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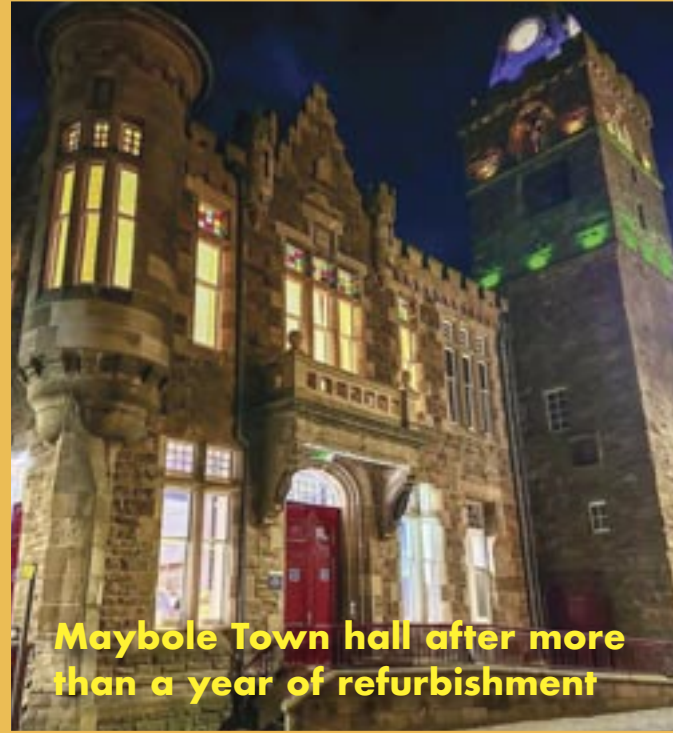
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of NCCBC and a director
of the company

DAVID KILTIE

M.B.E. JP

Sadly passed away on the
14th of November 2023

He will be sadly missed by so many



Maybole Town hall after more than a year of refurbishment



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and a HAPPY
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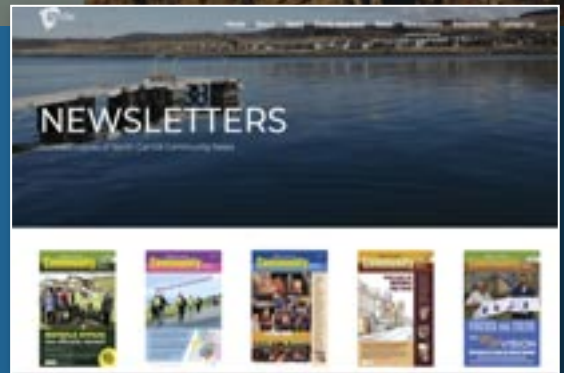
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We would like all communities and individuals in North Carrick to get involved with the production of this publication. This is **YOUR** newsletter, so please use it to your benefit.



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We want to encourage everyone to contribute. We also welcome your comments and thoughts on the newsletter as well as any ideas on what you would like to see more of (or less). We want to ensure the newsletter grows from strength to strength but we cannot achieve this without the participation of our readers and advertisers.

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Extra copies will also be left in various outlets in each community.

Next board meeting:
Tuesday 13th February 2024

DAVID KILTIE M.B.E. JP

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Kiltie M.B.E JP on the 14th of November 2023. David was a founder member of NCCBC and a director of the company since its inception and David was also the founder and editor of this magazine which he was rightly, extremely proud of.

David will be missed by all of us at NCCBC and our thoughts, prayers and best wishes go to his wife Margaret and the family at this time.



In the next edition we will follow on with a tribute to David and his lifelong commitment to the town, and his achievements as a true ambassador and friend, not only of Maybole but also of North Carrick and wider South Ayrshire.



News from Fisherton Friendship Group

The Fisherton Friendship Group has had a very successful start to the new session. The first meeting was a visit to the gardens at Lagg House near Dunure, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Greenall, on Friday 22nd September. The gardens are nationally recognised for their superb collection of hydrangeas.



The October meeting was a fashion show by Swoon and Luna Ladies boutiques in Prestwick in aid of the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. Alloway Church Hall had a packed audience of 120 who enjoyed the wonderful show featuring local models and raised the excellent amount of £1,260.



The next few meetings are as follows:

- Friday 15th December - Christine Logan will demonstrate Christmas floral decorations in Alloway Fellowship Lounge (behind Alloway Church) at 2.00pm.
- Friday 19th January - A taste of Burns following last year's very successful similar January event. It will feature talks and music of Burns from local performers at 2.00pm in Fisherton Church.
- Friday 16th February - Ayrshire Cancer Support will give a presentation on the wonderful work they do. This will be in Alloway Fellowship Lounge at 2.00pm.

The meetings last approximately 45 minutes followed by a cuppa, baking, and good chat for about another 45 minutes.

If you are interested in coming along to any of the above, please just come along. You will be made very welcome, or if you would like any further information, please contact **Helen Malcolm on 07801 556 594.**



Did you know we have thriving units across Carrick District for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers?

Get in touch to find out more, and meet the Units near you!

Contact our District Commissioner, Jodie on dccarrick@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk or our County Growth Coordinator, Sharon on growthcoordinator@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk



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4-7

Brownies
Ayrshire South
7-10

Guides
Ayrshire South
10-14

Rangers
Ayrshire South
14-18



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2023 Festive Arrangements

Please note that there will be changes to your collections over the Festive period, see the information below confirming which dates your relevant bins will be emptied.

Household Waste Collections

Paper and Cardboard (Grey Bin)

Scheduled Collection Date	Festive Collection Date
Monday 25th December	Saturday 23rd December
Monday 1st January	Saturday 30th December

Bins should be presented by 6am on the respective Saturdays

Plastic, Metals and Cartons (Blue Bin)

Scheduled Collection Date	Festive Collection Date
Monday 25th December	Saturday 23rd December
Monday 1st January	Saturday 30th December

Bins should be presented by 6am on the respective Saturdays

Non Recycling Waste (Green Bin)

Scheduled Collection Date	Festive Collection Date
Monday 25th December	Sunday 24th December
Monday 1st January	Sunday 31st December

Bins should be presented by 6am on the respective Sundays

Glass Bin (Purple Lid)

Scheduled Collection Date	Festive Collection Date
Monday 25th December	Sunday 24th December
Monday 1st January	Sunday 31st December

Bins should be presented by 6am on the respective Sundays

Food Waste

Scheduled Collection Date	Festive Collection Date
Monday 25th December	between Saturday 23rd and Tuesday 26th December
Monday 1st January	between Saturday 30th December and Tuesday 2nd January

Bins should be presented by 6am on the respective Saturday and left out until collection takes place

Garden Waste (Brown Bin)

There will be no brown bin collections carried out on Monday 25th December or Monday 1st January. Please refer to the online winter brown bin uplift request for this service. Did you know you can arrange for your real Christmas tree to be recycled for free in your brown bin?

You can book an uplift on our website www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/winter-bins or by calling 0300 123 0900.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Heathfield

Closed Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th December
Closed Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd January

Troon

Closed Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th December
Closed Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd January

Girvan

Closed Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th December
Closed Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd January

Maybole

Closed Monday 25th to Friday 29th December
Closed Monday 1st to Friday 5th January

Please remember that our HWRC's operate a booking system for South Ayrshire residents and booking can be made online at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/recycling-centres

Special Uplifts

Special uplift collections will stop on Thursday 21st December 2023 and recommence on Monday 8th January 2024.

Commercial Waste Collections

Scheduled Collection Date	Festive Collection Date
Monday 25th December	Tuesday 26th December
Monday 1st January	Tuesday 2nd January

If you are a commercial customer and you would like to book an additional collection over the festive period, then please call 01292 616436 before Friday 15th December.

