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(Friends Of Lochranza Kirk)

Chair – Shared by the Elders – **Treasurer** – Anne Coulter

Sunday Services

Lochranza 9.30am & Pirnmill Church 10.45am

Tea & coffee served after the services - All are welcome

Lochranza & Pirnmill

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Paul writes to the Church at Philippi 'In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4: 6- 7).

Besides my own daily office to maintain my personal spiritual health and wellbeing, as parish minister part of my duty is to look after the spiritual health and wellbeing of all my parishioners both church and non-church and that means holding them and their needs in prayer before God.

Praying for others is called intercessory prayer and John Pritchard in his excellent book *The Second Intercessions Handbook* states: 'Intercession is one of the best ways we've got of loving someone. We can't do more for them than to put them in the hands of a God who cares for them even more than we do. There are a few people I know who pray for me regularly each week and I'm more grateful for that gift than I can say'.

People pray for me and my ministry too and I also am more grateful for that gift than I can say. But all Christians are expected to pray for others and especially for those in need, the ill, the hurting and the despairing. And of course we do that in church every Sunday in our prayers of concern for others. But above and beyond that, in the North Arran linkage we have a monthly service of prayers for health and healing, when we meet at 12 Noon in the transept at Brodick Church on the last Wednesday on the month to specifically pray for those known to us who are suffering ill-health, not just here on the island, but elsewhere.

Although having run these services for over 10 years now they have never been popular and are very poorly attended, at most 8 and more often just 2 or 3. I know too that some of those who do come only do so out of loyalty to me. I had therefore all but resolved to discontinue them. It takes much effort for Jean to collate names on prayer lists every month, not to mention hours spent in the study in preparation and then all for a half-hour service few bother to come to. Time I wondered that might be spent better ministering in another way. However, I have never lightly nor glibly promised to pray for someone and then simply not bothered, that would be a terrible betrayal of trust. Hence in this case I couldn't in all conscience just stop something without consultation with those who have over many years asked for prayer.

As a result, I received these words written by a lady from Northern Ireland.

CHURCH DUTIES

	DOOR	READERS	COFFEE	DUTY ELDER	FLOWERS
11-Aug	Communion	P/M 1015 am			
18-Aug	Gail Scott	Robert Cumming	Gail Scott	Chris Knox	Gail Scott
25-Aug	Richard Wright	Richard Wright	Aileen Wright	Anne Coulter	Aileen Wright
01-Sep	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Sinclair MacLeod	Hazel Gardiner
08-Sep	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Chris Knox	Ethne Cumming
15-Sep	Stuart Smith	Elizabeth Smith	Elizabeth Smith	Bill Scott	Elizabeth Smith
22-Sep	Marion Gentleman	Marion Gentleman	Marion Gentleman	Anne Coulter	Marion Gentleman
29-Sep	Gail Scott	Pip Siddle	Gail Scott	Sinclair MacLeod	Chris Siddle
06-Oct	Maureen Cumming	Robert Cumming	Maureen Cumming	Chris Knox	Maureen Cumming
13-Oct	Douglas Coulter	Douglas Coulter	Hellen Thorburn	Anne Coulter	Hellen Thorburn
20-Oct	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Gail Scott
*27 Oct	P/M 1015 am				
03 Nov	Jt Communion	Brodick	11am		
10-Nov	Remembrance	P/M Church 10am	1055 War Memorial		

Dates for your diary.....

- 11th Aug** - Communion Service – Pirnmill 1015am
- 22nd Aug** - **ARCO Concert in Lochranza Church 7.30pm**
- 4th Sept** - **Calluna Duo performing in Lochranza Church 7.30pm**
- 24th Oct** - Board & Session Meeting Lochranza 2pm
- *27th Oct** - Joint Winter Services start –1015am
- 3rd Nov** - Joint Communion Service – Brodick 11am
- 10th Nov** - Remembrance Service – P/M Church 10am

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER!

Please could I have articles for this by **14th Oct** at the latest!

bg.ornsay@btinternet.com Many thanks. Ed.



