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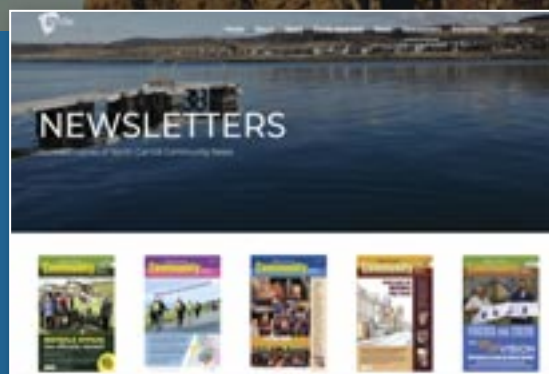
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Next board meeting:
9th August



Kirkmichael Stage and Screen

Kirkmichael Stage and Screen is a newly formed cinema club which shows films once a month and has links to The Gaiety Theatre 'on the go' to help bring live theatre to the community.

We work on a bring your own nibbles and drinks format – with free prize draw and a welcome drink! Look out for our posts on Facebook and come along to join us in an informal happy atmosphere.

Our next screening at the McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael is 'A Man Called Otto' on Saturday 10th June 2023. The movie is about Otto Anderson, a 63-year-old widower who lives in suburban Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Six months after losing his wife,

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There are fantastic prizes to be won. Look out for the competition details launching on 22nd June!

You can follow the QR code to our webpage, and don't forget to follow NorthCarrick.com and Go Girvan on Facebook and Instagram!

This project is a collaboration between Go Girvan and NorthCarrick.com – we are very excited to be working together to showcase beautiful Carrick!

HIGHLAND DANCING AT DISNEY!



In March this year, Maybole teen Brooke Wason and a group of other girls from the Sophie Oliver School of Dance participated in the International Gathering of Scottish Highland Dancing competition held in Paris at Disneyland. The girls achieved great results in both the solo and group dances! Brooke placed fifth in her open solo division and second place in a group dance, which was to the song "Hollywood" by Lewis Capaldi.

The girls also had the fantastic opportunity to dance in the big parade on the Sunday, which went all around Disneyland with all the Disney characters and other competitors!



Well Flushed at Straiton Toilets

Thanks to kind donations, funding from NCCBC, and a week in Maybole Charity Shop, Straiton toilets are secure for another year. Since the village took over from South Ayrshire Council 12 years ago, they have remained open 24/7, even during lockdown. Costs have increased and it now requires £3500 a year to cover cleaning, insurance, water, and electricity. This year the toilets have been painted inside and out and there is also hot water for washing hands. All this requires voluntary work and villagers have put in over 120 hours to get the work done. Users are very kind and leave donations in Straiton Coop. Bus drivers, lorry drivers, walkers and cyclists are grateful to get relief and it makes the effort worthwhile.

*Henry Anderson,
Convenor of the
Convenience.*



Fancy a sing song and a cuppa?

Then our **FREE Community Choir** is for you! Come alone, bring a friend, family member or carer, everyone is welcome to join in, singer or not. Choir meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Next session will be Tuesday 4th July 2023 2 – 3pm at The Carrick Centre, Maybole. All welcome, especially those living with dementia or other conditions. Refreshments provided. No booking required.



Are you planning a visit to one of our Household Waste Recycling Centres?

Remember, you need to book an appointment using our online booking system in order to access our sites.

To book an available time slot, you will be asked to register a few details including proof of South Ayrshire residency; vehicle registration number; and council tax reference number. By providing this information, a unique e-permit will then be generated which can be used every time a booking is made. You can go online to get your permit at:

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LitterLotto is a free to enter prize draw, where residents across South Ayrshire can sign up to win rewards and cash prizes for binning litter!

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You can download the LitterLotto app now for free on App and Android Stores.

Between June to September 2023, if you use the app to take a picture of litter as you place it in the bin at Ayr and Troon beaches you could also win a £25 South Ayrshire Loves Local Gift Card. More info on the gift card can be found at

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Explore the Biosphere!



Did you know...?

North Carrick is part of a UNESCO Biosphere

– a region recognised for its world class environments and the cultural heritage of its villages and towns. The Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere stands alongside some very famous names: the Black Forest (Germany), Mount Olympus (Greece), Gran Canaria (Spain), Yellowstone (USA), and the Sunshine Coast (Australia) are all designated UNESCO Biospheres, with more than 130 more worldwide.

The GSA Biosphere has just passed its 10th anniversary and 2023 is an extra special year as its regional boundary expands to include the marine environment. This change will bring in three miles of coastal waters, including Ailsa Craig, and meet the boundary of our closest neighbouring UNESCO Biosphere, the Isle of Man.

A UNESCO Biosphere is much more than a geographical location. Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere has a team of twelve staff leading projects and events, an interactive website, and a lively presence on all the main social media platforms. One of the organisation's priorities is to encourage people to get outdoors and explore, for health and wellbeing and to connect more closely with the wildlife and habitats that are supported through UNESCO status and conservation work.

An initiative currently underway in partnership with South Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran is the Green Health app, which launched earlier this year. The Biosphere team are helping to highlight opportunities for walking, cycling, gardening/growing, socialising outdoors, and much much more, with a focus on ensuring provision for all ages and abilities. On its own website the GSA Biosphere has an 'Explore' map packed with activities, places of interest, local sustainable businesses, and the best places for spotting some iconic Ayrshire wildlife!



If creatures and critters are indeed your thing there's a rolling opportunity to get involved via 'The Biosphere's Most Wanted', a.k.a. citizen science in the palm of your hand. All that's required is a mobile phone with the iNaturalist app; take photos of any bird, animal, plant, or bug, upload it via the app, and this information will contribute to ongoing research across the Biosphere as agencies work to support species threatened by climate change and human impacts. There is no requirement to have ecological expertise as iNaturalist does all the work of identifying what you have seen.

Perhaps readers already met Jenna Cains at the Maidens World Ocean Day Festival earlier in June. Jenna is the GSA Biosphere's Community and Education lead and is particularly interested in working with local interest groups across North Carrick (and beyond). The organisation welcomes opportunities to speak about the meaning of UNESCO Biosphere status to schools, development trusts, or community collectives. Jenna and her team offer a range of free learning workshops including Carbon Literacy and Biosphere Footsteps, the latter covering a wide range of topics from beavers and dragonflies to community food. Please do get in touch for a chat by emailing jenna@gsabiosphere.org.uk



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Dunure Festival of the Sea



Saturday 19th August 2023 will see the good folks of Dunure hosting yet another Festival of the Sea gig with the Ancient Dunure Castle ready again to watch down upon visitors from near and far whilst they have a smashing day.

With an amazing Live Music line up, tasty fresh food cooked by the harbourside and local real ales all on offer, the stunning North Carrick coastal village is preparing for another big day out for all!

Live acts include chart-topping singer & songwriter Sophie Rose, local Blues/Rock bands Badstone, The Mid Life Blues Band, Lynsey Dolan Band & The Head Hunters, whilst keeping it really real with the Trad Folk Dalrymple Ukulele Orchestra and the foot stomping favourites...The Barstools.



This quiet rocky enclave puts on quite the party whilst using the event to raise funds for the upkeep of the unique South Ayrshire destination. Last year monies were used to build & maintain around the harbour, beautiful beaches, Kennedy Park facilities and surroundings to ensure this wild, unspoilt corner of Scotland remains a place that will forever last in minds and hearts....

They also donate, from their hard efforts, to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to ensure the people on the sea have the essential back-up required on the demanding Sea.

Explore the rugged rock pools, tap your feet to some magical music and enjoy some Dunure landed Lobster and soak in the freedom of what



this idyllic shoreline has to offer!

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Crosshill Scottish Women's Institute

The 2022/23 session of the Crosshill Rural (SWI) was a great success! Our members and visitors enjoyed a range of eventful meetings, beginning with a visit to the Orchard Gardens in Girvan on a lovely September day. The next meeting included tea and cake at The Richmond – Home Cook School – set in a stunning oak beamed 'Arts and Crafts Movement' style hall in Kirkoswald. The annual programme ended in April with our AGM, and one of our legendary afternoon teas! During the intervening months we enjoyed talks on Commonwealth War Graves and spring gardening, got creative with hands-on card felting and painting, enjoyed a cookery demonstration and were entertained by our very own Crosshill duo, Alec and Alan (whilst tucking into a delicious afternoon tea!)

