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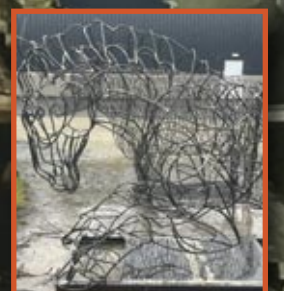


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Summer Party

Recently tots had a summer party and Marvellous Mascots entertained the children. Bluey and Chase danced, played games, gave out prizes to the tots, everyone agreed it was great fun. Thanks to the Mascots and to Laura Bell. A great success!

Stone Painting

Tots at present are painting stones to make Sammy Snake and on completion he will be put around the Carrick Centre from Carrick Tots.

New Equipment

A new slide, balance beam, connect four was purchased recently, they have been a great success.

Norma at the Royal Garden Party

Norma attended the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh. In attendance was the King, Queen Consort and the Duke & Duchess of Edinburgh. Norma took her daughter Emma and both agreed it was a fantastic day. They met the King and his party and felt very honoured and humbled to be nominated for this once in a lifetime experience.



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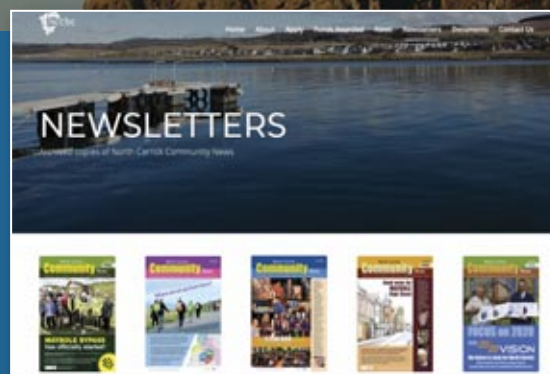
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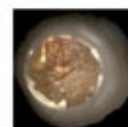


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Knockbrake Railroad Weekend 2024

Representatives from the Round Table and local Guides visited Knockbrake Railroad to celebrate the total raised from the recent Knockbrake Garden Railroad Open Weekend in Crosshill in August! The weekend, hosted by Gordon Ross and supported by Carrick Round Table and Girlguiding Carrick District, raised a wonderful £1405 for our local Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units based in Carrick! An absolutely incredible amount, especially since the weather was against us! A massive thanks to everyone who attended and those who supported the weekend by donating their time, tombola prizes or making home baking.

We hope to see you all back down by the tracks in 2025!



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Carrick Cinema Club

New Season Sept 2024-May 2025

Come and join us at the Carrick Cinema Club this month for the new September 2024-May 2025 season. Tickets- cash only are £5 at the door of the Carrick Centre, Maybole KA19 7DE. Alternately, you can get a bargain deal by becoming a CCC member for the season at £30, or £3.33 for each of our nine films- a saving of £15.

On Fri September 20 we kick off with *The Fall Guy*. This is a must-watch for fans of action films and those interested in the fascinating world of stunt performers. With its impressive stunts, charismatic performance by Ryan Gosling, and a storyline that keeps you engaged, it also embraces a romantic plot with Emily Blunt (fresh from *Oppenheimer*) providing a love interest along with the film's gags and humour. This film delivers a thrilling ride while providing plenty of entertainment along the way. Cert 12.

On Friday October 25 we are showing *After Love* starring Joanna Scanlan- most famous for her comedic acting in TVs *The Thick of it*, *Getting On* and *The Larkins*. The actor is outstanding as an English widow. After her husband dies suddenly, Mary discovers that the man she thought she knew had another life in France, a life completely at odds with the home they built together in England, with all its triumphs and tragedies. A great, moving cinematic tour de force. Cert 12

On Friday November 22 *Wicked Little Letters*-deemed one of the best British humorous films in recent years with outstanding performances from Olivia Coleman, Timothy Spall, Jessie Buckley and Joanna Scanlan. The story is based on true events featuring Rose Gooding and Edith Swan. At the time, the hate mail scandal was referred to as the Littlehampton Letters, or the Seaside Mystery. The story played out in England in 1920 during the UK suffragette movement. Cert 15.

On Friday December 20 we have a real Christmas treat for everyone with *Wonka*. The new Roald Dahl adaptation starring Timothée Chalamet, with great reviews. An effervescent pleasure and a charming movie from the director Paul King, who made two of the *Paddington* films. Cert PG.

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Welcome back to our Stage and Screen film nights which start again on Saturday 28th September at 7.30pm in the McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael - where we will be showing off our new 100" TV very kindly funded by NCCBC and the National Lottery.

Its been a busy summer 'break' with the club hosting a concert by **The Ali McCulloch Trio** as well as **The Gaiety on Tour (Ayr Fort Players)** in **Five go to Glasgow**, but now is the time for us to look ahead and start planning our next film season.

Look out for our posters every month in the shop, on Facebook, Instagram etc so as not to miss out on a great evening - entry only £5, this includes a free welcome drink, and a free prize draw. Tickets are available at the **Kirkmichael Community Shop** in advance, or on the night space permitting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Find us on Facebook—Kirkmichael Stage and Screen or email us on kirkmichaelstageandscreen@outlook.com

Carrick Resilience Team: Incident Support Service



It's been another busy year for the Carrick Resilience Team. You may be wondering who we are, so Team Secretary Gordon Cuthbertson explains for us, "We are a group of 16 local volunteers who have specialist training and equipment which are based in the heart of Carrick, we can be utilised to assist members of the public or core emergency responders during operationally challenging incidents". We provide this support in all weathers; at all times of the day and night 365 days a year.

Our call outs have included assisting in times of inclement weather, clearing falling trees and debris during storms, assisting in search and rescue operations, beach cleaning, and helping motorists that have become stuck or stranded far off the tarmac. Our volunteers undertake routine training and team building exercises to ensure a safe working practice.

"Emergency services do have access to specialist vehicles and equipment, but these are based in Glasgow or further afield and would take, in some cases, over an hour to mobilise and get down to Carrick. Due to being a local group, we can provide a quicker response and invaluable knowledge of surrounding areas.

Our team have been awarded funding to purchase a pickup last year which will enable us to keep all our equipment in this one vehicle at one location and in a permanent state of readiness which reduces the time taken to arrive at an incident. This

equipment includes "The Mule" or as its commonly known "the litter Picker" (a robust frame and stretcher with a chunky wheel which can handle any terrain). This is used to transport a casualty to an ambulance to prevent emergency service staff lifting and carrying as much, which ultimately makes the journey quicker and safer for the casualty. For longer distance incidents the team have an Argo, an all-terrain vehicle, that is kept on a trailer, which can be quickly towed to an incident. The Argo, which is a multifunctional vehicle that can be used to carry heavy equipment or transport up to 4 personnel over rough terrain or through marsh land or still water, such as swamp. The vehicle can also be used to transport a casualty in a stretcher as well.

"Our recent callouts have included assisting the Fire Service with our drone to help locate and rescue 25 Calves from Loch Drumore, near Kirkmichael.