CONCERT

LOCHRANZA CHURCH

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

7.30PM

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

ENTRY BY DONATION
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
CHURCH FUNDS

TAKE NOTE OF DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

- Distillery** - on front wall of the visitor centre
- Cal Mac building** - on the outside wall
- 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

27 Aug
10, 24 Sep
8, 22 Oct
5 Nov



20 Aug
3, 17 Sep
1, 15, 29 Oct
12 Nov



'I met the Reverend Angus Adamson at the Armagh Pipers' Festival, and I was very impressed when he told me that he held a healing service in Arran.

It wasn't very long after that I needed him to pray for the healing of my friend Heather when she was diagnosed with a very aggressive brain tumour and there was nothing any of us could offer. She smiled when we told her that the people on Arran were praying for her.

We were able to tell Sophie, when her twins were dangerously premature, that Arran was mindful of the seriousness of the situation.

It was the only thing we could offer to Sacha when the cancer she didn't know she had, metastasised and she was suffering horrendous rounds of chemo and radiography. 'You are being mentioned in the healing service on the island of Arran on Wednesday,' was the only spark of hope we could offer her.

'Thank you,' she said

In a world that is increasingly so given to the cult of self, it is the only magnanimous and inclusive way of saying to the very ill: 'We care, and we hope in the caring there is healing'.

On 21st September I wakened with a savage pain in my head and I was not able to speak. It was a terrifying experience. 'A haematoma – or a bleed on the brain (not a mini-stroke)' was the diagnosis. Six months have passed since then, and I am almost recovered, and part of that recovery I am sure had something to do with the healing service on Arran.

Miracles never explain themselves, but if there is no one able to reach out beyond the illness it stays locked in a very personal space. Some of mine was able to float off to Arran, unlikely as it seemed. And against all the odds I am here today, able to write this paragraph and to acknowledge my deepest gratitude.

I, and I'm sure many others, feel grateful to the Reverend Angus Adamson and those in his healing service, for raising their voices and thinking about those of us who could not speak on our own behalf. We would do well to remember that, as William Shakespeare said, 'There are more things in heaven and earth than this world dreams of.'

Needless to say, I no longer intend to discontinue our services for health and healing. So, if you wish anyone to be prayed for each month, please let us have their names. Christian names will do, no confidences need be broken. After all God already knows each by their full name. Better still, please if you can, come along and pray. Easy to remember, **12 noon the last Wednesday of each month from September to June** following the monthly Brodick Coffee morning. And I stress it isn't a Brodick health and healing service, it is a joint North Arran service for all congregations at Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine too. As John Pritchard puts it: 'the point about intercession is not to understand it, but to do it.'

Angus

NORWAY

Earlier in the year I went on a cruise holiday to the fjords of Norway. We travelled from Avonmouth docks near Bristol and sailed up the west coast. It was a strange sensation sailing past Sanda and the west side of the Mull of Kintyre as I can see the east side of these from the manse window.

A few days into the cruise and being in the North Sea, it became very rough. We were on the MV Marco Polo a mid-sized ship, however it was still rolling from side to side and I could hardly walk about on it. Like the disciples in the boat with Jesus were afraid in the storm they had to trust him, I had to trust that the captain knew what he was doing.

Other than the rough seas the scenery sailing up the fjords was breathtaking and because of the time of year the further north we went the more snow there was. Norway is a beautiful country and spectacular part of God's creation.

As if I hadn't had enough adventure on the high seas, I went on another one in Tromso, husky sledging. I booked for the morning session and after a bus journey I arrived at the centre, the sun was glistening on the freshly fallen snow. We met the dogs and they were very friendly. There were about two hundred huskys altogether at that centre. We were led to where the sleds were. Each of the sleds were for two people and I was paired with a nice lady I had met on the bus. There were twelve dogs to each sled. The dogs pulled the sled effortlessly through the snow with the musher driving them, I had to trust the musher knew what he was doing as he was driving the dogs over the rugged white landscape. It certainly was an experience and I enjoyed the adventure. There was a nice cup of tea and cake served in a Sami herdsman's tent when we had finished which was a bonus.

When I am on holiday, surprise surprise, I like to look in churches and take a seat in them. This time I visited three of them in three different ports and each one was unusual.