Crosshill Institute brought back the Limond Trophy for Painting at the Ayrshire Federation Show and we were runners-up in the Handicrafts Foursome. The high placement of individual entries gave members great encouragement to have a go in all our competitions. These classes ranged from baking classes such as gingerbread and pancakes, to a bowl of spring bulbs or even an animal photograph! There were lots of excellent entries and our two trophies were presented by our President, Mary Hogg, at the AGM. Celia Davidson won the Institute Cup for handicrafts and Creena Young won the Institute Quaich for produce.



Arrangements for our 2023/24 programme are well underway and we look forward to welcoming both old and new members, as well as visitors, to our meetings in the Crosshill Community Hall at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month. We will begin again in September; tea, biscuits and a good old blether are always included!



Kirkmichael Indoor Carpet Bowls

Recently the Kirkmichael Village Renaissance group were awarded £634.13 of NCCBC funding to

support new equipment to allow residents from Kirkmichael, Straiton and Crosshill to meet on a weekly basis, particularly during the winter months to play Carpet Bowls. The members are all delighted with the new equipment. Please contact KVR for more information!

"I am a local resident who attends weekly session of the indoor bowling group in the McCosh Hall, this is a well-organised & supported group which provides a

meeting point for many people. I am also a member of the main bowling club itself which runs outdoor sessions during April-September so the indoor winter meetings provide continuity and is a vital social hub."

Brian C, Kirkmichael

"The carpet bowls in the McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael over the winter was a very successful activity for those who participated. The sessions were very well attended by a diverse group of people from beginners to those who have bowled before. Not only did we learn a new sport with the help of more experienced bowlers, we also enjoyed the company of members of the community."

Rosie R, Kirkmichael

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New Priest at St Oswald's Church

On Easter Sunday, the Rev Jim Geen presided at his final service as Priest-in-Charge of St Oswald's Episcopal Church. Jim was appointed in June 2017 and has become a well-known face in Maybole and Carrick, often leading town services and Remembrance events as the chaplain to the Maybole Branch of the Royal British Legion. During Jim's time as Priest-in-Charge, he helped St Oswald's Church grow as a community of faith, and supported many members of the town and his friendship and humour will be missed. He has now begun a well-deserved retirement but is still being kept on his toes by his two Romanian rescue dogs!

Following Jim's retirement, the Rev Liz Crumlish, currently St Oswald's Curate, was appointed as the new Priest-in-Charge. Members of St Oswald's are delighted that Liz accepted this call and she will be formally licensed by the Right Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, on Thursday 22nd June. Liz has also taken over the post of Chaplain to the Maybole Branch of the Royal British Legion. Previously, Liz served as a Church of Scotland

minister for 25 years and worked as a healthcare chaplain in Greenock and in parishes in Inverkip and Ayr. She is married to Idris and they have two grown-up children, Ruaridh and Zara, and a granddaughter, Evie.



St Oswald's Church is located at the corner of Cargill Road and Gardenrose Path and is open daily for anyone who would like to visit, pray, or just enjoy the peace and quiet of the space.



CROSSHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

To celebrate the Kings Coronation in May, Crosshill Community Association organised a family fun day to bring the community together.

The event was held at the local bowling club and a great day was had by all that came. We had inflatables for the kids and laid out some lovely cream scones for everyone to enjoy. The Community Association received positive feedback from residents regarding the event and were over the moon to hear that everyone had a great day. Thankfully the sun shone to make the day even better!

The Association would like to thank everyone for coming along and supporting the event. They are looking forward to organising their next event.



Colouring Communities



This group for adults with additional support needs has had a busy, colourful spring! Their first spring trip was to 'Pick Me up Paints' in Ayr, where they created some beautiful ceramic pieces.

The group celebrated their 2nd anniversary with some lovely snacks and cakes from the Dairy Corner and had a sing along karaoke!



The group was very lucky to work with the outreach team from the Gaiety Theatre who provided an arts project named 'Catch a Drift'.

The themes of the project fit so well into the group's ethos of creating splashes of colour and kindness in the community. Thanks to Hayley and Maya for facilitating the project which was showcased on 10th June 12-3pm at Maybole Community Gardens.

The group are looking forward to a bright summer with a trip, a BBQ and lots of activities planned. If you would like more details about Colouring Communities, please email Coral on coral.mcmillan@outlook.com



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- The McCandlish Hall Club received £19,050.00 towards the replacement of existing rotting single-glazed windows with identical double-glazed windows. This work will offer huge benefits in conservation of energy and reduced heating costs.





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Kirkoswald Parish Church

Maidens Summer Church Services

Breakfast Church will run for five Sundays starting on Sunday 16 July 2023 in Maidens Hall at 9am. Rev Connie Bonner will be conducting these services where a hot filled roll or cereal is enjoyed during worship. All welcome. Kirkoswald Parish Church Sunday service is at 11.15am.

Kirkoswald Parish Church Coronation Festivities

Kirkoswald Parish Church organised a Coronation Wordsearch Competition for Maidens Young Adventurers on their usual Friday evening club night of the holiday weekend.

The Club meets in Maidens Hall every Friday for fun and adventures and the Church were delighted to support their activity to celebrate the King's coronation. Oliver Rabby was first and Benji Henderson was second, both received book tokens as prizes.



In Kirkoswald Church Hall an afternoon tea to celebrate the coronation was held on the Sunday afternoon. The Hall was decorated by bunting made by the Knit & Natter group. Plant tubs were planted with red, white, and blue flowers and ribbon and more bunting lined each side of the path down to the Church Hall.



A very good turnout enjoyed a splendid selection of sausage rolls, sandwiches, and cakes. There was an opportunity to have a guided tour of the old graveyard and a look round the church. A tour booklet for both, compiled by Mary Smith, explained the points of interest. Donations on the day raised £267.10 for Dementia Scotland. A big thank you to all who baked and helped on the day, it couldn't have happened without you.



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Kirkoswald Parish Church - What's On ...

Sunday 16 July 9am Breakfast	- Church Maidens Hall
Sunday 23 July 9am Breakfast	- Church Maidens Hall
Sunday 30 July 9am Breakfast	- Church Maidens Hall
Sunday 6 August 9am Breakfast	- Church Maidens Hall
Sunday 13 August 9am Breakfast	- Church Maidens Hall

Friday 25th August for one week – Maybole Charity Shop.
Donations to E Veitch by 23rd August 2023.

First Wednesday in the month - Kirkoswald Lunch Club noon until 1.30pm Kirkoswald Church Hall

Kirkoswald Guild are celebrating 130 years in 2023. A lunch to celebrate will be held on Wednesday 13th September at Wildings. Names should be given to E Veitch no later than 31st August 2023.

Weekly Sunday services are held in Kirkoswald Parish Church at 11.15am every Sunday. There is tea in the Hall after the service on the first Sunday of the month.




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Maybole Parish Church Organist Kay Feldmann Retires

Kay started playing the organ in church when she was only 14 years old – in Dalmellington. During her career she played in Dalmellington, Bellsbank, Kirkmichael and Straiton before coming to Maybole in 2006. She remembers with laughter that she once played – not telling which church – in dungarees, and she was not invited back – their loss! She has been a faithful figure at the organ for Maybole Parish Church for the last 17 years – mind you she only signed on to help temporarily until they found someone! Kay has led the choir every week in rehearsal and they have travelled and performed at different venues, all under her kind and patient care.

Kay has finally decided to close the piano lid and spend more time at home with her husband and family. It is a well-deserved rest. Kay told us that she loved doing this and that the people of Maybole Parish Church and her choir were simply the best and that this was not a job for her it, was her calling. Kay, we appreciate you and all you have done and you will be sadly missed.

Big shoes are needed to fill the pedals on a Sunday and anyone who is interested should contact Lynne Rankin, Session Clerk.

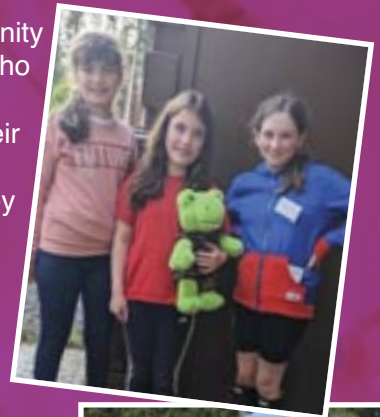
1st Crosshill Guides and Rangers

Once again 1st Crosshill enjoyed redoing the hanging baskets at the park in Crosshill. Big thanks to Crosshill Community Association for covering the cost of the flowers!

One of our Rangers, Zoe, had the opportunity to travel to London with the Scottish Chief Commissioner Team and other Scottish Rangers to take part in the wreath laying ceremony in Westminster Abbey for World Thinking Day! The girls also managed to squeeze in some time for sightseeing!



Carrick Community Food Garden who taught the girls how to grow their own tomatoes from seed – they all took home a plant to bring on themselves, there may be a prize for the best tomato!



A big event in the Girlguiding calendar was the Coronation of the new King. The girls enjoyed a tea party and a special commemorative badge and coin!



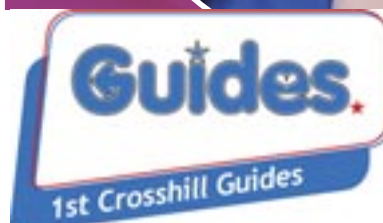
We are very much looking forward to our end of term trip to LA Bowl, and maybe even Renaldo's for a cone!



Six girls from Crosshill Guides enjoyed this year's county camp at Nether Auchendrane – the theme was 'Girls Are Doing It for Themselves'



1st Crosshill are very crafty and have enjoyed lots of crafts and baking including Easter and Mother's Day creations! We also enjoyed a visit from Patsy from the



Maybole Schools Open Day

Saturday 25th March 2023 saw Cairn, Gardenrose and St Cuthbert's Primary Schools and Carrick Academy open their doors, for a walk around, refreshments, an opportunity to relive old memories and say goodbye, before the move to the new campus! All the pupils and staff worked very hard to make sure the schools looked their very best for the special visitors. It was wonderful to see so many former pupils, families and staff and we all enjoyed hearing their memories of their time in our Maybole Schools. Thank you to everyone who came along and contributed to this amazing and emotional day.





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Excellent turnout for Kirkmichael History Group Farming Project

Kirkmichael Village History Group have been funded by NCCBC & the National Lottery Fund to develop a Farming Project. Part One took place on 25th February to a packed audience in the McCosh Hall in Kirkmichael.

Firstly, Dane Love, who has written almost 40 books on local and national topics, gave an excellent presentation on farming in the past.

Lastly, we had a local lady Susan Russell speak about her father's role in collecting films – now in Glasgow Film Archive. She showed us two excellent films on farming.

In the middle, the children from Kirkmichael Primary School stole the show with a song, specially commissioned & written by Scott Nicol. There was a fantastic response. A big thank you goes to the school children.

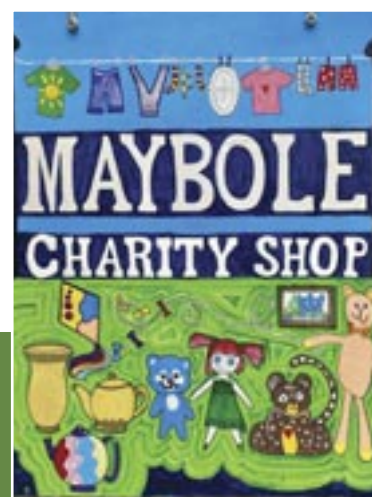
My thanks to all of you who took part, our farmers, and those who assisted in any way in putting on an amazing display of the history of farming in our community.

Date for your diary – Saturday 7th October 2023 for the second part of our farming project.

We are always looking for more help to keep these successful projects continuing. Please contact Noreen Lyon on 07815197748 or email noreeneel@icloud.com if you can help in any way.

Sadly, we must report that one of our members, Ian Bilson, sadly died early this year. Ian worked tirelessly behind the scenes at each meeting from the group's inception.

Our thoughts are with the family.



Maybole Charity Shop Committee (in School Vennel) have some fantastic groups and charities in the shop this summer!

2nd June - Crosshill Community Association

9th June - Carrick Academy

16th June - Carrick Coastal Rowing Club

23rd June - Maybole Juniors

30th June - Maybole Charity Shop Committee

7th July - Hope and Well-being Counseling

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COULD IT BE?

Could the profile of North Carrick be massively increased by building a Nationally significant monument to celebrate our area's part in the story of King Robert the Bruce?

NCCBC is funding the development of proposals for this idea. This is in response to the findings of Foundations for Recovery, that we should brand North Carrick as "Bruce Country" and link all of our communities in a "Bruce's Web" of facilities to be enjoyed by local people and visitors alike.

The work being done now will:

- guide the choice of a site for the statue and what that means for the size of statue,
- carry out an initial site analysis/survey,
- explore how access from the A77 or a smaller road would work,
- produce an outline site design,
- submit a a planning in principle application,
- identify any issues around utilities and drainage and outline ideas on energy and net zero,
- estimate the capital cost and potential sources of funding,
- produce an outline business plan.

Achieving something for North Carrick at a scale and impact similar to the Angel of the North or the Falkirk Kelpies will not be cheap and it will not be easy. But NCCBC is ambitious enough to believe that this is worth exploring. Watch this space. How about a 15m tall Lion of Carrick?



The Kelpies are 30-metre-high (98 ft) horse-head sculptures



The Angel of the North is 20 metres (66 ft) tall with a wingspan of 54 metres (177 ft)

SUBMITTING ARTICLES

Please submit all articles as early as possible to assist us with preparing the newsletters. We appear to receive most copy on the final week of the deadline which means we are inundated with stories. We want to make you all aware that we can accept articles during the three months between deadlines so please do not feel the need to wait until the deadline approaches.

Please send us your stories the earlier the better. Thank you!

Bad Moon Rising

photo by Alistair Hastings



Carrick Community Food Garden

– *Feeding mind, body and soul*

What's growing in the garden?

The growing season is well under way: the raised beds are filling up with veggies; the fruit trees have blossomed and set; and the potatoes are well-established. All thanks to our amazing volunteers and the groups we work with.

It's not just the plants that are growing, so too is our volunteer and helper community, our connections to other community groups, and our on-site facilities. Keep reading for more details.

Community activities

CCFG now have a pizza oven on site! Many thanks to Ian and Mandy Stirling for making it happen and for the pizza-making demonstration followed by a delicious, shared lunch for volunteers. We hope to prepare more food in the garden, using our own produce where possible.

Our Head Gardener, Patsy, ran a session in May with Crosshill Guides where she took them through the process of planting and growing tomatoes.

Simon and Bryan gave a presentation at Carrick Academy to the Head Teachers of the Carrick Cluster on how we can support local schools.

On Saturday, 10th June from 12-3pm, the Garden was the venue for a community arts exhibition, "Catch a Drift", celebrating local people and spaces. Groups from Maybole showed the works they have prepared, and the event will also feature arts activities, food and music.

Gardening for wildlife

As well as our regular activities, we are also working to encourage more wildlife into the garden. Our recent activities in this area include:

- Planting a hedgerow of native species with plants provided by The Woodland Trust.
- Constructing and installing birdboxes using recycled timber.
- Re-sowing the wildflower meadow following on from its spectacular success last year.
- Hosting a visit to the CCFG from Lynne Bates of the Scottish Wildlife Trust who is the lead for the Irvine to Girvan Nectar Network.

There is a lot more scope within the garden to create and improve wildlife habitats and we welcome your input and help.

Construction and maintenance

There is always work to do in the garden for those who don't have a green thumb or who just prefer



hitting things with hammers! This spring saw us complete several tasks:

- The remaining paths and open areas were laid to hard-core. Many thanks to Andrew McFadzean of Dalchomie Farm, Jock Paterson and J.B. Black (Ayrshire) Ltd for their donations of material, transport and manpower.
- A second garden shed was erected which is now being used as a shelter and which also houses our growing library of gardening books.
- A new raised bed for vegetable growing was designed, built and planted out by the group from Recovery Ayr which has been working with us this year. Great job all!

Don't worry, there's still plenty left to build and we are always looking for help and inspiration; if you have an idea then bring it to us!

How can you help?

We encourage people of all abilities, ages and levels of fitness to contribute where they can. Even if gardening is not your thing, there is lots to get involved in. All are welcome to come along and see what we're doing; you can just have a keek and a blether or dig in and help.

We always welcome donations of gardening materials, tools, plants & seeds, gardening books, etc. If we can't use your donation in the Garden, we will recycle it amongst the local community to raise funds or to help people get started in their own gardens.



Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CarrickCommunityFoodGarden>

Or come along to the garden on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 2pm at 28 Allen's Hill Maybole, KA19 7AU (behind the car park of Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's).



Minishant Social and Leisure Group

Minishant Social and Leisure Group hosted another successful Easter Event for Minishant and are looking forward to bringing back our gala again this year on the 19th of August.



ECO PARK PROJECT KICKS UP A GEAR

NCCBC have supported Minishant Social and Leisure Group to secure £8,500 Coastal Communities funding and appoint consultants to complete a Feasibility Study that will design the proposed Eco-Park!

The group have had an extremely positive initial meeting with consultants Community Enterprise, who have now begun the feasibility studies that will design the proposed Eco-Park.

Community Enterprise will be out and about to speak to residents and stakeholders, please take the time to chat with them! If you have any ideas or would like to get involved you can contact Douglas on douglas@communityenterprise.co.uk

INDICATIVE PREFABRICATED TIMBER LOG ECO -CENTRE-



NCCBC – Manager Update Spring 2023

Charity Shop

Encouraging signs of progress at the start of the year have sadly fizzled out. The contractor's high level of staff turnover has caused new delays and the completion date has slipped into September.

NCCBC is exploring how the shop should be used to complement the existing Charity Shop in School Vennel.

Foundations For Recovery – A Programme for Action

The Strategy for North Carrick document at www.nccbc.org.uk/foundations-for-recovery/ outlines the programme of action and will guide the work of a new Development Trust that is being set up.

“North Carrick 2030” will have a mission to support local communities to implement as much as possible of the Foundations for Recovery projects within seven years.

Dunure

Included in the £15m of capital projects is a project of around £6m for repairing and improving the harbour, a new Community Heritage Centre in Kennedy Park, improved car parking, a DDA compliant route joining the Centre to the harbour.

With NCCBC support Dynamic Dunure drafted a brief and recruited consultants to develop an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This will be for a grant of up to £5m. It is a 3-stage process: Expression of Interest; Stage 1, if successful, leads to development funding for; Full Application.

Dynamic Dunure are using their current £10,000 of NCCBC Community-led Projects funding to get the application process underway. Recognised experts in the Heritage sector have started work to produce:

An Expression of Interest (including revising and resubmitting if needed).

An Interpretation Plan suitable for the Stage 1 application.

A Business Plan for the New Centre suitable for the Stage 1 application.

Arts and AR Trail Five months after NCCBC was told that a £50,000 grant had been confirmed, the relevant paperwork to allow the project to commence has still not been provided. But this project will get underway and communities should soon see artists in the villages exploring links to King Robert the Bruce and discussing what kind of artwork might be installed.

Heritage Enterprise Village A three-year project is about to begin with £118,500 of Strengthening Communities Programme funding. This is focused on ‘market-making’ for heritage enterprises and their

customers and will develop a flagship site in a town or edge-of-town location and subsidiary sites and a network of heritage enterprises across North Carrick.

Bruce 2024 (AKA Bruce 750) NCCBC is staging a Heritage Day Event for 2023, themed on Bruce, and laying foundations for major events in 2024. £3,500 towards the costs of this year's event will come from the Heritage Enterprise Village budget to support a youth event.

Lion of Carrick A team of consultants has been appointed to use the £20,000 allocated by NCCBC to develop the proposals for the planned nationally significant statue. We have approached two separate funding programmes to support the cost of the statue and the costs of the associated infrastructure.

Minishant Eco-Park

Minishant Social and Leisure Group secured £8,500 of Coastal Communities funding and appointed consultants to complete a Feasibility Study that will design the proposed Eco-Park. NCCBC's Assistant Manager, Claire, is supporting the group as the project progresses.

North Carrick E-Bikes

As part of the Foundations for Recovery programme, NCCBC bought 12 new E-Bikes. Working with South Ayrshire Community Transport, a new scheme for hiring E-Bikes to visitors will be launched this summer.

Cost of Living

NCCBC secured £15,000 from The National Lottery and has allocated up to £50,000 of its own funds to support people through the current crisis.

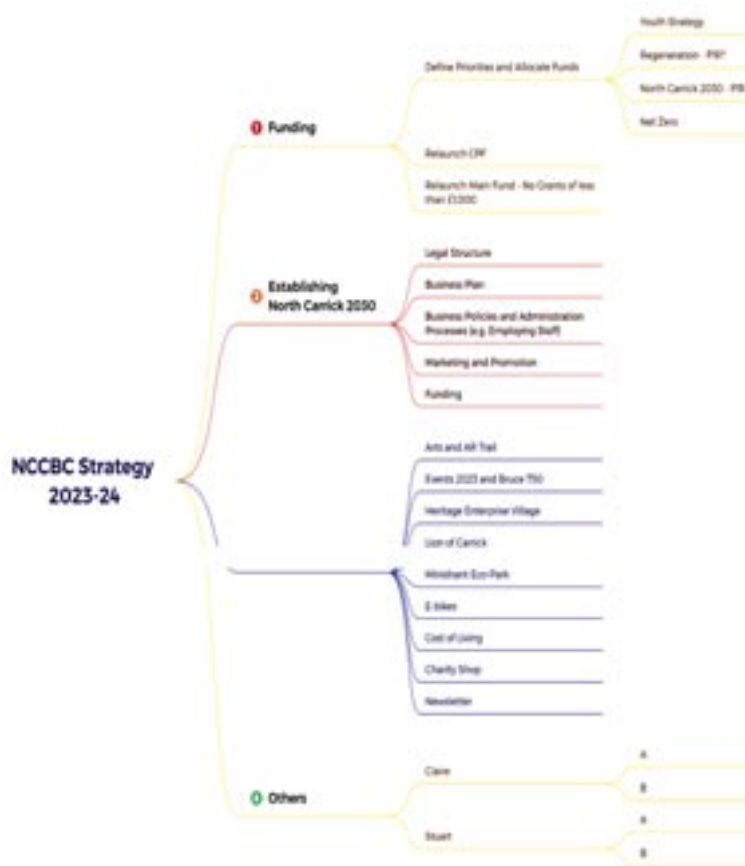
A contractor is working on a short project involving:

- Bags for over 1000 school children containing items focussed on keeping the children warm and healthy.
- Vouchers for 300 people living in North Carrick who are 'most in need'. To be used locally to obtain food, power, or mobile top ups.
- “Techy” bags for 750+ people living in North Carrick who are 'most in need'. These will include items such as battery-operated LED light switches with batteries, mobile phone power banks, etc.
- A well-publicised knitting campaign to challenge members of the community to knit 500 draught excluders in addition to the 500 to be bought by the project.

Youth Strategy

Implementing the Strategy for Youth in North Carrick, produced with NCCBC support, will get a boost from the Carrick Centre's planned reopening of Goudie's as a dedicated North Carrick Youth hub.

An Outline of NCCBC's Plans



COST OF LIVING PROJECT



NCCBC has been awarded funding from the Community Anchors Fund to support people in our communities by helping to alleviate some of the immediate cost of living pressures.

A voucher scheme is being set up to help people who are most in need due to financial circumstances, health, isolation, and other similar factors. The vouchers can be used in several local shops to pay for gas and electricity, food and mobile phone top-ups and will be distributed through a number of different channels.

In addition to the voucher scheme, a limited number of 'techy' bags will also be made available. These bags will contain various items such as LED battery operated light switches, stainless steel flasks and mobile phone power banks.

This month, NCCBC is launching a knitting campaign, where children and adults can learn to knit (or help each other to knit) a Centipede

Draught Excluder. This project will soon be commencing in our schools, with members of the community getting involved to help teach the children how to knit. NCCBC are offering a free pack, with all the materials required, to anyone who would like to get involved. Packs will be available to collect from Libby's Handbags, School Vennel, Maybole from July onwards, on a first come first served basis. The draught excluder can then be used to 'keep the heat in' over the winter months.

The final part of this project is to provide a goodie bag for school children of varying age groups who live within North Carrick. The goodie bag will contain items focussed on keeping children warm and healthy. NCCBC is in dialogue with schools and other organisations and groups to identify what items are best suited to the needs of the children.

For more information or to get involved, please email admin@nccbc.org.uk

Straiton News



It's been a rather cool spring, but perhaps a good thing as the flowers seemed to last longer. Rainfall over the three months has been, in February, the lowest recorded over the past six years but then above average for March and April.

The Guild had its closing meeting for the session and Rev. Neil McNaught from Alloway Church presented photos and tales from the pilgrimage undertaken by members of that church as well as two members from our own guild last year. Neil made a week of walking in the footsteps of other pilgrims, culminating in attendance at the Oberammergau Passion Play a very interesting and enjoyable talk.

'Cosy Corners' also finished at the end of March. The Monday afternoons proved very popular with members of the community and friends and we were pleased to know that the sessions will continue through next winter as well.

Straiton Church welcomed members from Kirkmichael and Crosshill churches to the Good Friday service. This was the first service since lockdown and it was good to see so many attending.

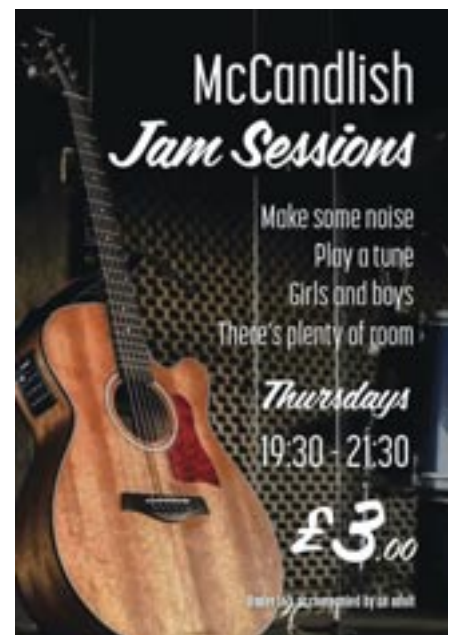


There was a memorial service for Harry Gamper in April and it was well attended by friends and family from near and far.

We were saddened, too, by the death of Bruce Henderson, a 'weel kent' face in the village. Bruce came to Straiton about eighteen years ago and quickly settled into Milton Lodge with his dog, Scamp, before coming into the village to live, latterly with rescue dog, Roxy. Bruce was an ex-police officer and always had that air of authority. Tall and upright he was an easily recognisable kilted figure as he strode along the roads and up into the hills. Bruce was an active member of the community, volunteering at the shop and taking part in whist drives and other events.



'Jam Sessions' have started up in the hall on Thursday evenings and have proved to be very popular with residents and friends from neighbouring villages as well. Bring along your musical instrument and make music!



New Polytunnel at Straiton Primary

Our polytunnel was installed during the Easter break and here you can see the children are getting stuck in! We now have all our raised beds filled thanks to the children's hard work. They have also had their first harvest to share with parents! Well done to all the boys and girls at Straiton Primary and a huge thank you again to Susan Russell and NCBCC for helping to make this possible.



Straiton Community Projects Fund

Using the annual grant from NCCBC, Straiton Community Projects Fund Local Panel has completed a number of successful projects.

The stone planters have been amazing this year with a very colourful array of winter, spring and summer flowers. In partnership with Straiton Primary School an area was cleared near the Community Garden and a polytunnel was purchased. Students from Ayrshire College, taking part in the Princes' Trust Scheme, helped clear the area. Pupils have already started to enjoy growing a large variety of plants.



The village hall clock was taken away by Cumbria Clock Company for repairs, cleaning, and restoration. The clock has now been returned and is a welcome



sight to villagers who missed the iconic chronometer.



Two bespoke wooden notice boards have been installed outside the village hub, Straiton Village Stores, and will be used for village notices and key information like bus times, post office, bank and library times.

Another successful partnership with South Ayrshire Council allowed two new accessible picnic tables to be purchased from David Ogilvie Engineering. SAC then removed the old tables and secured the two new tables.



Finally, a bench and plaque were purchased to remember the late Bruce Henderson, who was latterly a member of Straiton Environment Group.

In summary this has been another successful year for the community of Straiton, listening to and voting on their ideas to make good use of the annual NCCBC funding via the Community Projects Fund.



E-Bike North Carrick, which is operated by South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT) has 12 E-Bikes available (based at the Carrick Centre) for rent by residents for up to four weeks, at cost of only £60. E-Bikes are great to build confidence, ability, and fitness, especially if you don't think a regular bike is right for you. The idea is that at least some of the people who hire E-Bikes will go on to buy their own bikes.

E-Bike North Carrick also has 12 E-Bikes that are available for visitors to North Carrick for shorter term hires. This initiative will boost sustainable tourism in the local area, enabling visitors to use E-Bikes rather than other forms of transport to access local tourist sites and services. These new E-Bikes are owned

E-Bike North Carrick

by North Carrick Community Benefit Company through it's 'Foundations for Recovery' programme, with UK Government funding. The programme has a key focus on tourism – developing the concept of a 'Bruce's Web' linking Maybole and the surrounding North Carrick villages. As well as a hub in Maybole, SACT are working in partnership with local organisations to become 'hosts' – which will increase the flexibility and accessibility of hiring the bikes. These E-Bikes will be hired out at £36 per day with 55% of the income going to the host organisation.

If you are interested in hiring an E-Bike or finding out more about becoming a host organisation, please contact John at john@sacommunitytransport.org or call **01292 270864**.



ST CUTHBERTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The pupils and staff of St Cuthbert's Primary School continue to be very busy and active! We have continued to enjoy our Swimming at the local pool, tennis, and rugby with visiting specialists, as well as lots of other exciting learning opportunities.

In March we joined the other Maybole schools to host our open day and give the community an opportunity to say a fond farewell to our school building.

April saw us say 'goodbye' to our Head Teacher Mr Ingram and we wish him all the very best of luck! On return to School, after the Easter Holidays, we were delighted to welcome our new Head Teacher, Mrs McCallum, who we congratulate and look forward to working with.

The whole School enjoyed a great day out at the Robert Burns' Museum and Cottage. Learning outside, especially in the sunshine, is so much fun!



Daffodil Tea P1 23 and P4567

We held our annual Daffodil Tea to fundraise for two great charities- Marie Curie Cancer Care and SCIAF. Thanks to all our supporters and especially to our talented children who entertained our guests.



Maidens Football

Some of our pupils attended the McCrindle Cup Football Tournament, hosted by Maidens Primary School. The sun was shining and we all had a great day. Well done to all those involved and our team were delighted to get third place.



MR. INGRAM LEAVING

We were all looking forward to our Easter Holidays, but sadly we had to say Goodbye to our Head Teacher, Mr. Ingram, who has been with us for seven years. We will miss him but wish him all the very best at his new school, Girvan Primary.



SACRAMENT

Congratulations to our P4 pupils who recently made their Sacrament of Confirmation and we wish them all the best for their upcoming First Holy Communion.



Stem 1/2/3/4

This term our pupils have been really enjoying their STEM activities and, as you can see from the photos, lots of fun was had.





GOUDIES UPDATE

The Carrick Centre Board and Carrick Community Leisure Group (CCLG) are pleased to announce that they have reached an agreement to transfer ownership of the building known as Goudie's, to the Carrick Centre.

Both organisations are delighted that this valuable asset will be retained for the benefit of the community and developed to meet the needs of young people in Maybole and across North Carrick.

On behalf of the Carrick Centre Board of Directors, Marguerite Hunter Blair expressed her delight, "The Board are excited by this fantastic opportunity to bring about positive change for all our young people and to respond to the needs articulated in the local Strategy for Youth in North Carrick. Over the summer we will be continuing our conversations with our young people, members of the community, local partners, and funders to ensure that we maximise the potential of this wonderful building and outdoor garden. There will be regular updates provided as the process moves forward."

Mark Fletcher CCLG chairman said, "We are very pleased with this outcome as the building, which we and the funders worked so hard to save, will remain as a very valuable community asset providing a

dedicated facility for the young people of the area, a space that they can call their own."

Councillor Brian Connolly, expressed his enthusiasm for this development, "We are delighted that such an important building in the town streetscape has a bright future and the Carrick Centre, with its long history of success, will be a worthy custodian."

North Carrick's Youth Strategy – Plans in action!

NCCBC added how pleased they are to see the youth strategy and all the engagement work carried out thus far being put into action. Both the concept of a dedicated youth facility, and the new skate park in Maybole featured heavily in the feedback we received from our 6–16-year-olds. With this transition for Goudie's, along with more events and activities already in the pipeline, such as the Bruce 750 celebrations, we are happy to be supporting an exciting new chapter for our young people!



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ROBERT THE BRUCE 750TH ANNIVERSARY

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Starting this summer until the end of next year North Carrick will be celebrating the 750th Anniversary of the birth of King Robert the Bruce. The big anniversary falls on 11th July 2024, with our main event planned for Saturday 13th 2024 July in Carrick's ancient capital, Maybole!

Our programme of events will see exciting things going on in North Carrick throughout the year, starting from 1 year to go! Our 2023 Heritage Day will take place on **15th July** this year, with something for everyone!

Maybole's Glebe will play host to an arena, music stage, countless stalls and food vendors, as well as plenty of medieval themed activities for our young people to enjoy; including archery and traditional calligraphy!

Music from Clann An Drumma and the Glenpark Ceilidh Band will ring through the field! You can enjoy donuts, ice cream and coffee; keeping you fuelled while you enjoy demonstrations from local dog agility champions, and the wonderful History Matters who will be bringing our rich history to life!

As well as live entertainment there will be plenty of fun activities to keep you busy, from fun fair rides like 'the Miami' to opportunities to try archery, axe throwing and weaving! Follow us on social media where we will be posting fun facts about Robert the Bruce, and all the updates on our future events!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

If you're interested in
volunteering for this event
contact us at
hello@bruce750.scot



SO, WHY BRUCE?



Robert Burns is typically the famous Scot we think of as having connections to North Carrick and we have celebrated the fact on many previous occasions.

One person who has arguably even more connections is Robert the Bruce and our Bruce 750 celebrations will acknowledge the many great contributions he made when crowned Scotland's Greatest King.

Bruce is widely believed to have been born at Turnberry Castle and in 2024, we celebrate 750 years since that event.

Some may doubt it but the most likely place of his birth is Turnberry, certainly it is well documented that Bruce spent his boyhood at Turnberry Castle and spent much of his life in Carrick. When Bruce was born, his family was the most powerful in Scotland and when he was only twelve years old, an event happened which changed the course of Scottish history. Over the next year, you will have the chance to learn about Bruce at the various Bruce 750 events taking place in North Carrick.

With thanks to our funders



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Robert the Bruce
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The Carrick Centre, Trussel Tea

A special tea party was held to help raise money to support the growing demands on a local food bank.

Centre Manager Andrea Hutchison said: "The Food Bank has been part of our centre for over 11 years and during that time we have worked together to support food stability for families in Maybole and the surrounding areas. On any given week they serve over 75 individuals/families.

"The impact of the service goes beyond the simple provision of food. The conversations around food preparation and simple ideas to make food stretch further, the introduction of new foods that are cheap and healthy and the basic human contact with someone who will not judge you, who will meet you where you are and will try to assist you however they can, can be as the advert says "priceless.""

She said the food bank volunteers provide a listening ear, they provide information on other services in the area and they are often able to "find" a coat or something else that someone might need. They are a precious resource to us and are very much part of our team. She added: "Unfortunately, the numbers using the food bank are growing weekly and as the cost of living crisis shows no sign of abating we are looking at ways to stretch this already stretched service even further. Without the wonderful volunteers and the generous donations from the good people of Maybole and the villages we would not be able to have the range and impact that we do."

"We wanted to be part of the Tea for Trussell event to demonstrate to our Foodbank staff and volunteers how much we appreciate them and the tireless work they do and that they continue to have our love and support as we do this work together."

The Trussell Trust supports over 1,200 food bank centres across the UK. Together, they provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, while also campaigning for change to end the need for food banks in the future.

Although the event has passed USING THE QR CODE YOU CAN STILL DONATE TO THE TRUSSELL TRUST, all donations very much appreciated.

Carrick Centre L&M Music Therapy

L & M Therapeutic Music Group have provided workshops to three of our community groups over the last few months thanks to funding received from the Locality Planning Partnership. Using their skills as a consultancy team, Lorraine and Monica have developed a therapeutic music programme that uses listening to music to help participants organically access their emotions, whilst promoting self-soothing and self-regulating principles that encourage them to become responsive rather than reactive. This approach helps them develop the vital skills that will enable them to identify, understand and express their emotions in a healthier way. A tremendous success and appreciated in a variety of ways dependant on the needs of the groups involved.





Carrick Centre Easter - Time & Money Booster Club

Our youth worker Lauren Creedon ran a money matters club over the Easter Holidays, and the children loved it! Aimed at P4 to P6, the sessions provided fun extra-curricular classes learning about denominations, transactions and time management.

Carrick Centre Coronation Celebration

More than 80 folk celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III, watching from a giant screen at the Carrick Centre, Maybole.

Young visitors were given the chance to be “crowned” on the same day as the new king and received a scroll to mark the special day. The centre crowd also enjoyed a finger buffet featuring Coronation Chicken vol-au-vents, sandwiches, and a celebration alcohol-free punch. There were stalls with bottles and baking to buy with drinks from the café. Visitors also brought their own bottles to celebrate with the nation. And everyone could take a special cup-cake to mark the day made by local baker Heather McNeish’s “A Cake Occasion”.

Vice-chair of the Centre’s Board, Deirdre Cuthbertson, said: “All were welcome to mark this historic event. We wanted to share this with the people of North Carrick and Maybole in our community hub and it was a great success.”

Thanks go to Destination South Ayrshire for the £1,000 grant that made the Coronation Party possible.



The Big Help Out at the Carrick Centre

The Coronation weekend was not all about having fun and eating cupcakes, although we did our fair share of that here at the Carrick Centre. The Big Help Out was also part of the celebration - this was a national effort to showcase how volunteering benefits both communities and the people who take part in the activity. We asked for volunteers to come along and help clean up the outside of our centre and do some gardening with us. We were delighted when over 25 folks showed up – some with children and grandchildren in tow. That’s the great thing about volunteering – the whole family can join in and find something that they can do. *Don’t worry if you missed the Big Help Out, we will be holding another clean-up day on July 10th from 10am to 2pm and all are welcome to join us.*



Maybole Regeneration News

Maybole Regeneration's Activities and Training Project has been engaging large numbers of people of different ages in the community over the past month. Several of our larger projects have kicked off and have involved 200+ people during the spring months. We have also been working with Queen Margaret Academy to ensure that their local pupils are also benefitting from the project. We have a very busy summer ahead with various projects, events, and activities!



Youth Drama and Media Project

Three projects are planned, so watch this space...

- Maybole Heritage Clips - drama workers working with P5 pupils to film clips for points along the heritage trail. Each clip will link to a QR code along the trail.
- New Beginnings Project - Celebration of the positive changes around our town including input from the three Maybole Primary Schools, Carrick Academy and Former Pupils and teachers- a mix of video clips and live performances.
- Panto - bringing together the Maybole P7s to create a Christmas Show which is based on the town's heritage.

Construction In the Classroom and Beyond

This exciting course started last month and gives Carrick Academy pupils a taste of various disciplines in the traditional construction industry. Pupils have already had a flavour of Ceramic Tile Making, Traditional Sign Writing, Traditional Construction and they all really enjoyed a site visit to Maybole Castle. This intensive course will continue after the Summer Holidays and hopefully will spark some interest in a career in Traditional Construction.



Mapping and Recording Project

Our friends at Icecream Architecture have been working with geography pupils looking at how the

town has been shaped and evolved. You have maybe seen information banners around the town with the story of the local wells and how they shaped the town.



Book of Memories

Lots of local people have been helping us with this lovely multigenerational project where younger people are working with older people to share memories and photographs of Maybole in years gone by. Special thanks to our lovely volunteers Margaret and David who have been so very helpful in this project.



School Shop Fronts Project



We have been engaging all North Carrick Schools to look at changing High Street and shop front designs and bringing ideas to life on one of the shops in the High St. Some brilliant work came out of this project and helped young people feel connected to the community!

Up and coming...

Heritage Awareness Course Round 2 coming soon. We are in talks with Archaeology Scotland to rerun this very successful course for 3rd Year pupils in September. We are also providing a course for Queen Margaret Academy in June, which gives the pupils and the school a Heritage Heroes Award.

Maybole's Heritage Day is on 15th of July and we are very excited to be helping- providing a traditional weaving activity, sign writing activity, info boards and activity packs! The event is being organised by NCCBC's Events Development Team and will kick start the yearlong celebration of the 750th Anniversary of the Birth of Robert the Bruce.

We are also facilitating a group of young people with an interest in geology and the built environment to attend Dolphin House for four days over the summer to learn about local stone and its use in our built environment.

Check out South Ayrshire Council's Thriving Communities Summer Programme for Maybole. Lots of fun activities planned for children in P4-7! Contact Tracey for more info!

Summer Activities In Maybole P4-P7

**Wednesday
5th July**

Stem Activities
Maybole Library
11am-2pm

**Wednesday
19th July**

**Outdoor Activities,
Sports, Teambuilding**
The Glebe Park 11am-2pm

**Wednesday
26th July**

Cooking
Maybole Library
11am-2pm

**All
Activities
Are Free**

**Lunch
Provided**

Any questions please email
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Isn't nature full of surprises?

Like most people, I had always thought that our wildflower bed next to Crosshill's football field was a big disappointment due to the regular flooding of the site. It certainly didn't look as good as other local flower beds last summer.



But nature has a way of catching you out. In mid-May, I took a few photos to show the Cuckoo Flower (*Cardamine pratensis*) that had appeared. The flowers bloom at the same time as the arrival of cuckoos, hence the name. This small, pink-white flower, also known as 'Lady's Smock', comes up every spring if the grass isn't cut.



I was delighted to see that our flower bed had attracted some Orange-tip butterflies (*Anthocharis cardamines*). These tiny white butterflies were rare in Scotland up to the 1980s, found only in Dumfries & Galloway and a few small colonies in South Ayrshire. Nowadays, Orange-tips are a common sight in south-west Scotland. You might even find some in your garden. Some of these tiny white butterflies may have been moving through to other sites, stopping off briefly at Crosshill's flower bed for a quick snack on our flowers. It's a bit like a wildlife motorway service area. However, many are now resident here with females laying eggs on the Cuckoo Flowers, ready for the next generation to hatch out. So, I'll be looking more closely at our flower bed throughout the year. It could hold other surprises.

Mary Hogg, Crosshill Resident

*Photo credits Mary & Angus Hogg:
Flower bed location and Male Orange-tip butterfly*

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Maybole High Street Shop Survey - Formerly known as Maybole Charity Shop



The refurbishment of the building known as Maybole Charity Shop on the High Street is now underway and the building will soon be ready for use once more. The former committee, now operating in School Vennel, have had the offer to return to the shop and have decided to stay where they are, so NCCBC will establish a separate group to operate this shop in a complementary way.

The intention is not to operate solely as a charity shop, as there may not be the demand as the world has changed dramatically during the covid period. Therefore, we are looking for suggestions from the whole of North Carrick on other uses for the shop which could include pop up craft fayres, artists in residence, repair and upcycling drop ins. Whilst the business plan is being revised, we are keen to hear

from the community and organisations in North Carrick and wider South Ayrshire that would like to have access to the shop when it reopens so we can begin to populate a user list and explore any other suggestions. We will also need to create a new identity for the shop and welcome your ideas on names.

In the future we hope to hold a competition for a new logo! Maybole Regeneration Project have kindly agreed that we can use their suggestions box at Maybole Library to collect response, so please drop off your slip there for us to collect!

Keep up to date with the plans for the shop via @ImprovingNC on Facebook and Instagram or on www.nccbc.org.uk Email: admin@nccbc.org.uk



Do you think the building known as the charity shop, on the high street, should return and operate short lets to groups as before?

Would your group be interested in taking a let in the building known as the charity shop, and what timeframe would you prefer? (This would not exclude you from letting other charity shops)

If the charity shop was to operate lets for community groups again, what could be done to improve the experience for groups taking the shop?

What other ideas do you have for what the premises could be used for?

We need to rename the old charity shop and are looking for ideas and suggestions - please leave your ideas below!

Please leave your name, name of your group if applicable, and an email address below if you would like to be kept in the loop about the plans for the building known as the charity shop.



Cairn Primary School

King's Coronation Garden Party

On Friday the 5th May the whole school came together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III by having a garden party. Our party started with a procession of our garden party King and Queen and their attendants. The children then had lots of fun playing games such as quoits, limbo, treasure hunt, knock the coconut down and photo opportunities on the coronation throne! We finished our party with a whole school 'Coronation Slosh'.



Culzean Primary Merger Activities at Maybole Juniors

Over the past couple of months, boys and girls from Cairn and Gardenrose primaries have been visiting Maybole Juniors. The pupils from both schools have had the opportunity to design a potential new strip for the club, go on a



stadium tour and play on the pitch. Thank you so much Maybole Juniors and South Ayrshire Active Schools, the pupils from both schools have loved their visits.

Creative Learning Network

P6 pupils from Cairn and Gardenrose primaries have been working with the Creative Learning Network this term. This project has focused on developing confidence, self-esteem, and communication skills. The boys and girls have also been thinking about their hopes and dreams for the new Carrick Campus, Culzean Primary and the future. They have lots of wonderful ideas! We are looking forward to settling into the new school in August and working together to achieve these goals and ambitions!



Maybole Heritage Trail

Primary 5s from Cairn and Gardenrose have been working with Claire from Moxie to create short dramatic clips for Maybole's new Heritage Trail. This trail will be available to follow throughout Maybole with QR codes at each location directing the viewer to videos created by the children. All the children have enjoyed working together and learning new dramatic skills and being a part of the Maybole Regeneration Project.



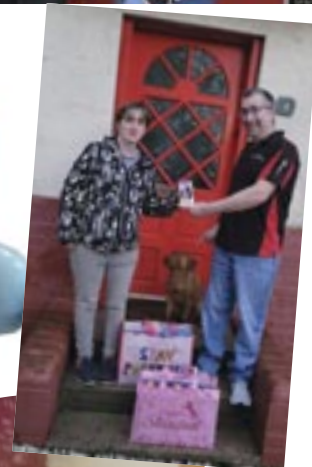
CARRICK TOTS

The tots have been busy with celebrations for Easter, King Charles III's Coronation, and a few birthdays!

The tots would like to say a massive thank you to Gordon Cuthbertson and Carrick Round Table for their generous donation of the Easter eggs, our tots were delighted!

Fabulous Fraser came to celebrate the King's Coronation with us and entertained the children with magic and balloon shaping. The tots all received a King Charles III medal and a crown from the committee. We would like to congratulate King Charles & Camilla, Queen Consort on their coronation.

We also had a visit from Moo Music who came to entertain the children, they loved the dancing and singing!



NOTE TO OUR READERSPlease submit all articles as early as possible to assist us with preparing the newsletters. We appear to receive most copy on the final week of the deadline which means we are inundated with stories but we want to make you all aware that we can accept articles during the 3 months between deadlines so please do not feel the need to wait until the deadline approaches. **Please send us your story the earlier the better! Thank you.**



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A busy time for Community Wellbeing Hub



It's been a busy few months at Community Wellbeing Hub in Maybole! Along with providing our fully funded holistic therapy sessions via GP referral, we have been

welcoming many different groups and organisations into the Ayrshire Healing Centre for workshops and retreats. Examples include Barnardo's, Ayrshire College, Carrick RFC, Vics in the Community, and local home education groups, to name but a few. We have also run three well-received family art therapy sessions, kindly sponsored by Warburton's.