The team have assisted in many casualty evacuations with the Scottish Ambulance Service from Barhill, Girvan, Straiton and Dunure and variety of locations in between. The team have also used our Argo to remove about a ton of washed-up litter from Turnberry beach in April.

"We also help out with road marshalling for the Carrick Lowland Gathering parade, as well as attending various other community events.

Since the charity's inauguration in 2019 we have responded to over 86 callouts from every corner of Carrick helping the emergency services and members of the public.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more contact: **Andrew Girvan, Operations Manager** at carrick.resilience@hotmail.com or checkout: <https://facebook.com/CarrickResilience>.



Maidens World Ocean Day



Maidens held another successful ocean day over World Ocean Day 8th June! Beach yoga awoke the body each morning in the sunshine with Christine Cumming, and newcomers Undersky entertained the children with a beach scavenger hunt and Ayr Hospital Radio providing dancing. The children also had fun with Girl Guide crafting, Active Schools and NTS /Culzean Castle. Wylde Thistle Artisan Craft Fair was very popular on Sunday, showcasing an array of local makers. The wonderful RNLI were present all weekend providing valuable water safety skills and this continued into the school's day on Monday. Where over 160 North Carrick Primary School children were educated at Sea School with the help of Biosphere, Marine Conservation Society, Adventure Carrick and Doug Allan.

The environmental speakers always take centre stage and Doug Allan OBE, Dr Jessica Jones launching the Ayrshire Snorkel Trail, Antoine Lemaire from GSA Biosphere and interdisciplinary artist Christina Riley were as informative and passionate as ever.

'Blue Health', the positives of living by the sea, was enhanced by Adventure Carrick offering Sea Tea and Me/ snorkel taster sessions and Ayrshire Wellbeing Hub offering holistic therapies. These events were very popular and made us realise why we embrace living by the ocean and why we should protect and look after it. The festival would not be possible without funding from NCBCC (Scottish Power Renewables) The National Lottery/Destination South Ayrshire and Wm Grant Foundation.



Dunure Regatta 2024

The sun was shining, the sea was looking perfect for our Regatta. 7.00am and the BBQ and the tea urn were fired up ready to welcome the visiting crews with bacon rolls and coffee. Crews from our neighbouring coastal rowing clubs -Prestwick, Troon and Carrick – all arrived safely ready to take part in the Buckie Munro Challenge.

This year's event is in honour of local legend William Buckie Munro, who along with 30 other Dunure fishermen, raced to the rescue of the doomed Danish Barque, the Valkyrian, during a terrible storm on a wild December night of 1883, which destroyed the ship.

The Valkyrian, which was skippered by Peter Maersk Moller (whose son founded the Maersk shipping line), was unfortunately destroyed in the storm. The ship's captain and all but 1 crew member were saved.

On the very same night, brave Buckie and the Dunure fishermen returned to the stormy seas to rescue a second boat – a tug, named the Iron Duke, which was out attempting to rescue the Valkyrian.

The local heroes managed to save all crew from the tug, however her skipper, Captain McBride, was unfortunately lost.

Our new safety boat was in place to take out the markers and supervise the racing. We were ready and keen to start.

Then the fog came along!! We couldn't see beyond the lighthouse! More coffee, more bacon rolls and some fabulous fresh langoustine along with a fine selection of cake kept everyone's spirits up.

Finally, the fog lifted enough to get the skiffs on the water for a sprint race along the coast guided by the safety boat. Not as arduous as the planned challenge but good to get some racing in.

Troon were the winners and Dunure took home the wooden spoon! An excellent day despite the weather!

Dunure Coastal Rowing and Watersports Club are based at Dunure Harbour. We have our skiff, Port Rorie as well as 8 sit-on kayaks for club members to use and thanks to Dynamic Dunure and SAC we have a 6m RIB to support our activities and train club members in powerboat handling. If you are interested in joining, our email is dunurecoastalrowingclub@gmail.com



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Maybole Live Music Tribute Nights!

Join us for the final two fun filled LIVE Tribute nights, while supporting local good causes! These events are brought to you by Maybole Community Projects Funding, made possible by NCCBC, thanks to ScottishPower Renewables.

After the success of the first two events hosted by Maybole Pipe Band and Carrick Round Table, we can't wait for the next two live music nights coming to Maybole; October's hosted by Girlguiding Ayrshire South and the final event in November by Carrick History Society.

MUSIC NIGHTS
NIGHT 4
HOSTED BY... Carrick History Society
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Night 4 -
ABBA Tribute
Saturday, 23 November
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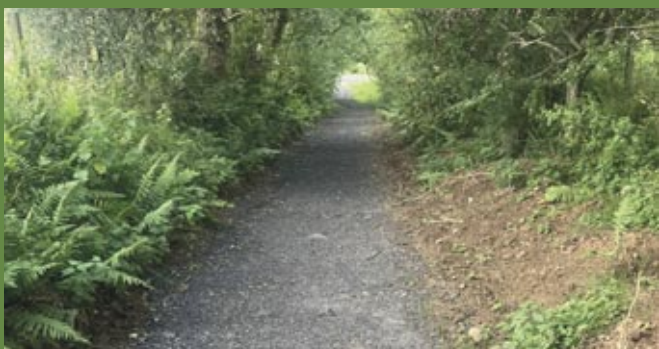


Corriston Path Reinstated

Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry Development Trust are delighted to announce the completion of the clearing and reinstatement of the Corriston path. The path which is part of the Whithorn Way extends about 600 Meters from just south of Kirkoswald Church up to the U038 Hallowshean. The opening of the path has also created two circular routes starting and ending in the village

KMT Trust would like to thank JM Paterson Ltd for carrying out the work, and despite the less than favourable weather conditions has cleared the path and laid a new hard-core surface.

This has all been made possible with funding from Scottish Power Renewables through NCCBC.



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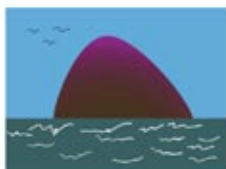
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Maybole Skate Park O

The Skate Park had an official opening on Friday 19th July and whilst a little blowy, the weather was fairly kind. The attendance was great and the young people certainly took the lead on the day with the ribbon cutting. Everyone attending was treated to a Renaldo's Ice Cream or two and it was a real pleasure to have a local business in attendance. Tragic O' Hara led the way on the graffiti wall bringing this project to a conclusion.

Thanks go to South Ayrshire council as the primary funder and Maybole Community Council for providing the match funding made possible with a grant from NCCBC . Special praise to the young people that planted the seed during consultation on the youth strategy and then when given the chance of funding, drove the design to what has been delivered. This Skate Park is one of three in South Ayrshire and each one is different, so the offering for skaters in the area and from out-with is exceptionally diverse.



**All that remains
to be said is stay
safe and enjoy!**



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The Gatherings

Following the decision of the committee for the former Charity Shop to stay in School Vennel, the new committee for The Gatherings is continuing to run the shop in a complementary way.