After arriving at the port of Honningsvåg, far above the Arctic Circle, I travelled by bus to the North Cape as the name suggests the most northern point in Norway. At one part of the route we had to travel in convoy behind a snow plough which I have to say didn't fill me with confidence. However we arrived at the North Cape Visitor Centre safely. After walking across the snow to the spot that marked the most northerly point, I went into the centre. Inside was a lift that took you down two floors into the depths of the mountain. On the pathway to the cave of lights I came across a little chapel which I hadn't expected to find. I went through an opening in the rock and it was there with about a dozen wooden high back chairs arranged facing a little table set into the wall with lights on it and lights from the cave wall shining down on it.

Lochranza & Catacol Community Association Report

As the committee are currently on summer recess, and as no meetings have taken place since our open meeting held in Lochranza village hall on the **24th April**. This is an abbreviated situation report on the various matters under discussion

The proposed salmon farm at Millstone point. As the Scottish Salmon Company have still not submitted a formal planning application for the above operation. Our association together with the Isle of Arran Community Council are unable to submit any objection to the proposal.

The rezoning of land on the Newton Shore. The reporter, appointed by the Scottish office has announced the following recommendations that the local development plan should be modified as follows.

Altering the settlement boundary in Lochranza to include the existing garden ground between Bridgend cottage and Lodge Farm on the Lochranza settlement map. Page 47 of the proposed plan and changing the designation from open space to general urban area together with any consequential modification as may be necessary elsewhere in the plan.

Enhanced **winter ferry service** from Lochranza to Claonaig. As a result of correspondence with Ashley Jones of Transport Scotland. It would appear that we are unable to get an enhanced service due to the exposed swell as well as winds, especially from the North East to South. Operating in those conditions will make it unsafe to maintain the vessel position while carrying out passenger operations

Derelict Housing. Nothing new to report

Rhododendron and Whins. In a recent discussion with Graham Walker of Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) It would appear that SNH are the organisation with the funding and motivation to get a grip on the ever increasing problem with rhododendron and whin in the village. I have invited Graham to give the committee an update on progress when we next meet

Speeding Vehicles through the villages. Unfortunately nothing new to report on any calming measures to slow traffic speed

**Ken Thorburn
Chair**

Lochranza Loos AGM

Tuesday 3rd September 7pm Village Hall
All Welcome

Magical memories of Idyllic Island (in the 1940's)

It has been an enormous pleasure and privilege for me to have written my book entitled magic memories of an idyllic island. It has most certainly been a labour of love on my part. I have put my whole heart and soul into writing about my cherished memories of golden childhood days enjoying the beauty and charm of a prosaic existence at the farmstead of Thunderguy just along the road from the friendly wee village of Pirmill.

Primrose cottage at Thunderguy was the home so dear to the hearts of my close and loving family. It was such a joy and such a delight to waken to the bleating of the sheep and the morning song of our pet crow, Jacob. There was such a peaceful and contented atmosphere throughout the hamlet of Thunderguy. I always enjoyed the invigorating stroll down to the dairy to collect the jug of milk for the family. Effie Currie invariably milked her beloved cows early each morning. She was always such a cheery soul. Her eyes were forever brimming with laughter. I have a deep love of animals I was in my element feeding the calves and other animals around the farm.

I have such cherished memories of the warmth and kindness shown to the family by our many dear friends and neighbours on our beautiful and much loved island. I have written this book as a tribute to them all I have also included stories of historical figures of the past, who have done so much to enrich the history and folklore of our beloved land of Scotland.

I will conclude this letter by thanking, the Reverend Angus Adamson, our Parish Assistant, Mrs Jean Hunter and all the members of Lochranza Church for welcoming me so warmly into our lovely church. All your kindness has been so greatly appreciated by me.

Kindest regards to you all,
Fiona Kerr Fraser
3, Newton Road,
Lochranza

*Fiona's book is at the printing stage at present , it will shortly be available in the **Book & Card Shop** and other outlets around the island and on **Amazon. Ed.***

I had a seat and looking around at the rock and the lights it was hard to believe I was more than sixty feet below the ground in this place of worship.

Our next port of call was Alta. I went on a tour there to the Sorrisvanna Igloo Hotel, which was entirely constructed of local ice and snow – rooms, beds, even the glasses in the Bar were ice. For those who didn't feel the cold, there was an excursion to stay overnight there. It would have been too cold for me to do that though. However there was also a little chapel there entirely made of ice, the communion table and the chairs. The guide told us that there had been a wedding there the previous week.