STRAITON NEWS

The McCandlish Hall welcomed Northumberland Theatre Company, as part of the Gaiety on Tour, to a packed hall in September when they gave a performance of "Frankenstein". There were rave reviews of the company of three performers and their more true depiction of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.

In October the hall committee hosted a very successful Harvest Lunch. Scrumptious soup and sandwiches with, of course, a raffle proved a very good fund raiser for the hall. Well done to all who provided a warm, community event.

Thanks to Lottery Funding and NCCBC the hall had the long awaited new windows fitted recently and what a difference they make, smartening up the exterior and warming up the interior.

In November we look forward to the return of Cosy Corners to take us through the dark winter days until March.

Weather wise there has been the usual mix with August being quite dry but overcast. September started dry then had normal rainfall before going out wet and windy. October had below average rainfall with many days being seen as "typically October" – cool with clear skies.

The church had the normal Harvest Service with lots of fare to show the bounty of the harvest. Afterwards the produce was donated to the foodbank at The Carrick Centre in Maybole.

Members of Straiton church along with members of Kirkmichael Church took part in the annual shoe box appeal and over one hundred boxes were filled to be distributed in Eastern Europe. It's always such a joy to gather together small essentials knowing that they will bring comfort and pleasure to those who truly need them.



Following the Communion Service at the beginning of November the minister, Rev. Gerald Jones presented a certificate to Myra Paterson in recognition of her 30 years as an elder of Straiton Church. Many congratulations to Myra and thanks too for the unstinting work she has done.

The Guild

The guild started up again in October when we had a fascinating talk on apples by one of our own residents. She had gathered together, named and displayed 28 different varieties of apples from within a two mile radius of Straiton.

In November two members from the South Ayrshire/NHS Occupational Therapy Team gave a very informative and positive talk on their work in the community. This is a new service and NHS Occupational Therapists are now able to do home visits, offering help and wellbeing advice.

Straiton Has Talent

In September there was an Open Studios event over a weekend in the McCandlish Hall.

Three very talented local artists, Barbara, Lisa and Samantha, took part, displaying and talking about their work. What a range of topics it covered, from wildlife and rural scenes to floral, still life and

portraits. All the artists are so enthusiastic about what they produce and, my goodness, doesn't that come over in their labours of love!



Enthusiasts of the quiz show, "The Chase", may have seen another of our residents, Margery, taking part and answering all her questions successfully. Sadly, her team did not win, but for Margery the taking part was most enjoyable and she had a wonderful time in the process.

Angie, another resident, was a winner in a poetry competition run by Sanofi, a medical research company. The competition was open to anyone who had been affected by illness of any kind. Angie wrote about how living with Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) had affected the family. Angie was invited to The Battersea Arts



Centre in London where the winning poems were displayed and she also took part in a workshop with Jaspreet Kaur, the writer, who had judged the poems. In Angie's own words, "I am a winner in two ways: one to raise awareness of MPS and secondly, my words were worthy of recognition."



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Carrick Community Food Garden

*Winter is here!
"Blow, blow, ye winds,
with heavier gust!
And freeze, thou
bitter-biting frost!"*

– Robert Burns

Winter is upon us now and the Carrick Community Food Garden can look back on another year of growth and change, both in the garden and within the group. We welcomed new members to the committee (Ricky and Jill) and said goodbye (for now!) to Lisa. Thanks to all our members for the effort they have put into the garden this year and for their willingness to step up and help where it matters.

Since the Summer, we have continued to put community involvement at the heart of the garden and have been busy on several fronts:

- * Developing a programme with the staff at Culzean Primary that will help introduce kids to gardening and support delivery of the curriculum. This term pupils have been building rain gauges and learning about the water cycle and how it affects the crops we grow.
- * Collaborating with Thriving Communities to provide a safe space for youth groups to work on various construction and gardening projects in the garden.
- * Holding our second Apple Day on Saturday 7th October, in conjunction with local members of the Scottish Smallholders Association who provided the apple pressing equipment. It was a great success once again and we successfully turned large quantities of apples into freshly pressed juice.

We have also continued to work on improving and adding to wildlife habitats within the Garden with most of our effort this Autumn being concentrated on:

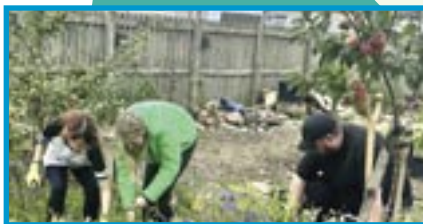
- * Clearing the embankment area of some of the more pervasive perennial weeds and preparing it for sowing.
- * Gathering seeds from local hedgerows and wildflower meadows for sowing on the embankment and in our wildflower mini-meadow.

Looking forward to next year, we have lots planned and something for everyone! Areas you can get involved in include:

- * Growing a wide range of fruit, vegetables and flowers.
- * Working with our local schools and encouraging kids of all ages to get outdoors and get their hands dirty.
- * Continuing to work with our local council to support the Thriving Communities initiative.
- * Working on the design and construction of new planting areas.
- * Improving our wildlife habitats and contributing to the local bio-diversity.
- * And, of course, having fun!

"To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves."

– Mahatma Gandhi



For regular updates, follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CarrickCommunityFoodGarden>
Or come along to the garden on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 2pm at 28 Allen's Hill, Maybole, KA19 7AU (behind the car park of Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's)



Maybole Leisure Club Opening early in 2024

Our brand-new facility is located within Maybole Community Campus, and we cannot wait to invite you to join us.

The facility will consist of a 25-meter swimming pool with 4 lanes, changing village, state of the art gym, 3G football pitch, 3G football/rugby pitch, changing pavilion, community rooms, games hall and gym halls.

JOIN US TODAY

Join Club Fitness* – for only £20 per month Customers will be able to enjoy access to General Swimming, Lane Swimming and Fitness Suites at Maybole, Prestwick and Troon Leisure Clubs. Club Fitness will also give customers access to Standard Fitness Classes (at Maybole only). Join **Full Fitness** for £30 per month if you wish to access the Premium Classes at Maybole and all other facilities.

Ability Fit memberships are available to anyone on disability-related benefits - £15 per month.

Teen Fit (14 – 17-year-olds) - dedicated Teen Fit sessions will be available at Maybole, Prestwick and Troon Leisure Clubs and Citadel Leisure Centre for our customers aged between 14 & 17. Monthly memberships are only £15 per month.

Customers wishing to pay annually will enjoy 12 months for the price of 10! Check out our website for further information.



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New Customers can join online, however, if a customer has already registered for our online booking system, they should speak to a member of our Reception Team at any Sport & Leisure venue or by calling 01292 269793 and pressing option 4 to join.

Pay As You Go options will also be available!



Swimming Timetable

Our pool will be open 7 days a week to members of the community. Please refer to our website for the pool timetable, or visit the facility when we open for further information.

www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/leisure



Fitness Suite Opening Times

Opening times are as follows:

Monday – Friday - 7am – 8am and 5pm – 9:30pm

Saturday & Sunday – 9am – 5pm

The fitness suite will be open all day on school holidays & in-service days.

Please refer to our website for our full Fitness Class Timetable, or visit the facility when we open for further information.

Activities

Download our app to book your Fitness Classes and other activities, e.g. Badminton, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Netball and 3G pitches at all of our facilities.

To download the app, please search 'SAC Leisure' in your app store.



Lets

For regular lets on the pitches, or in the community rooms or sports halls, please contact us on 01292 612655 or email lets@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Birthday Parties

New for Maybole Leisure Club – Sports Parties will be available in Maybole to complement our Bounce & Play parties that are available at the Citadel Leisure Centre in Ayr and our popular pool parties will still be available to book!



