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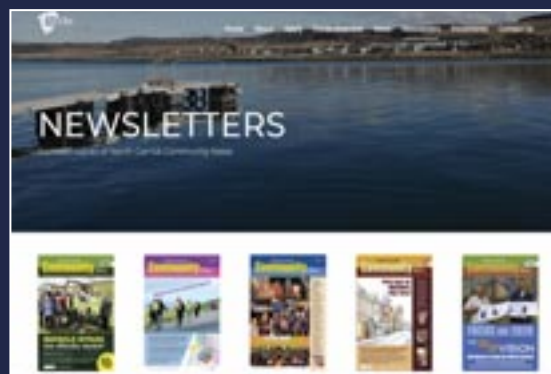
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**With Summer upon
us and lockdown
easing, we are all
looking forward to
a better year**



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MAYBOLE TREFOIL GUILD

A Tuesday evening in February 2020 saw members of Maybole & District Trefoil Guild sing Taps for the last time. With the onset of the first lockdown and a falling membership it was decided to disband the Guild.

Many people, even today, ask the question, "What is the Trefoil Guild?" It was formed in 1943 as an organisation for women who were no longer able to take part in active Guiding, but who wanted to remain part of a wonderful, global movement – once a Guide always a Guide.

Perhaps the word 'active' should be replaced by the word 'uniformed' as the Trefoil has always been active. Over the years it has brought interest, fulfilment and happiness to so many people. At its core are the aims of supporting Guiding, serving the community and having fun.

Maybole Trefoil was started by Mrs Jane Laidlaw who, with her husband, retired to the town. She had been a member in Glasgow and was disappointed to discover there was no Trefoil in Maybole. She contacted Miss Mary Stewart who had been the local Guide Captain for many years and she, in turn, contacted some of the former Guides. With the support of Guiding and the Trefoil Guild Scotland, these two ladies formed a committee which included, among others, Mrs Margaret Grant, Mrs Bette Coulter, Mrs Nancy Alexander, Mrs Ella Cruickshank and Mrs Margaret Corbett. The result of their efforts saw the creation of Maybole Trefoil Guild. Others were encouraged to join and soon the membership rose to over 20 and remained so for most of its 45 years; the Guild being formed in 1975.

Apart from Trefoil business, fundraising, members' nights and guest nights the monthly meeting welcomed a guest speaker. Members enjoyed a wide range of topics. There were travel talks from Antarctica to Australia, practical demonstrations ranging from cookery to wrapping Christmas presents and talks given by speakers who were expert and enthusiastic about their chosen subject.

The Guild organised concerts, quiz nights and Beetle Drives. We enjoyed lunches and visits to local places of interest. Each year we visited other Guilds in

Troon, Ayr, Girvan and even as far away as Stranraer. We, in turn, played host to these Guilds in Maybole. A very special part of these meetings was the tea - lovely home baking and a chance to chat. Over the years some members attended the Scottish and United Kingdom AGMs and weekend conferences. These may sound rather dull but I can assure you that there was much laughter, fine dining and the occasional glass of wine. Friendships were made which last to this day.



Our members always enjoyed the close contact we had with our local Brownies and Guides. We attended meetings together, learned from each other and had fun. There are happy memories of Burns Suppers held by the Guides and where we helped to provide the meal. Another memory is of the Brownies' 90th birthday party held at the Heads of Ayr Farm Park. It was cold and wet but we all had a great time.

Support from the community was always important and we worked as a group and individually to help where possible and support community events. Every year we donated to two chosen charities both local and national.

Mentioning Brownies and our community reminds me of a Trefoil meeting in 1977 when the guest was Maybole's 1st Queens Guide – a certain Miss Senga Fergusson. I hasten to add that she was still at school.

For obvious reasons this has had to be a snapshot of the life of Maybole and District Trefoil Guild; there is so much more to tell.

Although that night in February 2020 was a sad one, we will hold on to our memories of fun and fellowship and remembering our Guide Promise.

Miss Elizabeth McCrindle

Crosshill

Class 1, Crosshill Primary School

Spelling Bee Day!

Class 1 (P1, P2, P3 and P4) have been working hard this term on learning some common and new words. We had a fantastic Spelling Bee Day where we enjoyed lots of fun phonics and spelling activities as well as having a 'Bee Tea'!



Easter Celebrations!

Do you like our Easter Tree? Class 1 made all of our own salt dough decorations and we were learning some stories about Easter and Christianity.

Class 2 - Crosshill

Back in October 2020, we applied for the free trees for schools from the Woodland Trust. This is part of our Green Tree Award. Their goal is to encourage people to plant more trees, which links to one of the global goals 'Life on Land'. We wanted to attract more wildlife to the playground, to plant more trees to absorb CO², produce oxygen and create more privacy for our outdoor classroom.

We designed where we wanted the trees to go and created scale drawings in Maths. The primary 7 pupils met with local gardener, Annie Richardson, to help locate where to plant different species.

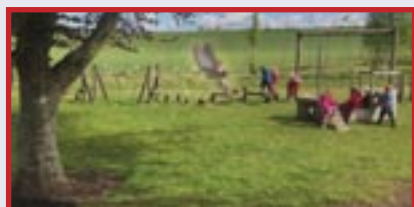
The trees arrived late April 2021 and we began planting all around the school grounds. We included everyone and used teamwork. Before we knew it, we had finished planting! Doing this was a lot of fun; it was something we all looked forward to doing. Helping each other with different jobs made it so much better. We all had different jobs, some of us dug holes, some of us used trowels, some of us planted the trees and inserted the canes. We then had a team on watering. The trees we planted were dogwood, dog rose, silver birch, rowan, oak, wild cherry and hawthorn. We are glad to be able to look after our environment and look forward to welcoming more wildlife in to our school playground!

By E Crossan (Primary 5 pupil)



Crosshill EYC

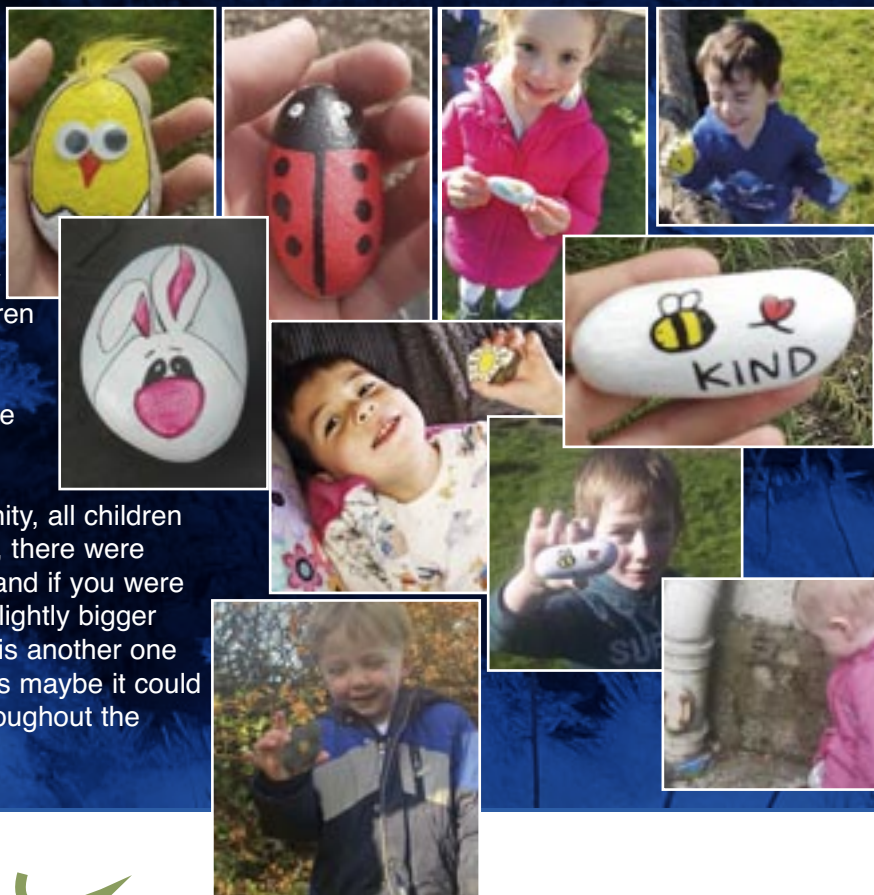
At Crosshill Early Years Centre, we have been learning about the purpose of money and that coins have different values, colours, shapes and sizes. We were all super excited when a very special visitor arrived at Crosshill Early Years - the Early Years Fairy! Our fairy created a magical "Coin Hunt" for us all, she hid coins around our Early Years garden for us to find and identify. The children also explored the local community and visited the village shop where they bought some food for their daily healthy snacks.



No stone left unturned

This was certainly the case for the Children in Crosshill over the Easter weekend, as they embarked on a painted stone hunt. The children were challenged to hunt for stones that were hiding in various locations around the village, and it's fair to say they accepted the challenge wholeheartedly.

Thanks to the generosity of the local community, all children taking part received an Easter treat; however, there were six stones (gold ones) that were well hidden and if you were lucky enough to find one of these you got a slightly bigger treat. The hunt was so successful, that there is another one in the pipeline for the summer and who knows maybe it could become a regular feature at certain times throughout the year.



Minishant

Let's Shift Challenge

Class 1 at Minishant Primary have been set the challenge of participating in the South Ayrshire Active Schools 'Let's Shift' programme. The aim of this programme is to get everyone moving a little more and improve our physical and mental health. We strive to complete our daily mile each day, where Class 1 walks 16 laps around the playground. We have been working hard to increase the pace in which we complete this, and challenged ourselves to run it as much as we can. Class 1 love completing their daily mile as they say it is fun, they get fresh air and it keeps them fit. In addition, as part of the challenge, we practise a range of exercises Monday to Thursday, and then pull these together to complete a mini work-out on the Friday. Class 1 and Class 2 worked together to create their own mini work-out to share with other schools around South Ayrshire.



Class 2

Most of our Primary 6 and 7 pupils in Class 2 have been taking part in 'Bikeability' sessions every Wednesday morning. Working our way through level 1, we have been learning to complete an M check, mount/dismount a bike properly and corner with complete control. We love being able to safely improve our cycling skills!

At the same time, the rest of Class 2 have been planting trees we received from the Woodland Trust. We have been working towards achieving a Green Tree Schools Award. This was a

project we were especially excited about! To begin with, we carefully considered where we wanted to position these, and then we measured out the correct spacing between each so that they have the best chance of growing. We cannot wait to watch these trees grow, as we do over the years, and we hope that they have a positive impact on the environment and local wildlife!