The third church I visited was south of our next port of call, Kristiansund and the church was the Kavernes Stave Church. A stave church is a medieval wooden Christian church building once common in north-western Europe. The name derives from the building's structure of post and lintel construction, a type of timber framing where the load-bearing ore-pine posts are called stafr in Old Norse. No nails were used in their construction. You could sense the age of it when you were inside. No flash photos were allowed to be taken inside the church in order to preserve it. It was an experience and nothing like any church I had been in before. During the Middle-Ages, there were more than 1,000 Stave Churches in Norway, but today, only 28 remain.

From there I travelled on our return journey to Kristiansund along the Atlantic Ocean Road that is built across four islands linked together with bridges. Kristiansund is sheltered by these islands and is Norway's finest natural harbour.

Norway is known as the land of the Northern lights, however we were disappointed that we never got to see this spectacular sight as the sky was cloudy at night or snowing when we were there. Nothing else about the scenery of that beautiful country disappointed though.

Every blessing
Jean Hunter

Thank you!

"On behalf of the **Arran Defib Project** I'd like to thank **Ann** at the former Catacol Bay Hotel for hosting the public access defibrillator through the winter and spring. It was decided, in conjunction with Susan Logan who raised a lot of the money for it, that the defib would better serve the community of Arran by being relocated to a busier site. It is now going to be installed at the new **Sandbraes public toilets** at the football pitch in **Whiting Bay**."

Fiona Lainq

Some useful Telephone numbers & Bus details for Ayrshire & Glasgow Hospitals

Hospitals

Arran War Memorial	600777
Crosshouse	01563 521133
Irvine Ayrshire Central	01294 274191
Ayr Hospital	01292 610555
Ayrshire Hospice	01292 269200
Beatson Gartnavel	0141 3017400
Glasgow Royal Infirmary	0141 2114000
Queen Elizabeth University Hosp.	0141 2011100
Arran Medical Group	600516
Arran Community Nurses	601045

Buses to Ayrshire & Glasgow Hospitals

Hospital	Bus No.	From
Crosshouse & Ayrshire Central, Irvine	11	Princes St. Ardrossan
Ayr Hospital	585	Princes St. “
To Ayr Bus Station.....then	52	Douglas St. Ayr
Ayr Hospice	585	Princes St. Ardrossan
To Ayr Bus Station.....then	A9	High St. Ayr
Beatson Gartnavel	20, 66 & 118	Hope St. Glasgow
Or take the train from Platform 17 at Glasgow Central to Hyndland		
Royal Infirmary	38	Hope St. Glasgow
Queen Elizabeth Uni. Hosp.	23	Union St. Glasgow

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 and the Pirmill Shop. They are also available on the Arran Community Council website page. The Ferry Committee Minutes dating back to 2012 and the Arran Economic Group Meetings are also available on this site. Google:- **Arran Community Council** then click Records.

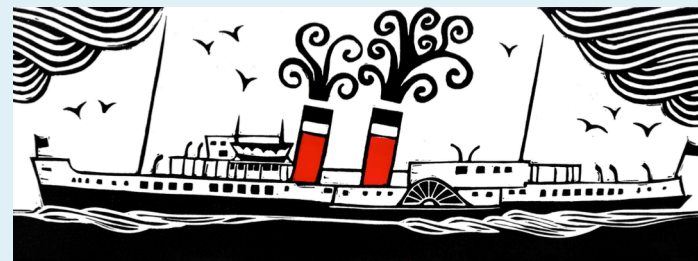
If you have any concerns you would like taken forward, could you contact me (Lochranza and Catacol) or Liz Evans (Pirmill). Thank you.

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Julia Graham



25th September 7pm
St Bride's Church, Lochranza

Ian Quinn from the PS Waverley
“By Steamer to Lochranza 1958 – 1971”

Entry by donation

The Hope Cup

The reason why some villagers ignored this year's **Hope Cup** was probably because they didn't appreciate exactly what it is. Some may have heard from friends in the know, or wondered, while walking the dog, that a lot more work was being done on the golf course than normal. Others during the first few weeks in June may have noticed strange groups of golfers with very professional looking swings just like one often sees accidentally on TV as they flick through channels trying to find something worth watching! The idea that serious practice for a big competition was taking place might not have struck them.