Our 'Cosy Spaces' initiative saw us open every Saturday through the winter with a safe space to have a warm drink, something to eat, read, play board games, and get help, support, and great conversation. We met many lovely people!

We have been out on the road a lot recently too – in Ayrshire college campuses in Ayr and Kilmarnock, taking sound baths, meditation, and drumming to the students, attending the ASN forum day at Ayr town hall, and running a marquee with holistic taster sessions and kids crafts at the Carrick RFC Mental Health Day. Our yoga teacher, Rachael, joined us to run an open air breathwork and yoga session for the players and coaches.

We have a fully subscribed Women's Circle active in the centre, and Chris has the men's group up and running again after

a short break, with exciting plans from the founding members for growing the group.

We have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead and are busy trying to secure funding to deliver as many of the things that people request of us as possible. We would love to bring more children and families into the centre this year and build on the work we are doing with ASN

groups. This is something we have delivered a lot more of recently, and we absolutely love working with them! We are always grateful for help in securing funds to continue our work, and the response to what we do continues to be overwhelming – so thank you to everyone who assists us, with special thanks to VASA for their continued support, and here's to

another great year ahead for the Hub!



You can contact the team via email on communitywellbeinghub@yahoo.com

MAIDENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



MAIDENS Community Association

Following on from last year's refurbishment of the telephone box and its amazing success as a library and information point, Maidens Community Association have been busy with three other village heritage projects. We have recently acquired funding to repair the clock in the church hall, with the Cumbrian Clock Company undertaking repairs. Keep looking up and you'll soon get the right time!

Maidens CA also got permission from South Ayrshire Council to renovate the drinking fountain situated along Ardlochan Road. MCA will now be eagerly looking for funding. If you have any good ideas or if you want to get involved to help raise funds then please email maidenscommunity@gmail.com.

Maidens Community Association are also pleased to be supporting the team delivering the Maidens World Ocean Day Festival.



The third project has been 'The barker', now possibly the only one left in Scotland. The barker, located down Maidens Harbour, adjacent to the harbourmaster's office, is a listed building. It sits on land owned by Culzean and Cassillis Estates and they have kindly given their permission to carry out the work.

Renovations are badly needed to restore and protect this important piece of village history. We are so glad it is finally getting the attention it deserves. If you don't know what it is, the fishermen used it long ago to 'bark' or tar their nets. Please take a look, next time you visit.

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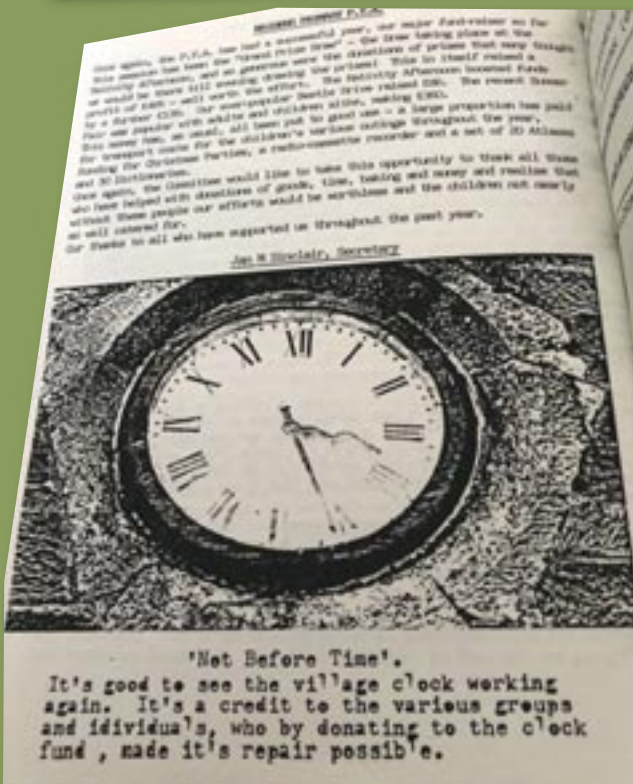
Maidens: Little K's Kitchen and Ropes Bistro

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

Kirkoswald: Souters, Saks & Hart, Kirklands Garden Centre

Turnberry: Balkenna Tearoom and Dowhill Farm Shop

Dunure/Fisherton: Coffee Shop and Aruna Arts & Gifts



CARRICK RUGBY

Carrick Rugby's Youth Section season came to an end with a celebration of the season at The Glebe in Maybole.

Carrick Minis and Micros RFC

On Sunday 21st May, in the final event of the season, the Minis and Micros (P1-7) played against Irvine, Wigtownshire, and Kilmarnock with over 300 kids and parents in attendance. Carrick kids participated in 20 fixtures, home and away, during the season. The club's Minis section has over 70 members and trains in Maybole on Tuesdays, Girvan on Wednesdays, and holds a diversionary rugby session on Fridays. The scale of the final event of the season highlighted the club's need for a second pitch. The club were set to move to the new Campus next season but this is no longer possible after news broke of the Campus's second rugby pitch now being changed into a football pitch. The club will continue to support the people of Maybole but this is becoming harder and harder due to barriers outwith the club's control.

Award Winners:

P1/2 Player of the Year - **Torren Henderson**
P1/2 Most Improved - **Finn Wallace**
P3 Player of the Year - **Tom Burns**
P3 Most Improved - **Josh Farrell**
P4/5 Most Improved - **James Dempsey**
P4/5 Player of the Year - **Eoin Porter**
P6 Player of the Year - **Caleb**
P6 Most Improved - **Rossi Veitch**
P7 Player of the Year - **Kyle McDowall**
P7 Most Improved - **Reilly Blanchard**



CARRICK RUGBY YOUTH SECTION

Girls Season Review

On Sunday 21st May Carrick's U14 Girls took on Kilmarnock and Ayr as part of our President's Day, where we celebrated the massive growth of the girls' section since January. Thanks to the hard work of the clubs' volunteers, its outreach work, the club now has a squad of 22 girls enjoying rugby regularly. The girls train at Girvan and Carrick Academies' afterschool sessions, and take part in the Friday night 'Diversionary Rugby Sessions'. Their fixtures are on Sundays.

Award Winners

U14 Girls (lower age banding) Most Improved Player - **Michaela Rodger**
U14 Girls (lower age banding) Player of the Year 22/23 - **Abbey Wallace**

U14 Girls (higher age banding) Most Improved Player - **Sophie Coburn**
U14 Girls (higher age banding) Player of the Year 22/23 - **Bethany Garcha**
Carrick RFC Youth Leadership Award 22/23 - **Ceilidh Lorimer**

Boys Review

What a year it's been for the club's U14, U16 and U18 boys; coming together, growing as teams, and bonding well as friends. At fixtures against Allan Glens, Kilmarnock, Wigtownshire and Whitecraigs the boys demonstrated the Carrick way of playing, with fast, exciting rugby and plenty of tries. The hard work by the under 16s meant they were able to strengthen the U18s side, further demonstrating the club's path to senior rugby. The adult section this year was made up primarily of Carrick youth graduates. Another clear example of the success of the Carrick RFC Youth system, is the number of U18 players that progressed to senior rugby once they became eligible. The boys' sides are seen as a real credit to the club and the local community.

Award Winners

U14 Boys Most Improved Player - **Lewis Young**
U14 Boys Player of the Year - **Angus Hamilton**

U16 Boys Most Improved Player - **Kieran Blanchard**
U16 Boys Player of the Year 22/23 - **Deagan Wright**

U18 Boys Most Improved Player - **Ryan Horne**
U18 Boys Player of the Year 22/23 - **Euan Hutchison**

Diversionary Rugby

Carrick Rugby are proud to offer young people in North and South Carrick Diversionary Rugby as a healthy alternative to hanging about the streets. Young people from South Carrick can participate because the club provides a free bus to Carrick Academy. This is open to every child from P7-S6. It is completely free, and it has given, on average, 50 kids a positive destination on a Friday night. This wouldn't be possible without the brilliant sponsor, Lynch Homes.

Diversionary Rugby runs every Friday at Carrick Academy 6-7:30pm during term time.

*For more info and training times in the new season follow the Facebook page Carrick RFC or Call Aiden: **0757 266 7373***



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