CARRICK SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH CLUB

Carrick Senior Citizens' Lunch Club hopes to resume monthly Friday lunches in August.

Lunches start from 12 noon on the first Friday of the month and are held at the Carrick Centre.

SENIORS OVER 60, OR ANY PERSON SUFFERING FROM A DISABILITY, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Transport can be arranged if required by contacting the Carrick Centre and there is no need to book beforehand.

Lunches cost £3 and consist of soup, sandwiches and pastries. The lunches are run by a committee of local volunteers. If you would be interested in attending you can call the **Centre (883222)** or **Jim McDermott (882592)**.

Good food and good company are guaranteed.



Art Exhibition at Culzean This Summer

Culzean Castle is hosting an art exhibition in "The Smiddy" at the Culzean Home Farm visitor centre.

The exhibition, which is open daily from 10am to 4pm, showcases the work of the Carrick Artists Collective, a group of professional artists who live and/or work within Carrick. The works on display at The Smiddy, which include paintings, ceramics, sculpture, and glass, give a taster of the creative output of the Collective's members and are intended to encourage visitors to explore this part of South Ayrshire where some of the artists regularly open their studios to the public.

Each day a member of the Carrick Artists Collective will be on hand at the exhibition to answer visitors' questions. <https://www.facebook.com/carrickartisttrail/>

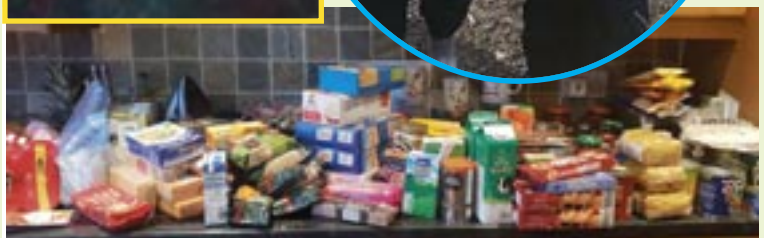
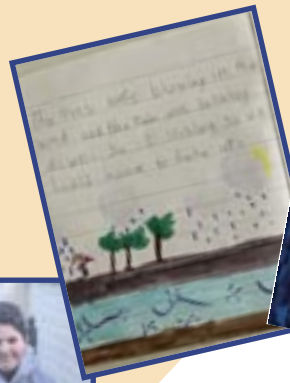
Participating artists include **Allan McNally, Angus Corbett, Caroline Dempsey, Duncan Stewart, Elspeth Guthrie, Merlin Currie, Roddy McKenzie, Roy Burgoyne, Vanessa Lawrence and Wendy Bibby.**

Fisherton Primary 'Wild' About Learning

P4, 5 and 6 at Fisherton Primary were given a 'Wild' project to keep them busy through their lockdown learning and to kick off 2021. Alongside their numeracy and literacy learning, their teacher set them the challenge of getting outdoors to enjoy and encourage nature as often as possible.

This was a project the pupils could do independently or the whole family could join. When the weather was too bad they could plan their next 'Wild' activity or take part in the art and writing activities. The inspiration came from the RSPB website and the class also took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January.

They submitted photos and statements about all their activities and achieved Bronze, Silver and finally Gold awards. They achieved Gold before they brought their project to a close in mid-February. Many families clocked up wild miles out in the countryside, while some built birdhouses, created bug hotels, made bird feeders, identified and drew wild flowers, planted seeds and enjoyed finding minibeasts in their gardens. Their teacher loved hearing their ideas and receiving the pictures of their 'Wild' activities and adventures.



Fisherton PTA

After organising a Christmas bonus ball and raffle, Fisherton PTA raised an amazing £1,200 which allowed them to treat the children to an online panto and some Christmas party snacks.

A generous donation from local photographers Neil Given and Craig McComb allowed the PTA to kit out the nursery with waterproofs. Generous donations from the community were delivered to Maybole Foodbank.

Straiton

New bike stands located outside McCandlish Hall are being well used this year by the cyclists touring the Ayrshire Alps. The stands are well located for the Straiton Stores, the Buck cafe as well as the community toilets - the latter bringing great relief to many visitors.

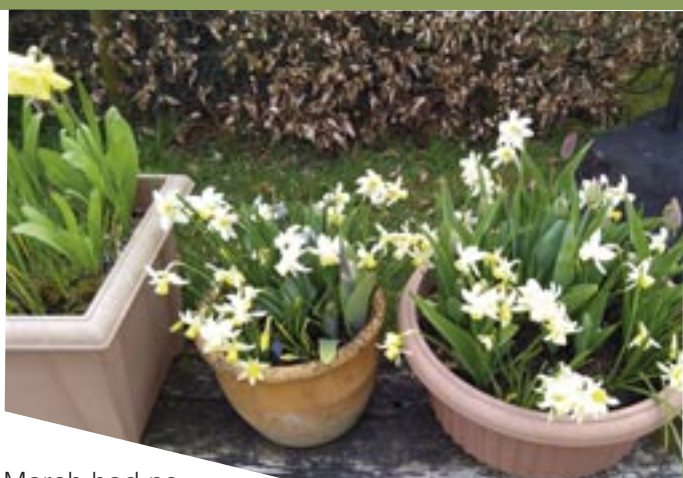
Funding was secured through Cycling Scotland which has been funding new bike racks throughout South Ayrshire and was achieved through collaboration with South Ayrshire Council, ARA and local Community Councils.

The community of Straiton was delighted to receive Winter Resilience equipment from Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Equipment included a new grit box, grit spreader and spades and safety equipment. This will allow locals to clear dangerous pavements during icy conditions. This was an immediate success, as after the equipment arrived the ice melted and never re-appeared! No doubt the equipment will be put to good use during winter 2021/2022.



Spring has sprung
The grass is riz
I wonder where the birdies is
The little birds are on the wing
Oh how absurd
The little wings are on the bird.
(Ogden Nash - possibly)



March had no lion-like qualities when it came in this year but certainly by the end the little lambs were gambolling in the fields - always one of the signs of Spring. However, we seem to have had few proper spring-like days and plants in the gardens have been slow to appear. Can anyone remember a cooler May when we still needed heating and fires? Anyway, we'll hope for a "flaming June" to start off the Summer months.

Perhaps a bonus has been that the daffodils and tulips seem to have lasted longer. On that note, the planters around Straiton have been particularly beautiful and have withstood the rain and winds well.

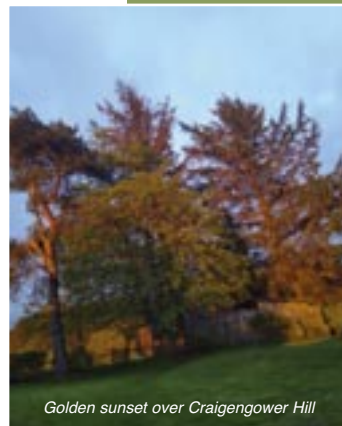
With Easter falling in April and the easing of

lockdown restrictions, we were able to resume services in churches. In Straiton we were able to accommodate 25 people for the Easter Day service and that served to give hope to all. Now that we are in level 2 the church can have a maximum of 34 in the congregation. Hopefully, we will soon also be able to sing our praises but, in the meantime, we are grateful for the organ interludes.

As he has been doing throughout this long year our minister, Gerald Jones, has been posting a mini-service on the church website and this is accompanied by beautiful, inspiring photos taken of the church and the countryside around. To visit the website go to www.straitonchurchayr.com.

Straiton Development Group sent out a survey to all households in the community to choose new equipment for the playpark. This is a joint funding venture by South Ayrshire Council and NCCBC and was rolled out to all villages in North Carrick, as well as the town of Maybole.

The result of the survey has been submitted to the council for action and we eagerly await the arrival of the new equipment.



Golden sunset over Craigengower Hill

High Living Childrens' Activities

Robyn Young lives at High Living, a part of the town nicknamed named after the first TV soap opera to be produced in Scotland. This area originally covered streets around the top of Maybole including Enoch Road, Glenalla Road and Minnoch Crescent. A group of residents was formed and added Queens Terrace, Chesney Grove and Kildoon Drive.



Robyn told us, "In normal circumstances, we organise an annual Kids' Christmas Party, and I make tickets up online for parents to buy for their kids – with all of the money collected going towards the party! This would include things like a bouncy castle, entertainment for the kids, ball pit, buffet, special guests and a visit from Santa Claus!

"Unfortunately, last year our party had to be cancelled. Not to be defeated, I ran a 'lucky name raffle' which produced three winners and the remaining money went on Advent calendars for the kids. Myself and a couple of friends delivered these at the end of November and the kids loved it. Obviously this year has had more challenges for us, but we're slowly getting our 'normality' back.

"Back in March, I decided to give myself a challenge - to raise funds to buy a mascot costume and Easter eggs to deliver to all the kids! I am delighted to say we did it! I set up a page online and I can't thank the residents of High Living enough for their response, which made it happen! Out we went, with myself dressed as a chicken, and my two friends as helpers,



to deliver the Easter eggs! Also, a local man, Sandy Young (Juice Man), donated juice for all the kids, and we also had donations from lots of people to help with funds. The Facebook Raffle Group "Happy Days" also donated £50. I honestly cannot thank everyone enough for making all of this happen, bringing a bit of joy in a very difficult time!

"High Living - our community is fantastic; we all stick together for the kids. That's the way it should be! Bring on Hallowe'en and Christmas!"



You can donate to 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.

Donations: You can help local people in crisis at this time by donating to the foodbank, preferred list below.

All non-perishable goods are greatly appreciated but the following items are the ones most needed right now. Donations can be dropped off at The Carrick Centre.

Please do not leave donations outside the Centre!!

- 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 Treats e.g. Sweets, Biscuits etc.





Alastair Travers (manager) donating items to Wilma Milligan from South Ayrshire Foodbank – Maybole. Thank you to our customers for their generous donations.



Another donation to South Ayrshire Foodbank from sale of masks.



Cairn Nursery Breakfast Club - donations every day



Toiletry donation to Crosne Street.



Christine (team leader) donating Easter eggs to Fairknowe Nursing Home for a raffle

"It's What They Do"

Once again Maybole's Co-op team have been showing their support to our local community in a variety of ways over the Spring period. As well as supporting those in need via the foodbank, supporting local raffles and providing surprise gifts at Christmas, the Co-op also supports grassroots community causes through the Local Community Fund. Led by Team Leader Christine and Manager Alastair, the Maybole Co-op team all work extremely hard to keep our Maybole store the friendly and community-minded supermarket that we know so well.

