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CRAG COMMUNITY ARTS

CRAG Community Arts SCIO have been awarded the contract to deliver the North Carrick Communities Arts Trail, with Bruce 750 themed sculptures across Bruce's Web, a project commissioned by NCCBC. The trail which will consist of nine sculptures with augmented reality content will traverse North Carrick travelling from Turnberry in the south, to Dunure in the North, and east to Straiton. Alongside the trail, visitors to the trail will download a phone app with augmented reality elements including a game play element; where you can experience Bruce weaving his way across Carrick once more.

With the Maybole sculpture already under construction, the remaining eight sculptures will be designed through a consultation process with each of the North Carrick communities.

This process has already started with CRAG artist David Powell - known for his Culzean and Rozelle steel and willow sculptures - visiting each of the six primary schools to discuss the Bruce 750 project while providing an insight to his own work practice as an artist.

The project is designed to celebrate the 750th Anniversary of the birth of King Robert the Bruce; as well as the communities in which the work will be sited. Young artists from each school are working in groups or individually to produce their own designs of a potential sculpture inspired by historical events and items associated with the Bruce, or their community. The artwork could well be modern or traditional in form. The new pieces will have an expected lifespan of 25 years; causing some excitement amongst the children! "I will be 35!"- piped up one the children at a school assembly; this will be a legacy of the Bruce 750 project that the children can pass down to the next generation and perhaps beyond!

With the CRAG Arts team are working with each of the schools to assist them in the initial design process; researching ideas and then producing 2D and 3D concepts from February to March. This is an exciting opportunity for our young folk to take part in a project that will enhance the experience both residents and visitors coming to our area; allowing them to follow in the footsteps of the Bruce and learn more about our community in the 21st century.

At the end of the ongoing design process period the community consultation will be held; this when locals can decide which design they would like to be made into a finished work. And that is the exciting bit - for at the moment no one knows what the work will be, or



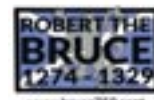
what our budding young artists will produce! How big? How small? What will they be made of? Just some of the questions that folk are asking; but as our young artists will be busy designing over the next few weeks - the answer can only be - Who knows?

Likewise, the augmented reality content will be determined by the sculpture designs with AR providing locals and visitors alike with the opportunity to experience Bruce in a way not yet experienced! With the design team building in gameplay for the phone app; weaving history and technology together into a unique North Carrick experience!

The proposed dates for community consultations to be held in community halls and spaces is 23rd - 24th of March so keep an eye open for updates on the project via our social media and that of NCCBC (@Improving North Carrick)

These dates are your chance to have a say on the sculpture in your community!

For further info on the project please contact David at cragarts@btinternet.com



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The North Carrick Community Newsletter is produced with funding provided by **ScottishPower Renewables**

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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Funding is available for a wide range of projects. To find out more, please visit <https://nccbc.org.uk/apply/> or email admin@nccbc.org.uk

Copies of the newsletter are delivered to every house in Maybole and the North Carrick villages. If, for any reason, you don't receive a copy please let us know.

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

Next board meeting:
13th May



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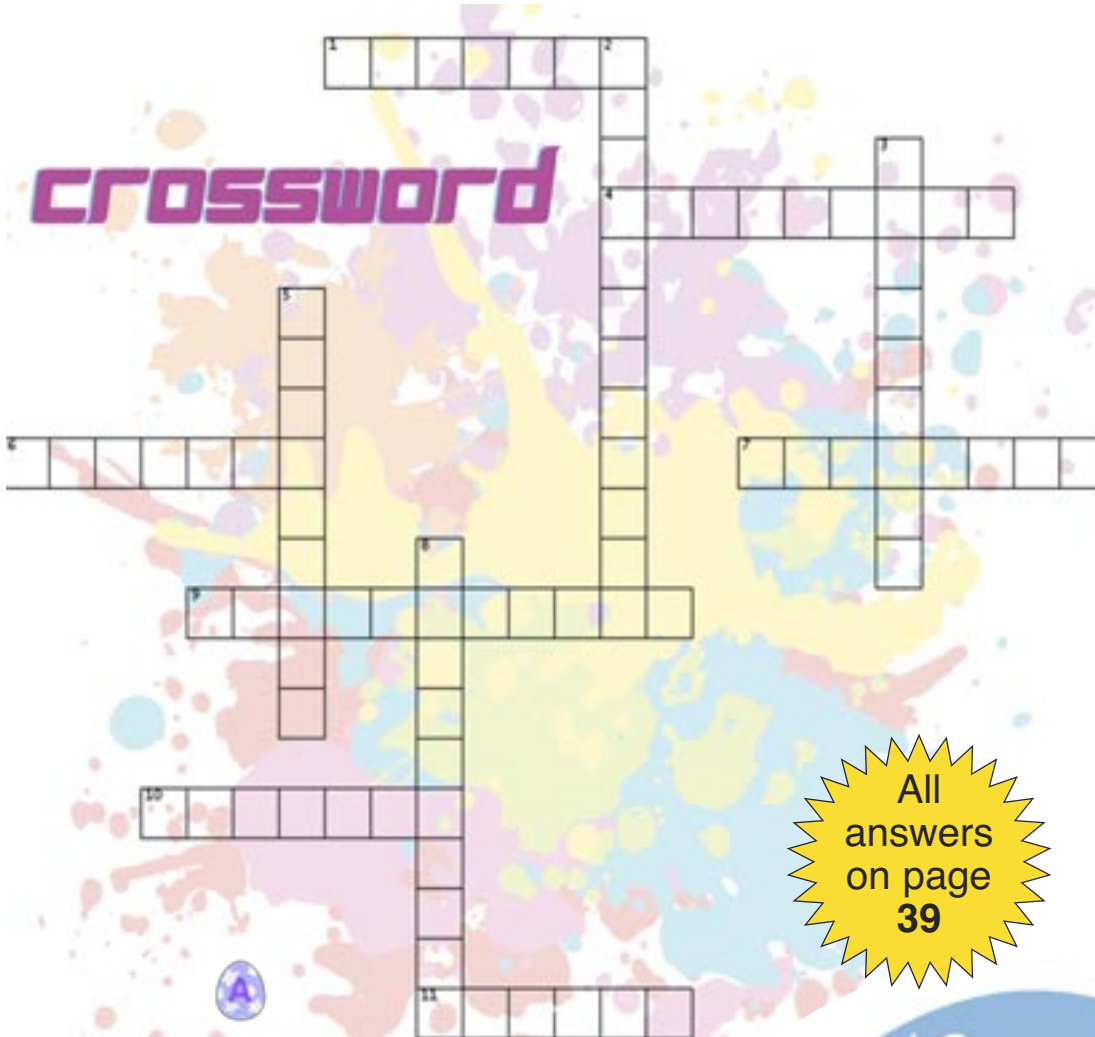
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- Which village used to have a pub called 'The Heid Inn'?
- Where can you see a herd of deer and a pond full of swans?
- Where can you go on Lady Hunter Blair's walk?
- Which village used to have a creamery?
- Where does World Ocean Day take place every year?
- Where can you find a labyrinth?

DOWN

- What is the name of the place where it looks like the road is downhill but is actually uphill?
- Which village used to have granaries and had land owned by the monks of Melrose Abbey?
- Where can you see a golf course with a lighthouse?
- Where can you find Souter Johnnie's Cottage?

All answers on page 39

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Can you find all the eggs that the Easter bunny has hidden across the newsletter? Write down all of the letters on the eggs and unscramble them on page 39 to find the hidden message!

Find me!

Easter Wordsearch

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News from the Maybole Regeneration Project

Progress update

Maybole Active Travel (MAT) Scheme – Phase 1
The Maybole Regeneration Project Team is looking for your views to transform Maybole High Street. Councillor Bob Pollock, Economic Development Portfolio Holder for South Ayrshire Council said “since the opening of the bypass, Maybole has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make significant improvements. The aim is to rebalance the high street to make the best use of space for pedestrians, sustainable forms of transport as well as motorists.”

Councillor Alec Clark, Tourism Culture and Rural Affairs Portfolio Holder said “The scheme would use high quality materials in keeping with historic buildings such as the town hall and castle. This is a chance to create an attractive and bustling town centre which better serves the local community, businesses and visitors”

Local people can have their say by filling in the online survey which will be available until Friday 15th March at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/consultations. Feedback from the consultation will be used to firm up designs.

