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*(Friends Of Lochranza Kirk)*

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**PIRNMILL GUILD**

**Convener** - Christine Black, **Secretary** - Wilma Morton,  
**Treasurer** - Louise Minter

**Sunday Services**

**Lochranza 9.30am & Pirnmill Church 10.45am**

Tea & coffee served after the services

**All are welcome**

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# Lochranza & Pirnmill

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## Church & Community Newsletter MAY 2017



## The Manse, Brodick

Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, all wild animals on land, and everything that creeps on the earth' (Genesis 1: 26).

Literally translated, that means we have a God-given power of life and death over all living creatures and recently I have had cause to think a lot about that teaching from the very first page of the bible. Back in August of last year after almost 13 years of life, we had to have our much adored little Parson Jack Russell terrier 'Archie' put down.

I well remember T.V. Garden presenter Monty Don – another person like myself who is daft about dogs – saying on the One Show last year, accompanied at the time on screen by his faithful canine companion, a beautiful Golden Retriever, that due to their short span of years in comparison to ours, what people don't realise when they take on a dog, is that they will not only be responsible for its life, but also its death. With no prospect of betterment and certainly a terrible end if we hadn't intervened, having Archie put to sleep was the best we could do for him.

You can never ever replace a much loved pet, but being 'dog-less' for me is like having an arm missing. So in January, after a very vigorous vetting process by the staff at the Dog's Trust Centre in West Calder, we became the owners of a black and tan cross terrier called 'Kubo', now re-named by the family 'Hugo'.

The reason for that rigorous vetting process was to ensure not only were we going to be good responsible and caring owners of a little 5 month old pup that had been previously brutalised and cruelly mis-treated beyond belief, but capable also of being able to provide the right environment to try to help him recover.

Hugo had come from a stable, where as a very young pup, it is thought he had firstly been set upon and mauled by other dogs, then to disguise the fact he was not as advertised a Jack Russell/Chihuahua cross, taken from his mother at only a few weeks old, way too early to have developed many of the norms of dog behaviour and then sold to a couple with very young children, who got more than they bargained for. To cope they kept him shut in a cage, where he must have been tormented by the young children of the household and most certainly mistreated by the mother, for unlike most badly treated dogs, it is not men, but young women he is most terrified of. If he hears the sound of children playing he freaks. The only plus that can be said for his previous owners, is that rather than have him destroyed, at least they gave him up to the Dogs Trust, who never have any dog in their care put down other than for medical reasons.

When he arrived with them at West Calder, 'Kubo' as he was then, was utterly traumatised. Having been constantly shut in a cage he was agoraphobic and could not be coaxed to go outside, a fearful aggressive dog who was very wary of people,

## CHURCH DUTIES

	DOOR	READERS	COFFEE	DUTY ELDER	FLOWERS
07-May	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Hellen Thorburn	Wren Gentleman	Gail Scott
14-May	Isobel Kerr	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Chris Knox	Isobel Kerr
21-May	Elisabeth Mobbs	Robert Cumming	Anita Ford	Anne Coulter	Eileen McAllister
28-May	Richard Wright	Janette MacLeod	Aileen Wright	Bill Scott	Lorna Hallyburton
04-Jun	Marion Gentleman	Marion Gentleman	Marion Gentleman	Sinclair MacLeod	Marion Gentleman
11-Jun	Chris Siddle	Pip Siddle	Janette MacLeod	Wren Gentleman	Chris Siddle
18-Jun	Maureen Cumming	Archie Cumming	Maureen Cumming	Chris Knox	Maureen Cumming
25-Jun	Aileen Wright	Richard Wright	Gail Scott	Anne Coulter	Anne Coulter
02-Jul	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Bill Scott	Ethne Cumming
09-Jul	Gail Scott	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Sinclair MacLeod	Gail Scott
16-Jul	Isobel Kerr	Bill Scott	Anita Ford	Wren Gentleman	Eileen McAllister
23-Jul	Elisabeth Mobbs	Aileen Wright	Aileen Wright	Chris Knox	Aileen Wright
30-Jul	Richard Wright	Robert Cumming	Marion Gentleman	Anne Coulter	Hellen Thorburn
06-Aug	Marion Gentleman	Janette MacLeod	Janette MacLeod	Bill Scott	Hazel Gardiner

**READERS.....please note if you change dates , as well as altering the list in the church will you please inform me. Many thanks. Bill**

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Songs of Praise** on Lamlash Green at 3.00 on **Sunday 2nd July**. If wet or very midgy, this will be in Lamlash Church.

### AUGUST NEWSLETTER

**Please could I have all articles and reports by**

**22<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

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**NB** Info. Just handed in.....the **Royal Bank of Scotland** mobile van will make a **last visit** to Lochranza on **4<sup>th</sup> July**.

This service will then cease.

**CHRIS BANNISTER**

Performs the music of

**JOHN DENVER**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2017**

**LOCHRANZA & CATACOL  
VILLAGE HALL**

**Tickets £10**

**Available from Book & Card Shop,  
Brodict, or at the door**

**Door opens 7.30pm**

**Licensed Bar**

MAY 2,16.30  
JUNE 13,27  
JULY 11,25  
AUG 8



MAY 9,23  
JUNE 6,20  
JULY 4,18  
AUG 1



**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



whom he assumed were going to hammer him into obedient submission and so terrified of other dogs that he could not be put in the kennel compound with the other 40 or so dogs housed there.

To say that the staff at the Dog's Trust were utterly amazing with him would be an understatement. To save him from the stress of being too near other dogs, he was housed in the visitor centre, where to get him socialised with people, he lived behind the reception desk, gradually getting to trust that not all human beings were violent and learning vital welcoming skills, such as wagging his tail. Eventually he was coaxed out into the world, but by the time we got him still wouldn't even piddle outside if he as much as heard another dog in the distance, at the sight of another dog he would go apoplectic. Away from other dogs, he was well-trained, obedient to recall, would even drop the ball he loved to chase with the simple command of 'off'. The reason for our rigorous vetting was that 'Kubo' would need to go somewhere rural, where he could be taken on to the next stage of recovery and to owners who could handle extremely 'problematic' terriers. He had previously been given to another family, who quickly brought him back due to not being able to cope with him. Simply, we were 'Kubo's last hope of any kind of normal life. The fear was he would end up back at West Calder to live out his days there as a permanent inmate, well and lovingly looked after for sure, but in many ways a half-life leading a far from normal canine existence.

To see him now running free and wild, leaping springbok-like among the heather in the Arran hills, welcoming, tail wagging, any visitor into the house with his ball, or for the first time in his young life, simply 'chilling out' snoozing in the sun on his favourite chair, is a joy to behold. Around us and the rest of the family Hugo is laid back, adoring, loving and giving.

However, he is still terrified of other dogs and wary of any strangers he meets out in public, when the ingrained fear flicks a switch inside his head and he will often seem an aggressive lunatic. We still have a way to go with Hugo yet, but hopefully one day he will overcome any remaining fears he has. At still just 7 months old he has a chance. So if you meet Hugo out and about, please be understanding. At home if you met him he would be a different dog. Maybe one day too, he will be able to regularly attend church at Brodict with Susan and become an honorary 'adherent' of the congregation as Archie was.

And the point of my telling you about Hugo? Well it is that, make no mistake, we have been given by God the wonderful privilege of having 'dominion' over all living creatures, but with that comes huge responsibility and rest assured we will be judged as to how we have treated them during our lives shared with them. God loves us for sure, each and every one of us as if there was only one of us to love, but for sure he loves also all his creatures, both great and small, wild and domestic.

**Angus**



## FIDDLERS CONCERT IN

LOCHRANZA CHURCH  
ON  
TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Featuring  
The 'world famous' ARCO  
Supported by local artists

Entry by donation to support our church  
Further details to follow on posters

## YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

It is a sad fact that the congregations in all churches are declining. The reasons are obvious, sometimes it is because the older generations are 'passing on' but mostly lack of interest and even a little fear of what people will say if you are seen coming to church!

Certainly in Lochranza and Pirnmill everyone be they a regular church goer, visitor or occasional worshiper receives a very warm welcome. Our churches are a place of peace and quiet in a busy world - **the door is always open.**

We would love to see more faces in the church on Sunday. Mums and Dads and the children (who are especially welcome). **After all - you are the future of our church.**

Having said that we have to remember that the church buildings need to be maintained, as you will appreciate the costs for this are rising by the year. At the moment we are '**just**' managing to cover our bills. This situation cannot be sustained for much longer without more support. The hard fact is that if we do not remain self-sufficient the Church of Scotland will have no choice but to close St Bride's. I know Angus our Minister has written a strongly worded article on this subject in a previous Newsletter.

Most of us need the church at some point in our lives be it for Baptism, weddings or funerals. How sad would it be if our beautiful 300 year old church was not available for these services.

Even if you are not a church member I am sure you feel that this building is worthy of **support from us ALL in the community.**

It is my intention to organise several musical evenings in the church during this summer to raise funds. The first being **ARCO** supported by some of our local talent. There will also be a concert by the **St Molios Quartet** in September. Please come along for what I am sure will be enjoyable events. They will be advertised locally and in the Banner.

**Any donation** at any time would be gratefully received however large or small. These can be handed to the **Church Treasurer (Fiona Henderson)** or one of the **Elders**, or even given **anonymously by the donation box** in the entrance of the church.

**Bill Scott – Session Clerk**



**NB Deadline for photos for the  
2018 Church Calendar is**

**1<sup>st</sup> June**

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## Make life easy - living safely on your own

I have been living on my own for just over 2 years initially not recognising the enormity of what it entailed. In 2015 I had a bad fall on a loose stone in the garden and later a 6 day bout of novo virus. Realising none of us are invincible I put several safety plans in action.

Have **door key in a safe/secret place** to enable neighbour access or purchase a **key safe**. We have all done it, got locked out. This also enables emergency services/neighbour access if fallen or unwell without having to break the door down.

Have **phone** and urgent **phone numbers by bed** just in case of night time emergencies.

Take **phone into bathroom** when having bath or shower just in case of a fall. I also take my mobile **phone in garden**.

Get rid of **trip hazards** such as rugs, mats and wires trailing across rooms. Outdoor garden hazards should also be attended to, such as slippery access paths and steps.

Have plenty of **ready meals** in the freezer - Wiltshire Meals are excellent and handy for an emergency.

The Co-op take phone orders and deliver F.O.C.

Keep a spare Gas cylinder that can easily be changed over.

Make sure **Arran Medical Group** have **details of your NOK** and **power of attorney** details. Have all legal affairs in order.

In case of a medical emergency:- have a list of **current medication**, next of kin and a **small bag of essentials** packed to hand to emergency services.

**REMEMBER:-** At times we all need help and have to ask a neighbour or friend - **no shame in it!**

**Julie Graham:-)**

*PS How many of us know where our neighbour's key is?  
Don't leave it – find out NOW!*

## Pirnmill Village Association

Our **AGM** will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please come and support the Association

**Open Garden Day at Dougarie** is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm. We have been invited to run the tearoom and stalls as usual. We will be looking for prizes for the Tombola and for home baking for the Bakery stall, and hope for your help with these, as the funds raised help towards the Association activities, Local Artists and Crafts people will be using Pirnmill Village Hall to display their creations during **Open Studios Weekend** - 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August. Put the dates in your diary.

Our **Annual Produce Show** will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Anyone from Pirnmill, Catacol, Lochranza and surrounding area is eligible to enter. There are classes for vegetables, for flower arranging, for house plants, for baking and confectionary, and classes for children. Join in the fun and pit your skills against others. Or – join us in the evening, from 7.30pm to see who won what. Produce and bakery items will be on sale.

Finally, we are hoping that **Eco-savvy** will establish a hub in our hall. Look out for the notice advertising the launch, and come and find out more.

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## **Community Council Information**

Minutes of Monthly Community Council meetings are available to read in the Pirnmill Shop, Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, the Lochranza Hotel and the Catacol Hotel. 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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**Julie Graham**

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The family of **Andrew (Andy) Cuthbertson** of Lochranza who passed away on 6th April would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Lochranza and Arran community. Your kindness, support and generosity is greatly appreciated by all of his family.

We will not forget you.

**Angela Pilsbury** (Andy's sister)

The church is not only there for people to worship God but at the same time to serve the community and people of God.

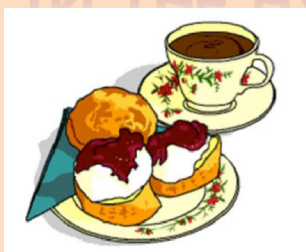
Words from the **Bishop of Hyderabad, Pakistan**

**Songs of Praise 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

## F.O.L.K. FETE

FRIENDS OF LOCHRANZA KIRK

**19<sup>TH</sup> JULY IN THE HALL @ 2PM**



**DONATIONS OF BAKING, BRIC A BRAC,  
BOOKS, RAFFLE PRIZES, TOYS, BOTTLES  
WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED .....RING  
ANNE 830219 OR GAIL 830304 FOR UPLIFT**

**TABLES CAN BE HIRED FOR 10% OF TAKINGS**

## Lochranza & Catacol Community Association

The Spring Public Meeting and 4th AGM of the LCCA took place on 26th April 2017 at the Lochranza Centre.

Chris Traill, acting Chair, welcomed residents and the meeting was opened by James McTaggart from Lochranza Distillery who answered questions covering lighting pollution concerns, noise from the water pump and newly installed fan, employment at Lochranza Distillery and the new site at Kilmory.

The Agenda started with the controversial issue of the closure of Lochranza's public toilet with many residents angry that Arran should be promoted as a worldwide holiday destination and yet be unable to provide suitable facilities, particularly whilst waiting for the Claonaig ferry. Worries about sanitation and health issues were discussed. No meeting can be complete without discussing flooding and thankfully Lochranza has not had a problem this year, which is hoped results from the stalwart work of the Committee over previous years. Other items covered were overnight parking of camper vans, the spread of the whins and garden refuse disposal and Chris Traill gave an insight into the progress of the Lochranza Centre in its first successful year of flying solo.

Chris Traill announced his resignation from the Committee due to family and work commitments and was thanked for his hard work and excellent chairmanship over the past four years, and Eileen McAllister also resigned after four years on the Committee. Chris Siddle, Treasurer, stated that the LCCA bank balance stands at £109.09, and the suggested annual household contribution of £5 remains unchanged. Please pay your contribution to the Treasurer.

Dr Krystina was welcomed to join the Committee and as a result a meeting to determine new positions on the Committee will shortly take place.

The Committee would like to thank all who have supported it over the past year, much has been achieved by working together as a village community and we look forward to assisting with matters raised by residents in the future.

**Jean Wilkinson  
29.4.2017**

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## Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Lochranza PPG meeting was represented well by Lochranza and Pirnmill residents, with concerns and incidents raised which Arran Medical Group have since dealt with. Kenneth Gibson MP is to be invited to a future meeting to constructively discuss issues such as shortage of GPs (nationwide) and transport issues for appointments to outlying surgeries.

Mark Harwood volunteered to join the PPG to represent Pirnmill.

There is the AMG Website which has lots of useful information including minutes of PPG meetings. You can find it at: - [www.arranmedical.co.uk](http://www.arranmedical.co.uk). The site is regularly updated.

For those without access to website we can provide paper version on request to Julie, Fred or Mark.

The next meeting is **Monday 29th May 2017 @ Whiting Bay**. Any concerns, please forward to Mark (Pirnmill) Julie or Fred for Lochranza and Catacol by Wed 24th May.

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Thank you to **NAC** for funding the refurbishment of the Lych Gate. Also grateful thanks from the Elders and congregation to **Donald Logan and his team** for the wonderful job of recreating an exact copy of the original.

## **Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall Report**

The Hall committee would like to pass on grateful thanks to everyone who supported and assisted in making our **Daffodil Tea** such a huge success on **Easter Saturday**.

Too many people to mention gave help, donations and financial assistance over the last few months especially in response to our plea for **garden equipment** and a purpose built **shed** to store them in. We are looking forward to volunteer helpers in the garden when the better weather arrives to help the garden team. If you feel you could give a little time to help keep our little **community garden** as pretty as ever please let us know as soon as possible.

As Lochranza seems to have far more children than we have had for several years we are hoping to dedicate a small area of the **garden for the children** where they can learn to plant and care for their own area under a mindful eye.

**Saturday June 3rd at 7.30pm** Chris Bannister is returning to the hall to perform his **John Denver Tribute Concert**. Last year this was a wonderful night and he has agreed to return following last year's success.

**Saturday June 10th** the **Arran Singers** are performing in the hall, For further details of both these concerts watch out for the notices and advertising.

**Friday 21st July** A **Quiz Night** to kick off the **Gala Events**

**Saturday 22nd July** our **Gala Day** will take place, which will be the start of many events leading into the following week. The Gala day is being organised by the younger and fitter members in our committee and their new and exciting ideas are a credit to each one of them. The **Sea Queen**, returns to Lochranza, floats, entertainment on the castle green and at the hall, along with the usual **BBQ, races, dog shows**, etc. The day finishes by dancing the night away to a live band in the hall. The following day entails **Texas Scramble at Lochranza Golf Course, Duck Derby** and a **sausage sizzle** back at the hall.

**Tuesday 25th July** we have a youth orchestra '**The Big Noise**' playing in the hall. The orchestra comprises of young people from under privileged homes who are coming to the Field Centre.

**Wednesday 26th** the week finishes with the **Ceilidh Trail**, a return visit from last year, this is traditional music from some of the best young musicians and singers from **Feis Lathan**. These young people encourage dancing by coming down to the floor and act as callers, encouraging dancing, **a night not to be missed**.

The following week **Arran Visual Arts Exhibition** will take place in the hall.

The **Field Centre Family Ceilidhs** will also be taking place this Summer starting on **Thursday 27th July**, and every Thursday evening through August.

As these events come closer they will be **well advertised**. Hope you manage to have many happy times at some of this very full summer itinerary.

**Kate Hartley**



## A TALE OF TWO HALLS



The old Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall was constructed and constituted when a feu disposition was granted by the Duke of Montrose for a site at Clacharan, Lochranza. Of timber frame construction the hall was erected, and financed, by the efforts of local volunteers, with materials transported in by local boat owners. A perfect example of community endeavour completed in 1927. The Hall quickly became a popular centre for social activities, attracting island wide residents

In 1962 a new feu disposition, without a Clause of Reversion, was granted by Lady Jean affording enabling eligibility for grant aid from Local Government and Charitable Trusts. The Constitution was amended giving control to an elected committee empowered to appoint trustees.

Subsequent committees instituted many upgrades: Electric lighting, heating, kitchen and toilet upgrades, the addition of a library and film shows. Doctor's surgeries were also hosted there. The original blaze tennis courts were laid (this was replaced by all-weather courts later). Pride of ownership and constant use over decades generated many happy memories and a strong sentimental attachment to the Hall in many residents.

**Folk tales in abundance are related to this day. Perhaps in future Newsletters someone will share their stories of some of the "goings on"!!**

However, in the late 1990s serious structural faults appeared leading to the commissioning of a survey. The result was a great shock. Movement in the walls had resulted in the building becoming unstable, a consequence not lost upon the insurance company who gave the committee **12 months to resolve the situation.**

Estimated cost of repairs and ongoing renovations was such as to make a new build Hall feasible. A Project Group was formed, chaired very ably by Tom Knox, with members chosen for skills in fundraising, building experience and project management.

Then began a period of comprehensive public consultation. Information regarding the survey results were distributed and public meetings were held to discuss the way forward. The unanimous verdict was for the construction of a new Hall. Questionnaires were sent to all addresses to ascertain the facilities people favoured within the new Hall and public meetings were held for the village children to discover their preferences. The results of these questionnaires formed the basis for the interior design of the new hall. As to the exterior the council stated that a) they wanted it to 'resemble' the Distillery roof & b) they wanted it to be aligned with the Youth Hostel. This last request sadly meant the two tennis courts had to be demolished, however as the yearly income from the courts was only between £20 & £30 they had to go.

Having ascertained that the project was roughly estimated to cost about £350,000 the fundraising commenced. Once again the community spirit thrown into the effort was breathtaking. Having set a target of £35,000 for the Village, fundraising activities, and antics, were so enthusiastically pursued that the sum raised was £96,000. Financial assistance was granted by the Scottish Executive (as it was then), the Local Authority, many Charitable Trusts and personal donations, all of whose generosity is displayed in the Village Hall. Once again an exemplary example of community cooperation at it's best.

**On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2001** the new hall was opened officially by Janet Gilmour who was the most senior person born, raised and still residing in the village. Tom Knox made the opening speech. Lady Jean was present to witness the ceremony.

The children of the village, led by Janet's Grandson piping, carried the old hall key across and exchanged it for the new one.



*Someone with a Military voice was the Master of Ceremonies!!*

**This article was written by a few members of the Project Group**