To find out more about the Co-op and how they support communities visit:
<https://www.coop.co.uk/communities>

Register to be a Co-op member to support local causes when you shop:
<https://membership.coop.co.uk/register>

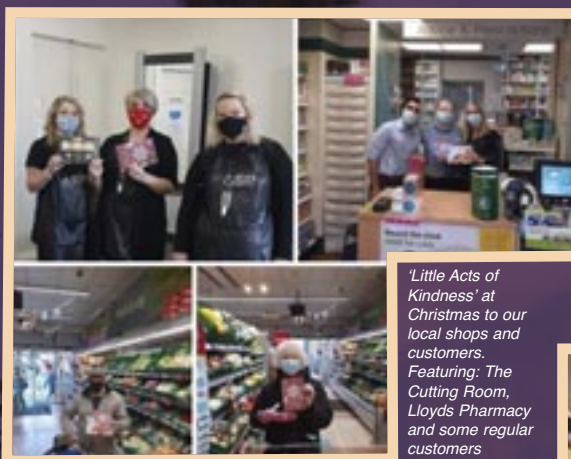
The Co-op would like to thank all of their colleagues and customers for their generous donations.



A little thank you to our NHS nurses at Ayr Hospital from our colleagues and community – Nurses: Liz Paton, Laura McMillan and Sarah Cuthbert



Maybole toy donation for Cash For Kids at Christmas



'Little Acts of Kindness' at Christmas to our local shops and customers. Featuring: The Cutting Room, Lloyds Pharmacy and some regular customers



Donating fruit to The Carrick Centre's hunger programme



Presenting Co-op Community Fund donation to South Ayrshire Foodbank - Maybole



Donating Fairtrade products for Fairtrade Fortnight to Mrs Eadie at Cairn Primary School.

Maybole Juniors want Ladywell Stadium to be used more by the community but they know this all comes with a cost

Committee members are very proud of their achievements as the club approaches its 75th anniversary and the hard work of a lot of people.

See

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=Maybole%20Juniors%20F.C>

There are, however, many expenses connected with running the club and it relies for funding solely on their own fundraising events and the support of local businesses. They are offering local businesses the chance to advertise on boards around the pitch and prices start at £150 per calendar year.

A spokesman for the Juniors said, "If it were possible, we would very much welcome the opportunity to speak to you about this. Please contact **Carlo** on **07813 767 923**; we look forward to hearing from you."



Maybole Memorial Park Bowling Club (MMPBC) has attracted members young and old but, after having to cope for the last year with all the Covid-19 related restrictions, has been met with another setback. What was thought to be dampness in one of the clubhouse walls, has been found to be completely rotten due to rain, storm, and flood damage. This will require a full rebuild including part of the roof and flooring. Initial estimates are costs of £20,000 approximately.

Although the clubhouse is owned by South Ayrshire Council (SAC), they have informed the club that they have no responsibility as this lies squarely with the club. In addition, the club's insurance policy, which had to be taken out via SAC, is unlikely to cover any of the costs.

MMPBC is a community club organised by local volunteers and attracts members from across Carrick. In recent years, the club has attracted many children

A LOCAL BOWLING CLUB NEEDS HELP

to the sport of bowls through the club coach and they have been welcomed by enthusiastic club members. This has resulted in families spending more time and different generations learning and sharing experiences with each other.

The club offers a safe place to enjoy outdoor sport, promote positive health and wellbeing and offers a safe alternative to those who might be isolated or otherwise be involved in anti-social behaviour or problematic alcohol and drug use.

The club has contacted local Councillor, Brian Connolly, who has agreed to contact SAC to look at what support options may be available via grant funding.

Peter McArthur, club secretary, stated that the club remains positive about being able to organise some bowls this season and have set up a Go Fund Me page. Donations have already been made by club members, family, friends, and others interested in supporting the club. Any additional support would be greatly appreciated. Here is the link to the donation page for anyone who can contribute.

<https://gofund.me/34658fa2>

South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership (SAHSCP)

Stephanie Smith has been appointed as our new Partnership Engagement Officer in Carrick.

She will be working closely with the Maybole and North Carrick Locality Planning Partnership, which includes the villages of Crosshill; Dunure; Fisherton; Kirkmichael; Kirkoswald; Maidens; Minishant and Straiton.

Stephanie also covers Girvan and South Carrick locality and brings to this post a range of experience, having previously worked as an Addictions Training Officer for NHS Ayrshire & Arran. She also has a significant background of working in the third sector across South Ayrshire.

Stephanie told us, "As the newly appointed Partnership Engagement Officer, I am looking forward to working within the locality areas to engage and plan in line with the needs of the local communities. Locality planning provides an excellent opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities which has never been more important as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is a particularly exciting time for locality planning as we are currently preparing a relaunch of the Locality Planning Partnerships in September 2021. If you would like to be involved or would like more information please get in touch, I'd be delighted to hear from you."

Stephanie also covers Girvan and South Carrick locality, including the villages of Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell, Dailly, Lendallfoot, Pinmore and Pinwherry.

She can be contacted via email at SAHSCP.Engagement@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or telephone 01292 612623.



Crosshill Guides

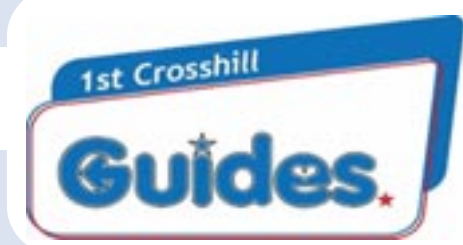
On Wednesday 5th May, 1st Crosshill Guides had their first face-to-face meeting (outdoors), since October last year!

It was a different meeting, with social distancing rules and using hand sanitiser but this is the new normal and Guiding is adaptable!

We are continuing with outdoor meetings for the time being and some of our guiding activities include the "Out and About Wee Beastie Challenge 2021".

Leaders and Guides agree it is lovely being back to face-to-face meetings instead of Zoom and we can look forward to some normal Guiding as restrictions continue to ease.

Jackie, Claire and Jodie
1st Crosshill Guides



Copies of the **North Carrick Community Newsletter** are available throughout many North Carrick venues, if you need to pick one up your main outlets are:

Crosshill: Village Shop

Kirkmichael: Village Shop

Straiton: Village Shop

Minishant: Minishant Stores

Maidens: Little K's Kitchen and Ropes

Maybole: The Carrick Centre, Library, Co-op, Spar

Kirkoswald: Souters, Saks & Hart, Kirkland Garden Centre and Post Office

Turnberry: Balkenna Tearoom and Dowhill Farm Shop

Dunure/Fisherton: Coffee Shop & Aruna Arts & Gifts



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The CARRICK CENTRE Re-Opening Celebrated



Founder members of a trailblazing community centre were hailed as “The Three Musketeers” at a ceremony to mark its re-opening.

The three, dubbed after the swashbuckling heroes, are pictured left to right Hugh Paterson, Bill Miller, Jim Stevens and the D’Artagnan - Tony Riome. All four received a Quaich, the traditional cup of friendship, as a thank you gift at the official re-opening of The Carrick Centre Maybole on Thursday 29th April.

Thanking them for their enormous contribution, Chairman Peter Lynn said, “I call them the Three Musketeers”. He said Bill Miller, who steered the project from a plan to a completed building, was described as “The driving force behind this historic project”.

Hugh Paterson, another former Chair, was “the voice of reason”. Jim Stevens who has just stepped down from being the Treasurer was “ever present” at the centre, keeping the finances in good order. Tony Riome “volunteered for all the jobs nobody wants to do” and was “a tower of strength”.

Replying, Bill Miller said the Centre was first talked about in 1999 and building only started in 2010.

The pace of work accelerated and was given the final push when the Church of Scotland gave the project the loan to close the gap on what had already been raised and what was needed.

He said, “Since then, it has been used by hundreds of people and organisations. It has done what the dream was at the beginning - meeting the needs of the community seven days a week both as a community centre and a church.”

He said; “My thanks to everybody from the bottom of my heart - you have made our dream come true.”

Interim Minister, and centre board member, Paul Russell said the centre was, “Very much the flagship of the modern church. This is where the future lies.”

Centre manager Andrea Hutchison thanked everyone, including the army of volunteers at the centre, “for giving hours and hours to The Carrick Centre”.

The centre is open every weekday from 10am-2pm, offering teas, freshly ground coffee, home baking, juicy cheeseburgers and tasty salads - something for everyone.

MAIDENS

Primary School and Early Years Centre

P7 Leavers... Farewell and Good Luck!

Teachers said, "As our 'Magnificent Seven' prepared to leave Maidens Primary, we thank them for being the wonderful young people that they are, applaud them for coping with such a difficult year and wish them all the very best of luck at their chosen academies. We look forward to hearing about everything you achieve. Many thanks to LCS Workwear for kindly donating a leavers hoodie to each child."



Back of hoodies



Front Row: L-R Andrew, Rhys, Caitlyn, Scarlett.
Back Row: L-R John, Anna, Leigh

Early Years Sensory Garden

The staff and children in our Early Years Centre have created a sensory garden and installed a tub pond. The children were involved in every stage from planning to installation and helped prepare the ground, planted flowers and integrating animal habitats. The sensory garden is providing opportunities for the children to explore the varied wildlife that the garden is attracting, to learn about sustainability and to learn new skills. Active involvement in these activities has resulted in the children achieving their Bronze RSPB Wild Challenge Award and we are so proud of how they have helped to transform our outdoor space.

Many thanks to Carrick Round Table for their generous donation of £250, without their support this project would not have been achievable. Thanks also to Corton plants for their advice regarding suitable plants and donation of some bags of compost.



CASH FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER

On Friday 14th May we supported the West FM Cash for Kids fundraising appeal by holding a dress down day in the Primary School and a crazy hair day in our Early Years Centre. A grand total of £110 was raised for disadvantaged children and young people in our local communities.



