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Sunday Services

Lochranza 9.30am, Pirnmill 10.45am

Tea & coffee served after the services

All are welcome

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The Manse, Brodick



Over many years growing up in Corriecravie I watched the once grand imposing farm house that stood on the skyline at other side of the village at Kilbrannan, crumble and fall down. It always seemed to me so sad and such a waste, all that hard work and time and effort, not to mention expense come to nothing but a pile of rubble. The reason apparently for its demise, the builders had used lime mortar instead of cement with brick. Now after only 25 years since it was built, it seems the same shocking fate awaits the Brodick manse.

And the decision to demolish and rebuild the manse has of course come as a terrible shock to the congregations and to all who hear about it, but not least to me and my family. That decision has not come about quickly nor without consultation at length with professionals, Presbytery property representatives and with the General Trustees in Edinburgh who are ultimately responsible for all decisions concerning church property. Nor has it come about due to negligence on the part of extremely diligent and hard-working property conveners and fantastically supportive congregational boards to see it was properly maintained.

The severe problems with damp which first manifested themselves with an infestation of woodlice when we moved in in 2006 to the more recent infestation of slugs has been a long-standing one.

Despite almost constant repairs and remedial works being carried out over the past twelve years at no insignificant cost running into tens of thousands of pounds, the building is now so damp and facing hugely costly solutions to overcome certain design faults that it is now not deemed worth spending any more money on. Therefore, the most practicable solution is to cut our losses and rebuild on the same site.

The task of overseeing this enormous venture and of raising the necessary funds has been placed in the hands of a sub-committee made up of all the treasurers, clerks and property conveners of the five congregations of Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine, who will of course report back to all the relevant Congregational Boards and Deacons' Court before any action is taken.

So far, all this has raised some questions and led to a few misconceptions, therefore it seemed a good idea to put the answers in writing to clear up any misunderstanding about the situation we find ourselves in.

CHURCH DUTIES

	DOOR	READERS	COFFEE	DUTY ELDER	FLOWERS
05-Aug	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Gail Scott
*12- Aug	Fiona Henderson	Robert Cumming	Fiona Henderson	Chris Knox	Hellen Thorburn
19-Aug	Chris Siddle	Pip Siddle	Anita Ford	Anne Coulter	Eileen McAllister
26-Aug	Isobel Kerr	Janette MacLeod	Janette MacLeod	Sinclair MacLeod	Janette MacLeod
02-Sep	Richard Wright	Richard Wright	Aileen Wright	Bill Scott	Aileen Wright
09-Sep	Marion Gentleman	Marion Gentleman	Marion Gentleman	Chris Knox	Marion Gentleman
16-Sep	Douglas Coulter	Douglas Coulter	Maureen Cumming	Anne Coulter	Maureen Cumming
23-Sep	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Sinclair MacLeod	Hazel Gardiner
30-Sep	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Bill Scott	Lorna Hallyburton
07-Oct	Harvest Festival	P/M 1015am			
14-Oct	Marion Gentleman	Robert Cumming	Gail Scott	Anne Coulter	Hellen Thorburn
21-Oct	Chris Siddle	Pip Siddle	Anne Coulter	Sinclair MacLeod	Janette MacLeod
**28-Oct	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Marion Gentleman	Bill Scott	
04-Nov	Jt Communion Corrie	11am			

Dates for your diary.....

* 12th Aug – Communion Service – Lochranza 1015am

4th Oct – Board & Session Meeting Pirmill 2pm

** 28th Oct – Joint Winter Services start – Lochranza 1015am

4th Nov – Thanksgiving Service – Corrie 7pm

11th Nov – Remembrance Service – P/M Hall 1015am

NB. At 1905 all the church bells in UK will ring for 10mins

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER!

Please could I have articles for this by **22nd OCTOBER** at the latest!

bg.ornsay@btinternet.com

Many thanks. Ed.



CONCERT LOCHRANZA CHURCH TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST 7.30PM

Featuring – ARCO with guests Angus Anderson, Peter Alexander Wilson & others

**ENTRY BY DONATION
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS CHURCH FUNDS**

Community Council Information

The Community Council meet the last Tues of the month at the **Ormidale Pavillion @ 6pm** with the exception of December. The public can attend.