MAYBOLE TOWN HALL

The recently refurbished town hall is opening for bookings for a wide variety of events. But did you know that it's not just the beautiful main hall that is available?



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Hellos and a Goodbye – A Regeneration Team Update

Duncan Clelland, our Project lead has left for pastures new. We would like to thank him for the hard work and dedication he brought to the project and wish him all the best for the future. Recently joining the team are Andie Cooke who has replaced Duncan, and Lee Atkinson who has taken on the role of Activities and Training Officer. A warm Maybolian welcome to them both!

BOOK OF MEMORIES

Did you know the recently commissioned Book of Memories is now available online?

Our good friends Icecream Architecture working with students from UWS created a book of local memories featuring stories and tales from lots of people in the local community. Scan the QR code below or go to www.mayboleheritage.co.uk to download! A hard copy of the book will be soon be displayed in Maybole Library.



TOWN HALL “TALKS”

Following on from the success of previous evening talks a new series of historical presentations will be coming soon. Under the title Town Hall “talks” they will be live “shows” set in the intimate setting of the Lesser Hall in Maybole’s Town Hall. But don’t worry if you aren’t able to attend, they will be live streamed too! Times, dates and topics coming soon!



Traditional Weaving Project

Would you like to get involved in a Community Arts Heritage Project? Are you interested in learning traditional craft weaving, or expanding your weaving knowledge to create a wonderful piece of art celebrating Maybole’s past, present and future?

We are planning an initial 10-week course to be held in Maybole between Easter and the summer holidays on Saturday afternoons to start making this project a reality. There will be further sessions in the autumn to complete the project.

The course will be run by Maureen McElroy who provided a great taster weaving session at last year’s successful Robert the Bruce 750 Heritage Day.

Please contact Maureen if you are interested in a space! Email: mcelroy54@gmail.com
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As we begin a new year here at Crosshill, the association would again like to express their thanks for everyone who came to support our events last year.

We are aiming to produce some more events this year to benefit our village. Our first event this year will be our AGM which will be held on Thursday 28th March at 7pm in the Community Centre. We welcome as many faces as possible to the event, to come along and share ideas/opinions on what can be done in the village. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

This summer we are excited to announce the return of our gala. After the success of last year's gala, we can't wait to make this year's even better.

Our gala will be held on Saturday 15th June this year!
Save the date!

Crosshill needs YOU!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

If you have ideas/opinions to make the village a great place, then we want to hear from you.

Please come along to our AGM
 Thursday 28th March
 7pm
 Crosshill Community Centre

Follow our Facebook page for more updates
 Crosshill Community Association

We are hoping to hold the event at the football field, so look out for updates throughout the coming months! We will also be taking over Maybole Charity Shop on 5th July this year, so will be looking for any donations closer to the time!

Don't forget, if you have an event or party and need a place to host it- you can hire out our community hall! You will have access to both halls and use of the kitchen and Wi-Fi with your hire. Kids parties have the option of including our bouncy castle and soft play in the hire too!

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Straiton and Kirkmichael P6/7's Residential



The children in P6 and P7 from Straiton and Kirkmichael Primary recently went on their three day residential to Dolphin House at Culzean Castle and Country Park. Lots of fun was had by all with the children taking part in team building games, archery competitions, canoeing on the River Doon, bush crafting, night walks to the park, rock pooling and exploring some caves. The children developed new skills and took part in activities some had never done before. The residential also provided them with the learning to successfully complete The John Muir Award.



St Cuthbert's Primary School



The pupils and staff of St Cuthbert's Primary School have been very busy over the last couple of months. Christmas 2023 was as usual, full of lots of fun. We were delighted to be able to entertain the local community at a variety of events, including going to Crosne Street and Fairknowe. A special VIP, Santa, visited us at our School Christmas Party which was a lovely surprise. The P7s really enjoyed going to the Campus P7 Disco our thanks to Culzean Primary for hosting.



Our School Nativity and Carols by Candlelight was a great event and made even more special by the fact that we got to hold it at our Church. We also had a great Bingo fundraiser where we got to entertain the guests-thanks to our Parent Council for organising and supporting our School.



Thanks to Mrs Cuthbertson, Mr Kelly and Fr Benjamin for helping to judge the Burns Poetry Recital Competition. A huge well done to all those that participated and congratulations to our winners. Everyone that attended got to have a wee Irn Bru and shortbread.



We are now looking forward to all the exciting, upcoming Spring events!



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2024 Annual Rotary and Ayrshire Coastal Path Beach Clean



The Big Beach Clean is a joint venture between Rotary and Ayrshire Coastal Path and together with Rotary Clubs Prestwick and Alloway, SA and NA councils, and bands of community volunteers; we expect to be able to cover up to 20 beaches in this year's 17th Annual Beach Clean. Last year 250 environmentally conscious folk filled over 450 council bags with debris. This year it will be held on Saturday 13th April and North Carrick beaches including Dunure/Croy/Culzean/Maidens/Turnberry Bay North and South, Dowhill North and South and Dipple will be included .



For more details please see: rotaryclubofayr.org

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Kirkoswald Parish Church

On the 31st March 2024, Fisherton - linked with Kirkoswald - is holding a joint service of Communion at 9.45am in Fisherton Church. Thereafter Fisherton will be united with Alloway, and the long association Kirkoswald had with them will end. Both congregations have gotten on well together and in times of vacancy, Fisherton Worship Team have taken the services in both churches. There have been lunches, concerts, and coffee afternoons together. We are a very sociable bunch and many friendships have been made. We send Fisherton all our best wishes and prayers on their new journey.

Kirkoswald Guild celebrated 130 years in 2023. A lunch to commemorate this was held in Wildings. There was a good turnout, and everyone enjoyed it. The Guild Daffodil Tea will be held on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in Kirkoswald church hall. Hugh and Friends are entertaining, and donations on the night will be for Guild projects. All welcome.

The Lunch Club held on the first Wednesday of the month in Kirkoswald church hall has folded and the volunteers have decided to call it a day. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this community event and could give one day per month, please contact our Session Clerk John Dunlop.



What's On Spring 2024

- Sunday 3rd March Stated Annual Meeting after the service.
 - Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday) joint service at Fisherton 9.45am.
 - Fisherton unite with Alloway on 6th April.
 - Sunday 5th May – Communion Service.
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- Teas in the hall after the service on the first Sunday.
 - Guild meeting on Wednesday 13th March at 1.30pm in Kirkoswald Hall.
 - Guild daffodil tea on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in Kirkoswald Hall, entertainment by Hugh & Friends donations on the night for Guild Projects.
 - Crossraguel Choir concert on Wednesday 1st May in Kirkoswald hall. Donations on the night to charity.

Session Clerk: John Dunlop, tel: **01655 760 641**
Kirkoswald Parish Church SC000213
Sunday services at 11.15 am

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE AT BFRIEND

The team at Bfriend are delighted to have achieved Excellence Standard in the Quality in Befriending Award (QiB) from Befriending Networks.

Bfriend, formally South Ayrshire Befriending Project, supports young people aged 8 – 18 who would benefit from social experiences with a fun and trusted adult befriender. Volunteers are recruited, trained and supported by the small, dedicated staff team to become befrienders. These befrienders are matched with a young person and help them access new opportunities within the local community, making a huge difference to their lives.

QiB is the only award in the UK which is specifically tailored for befriending services. The Award is achieved by providing evidence to successfully demonstrate that the project meets or exceeds the standards expected in; Service Policies and Procedures, Staff Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Befriender and Befriended journeys. "Bfriend has re-branded and changed offices, but the ethos and commitment has remained the same. Through the work of the staff and volunteers, the impact of the service is very impressive." QiB Assessor.

The team were pleased to hear that the young people at the project echoed the assessor's comments



through the evaluation interviews.

"Contact and communication with staff is very good, everyone is lovely. Like a big family."

Young Person, 16.