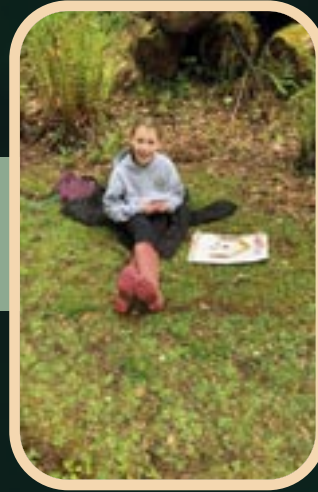
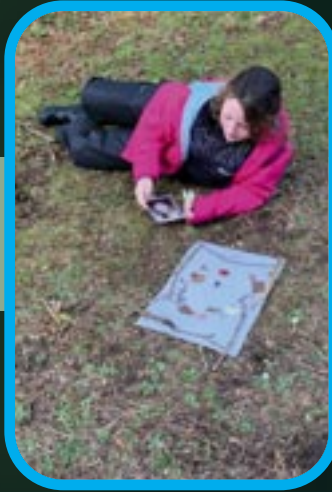
Pupils in Primaries 1,2 & 3 dressed down and donated £1.

There were some weird and wonderful hairstyles in our Early Years Centre with children donating £1 to the Cash for Kids appeal.



The Great Outdoors ...

As part of Outdoor Learning, the Primary 4/5s and 6/7s are investigating the topic of trees. The classes were tasked with creating a self-portrait of themselves using only natural resources. With the school being so close to Culzean Castle, we were able to walk to the park in beautiful sunshine and picnic there for lunch. We then took a stroll along Happy Valley looking for objects to help us create our portraits. The pupils were very respectful of the environment and were careful only to use forest floor resources and not to disturb the flora and fauna. The pupils were creative and engaged in their task, producing some wonderful portraits. Our weekly walk to Culzean is helping us to become stronger and fitter, as well as encouraging us to fully appreciate our beautiful scenery.



P1-3 have been getting green-fingered starting our own garden

We have had great fun over the last few weeks painting tyres and pallets to use as planters and last month we finally got to the planting stage. Our garden includes a good selection of flowers, vegetables and strawberry plants. We will be making sure they get watered regularly and will keep our fingers crossed for a good harvest. We would like to thank the Maidens parents who provided planters, pots, tyres and pallets for our garden and say a special thanks to 'Kirklands House and Garden' in Kirkoswald for supplying us with lots of compost and plants.





Young Crosshill artist designs new logo for Carrick Community Food Garden - good progress made with planting out of first crop

The easing of lockdown restrictions has allowed work to resume at the Carrick Community Food Garden, the fruit and vegetable garden in Maybole established to help food bank users and others dealing with long-term issues, to improve their physical and mental wellbeing.

Thanks to a talented young artist from Crosshill, Emily Browne, we also have a new logo which will be used across all CCFG's communication and other activities. Emily created the design with digital support provided by another local artist, Lucy Murdoch (www.ljmurdochcreations.co.uk)

CCFG exists for the community and we want as many people of all ages to get involved. So having the support of a young local artist like Emily is very encouraging for the future of the project.

We are making good progress with our first crop. Thanks to a Herculean effort led by Patsy McCallum, we had planted out early potatoes by Easter and put in place five raised beds designed by Patsy and her husband, Alec.

In early May it was great to welcome back the SAC's Employability & Skills team led by Andy Gamble working with recently appointed colleague, Claire Lucas.

A central objective is to provide training opportunities at each stage of the project. Since their return, the SAC team has learned how to prepare wood for various purposes, and are building raised beds as well as planting out carrots, leeks, beans, lettuces and potatoes. Much of what we are planting has been donated by members of the community.

There is plenty to keep us busy - and enjoy ourselves at the same time! We are planning to increase the number of people working in the garden. Gardening knowledge and experience not essential so anyone interested should get in touch!

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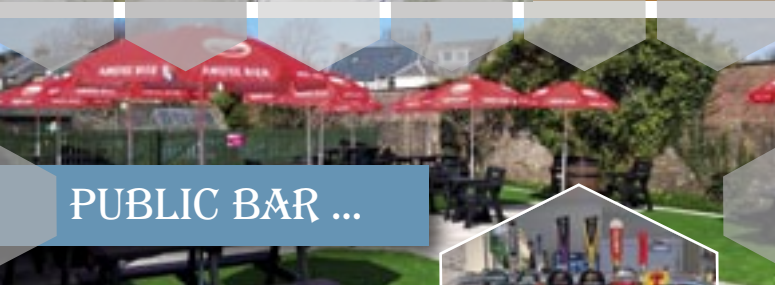
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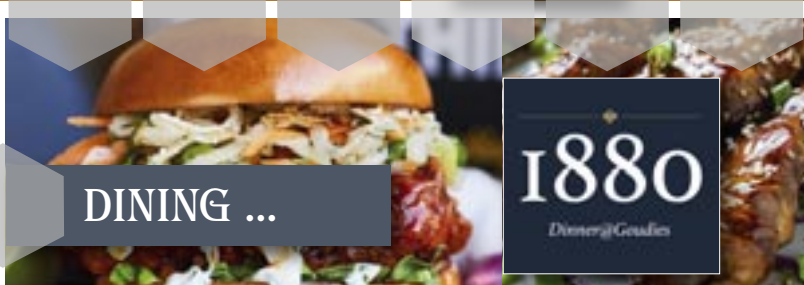
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NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN KIRKMICHAEL

At the start of the pandemic, Kirkmichael Community Shop, part of Kirkmichael Village Renaissance, made a big move across Patna Road to new premises at the McCosh Hall. Since then, the whole enterprise has gone from strength to strength with the hall, shop and café becoming the community hub we always hoped it would be.

The shop moved into the newly-painted small hall on the ground floor, with plenty of room for a café and with a kitchen and storage space just across the corridor. Because of Covid, many people in the village became aware of what a blessing it was to be able to buy groceries and other necessities without having to leave the village. Deliveries were made to those vulnerable people who couldn't leave their houses. Gradually the stock was built up so that now the shop has a good selection of groceries, meat, sausages, pies etc from Dalduff and from McKay's in Maybole, locally produced free range eggs from Glenlochrie in the Girvan Valley, as well as regular deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables, and a great variety of excellent home baking. There are home made jams and chutneys, locally produced honey, and there's even a small selection of alcoholic drinks, subject to the usual licensing hours. It would be true to say that many of us would have been lost without the shop for the past eighteen months, so let's hope it continues to grow and thrive.

Meanwhile, in spite of various Covid restrictions, the café too has gone from strength to strength, offering tea, freshly ground coffee, lunches, snacks and plenty of delicious home baking. Even though the café area had to close for a time, the shop offered a takeaway service as soon as it was allowed, and many passing cyclists

seem to appreciate having somewhere to stop off. The café closure gave local people the chance to display various crafts and artworks in the shop, and now that the café is open again, there will be a small regularly changing display of local art. The shop also has a variety of greetings cards, many of them with a Scottish theme. There's even a book exchange, for anyone, local or visitor, who might be looking for something to read. New volunteers are always welcome, so if you are new to the area and would like to volunteer for the shop, café or just behind the scenes in some capacity, even if it's only for a few hours a week, do let us know.

The move also allowed the village to take over the use and letting of the big upstairs hall, which has undergone significant renovation, thanks to South Ayrshire Council, and KVR's hard work, and is now a welcoming space that in future can be let for various functions. There's even a lift for those needing disabled access. An enthusiastic local history group formed online during the pandemic, and it's hoped to have a permanent display as well as future history events when Covid permits. Arts and craft fairs have also been suggested because there's a great deal of talent in and around the village

Finally, the outside space at the hall is as welcoming as the interior, with tubs and window boxes, looked after by the garden club, outside tables and chairs, and a plant table where you might find something special for your garden at an affordable price. With the return of holidaymakers to the area, the shop and café will definitely be an asset to the village but whether you're local or just visiting, why not come along for lunch, or for a coffee and a piece of cake. The village is beautiful – and friendly - at all times of the year, and you'll be made very welcome.





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

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The new website for Maybole and North Carrick!

Claire Bryan is the Recovery Coordinator appointed by North Carrick Community Benefit Company to promote local businesses and encourage visitors to the area.

Claire commented, "NorthCarrick.com was launched on Friday 14th May, 2021. "The new website provides a directory of local businesses; including all shops, cafes, restaurants, salons, pubs, accommodation, things to do, and everything in between!"

"It also highlights our 'North Carrick Loves Local' campaign, showing off our fantastic local produce and attractions as well as showcasing photographs and stories of our local businesses. Our 'business profiles' provide all businesses in the area with a free listing that links through to their own website or social media channel so everyone can see their latest information, deals and promotions! NorthCarrick.com has everything needed to plan a visit to the area. The site provides links to our stunning local cycling and walking routes, local history information and transport information - everything you need to know to plan a visit."

If you are a business owner in Maybole or North Carrick you can register for a free profile now by filling in our online form at - join.northcarrick.com

If you would like to find out more you can get in touch with Claire, NCCBC's Recovery Coordinator, on her mobile **07730748896**, or by emailing **claire.northcarrick@outlook.com** For more information and updates, take a look at their social media pages or visit **NorthCarrick.com**.



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Alongside the work on this new website for North Carrick, NCCBC and Maybole Community Council have also launched a North Carrick branch of the Scotland Loves Local campaign! Our area has such an amazing variety of local businesses and this project intends to really showcase what North Carrick has to offer to visitors, but also to remind local residents of the incredible range of products and services available right on their doorstep.

The project aims to help boost sales for local shops and independent retailers across Maybole and our villages by encouraging North Carrick residents to

shop local and support independent shops, while staying safe and following public health advice.

NCCBC's Recovery Coordinator, Claire, has been visiting lots of local businesses taking fresh photos to showcase what they have to offer and showing off their lovely staff as they pose with the Loves Local hearts!

For more info visit lovelocal.scot



The Carrick Centre



Kirkmichael Shop and Cafe

Sadly, we have to note the deaths of two people who played a part in the life of Maybole.

Michel Berson

Michel was the Mayor of Crosne when four representatives of the Capital of Carrick ventured abroad in 1981 to discuss the possibility of Maybole and Crosne forming a twinning partnership.



David Kiltie, Alan Murray, Don Raby and Pipe Major Jim Sym were so impressed that they recommended that the twinning should go ahead and the following September a party from Crosne visited Maybole and in 1982 official documents were signed.

Michel was mayor of Crosne from 1977 until 1998, a member of the French Parliament 1981-1997 and president of the General Council of Essonne 1998-2011. He was a Senator 2011-2017 and was also a knight of the Légion d'honneur, the highest French order of merit.

Two former chairs of Maybole Town Twinning Association paid tribute to him. William Grant, South Ayrshire's Depute Provost, said, "Michel was totally committed to working for the community of Crosne and surrounding areas at all levels of local and national government. He was totally supportive of town twinning and all its aims. He was a good friend of Maybole and will be sadly missed."

