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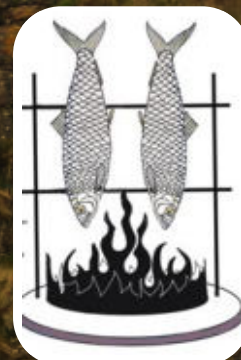
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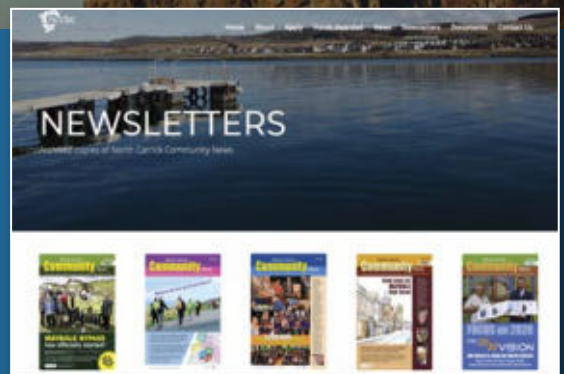
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Extra copies will also be left in various outlets in each community. Next deadline is **6th September**

Next board meeting: **August**

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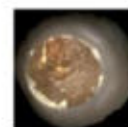


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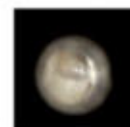


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NCCBC COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUNDING ROUND 4

NCCBC's Community Projects Funding has returned for another round in 2024, with each village encouraged to propose small projects for funding up to £6000 – where the village takes the lead on how they would like to utilise the funding and there is no need for match funding. Some village panels have decided to use their full award for a single important project, while others have invited groups to apply for a smaller amount. All of our communities have taken up the offer and we can wait to see some of the lovely ideas come to life. Read more below about how the communities have decided to use their funding thus far:

STRAITON The village groups and residents were encouraged to put forward suggestions as to how they would like to spend the £6,000 available to Straiton by NCCBC for 2024. Suggestions were collated and the following were submitted to NCCBC and were approved –

- New blackout blinds to be fitted to the new windows in the McCandlish Hall
- A new door and window frame for the Community Shop
- Plants for the village planters
- Dog poo bag dispensers and supply of bags to hopefully help with the issue of dog fouling in the village
- Chain nets for the Public Toilets to keep out birds and flies
- Start-up materials for a new weekly Kid's Craft Group
- Admin costs for CPF Panel

We are very grateful to NCCBC for this grant and look forward to installing all the above. *Eleanor Kerr - Panel Lead*

KIRKMICHAEL The seven person KCPF panel met early in the new year, reviewed the situation and agreed as to how to proceed with the allocation of the £6000 granted to the village and its rural hinterland by NCCBC. The procedure was similar to earlier years and involved advertising the fund via Facebook, a comprehensive leafletting exercise and approaching all known village groups/clubs.

On the submission deadline seven submissions were received totalling £9055. The panel then met to assess the applications. In the discussions it was established that two of the submissions (Bridge Club and Defib) could be funded separately from other sources. In two other submissions (Christmas lights and fridge for Café kitchen) the applicants were advised to reconsider the products they were considering.

As a result of these discussions the applications were brought within the overall budget and the following sums were agreed:

- Bowling Club - new mower for areas out with the green : £1900.00
- Community Café – New catering fridge: £700.00
- Community Shop – New Signage: £395.00
- KKCG – additional Christmas lights: £2520.00
- Toddlers play group – additional play equipment: £285.00
- Advertising expenses – printing and room hire: £111.00
- Contingency: £89.00

TOTAL: £6000.00

These proposals were submitted to NCCBC, happily approval was given, and the monies have now been released. The panel would like to express their thanks to all who were involved and helped in the exercise!
Kirkmichael Village CPF Panel

KIRKOSWALD MAIDENS AND TUNBERRY This year Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry are working together once more to allocate their CPF Funding. Their panel met to discuss a whole host of great projects. After a lot of discussion, the panel decided to offer funding to the below projects, however the KMT Development Trust hope to pursue several other projects with funding from other sources, which is great news for the communities. They also identified a few projects which they plan to pursue via the council, so watch this space!

Overall the funding agreed from CPF was;

- World Oceans Day - benefiting a wide range of local residents and visitors of all ages, running over 3 days, with benefits to all 3 villages. This is the second year of World Oceans Day and will aim to build on the success of the 2023 event - £6,000
- Corrieston Path - while this is a project which benefits residents of Kirkoswald in the first instance completing a circular walking route, this could just be phase 1 of a multi-phase project to improve walking routes around the three villages, with the next phases looking at the Ash Pad connecting Kirkoswald to Maidens and Culzean. - £7,000
- Hall Hires for community groups - This project was funded in 2023 and received an incredible level of support and requests for support to be continued. - £5,000
KMT CPF Panel

DUNURE Dunure's Panel have decided to allocate their full £6000 to progress their exciting plans for developing the routes around the village. Dunure's award will pay for consultancy for the National Lottery Heritage Fund Stage 2 Development for their Kennedy Park plans!
Dunure CPF Panel

The communities of Maybole, Minishant and Crosshill are very close to submitting their proposals for their CPF allocation, and we look forward to sharing their plans in the Autumn edition!

NCCBC MAIN FUND AWARDS

At the board meeting in May, NCCBC considered two applications, both of which were approved for funding. These projects were a new large screen TV for the Kirkmichael Stage and Screen Group who meet at the McCosh Hall in Kirkmichael. The second application came from Mochrum Angling Club for a specialist accessible fishing boat.

We look forward to sharing photographs of the groups' projects in the next edition!

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Straiton News

*"Happiness is a field of tulips, each petal
a burst of joy in the garden of life"* –
Emily Dickinson

Weather

It would seem that the past few months have been rather wet and cold but that perception is not exactly accurate. In fact February and March both had below average rainfall with February having some hail and some frosty mornings but April had double the average rainfall for the last eight years with only one week dry. We look forward to better, warmer weather for the late spring.

Straiton St Cuthbert's Church

The Easter service told the familiar story of the resurrection but no matter how often we have heard this story it still has the power to give hope to our troubled world. Mini Easter eggs and chocolates formed part of the traditional fare at the beginning and end of the service.

Straiton St Cuthbert's Guild

On a dreich February afternoon John and Charlotte Lochrie transported members to the sunshine, warmth and natural beauty of Africa on a trip which started at The Cape and ended in Cairo. This was followed in March by Dennis and Sandra Nutt who also took us on a journey, showing how they had created the most beautiful and varied garden from what had been borders and a field of grass. A labour of love indeed. Two very uplifting talks to end the current session. The guild will restart in October when we look forward to welcoming a range of speakers as well as members both current and new.

The McCandlish Hall

After very well attended and welcome Monday afternoons at Cosy Corners over the winter months it was decided to keep on providing a meeting place for folk to come and have a cuppa and a blether over the spring and summer. This too has been a success with just a very modest charge for tea/coffee and cake.

There was a well-attended meeting to inform the community about Development Trusts and the benefits that they can bring. Members of communities who have a development trust were present to give their experiences. A lot of food for thought.

A questionnaire was delivered to all in the community asking for ideas on how to spend the Community Project Funding from NCCBC, and responses had to be in for the end of March. The ideas were then collated and put to the village panel. Eight proposals were sent to NCCBC and approval was quick to follow. We look forward to seeing the results and thank the members who put in the work and time for this success.



The Straiton Farmers organised a very successful Sunday afternoon tea in the hall and everyone enjoyed the delicious goods provided.

Straiton Village Co-operative

The co-op had the charity shop in Maybole for a week in April to raise funds to keep the toilets open for the benefit of visitors and regular delivery drivers. Henry and his team of volunteers were flushed with success, raising just over £1400. Special thanks to Henry who organised the week and thanks also to all the volunteers who came along to help.

Tree planting in Spring!

Marguerite and Pat Hunter Blair were delighted to support Straiton Primary School by working with the children and staff to create a new native woodland. School Grove will provide an outdoor play space for the children, a haven for wildlife and educational opportunities across a whole range of subjects. School Grove is part of a developing woodland garden which has been established to benefit the local community and offset the carbon emissions for those who travelled from over 40 countries to the International Play Conference in Glasgow in 2023.



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The North Carrick E-Bikes are a fun and cheap way of visiting the many attractions in the North Carrick Area, such as Bruce's Web, Coastal and Forest Paths (including the National Cycle Network Route 7 passes through the region) and lovely villages such as Kirkmichael and Maidens, as well as the Culzean Castle.