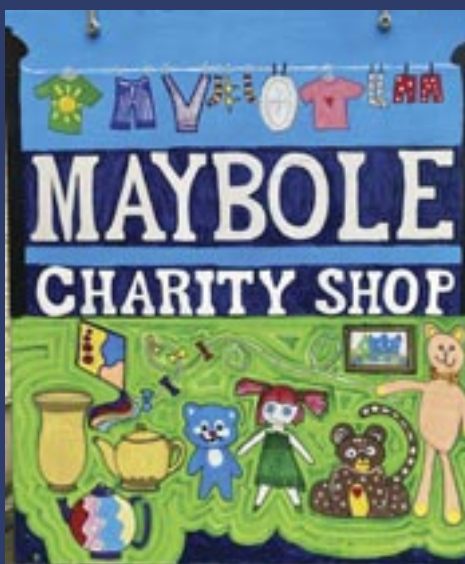
"I felt listened to and welcomed." *Young Person, 13*

As part of the assessment volunteers were also asked for their views on the practices and procedures within Bfriend. "I like the volunteer thank you events, to meet other volunteers and to build a good relationship with staff. Staff are always open to ideas; they always ask for feedback." Volunteer

"There is plenty of opportunities for development and to gain new skills." *Volunteer*

The team at Bfriend really value the volunteers and consider them to be at the heart of the project alongside the young people, they cannot be thanked enough for their contribution and generosity in spirit, time, and commitment.

If you would like to join the Bfriend team and can spare 2-3 hours once every couple of weeks to help, make a difference to a young person's life please get in touch. Call **01292 264000** or email info@bfriend.org.uk or search for us on social media.



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North Carrick COMMUNITY Choir



Choir will meet the 1st Tuesday of every month

The Carrick Centre, Maybole.

All welcome, especially those living with dementia or other conditions.

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Singer or not, please come along and enjoy a sing along.

Refreshments provided. No booking required.

Bogus Callers, Rogue Traders and Scams – Be Safe

You have probably heard or read about people being targeted by cold callers on their doorstep, over the phone or by mail, maybe it's already happened to you!

Most people who call will be genuine but some could try to trick you into parting with money.



What are the dangers?

Cold callers might want access to your financial information to con you out of money.

Some may try to trick their way into your home claiming to be from the Council, Police or a utility company and then try to steal your valuables.

They might try to convince you that repair and maintenance work needs carried out to your home. This could result in sub-standard work at an inflated cost or work that's not needed at all.

Be Safe

- 1 Know who you're dealing with - if in doubt seek advice before dealing with cold callers.
- 2 Never make a decision on your doorstep no matter how good the deal sounds – reputable traders should allow you time to think.
- 3 Don't be afraid to say 'NO'.
- 4 If you feel threatened contact the Police.

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Maidens' news from BEACHCOMBER

You have your MPs, your MSPs, your Councillors, (latterly) your MEPs, even the odd county member of The House of Lords - But a lot happens thanks to the armies of volunteers that work hard, and many times anonymously, to keep Maidens clean. 'Beachcomber' cannot walk the mile long crescent of the village shore from The Harbour to Barwhin Point on week-ends without bumping into someone grabbing litter and debris, many times supervised, it seems, by a pair of swans silently supervising the work. It is an exceptionally clean beach.



And on 13th April (Date for your diary), there is a mass clean-up of 20 beaches on the Carrick coast. It is masterminded by the Ayrshire Coastal Path who keep the 100-mile trail maintained; and guess who by... well, volunteers of course!

The mass clean-up is all in conjunction with Rotary Clubs, the council and community associations. Last year, the effort binned 450 bags of junk off our sands and shores - garbage, litter, plastic, bits of rope and discarded doggie bags. It is to the credit of the volunteers that Maidens' beach is the cleanest in Ayrshire.

All things Scottish!

As a school we have been focusing our learning on Scotland. Each class has been learning about different aspects of Scotland's heritage and its place within the world. There has been a focus on developing our understanding and use of Scots language through learning and reciting Scots poems. Pictured are our overall winners from this year's recitation competition. A huge well done to all our learners, it was a tough decision for the judges. To showcase our learning, we invited our families to our Scots Celebration assembly where they were entertained by the children from all stages. Each stage performed a Scots song or song from a Scottish artist and the stage winners performed their poem.



Fairknowe, for their Burns Supper where they recited some Scots language poems, much to the delight of the residents!

Bikeability

This term our P6 and P7 children have been brushing up their cycling skills through the Bikeability Scotland programme. P7 have now completed their level 1 and will shortly start their level 2 on road training. Primary 6 are currently completing their level 2 training ensuring they understand the importance of being safe on our roads when cycling as well as giving them a skill for life.



Fairknowe Burns Supper

As part of our community engagement, a group of upper school children visited the local care home,



Culzean Primary House Names

Last edition we shared that the theme for our four new Houses within Culzean was out for consultation with our Parents/Carers. The winning category was local beaches. Our four new houses are Dunure, Turnberry, Maidens and Croy. The school is delighted with the choice. Our Primary 7 classes are working away to design a logo for each new house thinking carefully about the local landmarks and history associated with each area.

Gone but not forgotten

Mr Maybole

Maybole and Carrick have lost one of the finest gentlemen in the sad passing of **David Kiltie M.B.E.** a person who had a vision, truly lived to do whatever he could to help anyone in any way he could and make his beloved Maybole a better place to live.

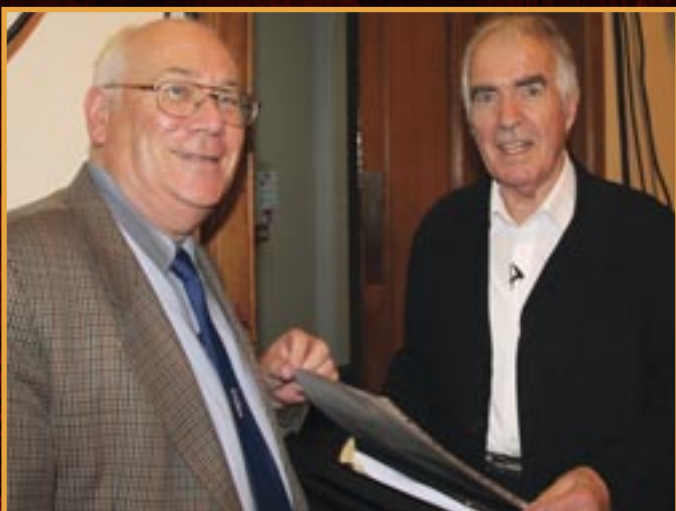
Eight page pullout on the life and works of David Kiltie.

Please remove this should you wish to keep it.

David was born just after the end of WW2 to Sam and Betty Kiltie and had one sister Eileen. The familiar saying "it takes a whole village to raise a child" could not describe David's experience of growing up any better and was later embodied in his public service. From an early age David was a leader becoming school captain at Carrick Academy, an exemplary student and with encouragement from the head teacher, Leonard White to give service to his community. Little did he know that this would be a path which David would follow throughout his life. Sadly David's father broke his back in 1961 and things were very difficult at home. He was given the opportunity to go on a school trip to France but his family were not in a position to allow this to happen. When the neighbours heard about this situation everyone gave what they could afford to ensure that David would get to France. David never forgot this generosity. Perhaps it was this trip that encouraged David to link the towns of Maybole and Crosne together over 40 years ago. Margaret Davidson one of the town's longest serving Twinners said 'Maybole Town Twinning Association was set up in 1982 and due to David's driving force he took it to great success over the years. The first visit was made by David, Don Raby, Allan Murray and Jim Sym to Crosne on the outskirts of Paris. Crosne was also linked with Shotten in Germany, Beleoil in Belgium



and Arco in Italy and over the years strong friendships of these towns grew to include Maybole. Real friendships were formed and visits to these towns resulted in reciprocal visits to Maybole. Like many organisations numbers have declined over the years but Maybole still continues in smaller ways to keep Twinning alive. Like all good friendships when they meet after a separation they pick up where they left off. It says so much about the man that a representative from Crosne Twinning Association came to his funeral and many messages of condolences were received from all the twin towns. David has to be thanked for all his hard work as he opened up the world to many residents in Maybole. David once said "Town Twinning was one of my most proud achievements of what was a very busy fruitful life".



David Kiltie

1945 ~ 2023

On leaving school David trained as a chartered accountant and worked with computers for publisher Collins in Glasgow before taking a job with Ayr County Council in 1970. David always had an interest in politics and worked in local government for a couple of years. When he was elected to Maybole Town Council in May 1969 it encouraged him to work with many groups in the town over the coming years.

David topped the poll in the local elections in May 1969 and was elected to the Town Council on his 24th birthday. He often recalled that time fondly by saying the elections were a lot livelier in those days and after hearing that he had been elected to the Council, he came out onto the balcony at the Town Hall to be greeted by the crowd, who started singing happy birthday to him'. David was the first SNP councillor and was joined later by two other SNP councillors. Within a couple of years he was appointed as Honorary Treasurer, the chairman of the Finance Committee and held that position until local government reorganisation in 1975.