SCAN ME

Follow us

Why not pop in for a facility tour when we open! Follow us on facebook to keep up to date with the latest information – "Sport and Leisure South Ayrshire"

Kirkmichael and Straiton Read

We had a reading curriculum day this term to kick-start our new reading initiative – 'Kirkmichael Reads' and 'Straiton Reads'. In the morning we held a 'come read with me' session which encouraged parents and carers to come in and read to their child and we sold home baking.

Our pupils used apples that were donated by Dumfries House to make spiced apple cake, apple chutney and mini apple crumbles. We also had a visit from Graeme Mathie from Ayr United who came in to read some poetry to the pupils. In the afternoon we designed new bookmarks, visited the mobile library, and created a reading tree. Finally, we set the task of a sponsored 'Readathon' and gave our pupils a month to read as many books as they could.

We had an overall winner in each class, and they received a Waterstones voucher!



Culzean Primary

We have had a busy start in our brand-new facilities here at Culzean Primary School. It has been an exciting time for the whole school community. The children have been settling in well to their new surroundings enjoying new learning zones, such as, a purpose-built STEM Room for all things science and beyond. We have also been making good use of the astro pitches at playtime.

One of our top priorities is to ensure that our learners' voices are heard and that they are consulted in all matters affecting them, in line with the UNCRC Rights of the Child.

With this in mind, we have focused on electing our very first Pupil Council and House Ambassadors for Culzean Primary.

Our Pupil Council has members from each class from Primary 1 to 7 (14 members in total) elected by their peers within class. They will be consulted on matters that directly affect them and will meet on a regular basis to discuss.

Our House Ambassadors consist of members from each of our Primary 7 classes, four houses with two ambassadors each. They had to write and present a speech to their House Team in order to be elected to the role and are so proud to be our first House Ambassadors here at Culzean.

The names of our Houses are currently out for consultation with our Parents/Carers, and we will update you with the names for the new houses in due course. Thank you for all your well wishes and support in our transition to becoming part of the Maybole Community Campus.



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS....



We appreciate all contributions to our newsletters, without your input we cannot produce a quality publication.

We know the newsletters are well-read but we will always be on the look out for articles and photos from our locals.

Please take some time to write up a small story, could be on your work experience, charity event, your recent dog walk, first day at school, your own poem, updates on your club/organisation etc.

We would also like to encourage our readers to shop local and support your local shops and suppliers, many of which advertise their products within this newsletter

Please send all your stories and photographs to:
newsletter@nccbc.org.uk

Get Festive With Our Local Produce Christmas Hampers!

Family Hamper

5-6lbs Turkey Breast £85
1lb Pork Chipolatas
1lb Pork Stuffing
1/2lb Smoked Streaky Bacon
Large Steak Pie
2lbs Beef Roast
2lbs Cooked Ham

Deluxe Hamper

5-6lbs Turkey Breast £95
1lb Pork Chipolatas
1lb Pork Stuffing
1/2lb Smoked Streaky Bacon
Large Steak Pie
1lb Extra Mature Rolled Sirloin
Half Block Slice Sausage

Big Value Hamper

5-6lbs Turkey Breast £125
2lbs Pork Chipolatas
1lb Pork Stuffing
1lb Smoked Streaky Bacon
1lb Steak Mince
4 Chicken Fillets
4 Slice Haggis
Half Block Slice Sausage
1lb Pork Links
1 Pack Bacon
2lbs Pork Roast
2lbs Gammon Joint
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SUBMITTING ARTICLES

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

Please send us your stories the earlier the better.

Thank you!

Maybole Community Council Update

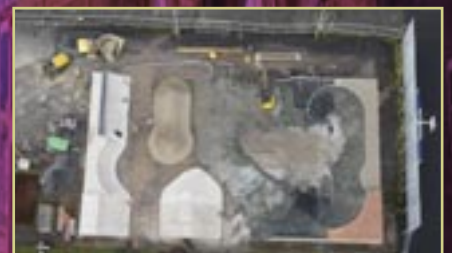
October saw the reopening of Maybole Town hall after more than a year of refurbishment. The Town Hall was one of the priority projects in the Maybole Regeneration Project, which is a partnership of Maybole Community Council and South Ayrshire Council working together to do everything possible to regenerate the High Street. More than 350 people attended the opening event which included court re-enactments from History Matters Ltd, a chance to tour the building, and refreshments kindly organized by the Maybole Over 50's group. The hall is now available for lets through the SAC Letting department.

Visit: www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/maybole-town-hall

The building formerly known as Maybole Charity Shop at 44 High Street was also reopened to the public on the same evening with an exhibition by Icecream Architecture showing art pieces created by the young people of the area, plus the screening of a video which included local young people's thoughts on the history and regeneration of the town. They also had copies of the 'Maybole Memories' books available, that were created throughout the year. More information about the shop, and how to book, can be found in NCCBC's article on Page 32

A number of readers will know that the old skate park has now been removed and Bendcrete are in the process of building a brand-new skate park for the young and adventurous people of the area! This is again a partnership of Maybole Community Council and South Ayrshire Council, with funding from SAC and NCCBC providing a grant to the Community Council. This is a very exciting new development for the young people of the area, and it is hoped, weather permitting, to be open early in the new year! Huge thanks to Roddy Leitch for providing us with these excellent aerial photographs which document the work up to now.

Maybole Community Council is almost at full strength, but we do still have one opening for a new member. If you are interested in helping, or would like to see changes in your community, please contact us. For any membership enquiries or for matters of concern please email us at secretary.maybolecc@outlook.com



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Kirkoswald Parish Church

When the last magazine came out, we were in the middle of our week in Maybole Charity Shop fundraising for the church. The final total raised after expenses was £1725. What a fantastic amount. Thank you to everyone involved, see you again next year.

All donations of food and produce for the harvest thanksgiving service was passed on to the Maybole Food Bank. A soup and sandwich lunch after the service raised £125 for Christian Aid.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

We are once again filling shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse appeal.

A service was held in Maidens Hall to re dedicate the refurbished clock. Tom Barclay of Maidens Community Association took on the work of obtaining quotes, applying for funding, and ensuring the work was carried out and the result is stunning. Kirkoswald Parish Church wanted to thank the Community Association for getting the job done and after the service those present were able to look at photos of the installation

over a cup of tea. The clock which hasn't worked for several years now keeps time and automatically changed the hour at the end of October without a hitch.



Four members of the church attended Recovery Ayr Cafe Hope 10th Birthday. It was a great night; presentations were made to the volunteers and a

lovely buffet was served.

Kirkoswald were introduced to Recovery Ayr when we were looking for help in the community garden known as Kirk Wood.

A team of volunteers from Recovery Ayr have been coming down to Kirkoswald to help with path clearing in Kirk Wood and members of the church have provided them with lunch and a chat.

The gardening team are coming back again in December for some final tidy up of the year.



The Guild has had two meetings so far, both speakers were excellent. Mrs Elspeth Mair gave a talk on her fundraising cycle along the river Nile in Egypt and Bruce Keith "Are we there yet" on roadside milestones was fascinating. The next time we meet up will be the Christmas lunch, oh no it's not, oh yes it is!

What's on

Weekly Sunday services are held in Kirkoswald Parish Church at 11.15am - all welcome.

First Wednesday of the month - Kirkoswald Lunch Club - 12 noon until 1.30pm in Kirkoswald Church Hall (Month off in January)

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World of Water Day

Children from Straiton and Kirkmichael Primary Schools took part in a World of Water Day recently. We had a member of the Troon RNLI and Embers Aquatic visit us to deliver us presentations and

workshops to provide the children with the necessary skills and knowledge on how to keep safe in and around water. The children had a great day and particularly enjoyed dressing up as a member of the RNLI and reenacting saving someone who was having difficulty in water.