The minutes of the meetings are available to read in the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, the Lochranza Hotel, the Catacol Hotel and the Pirnmill Shop. If you have any concerns you would like taken forward, could you contact me (Lochranza and Catacol) or Liz Evans (Pirnmill). Thank you.

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TAKE NOTE OF DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

Distillery - on front wall of the visitor centre

Cal Mac building - on the outside wall

Catacol Bay Hotel - on front wall below the kitchen window

Pirnmill Shop - in red telephone box



All cabinets are unlocked and open to anyone who requires to take the defib. No prior experience of using one is required make sure you've called 999 to get an Ambulance & the **First Responders** on the way

**AUG 14,28
SEPT 11,25
OCT 9,23
NOV 6,20**



**AUG 7,21
SEPT 4,18
OCT 2,16,30
NOV 13,27**



The first most frequently asked question is, where am I going to live in the meantime? Fortunately come the end of September I hope to be able to return to Corriecravie and live in my own home. The alternative was to have the congregations rent suitable accommodation for me and my family elsewhere in Brodick. The cost of that, at a time when the congregations are faced with raising monies in excess of £100 000, would not be good stewardship of resources and at least we have the good fortune that I have somewhere else to live in and from which I can work, as I did when previously I was probationer minister at Brodick and Corrie from 2004 to 2006.

Why then do we need to build a new manse at all? For the simple reason that I will not always be minister of North Arran and in order for the congregations to be allowed to call my successor a manse must be provided for whoever that might be.

If a manse must be built, why such a large sum of money? The reason being that the legislation states that a manse must be of a certain size with four bedrooms, three public rooms and a garage. Not so that ministers can live in style, but so that there is a bedroom for the minister and his or her spouse, one bedroom for a male and one for a female child (the nuclear family) and one guest bedroom for visitors, which are frequent in any manse. Downstairs the extra room is the room from which the minister is expected to work, the study acting also as a room where it is possible to meet people in private away from the other members of the manse family.

Where is this money to come from? The answer: it must be provided by the congregations, although financial assistance has already been offered by the Presbytery. This would if accepted, be in the form of a low-interest loan repaid over time.

How long will the process take? The answer – as long as it takes to raise sufficient monies, gain relevant statutory permissions to demolish and rebuild, not to mention go through all the stages of seeking the blessing of the church courts.

All this coming at a time when the congregation at Shiskine are embarking on an ambitious project to demolish their current church hall and build a new one fit for purpose for the next century and more, I have also been asked if having to build a new manse in Brodick will affect this decision. The answer in a word, no. Both projects are essential and will hopefully happen.

Why am I so confident of this? Because I believe both are undertaken in a great act of faith that the mission of the Church of Scotland on this island is important for the foreseeable future. If that is so and it is God's will then it will happen. If not, still my trust is in Him who will provide, not for what we want but for what we need. As the psalmist says: 'Unless the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it' (Psalm 127:1). Come what may Amen to that, Amen so let it be.

Angus

THE THISTLE SERVICE

Gretta and I were privileged to be invited to attend on 6th July 2018, The Ceremonial for the installation of His Grace, The Duke of Buccleuch and Sir Ian Wood as Knights of The Most Ancient and Noble Order of The Thistle.

A Knight of The Thistle is the highest chivalry award in Scotland, given by Her Majesty, The Queen for dedicated service to Scotland and the Scottish people. It is in Her Majesty's gift. The most senior Knight is Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden along with other very distinguished people such as Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, Lord Smith of Kelvin as Knights.

It was altogether a most impressive day. It was greatly helped by the weather which was glorious, but we were grateful that St Giles was cool. As members of The Royal Family were participating, Her Majesty, Prince William, Earl of Strathearn and Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, security was very tight. We had to produce our tickets, passports and utility bills to police security officers to get admission to Parliament Square and again to more security people at St Giles. We had to be in our allocated seats by 1030am though were in our seats by 1015am by which time St Giles was more than half full.