David married his sweetheart Margaret in 1966 and had six daughters which prior to his marriage he told Margaret that this would be his ideal family.

They later had nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

David was never happier than when they were all together and was extremely proud of all their achievements.



Gone but not forgotten

Mr MayBOLE



David's community involvement at that time was Chair of the Attraction Committee which was run by the Council and involved organising dances, concerts and galas. He later created Maybole Community Association in 1975.

David was the first chairperson of Maybole Community Council in 1977 and served on it for 36 years and instigated many things which happened in Maybole during that time.

When David retired in 1996 he threw himself into many new projects and as one project completed he would have another idea ready to start something else.

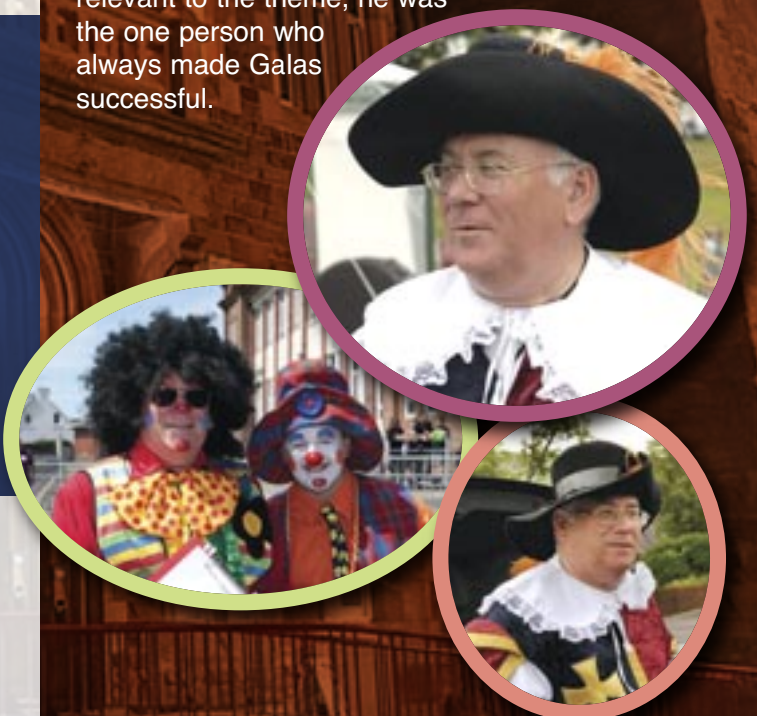
Over the years David was involved with Maybole Community Development Group, Maybole Resource Centre, Maybole Charity Shop, Jean Falconer Literary Competition, Maybole Sick Nursing Association, Carrick Housing Association, Carrick Community Transport Group, Carrick 800, Maybole Historical Society, Maybole Youth Club, Ayrshire Leader, North Carrick Community Benefit Company, Chairman of the pastoral council of Our Lady and St Cuthbert Church, Maybole's longest serving Justice of the Peace on the Lord Lieutenant's committee which appoints new JP's and Maybole news correspondent for local papers for over 25 years.

David was also instrumental in setting up the Maybole.org website with Rich Pettit. Rich paid homage to David via this webpage when he learned of David's passing. Rich said 'David was my good friend and partner in creating this website for Maybole. In the early days of the Internet there were few

Scottish towns with a website. I was interested in finding out more about my Scottish family history and David wanted the world to know about the vibrant community life and rich history of Maybole. Over many years David and I exchanged messages and images to document all that was Maybole, past and present. I live in the US and made several wonderful trips to my ancestral town with my family, where David, his family and friends greeted and treated us with the legendary Scottish hospitality'. Words cannot express my gratitude for the years of friendship and collaboration that I enjoyed with this notable of notables, David Kiltie, M.B.E., JP.

David's love of music started in the early 70's when a group of friends set up a mobile disco as they thought it would be a much cheaper alternative for people rather than hiring bands. In later years he became the resident D.J. in the Speakers Club in Maybole and became better known as D.J.D.K.. David loved being part of the entertainment every weekend and had lots of memories of happy times celebrating special events with many local people.

Gala Days at the Glebe field always found David with a microphone in his hand carrying out the Master of Ceremonies role in fancy dress of course whether it was a Town Crier, a clown or whatever was relevant to the theme, he was the one person who always made Galas successful.



David Kiltie

1945 ~ 2023



David was always a step ahead of wondering what to do next for the Town and when it was the 250th anniversary of the meeting of Robert Burns' parents at the market fair in Maybole this was exactly the type of event he wanted to organise. 'Burns and Aw That' was a year long event starting on Robert Burns' birthday and finishing with his parents' marriage in the December. Always keen to record such events David then set about producing a book about all the events that year. To commemorate this Anniversary he finished it off by having a bust of Robert Burns commissioned for display in Maybole Town Hall.



David's knowledge of local history was amazing and he could not let the opportunity pass him by to celebrate Maybole being a Burgh for 500 years and so Maybole 500 was celebrated with many events that year.

A historic exhibition in Maybole Town Hall with Mary Queen of Scots necklace on display, a lantern parade, a timeline of Maybole history was produced, local youngsters were filmed re-enacting some historical events and jousting to name but a few of what was a very busy year.



It goes without saying that one of David's greatest achievements was the setting up of Maytag, a training scheme for local people which provided them with many skills. Over a period of 20 years David attracted funding of over £5 million to the scheme which helped train many people and ultimately found them work. The most prestigious accolade anyone could receive would be a M.B.E. David received his Investiture from Major Richard Henderson Lord- Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran on behalf of her Majesty the Queen on the 19th December 2005. Typical of David always thinking of others, expressed such a wish so that members of his family, friends and colleagues might be present instead of the one or two who are permitted if the investiture takes place in one of the royal palaces.



*No-one deserved
this more
than him for
everything he has
done for his town
and community.*

Gone but not forgotten

Mr MayBOLE

Here are just some of the MANY kind words that people had to say about David.

I was extremely fortunate and grateful to have David as a member of the Ayrshire LEADER Local Action Group over a number of years.

As a Community Champion he could always be relied upon to initiate and contribute to vociferous debate and discussion. David always made valuable and relevant contributions.

David has left many legacies in North Carrick and Rural Ayrshire and his contribution to the betterment of fragile communities and their people is there for all to see and benefit from.

He is sadly missed.

Chris Savage
*Former Chair of Ayrshire
LEADER LAG*



David Kiltie was held in very high regard here at Carrick Academy. A former pupil and a true friend of the school community it was a pleasure to work with David on various projects over the years – Maybole Young Roots, the town's 500th Anniversary, helping our pupils redesign the school's house badges when launching our inter-house competition and of course our town twinning and school exchanges with Crosne in France.

David's passion for local history was clear to all who ever met him. He accepted our request to work with young people and inform them of their local history as we relaunched our former house system. David's depth of knowledge and ability to relate to our young people helped inspire them to design striking new house badges which depicted the stories behind their old names of Crossraguel, Culzean and Cargill.

David looked beyond Maybole as well and through his work with the Town Twinning Committee, cherished the links formed with a range of towns and communities across Europe. With David's connections and encouragement, Carrick Academy was able to establish a brief school exchange with Collège Bellevue in Crosne near Paris. For me personally, it was a pleasure to accompany a group of local students to France and receive a very warm welcome from our hosts. In return, David and his team joined us in welcoming them back to Maybole the following summer. I know for a fact that some of these connections live on within the school community to this day and David would be delighted to know that we are rekindling links once again. The school's Modern Languages Department is planning to meet with our French friends during a school trip to Paris in June.

On behalf of Carrick Academy, I would like to pay tribute to David for the many opportunities he offered our young people and the life-changing experiences these brought to so many.

Jonathan Rusk
Depute Head Teacher

David Kiltie

1945 ~ 2023

I was always struck by David's sheer enthusiasm for the town and people of Maybole and Carrick. His organisational abilities were always at the fore and he was never happier than when he was making things happen for the town he loved.

He was involved in almost everything from the Queen of Carrick Dance to the Summer Gala. Later after his Council days, his activities only increased and during his lifetime his contribution to the wellbeing of Maybole has been legendary.

Our friendship continued after our time together on Town Council until 1977 and he was always there with an opinion, help or advice during that long time. I will miss him greatly.

Bill McCubbin



I didn't know David for as long as others but David was one of the first people I met in Maybole when we moved to the town. He was quick to introduce himself and welcome me to the town and sing the praises of his beloved home.

A few months went by and I showed interest in the Community Council and was re-acquainted with David. His encouragement to get involved and his enthusiasm for all things Maybole and Carrick was inspiring.

The skills that David had when it came to people and project management were second to none and following in his footsteps as Chair of Maybole Community Council was always going to be a difficult task but knowing David was close by and always available to offer guidance and knowledge made things easier.

Maybole has lost a true champion and a friend to many and he was and always will be Mr Maybole. My thoughts, prayers and best wishes go out to David's family. An inspiration to us all.

Mark Fletcher

Chairperson Maybole Community Council



Gone but not forgotten



Mr MayBOLE

Remembering David Kiltie MBE

I first met David not long after I started my new job with South Ayrshire Council in March 2009. I attended a Maybole Community Council meeting in the historic setting of the Town Hall chambers. This was the beginning of what I felt turned out to be a productive and positive working relationship between myself, David, and the other key community leaders of Maybole.

My first impression of David was that he was clearly passionate about Maybole, and everything associated with the town and its communities. He was already the holder of an MBE by the time I got to know him, and this only added to his aura.

Campaigning for better services from the Council for Maybole, be that better quality roads and footpath surfaces, improved gritting provision in winter months, improved playparks for Maybole's young people, a new flagpole for the Greenside, and of course the small matter of a bypass to relieve Maybole's medieval High Street of the constant flow of HGVs travelling to and from the ferry port at Cairnryan, David led the way in seeking improvements.

I was impressed by the way in which David chaired the Maybole Community Council, delegating key functions to other Maybole Community Leaders like Peter Mason, Alan Murray Mark Fletcher and Senga, to name but a few, and through David's encouragement many significant achievements were delivered for the town.

David also had robust working relationships with the flow of South Ayrshire Councillors who crossed his path. But he treated all the same, and no one was left in any doubt what David was looking for, be they Ward Councillors or Council officers – action, and now!

I respected David's in-depth knowledge of Maybole and its communities, its rich history, and his constant desire to make things better for today's residents and for tomorrow's.

David struck me as an intelligent man, a caring and compassionate man, and everyone was treated the same. I also formed an extraordinarily strong view that he did not suffer fools gladly and he also had the ability to 'show-off' his sharp tongue when he felt there was a need to do so!

David enjoyed many special moments with the Maybole community, and as well as the procession of the Olympic Torch through the town in 2012, David had the honour of carrying the Commonwealth Baton along Maybole's High Street in 2014 in recognition of his many years' service to the community.

The eventual opening of the Maybole Bypass was clearly a welcome and emotional time for David, as he and Peter Mason and others had campaigned and worked so hard for such a long time, when Senga cut the ribbon to officially open the road, it was like a lifetime's work had been realised and all the frustrating set-backs over the years had been worth it.

His commitment and dedication to Maybole has left a lasting legacy for David, but none more so than the continuing commitment of those following in his footsteps who want to continue to see Maybole and its people get the best services the Council and others can provide.

It was an honour and a privilege to know and work with David for a period of time, and his lasting memory for me will be the passion, dignity, and perseverance he showed in making things happen in Maybole, and improving the lives of so many people who live there. He has and will be missed.

Mike

Mr MayBoLE

David Kiltie

1945 ~ 2023

David Kiltie was at the heart of the community all of his adult life and his love of his town could not be questioned, he was a proud Miniboler! He was creating a nurturing environment for the youth of the town 50 years ago, supervising at the Maybole Youth Club, and usually beating all at table-tennis. This was the start of a long and interesting journey and David showed his natural enthusiasm and dedication to his Community. His victory as a young local Councillor has been well documented, followed by his long and continuous service on the Community Council.

David did things right, expecting the highest standard from himself and all those he was involved with. Any suggestion of doing a job half-hearted or cutting corners, was met with a withering look and ne verbal response was required.

He was involved in everything positive in Maybole

from Gala days to Historic re-enactments and a he held a particular pride in the town's twinning, in particular the relationship with Crosne.

David was a man of the highest integrity, religious but never forcing his personal views on the company and was a stalwart of the local RC community. An indication of this was his lengthy service as a Justice of the Peace.

David was proud resident, born and bred within Maybole. A man the town can be rightly proud of!

Brian Connolly



David was always very proud of Maybole Pipe Band and it was most fitting that they led the funeral procession to Maybole cemetery which passed where he started married life with Margaret, his Mum and Dad's homes and also the family home in Crosshill Road.

There will never be anyone who could fill his shoes, David will be remembered for generations to come as people reminisce about the wonderful person he was, always thinking about and helping others and making Maybole a town he was so proud of.

David was Mr MayBoLE



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2024 marks the 750th Anniversary of the birth of King Robert the Bruce right here in North Carrick! We are celebrating this historical moment with a year long programme of events and community celebrations for the whole family to enjoy, with lots of exciting attractions for visitors to the area!

King Robert the Bruce is arguably one of the most famous Scottish figures in history, and he just so happens to have many connections here in Carrick, Ayrshire. Not only is it widely believed that Robert the Bruce was born at Turnberry Castle in 1274, but he also became the Earl of Carrick in 1292 until he became King in 1306. The life of Robert the Bruce was not without challenges and triumphs, testament to his unwavering commitment to Scotland's freedom. From early struggles against English dominance to his eventual leadership in securing Scottish Independence, the 'King of Scots' journey reflects a his perseverance, political acumen and deep seated love for his homeland, and we believe his determination and hard work should be celebrated!

Throughout 2024 we plan to bring you a whole host of exciting events, with something for everyone. And in July, around Robert the Bruce's birthday, you can join us for a Medieval Ecumenical Service, Bruce Festival weekend and much more!

As the year goes on we will also have Academic seminars and debates, and you will also be able to explore our newly unveiled North Carrick Art Trail, which has the Bruce 750 theme woven throughout! We will also be visiting local schools with workshops and activities! Keep an eye on our social media pages to keep up to date with upcoming events and activities!

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North Carrick Children's Creative Writing Competition WINNER!

We recently challenged North Carrick's 6-10-year-olds to write a short story of no more than 500 words, themed on castles, kings and queens for a chance to win a fantastic prize! Our judges had a hard time deliberating over the amazing entries and are delighted to share the winning story below!

Thanks to all who took part and to our judges Allan and Max!

The Missing Crown of Dunure

It was a starry night and there were 5 friends. Isla was the adventurer, Alisa was the quiet, calm one; Bob the bravest dog, Hamish who called himself the dragon slayer and Callum who called himself the King of Carrick. The gang were out camping near Dunure castle watching the stars when they saw a sudden flash of light coming from the ruined castle. They grabbed their torches and went to explore the castle which is on a steep cliff.

"Let's investigate that light" said Isla.

"Maybe we shouldn't go in, it's creepy" replied Alisa.

"We are not scared because we are brave like the dragon slayers we are!" shouted Hamish.

"But where's Callum our king of Carrick" they said.

Bob barked towards Callum on the other side of the castle.

"Good job Bob," said Alisa who secretly wished she was the queen of Carrick.

Come on let's go in MY castle," shouted Callum.

"It's late at night and it is very dark" replied Alisa.

"Yes, it is but we have torches, and it would be an adventure," said Isla.

"Wait where's Hamish gone?" Asked Callum.

"He's gone inside the castle, come on we need to find him." Said Isla.

So, the 4 ran through a big gap in the wall and into a small room with an old fireplace.

"It's a bit dodgy in here," whispered Alisa.

"Who's there?" Said Hamish.

"It's us," said Alisa.

"Come on now we've found you lets go and see if we find some treasure left by the kings and the queens," Shouted Callum.

So, they ran into another cold damp room that was large and had barely anything inside, the gang then searched another room and another one until they had searched every place in the castle.

"That was so scary, and we found nothing," said Alisa.

"There is still the outside we need to check first," said Isla.

"But what about our nice cosy tent?" Asked Alisa.

"That doesn't matter, come on let's search around the castle," shouted Isla.

All of them split up and searched outside to try and find out where the mysterious light had come from.

Then the clouds parted, and the moon shone brightly over the dovecote which was on a little hill. At that moment a twinkle of light came out of the dovecote doorway.

"Come on let's investigate," whispered Callum. They all ran to the dovecote as fast as they could and what they found inside was

"A golden CROWN! Sticking out of a hole in the wall" They all shouted and screamed in excitement.

Callum and Bob ran in and grabbed the spectacular crown.

So, the gang and 1 dog had found the old kings precious crown that has probably been hidden in the wall for hundreds of years.

Callum did something he had always wanted to do, and he crowned himself the "King of Carrick" since he was the one who had found the treasure first.

The End By Joyah, Age 10, Crosshill



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OUR BRUCIE BURNS SUPPER!

The night started with guests being welcomed at the door by a lone piper, Ross Wheeler before they were transported back in time as they entered the Maybole Town Hall, with Scottish flags and medieval decorations the hall had been transformed into a medieval banquet hall, fit for king. Like traditional Burns Suppers the Brucie Burns Supper did address the haggis to begin the night, with musician Davie Anderson performing the address before Rev Liz Crumlish took to the stage to perform the Selkirk Grace.

This is the when the evening took a Brucie twist, unlike traditional Burns Suppers when they have haggis, neeps and tatties, the Brucie Burns Supper opted for a delicious Scottish inspired three course meal consisting of cock-a-leeky soup, homemade steak pie, with a side of creamy mash, haggis and seasoned vegetables and lastly homemade sticky toffee pudding served warm with custard, all prepared, made and served by the Home Cook School.

First ever performance of Rabbie and The Bruce, a commissioned playlet by Toria Cassidy and Neil Boyle, depicting the conversation that Robert Burns and Robert the Bruce would have if they were ever to meet face to face. Burns played by Stephen Kerr and Bruce played by John McQuiston gave a hilarious and convincing performance. One person commented "A wonderful piece of entertainment that really made the night special" another said "very funny and light hearted"



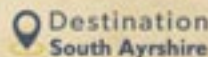
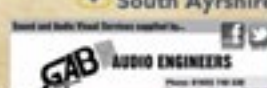
Once the play was finished, guests were entertained by the musical stylings of Davie Anderson, followed by a riveting performance of Tam O'Shanter by Mary Hogg and the immortal memory performed by Jean Brittain before Davie Anderson took the stage again to perform Scots Wha Hae. A Maybole event wouldn't be complete without a performance from the Maybole Pipe Band who wowed our guests with their set. After one last performance by Davie Anderson, the Brucie Burns Supper ended and the Brucie Burns Ceilidh began! With music by The Reel Stramash, guests got to dance the night away to traditional Ceilidh music.



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Carrick Rugby

As our Diversion Rugby activity goes from strength to strength we were lucky enough to have a visit from our local MSP Elena Whitham. Elena stayed with us for the whole session chatting to coaches, volunteers and young people. It was a great opportunity to showcase what we are doing to support young people in our communities.



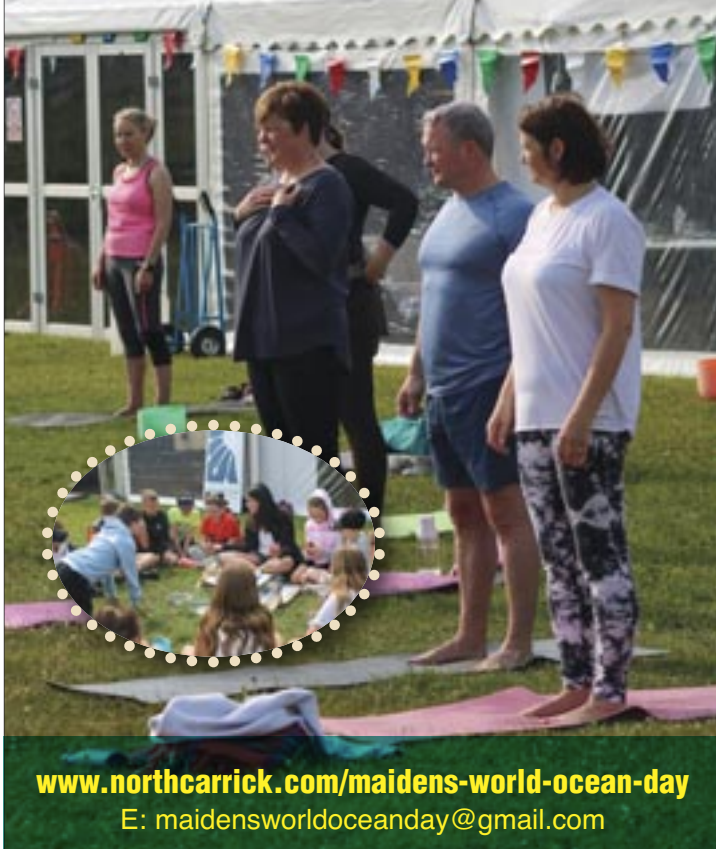
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Dynamic Dunure

A working group was set up in Dunure in 2018, with the support of South Ayrshire Council and North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC), to establish a vision and create an action plan to benefit local people and visitors. This group was formalised as the charity Dynamic Dunure in 2021. It brings together representatives from all parts of the village including the Community Council, Kennedy Hall & Park Association, Dunure Harbour Association, Fisherton School Parents' Council, the Coastal Rowing & Water Sports Club, the Youth Club and Fisherton Church.

Dynamic Dunure has the following purposes:

- The advancement of Citizenship and community development
- The advancement of Dunure's heritage and culture
- The provision of recreational facilities
- The advancement of environmental protection

Dynamic Dunure has already achieved success, including securing funding to build a boat store at the harbour for the rowing club and taking electricity to the castle, allowing the future plans of illuminating the Castle to be one step closer. It has also been working with South Ayrshire Council and NCCBC to develop a series of projects to benefit the residents and community and will be based around Kennedy Park, the Castle, the Harbour and enhancing access between them. This summer we should have a fully wheelchair accessible bridge linking the park with the path to the harbour.

We have been successful in our Expression of Interest to the Heritage Lottery Fund to build a Heritage Centre within Kennedy Park. We are now, with the generous support of South Ayrshire Council and NCCBC, progressing with our Stage One application.



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1st Crosshill Guides and Rangers

Crosshill Guides and Rangers returned with our annual Big Fat Quiz of the previous year! In January we also had a fabulous time at our county campsite Nether Auchendrane for a 'Just Scottish' themed Sleepover! We had a great weekend getting to know Guides from 1st Girvan who will be coming with us on an exciting trip to PGL Dalguise later this year.

Our leaders are looking forward to helping out with a Brownies Sleepover at the Glasgow Science Centre in March, and attending other events to promote Guiding in the Carrick area! We also have a day trip to Glasgow planned for our Guides and Rangers for May!

We are currently raising funds to cover the cost of the bus to take us to Perthshire for our PGL trip, and we will be in the newly renovated community shop 'The Gatherings' at 44 Maybole High Street from 8th April for a week! Please do let us know if you have any items you wish to donate or if you could help in the shop for a couple of hours. Do pop in and say "hello!"

We are also delighted to share that we will be holding another Quiz & Bingo night at Crosshill Community Centre on Wednesday 24th April from 7pm! All welcome! Meetings - Wednesdays 7-9pm at Crosshill Community Centre. Contact Jackie on jackie1stcrosshill@outlook.com



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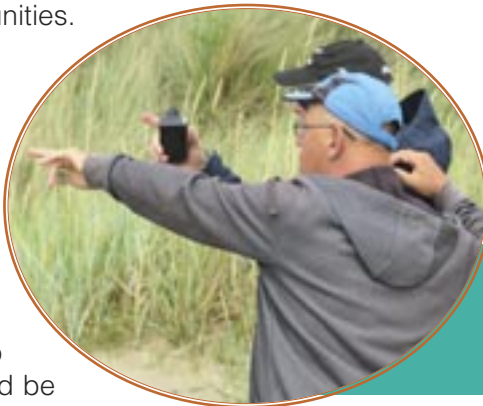


Maybole Over 50's continues to grow from strength to strength and currently has a membership of over 100 members. Our activities are well attended with some now full to capacity. Please check out our webpage www.mayboleover50s.org for further information on the groups and where and when they meet. Aimed primarily for people over 50 but always welcome to include anyone where any activity will help their wellbeing.

We are extremely lucky to have been chosen by the Co-op as one of this year's nominations of the Co-op Local Community Fund. This funding makes a huge difference to all of our groups and we cannot thank them enough for their support.

MOFs is a perfect opportunity for anyone new to the town to get to know people and become part of a group which will give lots of opportunities.

To encourage people to get out and about we have a group which meets on the second Friday of every month where we use our bus passes and go somewhere. It could be Largs or Glasgow or sometimes nearer home like Prestwick or Kilmarnock.






