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# Sunday Services Lochranza 9.30am & Pirnmill Church 10.45am

Tea & coffee served after the services

#### All are welcome

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# Church & Community Newsletter AUGUST 2017

## **Brodick Manse**

This time last year I went over to Holy Isle for the day. I have over the years been several times before, including being present at the big dedication service back in the 1990's when the island was acquired by the Buddhist community. Each time I go, I am always struck at the other-worldly sense of peace and calm that exists there and how time almost seems to slow down from normal 'Arran' time, each minute seemingly lasting at least five and each hour at least two. That inevitably comes from the fact that this is a very spiritual place and has been for centuries, certainly since the time of the Irish saint Laisren, or to give him his more common name Molaise, who spent some years in the late fifth, or early sixth century, living in retreat in the cave on the island.

Because of its associations with this holy man of God, Holy Isle was a place of pilgrimage for centuries until the time of the Reformation in the 1560's, when such practices were discouraged by the Kirk. Once again, however, even in the Church of Scotland, the benefits of making a pilgrimage to holy places is coming back into fashion and it is hoped that one day in the not too distant future, the old pilgrim route to Holy Isle from the Clachan Glen in Shiskine, over the hills to Lamlash will once more be re-established. Certainly, since the Buddhist Monastery and retreat centre opened, many, many thousands make the trip to Holy Isle every year to what has become a sacred place to both Buddhists and Christians alike.

On my particular day pilgrimage last summer, for the first time, apart from visiting the saint's cave and drinking from the holy well, I climbed over the twin peaks of Mullach Mor and Mullach Beag. Walking from south to north, the views looking back onto Arran, especially of the Arran peaks was absolutely stunning.

Besides enjoying the views, I spent a welcome day recharging my batteries, both physical and spiritual, soaking up the special atmosphere of a special place and felt all the better for it. That led me to ponder over the value of spending time away from the world in retreat, attempting to draw nearer to God, as Molaise of old did, or to find spiritual fulfillment as do many who currently come for a period of Buddhist retreat lasting months or even years.

I came to the conclusion that wouldn't be for me. Having a low boredom threshold, not only would I find it hard to do, I would find it hard to justify such self-indulgence, find it too inward looking and not really in keeping with what I feel God calls Christians to do, which for me is to be involved in the world, attempting to lead good lives to the good of others around them. Although, Jesus spent his forty days and nights in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry – the reason the early church fathers were also drawn to their 'white martyrdom', their time of retreat and testing in order to become closer to discerning the presence and purpose of God in their lives – it was only forty days, not many months or years. For me the whole point of .......

# **CHURCH DUTIES**

	DUTY				
	DOOR	READERS	COFFEE	ELDER	<b>FLOWERS</b>
<mark>06-</mark>	Marion	Janette	Janette		Marion
Aug	Gentleman	MacLeod	MacLeod	Bill Scott	Gentleman
<mark>13-</mark>	Joint	10.15am			
Aug	Communion	Pirnmill			
<mark>20-</mark>	Maureen	Archie		Wren	Maureen
Aug	Cumming	Cumming	Anita Ford	Gentleman	Cumming
<mark>27-</mark>	Aileen	Richard	Aileen		Aileen
Aug	Wright	Wright	Wright	Chris Knox	Wright
03-	Hazel	Hazel	Hazel	Anne	Hazel
<mark>Sep</mark>	Gardiner	Gardiner	Gardiner	Coulter	Gardiner
<mark>10-</mark>		Douglas			
<mark>Sep</mark>	Gail Scott	Coulter	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Gail Scott
<mark>17-</mark>	Richard	Robert	Janette		Janette
Sep	Wright	Cumming	MacLeod	Bill Scott	MacLeod
<mark>24-</mark>	Elisabeth	Marion	Marion	Wren	Marion
Sep	Mobbs	Gentleman	Gentleman	Gentleman	Gentleman
<mark>01-</mark>		Janette			
Oct	Isobel Kerr	MacLeod	Anita Ford	Chris Knox	Isobel Kerr
<mark>08-</mark>	Fiona	Fiona	Fiona	Anne	Ethne
Oct	Henderson	Henderson	Henderson	Coulter	Cumming
<mark>15-</mark>	Chris		Hellen		Hellen
Oct	Siddle	Pip Siddle	Thorburn	Bill Scott	Thorburn
<mark>22-</mark>	Maureen	Archie	Maureen	Wren	
Oct	Cumming	Cumming	Cumming	Gentleman	Gail Scott
	10.15am				
	Harvest Fest.				
<mark>29-</mark>	Marion				
Oct	Gentleman	Bill Scott	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	
<mark>05-</mark>	Joint	11am			
Nov	Communion	Shiskine			