The Hope Cup is, in fact, the major inter-club competition for **men on Arran**, and it has been going for over a century. Hosted by a different club every year. It has been a long time since Lochranza had its turn.....1912 to be exact. Why the huge gap you may ask? That's another story.

However, about two years ago some members of the **AGU** (Arran Golfers Union), showing commendable imagination, decided it would be a good idea to come to Lochranza. However, the course was well below serious competition standards.

Step forward **Mr Pablo Moran**, recently retired from decades of bringing the course at Corrie up to an amazing standard and who was keen to keep himself busy at the kind of work he loves. And with the co-operation of **Nigel** the Lochranza Course boss and some assistance, when available, from **Ross Trail**, the best young golfer in the village, serious work began.

Their efforts led to two exciting golfing days, on the **22nd & 29th June**. The first round of the competition, witnessed by a big gathering of camp followers, had two four-man teams from each club playing against each other for a place in the semi the following week. Being the host club Lochranza was spared this. The **29th** was semi finals and finals day. Eventually **Brodict** and **Whiting Bay** were left to contest the final 36 holes

Brodict were just too strong for the Bay. **Ewan McKinnon, Greig McCrae, Matt Keir and Gordon Hendry** won the Cup for the clubs fifth time in six years. Great credit was earned by all those who took part, together with the many others who organised it.

But to my mind, the real winner was Lochranza Golf Course.

Ian Buchanan

Pirnmill Village Association (PVA) 2019/20 Committee

Following the PVA AGM on Wednesday, 26th June this year's elected members are:

Hazel Cranstoun – Chair Katie Penn – Deputy Chair

Lizzie Adam – Treasurer Jane Greenstreet – Secretary

Mark Harwood Susan Logan Sue Davidson Liz Evans (ex officio)

As the newly appointed chair I would like to thank last years committee for their efforts and commitment and extend a special thanks to Janet Logan for her long service. Representing Pirnmill in numerous roles over the past 20 years and latterly as Chair of the Committee, her commitment to the local community is unfaltering. This is apparent in the any successful events/activities that she has been instrumental in organising – Produce Show, 50/50 Club, Seniors lunch, Dougrie Day plant stall to name a few. What we don't get to see and what I have barely glimpsed on in my short time as chair is the time effort and drive that she put in behind the scenes for which I as a member of the Pirnmill Committee am eternally grateful, I can tell you. I have big boots to fill and only hope I can do the role the same justice that Janet has over the years. With heartfelt thanks.

Hazel Cranstoun PVA Chair

Pirnmill Upcoming Events

18 August – subs and 50/50 due (first draw Sat. 31st Aug.)

24 August – Produce Show, Village Hall (behind School)

Dougrie Day

Again a huge success this year. We had 238 visitors and raised a grand total of £2075.00 of which Pirnmill Village Association gets over £1500.00 with the remainder going to Scotland's Garden Charities such as Maggie's Centres and others.

Thanks must go to Lavinia Gibbs for once again opening her gardens and Boat House and so generously allowing Pirnmill Village Association to benefit from the proceeds.

My thanks also to all the happy band of helpers who worked tirelessly making and serving the teas, baking, donating and manning the stalls. Without them the sums raised would not have been possible.

Lizzie Adam, Treasurer, PVA

F.O.L.K.

Friends Of Lochranza Kirk

I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously of bottles, baking, books & bric – a- brac for our annual Summer Fete. Thank you must also go to all the 'helpers' without your help we could not manage to have such a successful afternoon.

The sum raised was £ 1386.95 which will go towards much needed church funds.

Bill Scott – Session Clerk

Lochranza Philosophical Society – Report (July 2019)

Background

To remind everyone, the Philosophical Society is primarily in existence to allow a group of old farts (codgers) to discuss issues and to put the world to rights. [Susan tells me that we are 'The Last of the Summer Wine' and that warms the cockles of my curmudgeonly heart.] Meetings are held in the bar of the Lochranza Hotel and are an excuse (if one were needed) to sup ale or even cider. If everyone attends (this rarely occurs) we are some 18 in number and never a cross word is uttered! Debate is allegedly supervised by the chairman (currently yours truly) but those of you who know the members will recall that some do not take kindly to being organised and keeping order can be tricky (Orderrrrrrr!!!) for a mild-mannered man from the Principality.