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Good luck!



Kirkmichael and Straiton Primaries Health and Wellbeing Day

We had a Health and Wellbeing Curriculum Day where Kirkmichael and Straiton came together. We focused our sessions on our worries following reading the book 'Ruby's Worry'. We then created a worry monster to match the monster in the story. We spoke about the feeling of having butterflies in our tummy and created our own butterflies with our worries on them to add to a joint display.

We had a couple of special visitors on the day – Zoe from SAMH delivered an understanding mental health session while Diane from Red Balls Fitness took the whole school for a yoga session.



CAYR LOCAL New Opportunity



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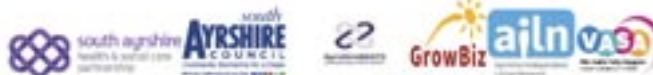
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9-year-old Cuts Hair for Charity!

Anna Patrick, age nine, had 12 inches cut off her red hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust. In doing so she raised funds for the Crosshouse Hospital Children's Fund and Senjokai Karate Club. This is the second time Anna has done this, previously when she was only five. She knows children and adults who have had to wear wigs for various medical reasons, and wants to make sure that they always have hair to make them. Anna decided to raise funds for Crosshouse Children's

Fund who help to provide equipment and items to make hospital visits more family friendly and pleasant for children. Her Karate club, Senjokai, have classes across Ayrshire including Maybole. They help to raise self-confidence and have a strong antibullying program, the money raised will help to make karate



accessible and support all the young people in the club. Anna is a P6 pupil at Crosshill Primary School and managed to raise £700 to share between the two causes.

Well done Anna!



Cinema Nights in Kirkmichael

Come and join us once a month for our cinema nights at the McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael. Free prize draw and welcome drink on arrival. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and enjoy a great night in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

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Straiton Hall Window Installation

Straiton is looking particularly well this winter with the installation of new windows to the McCandlish Hall.

The current hall committee, who are all volunteers, began planning for new windows quite some time ago and over time managed to secure funding from NCCBC, The National Lottery and South Ayrshire Council.

They explained, "Work got underway mid-October with Armstrongs Joinery of Thornhill who built the windows to the same style as the originals. Their team worked tremendously well and managed to get the job finished before the end of the working week, ahead of schedule and with minimum disruption to the hall users. The results are fantastic! We kept the community up to date with progress through the Hall's FB page and we've received many lovely comments regarding the appearance of the windows, which complement the original Arts and Craft style of the building. Now when some of our community groups are using the hall and the heating is on, they are turning it down or completely off because it's too warm!"

This upgrade comes just in time for the colder months. "Since the hall became independent from Council management last year, heating the hall has been our biggest cost, so these draughtproofing measures should see a reduction in our fuel bills!"

The McCandlish Hall, a wholly independent charity run village hall, has long been the heart of the village. It was built in 1912 at the bequest of John McCandlish of Largs Farm and the land upon which it stands was donated by the Hunter Blair family of Blairquhan. The original constitution of the hall, "To Foster a Community Spirit" is still relevant today. "We hope we can continue keep the hall both well maintained and the central hub of our village life for years to come. Thanks to funding from Voluntary Action South Ayrshire, we are opening our doors again for our Monday afternoon Cosy Corner which starts this coming Monday (13 November). It was really well attended last year by residents of the village, as well as a few from further afield. Hopefully they will find the hall even cosier this season!"



McCandlish Hall Straiton Club Registered Charity No SC006604

Thanks to: Armstrong Joinery Products Ltd (Thornhill) NCCBC, South Ayrshire Council, The National Lottery and VASA.



The chair of NCCBC, Mark Fletcher, said: 'The board of directors were very supportive of the window project particularly as it promotes energy efficiency measures at a time when the costs of heating buildings can make or break organisations. This is another good example of funders working together; and being able in this case, to also speak to local authority about match funding us - making everyone's budgets stretch further.'

We continue to wish the hall committee every success as they continue to grow the uses of this community space.'



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Kirkmichael and Straiton Primaries Harvest Celebrations

This year's Harvest Celebrations saw both of the schools welcome friends and families in, including Reverend Jones, to enjoy freshly prepared food and discuss the importance of sharing at this time of year. The reverend led the celebration which included songs and the soup and sandwiches which had all been prepared by the pupils. We also gathered in food donations from the community which were taken to the Carrick Food Bank.

At Straiton Primary this was the first year where we have had the pleasure of using our very own produce from the school polytunnel, which made it that

bit fresher and a whole lot tastier. The reverend also led their celebration which included songs and the soup, pasta and apple crumble which had all been prepared by the pupils.



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Maybole Regeneration Project

Re-opening of Maybole Town Hall

Maybole Town Hall has reopened following an extensive restoration. The historic building, parts of which are believed to date back to the 1500s, has been transformed thanks to funding of £1.165m. South Ayrshire Council funded the project along with contributions from the Scottish Government, NCCBC, Historic Environment Scotland, and Heritage Lottery.

One of the key ambitions was to repair the town hall's iconic tower and restore the balcony, which has been graced by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as well as former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Accessible amenities have been added to both the ground floor and the first floor and a new layout has seen the kitchen and bar move to the main hall. An audio-visual system has been added, along with stage lighting, to ensure the rejuvenated hall can be used for a wide range of events such as weddings, concerts, plays, and movie screenings.

Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning Joe Fitzpatrick said: "It is great to see this historic and prominent community venue re-opening following nearly £800,000 of investment by the Scottish Government through our Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.

"The town hall's transformation will benefit people for generations to come and - as part of wider regeneration work in Maybole - bring new vitality to the high street for the community and visitors.

"Scotland's town centres make a huge contribution to the economic and social success of our communities, which is why the Scottish Government is absolutely committed to supporting projects that build enterprising communities that are good for Scotland's economic, environmental and social wellbeing."

Councillor Bob Pollock, Economic Development Portfolio Holder for South Ayrshire Council said:

"The town hall has been transformed and I am delighted with the results. The main hall is now a modern, welcoming venue which can be enjoyed by locals and visitors for many years to come.

"This regeneration project is an example of partnership working at its best with the project team working closely with the funders and the local community to breathe new life into this key historic building, creating a vibrant and thriving asset for the community.

"We're committed to ensuring Maybole is an even better place to live, work, and visit and the town hall refurbishment is just one of several landmark projects. The Castle is currently undergoing works to turn it into a hub for the local community and an active travel public realm scheme is also in the pipeline.

"South Ayrshire Council remains committed to working hand in hand with our communities and investing in our towns and villages."



Mark Fletcher, Chair of the Project Board commented: "As chair of the project board and Maybole Community Council it has been a fairly lengthy project that for me and other community representatives began in 2009. Thankfully this whole project has proven that communities and local Councils can achieve so much through working together.

"To now see priority projects like the town hall come back into use and be given a new lease of life, fills the community with hope for new beginnings while maintaining the historic values of the built environment. Many memories have been shared and created in the town hall and now many more families and groups can continue to make more great memories. A big thank you to the project team for the work thus far and I look forward to seeing the regeneration of Maybole through to its conclusion."

An event took place, with the assistance of Ice-cream Architecture, at the town hall with the project team, Carrick History Society, funding partners, Councillors and locals gathering to mark the reopening.

South Ayrshire Council would like to thank:

*Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grants Fund
National Heritage Lottery Fund
Historic Environment Scotland
North Carrick Community Benefit Company.*

Maybole Active Travel Project Update

Our Design Team conducted a traffic survey in October 2023 for Phase 1 of the Maybole Active Travel/Public Realm project to provide up to date information on traffic movement since the primary schools and Coop re-located. The scheme focuses on the redesign of the High Street to incorporate easier pedestrian access.