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

8th Sept ACT Quiz Night, Brodick Church

26<sup>th</sup> Oct Board & Session Meeting, 2pm Lochranza Church
5<sup>th</sup> Nov Thanksgiving Service, 7.30pm Corrie Church
12<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Service, 10.15am P/M Hall

# **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER!**

Please could I have articles for this by **22nd OCTOBER** at the latest! bg.ornsay@btinternet.com

Many thanks. Ed.

#### F.O.L.K.

# (Friends Of Lochranza Kirk)

A very successful FOLK Fete was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July and raised £1714. On behalf of FOLK I would like to thank firstly, Ruth Thompson for opening the afternoon's sale, secondly Anne and Gail for their organisation and lastly a big thank you to all who donated so generously both of time and goods to make the event so successful.

Our Autumn FOLK meetings will be on -

#### Wednesday 11th October & Wednesday 8th November

Speakers to be advised when confirmed.

The meetings start at 2pm and are held in the church.

Everyone is welcome to come along to listen to the speakers and share further 'fellowship' over a cup of tea.

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#### PIRNMILL GUILD

# Theme this session - Be Bold, Be Strong, Go in Love.

After some debate, we have decided to keep the Guild going for another year. We are reluctant to give up on the outreach and fellowship we hope we engender throughout the village and on the fund raising we do for the Guild projects and for church funds. Our programme is not complete, but our dates are:-

**Monday 9th October** Joint meeting with Shiskine Guild

Monday 13th November Craft Day ( would all members please bring their

glasses!)

Monday 11th December Christmas DIY

We are small in number, but big on fellowship, and on laughter. Anyone, church goer or not, is welcome to one or all of our sessions.

There will be a **Soup & Sandwich Lunch** before each of our meetings from 12.30 – 1.30 in the village hall. Attendance at lunch does not mean you have to come to the meeting! These are from 2.00 onward.

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

Defibrillator



Aug 1,15,29 Sept 12, 26 Oct 10, 24 Nov 7



believing in a God Incarnate is that God in Christ chose not to separate Himself from human kind but to become one of us, to share with us in our human experience and to become very much involved in the life of the world.

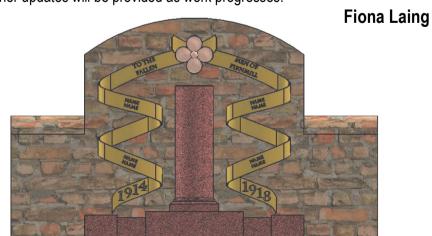
Suddenly, as if to affirm that thought, I became aware of a phenomenon, I hadn't ever noticed before on Holy Isle, the noise of all the sounds from Arran as people went about their daily business echoing across Lamlash Bay and acutely amplified on the shoreline of Holy Island. It seemed to say, you might be able to escape and leave your daily thoughts behind you on Holy Isle, but not the the sounds of everyday life, life going on just a mile away across the loch, a life to which you must return and of which you are a part.

So if you haven't ever been, or haven't been for a while, I thoroughly recommend a trip over to Holy Isle. There is much to see and enjoy and if you do, as a well as relaxing in a very special and peaceful place, listen out for that phenomenon of the travelling sound.