E-Bikes can be accessed at various venues throughout North Carrick.

- NCBC Headquarters; Memorial Park, Kirkoswald Rd, Maybole KA19 7DX
- Kirkmichael Community Shop and Café; 9 Patna Rd, Kirkmichael, Maybole KA19 7PJ
- Maidens Bowling Club; 31 Harbour Rd, Maidens, Girvan KA26 9NR.
- Carrick Centre; Culzean Road, Maybole KA19 7DE



For further information please contact John at john@sacommunitytransport.org or on 01292 270864

The Community Food Garden: A Growing Community!

Now that we are slowly edging our way into Summer (the sun is shining on Maybole for the fourth day in a row as I write this) we are seeing growth of every description in the Garden and signs of new life everywhere.

Our membership continues to grow, and we welcomed two new members to the group in recent months. A big hello to Rhona and Ailsa. We are always on the lookout for any contribution of time, skills, know-how or energy. So, if you want to be a part of "a growing community" (pun intended) please come along to one of our weekly gatherings or contact us on Facebook.

Our little helpers from Culzean and St. Cuthbert's Primary Schools are now starting to see the results of all their hard work in the garden since January. As well as growing and planting seedlings in the wider garden, they also now have their own dedicated planting areas that are becoming greener by the day. Groups from both schools attend the garden every Wednesday and learn not just about growing plants but also about the environment, nutrition and our local wildlife. By the end of the summer, they should be able to enjoy eating food prepared from ingredients they have helped grow in an environment that they have helped create.

The other main group working with us are Ayr Recovery, who have been spectacular in landscaping the area to the polytunnel's rear and building a dedicated cold-frame and plant nursery area. They have made excellent progress so far and we hope to make use of the area soon.

Gardening activities this Spring have been varied and include:

- Propagating and planting out a wide variety of fruits and vegetables including root crops (potatoes, carrots, etc.), salads (lettuce, spring onions, radishes), brassicas and legumes.
- Moving and enlarging the herb garden to allow a much wider selection of herbs to be grown, including various mints, parsley, coriander, sage, rosemary, thyme, marjoram and chamomile.



- Starting work on a new rockery area, which will be an ongoing project this summer if you want to get involved.

As well as these traditional garden activities, we have



also been working hard to make the garden more beneficial to our local wildlife and a place to experience and learn more about it. There are several areas in the garden dedicated to wildlife and we have been working hard to improve the diversity of plants in these areas to make them more attractive. This Spring, the



focus has been on reducing the coverage of the more invasive perennials, such as Dock and Elder, and reseedling with locally collected seeds from Red Campion, Yellow Rattle, Vetches, Oxeye Daisies to name a few. There is a lot more to do in this area and if it interests you at all, please come along and find out more.



Finally, a big thank you to everyone in the local community for their support of the Garden this year and in particular to:

- Maybole Co-Op for their donation of £250.
- Spar/J.D. Camerons for their regular donations of bags of compost.

To find out more and to keep up to date on our activities, follow us on Facebook:
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Or come along and meet us at the garden:
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We've done it again!

Straiton and Kirkmichael Primaries attended the annual Cross Country Event at Rozelle Park on a very wet and cold day in March! The weather certainly didn't put off our runners with three of our pupils (Camilla Hamilton, Ewan Rodger and Skye Rodger) narrowly missing out on a podium place. We did, however, receive the Small Schools Award for the 3rd year running!



Dunure Festival of the Sea

Saturday 24th August 2024 will see the good folks of Dunure hosting yet another Festival of the Sea.

Harbourside venue situated on the stunning North Carrick coastal village of Dunure, is preparing for another cracking Festival! With an amazing Live Music line up, tasty fresh food offerings, cold drinks and ice-cream.

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 and 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 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Ayr Sea Cadets from their hard efforts, supporting and putting back into the local community of the Sea.



Come try rowing on the Skiffs, explore the rugged rock pools and coves, tap your feet to some magical music, taste some Dunure landed Lobster and soak in the freedom of this idyllic shoreline.

Put the date in your diary and make sure not to miss out! Oh, and tell yer Friends!

FISHERTON PRIMARY

Our school community have worked really hard to create a 'Nature Nook' in our school grounds. We have created a beautiful new space for the whole school and the community to spend time in. We are so proud of the ideas and planning that the pupils contributed to this. We recently held our Nature Nook open day to celebrate all the hard work of our pupils, volunteers and generous donators.

At this event the P7s talked to our invited guests about the work that has taken

place and the visions we have for the future of our Nature Nook. This space will be a lasting legacy for our 2023/24 P7's to leave for us to continue to care for and nurture.

The ethos and aims of the Nature Nook are as follows:

Within our school grounds we have created an area where we can enhance peace, calm and mental health; as well as improve biodiversity and create new habitats. We hope for

this to be a place for harmony and enhancing happiness in nature. Our aim is to encourage calm enjoyment and respect for the natural world, within a safe place for our pupils and local community. We wish for this to be an area that would be open and welcoming for members of our local community to visit.

We also hope to encourage the young people that helped create and care for this space to continue to use it and care for it once they have left Fisherton Primary. We aim to encourage

adults within the community to access and nurture the space and we would like to improve intergenerational links by inviting members of our community to enjoy the space and share their knowledge and skills with our young people.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the many people who contributed to our Nature Nook in some way, we couldn't have done it without you! *Thank you!*



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KIRKMICHAEL PRIMARY GOES DIGITAL!

Kirkmichael Primary have been working towards the Digital Schools Award this year, and have been learning all about digital technology. Here is a summary of what we have been doing!

Firstly, we were visited by PC McGinlay who shared how to stay safe online. This allowed us all to reflect on how we use technology to make sure we are all doing it responsibly. P3-7 took part in 'Be Internet Legends Day', and began to explore a range of topics such as phishing and cyber-bullying. During Internet Safety Day in February, we introduced Pupil Digital Ambassadors, and created a digital agreement for all pupils to follow when using technology within the school.

P5-7 have been developing their knowledge and awareness of different methods of Artificial Intelligence (AI). They have been looking at their effectiveness, and how they are used in real life contexts. They have experimented with the different software and evaluated the generated results, considering how these could impact their lives.

All pupils have enjoyed using a range of resources from the South Ayrshire Lending Library. They have had access to VR Headsets, Micro:Bits, Bluebots and Sphero Indi cars, and have enjoyed using these as part of learning across all areas, especially within maths and topic work. In May, we are looking forward to Digital Technology Week, where we will have access to technology like those listed above, and will have a focus on digital wellbeing. Stay tuned for progress towards our Digital Schools Award!

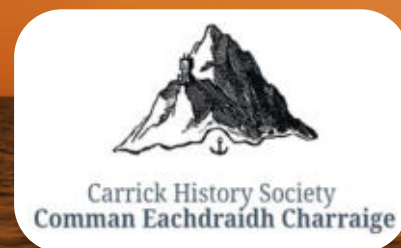


Carrick History Society becomes a Charity

We are delighted to announce that we were granted SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) status and are therefore a registered charity!

Our charity number is SC053228 and this can be used to find us on the Scottish Charity Regulator's register (OSCR).

Our first meeting as a charity took place on 30th April where Simon Glendenning was re-elected as Chair and Alison Martin was re-elected as Secretary. We also have a new treasurer and a total of five Trustees. Carrick History Society enters an exciting new phase, and we would like to take the opportunity to thank all our members and supporters to date!



Carrick History Society at The Gatherings

After our very successful week in the Gatherings in February, we are coming back! Pop in between 17th June and 8th July. We will not only have an exhibition, but we will also

be having a vintage shop! This will allow us to raise some funds to deliver future projects in Carrick. Check our social media pages nearer the time for specific days and times that we will be open. Looking forward to meeting you!

A Headquarters for North Carrick

When Carrick History Society is in South Carrick, the natural place to hold events would be the McKechnie Institute as it is the only museum in Carrick. We believe the time is right for North Carrick to have its own dedicated heritage space and this is one of the many things we are working on.

Membership: You can support the work we do by joining us as a member. This only costs £12 a year and this will allow you to have your say in our work. We will also be producing a newsletter and you can keep up to date with future events. Visit our website to join. www.carrickhistory.scot or alternatively, email Alison at secretary@carrickhistory.scot

KIRKMICHAEL CARPET BOWLS

Kirkmichael Carpet Bowls completed its first full season in April this year! With support from Kirkmichael Village Renaissance (KVR) and the Community Project worker in Kirkmichael, experienced bowlers Billy Thomson and Rab White facilitated the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions respectively. Kirkmichael Bowling Club were able to supply indoor bowls and KVR applied for funding from NCCBC to purchase a carpet. This was match funded by the Activity Fund attached to the Project Worker's post which was funded by the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

The sessions proved very popular with proficient bowlers and beginners to the sport. The numbers attending increased, and soon we needed a second carpet and a storage unit! The Carpet Bowls finished in time for the outdoor Bowling Season starting, and returned to McCosh hall in September.