Philosophical discussion

The, unwritten, constitution of the Philos is that there is no set agenda for the summer months where ad hoc discussions take place but, if I cast my mind back to earlier in the year I recall that **Archie** began the year with a thoughtful discussion on the topic of '**Growing Old in Lochranza**' – that made us all think and, as events have transpired, was most prescient!. Other topics have included **Richard Henderson**, reading from his father's memoirs – a poignant reminder of what life was like in **Austria in the '30s**. **Tony Baboolal** enticed a large audience for his chosen topic '**SEX**' but I should say that it was not quite what many had anticipated. **Rob Stevens** talked about '**Razzle Dazzle**', showing us how art has been used to confuse the enemy at sea and **Brian Miller** gave another guest appearance, talking about the **Spanish Civil war**. As ever, the UK government were on the wrong side (morally). We had another 'outside' speaker and **Stuart Gough** gave a fascinating talk about old postcards. **Ken Thorburn's** fascinating talk on '**Old Lochranza**' utilising material from the Heritage Centre completes my swift race through our arranged topics. As I recall these discussions, I see no mention of **Brexit or Scottish Independence!** Be assured, these have been discussed but the comments are too gross to mention.

Trips out

We are allowed out from time to time and this year we have discussed many outings but, for various reasons, have only managed two. January saw us venture (in the pouring rain) to the **Heritage Museum at Brodick** and we all learned a lot (me especially). In March **Robert Cumming** arranged a very interesting tour of **Glasgow's Central Station**.

Hill Walking

Some of our more active members sometimes look to the hills. This year we have had two major walks but a 'gagging order', signed by our hill walking leader, prevents me showing any pictures. In May, as part of the **Arran Mountain Festival**, we were led (tricky without a guide) up from Glen Sannox to the peak **Coich na Oighe**. From there we headed across the ridge to North Goat Fell, on to Goat Fell summit and then down into Corrie. A day we will not forget. In June we climbed **Cir Mohr**.

This year has seen major events in the lives of some of the members of the Philos but we remain upbeat and look forward to the future.

Who will be the new chairman I hear you all ask? That, as they say, is for another day.

Paul Padfield - Chair

Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall Report + Events

As our busy Gala weekend has passed it leaves me with so many people to thank for all the planning, assistance, support and hard work that was given to make all our events successful.

On **Thursday 18th July** the talented young musicians of the **Argyll Ceilidh trail** displayed their talents drawing young and old out of their seats and on to the dance floor.

All tables were taken at the **Quiz night on Friday 19th** with the winning table scoring a remarkably high score considering the challenging questions posed to the company.

The Isle of Arran Pipe band escorting our **Sea Queen and Pirate King** from the Castle to the Hall on the **Saturday** was a most picturesque parade and after **Queen Catherine** cut the ribbon the festivities continued with the **dog show, children's races, live music, face painting, buried treasure, various stalls** and of course a fantastic **BBQ**, licensed bar and soft drinks, with soup tea and coffees available beside a stall funded by friends of the **PS Waverley**.

Ian Quinn of Waverley fame had a large display of memorabilia to promote the fundraising for new boilers for this lovely old lady which has graced our pier here in Lochranza in the past.

The more energetic of everyone came along at night to boogie the night away to **Sound Cradle** who we have been lucky enough to persuade to return to play at our Gala day dance for the last three years.

Sunday 21st had all the kids on the beach at low tide exploring all the marine life on the shore with **COAST**. Lots of youngsters enjoyed this wonderful experience and arrived back at the hall to enjoy our super tasty burgers. At this stage the weather started to deteriorate so the **Duck Derby** took place followed by the prize giving and raffle.

We have a **Food Bank Collection Box** in the hall foyer for anyone that could spare a little tinned or dried food to share with those who have very little. There is a sheet beside the box advising of the products most needed.

Kate Hartley - Chair

Scarecrow Competition

22nd September

Theme – Fairy Tales

Money raised at this event will go towards the children's
Halloween Party & Bonfire Night **Entry £5**



Halloween Party

1st November



Bonfire Night

8th November