Angus

# **Update on the proposed War Memorial**

The project to erect a WW1 memorial in Pirnmill is moving forward. Simon Horne's initial drawing has been turned into a computer graphic and work is ongoing to adjust this so that plans can be drawn up for the construction. As this is a custom design the costs are increased so fundraising efforts are continuing and a series of fundraising talks/events will take place over the next few months to raise the additional £2,500-£3000 needed and a collection jar is on the counter in the Pirnmill Shop. Further updates will be provided as work progresses.



# **Lochranza Ladies Summer Outing**

The outing this year was to **New Lanark** Visitor Centre which tells the story of its days as a working mill, its decline, restoration and now a World Heritage Site. On arrival we had an enjoyable lunch, an excellent guided tour, then we travelled back in time on the Annie McLeod Ride, sitting on a Motorized Pod showing a millworker's life in the early 1800's. After that we spent time in the before heading back shop Cecchini's Ardrossan for the Evening meal and a blether. A great time was had by all.



The next event will be the **Christmas Lunch** at the Kinloch Hotel - date will be announced in the **November Newsletter**.

Anne Coulter - Organiser



# 2018 CHURCH CALENDAR NOW ON SALE £5.50

Available from "Stags Restaurant" or 'Ornsay' or call Bill 830304

Thank you to all those who sent in photos. Unfortunately we could not put them all in, the printer chose the ones that could be cut to a portrait size without spoiling the subject.

We would like to say a huge big Thank You to lots of people for helping us raise  $\pm 881.97$  at Pirnmill Primary School Spring Fair. We will use this money to do some exciting things.

So 'Thank You' to all the people that helped including family, parent council, staff and everybody else that came along!
Thank You!

Pirnmill Primary School Pupils

#### Lochranza Hall revisited

Yes!: In the fifties/sixties, Lochranza Hall was the place to be on a Saturday night, as we danced the evening away under the revolving mirror ball to the musical selections of disc jockey (the late) Ken Currie, Fairhaven. A good mix of Scottish dance music got us up for lively "Gay Gordons", "Strip the Willows", "Dashing White Sergeants" etc. while Lonnie Donegan's "Battle of New Orleans", Cliff Richards "Livin' Doll" and Bill Haley's "Rock around the Clock" gave us the option for more free -style rhythmic gyrating over the "slipperene"-treated floor and let us feel cool and trendy in those days of "Rock and Roll", interspersed with stylish "Quicksteps, Foxtrots and Modern Waltzes".- (Eat your heart out "Strictly"!) One rule, firmly, observed was the prompt finish before 12 midnight to comply with the by-law that everything should cease before the Sabbath, - mind you, occasionally, some mischiefs would wait until the hall-keeper's back was turned to jump up on a chair and put the hall clock's hand back to extend the evening a bit.

We homed in from all over, by bus and car. Our particular group started in Blackwaterfoot with **Bannatyne's Dormobile** driven by Alex and picking up passengers as he went along. I was the last one on, complete with stool, at Druid in Machrie: The original front passenger seat had been "borrowed" during a temporary breakdown in Corrie and was "inadvertently" (?) unreturned. No seat belt rules or number restrictions in these days! So, on we would trundle up the road Northwards, with much laughter, banter - and occasional song!! It was a fairly temperate event and any drinking was, I believe, fairly discreetly sipped from a previously secreted 1/4 bottle outside. But the fun and pleasure, for most, did not seem to need the liquid refreshment boost.

**Happy Memories!** -and a bit more personal and specific for Alex and I: Although we knew of each other that was the first time we met to share a dance and a blether and, sometimes, we pause at the old site to ponder the route life has taken us since that first meeting some <u>57 years ago</u>.

Liz Dale

( I am afraid the revolving mirror ball suffered the same fate as the front passenger seat of the dormobile during the 'flit' from old to new hall! Ed.)