Margaret Davidson added, "I met Michel Berson in 1984, when I first visited Crosne. He was Mayor of the town at that time and very quickly I realised how important Crosne and its inhabitants were to him. He worked tirelessly for the town over the years. On my return visits I saw many changes and much

modernisation of facilities which he had a hand in developing.

"By coincidence, I stayed in the home of his parents and it was there that I saw a different side to him. He was a loving, caring son and his parents, rightly, were proud of him and his achievements. Although not able to visit Crosne in recent years, we kept in touch and it was a pleasure to have known him and his family.

"He will be sadly missed by his wife and daughters and their families as well as his sister and her family who live in Auxerre."

Born on 21st April 1945, Michel died from cancer on 8th April 2021.



Michel second from right



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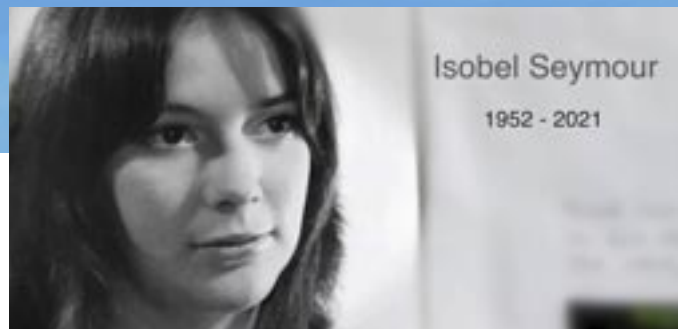
Obituary

Isobel Seymour

Isobel was the last local resident of Maybole to be named Citizen of the Year. The award was organised by Maybole Community Association and, in the Spring of each year, nominations were invited from the public as to who should win the honour. The presentations were made on the town's gala day in June. The trophy which was awarded was called, officially, the Carrick Television Trophy donated by William McCubbin, proprietor of the firm. It was in 1999 that Isobel received her award and the following year at the start of the new millennium she was presented with a "Scroll of Appreciation" by Maybole Community Council.

She was a prolific contributor to Maybole web site, www.maybole.org, with some amazing photographs and stories as well as interactive jigsaws.

Isobel was well known for her story telling whether it be in writing plays or contributing to magazines. She had a great love of life, despite many medical issues and operation after operation, and joined with many



others in the life of the town. She was involved in town twinning and musical groups and it was perhaps for her musical ability that most people knew her. Her involvement with the local Concert Party and Maybole Roly-Polys was legendary.

Isobel loved music and could pick up tunes quickly on a range of instruments. An accomplished pianist, she also loved her guitar.

A kind-hearted soul, Isobel was also a tad eccentric. She got into Harry Potter later in life and that was right up her street – magic, wizards etc. She loved the colour yellow; so much so that her car was even yellow and at her funeral what else was played but Yellow Submarine!

Isobel Seymour will be sadly missed and our condolences go to her family.




GALA DAY

Unfortunately, Maybole Gala will not be held again this year. Here is a photo from 1951 to mark the 70th anniversary of the gala beginning. In those days it was held every three years.

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NCCBC chair's update

It's been a very busy couple of months and time flies by so quickly. North Carrick Community Benefit Company has continued to support a business recovery programme as well as part-funding the "Loves Local" campaign.

The business support aspect continues to the development of a Maybole and North Carrick web site NorthCarrick.com which highlights and profiles all local businesses for both locals and visitors. The long-term view is this site will be a single source of valuable local information about the businesses in the area. This is free to all businesses and we would urge you to contact Claire on **07730748896**, or by emailing **claire.northcarrick@outlook.com** to talk about a free listing. Stuart, our development officer, is supporting communities with pulling together a range of projects in partnership with SAC to enhance playgrounds and environmental projects, you can contact him by emailing **stuart.northcarrick@gmail.com**.

We continue to award grants, with the most recent to Kirkmichael Village Renaissance for improvements to the village hall now being operated by them for the community. A further grant was awarded to the Ayrshire Paths Initiative to mark a popular walking route across the hill to Dunure.

Further to these grants, NCCBC and the William Grant Foundation are continuing a co-funding agreement to enable the two academies of Carrick to continue employing a counsellor on a full-time basis to support teachers, staff and families for a further two years.

We have a rolling grant application system, so it is open all the time with grants assessed four times a year and we urge groups to apply.

The project for the charity shop is proving a little troublesome and the building as a whole requires a lot more work to stabilise it (it is safe externally) so will take a little longer than anticipated to deliver. The charity shop committee assure us they have secured other premises that will be able to open soon.



Carrick Community Leisure Group

CCLG was able to open Goudie's on 26th April in a very low-key way due to Covid restrictions and have welcomed a good number of people into the building. The charity secured funding to put on a range of activities for six weeks - free to the users - as a way to get people active and back out into the world.

This is to enable people to come together in a socially distanced and safe environment, which has proven to be very important to people who are thoroughly enjoying the activities. These include Yoga, Zumba Gold, Pilates, circuits (children and adults), Muay Thai classes, art for beginners, classes and a computing class set to start shortly.



Nearly every class has been oversubscribed and we are working hard to see if second classes can be put on.

After the six weeks, the tutors and users will have the option to see if continuing the classes is viable with fees charged to the users that will cover costs and make the classes sustainable for the future. We will also be looking at a further range of activity and will announce these as they come online, so please like the Carrick Community Leisure Group facebook page to keep up with what is happening. All the activities are open to all with no membership requirement; the only limitations will be child classes are for children and adult classes for all adults regardless of age or gender. You decide if it's for you or not. All are welcome.



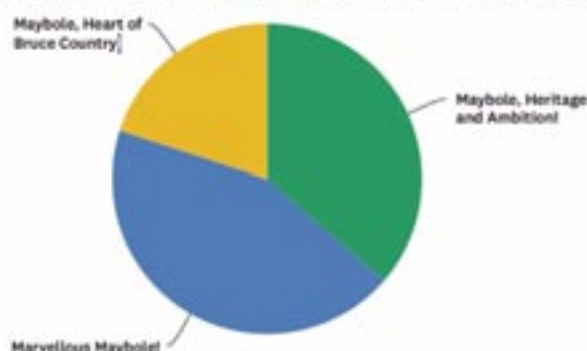
Marvellous Maybole! is the tagline

We ran a survey to ask people how they would like to "brand" Maybole. It opened on 31st March and closed on 5th May. The options that people could vote on were:

• Maybole, Heritage and Ambition!	• Marvellous Maybole!
• Maybole, Heart of Bruce Country	• None of these

346 people completed the survey. Of those, 126 did not like any of the options and so they voted for "None of these". That is OK. It is a true saying that "you cannot please all of the people all of the time" and the tagline that Maybole uses can be changed from time to time. Different options might be more relevant a couple of years from now and another vote can be held whenever people feel it is needed.

220 chose one or other of the options available and the results were:



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maybole, Heritage and Ambition!	80	36.36%
Marvellous Maybole!	96	43.64%
Maybole, Heart of Bruce Country	44	20.00%
None of these	0	0.00%
TOTAL	220	100.00%

345 of the respondents stated where they are from:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident in Maybole	235	68.12%
Resident outside of Maybole but in North Carrick	37	10.72%
Resident outside of North Carrick but in South Ayrshire	27	7.83%
Someone from further away	46	13.33%
TOTAL	345	100.00%

Our thanks to everyone who took part in the survey!

IT'S TIME TO JOIN NORTH CARRICK COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY!

NCCBC is a membership organisation that has over £250,000 available to spend on improvements in North Carrick each year. 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.

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Why not do this small thing to show your commitment to improving North Carrick?



Kirkmichael Primary School have been very busy during our last term. After such a difficult year, we have tried to make school time as active and as fun as possible. We have been taking part in various clubs, STEM challenges and outdoor exercise tasks.

Kirkmichael Primary School

Running Club:

Primary 4-7 have been taking part in afternoon running club sessions. We have been focusing on ways to warm up and stretch our body safely before and after running. Secondly, practising our endurance skills, ensuring we keep a steady pace throughout the sessions. Finally, we like to test our sprinting skills. As you can see in the pictures, we are very competitive!

Our World Learning Club:

Early years - primary 3 have started an Our World Learning (OWL) club. This club focuses on improving the surrounding environment and helping the community. The children have shared ideas about what they would like to do to benefit local wildlife and the people in the community. Pupils have created birdfeeders for the community garden and plan to complete a litter pick soon - we are really looking forward to helping the wildlife and community!

Let's SHIFT:

Pupils and teachers have been creative in completing physical exercise outdoors this term. The children have been taking part in Let's SHIFT - an eight-week programme where pupils focus on Steps, Health, becoming Inspired, Fitness and being Together. Additionally, pupils engage in tricky exercises whilst having fun and encouraging others. Pupils have been challenged to walk at least five miles in weeks 1-4 and 7.5 miles from weeks 5-8. Additionally, the children have taken part in mini workouts daily where four different exercises are given each week, ending in a 15-minute workout on Fridays. The boys and girls have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in daily exercises and making the most of the sunshine!

Pupils have been completing tasks that involve Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We have been learning about what an engineer is and what their job entails. We plan to identify problems in society and come up with solutions to improve everyday objects. We have also been

focusing on creating structures by using basic materials, such as cardboard, glue and tape. Primary 1-3 created and painted their own fairy-tale castles using various materials. P4/5 have begun to create a bridge using various materials. To challenge pupils even more, we have included a limited amount of resources and each bridge must hold at least 250g. Pupils have discussed strong structures and have been building their bridges based on this knowledge. P6/7 have created castles linked to their Harry Potter topic using junk materials and are going to paint and decorate the structures.



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Maidens ...

Maidens Community applied for, and successfully obtained, a grant for £250 from Action Earth and used this money to create two planters for the beginning and ending of the village of Maidens. It was planted with the help of the local community and they are hoping to apply for another grant later this month to be able to purchase bulbs for the new path. They have also just received the Keep Scotland Beautiful Beach award for 2021/22 and a flag will be awarded in due course.

The village has an active litter team out once a month litter picking and making a high difference. Other residents litter pick daily.




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A Warm Welcome Awaits You -

Local charity opens its doors again!

The Carrick Centre, managed by a board of local volunteers and committed operations team, has run a lively community hub in Maybole for the last 10 years. Providing a warm welcoming space to the North Carrick Community, they support individuals and groups to access or create activities and services for everyone!