Billy and Rab organised a league for the morning and evening sessions this year. Congratulations to Billy Thomson and Brian Calder who were joint top of the league for

the Tuesday morning group, and to Rab White and Billy Thomson who were top in the Wednesday Evening league. The outdoor Bowling Season is now underway, but the Carpet Bowls will return in September!





Kirkmichael Primary Football Team

Our school football team travelled down to Maidens to play in the McCrindle Cup. Our team demonstrated great sportsmanship and resilience and finished 2nd place overall.

Minishant Class 1

Class 1 took part in the South Ayrshire Youth Music initiative with Miss Green.

They took part in a nine-week programme, developing their skills; keeping to the beat, making different rhythms, singing in time to the music and listening to different songs to identify the instruments being played. Everyone had great fun when Miss Green visited!



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ROBERT THE BRUCE TRAIL IN NORTH CARRICK COMES TO LIFE

An outdoor trail and app to commemorate the 750th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's birth at Turnberry, North Carrick is set to come to life in the summer of 2024!

The trail - which explores Bruce's web- allows trail goes to discover nine pieces of outdoor art using the Bruce's Web app with fun augmented reality elements and gaming challenges!

CRAG Community Arts SCIO were awarded the contract to deliver Bruce's Web, a project commissioned by North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC), with additional funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Artist David Powell, renowned for his work in willow and steel, including popular sculptures at Culzean Country Park, Rozelle Park and Eglinton Park is leading the project.

The design process began with David and CRAG visiting six North Carrick primary schools to create designs for a piece of sculpture for their village inspired by the Outlaw King. The Team and pupils used drawing clay and wire work workshops to create their sculptural designs.

Thereafter community consultations were held in each of the eight villages; allowing local people to choose their favourite pieces of artwork, one that would guide the art piece that will be sited in their community.

It can now be revealed that the art pieces in each location will be as follows -

Turnberry – Sea Gate – The Birth

Dunure – The Fish & Fire – The Feeding

Kirkoswald – Droplets – The Baptism

Maidens – Landing – The Landing

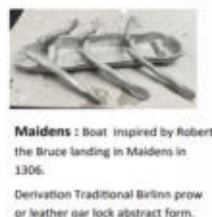
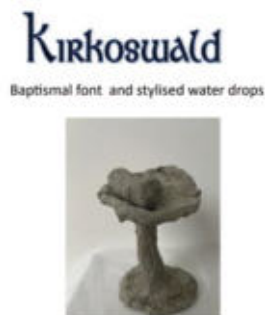
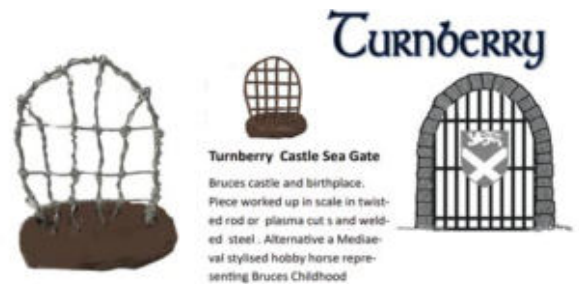
Straiton – Axes – The Camp

Crosshill – Whitebread Shorthorn Cow – The Grazing

Kirkmichael – Spider - Ettercap

Minishant – War Horse - Cogadh

Maybole – Mercat Cross with Lion of Carrick



STRAITON



Kirkmichael

Minishant



War Horse (Plough Horse) steel construct woven with living willow



Each piece will vary in scale and materials and will be designed to complement and enhance the natural landscape in a sustainable way. Trail visitors will have fun seeking out the artwork sites!

As the ancient Capital of Carrick, Maybole is set to have a special centrepiece to Bruce's Web. Already under construction is a 'Lion of Carrick' sculpture from renowned Turnberry sculptor John McKenna. This refers to Robert the Bruce being the Earl of Carrick; a title that is automatically given to the heir to the British throne – currently Prince William.



Bruce's Web Trail is one part of the Bruce 750 celebrations by North Carrick Community Benefit Company that includes a programme of celebrations. The Bruce's Web trail and app are set to launch late summer 2024 and there will also be an outdoor family event 'Bruce Festival' held in Maybole on Saturday 13th July.

Check out www.bruce750.scot for all the information.

Mark Fletcher, NCCBC Chair said of the celebrations:

'We are thrilled to be able to now announce the chosen artworks for the trail and would like to thank

everyone who has participated in and supported the project so far. As the birthplace of Robert the Bruce, North Carrick is an incredibly unique place and we look forward to launching Bruce's Web trail combining art, history and augmented reality during this special anniversary year.'

North Carrick businesses are also being encouraged to become part of the trail and can receive free promotional packs and virtual 'collector cards' for their premises. Businesses who would like to receive further information should contact admin@nccbc.org.uk

Artist David Powell of CRAG said of the project:

'This has been a fantastic opportunity to engage with local communities to draw out the children's ideas and get feedback on their designs. With the artworks being crafted to last 25 years, the trail is set to be enjoyed by locals, visitors and tourists as well as providing a lasting legacy for the communities of Robert the Bruce anniversary for years to come!'



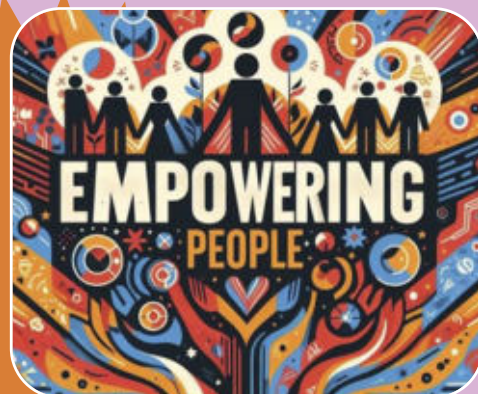
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Community Wellbeing Hub celebrates 3 amazing years

Community Wellbeing Hub is celebrating 3 full years of bringing wellbeing to the Carrick community, with our main celebration taking place on Thursday 30th May – we can't wait to share photos of this event in the next edition! We are looking forward to celebrating with new & old faces alike.

Our next update will also cover our healing area at the World Oceans Day festival! Visitors will have been able to try group drumming or sound bath session, or even have a holistic taster treatment!

Fundraising is always a priority and we are delighted that Jacqui Good and friends will be running a psychic night fundraiser for the Hub at the Carrick Centre on Friday 8th November. *Tickets will go on sale soon!*

On Saturday 3rd August the Hub will be open all day for our Wellbeing festival, supported by Destination South Ayrshire. Plans are underway to have a full day programme of classes, treatments and wellbeing activities for all ages and abilities. Save the date and come join us in Maybole for a great day out! We have also been very busy on the educational front – Anya has been in Kilmarnock College for their

'Beyond the Surface' event, talking to schoolchildren and students about holistic therapies and how to access the industry if they have a passion to make a career out of it. We were also happy to assist Ayrshire College with their clinical practice placements, and had four of their Holistic Therapies students complete their placement with us, getting a great knowledge of

Integrative Health and how the Hub can benefit not only the community but also the NHS channels who are able to refer into us to take the pressure off.

It's been another busy period facilitating group sessions for various council departments keen to boost their staff wellbeing. Billy McClean, Head of Community Health and Care Services included the work being done with his

teams in his latest Vlog and we are delighted that they have all benefitted so much from their visits to us and our work in the community.

We can't wait to kick off our fourth year, and it's onwards and upwards for the Hub – with more and more of our past clients retraining, a local life coach offering volunteer hours for clients, and funding applications in the pipeline, we look forward to continuing our journey with the people of North Carrick and beyond, bringing community and wellbeing to everyone who needs it.



The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Partnership will be out and about in North Carrick right through summer and beyond. Already this month, the team has joined in celebrations for World Oceans Day, which was especially meaningful this year following the Biosphere's boundary expansion in 2023. The UNESCO region now includes 12 miles of the marine environment, up to and including Ailsa Craig!