As this was a Royal Event, the full State panoply was on show, from The Fanfare Trumpeters of HM Royal Marines in Scotland, The Royal Company of Archers with their bows and arrows to protect Her Majesty, though there were a number of large, very fit looking men in well cut suits at various places around the Cathedral. The State Heralds and Pursuivants in their scarlet and gold braided tunics as well as The Military Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland were also there. It was a colourful and sparkling scene.

Until The Royal Party and Knights arrived at 1055am, we were entertained to a wonderful organ recital. While The Thistle Service follows a set pattern, it is a Church of Scotland service, with two hymns, "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven" and "The Church's one Foundation" which was led by the very large choir and a congregation of close on one thousand which nearly took the roof off the Cathedral! There were prayers including a prayer for the victims and bereaved of Piper Alpha, concluding with The Lord's Prayer – trespasses not debts!

After His Grace, the Duke of Buccleuch and Sir Ian Wood were inducted, they were conducted to their stalls in The Thistle Chapel. The Service ended with the benediction. The Royal Party and the Knights then left St Giles. We all then moved out into Parliament Square where we saw Her Majesty and the Knights departing in their cars for lunch at Holyrood Palace. Gretta and I then had an opportunity to chat to The Heralds, some of whom we knew.

It was a sparkling and memorable occasion at which we were privileged to be present as guests.

Kenneth Pritchard.

The 18 hole layout designed by Mr. Robertson and his father included double tees and greens and a number of other new features, including the pond on the 7th hole, other water hazards and long doglegs. The 18 hole layout at par 70 presented the longest course on the island. The layout was designed to maximise appreciation of the beautiful scenic views as golfers walked the course.

Nigel and myself took over the golf course and campsite lease in 2009. A meeting of members in 2010 in the Stags Pavilion, led to a vote in favour of returning the course to a 9 hole layout and with their help we set about the changes in 2011. Essentially, today's 9 holes are based on Mr. Robertson's 18 hole layout.

Now back in Pablo's care, 55 years on from when he first set foot on Lochranza's fairways, the course, framed by the majestic hills, continues to be enjoyed by stalwart local supporters and visitors alike.



Kathryn Wells

I will be very interested in any further information you may have about Lochranza Golf Course. My information for this article came from:

Mr. Iain Robertson, Lochranza Golf owner 1988-2009
Golf on Arran by James Henderson, published by Voice for Arran 2016

History of the Villages of the Isle of Arran by SWRI
Arran Federation revised in 2002

F.O.L.K. FETE

The Friends Of Lochranza Kirk held a very successful Fete on Wednesday 18th July in the village hall. We raised in excess of £1400. This would not have been possible without a great deal of hard work and organising by Anne and Gail.

A huge thank you must also go to those who baked scones, donated bottles, bric a brac, baking and books, not forgetting all the 'volunteers' who manned the stalls and worked tirelessly in the tearoom. We were very grateful to the Distillery who donated a special bottle of whisky this raised £85 in the silent auction.

Finally thank you to all who came along and spent so generously.

Unfortunately we have had to put a lock on the donation box in Lochranza church.

What sad times we live in!

Bill Scott – Session Clerk

From 12 holes to 9 to 18 then 9 again: Lochranza Golf Course's Layouts 1898-2018

History has come full circle at Lochranza Golf Course this year with the return of Pablo Moran to his green-keeping beginnings. Pablo first came to the village from Peru in 1963 aged 17 when he was unable to speak English. He remembers how he cried for a month with homesickness. Thankfully for golf on the island it did not get the better of him.

At that time the village had long had a golf course on land situated in the head of the glen, owned by the Arran Estate. The first recorded golf course at Lochranza was opened on the 6th June 1899 – an era that would come to be regarded as the heyday of Arran golf due to burgeoning tourism around the Clyde. Many of Arran's golf courses originated at this time: between 1903 and 1914 there were 11 golf courses on the island. The SWRI's book 'History of the Villages of the Isle of Arran' reports that 'the people (of Lochranza) opened a golf course, a new club house and new bridges over the burn for the benefit of golfers'.