Recent users have included Kirkoswald Parish Church, an exhibition of the Carrick photography competition entries and winners, and a local small business which has now taken on a lease of a shop across the road – which bodes well for the efforts people are making to revitalise the High Street.

The Gatherings has more bookings soon, including another exhibition and vintage shop by the Carrick History Society, Crosshill Guides, Colouring Communities working with the Maybole Regeneration Project, and a local Craftsperson.

So, keep an eye on the windows for who will be in next, and follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NCCBCTheGatherings

The shop is available for week-long bookings and single day or weekend slots are available too! Email the committee at gatherings@nccbc.org.uk



NCCBC Report



Bruce Interactive Arts Trail

Thanks to a grant from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, administered by South Ayrshire Council, and funding from NCCBC work on this new Trail is nearing completion. It is set to be an important strand in our area's "Bruce's Web" brand.

Bruce 750

The Bruce Festival at the Glebe in Maybole on the 13th of July has been hailed as a great success in terms of organisation, numbers attending and the feedback received during and after the event. An estimated 2,000 people – both locals and visitors – enjoyed the day. Social media adverts reached a total of 99,439 people. Even allowing for double counting, since any one individual is likely to have viewed more than one of the adverts, that is a lot of people from Stranraer to Glasgow who have now heard about North Carrick's part in the life of King Robert the Bruce.

Heritage Enterprise Village Project

This will be a network of businesses, artists, community organisations and facilities with a central "hub" in Maybole and "spokes" spread around North Carrick – another strand in "Bruce's Web".

A contractor is being appointed to take on the next stage of development. This will bring people and businesses together to work on the details of how they might co-operate to provide positive heritage, leisure and buy-local experiences for residents and tourists.

The plan is to go on to create a new organisation that will support the network and continue to develop a variety of projects from joint marketing to heritage skills training.

Lion of Carrick

Technical and business case work on the proposed 12m high Lion statue is almost complete. A possible site has been identified just outside of Turnberry and issues around road access, site layout etc. have been addressed.

Although implementing the project to create the statue will not be taken forward by NCCBC, the aim is still to create a monument with an impact similar to the Falkirk Kelpies. This would attract visitors from far and wide and would have a positive effect on the local economy. It will not be cheap, and the whole community will have to come together to support the funding bids required.

The Gatherings, Maybole

Building work on the former Charity Shop was finished in November but issues were raised about the levels of insulation on party walls, sound proofing between the shop and the flat above and a few other minor points. That delayed the opening, but the Gatherings is now fully operational and available to communities for their fundraising.

Work on the flat above is almost complete and that three-bedroom property will soon be available to let.

Youth Strategy

A meeting was held with SA Council and William Grants Foundation to discuss possible support for the Carrick Centre's "KA19" youth hub (former Goudie's building).

NCCBC and the Carrick Centre are continuing discussions and exploring how a more strategic approach to developing North Carrick might be put in place.

Action Planning

The Action Plans that all five Community Council areas produced in 2019 are reaching the end of their timespan. NCCBC has had discussions with the Council and its officer is now working with North Carrick communities to produce new local community action plans.

*Stuart Lindsay, NCCBC
Development Manager,
September 2024*





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Friday

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NOVEMBER

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6:30PM - 8:30PM

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Saturday

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DECEMBER

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Saturday

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DECEMBER

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Local children and pbw wrestlers pose with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service at the Family Fun Day.



Heart of the Community

The Maybole Food Pantry welcomed over 50 new members over the summer months.

SUPPORT FOR OUR SERVICES

Scott Millar from Scottish Children's Lottery presenting the KA19 Youth Hub with a cheque.

THE CARRICK CENTRE

Summer of Fun!

Elena Whittham MSP visiting the KA19 Youth Hub. Pictured with Trustees, Mrs Paula Lennox and Mr Jim Whiteford, and Louis Simpson the KA19 Youth Hub Lead Youth Worker.

POP-UP MARKETS

KA19 YOUTH HUB

Maybole's very own Paralympian, Kayleigh Haggo—photographed by Charlie Gilmour—cut the ribbon to officially open the Carrick Centre's KA19 Youth Hub.

KA19 Youth Board: Chair—Callum, Vice Chair Shay & Treasurer Rhys helping to run a stall at Thriving Communities Bounce Festival in August

EBIKE HIRE

BRUCE 750 FESTIVAL

Overnight Maybole's Glebe Park was transformed from an ordinary play park to a medieval village bustling with excitement. As the clock struck 12pm on Saturday 13th July music from the Maybole Pipe Band began ringing through the town as the opening ceremony started. With opening remarks from Mark Fletcher, chair of North Carrick Community Benefit Company and a speech from Lord David Kennedy, Marquess of Ailsa, The Bruce 750 Festival was officially open!

The first main attraction of the day was 14th century jousting by Wild Knights Jousting and Tournaments. The crowd was introduced to Roy Murray, Peter Diamond-Magnoni, Tenika Whytock and Chloe Sullivan, all experienced joustiers who were competing to become Maybole's Jousting Champion. All showed off their skills while warming up and gaining support from the crowd before their competition later in the day.

Next, in the main arena was the team from History Matters doing what they do best, bringing history to life! Their interactive history demonstrations kept the audience captivated as they explored the life of Robert the Bruce. A definite fan favourite was the ankle-biter army. Children were invited into the area and given swords (pool noodles) ready to take on the adults from History Matters in battle. As you can imagine, the clear winners here were of course the children, who charged at the adults taking them all down one by one, and ending with the chant "Loser, loser, loser!" just to rub in their victory.

Next up was the one-of-a-kind Clann An Drumma. With their innovative and unique twist on traditional Scottish Music, they had the crowd up and dancing. Their high energy performance paired with their talent for playing music gave the audience an incredible experience, reminding everyone that medieval times were not just all about fighting in battles, but also music and community.

Clann An Drumma weren't the only musical talent on the day, the Maybole Over 50s Ukelele group also preformed and had the crowd singing and dancing along. We also had the talented dancers from Aileen's School of Highland Dancing make an appearance and perform on our mini stage.



The Bruce 750 Festival was not only filled with entertainment, but also lots of activities to get involved with. Many of the stalls offered a variety of different activities for children including slime making with Thriving Communities and Arts and Crafts with Girl Guiding South Ayrshire. Fabulous Fraser also made an appearance with his magic tricks and mini workshops on juggling and plate spinning. Fraser even had the adults trying their hand at these circus tricks.

Other exciting activities included Archery and Axe throwing which allowed guests the opportunity to see if they had what it took to join Robert the Bruce in Battle.

Another part of the day was Bruce's Craft Kingdom. This mini market was full of beautiful and unique handmade crafts and gifts, and delicious baked goods, all by local businesses. This was organised by Maybole Over Fifties.

Guests also had the opportunity to walk around a medieval village and experience the hustle and bustle of a medieval market, which different people working and cooking at their tents.

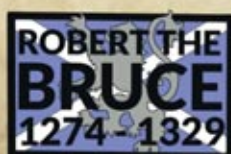
Carrick History Society hosted a tea tent where guests could purchase scones and have a cup of tea with milk kindly donated by Humeston Byre. Inside the tea tent, Bruce's sword was on display. The sword was on loan from Lord David and has been handed down through the Kennedy family since the time of Bruce.