Faith and Ribh, two of the officers working in the organisation's Community & Education programme, attended the Maidens World Ocean Day Festival, delivering 'Blue Biosphere' activities to pupils from local schools. Children were able to investigate some fascinating marine creatures, examine natural items from the beach, and learn about how we can stop plastic pollution in our seas. A calendar of school workshops is in place to introduce the Blue Biosphere teaching resource, designed to help primary-age children find out more about underwater life and ocean habitats, and hopefully to inspire a lifetime of coastal connections.

The Biosphere's Nature Recovery Officer, Antoine Lemaire, was one of the keynote speakers at WOD 2024. Antoine recently led the South Ayrshire Small-Scale Tree-Planting pilot, a partnership project funded by South Ayrshire Council. The GSA Biosphere Partnership advised and resourced a range of projects, awarding grants totalling £4,000. Planting of broadleaf trees will improve green spaces, providing new habitats for invertebrates and birds, shade for fish in our rivers and burns, and lovely areas for local residents to walk and explore. The next round of applications for tree-planting grants will open in August, and any individual or group with up to 0.25 hectares of publicly accessible land that could benefit from trees is warmly invited to express interest at any time. Please email antoine@gsabiosphere.org.uk to find out more.

Now is the perfect time to take a look at www.gsabiosphere.org.uk for ideas on where to go and what to do over summer, whether you're looking



for school holiday diversions or ideas for how to spend vacation time from work. The GSA Biosphere Partnership supports and promotes sustainable outdoor leisure and the amazing cultural heritage of the UNESCO region, and has produced a range of free maps, routes and itineraries which feature nature reserves, historical landmarks, walking and cycle trails, activity providers, and much, much more. You'll also find a directory of accredited local businesses which have been awarded the Biosphere Certification Mark for being nature-friendly, low carbon, and community-focused in their work.

And as a final top tip: why not take a tour of the Biosphere Communities this summer? Eleven villages and towns have joined the scheme so far, aiming to develop sustainable living and community learning opportunities. In South Ayrshire, these include Ballantrae, Colmonell, Barhill, Pinwherry and Pinmore, with more in East Ayrshire and D&G. The Biosphere team would be delighted to hear from any North Carrick communities that would like to connect!

The Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Partnership is a registered Scottish charity (SC044137) delivering projects in conservation, education, enterprise, and climate resilience.

For more information on how to get involved and/or how to support the organisation's work, please email info@gsabiosphere.org.uk

CELEBRATE ROBERT THE BRUCE WITH US!

Why are we celebrating Robert the Bruce?

Our story begins in a small village on the west coast of Scotland called Turnberry. In this village stood Turnberry Castle, home to the Countess of Carrick, Marjorie.

Marjorie's first husband, Adam of Kilconquhar, died during the Eighth Crusade in 1271. Robert de Brus, 6th Lord of Annandale fought alongside Adam during the Crusade and was now tasked with delivering the tragic news to Marjorie.

Legend has it that upon seeing Robert de Brus and hearing of his news, Marjorie decided she would keep Robert captive until he agreed to marry her that same year. Robert and Marjorie went on to have eleven children.

On the 11th July 1274, as the sun shone across the Scottish countryside and the waves crashed against Turnberry Castle, Robert the Bruce was born. Robert was the third child of Robert de Brus and Marjorie, Countess of Carrick, but he was also their first born son.

Robert the Bruce led a very full and fascinating life in the 54 years before he died in 1329. Some parts of his life are well known like his victory at the Battle of Bannockburn, others not so well known like his love for eating eels, despite his physician warning him against it.

Robert the Bruce's story is a long and spellbinding one, filled with victory and failures, love and death, courage and determination and even a strong willed little spider.

His life is definitely one to be explored and celebrated, that's why this year we will be celebrating the 750th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's birth, right here in North Carrick!

BRUCE FESTIVAL

DATE

Saturday 13th July 2024

TIME

12pm to 5pm

LOCATION

Glebe Park, Maybole



To stay up to date with upcoming event announcements and follow us on social media and visit our website.



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WHAT'S ON AT BRUCE FESTIVAL

We are delighted to be joined by the wonderful crew from History Matters Ltd, to help us bring the story of Robert the Bruce to life.

Join us for a day of thrilling jousting, captivating history demonstrations, and fun activities for all ages. Learn about Robert the Bruce's life as well as the incredible history that North Carrick has to offer.

Take pleasure in hearing the unique and innovative twist to traditional Scottish music by Clan An Drumma, one of Scotland's best tribal bands.

Enjoy strolling along our craft fair admiring the beautiful and quirky products the local businesses and crafters have to offer.

Try your hand at archery with the Ayr Archery club and Axe throwing with Adventure Carrick and see if your aim would be good enough for battle.

Immerse yourself in Scotland's rich heritage and pay homage to one of its greatest heroes. Don't miss this unforgettable tribute to Robert the Bruce!

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This event is brought to you by the Bruce 750 team created by North Carrick Community Benefit Company. NCCBC is a funder and development organisation made possible by Scottish Power Renewables, which is focused on improving the area of Maybole and North Carrick! You can find out more about NCCBC's activities via our website: www.NCCBC.org.uk



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RABBIE & THE BRUCE

by Toria Cassidy and Neil Boyle



We debuted our custom written play at our Brucie Burns Supper back in January and it was a big hit! Everyone enjoyed the comical storytelling of what could happen if Robert the Bruce and Robert Burns were to meet in person.

So we decided to take our play from the stage to the screen!

In March we turned the North Carrick Community Benefit Company headquarters into our very own personal film studio. Using the main office as our set and the meeting room as our production area we got to work filming and directing *Rabbie & the Bruce*.

We had the pleasure of having one of the writers, Toria Cassidy, with us on the day to direct. Our amazing actors were the one and only Stephen Kerr and John McQuiston who played the original Burns and Bruce in our playlet at our Brucie Burns Supper.

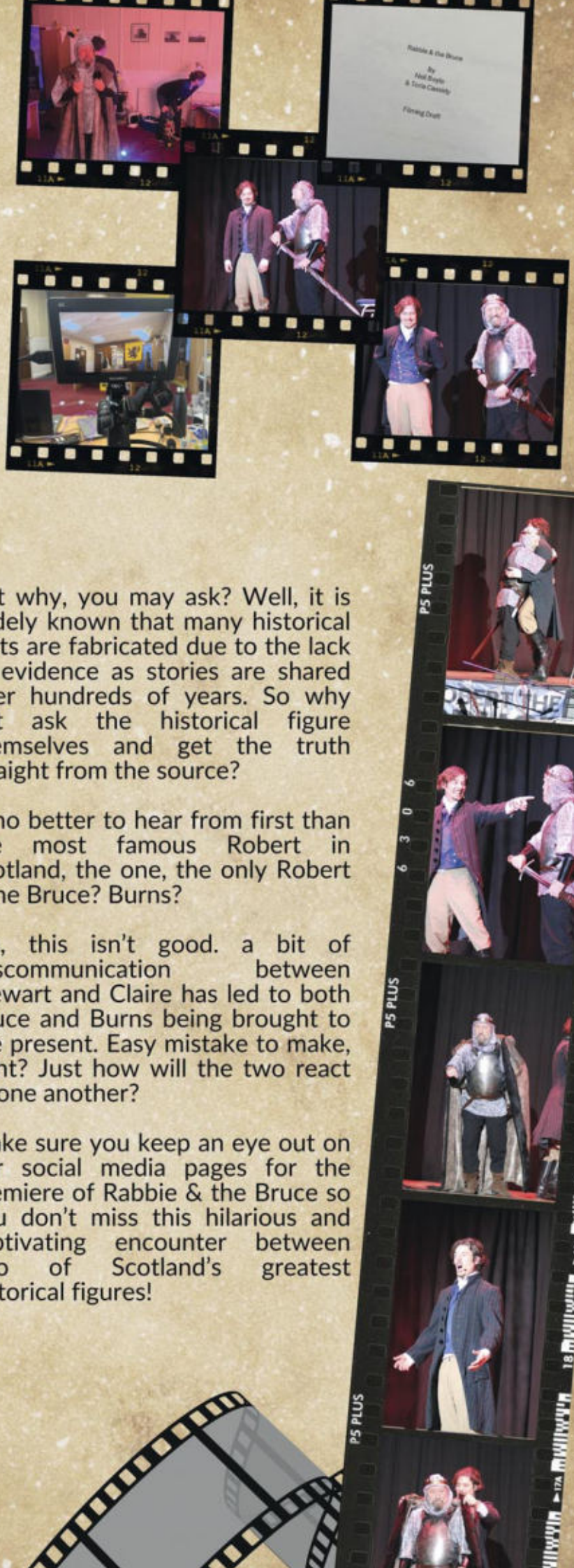
Rabbie and the Bruce takes place in Stewart and Claire's laboratory where they are testing their new invention. Their goal with this amazing technology? To bring historical figures from the past to the present day!