The original golf course at Lochranza had 12 holes. The father and grandfather of Mr. Iain Robertson, dedicated golfer and owner of the golf course from 1988 to 2009, played this original layout on annual summer holidays. The course layout at that time did not include the Butt Field or the Sea Field. Instead, it stretched up the steep hillside to the south-east towards Narachan. An old tee from that time remains in the bracken below Broombank road end and is visible in the winter months. That tee played downhill to a green to the west of the big sycamore tree stump which would later become part of the campsite. Mr Robertson thinks it possible that the golf course at that time also extended upstream towards Ballarie Farm.

During the Second World War the golf course was used for commando training. Traces of hut circles on the 1st and 9th fairways can still be discerned as well as a raised bank which may have been a rifle range. The Stags Pavilion became a base for the commandos. After the war, a 9 hole layout, completely different to today's, was created. The area of the course included the present-day campsite field and the field that now contains the pond. Mr. Robertson remembers that a farmer from Catacol, whose sheep sometimes strayed to Lochranza, used to mow the fairways with the gang mowers on his tractor. The tees from this post-war 9 hole layout, now disused, remain around the golf course. When Mrs Ruby McAllister took over the golf course and campsite in 1963 the club house became a tearoom and shop.

The eighties saw a resurgence of the popularity of golf due to televised major competitions. When Mr. Robertson bought the golf course and campsite in 1988 he planned an ambitious new 18 hole layout. He negotiated with Mr. Charles Fforde, the landowner, and Mr. Sandy Sloss, the farmer, to acquire the Butt Field and Sea Field areas with the provision that the sheep could have sheltered grazing through the lambing period in April. This system remains in place today.

Blue Mountains NSW, Australia 2018

I like to sing the action song with the children and the words are these:

*My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
there's nothing that He cannot do.*

*The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
the stars are His handiwork too.*

*My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
there's nothing that He cannot do.*

When my granddaughter Abbie and I were on holiday in Australia this year in March/April we saw the majestic mountains, wide rivers and the stars at night.

As I reported in the last issue of the Newsletter we were visiting my friend in Richmond which is situated in the Hawkesbury region of New South Wales, on the banks of the Hawkesbury River about an hour and twenty minutes by train, west of Sydney.

The history of the region goes back way beyond that of the European immigrants and convicts that were transported there to the colonies in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

For at least 30,000 years, Aboriginal people have occupied parts of Western Sydney. The Darug people are the traditional custodians of the land on the south bank of the Hawkesbury River and their neighbours are the Darkinjung whose boundaries are from the Colo River and Wisemans Ferry. The Wiradjun people also have boundaries in the north-west of the region.

The Hawkesbury river was originally known as the Deerubbin (or Venrubbin) and it was vital to the survival of the local Aboriginal people being a source of food, a means of transport and trading route. The first European settlers arrived in the late 1700s and renamed it the Hawkesbury. The fertile plains fed a starving colony and served as a main transport route to Sydney in colonial times.

■ The writings of the European settlers around the late 1770s and early 1800s, tell that the local Indigenous groups usually contained up to about 30 people, several clans coming together to hunt kangaroo and for special occasions. They hunted for only as much as they needed, using mainly clubs and spears.

When we travelled along beside the Hawkesbury river we passed through many places that still bare the Aboriginal names such as Yarramundi at Hawkesbury Heights. It is here where the name 'Hawkesbury' changes to 'Nepean'.

It was in June 1789 that Governor Arthur Phillip and a small party made the first European exploration of the Hawkesbury River and Phillip named the river after British statesman, Lord Hawkesbury.

The Hawkesbury-Neapean river system flows west to the Blue Mountains.

Why are the Blue Mountains blue? The Guide book told us that the distinctive blue

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haze which has earned the Blue Mountains their name is quite different and of a deeper hue than that found in any other part of the world. Although constantly varying in intensity, the haze is always present.

The phenomenon is known as “Rayleigh Scattering” after Lord Rayleigh who first investigated the phenomenon. It is caused by scattering rays of light coming into contact with fine dust particles and droplets of oil dispersed from the eucalyptus trees in the valley and there are a lot of trees stretching for many miles in the present day.

The first official use of the name “Blue Mountains” is attributed to Captain William Paterson of the New South Wales Corp, in his dispatch describing his attempt at crossing the mountains through the Grose River Valley in 1793.

When we were up the Blue mountains and looking from the viewing platform, there certainly was a blue haze over them, an amazing sight.