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Many people would not do this on their own and this gives the opportunity to widen people's horizons. If this is something you would like to do, please get in touch. 

A trip to Peebles has been planned for May, cost for members is £20 and non-members £30. If you would like to join us please contact us via our webpage www.mayboleover50s.org.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 2nd May 2024 in St Oswald's Church at 1pm.



Weddings and Wellbeing Kickstart 2024 at the Hub

Community Wellbeing Hub has started the year on a high, hosting our first ever wedding!

The happy couple first came along to the hub during our cosy spaces initiative in the winter of 2022, and quickly became part of our hub family, attending for groups, classes and treatments. When they asked us if they could be married in their special place we were delighted to say 'YES!' On a beautiful February afternoon, the studio was transformed into a wedding venue, and 40 guests witnessed the service, complete with pianist, piper, and a Rolls Royce. The hub sends congratulations to Marion and Lorna and we all wish them a long, healthy & happy life together!



The Hub has already been very busy improving wellbeing in the surrounding areas. We have seen a huge surge in organisations seeking to support their teams and have been out in the community providing wellbeing sessions to Z1 in Girvan, SAC's Thriving Communities, and Carrick Academy to name but a few. The wellbeing sessions combine sound therapy, holistic treatments, meditation, and mindful art; and offer teams the opportunity to recharge and be at their best in their busy roles.



We have also been busy with family sessions, working with Thriving Communities already this month to deliver wellbeing activities for parents and children. The little ones enjoyed a meditative magic carpet ride, magical crystals, sound healing, mindful art, and hand massage. Parents joined in with the

session and the children were delighted to learn new relaxation techniques they could use with their parents and carers at home.

Another new initiative is our collaboration with Dementia Friendly North Carrick who are piloting a voucher scheme where carers of those with dementia can be gifted a holistic therapy session to help them to have some time to relax and focus on their own wellbeing. If you, or anyone you know, would like to apply for a voucher under the scheme, please contact DFNC on **01655 883293** for more details.

The Hub was delighted to be successful in receiving year three funding from the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund to continue holistic therapy sessions on referral for those with chronic, long-term conditions and disabilities, or struggling with stress, depression & anxiety. We are very grateful to VASA for their support. Our intake for the first half of 2024 has been filled, and we will release the remaining sessions in July. Referrals come from GPs, community links workers, and social work and the outcomes over the last two years have been very well received by the health professionals referring to us.

Our Hub family continues to grow, and there are many new ideas for 2024 being thought up by our clients and volunteers. We'd love to see as many of these come to fruition as we can so will be working hard behind the scenes to look for funding to make even more great things happen for our community.



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News from Colouring Communities

Colouring Communities Group have had a very productive, busy and fun Winter with lots of outings, activities and helping other community groups. This warm, friendly group is made up of 11 Adults with Additional Support Needs who meet weekly to create splashes of colour throughout North Carrick. We provide a warm, safe environment where everyone is valued and respected.

The lead up to Christmas was a particularly busy time for the group - they made a beautiful life sized sleigh for Maybole Library to enjoy- it proved to be a great hit with all the young visitors.

St Oswald's Church were another group who benefitted from Colouring Communities at Christmas. They were gifted a beautiful Christmas tree, which the group made out of scrap wood and made many beautiful decorations to embellish it. The group wished to thank the Church for the use of their hall and for their kindness over the year.

As well as doing jobs to help other groups, we have had a lot of fun throughout the season such a Christmas Craft session at Pick Me Up Paints in Ayr, where the group made ceramic decorations as gifts for friends and family. Brilliant fun!

The group enjoyed a delicious three-course Christmas Dinner at Wildings with money earned from their stint in the Maybole Charity Shop. The meal was excellent and of course the best bit was the company!

Strike...! The group had a couple of visits to LA Bowl in Ayr- always a firm favourite with the group. We have lots of exciting plans for the spring and

summer including a Beach Comber Project, an Upcycling Project and also we are very much looking forward to working with other groups with similar values to ours.

The group would like to take this opportunity to thank the people and groups that have supported us over the past three years. Special thanks to St Oswald's Church for providing us with a home - where we are safe and valued. Also, to Sam and Monica of the Dairy Corner Café on Maybole High Street who deliver delicious food for the group each week.

If you would like more information about Colouring Communities then please contact coral.mcmillan@outlook.com



STRAITON NEWS

The end of January always seems to signal that the back of winter has been broken and nature is sending out the signs that spring is on its way. There seems to be an abundance of snowdrops, the beautiful harbingers of spring, this year.

The winter months have seen a right mix of weather with November seeing below average rainfall and ending in a bright, dry and frosty week. December, by contrast was wet, with almost double the average rainfall and January has been mixed with dry, frosty days followed by high winds and driving rain then back to overcast skies.

The McCandlish Hall

The hall has been busy; with regular activities such as Lego club, carpet bowling, Jam sessions, martial arts and cosy corners. We also had the Christmas Fayre in November; always a good place to kick start the Christmas shopping at a variety of stalls! The teas - provided by members of the church - were also hugely popular and gave a welcome contribution to church funds.

A new venture in December was a Christmas Market; providing a completely different experience with an array of very interesting stalls!

Santa made his annual visit and took children on a magical journey after which they were warmed up with hot chocolate in the hall.

What better way to start the Christmas festivities than the school's Christmas Show? This year it was "The Pied Piper" and those of you who remember the sad ending to the poem; will be heartened to know that this production had a happy ending with the children reunited with their parents – after all, it was Christmas time! The enthusiasm and the talent of the children shone through. After the show there was a welcome cup of tea with cake and, of course, a raffle with many lovely prizes.

The community were invited to the school for some carol singing; and once again the children showed

their joy for performing. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon which concluded with tea and cakes. The year ended with a Hogmanay Hoolie in the hall much enjoyed by attendees.

So far 2024 has seen a quiz night with teams competing good naturedly against each other, and the Gaiety Outreach back with "Ae fond kiss"; a three person production of the loves of Robert Burns and the poems associated with the bonnie lassies he courted. Rabbie, Jean Armour, his wife, and Souter Johnny gave a lively performance to a large and appreciative audience.

Straiton St Cuthbert's Church

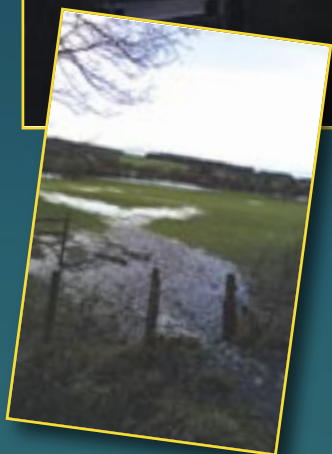
We held the annual Remembrance Day service after which there was a short wreath laying service at the village memorial led by Rev. Gerald Jones. Wreaths were laid by Councillor Brian Connolly on behalf of South Ayrshire Council, Andrew Kay on behalf of the church and community and Major Peter Clapton (retired) on behalf of the Scots Greys Association. The Christmas family service was, as always, a joyous occasion and children, as well as those still young at heart, brought toys and games to be given to Whiteley's Retreat for the benefit of children and their families spending time there.

The service was followed by super soups and sandwiches; as well as mince pies and shortbread and, of course, there was a raffle! On Christmas Eve we had both a carol service at noon and hosted the Watchnight Service; a welcome return.

The guild meetings have included interesting speakers from South Ayrshire NHS Occupational Therapy Team, and by Gregory Marshall of Blackthorn Salt. We also had our AGM, after which a scrumptious afternoon tea was served; courtesy of The Dairy Corner in Maybole. The guild welcomes all to our meetings. Keep an eye out for what's on in the notice board at the shop!

The guild paid their respects to Harriet Henry who died this month after a time of indifferent health. Harriet was well known in the village and the farming community and is fondly remembered for her generosity as well as her wit. Her funeral was so much a reflection of herself in the positive, uplifting sentiments expressed; truly a celebration of a life well lived.

To conclude on a buoyant note: in the past few months we have been delighted to welcome the arrival of three new members to our community and send congratulations to the proud parents. The first of the babies was christened in February with many friends and family joining the congregation on what is always such a happy occasion.



Sowing the Seeds of Growth

Spring is just around the corner and work has already begun in the Carrick Community Food Garden for the year ahead. We've been busy preparing for another growing season, ably assisted by lots of little helpers from Culzean and St. Cuthbert's Primary Schools. Since starting up again in February after our winter break, we've been carrying out maintenance, preparing our growing areas and sowing seeds for propagation in the polytunnel.