But why, you may ask? Well, it is widely known that many historical facts are fabricated due to the lack of evidence as stories are shared over hundreds of years. So why not ask the historical figure themselves and get the truth straight from the source?

Who better to hear from first than the most famous Robert in Scotland, the one, the only Robert ...the Bruce? Burns?

Oh, this isn't good. a bit of miscommunication between Stewart and Claire has led to both Bruce and Burns being brought to the present. Easy mistake to make, right? Just how will the two react to one another?

Make sure you keep an eye out on our social media pages for the premiere of *Rabbie & the Bruce* so you don't miss this hilarious and captivating encounter between two of Scotland's greatest historical figures!



THE STORY OF ROBERT THE BRUCE

Written by Simon Glendenning



Carrick History Society
Comann Eachdraidh
Charraige

PART ONE

Robert the Bruce was born on 11 July 1274, at Turnberry Castle, to parents Robert De Brus and Marjorie, Countess of Carrick.

Bruce's parents had an interesting first encounter. Legend has it Marjorie locked Bruce's father away and held him captive until he agreed to marry her, which he did in 1271.

It is well known that much of Bruce's childhood was spent at Turnberry Castle where he learned everything that he would require to one day become the King of Scots.

Bruce was an expert when it came to weapons and would often favour the battle-axe. Bruce was also a champion joustier and his skills in this craft brought him to the attention of Edward I, King of England.



After the death of Alexander III in 1286, Scotland was without a leader and with no heir, the future of Scotland was going to be complicated.

In the year 1291, a group of Scottish nobles decided to invite Edward I of England to a meeting where the future of Scotland would be discussed.

Edward was considered the authority figure outside Scottish jurisdiction whose guidance and input would be of great help. After all, Alexander III was Edward's brother-in-law.

While this plan was the correct step on paper, the Scots were unaware that after Alexander's death, Edward considered the relationship with Scotland to be over. Edward began to think of conquest and amassed a huge army at the Scottish border.

The Bruces expect Edward to suggest that Robert the Bruce would be selected as the next Scottish King. Bruce had impressed Edward with his military prowess and his jousting ability.

While Edward was indeed impressed by the young Bruce, he was well aware that Bruce could not be kept in check. John Balliol was chosen as the next King of Scots and in 1292, the reign of John I begins.

In the same year, Edward I declared war on France. Scotland is ordered to amass troops to aid England in battle. Balliol refuses and signs a treaty with France. This enrages Edward and an army was sent to Scotland to deal with the insubordinate King, John I.

Meanwhile, Bruce decides that this dispute is between Balliol and Edward and chooses to assist the English forces.

This is the first of many misconceptions around the idea that Bruce was a traitor to Scotland. As the Bruce family held land in England, it was in their best interests to keep Edward happy. Otherwise, the lands would be lost and the Bruce family would have no chance at the Scottish throne.

Balliol however, decides that this is an act of treason and gives the Bruce's land to John Comyn.

Edward tells Bruce and his family to hold the English Castle of Carlisle against the Scots. John Comyn then leads an army against them. This is the first hostile act in the Scottish Wars of Independence.

Edward's army advances to Berwick and shows no mercy as Scotland is taken in just four months. Balliol is physically and publicly stripped of his coat of arms and goes down in history as 'Toom Tabard' (empty coat).

Robert the Bruce then becomes the Earl of Carrick in the same year and with this, the battle for Scotland and its independence began.



PART 2 IN THE NEXT EDITION

Your new community shop – *The Gatherings*

For many years, this building was known as 'Maybole Charity Shop' and was an essential resource for local groups to fundraise.

Gradually the building got into a state of disrepair with flood damage from the flat above. The building was at risk of collapse and had to close until an assessment was made.

NCCBC saw an opportunity and purchased the shop in 2021 with match funding from the NCCBC contribution (made possible by Scottish Power Renewables) via the Scottish Land Fund and the Regenerational Capital Grants Fund through the Scottish Government.

Thanks go to all subsequent funders and Maybole Regeneration Project who helped facilitate the refurbishment of the shop and flat making it safe to use again.

The former committee decided to stay in School Vennel and a new committee was formed to make the new shop run in complementary way.

The stunning décor in the shop was created by students of the Kings Foundation Building Arts programme, based at Dumfries House. Their designs, creations and attention to detail really must be seen to be believed!

From the handmade wallpaper frieze showing the Highstreet, to the thread work leading on the windows, the students have captured the essence of not only the town, but the shop itself.

The name 'The Gatherings' was chosen as a nod to the shop's former use as a haberdashery and because its new use will bring the community together in different ways. Recently, the icing on the cake was completed in the form of hand painted signage above the shop front.

The shop has been designed as a multi-use community space that can be used as not only a charity shop, but for exhibitions, live workshops and retail. This year, we have already seen the different ways the shop can be used.

A UWS student rented the shop for their university filming project, Maybole Over 50s hosted a craft week, Carrick History Society had the shop as an exhibition space, and most recently 1st Crosshill Guides and Rangers were the first to use the shop to sell second hand goods to fundraise!

Shop owners on the High Street told us how lovely it was to have a bit of buzz about the street again! The groups using the shop told us they loved their time in the space too, which is fantastic feedback to receive. The shop has more bookings soon, so keep an eye on the windows for who will be in next, and follow our Facebook page at

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What's happening at St. Cuthberts Primary

The pupils and staff of St Cuthbert's Primary School continue to be very busy and active!

We have really enjoyed swimming at the new pool, cross country at Rozelle and a special Senjokai Karate taster. The McCrindle Cup Football Tournament, hosted by Maidens Primary, is always a highlight of the year! The sun was shining, and we all had a great day. A huge thank you to the McCrindle family and Maidens Primary for hosting us. Well done to all those involved. Our team were delighted to get third place.

We continue to experience lots of exciting learning opportunities, such as planting at the community garden, meeting the alpacas who came to school, listening to a real-life author at Maybole Library, baking and taking part in World Book Day! Recently, a group of our P7s took part in the Rotary School Quiz Competition for the first time and did very well. We are very proud of them.

In March, we held our very successful P7 Bingo fundraiser at Maybole Town Hall. A HUGE thanks to all that supported us by attending, buying raffle tickets and donating prizes. This was a real community event and our P7s are very grateful to all involved and extremely excited to be going to London.

We were very lucky to have Mrs Drennan and her daughter visit us to donate a plaque to commemorate her late husband Richard, who in 1973, designed and carved this wooden coat of arms which is our School Badge.

Our sacrament children have been busy preparing for their First Holy Communion after receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish them all the very best and look forward to sharing this special day with them.



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Before the Easter Holidays, we had our annual Daffodil Tea where we got to showcase our musical talents and creative designs. It was a great day, and we love welcoming our families and friends into our School.

A bounce session (Thank you to Carrick Academy for arranging), a visit from the Easter Bunny and friends, along with an Easter Egg from our Parent Council rounded the term off perfectly! We were ready for our Holidays and can't wait to see what the Summer Term has in store!



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Crosshill



Crosshill Crafters have been busy at their Wednesday meeting in the Community Centre. Our Easter project saw the ladies making a beautiful post box topper for Easter. Look out for more of our “yarn bombing” projects throughout the year!

Crosshill Crafters
We meet every Wednesday 1pm till 3ish
@ Crosshill Community Centre
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Copies of the North Carrick Community Newsletter are available throughout many North Carrick venues, if you need to pick one up, your main outlets are:

- Crosshill:** Village Shop
- Kirkmichael:** Village Shop
- Straiton:** Village Shop
- Minishant:** Minishant Stores
- Maidens:** Little K's Kitchen, Ropes Bistro
- Maybole:** The Carrick Centre, Library, Co-op, Spar
- Kirkoswald:** Souters, Kirkland Garden Centre
- Turnberry:** Balkenna Tearoom, Dowhill Farm Shop, Turnberry Holiday Park
- Dunure/Fisherton:** The Anchorage, Harbourside Coffee Shop & Aruna Arts & Gifts



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Maybole Marks First Eco-Day

The first Maybole Eco-Day took place on 11th May at St Oswald's Church, Maybole. The event, organised by St Oswald's Eco-Group and supported by the Environmental Group of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, aimed to bring together various community groups, champions, and organisations to foster collaboration and promote environmental awareness and stewardship.

Visitors learned about the work of North Carrick Community Benefit Company, South Ayrshire Community Transport and North Carrick E-Bikes, Maybole Over 50s, Carrick Community Food Garden, Maybole Community Clean-Up, Recycle AYR and Homes4Hens at Sauchrie Lodge. St Oswald's Eco-Group is grateful to all who supported the day. Considerations for next year are already taking place, get in touch if you want to be involved!

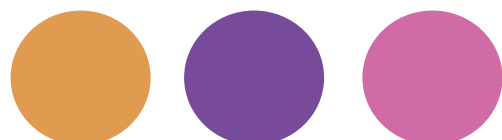
St Oswald's Church also celebrated a Silver Award from Eco-Congregation Scotland for excellent practice in caring for Creation shown in the spiritual life of the congregation, the practical action in engaging with the local community and global awareness of the climate and environmental crises. The award is the first of its kind in South Ayrshire, with about 40 church communities being awarded it to date across Scotland. St Oswald's Eco-Group is now working towards a Gold Award, hosting monthly events for anyone wanting to engage in environmental action and learning.

You can find out more about their work and get involved by contacting them at ecogroup@stoswaldsmaybole.org.uk or on the dedicated Eco-Group page on St Oswald's website: stoswaldsmaybole.org.uk/eco-group.

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Carrick Academy Time Capsule

By Simon Glendenning

It was the end of an era when the final part of the old Carrick Academy building was finally demolished. The commemorative stone from the old building was removed carefully (it is to be displayed in the grounds of the new building) and behind this was found a glass urn! A time capsule from 1925! The news was swiftly put on Facebook and the speculation began. What was inside? Jewels? Messages from 1920s School children? Or as one person suggested, ancient cans of Tennents Lager!

The real contents are possibly not as exciting as these suggestions, but they certainly are for a historian like me!

The time capsule was sent to the Ayrshire Archives where their expert team went to work trying to open it and preserve its contents. The lid of the vessel was very tightly fixed to the body and the team thought they might have to break it. Luckily with care and patience, the lid was prised off and the contents revealed!

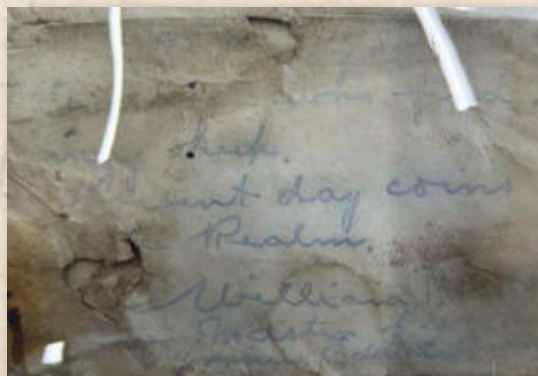
Unfortunately, after almost 100 years, water had penetrated the seal, and the paper items were soaking wet. Again, the team at Ayrshire Archives used their care to lay these paper items out to dry so that they could be preserved. After some drying time, everything was placed in Mellanex pouches (these are special archival materials that preserve paper). On 25 April, South Ayrshire Council released a video showing the Time Capsule contents to the world.

Here's what was found –

- An envelope that contained coins in use in the 1920s including a One Penny, One Shilling and a One Florin piece! Written on the envelope was '22 June 1925 To those who find may keep. Present day coins of the realm. William Reid, Master of Works, Ayrshire Education Authority.'

- ❖ Minutes from the Ayrshire Education Authority 31st March 1925

- ❖ The programme from the laying of the memorial stone on 22nd June 1925



- ❖ The latest copies of the Ayrshire Post, Ayr Advertiser and Carrick herald which all contain an article about the laying of the memorial stone ceremony.

- ❖ Several business cards from businesses involved in the school construction such as Redpath Brown & Co, John Meikle & Son, W.G. Dodd Ltd, John Service & Son,



WM. Govan & Sons, John Paterson & Sons, Walter Brown, A.D McLean and George Paterson. How many of these are still going?

Ayrshire Archives have done a wonderful job of not only opening the capsule but preserving its contents. I was the very first person to request a viewing of the items and I am delighted that these items are there for anyone to view. They are fragile and so they are in the best place. If anyone would like to view these, email archives@south-ayrshire.gov.uk and book an appointment.

Accession number for this collection is 24/006.

My thanks to Ayrshire Archive for their tremendous work!



1st Crosshill GUIDES & RANGERS

We have had a fabulous spring term including some exciting trips and an amazing two weeks in The Gatherings!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us while we were in the shop, as well as everyone who donated raffle prizes and came along to our Bingo and Quiz night! We have reached our fundraising target, which was to cover the cost of travel to our residential 'Highland Adventure' in Perthshire in the Autumn.

At the start of May we enjoyed a day out in Glasgow – visiting Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery and the Riverside Museum, and the girls were equal parts amazed and horrified by their first trip on the Glasgow Subway! Once back in the city centre the girls enjoyed a wander round the bookshop and burgers or fried chicken for tea!



Thanks to extra funding from the Good Guiding Fund and the North Carrick Locality Planning Group (HSCP) we are looking

forward to lots of exciting adventurous activities, trips and events. Do come and say 'hello!' if you see us on a stall this summer.



If you know a girl aged 10-18 who might enjoy Guides or Rangers, drop us an email to find out more!

1stcrosshillrangers@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk

We help all girls know they can do anything!



Crosshill Ranger takes home top award!



Huge Congratulations to Heather from 1st Crosshill Rangers who scooped not only the Young Volunteer award but the Overall Young Star award too at this year's Thriving Communities Youth Awards at Ayr Town Hall! Heather is a dedicated Girlguiding Young Leader, helping with Maybole Brownies while completing her YLQ as a member of 1st Crosshill Rangers!

We are so lucky to have so many incredible young members like Heather in Girlguiding Ayrshire South – she will make a fantastic leader one day!

☆ Overall Young Star ☆

Kirkoswald Parish Church



Guild

The daffodil tea had a great turnout and donations raised on the night were for guild projects. Entertainment by Hugh and Friends was very enjoyable. Seven Guild ladies had an outing to Boswell Coach House for lunch in May which everyone enjoyed and agreed they must do it again.

Crossraguel Community Choir held their end of session concert for friends and family raising £157.54 for Parkinson's Scotland. The Choir meets again in August every two weeks on a Wednesday at 7pm all welcome.

Maidens Summer Breakfast Church services commence on Sunday 14 July at 9am for 5 weeks. Come along for a short service and a breakfast roll, cereal and pancakes and of course a chat. We are very grateful to Rev Connie Bonner for conducting these services. Kirk Wood at the church is flourishing with the warm weather we are having so if you have some spare time for gardening please come along and lend a hand in this community space.

The rota for worship until the end of June:

19 May – Rev David Ness
 26 May – Worship Team led by Linda Stroud
 2 June – Rev David Ness – Sacrament of Baptism
 9 June – Rev Jeanette Whitecross – Sacrament of Baptism
 16 June – Worship Team
 23 June – David & Irene Lewis with Malcolm McNeil
 30 June – Rev David Ness

All are welcome to worship.
 Services commence at 11.15am every Sunday.
 Tea/coffee is available after the service on the first Sunday of each month.

For further information about Kirkoswald Parish Church please contact the Session Clerk Mr. John Dunlop 01655 760 641

North Carrick Parish Church Update

Some people would like clarification about the procedure and the stage we are at in the movement towards the union of Crosshill, Kirkoswald and Maybole Parish Churches. Subject to approval at all stages by the Presbytery of the Southwest, this is what is likely to happen -

The three Kirk Sessions from Crosshill, Kirkoswald and Maybole Parish Churches met on Sunday 12th May at 2.00pm in the Carrick Centre to finalise the procedure for the forthcoming union. This should take place in mid/end June when they will become North Carrick Parish Church and a new Interim Moderator will be appointed by the Presbytery. People will still be able to worship in any of their local church buildings but there will be one Kirk Session for the new parish.



Maybole Over 50's

Maybole Over 50's recently held their Annual General Meeting in St. Oswald's Church which was well attended by members. After the A.G.M. a light lunch was provided and then entertainment by MOF's Ukulele Group. Our annual bus trip is at the end of May, and we are sure everyone will enjoy visiting Peebles! As summer approaches our various groups continue throughout the summer and the groups are open to anyone visiting this area if they would like to join us. Our yoga classes on a Tuesday morning start at 9.30am with regular yoga, followed by chair yoga at 11.30am. Cost for each class is £5 throughout the summer whether you are a member or not. Yoga has many health benefits and chair yoga is especially good for anyone who doesn't have great flexibility. For more information on what is happening at MOFs please see our webpage www.mayboleover50s.org



Beachcomber

triple beach walk

Here's a gentle walk that takes in three beaches in our neck of the Carrick kingdom. It's about eight miles in length and can be shortened. It takes in Croy shore and both Maidens and Turnberry beaches:

Head for the free Turnberry car park at the junction of the A719 and the A77. Check times beforehand for the hourly 60 or 360 bus heading north. Go past The Culzean Castle main entrance and in 1.3 miles ask to be dropped at the gatehouse on the left on the top of Balchriston Road End. This quiet winding paved lane takes you downhill with great views to the sea and onto Croy Beach - also locally and mysteriously called Maybole shore.

Head left (south), past the twin Sagginwell cottages and eventually take the Ayrshire Coastal path ramp up past the Gas House monument exhibition to Culzean Castle. Here you have two options: either follow the curving Clifftop Walk to Maidens Beach or follow the coastal path arrows past the walled garden and then the swan pond and head straight down to the beach.

Either way, once on the beach, head left (south) to Maidens village. There is a cafe at the harbour with public restrooms. Walk on the A719 past Harbour Road and continue southwards for about half a mile. Then turn right and follow the coastline path arrows to enter The Turnberry Lighthouse Road. In about 400 yards there is a faded coastal path sign pointing left. It is next to the 14th tee. This is an agreed and safe path to bring you to Turnberry Beach with its sand, its curving shore and views of Ailsa Craig, Arran and the Kintyre peninsula. At the southern end of the strand, just before the burn, head left up a trail and you will arrive at the A719. Your car park is on the right.

The walk can be shortened by initially parking in Maidens and taking the hourly bus northwards from the village

Est distance: **8 miles**

Route: **gentle but with minor ups and downs**

Terrain: can be muddy after rain

Sights: **Culzean Castle, Maidens harbour, Turnberry Golf Course/Lighthouse**

Restrooms: **Culzean visitor centre (go up the steps at Sagginwell cottages), Culzean swan pond, Ropes Cafe at Maidens Harbour and Turnberry Lighthouse. There are no facilities at Turnberry car park.**

By Beachcomber

Maidens Primary School

Our Rights Respecting Committee and our Primary 7s have been working hard raising funds with our new healthy tuck shop. Pupils can choose from a variety of healthy options each morning. We are well on our way to achieving our desired total which will go towards items for the school. Pupils within the RRS Committee have already been creating a list of items they would like to buy!



The whole school enjoyed a litter pick around the local area for Earth Day 2024. We also took part in a discussion of what we can do to look after our environment and our hopes for the planet in the future.

Primary 1/2 have been growing vegetables in the polytunnel. They have a variety of things growing nicely such as carrots, potatoes, strawberries and sunflowers. They just harvested their crop of radish and everyone got to taste them. They were delicious!

They learned that they need to spread out their seeds to give the vegetables more room to grow.



We recently hosted the Eric McCrindle Cup. It was an amazing day, and we are so grateful to everyone who came along. A huge thank you to the McCrindle Family for sponsoring this annual tournament that brings the small joint schools together. We had a joint Maidens/Fisherton football team, and we were delighted to win the cup for the fourth year in a row!! It was an exciting day with a close finish as all the teams played so well.



Culzean Primary School

Sporting Achievements

Our Gymnastics team had great success at the South Ayrshire school competition. This was their first time competing as Culzean Primary and they all did amazingly well. Our Level 1 team placed 6th, Level 2 team placed 5th and one of P6 pupils placed 4th overall. Our school football team played games as part of the Joe McGil League Cup throughout the year. They have shown a fantastic team spirit, resilience and skill development throughout. They also now have their brand-new team strips which they picked and were kindly donated by Dalcon Limited.

Primary 5 had the privilege to be the first year group of Culzean to attend swimming lessons at the new community pool. They thoroughly enjoyed their lessons and developed their swimming skills.

Outdoor Fun!

Throughout the year our P2-4 classes have been visiting the Carrick Community Food Garden. Throughout these sessions they have been learning many valuable skills linked to gardening, biodiversity and where our food comes from.

This term we have been exploring and developing the use of our Forest School area. The children have enjoyed many activities related to the outdoors, such as den building, STEM challenges and nature walks to name but a few!

Music Maestros!

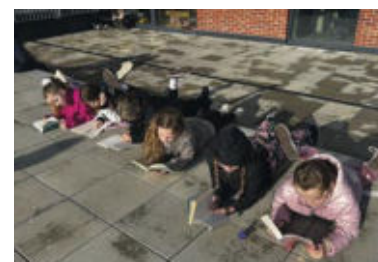
Our school choir had the honour to be invited to perform at A Night of Traditional Scottish Music held at Maybole Town Hall. This was a wonderful evening of music which was enjoyed by all who attended. A group of children have worked with Scott Nicol, a singer and songwriter, to write a new school song for Culzean Primary. They are now ready to record this masterpiece ready for it to be taught to the rest of the school. When it is available to listen to, we will let you know so you can sing along with us too!



Books, books, books

For World Book Day this year we dressed in bright and colourful clothes celebrating Elmer the Elephant book character.

Throughout the day, the children were involved in various activities including outside reading and a fantastic visit from local author Maggie Bolton.



Red Nose Day

One of our P7 classes led a variety of activities in aid of the charity Red Nose Day. They worked hard to ensure all activities were fun and engaging for the children. They also led a whole school assembly informing the boys and girls about the important work that Red Nose Day carries out with the money donated.

Growing Together KIRKMICHAEL – Cultivating Connections



The benefits of communal vegetable gardening extend far beyond the boundaries of the garden itself. Studies have shown that participating in community gardening can improve mental health, foster a sense of belonging, and promote physical activity – all crucial components of overall well-being in an increasingly fast-paced world.

A new group has been formed in Kirkmichael, with the idea of growing vegetables and herbs in raised beds that can be shared locally, it is also cultivating connections in the community.



Growing Together Kirkmichael developed from conversations about the potential to have a community allotment in the village, the polytunnel soon to be in place at Kirkmichael Primary School and bringing together the interests of some local residents in growing vegetables. The idea then grew to be a project to support the school with an initiative for the children and to support the community run shop and café with produce for soups and salads. Raised beds seemed to be a practical and user-friendly solution that would make gardening more accessible to all. With their elevated design, the beds would eliminate the need for bending and stooping, making them ideal for individuals with mobility issues and provide a contained environment that is easier to manage and maintain, allowing even novice gardeners to experience the joys of growing their own food.

A lawned area next to Kirkmichael Bowling Club was identified as an ideal location and the Club kindly agreed that the raised beds could be placed within their grounds. The Growing Together Kirkmichael group have in turn offered to assist the Bowling Club in maintaining the grounds around the raised beds.

To get the project 'off the ground', raised beds and soil to fill them was required. Morgan Sindall, the construction company at the new Carrick Campus were approached by the group to enquire if they

would be able to provide a community benefit in the village. Upon hearing about the project, representatives were on site within days in Kirkmichael and pledged to provide the materials for and to build raised beds for the project. They also offered to provide topsoil to fill them. Early on in May, Darren and Alistair from Morgan Sindall spent the day in Kirkmichael and built amazing, raised beds from top quality material. The company also donated a reclaimed table and benches to the project which will provide space for working on and a place to gather for a well-earned cuppa afterwards.

Growing Together Kirkmichael has received support from local residents who are going to supply seeds and plants. The group are excited to see how their project will grow and develop over the next year and strengthen the connections in the community between local residents, the Bowling Club, the Primary School and Kirkmichael Shop and Café. The founding members Brenda, Joyce, Lesley, Andy and Catriona are grateful to Kirkmichael Bowling Club and Morgan Sindall and would like to thank them for supporting this initiative.

Carrick Academy

Pre-Loved Prom Initiative

Carrick Academy's Pre-Loved Prom initiative has officially launched! We are so grateful to have received many lovely donations of suits, dresses, shoes, bags and accessories all of which are available for our young people to browse, try on and borrow for their special day. The initiative has been designed in a bid to help the environment and lower costs for families. The Pre-Loved prom shop provides quality second-hand items and can sometimes have a selection of brand new garments available for our young-people. If you would like any further information on this, please contact Miss Patterson or Miss Davidson at the school. We are also still welcoming any donations. Also check out our social media page, @carrick_prom on Instagram, where you can see some of the wonderful donations and any upcoming events involving our prom shop!



S6 Graduation Event

We said a fond farewell to our current S6 cohort on Friday 26th April. Our S6 pupils and their families were invited to a graduation event at the Carrick Centre. There were speeches from the HT, school captains and a fabulous video tribute produced by S6 pupils. The event, as always, was a great success.



Dance Winners!

Our dance group, who won the South Ayrshire Dance Competition, were invited to perform again at Dance Fest! They have performed at several events for South Ayrshire this session and always been a hit. They are pictured here with their S6 Dance Leader, Ellie, who has led them so brilliantly this session.



Purple Friday

Our LGBTQ+ group promoted the importance of diversity on Friday by wearing multi-coloured clothes, hosting a bake sale and designing a Carrick Academy Purple Friday badge.



They were supported by Miss Patterson, PT Guidance, and Kristoffer Gray, our Place2Be School Project Manager, and raised over £200 as a result of their efforts!

School Successes

Ms Degroote's lunchtime languages club won the chance to turn their storyboard into a short movie through the SEET film-making project. Entitled 'Skov', filmed on location in Dalrymple, Kirkmichael and Glasgow, our young team showed off their skills in Dutch, German and, of course, film-making!

Young Musician Competition

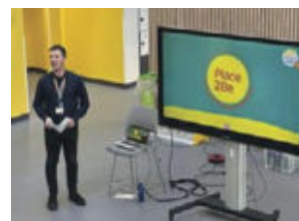
Our adjudicator decided on the winners and runners up in our Young Musician competition. This is a national competition, and the winners of both the junior and senior competitions will now compete in the South Ayrshire finals where the overall winners will progress to the RCS finals. Well done to junior winner, Aimee, and runners up, Lucy and Aiden! Also, well done to senior winner, Eve, and runners up, Thomas and Max!

Young Technologist

Congratulations to our S2 team of Aiden, Bronwen, Lara and Oscar, who won the Young Technologist competition at Belmont recently. We might need a bigger trophy cabinet! Well done to all who competed!

Junior Netball

Our junior netball team has been in training for the Ayrshire Schools Netball League. This is the junior team's first time competing in the league and they have been travelling all over Ayrshire to attend fixtures since October as well as hosting in our brand new facility.



Children's Mental Health Week

A number of activities were organised by Place2Be and our Reading Schools group to promote Mental Health and Wellbeing.

DYW Careers Event

Our S3 Travel and Tourism and Practical Cookery classes enjoyed a careers fair, within a 5-star hotel setting, showcasing the range of jobs on offer at the hotel.



The visit included a tour of the function suite, spa and a behind the scenes tour of the kitchens. It was also good to see lots of former Carrick Academy pupils, now in full-time employment at the hotel and impressing upon our young people the need to 'stick in at school' and secure qualifications.

South Ayrshire Youth Awards

The North Carrick Youth Voice group were nominated for a South Ayrshire Youth Award in the category of 'Project of the Year'. This was for their work in helping to consult and design the new Maybole Skate Park. Maybole Community Council successfully bid for Scottish Government money through the Place based Investment fund. North Carrick Community Benefit fund also contributed with funding made possible through ScottishPower Renewables. Working with SAC open space (PLACE) department a wish list of various styles of ramps etc was created. The North Carrick Youth Voice group then began a consultation of what equipment would be the most popular for the new skate park. The result is a fantastic new attraction for the area. The group are now working on a graffiti project and an open day!

The group made it through to the finals, and shown here is a group of them at the event. If you would like to join the North Carrick Youth voice group, contact yvonne.kiltie@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



North Carrick Summer Programme 2024

ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE NEW YOUTH HUB – WHITEHALL, MAYBOLE

WEEK ONE

Monday 1st July	S1 – S6 Drop In 1pm – 4pm
Tuesday 2nd July	P4 – P6 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 3rd July	P7 Transition 10am – 2pm
Thursday 4th July	S1 – S6 Trip TBA
Friday 5th July	Detached Youth Work/Drop in 6pm – 8pm

WEEK TWO

Monday 8th July	S1 – S6 Drop In 1pm – 4pm
Tuesday 9th July	P4 – P6 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 10th July	P7 Transition 10am – 2pm
Thursday 11th July	P7 Trip Farm Park 9.30am – 5pm
Friday 12th July	Detached Youth Work/Drop In 6pm – 9pm

WEEK THREE

Monday 15th July	Dolphin House Activity Day P7 and S1 9.30 – 4pm
Tuesday 16th July	P4 – P6 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 17th July	P7 Transition 10am – 2pm
Thursday 18th July	S1 – S6 Trip Flip Out 10am – 3pm
Friday 19th July	Detached Youth Work/Drop In 6pm – 8pm

WEEK FOUR

Monday 22nd July	S1 – S6 Drop In 1pm – 4pm
Tuesday 23rd July	P4 – P6 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 24th July	P7 Transition 10am – 2pm
Thursday 25th July	P7 Trip - The Time Capsule 9.30am – 4pm
Friday 26th July	Detached Youth Work/Drop In 6pm -8pm

Bookings for P4 – P6 contact: fergus.blair@carrickcentre.co.uk
Other activities contact: yvonne.kiltie@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



The Carrick Centre Green Journey continues...

The Carrick Centre was delighted to cut the ribbon this week on our newest green venture – Veloboxes or more commonly described as EV-bike, covered, lockable shelters. The Veloboxes are fully enclosed, with motion sensitive lighting and fit up to 12 bikes. They offer a secure solution to short or long-term cycle parking and are an effective way to protect bikes from tough weather conditions, vandalism and theft. There is also an optional space for a child's buggy attachment.

The Veloboxes are just the latest addition to the Carrick Centre's Green journey. As Board Chair Marguerite Hunter Blair explained, "Our Community Green Transport Hub was set up to tackle local service access issues, increase active travel and encourage tourism and visitor numbers to North Carrick. We have an ideal location near train and bus services with café and toilet facilities, and we have been working with South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT) and other partners, funders and contractors to provide the required infrastructure. Fast charging points have been installed and there will soon be cars and minibuses for hire as well as e-bikes.



Recent reports have highlighted the health conditions and concerns that are much higher in this area than in many others in Scotland. We want to make our community a healthier more connected place to live and by helping to cut carbon emissions, improve air quality and encouraging an active lifestyle we are doing our part to improve outcomes for our community.

Please come and take a look, maybe even rent a bike, you can get a takeaway from the café and go off and explore our beautiful North Carrick Countryside. For more information you can email us at info@carrickcentre.co.uk

Crochet and Chat at the Carrick Centre

Crafting skills are making a comeback as individuals are finding it useful to be able to sew and knit for themselves or their families. Developing your crafting skills may also be seen as a viable way of making money on your own terms and schedule. This was thinking behind a new group at the Carrick Centre, run by Katy Gaffney, a long-time local crochet/crafter, and her superstar sidekick Jasmine, who is only 11 years old, but a gifted crafter – and teacher!



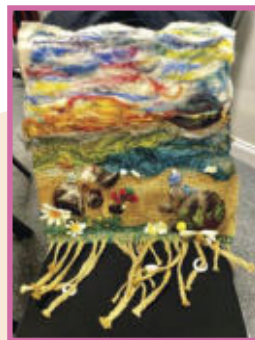
The group started in February and already has grown to sixteen members. While the purpose of the group is to develop craft skills, it also encourages individuals of all ages to get out of the house, meet with others and socialise. If you stop by on a Monday night you will hear the click of the needles as well as hearty chatter and laughter – did we mention that there is a wide range of ages all coming together, to learn and chat and have a cuppa together?

The group takes place every Monday from 6:30-8:30pm and new members, of any age and gender, are welcome to come along and try it out.

News from the Maybole Regeneration Project

Maybole Heritage Weaving project

We are four weeks into the project, and it is getting serious. We have moved from the practice looms to the actual project looms. Great progress from Maureen and her team of weavers. We also found out that you use a niddy-noddy to make a skein! A skein is wool, or yarn stored as a figure of eight/cylindrical shape rather than a ball.



Town Hall Talks

Thanks to Simon Glendenning from the Carrick History Society for providing an entertaining and informative talk about The Crannog of Lochspouts. Thanks also to GAB Audio Engineers for providing technical support and a big shout out to all those that came down to listen and support the event.

We will be holding more Town Hall Talks soon! Look out for details on the Maybole Regeneration Project's Facebook page and posters around Maybole.



Tacketty Boots @ The Alloway Tunnel Project

The beautiful Alloway Tunnel Project pays respect to Maybole's rich boot and shoe making history by including tacketty boots in the mural.



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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