At Katoomba there are rocks called the three sisters. There is an Aboriginal Legend about them that goes like this: According to Gundungurra dreaming, three beautiful sisters named ‘Meehni’, ‘Wimlah’ and ‘Gunnedoo’ once lived with the Gundungurra people in the Jamison Valley. The maidens were in love with three brothers from the neighbouring nation of the Darug people, but marriage was forbidden by tribal law.

The brothers were warriors and decided to take the maidens by force. Tribal war forced the Kuradjuri (clever man) of the Gundunjarra people to turn the sisters into stone. He intended to restore them after the danger had passed and the war had ended.

Unfortunately, the Kuradjuri (clever man) was killed in battle and to this day nobody has been able to break the spell to turn the Three Sisters back to their normal form.

Legend and history - the Blue Mountains are a wonderful part of God's creation and a magnificent sight to behold as with the valleys and places along the Hawkesbury River.

The experience of the fantastic places we visited and the history of the region we will hopefully long remember.

Jean Hunter



Pirnmill War Memorial Garden Refurbishment

I'm sure you will already be aware of the plans to provide a memorial for the men who gave their lives during the great war. The “ribbon” will be added to the current Second World War Memorial and the official dedication will take place in May 2018.

In line with this it is hoped that the garden at the memorial and the surrounding area including the raised seating area can be re-invigorated and plans are in hand to have this completed in time for the dedication.

Louise Minter & I have already started the planning and some clearance work has been done. We are seeking help from anyone who is interested in any way.

We are looking for sponsors to help with the cost of materials and plants and anyone able to help with the physical work needed would be greatly appreciated.

So far we have offers of help in raising the flower bed walls to allow for more compost and hope that North Ayrshire Council will contribute by supplying the compost. We also have an offer of wood to make/repair the seats and help in doing the seating.

We would be delighted to hear from you with any offers of help and any comments you have.

Susan Furzer



10th – 13th AUGUST

Once again two groups of artists/craftspeople will be exhibiting separately

in

Lochranza (Venue 29)

Pirnmill (Venue 27)

Details in the AOS brochures.

■ Narration or Natter
by
Janette MacLeod

.....something for the Newsletter
.....could even be about a painting
.....She mused only briefly:
..... life being pure theatre
IS her inspiration!



The Painting is of a theatre: the backdrop is a house/ home.
A figure is front left (should on reflection have been central).
The figure is female: the character is wife,
mother, housewife, provider and sex goddess!
Her performance is good to adequate (she thinks)
The audience is completely indifferent .

It is 1988 .The title was:

**A part of Many Parts or
An Impossible Part or
A yoke of many colours**

The Sex Goddess
in the picture!



PS. What has not been mentioned is the male character bottom left in audience reading a paper with feet up and smoking a pipe!

The painting was put away.

In **1996** the painting came out again. She painted out the male character from that scene. She did not want to be known as a whinger.

The title then became: **MY LIFE DEFINITELY OLD HAT !**

There is a moral to this narrative painting / journey. Do not, try not to judge people. They are doing the best they can with whatever part they have to play. Including herself.

Lochranza Gentlemen's Philosophical Society { L.G.P.S.}



Weekly Programme

A slightly quieter summer session at the Philo's during May, June and July, with only talks in May by Archie Cumming on "The Future of Mankind" and Gerald Tattersfield, the Distillery Visitor Centre Manager on the ongoing development of the distilleries at Lochranza and Lagg. Both talks proved very interesting and held the attention of the members for the full meeting.

As previously mentioned in the previous edition of the newsletter, the summer session until September is a less formal hour and a half of discussion on topical subjects with the usual banter, which can be even more entertaining.

Hillwalking

It's been a good few months with the summer weather for the hills, kicking off with our climb of The Cobbler (Ben Arthur) on 2nd/3rd May, an interesting hill with three summits in the shape of a cobbler's last. Eight members took the first ferry to Claonaig, reaching Arrochar around 10.45am, weather proved to be very kind and we made good progress with a lovely walk up to the Cobbler reaching the middle summit around 1.30pm after a bit of a scramble up the front face.