As well as plants, we are also hoping to grow our membership this year and get more of you involved in our activities.



Areas you can get involved in include:

- Encouraging children of all ages to get outdoors and get their hands dirty.
- Design and constructing new planting areas, garden furniture, pathways and more
- Improving our wildlife habitats and, exploring local biodiversity and conservation
- Preparing and cooking produce harvested from the garden
- Joining friendly group that is open to all

To find out more and to keep up to date on our activities, follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/CarrickCommunityFoodGarden

Meet us at the garden on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 12pm at Allans Hill, Maybole, KA19 7AU.

Straiton Primary – Burns Competition

Straiton Primary held its annual Burns competition on the 26th January. The children learned and recited "The Wee Red Motor, Twa Leggit mice and Address to a Haggis" in front of a panel from the community. The panel (Jeanette Heggs, Lizzy Linton and Gordon Ferry) were very pleased to hear the Scots language being used with such enthusiasm. After that we were treated to Scottish songs by the nursery who performed in style in their own homemade tartan printed kilts. We finished the event with some lovely Scottish music and snacks. Thank you very much to our judges and a massive well done to all the children who took part, including our well-deserved winners!



Kirkmichael Burns Celebrations

We had a great afternoon with our families at our Scottish Poetry competition. We had an afternoon of recitals, singing and dancing. Our pupils made Irn-Bru scones and shortbread as a special Scottish treat. Our judging panel had the very difficult decision of choosing our winners and they also did a fabulous recital of Tam O'Shanter. We also had an ex-pupil come in and play the bagpipes.



GSA Biosphere

The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere has some exciting learning projects underway for 2024, building on the success of their Learning for Sustainability Toolkit which launched at Girvan Primary and has been rolled out to more than 40 schools across the UNESCO region. The brand new Blue Biosphere resource will be launched this summer, jam-packed with activities and ideas that teachers can use to introduce primary school pupils to our coastal and marine environments and the fascinating creatures that belong to the Biosphere's underwater world. The Blue Biosphere learning programme also contains information and activities based around climate change and the effects this is having on ocean life.

The Biosphere's staff Land Use and Biodiversity team are working hard on the South Ayrshire Small Scale Tree Planting Grant, a partnership project with South Ayrshire Council. Awards of up to £1,000 are available under this scheme, which aims to increase the number of broadleaf trees and improve publicly accessible green spaces to benefit people and nature alike. This is the pilot year for the grant and Biosphere officers are looking forward to helping develop a diversity of sites, from parkland and orchards to field boundaries and unused common ground.

North Carrick businesses and social enterprises are warmly invited to sign up for the Biosphere's Proud Supporter scheme. It's a commitment to sustainability which has created a network of more than 400 members across southwest Scotland. Proud Supporters are spotlighted on the Explore the Biosphere Map at www.gsabiosphere.org.uk and can access a private Facebook group to connect and collaborate with other businesses. They can also apply for the Biosphere Certification Mark, a trademarked quality scheme which comes with extensive business development and marketing support. Both initiatives are entirely free and applications are open all year round.



To find out more about any of the above please email info@gsabiosphere.org.uk. More information about Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere is available on the website mentioned above or follow [#gsabiosphere](https://www.instagram.com/gsabiosphere) on social media.



SANTA COMES TO MAIDENS

Santa arrived in Maidens on his sleigh courtesy of the wonderful Carrick Round Table on Sunday 10th December and was welcomed by a small crowd of adults and children enjoying mulled wine and apple juice and homemade shortbread; courtesy of Maidens Community Association. Santa switched on our Christmas tree lights at the Church Hall before taking his magical sleigh around the village, full of children! Why not get involved? Help us create more special events in Maidens! maidenscommunityassociation@gmail.com



Carrick Tots!

Tuesdays 10-11.30am at The Carrick Centre
 We are a fun, friendly group for children birth to 5 years! A chance to socialise, have a cuppa and let the children play! We have had a very busy few months with Christmas Celebrations, birthdays and Valentines activities too! Thank you to Kevin and Brian Connolly for their donations of chocolates. £3 per child, £1 per sibling, tea/coffee/juice/biscuits included.
Everyone welcome, we would love to see old members back again and a warm welcome to new members!

Maidens Church Hall Clock Project

The church Hall is a much-loved historic building in the village. It was built in 1891 and the clock was in a sorry state having not worked for a number of years.

Maidens Community Association, (a voluntary group in the village) decided to investigate the possibility of repairing the clock and restoring it to its former glory. A working group of three members was set up to carry the project forward and after some intensive research The Cumbria Clock Company in Penrith was approached to give a quote on restoring the clock.

Mark Crangle of Cumbria Clock was very helpful and gave us a quote. We were then faced with the task of

getting a grant to cover the cost and to this effect we were very lucky to get the required money thanks to the NCCBC Community Projects Fund. Without his help the task would have been impossible. Thanks also go to Chris Savage, who is NCCBC's director for Maidens area, for his support with coordinating the Community Projects Funding.

The new clock was installed on September 6th by Mark Crangle and looks great! The new clock is quite high tech as it sets itself automatically by a satellite link and changes the time in October and March by this method. No need to wind it back or forward manually.

Another project carried out by Maidens Community Association who are passionate in improving Maidens for the better.

Tom Barclay



NEW FACE at the CARRICK CENTRE YOUTH HUB

I am really excited to be introducing myself to you as the coordinator of Youth Development at the Youth Hub in Maybole. I am the Youth Development Worker appointed by the Carrick Centre to make a difference to young people's lives in North Carrick. I will be working with young people, youth workers, schools and groups in North Carrick, South Ayrshire Council, and other bodies to ensure that young people's lives are improved and that their voices are heard.



One of my key aims is to empower young people to become active participants in the community and for them to know that their opinions, ideas, and concerns are respected. It is vital that our young people have a sense of ownership and responsibility for their Youth Hub.

To achieve this, work on establishing a Youth Hub Board (YHB) has already started and the response from young people has been fantastic. The YHB will help shape the development of the Youth Hub and local communities.

I will also be working with young people to design programmes, workshops, and events, which will ensure they have the chance to explore new interests, develop valuable skills, and uncover hidden talents. Whether it's through dance and drama, digital and outdoor play opportunities, arts and culture, sports and recreation, or entrepreneurship and leadership development, there will be something for everyone. And even more importantly the YHB will be shaping and changing what is on offer.

Inclusion, diversity and fun is at the heart of the plans for the Youth Hub. Links with the North Carrick community are also important and will play a crucial role in strengthening the bonds across the villages and Maybole. By bringing young people together

from diverse backgrounds and interests, the Hub can foster a sense of camaraderie and belonging. By working in a collaborative way we will improve opportunities for young people to make the difference they seek.

**Fergus Blair, Youth Development Worker
Carrick Centre Youth Hub**

Tuesday night is already a big night for young people at the Youth Hub. SAC's Thriving Communities Youth Group is in downstairs for P7s plus, while the younger age groups of P4s-P6s are enjoying their own space upstairs 6:30-8pm. Demand for places is high and Fergus is spreading the word in schools and on social media that - "Booking in advance for the P4s-P6s is essential and children need to be dropped off and picked up from the Youth Hub at 6-10 Whitehall. Cost is £1 and booking can be done via my email: fergus.blair@carrickcentre.co.uk."

A formal opening of the Youth Hub organised by the Youth Hub Board is planned for after Easter.

If you go down to the Carrick Centre today, you could be in for a big surprise. Pop down and have a look at our new fresh décor and menu. Anyone travelling to the centre will soon be able to take an electric bike and park it in a new shelter being erected, with charging points thanks to a grant from Cycling Scotland. Electric car drivers will also be catered for at the centre with charging points for cars thanks to South Ayrshire Community Transport.

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We are about to go through the process of becoming an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This will give us more oppoutunities to provide events for the community in the future. Keep an eye on our website for details.

Dear Readers,

I hope many of you managed to visit our recent Exhibition at The Gatherings in Maybole. It was a fantastic week and it was a pleasure to show you all some of the fascinating objects, books and documents we are proud to be the custodians of.

We were recently awarded a grant from Destination South Ayrshire to hold an event at the McKechnie Institute in Girvan on the 30th March and everyone is welcome. Do check our website for our upcoming events and consider supporting us by joining as a member!

Simon Glendenning FSA Scot
Chair



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