Consultations with High Street shop owners have commenced and the results of a planned consultation at the end of November will be available on the website and facebook page. The consultant and traffic report will allow us to refine the details of the design before submission to Transport Scotland for a funding decision. www.regeneratingmaybole.scot Initial plans for a Phase 2 of the Active Travel scheme are being developed which plans to connect key destination within the town with safe accessible active travel routes. More information will follow pending a decision on funding.

Maybole Castle Update

As many of you who regularly visit or pass through the High Street will know Maybole Castle is shrouded in scaffolding as part of the ongoing renovation works which are being funded by Historic Environment Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund, The Scottish

Government (through their Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) and the owners (Cassillis Estate). Behind the scaffolding nets, there is an extensive program of renovation and restoration taking place.

At this point, these works have focused on two main elements;

- the exterior (roofs, walls, and windows)
- the internal structural components (roof trusses and floor joists)

During the process to date, we have continued to learn and understand more about the methods of construction and how the Castle has been changed, altered and extended over the years since its original construction.

Highlights so far include;

- Identifying areas within the roof space of original harling

- Exposing structural timbers which have literally been taken straight out of a forest, complete with forked branch.



- Establishing that the 'Prismatic' glass panels all had a code number or letter to denote colour/orientation which creates a pattern. This is sufficient, we think, to identify the original manufacturer.



- Exposing numerous, some now infilled, openings (doors, windows, and recesses)

The opportunity to examine in close detail the heads, which have been carved outside the Prospect Room windows, which have always been known about, but the detail is exceptional. Further updates will be provided as the process continues.



Activities and Training Programme

Our very special Activities and Training Officer, Coral McMillan, has sadly left the project to follow other life opportunities. She has been the cornerstone in delivering many successful projects in our Activities and Training programme. We wish her well in her future endeavours. We are currently recruiting her replacement and hope to make an announcement soon of the successful candidate to fill Coral's shoes. During the last few months, the Activities and Training programme has continued to deliver several interesting projects.

Working in partnership with Ice-cream Architecture, we have produced the Maybole Book of Memories, which has involved many interesting memories shared by locals of their lives in Maybole. We have published and distributed copies of the Maybole Book of Memories and will add this book to our website www.regeneratingmaybole.scot. If you would prefer to have a hard copy of this book at cost charge please contact Angela Cameron for more information.

Angela.Cameron1@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Ice-cream has also been involved in working with local people in a recording project to see how Maybole has developed. This included a project with 51 pupils from Carrick Academy to look at the Wells of Maybole.



Shopfronts Projects

Another lively project run by Icecream has been the Shopfronts project. They have worked with pupils from Carrick Academy to create possible design options for future shopfronts developed on heritage guidelines.



Youth Drama and Media Project

We have been working with Moxie Kids Events to produce a 'New Beginnings' documentary, which will be available shortly, telling what it has been like to be at school in Maybole and looks forward to the school changes in the opening of the Carrick Community Campus. Please check out the Maybole Regeneration website or more information on when this will be available as there are lots of lovely tales to hear. www.regeneratingmaybole.scot.

Christmas Panto

The Christmas Panto will be held in the newly renovated Town Hall this year. Moxie Kids Events will be managing this event in a multi partnership project with our Maybole Community partners. Please look out for further details on the 2023 Pantomime!

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:

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MAIDENS PRIMARY & EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Early Years Centre

In Term 1, we have been learning about Nursery rules and routines to help the children to settle in. Learning experiences within our indoor and outdoor environments are planned to align with children's interests and are very much child-led. One of our first topics this session involved caring for babies and we intend to extend their learning by exploring the roles of different people who help look after/care for children such as doctors, dentist etc.

The Health and Well-being of all children is a school priority and as such we have been developing childrens' understanding of hygiene through teaching correct hand washing and tooth brushing techniques, talking about healthy foods and getting children to help prepare healthy snacks.

Last term, numeracy learning focused on number recognition, counting, and time, which has linked into learning about the seasons of the year.

Parents/carers were invited to our Halloween stay & play session and we were delighted that so many attended. We made skeletons, 'dooked' for apples, modelled things from spooky playdough, explored jelly & spaghetti and carved pumpkins. The pumpkins were donated by Mr & Mrs Crawford from Dowhill Farm, and we are extremely grateful to them for their kindness.



Primary 1/2 News

Children in Primaries 1 and 2 dressed in an array of fantastic costumes and thoroughly enjoyed our whole school Halloween Party! There were lots of fun activities such as 'dooking' for apples, ten-pin bowling, Just Dance Disco, Halloween themed party games and those who were brave enough visited the haunted house escape room



Primary 3/4 News

Primary 3 and 4 were a scary bunch in their terrifying costumes with ghosts, monsters, skeletons and grim reapers to name but a few! The pupils really enjoyed the Halloween party and taking part in the fun games and activities which were meticulously planned and set up around the school by our Primary 7 pupils.

Primary 3/4/5 have been enjoying their new topic on Scottish Wildlife and have begun researching facts to learn all about the habitats, diets, and behaviours of

some of the most well-known species in our country, such as red squirrels, otters, and basking sharks. The pupils have created and illustrated acrostic poems on an animal of their choice and have been keen to present these to their classmates. They also wrote letters of persuasion to aid conservation efforts. We have looked at the dolphins and whales found in our waters and examined maps to discuss where they are most likely to be spotted in Scotland. As part of 'World Whale Day', we held a debate on whether whales should continue to be kept in marine parks or if a move to sanctuaries was a kinder alternative. The class joined others around the world to share posters and messages linked to this thought. We will continue to look at various other species (such as bees and golden eagles) and to investigate the vital roles they play in shaping our environment, before exploring the ways we can all help to protect nature.

Primary 5/6 News

P5/6 have been reading 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown and have built their own robots and created a display which they add to as they progress through the book. They have also been learning about chemical reactions and recently had great fun carrying out the 'Elephant's Toothpaste' experiment.



Primary 7 News

P7 pupils have been exploring through play to promote curiosity, encourage independent enquiry, extend thinking and to further their develop problem solving skills. They have thoroughly enjoyed creating marble runs using different materials and experimenting with and/or revising their designs to improve performance.

During outdoor learning experiences, pupils have created different sequences using concrete materials to demonstrate what they have been learning in maths. We have even incorporated drama into our learning to help us express how a character is feeling from our class novel. We understand that building confidence with respect to expressing our feelings and emotions will help maintain positive mental well-being throughout our lives.



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CARRICK TOTS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Lots of fun was had by all at the party on Tuesday 31st October. The tots played games including 'dress the mummy', musical chairs, and 'Hook a duck' to name but a few. Each one got a Halloween goody bag! Thanks to Maggs, Cassie, Blue the dinosaur, Alex, Ian, Davie and Shea for helping and joining in the fun. Congratulations to Ian for best dressed adult.

Happy 1st birthday to Robbie! Congratulations to Eilidh and Derek on the birth of their son Lewis.

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GSAB Antoine Scottish Blackface cardigan

innovative new social enterprise which is currently running a Crowdfunder campaign to expand its collection of luxury outerwear made with 100% wool from local Blackface sheep.

This of course follows a busy 10th anniversary year and the announcement of an expanded Biosphere boundary earlier this year. The region now includes Alloway – birthplace of Robert Burns – and 12 nautical miles of the marine environment, up to and including Ailsa Craig. Approximately 86% of South Ayrshire lies within the UNESCO-designated area, which now measures a total of 9,720km².

Biosphere officers are always out and about and recent engagement events included a five-day pop-up in Maybole, which invited businesses, community groups and anyone curious to find out more about our UNESCO status to drop in and meet the team. Officers were joined by representatives



QR code Merrick Knitwear



from VisitScotland and South Ayrshire's Community Wealth Building team to explain the benefits of connecting with UNESCO's global brand and why it is quite literally 'Good For Business'. The Biosphere's offer for sustainable enterprise includes development and marketing support with applications for the Biosphere Certification Mark now open all year round.

The Biosphere's staff also includes Land Use and Biodiversity officers who are keen to talk to farmers, land managers, schools, and anyone involved in managing community green space. They have a particular focus on tree-planting in the coming months, including the launch of a pilot South and East Ayrshire Tree Planting Grant. Open to any project less than 0.25ha in size, awards of up to £1,000 per year will be available under this scheme. Any groups interested in establishing a Community Tree Nursery are also encouraged to get in touch – even if it's still just the 'seed' of an idea!

To find out more or discuss any of the above please email info@gsabiosphere.org.uk

More information about Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere is available at www.gsabiosphere.org.uk or follow [#gsabiosphere](https://www.instagram.com/gsabiosphere) on social media.



Marie McNulty - Esther Tacke - Stumpy Tower Girvan



HOSPICE FUNDRAISER IN KIRKMICHAEL

Earlier this year, Kirkmichael artist and woodcarver Alan Lees had the idea of doing a fundraiser for the Ayrshire Hospice. Like many people in Ayrshire, he has good reason to appreciate their services. They have helped family and friends over many years.

His idea was to do something that would be difficult and not particularly pleasant – and since his mobility is very poor, due to serious arthritis and related conditions – he thought that a sponsored windscreen wash, around Kirkmichael, might fit the bill.

Claire, the hospice fundraiser was very supportive and supplied him with collecting cans, banners etc. He customised his wheelchair and advertised the event in the local shop and village hall. A generous friend supplied the screenwash. Other people offered washing equipment. The day dawned mild and wet and Alan – accompanied by his wife - set off on a slow and painful trek round the village, using the wheelchair to lean on and to rest. He had been planning to charge £1 or £2 and was hoping to raise £100.

People in Kirkmichael had other ideas! Not only did he manage to wash a variety of windscreens, from a Bentley to a Fiat, but donations – some of which were very large - amounted to £495.19p, with another kind friend who had already donated, adding £5 to bring the total to £500.19. There was a collecting box in the village shop, and people added their spare change – hence the 19p. Others literally ran after him to contribute.

It took Alan a day or two to recover, but it's nice to know what a generous community we live in – and we're sure the hospice will make good use of the donations.

Catherine Czerkawska



Christmas Services at St Oswald's Church

Cargill Road, Maybole

Quiet Christmas Service

Sunday 17th December at 3pm

A reflective service for those who are missing loved ones this Christmas.

Christingle Carol Service

Christmas Eve, 6pm

A carol service with Christingles and a retelling of the Nativity story. Seasonal refreshments available after the service.

Christmas Day Service at 10am

A service of Holy Communion with Christmas carols celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

1ST Crosshill Guides and Rangers



This term the girls have been very busy working on special badges, as well as the Girlguiding programme.

In October, girls from Crosshill and Girvan had a blast taking part in the Carrick Carnival of Light in Girvan! The girls walked in the parade with the creations they had made during prior workshops. The girls thoroughly enjoyed parading down to the shore with a live samba band, before watching the fire sculpture and fireworks! Huge thanks go to CRAG

Community Arts for the lantern making workshops. What a great experience!



In October we also did some spooky crafting, with the Rangers painting wooded haunted houses and carving pumpkins, while the Guides created spooky door hangings. On 1st November the girls came together for a Halloween Disco, with lots of party games and dancing!



Five of the Guides had a great day on Saturday 11th helping serving refreshments and selling Christmas Cards at the Crosshill Community Association Christmas Fayre.

Fundraising – This term we have also been busy fundraising for our unit funds and a residential planned for 2024. We held a Bingo & Quiz Night at the hall which was very well attended, thank you to everyone who supported us, and thanks to Adam our bingo caller! We also had a successful week in Maybole Charity shop raising over £1200. Thanks to all who donated items and visited us in the shop.



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Crosshill Community Association Events

We have had a busy few weeks here in Crosshill! On 7th October we held a night of mediumship in order to raise funds for our Annual Over 60s' Christmas

Dinner. The night was a great success and we received lots of positive feedback!

Next was our annual Kids Halloween Party! We got a great turnout from the village kids who all looked 'spooktacular' in their amazing costumes. Our fancy-dress winners were dressed as a cute witch, a black cat and an evil chuckie. The children showcased their amazing carving skills with their spooky pumpkins. They also enjoyed the tradition of 'dooking' for apples and eating donuts off a string with no hands. Another positive night enjoyed by the kids and adults!

After the October events, we started early with the Christmas celebrations, with our Christmas Fayre. There was a great turnout and



a lot of support for this event. We even managed to convince Santa to come for a visit! We had an amazing array of gifts and crafts from local crafters, it was great to see such different items on offer. Our visitors were kept warm and full thanks to the soup and hot rolls we had on offer. The kids were delighted to tell Santa what's on their list! I'm sure he will have his work cut out for him this year!



We want to extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone who attended and supported all our events, and to our volunteers who organise and run these events, and the stallholders who took the time to come and showcase their good, and 1st Crosshill Guides who helped at our Fayre.

We appreciate all the support!

Keep checking our Facebook page 'Crosshill Community Association' for details of future events!



FESTIVE FAYRE at The Carrick Centre on 3rd Nov 2023

All the fun of the Christmas Fayre was on offer at the Carrick Centre's charity's annual Festive Fayre in November.

The Maybole Centre hosted 25 stalls, plus face-painting for children, crafts and activities for youngsters, and the chance to visit Santa himself in his grotto.

Stallholders reported a very busy evening as the crowds poured in to see everything from woodcraft, baking, baby boutique clothing, crochet, knitting and skilled patchwork, hair bows, perfumes, and wax melts. Not to mention jewellery, home-made-cards, candles



willow baskets and beautiful dried flower displays. Charity Christmas cards also did well, as did the tombola and bottle stall.

With free entry and a chance for delicious refreshments from the café including hot-chocolate and drinks from the bar everyone who came had a ball!



Thank you to Alex Kelly once again for his appearance.



The launch of a vibrant Youth Hub for North Carrick has come a step closer after £100,000 grant from the National Lottery

The Carrick Centre in Maybole, which took over the former Goudie's building in Whitehall in October this year, has just been awarded the grant from the National Lottery Young Start Fund. The money is to help transform the former community hub, bar, and restaurant into the new Carrick Centre Youth Hub.

Carrick Centre chair Marguerite Hunter Blair said: "Inclusion is at the heart of our ambitions for all our young people in North Carrick. We are delighted at the support locally for the new Youth Hub and we are thrilled at being awarded this significant sum of money for staff and environment costs.

"This funding allows us to recruit a Senior Youth Development Worker and sessional staff to work with young people and support them in developing a programme for their Youth Hub.

"Work is ongoing to establish the inaugural Youth Board who will be supported to make key decisions about how best to use the fantastic facilities which include a walled garden and large outdoor shed."

If you are a young person from North Carrick and would like to be involved and have your voice heard,



please contact Heather Stowe via the Carrick Centre Facebook page, or email her on: info@carrickcentre.co.uk

Carrick Centre Board members have visited youth hubs in Girvan, Ayr and Irvine to see what works well for young people and have been inspired by what they saw. The Board is determined that young people will co-develop the programme of activities from day one.

According to Youth Scotland: "Research shows that investing in youth work leads to a significant reduction in mental health issues, youth offending and substance abuse, while it also increases educational attainment and leads to increased earnings later in life. This amounts to a significant contribution of at least £656 million every year to the Scottish economy, representing a return of £7 for every £1 invested in youth work."

In a week when a UK Girlguiding survey reported that nine in ten seven to 21-year-old girls feel worried or anxious and only 17% feel very happy, the Carrick Centre Board and Staff Team believe that this increased investment is a vote of confidence in our young people and could not have come at a better time.

Theatre comes to the Carrick Centre, Maybole

The next visit to the Carrick Centre of the Gaiety on Tour is on 16th February at 7:30pm with *Ae Fond Kiss – The Life and Loves of Robbie Burns* (With Jean Armour On Tech). It's a comedy play full of laughs and crammed full of the poetry of Robert Burns himself! The time of year where we all gather round to a supper of haggis, neeps, and tatties and recite the poetry of Scotland's favourite son, Robert Burns. But how much do you really know about the life, and the many loves, of Robbie? In this one act play, Robbie tells all about his love life, and the women who were his muses.

For more information and more venues please see the Gaiety Theatre website.



An advertisement for the North Carrick website. The background is a teal color with a mountain range silhouette. The text reads: "GET YOUR BUSINESS INVOLVED" in large white letters, with "NorthCarrick.com" in smaller white text to the right. Below that, it says "THE NEW WEBSITE FOR MAYBOLE AND NORTH CARRICK" in white. At the bottom, it says "VISIT: JOIN.NORTHCARRICK.COM" and "REGISTER NOW FOR A FREE PROFILE". At the very bottom, there are logos for "Loves Local", "nccbc", and the Carrick Centre logo.

NCCBC is pleased to announce that the shop formerly known as Maybole Charity Shop will reopen in the new year and take its place back in the heart of the town.

It has been more than three years since the shop at 44 High Street Maybole closed for safety reasons. After closing, NCCBC agreed to purchase the shop and the flat above and take on the mammoth task of saving this building.

We are very pleased to be able to work with students from the Building Arts Programme, which is run by the King's Foundation (what was The Prince's Foundation) and the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust – based at Dumfries House. The ethos of the programme is to inspire future generations of craftspeople, learning valued traditional methods and processes; while creating new work with a modern take; and a focus on sustainability.

The students have explored Maybole and have presented some amazing ideas for the shop which reflect its history, and that of the town and surrounding area. We are so pleased to be offering the shop to the programme, which aims to enhance our built environments and spaces. We are delighted that the students will be installing some bespoke finishing touches. The cohort of students working on the shop have a vast array of experience and specialisms including but not limited to textiles, ceramics, furniture and carpentry, glasswork, and wallpaper.



They will work in their workshops on Dumfries House Estate, and later in December will be installing in the shop.

There will be opportunities in the new year for us to showcase their work to locals!

The shop will be available for hire from early February on a weekly, fortnightly, or even a month at a time; and can be used as a charity shop to help groups raise much needed funds or used as an exhibition space for arts and crafts, or small conference/meeting/workshop space. Groups do not have to be based in North Carrick, as the shop is here to support organisations within wider South Ayrshire.



We are setting up a new committee of volunteers to assist in managing the property and are looking for more volunteers to assist groups with operating the shop.

If you have some time to give, please get in touch.

To book or enquire please contact
admin@nccbc.org.uk

Creative Carrick Photo Competition



We were delighted with the results of the first ever Creative Carrick Photo competition in collaboration with Go Girvan. On Friday 29th September we held a prizegiving event at Souter Johnnie's Cottage in Kirkoswald. Thanks go to Elspeth and the team at the National Trust for being so helpful and supportive! In the new year the photographs will be on display at the McKechnie Institute, and hopefully also in Maybole – details to follow!

Here are the four first place winners for our four categories!



Bruce Country - M Wylie – Kirkoswald Graveyard



Water and Wildlife - C Mackintosh – Untitled



Off the Beaten Track - K Bryan - Fireworks



My Favourite Place - A McEwan – Cat Gates

First Term is flying by at St. Cuthbert's Primary School!

We can't believe how quickly our first term at the Campus is going! During November we were busy learning about Remembrance, and now it is time for all the Christmas preparations!



One of first jobs was to elect our House Captains(C) and Vice Captains(VC).

We were delighted to find out that Carrick House now has Callie and Connor respectively. Cassilis has Sean and Violet, and Culzean has Ava and Emmeline. Well done to All!



So far, we have been making use of the great outdoor space and LOVE our own little shared forest! P1/2/3 have even brought some of the outside, inside, to inspire their class work.



October brought our usual Halloween activities, and we all had a



'spooktacular' time at our Halloween Parade, which was made even more special with the amazing balloon backdrop donated by Hot Air Creations. Lots of fun was had dunking for apples and enjoying sweet treats.

November is always a special month, as we remember all those loved ones that are no longer with us. We enjoyed attending Mass on All Saints' Day and had fun completing the activities in the Church Hall afterwards... we hope the Parishioners like our work!



P4/5/6/7 were very excited to take part in a special activity... they were given Remembrance Crosses and over 300 names, of the late partners, of the members of the Army Widows' Association. Each pupil wrote about ten names per cross and then these crosses were parceled up and will be planted at the opening of the Field of Remembrance, Westminster, London, where they will be viewed by the Royal Family and thousands of visitors. We Will Remember Them.

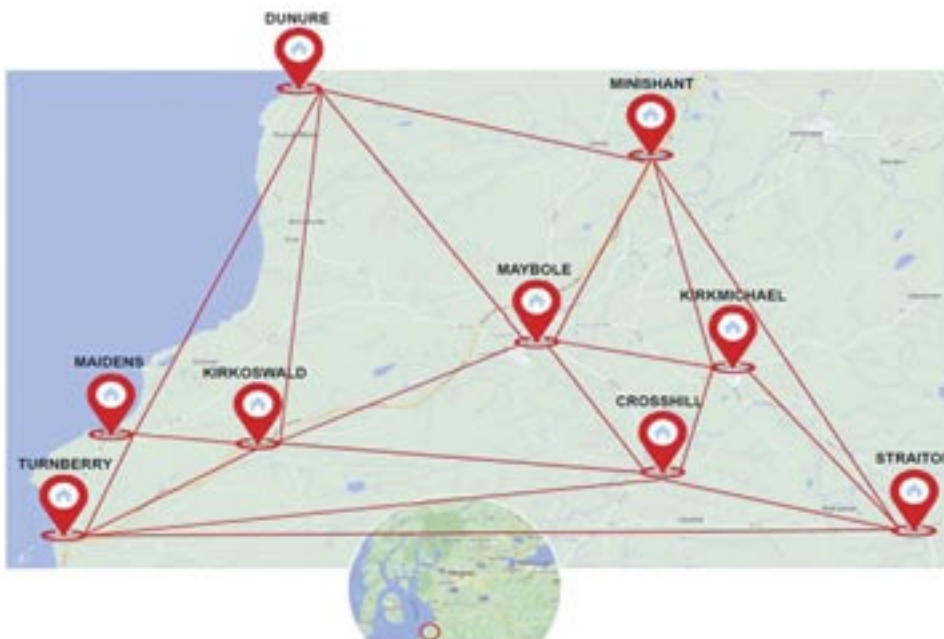


COMING TO A PLACE NEAR

YOU!

All eight villages in North Carrick will soon be visited by artists looking to explore what, how and where small public artworks can be installed in each place. NCCBC is giving £25,000 of the money it receives from the Scottish Power Renewables' Dersalloch Windfarm for the project and, with support from South Ayrshire Council, has secured another £50,000 from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

The "North Carrick Community Arts and Augmented Reality Trail" grew out of NCCBC's "Foundations for Recovery" programme which focused on increasing the level of income from tourism as its key theme. The emphasis is on the heritage of North Carrick. As a result, we will be promoting the part North Carrick played in the story of King Robert the Bruce, believed to have been born at Turnberry in 1274. The Arts Trail will be a big step towards creating "Bruce's Web", which harks back to the story about Robert the Bruce and the spider's web and links the eight villages and Maybole together.



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The aim is to encourage visitors to engage with the history of Bruce and the villages; explore the countryside more, return more often and be aware of the communities and businesses in each village and what they have to offer. Of course, local people will be able to explore the Artworks and Augmented Reality experiences as well. NCCBC plans that anyone who logs their visits to all nine sites will get a small reward.

Fremantle Consultants have been appointed to manage the project and a brief for Artists and Augmented Reality specialists has been advertised in the Creative Scotland website (North Carrick Opportunity at Creative Scotland).

Artists will be appointed in December this year. There will then be consultation with people in each of the communities to explore connections with Robert the Bruce. Some places have specific historical connections and others might be opportunities for imagined, quirky or more whimsical ideas. Installations in each village will be completed by the middle of next year.

Maybole is in a slightly different position as it already had plans for a new Mercat Cross with a Lion of Carrick on top. This will be included in the Trail project and an unveiling of the artwork in Maybole is being planned for July 2024. This will be an important part of local plans to celebrate 2024 as the 750th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's birth.

If you want to get involved in this project or need more information please contact either gill@fremantle.org or stuart@nccbc.org.uk.

Celebrations and Community Growth as the Hub Wraps Up a Busy Year

Community Wellbeing Hub CIC has been celebrating a busy period, still with lots to look forward to!



At the start of October, director & founder of the Hub, Anya Rae, graduated with Honours in Integrative Health at UHI Moray. During the ceremony, a special mention was given for her work and vision in creating the Hub. Earlier in the year, Anya was also awarded 'Inspirational Student of the Year' at the university awards ceremony.

Well-deserved recognition: everyone at the Hub is very proud of her!

We are also celebrating the success of one of our previous Hub clients, Leonna Speirs. Following her life-changing sessions within the Hub, Leonna went on to retrain in holistic therapies, volunteer in a wide range of community settings, set up her own business, and is also now back at college and setting up a charity of her own! We have just had news that she has won the prestigious 'FHT Volunteer Service Award' in a national competition and we couldn't be prouder of how she has turned her life around –



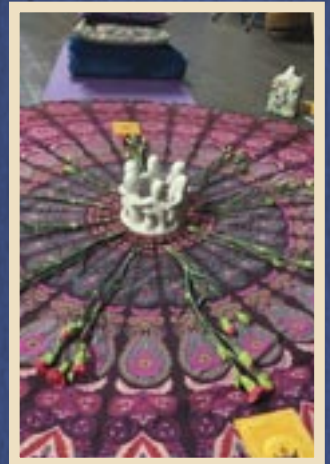
Well done, Leonna!

The Hub had a successful week in the Maybole Charity Shop at the start of October and raised an amazing £850 to fund future projects. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered in the shop, donated items, and supported us by coming in to browse and buy.

Carrick Women's Circle has been meeting regularly within the Hub base and our Hub volunteer, Rosie, has been doing an outstanding job of facilitating the group and encouraging new friendships, inclusiveness, and lots of nurturing activities in a safe, supportive environment.



We have been running weekday yoga sessions for our Hub community with tea and a chat afterwards. It's lovely to have time to get to know our clients better and for them to meet each other in a social setting to share their experiences with each other, form friendships, and support each other. We plan to have a regular social space in the diary for next year to build on this community network.



Here at the Hub, our greatest pleasure comes from seeing our clients turn their lives around – in our first two years we have delivered 864 individual sessions of funded holistic therapies via GP and NHS referral. The feedback has been amazing. Many of our clients have reported a huge increase in their well-being and have even managed to reduce or remove their medication with the support of their GP. We have a great community feel, with past clients always keen to volunteer as peer support, and even going on to retrain in holistic therapies after seeing how much it changed their lives. We are very proud of our 'Hub family' and how far they've all come and are busy working on funding applications to ensure this much-needed service continues to go from strength to strength.

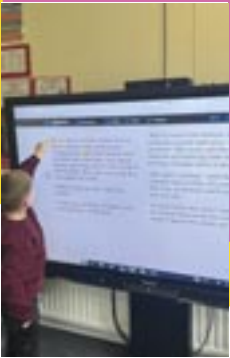
Crosshill EYC, Class 1 and Class 2

Crosshill EYC, Class 1 and Class 2 had so much fun, working hard with our staff to create the most wonderful and spooky Hallowe'en party, with the theme being 'A Magical Celebration', a magic fun day was had by all, including potion making, dancing, broom and wand making!



Crosshill PS & EYC, Class 1

Class 1 have been enjoying using our new literacy resource scheme 'Giglets' to read and enjoy stories to support our reading and writing. We have used these stories to link to our literacy sessions and play-based learning. We enjoyed reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and completing several activities on this including a comic strip, designing a new front cover and role play. We used the interactive story to help support our grammar lessons as we looked for punctuation and techniques we have been using in class. We are looking forward to continuing to use Giglets in term 2 and sharing our successes.



Kirkmichael Village History Group's 'Farming Noo and Then'

Another excellent night in Kirkmichael organised by Kirkmichael Village History Group. This event took place in October and followed on an earlier event in February. This event, which was made possible by funding from NCCBC and Awards for ALL, was very ambitious for our small group. A capacity crowd enjoyed a presentation, songs, sketches, poems and displays of the changes in Farming. We had a delicious 'Ploughman's Supper' to start off the evening.



WE DID IT! - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Keep in contact with us as we develop our history group; suggest topics or ideas; add to our archives with your photos or stories.

Contact Noreen Lyon on noreeneel@icloud.com



FISHERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We were delighted to invite members of the community into school for our Harvest Festival in October. This was a fundraising event to raise money for our school fund along with local charities.



Members of the local community donated tombola prizes and home baking; our pupils made their own crafts to sell; and we had a pre-loved book stall. Altogether we raised an impressive



£361.10! £111.90 was sent to Ayrshire Hospice, £80.60 will be sent to Glasgow's Children's Hospital, and the remaining funds will be spent improving teaching and learning experiences for our children and young people at Fisherton Primary. As well as our fundraising, we also had a pre-loved Halloween costume stall where children could choose a costume at no charge.



Our families also kindly donated food for our Harvest Hampers, which Mrs Hill did a wonderful job of creating. These were given to members of our local community by Primary 7 pupils and Mrs Campbell. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported this event!



Halloween

Here at Fisherton Primary, we know how to celebrate Halloween! The children were treated to a fun-filled day of Halloween-themed activities. We had potion-making, spooky sensory tubs, apple-dooking, decorating biscuits, spooky stories, a scavenger hunt and, of course, a party! All of our children and young people had a 'Spooktacular' time and were sent home with treats donated by kind members of the community. We would like to say thank you to Heads of Ayr Farm Park for donating pumpkins for our pupils.



Remembrance

In November all children learned about Remembrance and the significance of the Poppy. Each class has created their own door display and prepared to host a Remembrance Service with members of the Royal British Legion and local community.



Autumn has been very busy at Fisherton Primary and we are now working on our plans to make sure Christmas is just as wonderful!

Class 1 & Class 2, Minishant Primary School



We have been learning about keeping ourselves and others safe and healthy at Minishant Primary School, including our 'Phunky Foods' Committee leading an assembly and sharing lots of information on how we can 'Get Active'.

We recently welcomed Scott Beattie from the Fire and Rescue Service and learned about Firework Safety. HeartStart Ayrshire & Arran also visited Minishant Primary School this term and Class 2 learned how to help an unconscious casualty who is not breathing. We also learned how to use a public access defibrillator, how to help someone suffering a heart attack and how to help someone who is choking.



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