As this last period of lockdown came to an end, the organisation was delighted to open its doors again on the 26th April. The whole team is now back, including some new faces for you to meet and they look forward to welcoming you into the Centre.

WHAT'S ON

Right now, you can enjoy the Café with Simon, Gordon and the team who are always there to cook you up a tasty bite and delicious coffee. The Café is currently open Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm.



Simon in the Café

Room bookings have also re-opened and there are a variety of spaces to suit your needs; from activity and meeting rooms to a gym hall and auditorium - all at affordable rates and with special discounts for community groups.

The Centre is extremely grateful to its funders, volunteers and customers, whose on-going support has enabled them to provide a Covid Response to help the community with meal deliveries, online services, activity packs and more during the last twelve months.

This support has continued and, as part of the charity's plans to help recovery in the community, they have two special Café Clubs for you to enjoy - all complying with the current health and safety guidelines.



Margaret and Alan Harvey, Evan Campbell - Free Meal Delivery



Alan, Joanne and Jean - Activity Pack Production Line

**Tots Café Club:
Chat & Play
Every Tuesday
10am-11am**



Tots L to R Norma, Michelle and Davy

**Café Lunch Club: Chat, and enjoy a
different guest speaker each week
Every Tuesday 12noon-1pm**

Entry is free. You can also order from the main Café and have it delivered to your table. Advance booking is essential to ensure compliance with the current guidelines.

These Café Clubs are also helping volunteer-run community groups like Carrick Tots and Carrick Seniors Lunch Club re-engage with the community until they can offer these services again on their own. So, if you used to go along to these groups, why not try out the Café Clubs and see some familiar and some new faces.

The Café Clubs have benefitted from the Scottish Government's Communities Recovery Fund.

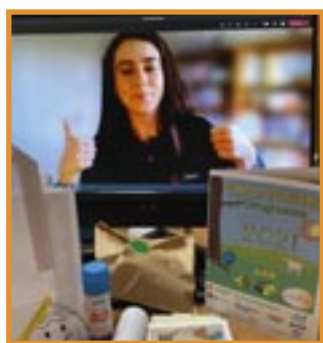
A colorful poster for Carrick Tots Café Club. It features the text 'Carrick Tots Café Club', 'Every Tuesday 10am - 11am', 'Booking Essential', 'Come, Talk and Play!', and 'Free Entry'. There are illustrations of children and a star. At the bottom, it says 'Culzean Road Maybole Ayrshire KA19 7DE', 'www.carrickcentre.co.uk', and 'The Scottish Government'.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – WATCH THIS SPACE!

After nearly a year of providing much welcomed activity packs and online resources during the school holiday periods the Centre is looking forward to planning activities for the upcoming school summer holiday. They are currently working on the schedule and it will be published on their website and on Facebook sometime in June. You can follow and like them on their social media links detailed below. The activity packs



Juliet and Evan - Easter Activity Packs



Hannah - Activity Pack Online Resources

and resources over the last nine months were funded by STV Children's Appeal, Cash for Kids and the Scottish Government's Supporting Communities Fund. The numbers have increased each break with over 700 Spring-themed packs delivered to all primary schools and early years across North Carrick

at Easter. The Centre would like to thank all their funders and volunteers who made this possible.

Centre Projects: Youth Connect, The Training Kitchen and Employability & Skills

The Carrick Centre team manages and delivers several projects in the community which offer support, engagement and skills opportunities for all ages. Over the past twelve months they have provided elements of these services on-line which has been a great way to keep in touch with participants and assist individuals with continued development. In addition, it has been a lifeline to help combat the social isolation impact caused by the restrictions. They are now delighted to be planning the re-opening of activities and provisions from these projects within the warm, safe environment of the Centre. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from these services the team would love to hear from you and you can reach them via the contact details opposite.

Youth Zone Café is Back! Sunday Night for P4-7 6.30pm-7.30pm

As part of the re-opening, the Centre's Youth Café is back! As well as Hannah, Louis and Iona, you can also meet the Centre's newly appointed Youth Development Coordinator Claire who has already been out and about meeting some of our young people and hearing what they would like to do at the



Youth Café Team Hannah, Louis and Iona

Café – so don't miss out, book your space and join in! Advance Booking is essential.

As the team have learned to develop skills and online services through this last 12 months some of these great initiatives will continue. One that you might have read about in the last newsletter is the

Centre's new Gaming Sector run by Josh and Simon. After working together online for months Josh and Simon met for the very first time! You can see their 'mask to mask' meeting below as they worked on their podcast from the Centre. They would love to hear from you so why not check out the Gaming Section on the Centre's YouTube page or at www.carrickcentre.co.uk/the-gaming-sector.



Josh and Simon recording Gaming Podcast

You can find more information on; What's on, How to Access Opportunities or Volunteering by contacting the Centre via: Facebook and Twitter: @carrickcentre. Website: www.carrickcentre.co.uk Tel: **01655 883222** or Email: info@carrickcentre.co.uk

Cafe Lunch Club

It's time to chat, let's get back on the bus and start socialising. Join us weekly...

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The Carrick Centre Welcomes New Members to The Team

The Carrick Centre is delighted to introduce two new staff. Both are very friendly and keen to meet members of the community so please introduce yourself when you see them at the Centre or out and about in the community.

Michelle Buchanan

Community Development Coordinator

Married with three young sons I have lived my whole life in South Ayrshire. My career started as a support worker at Hansel village, progressing to work with individuals with criminal & addictive backgrounds. This led to a BA in Criminal Justice and Postgraduate Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol studies. I continue to work as an Employability Lecturer at Ayrshire College and I am excited to meet and use my skills and experience supporting people in North Carrick.



Claine Shields

Youth Development Coordinator

I am a Sport and Physical Activity graduate from The University of Strathclyde and Ladies Football Club player/ coach. I would love to use this knowledge engaging local young people. I am excited to build relationships and empower young people through various activities to develop and fulfil their potential. Currently, I am visiting local schools promoting our Youth Group, and gathering feedback and ideas to increase engagement and capture the excitement of local children.



Women on Board

Good news for the community is that The Carrick Centre Board has recently appointed three new directors –all of whom are women! Chairman Pete Lynn and Vice Chair Marguerite Hunter Blair welcome the increasing diversity of the Board saying, “We look forward to the contributions of our new members and hope they will find their roles rewarding.” From hero health worker Susan Paton to music maestro Deirdre

Cuthbertson and dancer cum health and safety expert Paula Lennox. They introduce themselves below.

Susan Paton

Born in Edinburgh, with a childhood in the Scottish Borders, I started my career as a midwife in Aberdeen. Moving to Maybole in 1990 with my husband, we raised a family of three sons in beautiful, friendly Ayrshire. The past year has brought many changes for all of us; for myself this included early retirement. This has allowed me to become involved with the Carrick Centre, which has established itself as an important part of the local community, especially in the last few months.



Paula Lennox

I worked as a dancer from age 9 to 18 starting in Morecambe and working my way up to dance at the Moulin Rouge in Paris. Then I married and had three daughters. I have been involved with Community groups for over 30 years, fundraising and organising of events for all age groups. For the last 16 years I have undertaken the financial and administration of the Health & Safety Consultancy which I run with my husband. The Carrick Centre is a vital community asset to Maybole and the surrounding villages. I believe it is important, as a part of the community, to step-up and volunteer my services.



Paula (Left) and Deirdre (right)

Deirdre Cuthbertson

I worked as a teacher and retired as Principal Teacher from the nursery in Gardenrose Primary. I now work as a music teacher and run a youth group among other things. I am passionate about youth and equality. I have lived for over 30 years in Maybole and love the community!



SOUTH AYRSHIRE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

by Petko Marinov

You might have noticed the distinctive South Ayrshire red refuse bags dotted next to bins across Carrick and beyond. Through the dedicated work of hundreds of volunteers supporting the South Ayrshire Clean-Up campaign, we are hoping to collect 1,000,000 pieces of litter during 2021.

At the end of May, the total amount of litter cleared by volunteers already exceeded 475,000 pieces. In Maybole, the local clean-up group (Maybole Community Clean-Up) has contributed over 40,000 pieces from around the town and surrounding villages since the beginning of March. Every other Saturday at 10 am, people are invited to come to St Oswald's Episcopal Church (corner of Gardenrose Path and Cargill Road), from where the group tackles heavily-littered areas. Meanwhile, plenty of individual picks happen almost daily.

Whether with a group or on your own, litter-picking might seem like an unusual pastime, but there's plenty of fun to be had. Counting and collecting litter

while competing with your and your friends' latest pick numbers can be addictive. The results are worth it. Litter is not just a visual detriment to our environment; it pollutes, harms animals, and has a lasting negative impact on the ecosystem. Every time we are out with pickers and red bags in tow, we aim to raise awareness and encourage community spirit. South Ayrshire is beautiful, let's keep it that way.

If you would like to join the campaign and help the work of Maybole Community Clean-Up, you can find more information on our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/maybolecommunity-cleanup) and website (www.stoswaldsmaybole.org.uk/mccu).

We have litter pickers and bags available and can distribute them around Maybole, do get in touch!

You can record how much litter you have collected at www.saccmillion.org. If you lose count, one red bag holds approximately 250 pieces. Red council bags can be tied up and left next to public council bins for collection.



THE AULD ROAD from MAYBOLE to GIRVAN

by Bryan Clark

Crosshill

The “Auld Road to Girvan” was frequently mentioned whilst growing up in Maybole in the 1960s. I couldn’t quite work out why the road appeared to go into the hills, rather than the present A77 trunk road connecting Scotland to Ireland.

Fifty years later, the coronavirus hit us and many suffered. Luckily, some of us only had the hardship of being unable to work, myself in tourism on the Isle of Skye. In the Highlands and Islands, I found much awareness of local history and easy to find information about it. Coming back south, I found it odd how so much local history was hidden. It was time to be positive and explore parts I knew little of and information was rather sketchy. Along with freens we set about exploring “The Auld Road to Girvan”, with unexpected results, childhood memories and a surprise ending in the village of Dailly; birthplace of an Ecclesiastical Rambler. A weel-kent laddie: a faither tae us ‘a...

The Auld Road exits the town by Allan’s Hill, passing St Cuthbert’s Church and down to the Cairders Burn. Back in the 1960s this was a picnic place in summer for women ‘n’ weans while the men were at work in factories or doon the pits and a few still in the labour-intensive farming. Very few had cars and even fewer women drove. It was an easy place to walk to and sit on a tartan shawl while the weans got wet. Where the burn is forded was an occasional self-service car wash!

Going uphill, you cross the railway bridge on the Ayr - Stranraer line; the service is probably now as good as it has ever been - an hourly train south and north. Beside the line is a cottage which was the former site of Girvan’s Dairy. Were his bottles blue writing on glass; were Burns & Robb of Crosshill red? The hill was always known to us as Wullie Girvan’s hill, the name of the dairy owner.

Soon you pass the Water Board access road that’s a quick way to go up Kildoon Hill. We called this the Puddle burn, as it was basically a constant puddle on the road; now it is drained below the road. The track provides a relatively easy and great wee detour up Kildoon with grand views down to Crosshill and the Galloway hills beyond. The monument is to Charles Fergusson, Kilkerran, built by public subscription.

The Auld Road skirts round the hill probably fording the Capenoch burn at Spring Garden Farm. That burn, to us the Waterfall burn, was great for catching trout. Guddling - catching by hand under rocks - we were not good at, but we had an uncle that was. We were too afraid we might touch an eel. Eels had us thinking of scarier snakes which we were told were abundant in the area. That made it terrifying walking through heather or bracken - it still does! Yet the only time I saw an adder, Scotland’s only snake, was on the road near Carsloe in 1971, one evening after walking back after a swim in the river. It was a busy place then with Kilmarnock the nearest swimming pool, almost 40km away. Our walk to the river a mere 5km; amazingly, aged 11, we were allowed to do so and on our own!

On the present road, take the left branch towards Lochspouts, which was the town’s water supply until the 1980s when Loch Bradan took over. Nearby, there is an abandoned farm where my Grannie regaled about visiting; the farm lady was preparing baking on the kitchen table whilst the hens were assisting, by pecking the dough - a bygone era. The tar road becomes a track passing by the entrance to Craigdow farm and the hill of the same name, the original name in Gaelic being Crag Dubh (Black Crag). It gives good views but is a messy hill to ascend, there’s another for us further on! Passing on, it can get a wee bit muddy by the Green Well and Drummochbreen Cairn in memory of the murder of Alexander Macalexander in 1599.

In 1678, there was a Covenanters Church service at Craigdow with an attendance of 7,000 with 600 militia to protect them for fear of an attack by the King’s Episcopalian troops. Quite an astonishing congregation for an outdoor church service that was officially forbidden. And in such a remote location, although there is evidence of houses a few hundred metres to the east.



Lochspouts

At the top of the rise, you turn sharp right and we are soon on the now Wallacetown-Kirkoswald hill road near High Newlands. Here you see the ruin of the Black Coke Inn. The origins of the name may be connected to shallow coke and shallow coal deposits which were dug by the monks of Crossraguel. The Inn was a stopover for horses and passengers, possibly finding different types of refreshment.



View of Maybole from Spring Garden

Going downhill, take the right fork for the entrance to High Mains Farm. Carrying on straight along this track, which continues to the shore at Dunnymuck/ Dowhill. This is where I am sure the Auld Road went before going along the coast to Girvan. Some historians talk of it going down to Kilgrammie and taking the present route, in the valley, past Grangeton. In March 2021, I spoke with a farmer and he said the road to Girvan remained on the higher ground through Threave to the coast. His family have been in the area for generations. Roads, if you can call them that, a few hundred years ago would stick to the higher ground, avoiding water crossings, if possible. That's a calculated guess; anyone with more information, it would be great to hear from and share.

Going up Kirk Hill; this is the twin-peaked wee grassy hill on the right side of the track. Strangely, the trig point being on the lower top. On the higher, there is evidence of a Dun, certainly some sort of fortified structure circling the hill just below the summit. It gives fantastic views of the Strath of Girvan, the Clyde coast as far as Ireland, upwards to Arran with a glimpse of the Southern Highlands and of course, the Galloway Hills.

This was a favourite haunt of a Dailly Minister, the Reverend John Thomson aka Jock Tamson of Jock Tamson's bairn fame. He was born in Dailly Manse in 1778, taking up ministry there from his father around 1800, following studies at both Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities. At the latter, he met the likes of Walter Scott and Alexander Nasmyth. Back in Dailly his ministry was fine, though there was a bit of disquiet about his love of music, painting and walking; Kirk Hill being one of his favourite walks. The Kirk Elders became less and less enthralled at his extra pastoral hobbies and gave him "assistance" in finding a vacant post at Duddingston, Edinburgh where he moved to in 1805.

He became a renowned landscape artist and to this day has paintings in the Tate gallery, London. He became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and had a successful pastoral and non-pastoral career. There is a slight irony, a few years before Robert Burns went to Edinburgh due to his success, yet it wasn't his taste and returned to "muse at the plough". Jock may have left Dailly with regret, but it became a blessing in disguise for him and the family. Jock married and had five children but unfortunately, his wife died; later he met a widow herself with five children. Together, they had another four. Mrs Thomson often found it difficult to explain about all the children, "There's mine, there's his an' that bunch are oors."

Jock came to the rescue by saying, "Ach, they are a' Jock Tamson's bairns." And that's the source of where this wonderful line came from - a local Dailly lad. A wee bit of arithmetic and biology makes the 14 children a difficult sum. Then I believe in the Loch Ness Monster. So why use figures to taint a lovely tale! A couple of tales about his dealings with the Elders. He was being rebuked in Kirkoswald by an Elder, Jock had his head low; the Elder pleased at how well he was taking his admonishment. Once he finished, Jock handed him a caricature sketch he had been doing throughout! Another is him persuading an Elder to come to the Manse in Dailly and hear his fiddle. Reluctantly the Elder went, afterwards he is reported as saying he had never heard such sweet music in his life. At Duddingston, he had a wee studio for art. He called it Edinburgh. Any callers to the house were told, "Sorry, he's in Edinburgh". Not an untruth, these three accounts come from the records at Duddingston.

Our wee sidetrack takes us down from Kirkhill, on the tar, to Wallacetown. Once there was a school here for those not comfortable with academic learning. I knew a few boys who were disappointed to be deemed too clever to make the standard; quite an irony. I knew Wallacetown lads who went on to make successful careers nurtured by that wee school. What became a look for an "Auld Road" became, by accident, finding a wee bit about a Local Hero who was banished for his humanity and love of nature by a few zealots. Then they were not educated in schools like Wallacetown...

Photos by Alistair Hastings



Drummochreen Plaque



Kildoon Monument

Cairn Primary

Our classes have been working really hard since returning to school after the lockdown and they are delighted to share some of their achievements this year.

Captain Tom's 100 Challenge

Since the school closure period, we have been focussing on keeping fit, stamina and motivation, through participating in the daily mile. This prepared us well for the Captain Tom 100 challenge. We celebrated Captain Tom's achievement during lockdown by completing 100 laps of our playground in one week! We finished our laps on Captain Tom's birthday. This raised money for the Captain Tom Foundation, which supports mental health work.

NCCBC Certificate

We were delighted to receive a certificate and medal in recognition of the work Cairn Primary and Early Years Centre has achieved over the last year, during the period of school closures. It was lovely to be added to 'The Scroll of Appreciation.' It has been an extremely hard period for our entire school community but we think that our pupils and families have shown great resilience. The teachers have continued to educate pupils online and have shown great adaptability in planning lessons, which our pupils and families have fully engaged with. We are so happy to be back in school and to build upon the great work that has already been achieved. We look forward to a more settled time in school after the holidays. Thank you, North Carrick.



Carrick Rugby

Our senior classes have been enjoying some weekly coaching this term from Carrick Rugby. This has been a brilliant opportunity for the pupils to get involved in sports again, following the lockdown period. The coaching sessions have been fantastic and have been received positively by all the children. Thank you to the Carrick Rugby coaches.

Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday 20th May, Primary 1/2 took part in Outdoor Classroom Day. The purpose of Outdoor Classroom Day is to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning as well as the health benefits associated with being outside. Although the weather was not too kind, the boys and girls still had lots of fun. They took part in activities such as worm charming, designing and building bug houses, a colour scavenger hunt, den building and climbing trees. We are delighted with the creativity and team building skills they have demonstrated.





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Crossraguel Abbey

The ruins of Crossraguel Abbey are familiar to those who travel between Maybole and Girvan. Properly known as The Abbey of Saint Mary of Crossraguel, this monastic house was founded in 1244 by Duncan, Earl of Carrick, and belonged to the Cluniac order, coming under the jurisdiction of Paisley Abbey. The Abbey ruins are said to be among the most complete of any surviving medieval religious house in Scotland, with the original monks' church, cloister and dovecot or pigeon tower all well-preserved.

With the Reformation in 1560, monastic institutions such as these came to an end in Scotland, though it is understood that the remaining monks were permitted to live out their time there, with the death of the last monk in 1601.

Due to the absence of surviving records, only a few of the abbots are known by name. In the 16th century, the abbots were replaced by commendators (custodians), and the Abbey is said to have come to an end in 1617, when its lands were taken over by the bishops of Dunblane. The last commendator appears to have been one Peter Hewat, who held office from 1612 until 1628.

What about the title 'Abbot of Crossraguel'? We might have expected this to have become extinct, and vanished into the mists of history. In fact, this did not happen. In 1886, the royal warrant which revived the office of Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland gave to the Dean the ancient titles of Abbot of Crossraguel and Abbot of Dundrennan. The Dean of the Chapel Royal is an official appointed by the Royal Household, charged with the oversight of the royal chaplains, who make up Her Majesty's Ecclesiastical Household in Scotland. The Dean is a senior churchman and usually, but not invariably, a former Moderator of the General Assembly, and by custom is styled The Very Reverend.

The present Dean, appointed in 2019, is the Very Rev. Professor David Fergusson, Professor of Divinity at Edinburgh University, who becomes Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge in April 2021.

(In the academic session 1975-76, David Fergusson and I were students in the Moral Philosophy class at Glasgow University, something of which he reminded me at Ayr Presbytery's Conference in Alloway Parish Church in January 2020). The office of Dean had been suppressed in 1689, and the Chapel Royal revenues reverted to the Crown. Grants from the revenues were, however, made to individual Church of Scotland ministers, and from 1727 onwards, some of this money was allocated to three royal chaplains - who collectively called themselves Deans of the Chapel

Royal. Between 1860 and 1868 these chaplains were replaced by professors of the Divinity Faculties in the Universities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and St. Andrews, and it is said that revenue, originally from Crossraguel Abbey, was used to augment their salaries.



Photo by Davie Law

Under the 1886 royal warrant, the Dean of the Chapel Royal also became titular Abbot of Crossraguel and Abbot of Dundrennan, and so the title of 'Abbot of Crossraguel' did not become extinct when the Abbey ceased to exist. Thus, in his detailed autobiography, *The Glimmering Landscape* (Edinburgh 1960, 138), Dr. Charles Warr, Minister of St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh and Dean of the Thistle and of the Chapel Royal from 1926 until 1969, remarked that, "To this day the warrant appointing the dean quaintly confers upon him the ancient abbacies of Crosregal and Dundrennan."

In modern times, the situation has altered again. In an email dated 8th April 2019, a former Dean, Professor Iain Torrance, stated that the royal warrant appointing Charles Warr's successor, Dr. James Longmuir, did not convey the abbacy to him. Dr. Longmuir complained, but the then Secretary of State for Scotland opined "that people would no longer understand his having that appointment." Professor Torrance continues: "I think that was a great pity as these long historical continuities in Scotland are interesting and do no harm. It was only a titular abbacy." Therefore, he concludes: "I have to say that I am not the titular abbot." That said, two former Deans have seen themselves as having a historical connection with Crossraguel Abbey and the abbacy, if only a somewhat tenuous one.

It does seem that the ancient title 'Abbot of Crossraguel' is now officially extinct, but the significant point is that it survived the Reformation and the demise of this monastic house, and continued well into the 20th century, albeit in an honorific way.

One day it may be revived and conferred in honoris causa on someone of ecclesiastical distinction.

W. Gerald Jones



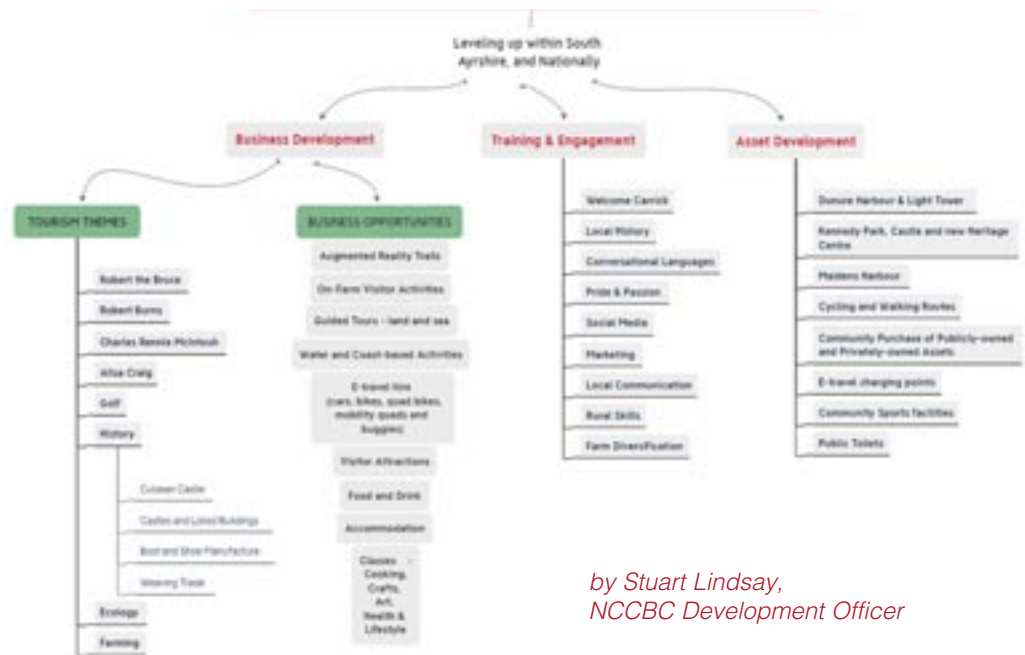


In 1987, the 800th anniversary celebrations of Carrick becoming an independent part of Scotland came to a close with a special ecumenical service at Crossraguel Abbey, probably the first service of any kind in over 300 years and almost certainly the first with all denominations present. Above and top right are photos from that service on Sunday 14th June with a young Rev Jones sitting with other clergy. The following weekend a magnificent pageant was held at Culzean Castle. Our photo to the right shows then "Abbot of Crossraguel" Robert Barbour addressing the crowd at Culzean. Sitting behind him is Rev Jones who had never seen this photo before. The young (?) monk at the front is the current editor of this magazine.

Carrick, Ayrshire – Foundations for Recovery

- NCCBC has applied for a £0.5m project to be funded from the UK Government's Community Renewal Fund. If approved by South Ayrshire Council, it will then be considered by the UK Government in June/July and if successful the project would start around September and be completed by the end of March 2022.

- The proposal is for an intensive programme to convert community and business aspirations, ideas, and proposals into investment-ready projects.



by Stuart Lindsay,
NCCBC Development Officer

The proposed programme is split into 5 packages with the following budgets:

Package 1 – Heritage and Cultural Tourism (10 projects): £130,500

Package 2 – Asset Development (8 Projects): £176,000

Package 3 – Workforce and Sector Development and Jobs (8 Projects): £107,000

Package 4 – Management and Cross Programme Activity (including Marketing and Awareness Raising, Programme Evaluation at £10,000, and a Contingency Fund of £25,000): £102,000

Package 5 – Capital Costs (Purchase e-bikes, e-quads to use in testing viability of off-road and accessible tour businesses, and signage and way markers for existing and new walking and cycling routes): £50,000.

Most of the work would be technical and the aim is to develop several large projects to the point where they are ready to apply for a total of at least £4.5m in capital funding. *Watch this space!*

For more information on this project contact stuart.northcarrick@gmail.com

The More Hurry the Less Speed!



Stuart Lindsay, NCCBC
Development Officer

It has been a time of frustrating delays with several projects, but we keep on trying!

Charity Shop and the Flat above in Maybole

- Partly because of the effects of Brexit and Covid renovation costs for properties like this have rocketed.

NCCBC is committed to securing good premises for the charity shop and will work towards that - either in its old premises or in another building in Maybole.



- Meanwhile, the Charity Shop committee is looking into opening up again in temporary premises in School Vennel.

Place2Be

- South Ayrshire Council has decided not to continue its funding for the project that has been offering health and wellbeing support to pupils in Carrick Academy. The Council believes it will be able to use new Scottish Government funding to provide these services in other ways.
- NCCBC and other funders are exploring options to continue with a higher level of support than can be provided by the Council using only the Scottish Government funding. If a new arrangement can be agreed, it will start at the beginning of the new school year in August.

Joint SAC/NCCBC Funding Programme

- Most communities have now agreed on what

equipment to install using their £28,750 budget for play parks. Sadly, the manufacturers are quoting a 10 -12 week delivery time. This means that new equipment will not start to be installed until around August at the earliest.

- Discussions on how to use the SAC/NCCBC the £9,375 that is available for Environmental Improvements are continuing in several villages.

Developing and Managing Tourism in Coastal North Carrick

- The steering group, with people from Dunure and Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry, received the report from the consultants in April. All agreed that the work done was high quality and that the report came together to secure a grant from the NatureScot's Better Places Fund.
- The report includes useful proposals on how increase income from tourism in our area. It has lots of useful data about North Carrick that anyone can use in their reports and funding applications.
- You can download a copy of the Tourism report at: <https://nccbc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Developing-and-Managing-Tourism-in-Coastal-North-Carrick-Report.pdf>
- The new Northcarrick.com website launched in May. Every business in the area is being encouraged to add their profile to the site and, in time, **Northcarrick.com** will become the go to site for locals and visitors who want to find out about our area. You can view it at: <https://www.northcarrick.com>

Kayleigh Haggo

Local girl Kayleigh Haggo is a Scottish Frame Running Athlete. Kayleigh first got involved with disability sport after attending a "come and try" event at age 11. She has Cerebral Palsy and told us, "Looking back, this was a huge day for me, one that changed my life and one that I will never forget."

Kayleigh has huge credentials within her sport. As a Frame Runner racing in Para Athletics, she competes in the 100m, although she also holds WORLD records for the 200m, the 400m and the 800m. Her biggest sporting achievements to date are achieving a Gold Medal at the WPA World Championships in 2019 and a Silver Medal in the WPA European Championships in 2018. Her World Records include: 100m - 18.32 (2019); 200m - 37.75 (2020); 400m 82.17 (2019); 800m - 3.12.26 (2012).

Kayleigh added, "Frame running allows me to run and I love the sense of freedom that it gives. Running also allows me to clear my mind after a busy day and without a doubt, boosts my self-esteem massively."

As a world record holder, Kayleigh has no plans of slowing down. Her credentials are evident, and she has big ambitions to continue performing at the highest level in her sport. She intends on continuing to progress to reach her personal best.

As we went to print, Kayleigh, representing Great Britain for the third time, was taking part in the WPA 2021 European Championships in Poland. Her sights are set on the WPA 2022 World Championships in Japan alongside any other national and international competitions in the lead-up. By 2024, there is the hope that Frame Running will become a Paralympic event and Kayleigh intends on being at the start line when this happens.

As well as being a competitive athlete, Kayleigh is a big advocate for her sport and a role model to many.

In 2020, she won the Inspiration in Sport award at the Scottish Women in Sport Awards and in 2017 she was named one of the 30 Under Age 30 Most Inspiring Women by YMCA Scotland.

Kayleigh recently won the 2021 Sunday Mail Young Scot Sport Award 2021. The 22 year-old works with Inspire South Ayrshire, a project designed to increase opportunities for those with a disability or additional support needs and allows them to take part in sport and physical activities.

Kayleigh said of her award win, "I'm delighted to have won the 2021 Sunday Mail Young Scot Sport award. I wasn't expecting this but it's a nice boost before my racing starts up again. It's amazing to see Inspire South Ayrshire being recognised as well as my hard work and dedication as an athlete."

Sponsor Lead are delighted to be working with Kayleigh and are excited to be part of her sponsorship journey. They say that the world record holder is an exciting athlete and one to watch. In terms of funding, it costs just under £30,000 a year to keep her in the sport and competing. The cost of a race runner is on average £7,500.

Kayleigh has let them know that she has limited resources and without the help of sponsorship she will run out of funds and will have to stop competing within the next six months. **Any businesses looking to partner with Kayleigh, please get in contact with Sponsor Lead at hello@grm.agency.**

As lockdown started last year, the para-athlete put out a call to her local community in Maybole asking if anyone could spare some equipment to allow her to continue training at home. Within 48 hours Kayleigh had a full gym set-up with weights, bench press and rowing machine. It was a touching gesture that she will not forget in a hurry. Hopefully, she can be helped again.



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