We had a good lunch on the top and a celebration glass of fizz to celebrate John Ford's 75 years, then our youngest member, Rob Stevens, "threaded the eye of the needle", a tricky climb through a small gap between two boulders to reach the southern summit, this takes more than a bit of nerve and worth a look on U-Tube.

Descent was pleasant and mostly uneventful, getting back to the car park around 5 ish, then to the hotel for shower, refreshments and an evening meal, rounding off another day to remember in the Scottish Mountains.

We have also had two glorious days in the Arran Hills during the recent good weather, traversing from Coirein Lochain along the summits to Beinn Bharrain above Pirmill, one of our favourite walks, and on one of the hottest days of the year nine members

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climbed The Three Beinnns, the horse shoe of peaks to the west of Gen Rosa overlooking Brodick. We passed the World War Two Liberator Plane wreck where 10 American Crew lost their lives, a poignant moment! The walk, due to conditions took longer than expected, however another special day with fizz on the top (Ken Thorburn also three score and ten plus five). The Corrie Hotel at the end of the day relieved some of the pain!

Social Events

We had a good meal and evening with the ladies at the Ormidale Hotel on Friday 18th May and are due to visit the new V & A Museum in Dundee, probably in October as part of our annual excursion to the mainland returning on the last summer sailing of the 8.30 pm ferry from Ardrossan.

As noted in previous News Letters all new members will be most welcome to join us in the Lochranza Hotel on Thursdays (the summer evening) between 5.30 and 7.00 pm.

Richard B Wright
Chairman

Dougarie Open Gardens.

What a day we had at Dougarie this year. The sun shone, the sky was blue and visitors and locals flocked to see the gardens, to buy plants and home baking, try their luck at the tombola stall, and to indulge in a cream tea served in the famous boat house. Because it was calm we could, for the first time, open the seaward doors. The lucky few who secured seats there, basked in the sunshine and enjoyed the view. We had 237 people through the gates and sold 160 teas – a record number and the spreaders of jam and cream on the scones and the pourers of tea were probably still doing it in their sleep that night! The plant stall did very well, as always, and the Tombola and the home baking sold out.

Every year Mrs Gibbs opens the garden for Scotland's Garden Scheme. The proceeds are divided between charities chosen by the organisation, usually related to nursing, and a charity of the Mrs Gibbs' choice. For many years this has been Pirmill Village Association, which enables us to put on such events as Hallowe'en Parties, Bonfire Night, and the Seniors' Christmas Lunch. It has also helped us to raise funds to restore the wooden footbridge when it was swept away in a flood, and to pay the running expense of the hall.

Our grateful thanks to Mrs Gibbs for her support. We appreciate it.

See you there next year!

Chris Black

Lochranza and Catacol Community Association (LCCA) no 3

The first public meeting of the Association in the current year took place in the Lochranza village hall, on Wednesday 30th May, when approximately thirty residents and holiday home owners attended.

A comprehensive agenda had been tabled for the meeting, covering matters ranging from policing on the Island, environmental issues and planning.

The Association welcomed Sgt Robertson , head of policing on the Island to this open meeting, where after a brief outline of policing on the Island, he then took part in a question and answer session with the residents and owners.

Vehicles speeding through the village was one of the main concerns voiced and he promised to look into this, possibly take action and report back. We await his report with interest.

Another discussion centered on the change of the re-zoning application for the Newton Shore from rural to urban. Since the public meeting there has been much discussion and suffice to say that all residents have been encouraged by the association to write letters of objection to North Ayrshire Council. We now await the result.

A successful beach clean was organised and took place on Saturday 26th May.

The Association are happy to report that the new waiting room at the Lochranza ferry terminal has now been completed and is now open. The committee take this opportunity to thank CMAL for the completion of the project . Thanks also go to John Ford who was also instrumental in carrying on discussion with the project surveyor during the project.

As chair I would like to announce that John is standing down as secretary, but will remain on the committee. I take this opportunity to thank John for all the effort he has put into the work of the secretary during the past years.

And finally I am happy to report that Robert Cumming will return to the committee and take on the position of secretary

The date of the next open meeting has yet to be confirmed

K B Thorburn – Chair

‘Lochranza Loos’ AGM
Monday 3rd September 7pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall