have been back out and about beyond Maybole. If you would like to join this walk please contact MOF's mobile: 07961 833 401 or pop down to Greenside on a Wednesday morning at 9.15am.

The new short walking group is a trial group as it has been requested by members, and is being led by Martin Dunabie and Chic McDermott. It started with its first walk on Friday 22nd October at 10am they walked from Greenside down Coral Glen, up Allan's Hill and over the burn, then turned and came back along Dailly Road. They aim to walk approximately two miles and several of our group also walk with the regular group on a Wednesday. If you would like to join this walk please contact us or pop down to Greenside on a Friday morning at 10am.

MOF's had a week in the new Charity Shop in School Vennel in September. There were lots of members helping; bringing donations, offering help, or just popping in to have a quick chat. It was great to see everyone, and a few non-members were introduced to MOF's by handing out flyers and other information. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped or donated; without you we would not have managed. For those that missed the notice on Facebook our big Hamper Raffle was won by Pat Graham, congratulations.

MOF's committee try to turn members suggestions into activity or groups and the latest is the MOF's Tuesday Bingo every alternate Tuesday at Goudie's Boot room at 1pm. This started on the 5th October and is off to a good start, everyone had fun and each fortnight the group is a bit bigger. Why not pop in and join them.

Being a charitable organisation and community group, it exists solely for the benefit of members who are encouraged to contribute suggestions for future events and activities.

We aim to have a couple of all-day bus trips around Scotland every year, stopping for tea on the way home.

If you would like more information please contact **Maybole Over 50's** telephone: **07961 833 401**.



email: admin@mayboleover50s.org or have a look at the website: www.mayboleover50s.org

MOF's Camera Club, Calendar 2022

The Maybole Over 50's Camera Club have once again brought us a delightful calendar. We really do appreciate all the work the group put into this project every year.



The 2022 Calendar is now available for sale. The price for A4 size is held at £6.00 again this year. The new smaller A5 size is £4.00 and is the ideal size to post to all your friends and relatives. Calendars are available at the Spar or at Goudie's or ask your group leaders. Any profits made from the sale of this calendar will be donated to MOF's to help to cover the costs of our activities and events.

Thank you for your support.



MOF's Bingo

Why not come along and join us every other Tuesday in Goudie's Boot Room for our afternoon bingo at 1pm. We are a small friendly group who help and support each other. MOF's is not exclusively for over 50s; non-members and under 50s are more than welcome. Books will be £5.00 and prizes will be listed for lines and for a full house.

Maybole branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland celebrated its 100th birthday



Maybole branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland celebrated its 100th birthday with an outdoor service at the Greenside earlier this year. Due to Covid restrictions, that was a sharp contrast to previous celebrations but with the lifting of some restrictions, branch members marked their significant anniversary with a special Centenary Dinner in October at the Carrick Centre.

Alex Kelly, branch chairman, welcomed everyone to what he described as “a momentous occasion” and introduced the evening’s special guests. These included Sheriff Iona McDonald, Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran; the Marquess and Marchioness of Ailsa; Martyn Hawthorn, National Chairman of the Royal British Legion Scotland; Dr Claire Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer of RBLs and Branch Chaplain Rev Jim Geen. Unfortunately, Vice Lord-Lieutenant Mr John Dalrymple Hamilton, who is President of the Maybole branch, was unable to attend.

Mr Kelly recounted the history of the branch which was formed on June 28, 1921 following a meeting between Field Marshal Haig and the then Marquess of Ailsa, great grandfather of the current Marquess.

He paid tribute to his team – Vice-chair Andy McVittie, Secretary Sharron Trotter, Treasurer Margaret Davidson, Rev Geen and Col John Dalrymple Hamilton (retired) - who worked tirelessly to pull the celebration together. He also thanked Cllr Iain Campbell for all his assistance in getting funding for the event.

Sheriff McDonald thanked the branch for inviting her to the dinner to celebrate, saying, “I’m humbled to be invited as a guest to this auspicious occasion and I thank you for all the work you have undertaken over the last 100 years.



“I was aware, in general, of the works of the Legion but I did not know the depth and breadth of the help provided to servicemen of the Army, Air Force and Navy.”

She then recounted the history of the Legion and how it all began.



Sheriff McDonald added, “ It has often been said that ‘In its early days, the British Legion was a life raft on a storm-lashed sea, widely strewn with wreckage.’

“You are descendants of the survivors of that great storm, so we owe a debt of gratitude to the Legion. “Since 1921 you have stood for, and provided support to, veterans and their families. “Now that’s worth celebrating!!!”

Mr Hawthorn brought members and guests up to date on how the Legion had fared over the past 18 months.

“New Haig House, in Logie Green Road Edinburgh where the Head Office is, and also the Poppy Scotland factory, has been completely refurbished. So not only have the staff been working from home but it is only in the last week that they have a base to return to.

“The staff at Head Office have done a fabulous job working from home and have managed to keep the administration and visual events going throughout this difficult period.

“If you are looking to have a visit away from Maybole now that you have been ‘let loose’ you are always welcome to visit Head Office and have a tour and also one of the Poppy Factory. You would be made most welcome.

“Thank you all for what you have been doing during the last 18 months. It has not been easy but then that is when Legionnaires just get on with the job without any hassle.

“Branches and Clubs all over Scotland have been closed but have continued to contact Members, take meals to them, ring them up and to ensure they are all safe and well.”



Marquess of Ailsa Lord David Kennedy with standard bearers Alex Gemmell and Blair Hannah

He said that he was delighted to see a young and very smart Standard Bearer, Blair Hannah, on duty for the evening.

“Thank you, Blair, for getting involved and I look forward to seeing you again in the future.”

Margaret Davidson proposed a very comprehensive vote of thanks to the many people who had helped to make the night such a success.

She included South Ayrshire Council, for their generous donation towards the cost of funding the event; the Carrick Centre, staff and volunteers; the ladies for serving the drinks and branch member Jenny Pluthero for providing the wines and beer; Wm. Grant & Sons for the gift of whisky miniatures for everyone and all who had contributed to making the evening so special.

Mrs Davidson concluded, “Special thanks must go to all the members of the Maybole Branch of the RBLs who over this last 100 years have carried on to bring us to where we are now.

“We also thank Callum McKelvie for the use of his premises for our branch meetings.”

£565,000 for North Carrick Regeneration

North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC) has been awarded £515,000 from the UK Government Community Renewal Fund to implement its “Foundations for Recovery” programme.

Stuart Lindsay, Development Officer with NCCB, commented, "We are really pleased to have secured this funding. NCCBC will add another £50,000 to the pot and the money will be used for an intensive programme to convert community and business aspirations, ideas, and proposals into investment-ready projects. The Government specified that this funding must be used for revenue and not capital costs. So, we will employ consultants, engineers, architects, and other experts. They will work on a range of projects covering tourism, community assets, and workforce development."

The Foundations for Recovery programme includes: A package of initiatives around Heritage and Cultural Tourism, covering for example –

- Scoping study and design of a competition for a Public Arts Trail, building on the existing Bruce Trail and forming nuclei of a Robert the Bruce eco-museum with links to other parts of the UK and Northern Ireland
- Scoping study, public consultation, feasibility study, and costing for a nationally significant visitor attraction with the potential to spark the growth of a rural retail park
- Laying foundations for an international festival in 2024 celebrating the 750th Anniversary of Robert the Bruce's birth
- Developing Augmented Reality tours and trails – focused on e.g. Robert Burns, History of Boot making, Weaving, the Kennedy family, local food including Ayrshire lamb and the Ayrshire Epicure potato
- Market research and business planning for farm diversification including on-farm visitor activities.

Projects to support the purchase and development of Community Assets, including for example –

- Surveys and design work such as : Archaeological, Ecological, Digital 3D Topological, Structural Civil Engineering, Architects; and Planning and Funding Applications for Dunure Harbour, Light Tower, and Castle, and the proposed new Community Heritage Centre.
- Masterplan for Maidens Harbour including researching markets and activities, design team to end of RIBA Stage 2, technical studies, costed conditions survey.
- A mapping exercise, technical studies, market

research and business planning including RIBA stage 2 drawings and QS costings for the provision of Public Toilets across North Carrick

- Developing proposals for e-charging points across North Carrick
- Feasibility studies for the acquisition and/or development of around 6 priority Community Assets.

Initiatives to support Workforce and Sector Development and Jobs, such as -

- Private and Third Sector Training – Customer care, local knowledge, civic pride, enterprise skills
- Engagement Strategy – Creatives-based design of community engagement techniques to increase local involvement
- Farm Diversification - Engaging with farmers and landowners, market research and business planning
- Rural Skills - Entry level qualifications in e.g. brush cutter, chainsaw.

Cross programme activities relating to Programme Management, awareness raising and consultation in the wider community, master planning, evaluation

Capital Expenditure on:

- Sign posting – to improve connectivity and the visitor experience
- Purchase of e-bikes and e-quads – to test the potential for new businesses Mark Fletcher, Chair of NCCBC, added, "The best thing about this Foundations for Recovery programme is that the work that is done will lead straight on to further funding applications. These new applications will be to cover the capital costs of making big improvements in North Carrick. All in all, I think we are in the early stages of a big positive change for our area.

"We are looking forward to working closely with our local communities and South Ayrshire Council to make this happen."

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Life can be tough, school, home life, growing up can give us many challenges. The Community Wellbeing Hub can help give you different techniques & tools to manage your own health & wellbeing for young people & the whole family throughout South Ayrshire.

Secured lottery funding will extend our existing sessions to 30 minutes providing more therapies & supports. The Free 6 weekly blocks will be available throughout the next 12 months.

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Farewell Marion

On 6th September, we said a fond farewell to Marion Young, wishing her all the best in her retirement from South Ayrshire Council. Marion has always gone above and beyond, providing invaluable support to the North Carrick community through her role in dealing with funding applications for NCCBC.

Thank you so much Marion!

Please see the NCCBC website at www.nccbc.org.uk for updated contact details for NCCBC funding enquiries.



The Food Pantry

"The Food Pantry" is launching at the Carrick Centre on 7th December 2021 as part of an initiative driven by VASA (Voluntary Action South Ayrshire) to fight food poverty, reduce waste and develop skills in the local community. The pantry is stocked with surplus produce from supermarkets which includes a variety of fresh foods (as well as other essentials) to encourage a healthy, well-balanced diet.

For just £2.50, members can access the pantry and choose up to ten items worth approximately £15, freeing up some money for those on a budget as well as helping reduce food wasted in the community. foodpantry@thecarrickcentre

Membership forms are available at the Carrick Centre and membership costs £1.00 with a maximum two per household.



Crosshill Primary

Class 1 have been learning new skills outdoors, including orienteering and improving our teamwork. We are so lucky to have such a lovely local area to explore and that we can use our new skills to learn more about nature!



These photographs were taken on a day when Active School Co-ordinator, Emma Parker joined us at Crosshill Primary School.

FANTASTIC FUNDING For North Carrick

In October, a partnership of local community organisations and several North Carrick community councils were successful in a bid to the Scottish Government's Community Recovery Fund.

Led by The Carrick Centre, the community councils of Crosshill, Kirkmichael and Straiton; Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry; Maybole and Minishant as well as community organisations Carrick Community Leisure Group; Kirkmichael Kids & Community Group; South Ayrshire Community Transport; The Kennedy Hall & Park Committee and the Centre were jointly awarded, £74,312.

Funding is supporting smaller groups and their activities, the opening of community spaces, and increased opportunities from the Carrick Centre's Youth and Training Kitchen projects until March 2022.

Marguerite Hunter-Blair, Chair of The Carrick Centre, said, "We are delighted to be working in this partnership across North Carrick. Work has already begun and communities will see further benefits and opportunities as we move through the winter months."

The partners involved hope this will provide more chances to bring people together, helping towards improving health and well-being as well as reducing the feeling of isolation felt by many during Covid.

Community council partners named above and The Kennedy Hall and Park Committee in Dunure and Fisherton are

working to support the opening of community spaces and help smaller groups to provide activities.

Maybole Community Council and Carrick Community Leisure Group (CCLG) Chair, Mark Fletcher, said, "the Community Council is very pleased to receive the funding to enable us to work with some of the community groups that are struggling to come back together in meaningful ways. The funding will certainly remove the financial barriers for groups that have been unable to fundraise through the crisis. CCLG are also extremely grateful for this funding which will provide additional resources to help with the extra cleaning required for Covid safety to enable us to increase booking capacity for events and groups."

The Carrick Centre's Project Teams are working with partners on youth initiatives, training kitchen workshops and opportunities for young adults with supported needs.

"Kirkmichael Kids & Community Group is delighted to have been given this opportunity to kickstart an initiative, supported by The Carrick Centre's Youth Connect Project, which has been a goal for some time. The funding is enabling KKCG and the Centre to engage with young people from Crosshill, Kirkmichael, Minishant and Straiton, providing



Communities Recovery Fund Phase 2

opportunities for them to come together, socialise and get involved in planning and developing their ideas of what they would like for young people in their communities. They hope, with support from volunteers and future funding, that this can continue beyond March next year." (Matt Drummond, KKCG Chair)

Various activities and opportunities from the initiatives will be made more accessible by the transport partner South Ayrshire Community Transport. All activities will be shared across the partners' social media and other promotional mediums. They would like to ask your help to reach as many of the North Carrick Community as possible by following, liking and sharing activities when you see them.

The funding is awarded from the Scottish Government's Communities Recovery Phase 2 Fund via CEiS (Community Enterprise in Scotland) and delivery is in partnership with The Carrick Centre and the other partner organisations listed above.



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It's 20 years since the two Church of Scotland congregations in Maybole voted to unite and began to look for finance to build a brand new church in the centre of the town.



Marguerite Hunter Blair

It took a number of years to create a hub at the centre of our local community and on 25th October the Carrick Centre voted unanimously at its board meeting for a new chair, Marguerite Hunter Blair, following the retirement of former chair Peter Lynn.

As the first woman chair in the centre's nine year history, Marguerite said, "I am delighted to be the new Chair of The Carrick Centre Board of Directors. These are challenging times and I look forward to building on the success of my predecessors.

"This is a huge honour and I look forward to continuing the amazing work of my predecessors in supporting the staff, volunteers and communities of North Carrick. I welcome the opportunity to work more closely with the Centre Team to advance the great work carried out to support the communities of North Carrick."

Lady Hunter Blair, who is also chief executive of the charity Play Scotland which is leading, campaigning and planning for a more playful Scotland, has been a director at the centre since July 2016.



Paula Lennox and Deirdre Cuthbertson

An enthusiast for charities, large and small, the mother of five and new grandmother added, "The job satisfaction of working in a charity is wonderful because we really do make a difference."

At the same meeting the board also elected vice chair Deirdre Cuthbertson, a music teacher and former nursery head. She joins the board's new secretary Paula Lennox, who jointly runs a health and safety company and is a former dancer who once trod

the boards of the Moulin Rouge in Paris.

The Carrick Centre was launched in January 2012, with £300,000 of its costs funded by The Church of Scotland. It is unique in being a community centre open for all age groups during the week and a church on Sunday. Its vision is to be at the heart of the community for all citizens and its values are inclusiveness, openness and partnership working. Its purposes are: to work for a safe and sustainable environment; to work for all age groups; to build community capacity; to promote healthy living; to combat deprivation; to promote and support volunteering; to promote lifelong learning; to play a part in making Maybole a destination for tourists and visitors.

The Carrick Centre aims to achieve the above by working with all public, voluntary, community and commercial organisations who embrace its values.



John, Louis, Iona, Claire, Lucy and Josh with Leo, Jorgie and Emilia

Hallowe'en @ The Carrick Centre Youth Zone

Everyone had an amazing night at The Carrick Centre's Youth Zone Hallowe'en Party on Sunday, 31st October! They made chocolate apples, jumped all night on the bouncy castles, won lots of prizes and everyone left with a little goodie bag.

A Carrick Centre spokesperson told us, "This wouldn't be possible without the support of our funders. Join us weekly Sunday 6.30pm until 8.00pm for young people Primary 3 to Primary 7."



Claire and Paislie



Louis and Claire

October Holiday Programme at The Carrick Centre, Maybole with Partners South Ayrshire Council's Thriving Communities Team

Now an annual event at the centre, the week was packed full of activities and the children enjoyed their free lunch and the wide varieties of activities on offer. It was a fabulous week with amazing opportunities which were free to the children of North Carrick and surrounding areas.

Sports included dodgeball, football and tig variations. The arts and crafts went down a real treat with a T-shirt making workshop run by local artist Cate Ross. Hallowe'en was the predominant theme throughout the week for the children to take home.

Chef tutor Pam Hepburn ran busy, fun, and educational sessions and cheesecakes, lemon drizzle cake and apples pies were amongst the dishes created.

For the second time in a row, sessions were included for Carrick Sensory and thanks must go to Claire, Lyndsay, Eilidh and Josh for their creative and entertaining sessions. Feedback from the event included:

Parents – “Charlie enjoyed his time at the clubs, thank you”

“Great free event for the kids.

Well organised”, “Lola enjoyed the crafts offered. Well provided for activity during school break.”

Children – “I love everything. Good Staff. Thank you” “Lunch was good” “cooking was good” “Maybe do one round about Christmas and do Christmas baking. I like baking because it helps you with maths”

Claire Guthrie

The Carrick Centre Youth Development Coordinator



Friends of The Carrick Centre

Friends of The Carrick Centre has recently relaunched and becoming a member helps to support The Carrick Centre and keep it at the heart of the community.

For the cost of £15 per year, members receive two cups of filter coffee or tea per month as well as weekly newsletters by email and invitations to promotional events.

As part of a Christmas Promotion, anyone joining the Friends package will automatically be entered into a Prize Draw for a bespoke, hand-made Christmas Quilt.

The prize draw will run until Friday, 3rd December.

Anyone interested in joining can pick up a leaflet at The Carrick Centre or sign up online using the link <http://www.carrickcentre.co.uk/get-involved.html>.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CARRICK CENTRE

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1ST DEC TO 3RD DEC
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£10 PER PERSON

Soup of the Day
Pate with Red Onion Chutney
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Roast Turkey with All The Trimmings
Beef and Mushroom in Red Wine
Vegetable Sweet and Sour on a Bed of Boiled Rice
All served with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
Crème Caramel with Whipped Cream
Cheese and Crackers
Mince Pie with Coffee or Tea

Festive Supper Menu

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Christmas Liver Pate
Slices of mutton topped with prunes in a Marini-Rose sauce
Mushrooms in garlic butter and garlic cream

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
Bacon with sprouts and a honey mustard cream sauce
Spiced vegetable casserole topped sweet potato mash

Christmas Pudding and Brandy Sauce
Party Cake
Glazed chestnuts with hot sauce and complementary sauce

£15 per person

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Breakfast with Santa

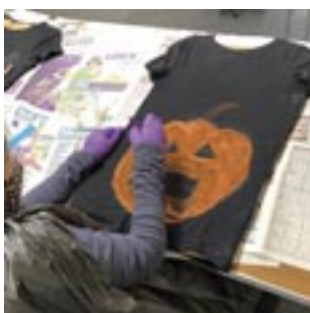
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£5.00 PER CHILD

Sensory Santa
December 4th
10:30am to 12:30pm
£5.00 per child
Booking Essential



Crosshill Guides and Rangers

"At 1st Crosshill Guides and Rangers we do lots of fun and adventurous things. The Guides have been telling us that they have been doing all sort of things such as; decorating cupcakes, bleaching shirts for Hallowe'en (all different patterns), working towards interest badges (blitz cooking), paddle boarding, making bird feeders, roasting marshmallows and skipping with a skipping rope. The Guides all say they really enjoy themselves and making lots of new friends that they'll be going up to academy with.



"In Rangers we have been doing a range of activities such as turning T-shirts into bags, designing pillow cases, paddle boarding and gorge walking, tea tasting, tying different knots and baking.

"Both the Guides and Rangers are excited for the upcoming activities that are planned such as the Christmas film night and going to the farm park in the new year."

By Cadhla, Sophie, Brooke and Zoe - 1st Crosshill Rangers

The girls are very grateful to everyone who supported their recent week in Maybole Charity shop!

Do you know a girl age 7-18 who is thinking of joining Girlguiding?

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND WE AT THE CARRICK CENTRE CANNOT WAIT!

The trees are already going up and the reindeer are out!

As we move towards the festive season there was an excitement in the air. We've dusted off the decorations, tested the fairy lights and as always the Festive Fayre has provided a welcome start to the season of good cheer.

Over the past 20 months we have seen challenges never imagined but people have pulled together and carried on relentlessly. Organising the delivery of free meals to members of the community throughout North Carrick, Juliet, Evan, Hollie and Gordon managed to bring a smile and good chat to the weekly customer calls. Online engagement on a Friday lunch time was always a date for the diary with Louis and the Coffee Collab ensuring our team of employees, trainees and volunteers had an ear if needed and very often the pets joined in too! The children of North Carrick loved the opportunity to join the action with the holiday activities whether in the centre, at Cairn Primary or delivered to their doors and Tots TV with Hannah and Claire was just fab. Not forgetting the work behind the scenes to ensure The Carrick Centre has had the opportunity to continue its community work and welcome our customers and groups back.

So, to Christmas, no chilly visit to Santa as in 2020, this year he will be back in the warm and welcoming grotto of The Carrick Centre. A fleeting visit to the Festive Fayre, the start of Christmas requests and the positioning of his post-box and then on Saturday 4th December an opportunity for little ones far and wide to join us for both Breakfast with Santa and our very own Sensory Santa for those who need an alternative type of play. You just never know who will join us this year!

Festive Lunches start on Wednesday 1st of December with Gordon at the helm and Morag ensuring that those tasty, freshly made mincemeat pies don't run out. Give us a call on 01655 883222 and book your table to join us with either friends and family or your colleagues on an annual festive lunch in the café or one of our private rooms. Always popular, great value and a real tasty treat make sure you don't miss out.

Add to that our Festive Supper on Friday 3rd December, a four-course meal with a tippie or two if you fancy. A fantastic treat from The Gaiety, a



Christmas Show "The Lost Elves" will be with us on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of December and we cannot wait! A real gem for all to enjoy here in Maybole. Check out www.carrickcentre.co.uk for more details.

The Carrick Tots Christmas Party is on Tuesday 14th December and I'm sure Norma, Lyn, Davie and Jack will provide another fun filled morning of fun.



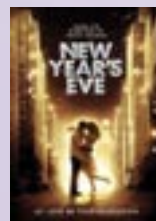
Carrick Cinema Club on Friday 17th December showing New Year's Eve - an oldie but goodie for the season - with a jam packed cast of Jon Bon Jovi, Katherine Heigl, Lea Michele and Halle Berry, Ashton Kutcher and Robert De Niro. Here at The Carrick Centre, start time 7:30pm prompt. Tickets are still £5 a head and of course, there will be the scrumptious ice cream tubs, created in Ayrshire by Lime Tree Larder on sale before the show.

So why not check out our social media, log on to our website, www.carrickcentre.co.uk or just scan the QR. Better still pop in, grab a coffee and look through the what's on!



We look forward to seeing you soon

Andrea Hutchison



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