Back in the main arena around 3pm, guests got to witness the battle re-enactment of Bannockburn with intense weapon demonstrations, followed by another ankle biting army battle.

Then it was time for the joustiers to compete. While all gave a great performance there could only be one winner and that was Roy Murray.

The Bruce 750 Festival came to an end at 5pm with History Matters detailing the end of Robert the Bruce's life as the festival came to a close.

The day was hailed as a triumph and the turnout was larger than previous events taking place in North Carrick in recent years. Estimations suggest around two thousand people were on the field at one point and there have already been calls for this to become an annual event. The organisers wish to thank NCCBC as the main funder and everyone who took part, visited and made this a day to remember.



THE STORY OF ROBERT THE BRUCE

Written by Simon Glendenning



Carrick History Society
Comann Eachdraidh
Charraige



PART TWO

By 1296, The Bruces are the villains of Scottish Freedom. In 1297, Bruce is sent back to Scotland to deal with a rebellion led by William Wallace. Bruce joins Wallace and supports the efforts of Scottish Independence. Wallace's legend grows after his triumph at Stirling Bridge. Wallace is defeated at The Battle of Falkirk in 1298 where the English are commanded by Edward I himself. Scotland is again without a leader.

By the end of 1298, Scotland resorts to using a Guardian system and Bruce becomes a joint Guardian alongside John Comyn. The two do not get on well together. In 1299 the Bishop of Lamberton is appointed the third guardian to keep the peace.



In 1300, Bruce is no longer a Guardian of Scotland as his relationship with Comyn breaks down dramatically. John Balliol is released from English custody the year after and enters papal custody. This creates the possibility of a Balliol return since Scotland and France are in alliance.

In 1302, Bruce once again switches alliance to join the English forces. It is important to remember that to many, Bruce's constant changes of allegiance painted him as a traitor. However, Bruce was an intelligent and forward thinking individual. This was all simply medieval politics that would eventually lead to his goal of becoming the leader of the Scots. This same year, John Comyn was accepted as the leader of the Scottish political community.

By 1303, France is in retreat from England and any hope of a Balliol return is lost. Edward, Prince of Wales, is betrothed to Isobel, daughter of the King of France. This cements an alliance between the two countries.

In May 1303, Edward I turns his attention to Scotland again and ammasses an army of unprecedented size for full scale invasion.

In 1304 Stirling Castle is the only castle remaining in the hands of the Scots. Those guarding the castle do not surrender to Edward and he unleashes his new weapon - 'The War Wolf'. This was the largest trebuchet to ever be made (according to contemporary historians) and was a devastating piece of medieval warfare. Upon seeing this weapon, the Castle soon surrenders but Edward decides to continue to use his new weapon to brutally punish the Scots.

The war wolf rains down many huge pieces of stone (some in flames) upon those within the Castle.

Bruce remains on the English side and is the very idea of the loyal English noble, being the Sheriff of Lanark and Ayr.

Bruce makes a pact with the Bishop of Lamberton that Bruce should be backed as Scotland's King.

In 1305, Bruce and Comyn make a pact that whoever should move for the crown, should relinquish their lands to the other. What one would loose in title would gain in land. Comyn realises that he can use this to his advantage and informs Edward I

Bruce, while in London, is tipped off that he has been betrayed. He is sent a shilling and a set of spurs by his cousin, the Duke of Gloucester. The shilling displays the kings head and the spurs signify he has to leave fast. So in 1306, Bruce flees to Scotland where he meets Comyn in Greyfriars Church.

Meeting in a church was considered safe if one party could not be trusted. Bruce murders Comyn removing his final opposition for the throne. This act puts Bruce in his weakest position and sets in motion a series of events that could have been his undoing...



FINAL PART IN THE NEXT EDITION



LORD DAVID KENNEDY OPENS THE BRUCE 750 FESTIVAL...

Hello and welcome to the Bruce 750 Festival here in Maybole, the capital of Carrick. I speak to you as the Hereditary Captain and Steward of Carrick.

The position was given to my family by Duncan, 1st Earl of Carrick, in around 1186.
Some 838 years ago.

When Robert the Bruce became King of Scotland, it was the culmination of a 200-year feud between two branches of the same family.

This is the beginning of the establishment of Carrick as a county. In 1186, following a tremendously gruesome struggle between the Sons and Grandsons of Fergus of Galloway, the Kingdom of Galloway was split in two. Galloway, the southern part, was given to the Grandson of Lachlann, and Carrick, the Northern part, was given to the Grandson Duncan – the 1st Earl of Carrick. Around 100 years later, Robert the Bruce's father, Lord Annandale married into the Carrick family, while the Balliol family married into that of Galloway. Coincidentally, these families were also at loggerheads. Both families had inherited strong claims to the Scottish throne.

At first, John Balliol, Lord of Galloway, Lachlann's great-great grandson, was chosen as King of Scots in 1292.

Fuelled by generations of family feuding, the Bruces, now Earls of Carrick, opposed their Balliol cousins, sometimes even supporting the King of England to bring down their rivals.

The Scots deposed King John and, eventually, proclaimed the Earl of Carrick, Robert the Bruce, King of Scots.

King Robert's victory in the 1st war of Scottish Independence is well known – the Scots defeated the English – but Bruce also defeated the Balliol lords of Galloway, their kinsmen, and their supporters from Scotland.

Unfortunately, this did not conclude the fighting between the Carrick and Galloway cousins.



The Bruces came to Carrick, it is said, in 1270. King Robert's father, the 6th Lord of Annandale, is said to have come to Turnberry castle, the ancient seat of the Earldom of Carrick, with a message for Marjorie – the countess of Carrick. Marjory was the Countess of Carrick in her own right, and the great-great- granddaughter of Duncan, the 1st Earl. Lord Annandale's news was that Adam of Kilconquhar, Marjorie's husband, had died. The legend goes that Marjorie's reaction was to imprison Lord Annandale in Turnberry Castle, until he agreed to marry her – which he did in 1271. Becoming the Earl of Carrick, in right of his wife.

King Robert was almost certainly born in Turnberry castle, in 1274, and spent most of his childhood in the county.

The font in which he was baptised can be seen in Kirkoswald Old Kirk – a church that had been established by his Earl of Carrick ancestors. Seemingly, somewhere near Straiton, was a property belonging to the Bruce family's Hereditary Harpists. Robert the Bruce's grandson, King Robert II, recognised my ancestor, John Kennedy as chief of the families in Carrick. When the Earldom of Carrick was absorbed into the crown the King of Scots passed the lands and authority of the Earl to the Kennedys – including Turnberry castle.

Not only am I related to King Robert's Carrick ancestors, but also directly to King Robert, through his great-great-great granddaughter, Princess Mary of Scotland who married my forebear Sir James Kennedy of Dunure.

There is still a lot more to find out about Robert the Bruce's time in Ayrshire, and I hope events like these will encourage more research. This afternoon you'll witness a great many fun events and re-enactments, and I hope you all enjoy yourselves.

Thank you very much.

LORD DAVID KENNEDY, 9TH MARQUESS OF AILSA

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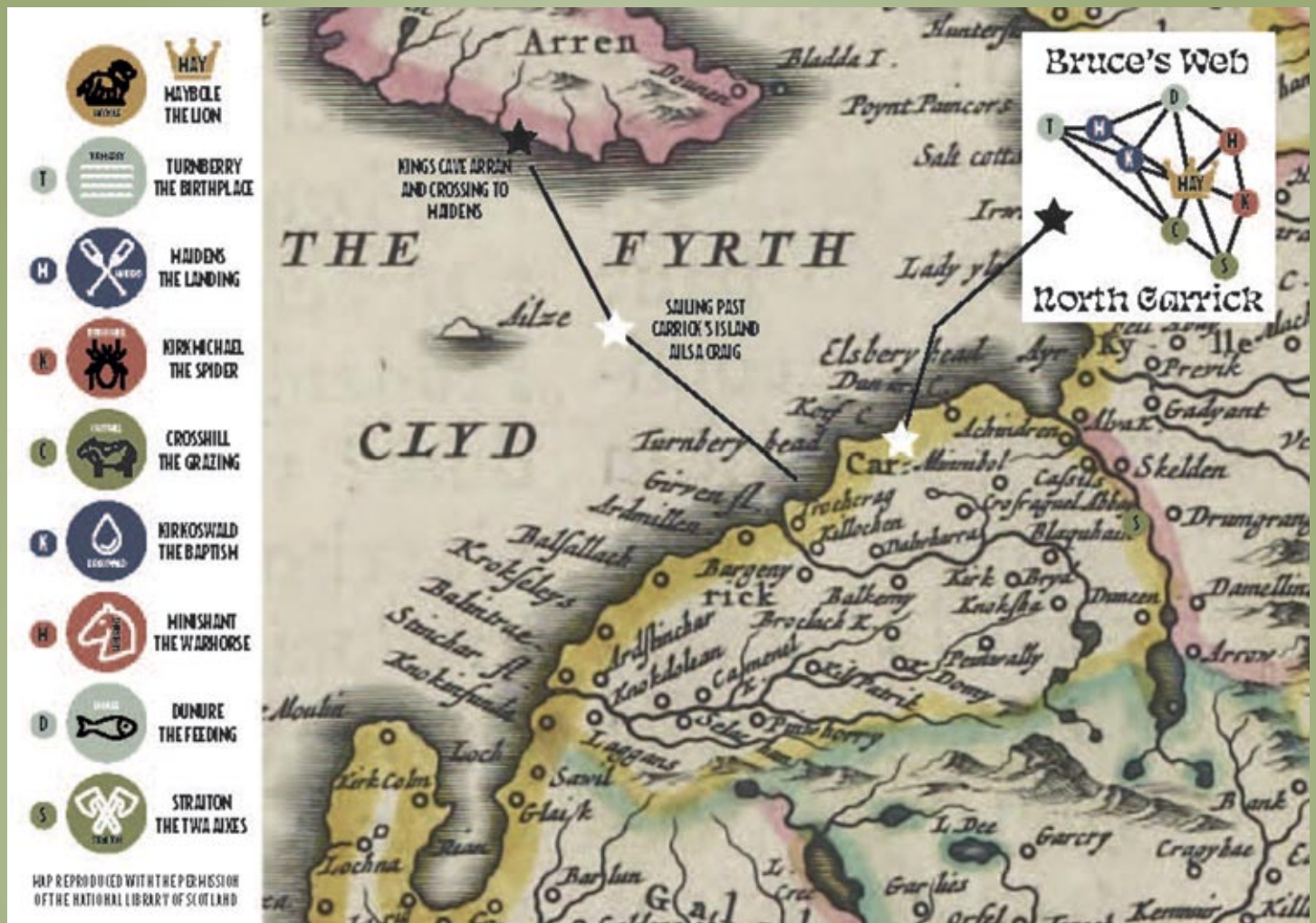
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Spinning Bruce's Web



The outdoor trail and augmented reality app to commemorate the 750th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's birth in North Carrick is coming to life this Autumn!

The trail - named Bruce's Web Interactive Arts Trail – will allow visitors to discover nine new pieces of outdoor art using the Bruce's Web app with fun augmented reality elements and gaming challenges! (That's the 8 pieces produced in this project plus a new Mercat Cross and Lion of Carrick in Maybole). Each piece varies in scale and materials and was designed to complement and enhance the natural landscape in a sustainable way. They all link to Robert the Bruce's life in the area. After lots of community consultation and workshops with local Primary Schools, the most popular ideas from each area were incorporated into the final designs by local artist David Powell of CRAG Community Arts.

The sculptures each explore a time in Bruce's life, with the augmented reality helping us imagine we are walking in his footsteps, 700+ years later!

Turnberry: Sea Gate - The Birth

Dunure: The Fish & Fire - The Feeding

Kirkoswald: Droplets - The Baptism

Maidens: Landing - The Landing

Straiton: Axes - The Camp

Crosshill: Whitebred Shorthorn Cow - The Grazing

Kirkmichael : Spider - Ettercap

Minishant: War Horse - Cogadh

The pieces, outlined below, are works in progress and are set to be installed this Autumn, and will be followed by a formal launch of the trail!



Artist Lead David Powell said: 'The finishing touches are currently being put to the 8 community sculptures for the trail. It has been a long, interesting, inspiring and informative journey bringing the work informed by the programme of workshops and the community consultation to life. Each workshop participant had their own ideas and their own take on the Bruce and the 750 project.

As an artist, the process has been both challenging and inspirational, working directly with schools groups and communities to initially design and then establish suitable sites for the works. The 8 community sculptures reflect either the ideas produced in the workshops or are a direct interpretation of the designs produced by individuals from the communities in which they will be sited. Challenges have included designing works that

will not only last 25 years but have a relevant connection to either Bruce or the village in which they will form part of Bruce's Web. Each piece is quite different in form, some are abstract some clearly representational hopefully one or two may bring a smile to your face as the original designs did in the consultations. From Fish to Coos to the Ettercap; the works reference our communities in the past in the times of the outlaw king.

The sculptures and AR trail will take you on a journey around North Carrick from the Bruce's landing on the beach at the Maidens to his birthplace at Turnberry, Baptism at Kirkoswald and, at Straiton, the road to battle at Glentrool. From farm to fishing, folk tales to battle; weave your own web as you wend your way around the artworks on the trail.'

The accompanying app is in the final stages of testing now, with some more visits to local primary schools arranged for user feedback! The app will soon be available for both Android and iOS devices and will include lots of key information about the area, and even some exciting deals and discounts for an array of local businesses!

To find out more about the new public art trail, which has been funded by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund and NCCBC, email admin@nccbc.org.uk

More information will soon be made available on <https://www.northcarrick.com/bruces-web/>



North Carrick Parish Church of Scotland

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Dear Friends

I write my first letter as Interim Moderator of North Carrick Parish Church which came into being on 1st June 2024. This currently comprises the former Crosshill, Kirkoswald and Maybole Parish Churches and we sit in a Deferred Union with Kirkmichael Linked With Straiton as they have an incumbent Minister, the Rev W Gerald Jones.

The three former congregations have through the united Kirk Session chosen Office bearers as follows:

SESSION CLERK LYNNE RANKIN
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With most of these posts, however, there are representatives of the other two congregations who formerly held these posts as deputs to provide continuity of communication and local knowledge. The plan is to involve as many as possible all the time. I have been very encouraged by how well all elders from all congregations have worked together – there is a positive fellowship in the Session and I hope and pray that will translate into the congregations too.

At the same time, we have begun the work of vacancy which involves all five Kirk Sessions and Congregations even though any minister called will only serve the three congregations until the other two fall vacant. The Kirk Sessions voted to depart from the traditional pattern of ministry in the sense that the vacancy will be open to ministers of both sexes who are in same sex civil partnerships or marriage to apply. We have been compiling a draft Parish Profile which describes what the new larger North Carrick Parish will look like and the next step is that the Kirk Sessions will meet with representatives of Presbytery this month. We shall then move to elect the Nomination Committee who will advertise for a new minister. You will be involved in that election and will be given two weeks notice of the meeting which may be on a Sunday after worship if Presbytery can arrange sufficient representatives to cover the 5 congregations that day.

Can I reassure you that you will be kept informed of what is happening at each stage. We look forward with hope that we shall be able to call a new minister at the earliest opportunity.

Please support your new office bearers and congregation and even if change is challenging, see



it as a positive move for North Carrick. At present we do not have a Locum although we have regular people to cover services, and are fortunate to have two worship teams.

If you have any questions or needs at any point, please do not hesitate to contact me as below.

I look forward to working with you towards a successful completion.

With every blessing, **Paul R Russell**
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[with answering machine if not at home]

Kirkoswald members and friends had a pop-up charity shop for 2 days in Maidens Hall followed by a week in Maybole. Thank you to all who helped, donated and bought our bargains. A grand sum of £1305 was raised for church funds. Maidens summer breakfast services went well. A big thank you to Rev Connie Bonner and her husband Clive for taking these services.

Recover Ayr once again came along to Kirk Wood at Kirkoswald Church and did a huge amount of path clearing and border tidying up. Members and friends came along to help with gardening and to provide and serve lunches for all. They hope to return on the first Wednesday in November so if you would like to join us, please come along.

Kirkoswald Guild will meet on the second Wednesday in September and thereafter become part of North Carrick Parish Guild meeting in Crosshill on Monday 30 September at 2pm. All old and new members welcome.

Crossraguel Community Choir meets in Kirkoswald church hall once a fortnight on a Wednesday evening from 7 till 8pm. New members welcome, our next rehearsal is on Wednesday 18 September 2024.

Is it too early to mention Christmas?
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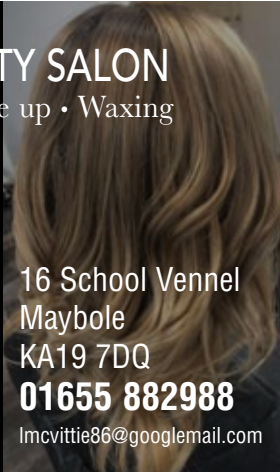


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Explore the Spooky Side of Maybole this Halloween

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Dare to explore the Haunted Streets of Maybole this Halloween?
Discover the eerie tales of witchcraft, ghostly apparitions and
cannibals. This spine-chilling walk is ideal for thrill-seekers and
history buffs alike. Costumes are encouraged to keep evil spirits
away!

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AND END AT KA19 YOUTH HUB**

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Are you brave enough to discover
the history behind Halloween with
a scary stroll around Maybole?
Then come along to this special
collaborative event this
Halloween.

Maybole Regeneration, The
Carrick Centre, KA19 Youth Hub
and Carrick History Society are
joining forces to give the
community something a bit
different this year.

Starting at the Carrick Centre,
guests will be able to meet up
comfortably and partake in
refreshments before being led
around the town in groups. There
will be stops along the way where
you will learn about the different
aspects of Halloween from days
long past.

Along the way, you will visit the
Town Hall and the old Maybole
Churchyard Cemetery where
there will be a few surprises!

Young people will be able to join
the fun at the KA19 Youth Hub
on the final stop on the tour
where they can enjoy spooky
snacks, devilish drinks and
ghoulish games!

**Tours start at The Carrick Centre
from 5pm, and then every 20
minutes. Dressing up is
encouraged and the entire event
is absolutely **FREE!****

Straiton News ●

September has started and we are into the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" as described by John Keats. Where did the summer go, or as so many are saying where was the summer? Weatherwise it seems to have been weeks of unrelenting rain but, looking back, we did have the driest June of recent years and July had under average rainfall. However, May had twice the average rainfall despite a dry first half and August had a whopping 9 inches of rain, again twice the average for the month. We'll hope for a mellow and drier autumn!

In May there was a christening held in the church when the infant son of Steven and Louise from Bennan was welcomed into the church community. At the beginning of June, Communion was held and a week later there was a vote on the deferred union which the congregation voted to support. This means that when our minister retires, Straiton linked with Kirkmichael will unite with the North Carrick Church which comprises Kirkoswald, Crosshill and Maybole. On the 30th of June we celebrated with our minister, Gerald, his 40 years in the Ministry. Rev. Dr John Lochrie shared the service and, in his address, paid tribute to Gerald and his long service. Jim Kirk, long standing elder and previous session clerk, also paid tribute to our minister for his long service to our community. Well done good and faithful servant was the overarching theme.



Also, in June we had the annual sponsored walk in aid of church funds. This was well attended by members of the community and proved to be a very successful event. Walkers are always pleased to arrive back at the hall where there is always a very welcome supper and a chance to share fellowship.

As usual, the guild had the plant stall at Straiton Show and, as usual, it was a very successful day. There are always plenty of varieties to purchase and lots of useful information on where to plant and what to expect. The hall committee did an absolutely wonderful job of the Show Day Teas providing sumptuous sandwiches and the most delicious home baking. It is obvious from conversations that some people travel to Straiton especially for the teas on show day. An innovation this year was the boxes

which could be filled to take away for a picnic on the field and these went down a treat too. A well-deserved successful fund raising event for the hall. Andrew Kay of Gass, was a judge of the Black Face Sheep section at the Omagh Show. Andrew is well known and highly respected in the farming world for his own successful breeding and showing of Black Face Sheep.

Cosy Corner began in the hall again at the beginning of September. Is this an indication of the nights drawing in and an autumnal chill in the air?

The Straiton quiz teams continue to have success when pitted against our neighbouring communities. Recently the two teams took first and second places at an evening hosted in Crosshill.

The community said good-bye to three well known and respected members in the past few months. In June there was a lovely memorial service for Joanne (Jo) Watson who was the wife of Scott Watson. Joanne's life may have been short, but didn't she pack such a lot into it. She had a well lived life creating many beautiful memories for her family and friends.



Robert McTaggart's funeral was held in August when many friends and family members gathered to pay their respects. Robert was a farmer who was never happier than when tending to or talking about his livestock. He was a good neighbour and always had time for a blether when anyone called at the farm. Robert was enjoying a well-earned retirement, sadly curtailed after a short illness.

The whole community was shocked and saddened by the tragic accident which claimed the life of James Murdoch, a well-respected and well-loved farmer. James was a gentleman and a gentle man who loved the countryside and all it contained. Not only a good steward of the land but also one who gave back to the whole community in so many ways. His standing in the wider world was demonstrated by the number of people who came from near and far to pay their respects. James was the epitome of the old saying, "Manners maketh man" and is missed by so many in so many different ways.

Finally, we look forward to The Gaiety on Tour on Friday 27th September when the Dixieland Jazz with The Rhythm Kings will provide an evening of music in the McCandlish Hall.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING HUB'S

summer of festivals

The first of our festival appearances came in June when we were invited to create a healing area for the Maidens World Oceans Day festival. Working from bell tents on the seafront, we brought holistic therapies such as massage, reflexology, sound healing, meditation and group drumming workshops to festival goers on the second day of the event. Our volunteers were kept busy all day with many people enjoying a spot of wellbeing and relaxation, and we were able to chat to everyone about the work of the Hub and what we have to offer to those in our community. The sun shone and it was a great day, with many happy faces after their taster treatments and group workshops.

Planning then got underway for our first big Festival here at the Hub's base in Maybole. "Festival of Wellbeing – a place for everyone" was a dream we brought to life with the support of Destination South Ayrshire and the fundraising from our week in the charity shop where our volunteers did a wonderful job of generating funds for the work of the Hub.



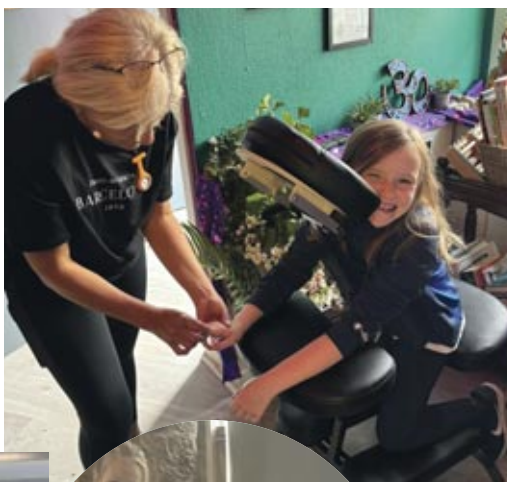
On Saturday 3rd of August, we opened the doors to a queue of people already arriving to enjoy a full day of events. We had a wide variety of activities to suit all ages and abilities taking place in both our upstairs and downstairs area. Over 100 people came through the doors over the day to enjoy craft workshops, herbal tea making, dub yoga, group drumming, sound baths, gut health workshops, and endless refreshments, cake and chat! The festival's grand finale was the Celtic Kirtan band's performance, who brought their unique sound to Maybole. A full audience enjoyed the uplifting mantras, and the band kindly brought gifts of books for all who were there.

A lovely aspect of the day was that the event was staffed throughout by a full team of volunteers who made sure everyone was welcomed, knew what activities were on offer and had plenty of tea and human connection. Many of our volunteers have come through hub sessions themselves or attended classes at The Centre and all were happy to give

back and make sure others had the same warm welcome they remembered. We were especially proud of our past Hub clients who built their confidence so much they were sharing their passions by running workshops on the day. They wouldn't have believed they could do this a year or two ago, but they were fantastic and so many people have asked

if they will do more in the future.

So, what's next for the Hub? Once again, we focus on finding the funding to help those in our communities who need it most. We were recently invited to speak at South Ayrshire Health & Social



Care Partnership's Mental Health & Dementia engagement event at UWS, and had the opportunity to join the consultation workshops, where many organisations from across the county came together to help shape the new strategy.

There was a lot of great conversation about bringing wellbeing into focus earlier and working together to avoid more people getting to crisis point. We are currently working on funding to enable us to extend our hugely successful referral scheme to teenagers, and work with them to improve their mental health and wellbeing at an early intervention stage.

We will be holding a psychic night at the Carrick Centre on Friday 8th November as a fundraiser for the Hub's work – follow Community Wellbeing Hub on Facebook for more news on tickets and please do come and support us on the night.

As always, the Hub is here to reach out to as many of our community as we can, and we expect a busy run up to the winter period continuing our work here in the Carrick area.

Carrick History Society

Bruce 750 Festival

We were delighted to have been able to provide a tea tent at the Bruce 750 event this year. Before that, there was a scone making session with some of the Trustees. Well over 100 scones were made for the event. Humeston Byre very kindly donated milk for our tent and this was gratefully received. Well over £500 was raised and this will go towards the work of the Society. We were also delighted to receive £1700



from Assel Valley Community Renewables Society which was our contribution to the fantastic Bruce 750 event this year.

The Gatherings

We recently rented The Gatherings for three weekends and tried our hand at selling Art and Antiques. We were delighted with the support from the public. Our thanks go to those who made purchases in the shop as well as everyone who volunteered their time to work in the shop. Our thanks too, go to the local artists who provided their works for sale in the shop and those who donated their antiques and collectibles for us to sell. Almost £1000 was made during our time in the shop.



Former Maybole Post Office

Following our recent public consultation into taking on the former Post Office Building in Maybole, work continues in the application to the Scottish Land Fund.

This is likely to be a lengthy process but we shall endeavour to continue with this, and updates will be provided on our social media pages.

Dunure Festival of The Sea

We were delighted to be part of the recent Dunure Festival of the Sea where our Trustee, Elija Maus, displayed the work he has been doing recently. Elija spent around fifty hours recreating Dunure Castle as a 3D digital Model as it would have looked during the medieval period. Visitors were delighted to be able to understand how the castle may have looked as people normally only have the ruin as a guide. Elija used the remains of the castle as well as sketches and topographical maps to bring the castle back to life. Elija's efforts were showcased in the Ayr Advertiser and he was even interviewed for a news programme on That's TV Scotland!



Join as a Member

We are always looking for new members! Join today at an annual fee of £12 (Only £1 per month!) visit www.carrickhistory.scot for more information.

Maybole Regeneration Project



Maybole Heritage Weaving project

Our summer break is over, and we are back weaving away to complete the project. There is still time for you to join in. No experience is required and it's a great way to learn a new skill, meet new people and learn about Maybole's diverse and fascinating history. The finished project will be exhibited in early December. More details on this are to follow.

If you want to join in or learn more contact Maureen on **07952 983596** or email **mcelroy54@gmail.com**

Town Hall Talks

Thanks To Simon Glendenning, Maureen McElroy and James Brown for providing a series of Evening talks on Crannogs, Maybole's Industrialisation and Crossraguel Abbey. Also, a big thanks to GAB Audio for providing the sound and tech support. If you missed them, videos of the talks will be available soon.

More talks are being planned to take us up to Christmas. Watch out for posters around town and Facebook updates.

Hellos and Goodbyes – A team update

Andie Cooke our Project lead has temporarily left us on maternity leave.



Congratulations to Andie and her family on their new family addition.

Please welcome Shirley Johnstone who will be Project Lead in Andie's absence. She brings a wealth of experience in delivering major projects.

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AYRSHIRE SMALL SCALE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME 2024/25

The GSAB Partnership announced in August the launch of the second round of funding for small scale tree planting, in a programme that has been extended this year to cover East as well as South Ayrshire within the UNESCO Biosphere region. Backed by funding from South Ayrshire Council, Scottish Forestry, The Woodland Trust and Girvan-based Biosphere Certification Mark awardee Land Energy, the programme aims to build on the success of the pilot scheme that ran through the 2023/24 planting season. Increasing native broadleaf tree coverage supports wildlife and habitats as well as carbon capture and Net Zero goals.

The Ayrshire Small Scale Tree Planting Programme is also designed to improve accessible green space, benefiting local communities and boosting recreation, health and wellbeing. The grant programme offers financial support of up to £1,000 to plant trees on areas less than 0.25 hectares, covering up to 100% of material costs including plants, shelters, tree guards and fencing materials, with potential labour costs also covered for non-profit organisations.

Applications for tree planting grants are open until 17 March 2025, and interested parties can find out more and apply at www.gsabiosphere.org.uk. Anyone who would like to discuss a tree planting idea, project or plan in more detail before applying is warmly invited to get in touch with the Biosphere's Nature Recovery Officer, Antoine Lemaire, via antoine@gsabiosphere.org.uk.

Biosphere: Good for Business

The GSA Biosphere Partnership has an energetic Business Development team who work to support all enterprise sectors across the UNESCO region. One of the charity's initiatives is the Biosphere Certification Mark, a trademarked accreditation scheme which recognises outstanding work towards sustainability. Among the most recent Certification Mark awardees is Little Peru, a glamping-and-alpaca-trekking attraction near Maybole. Within their 'Think Global, Act Local' approach to operations is a variety of eco-positive practice including rainwater collection for the alpacas' drinking water, vegetable beds supplying seasonal produce for guests, EV charge points, and on-site planting that supports birds, pollinators, and other wildlife, while making Little Peru an especially beautiful place to stay.



The Biosphere Certification Mark is a great way for business and social enterprise to connect with the UNESCO Biosphere designation, which is recognised worldwide for signifying places of incredible natural and cultural heritage value, with a host of opportunities for research, innovation, and sustainable development. The Biosphere's benefits to business in South Ayrshire and elsewhere include global destination marketing campaigns through Scotland's UNESCO Trail, which has won several European awards for its focus on slow tourism that positively impacts local communities. Certified businesses can access one-to-one business development support, networking events, and press promotions, and are featured in the Biosphere's online Sustainable Business Directory, visited by thousands of users each month. All this for no cost – the Biosphere Certification Mark remains entirely free, with applications open all year round.

More information on the Certification Mark scheme and the organisation's other accreditations for Biosphere Guides and Sustainable Events is available on the website or by emailing

info@gsabiosphere.org.uk. And don't forget: if you have family or friends thinking about a visit to North Carrick or the area around, remind them that the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere has been acclaimed by National Geographic Traveller UK and Rough Guides as one of the coolest places in the world, and a must-see destination for 2024!

Head to the 'Explore' page on www.gsabiosphere.org.uk to discover bookable experiences, guided tours and ideas for fantastic days out including nocturnal adventures in a Gold-Tier International Dark Sky Park, ideal for an autumn or winter break when the weather is crisp and the Biosphere's skies are filled with stars.

1st Crosshill Guides & Rangers

1st Crosshill Guides & Rangers have started back, meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm in Crosshill Community Centre! Open to girls from all over the area!

We have a few spaces in both units! Guides is for age 10-14 and Rangers 14-18. We are particularly looking to get the word out to any Ranger aged girls!

Crosshill Rangers is a small group, and it is very chilled out, where girls do all kinds of activities while making new friends. There are loads of opportunities for qualifications and travel for those who are interested, and it's a safe space for girls to just hang out together and have a laugh.

Drop us an email if you have any questions!

1stcrosshillrangers@girlguidingayr-shiresouth.org.uk

Read more here:

www.girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk

We have already enjoyed some fabulous activities this term, including a lovely day orienteering, paddleboarding and canoeing on the River Ayr with girls from Girvan Guides and the team from Dolphin House. We are looking forward to our District Day at Nether Auchendrane at the end of the month, and our 'Highland Adventure' – a weekend trip to PGL Dalguise in October which we have been fundraising very hard for over the last year!

Girlguiding
Carrick District

FOR ALL GIRLS AGED 14-18

RANGERS IS YOUR SPACE

Rangers is Girlguiding for teens – a chilled out place where you can be yourself and make new friends. Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up with good friends, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about. It's the freedom to be more independent, earn qualifications, badges, awards and to do what makes you happy.

Rangers
Carrick District

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Guides
Carrick District

Rangers
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Introducing...

Maybole Events Committee!

Welcome to **MEC**
launched in February 2024,
we are a dedicated group
of volunteers coming
together with a shared goal
of making a positive impact
in our community, including
the 12 surrounding villages.

Our mission is to raise
funds for local events and
projects but mainly to bring
back Maybole Gala Day
2025!



We invite everyone to get involved, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word. We are also working with local organisations and together, we can make a meaningful difference in the interests of social and mental welfare for recreation and leisure. Let's support the causes we care about and create a lasting change in our community.

Ready to make a difference?

Join us! Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on upcoming events and ways to participate.

Watch out for...

18th October
Bounce Day

October
Halloween Movie Night

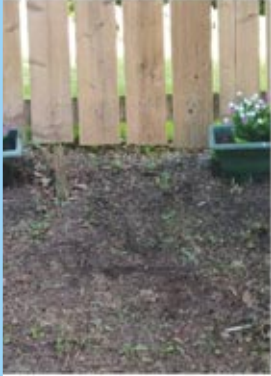
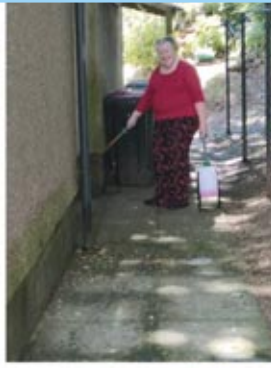
21st December
Christmas Panto



Our impact so far:

- **Donation given for end of term Neon Disco**
- **Craft day at Town Hall Gardens**
(Voucher Winner – Archie – pictured)
- **Crosne Street Clean Up**
- **Bruce Day Stall**
- **Bruce Day Disco**
- **Bounce Day**
- **Back to School Disco**





Please use the QR code to let us know your thoughts and what you want to see next!



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