# LOCHRANZA CHURCH

ON

# TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST

Featuring ARCO

Supported by local artists

7.30pm

Entry by donation to support our church ALL WELCOME

# ARRAN OPEN STUDIOS 11th – 14th AUGUST

**FOUR** Venues in the North End ......

Lochranza Doctor's Surgery, where a group of local artists show an eclectic range of work, covering all the usual arts and crafts. There are also displays at High Newton, Catacol and Pirnmill Village Hall, where a group of talented makers will display works and demonstrate some of their techniques.



MEET THE ARTISTS

Look out for the signs!

#### The Moon Walkers

**Maureen, Hellen and I** thank everyone who supported us in any way and contributed to us raising the amazing amount of £3,100 in sponsorship. We really enjoyed the whole experience and share some impressions!

The buzz in the huge tent 'Moon City' in Holyrood Park where we gathered beforehand was electric, amazing costumes, large stage with live band, face tattoos being put on, balloons, 'moonwalk' goods for sale, water stations everywhere, warm up exercises and either rice or pasta meals to eat before we started.

We all got a glow stick to hang round our neck which helped light the way! We walked right through the park to the top, looking down on Edinburgh with lots of lights and many buildings, including the castle lit up pink in support. There were people out supporting, cheering and clapping, taxi drivers and cars hooting and yelling support, folk coming out of pubs to cheer us on and drunkenly trying to give us high fives!! Policemen and women on duty clapping, shouting encouragement and stopping the traffic to let us cross, people hanging out of flat and hotel Windows and in the residential streets we walked through out by Murrayfield way there were ladies out with tea and trays of flapjack etc. also a very lovely lady who took us into her house and let us use her loo and saved the day! We saw the dawn come up and were absolutely amazed and delighted to find the tent more or less empty when we came back with us being in amongst the earliest finishers, then our wonderful hot showers and champagne breakfast! We enjoyed it so much we hope to do it again next year and invite anyone interested to join us for fun, fitness and fighting the flab. We felt a great sense of achievement and pride! (Don't worry, we three will not be asking for any more sponsorship).

**Fiona Henderson** 

# **Patient Participation Report**

The following is a reply from Ruth Betley in answer to asking 'her what constitutes a medical emergency for priority travel on the ferry' as reported in the Banner a couple of weeks ago.

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"There will be strict criteria for these cards and they will be issued by a senior clinician for critically unwell patients. It will be piloted for 3 months initially to ensure the system is not abused. It will not be possible to extend it to planned admissions I am afraid. That may be something that happens as the pilot progresses depending on usage/demand. It has taken a lot to get to this stage and we have yet to see how it goes!!"

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## LOCHRANZA and CATACOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Association is a voluntary Association supported by a Committee of residents who meet every 6-8 weeks. The main aim of the Lochranza and Catacol Community Association (LCCA) is to discuss matters as they affect both Catacol and Lochranza, be they environmental, be they planning, or traffic management, etc, etc. While the Association has no statutory standing, through the power of lobbying, writing, and discussion, we believe we can highlight problems to the elected officials, transport authority, police and local land lords etc, as required. Such success has recently been achieved with particular reference to action taken by the committee to prevent the recurrence of flooding in Lochranza, also the initiative to raise funds for the purchase of defibrillator machines and raise awareness of Lyme disease.

In order to help finance the activities of the organisation, we seek your support and would greatly appreciate if every household could give an **annual donation of £5** (April to April).In order to facilitate the payment of this donation , you can now pay online and the details required to accomplish this are shown below. For those who do not wish to use this payment method, a cheque is still most acceptable, made payable to the LCCA and sent to the Treasurer at the address given below. Apologies to those who have already made a contribution.

The Committee would like to hear from anyone who would wish to raise an issue as it affects the villages in which we live in or visit. I have therefore included a list of the current committee members, their contact Email addresses and telephone numbers. Advise any of them of the problem and they will bring it to the committee where a resolution will be sought.

**K B Thorburn - Chair** 

# For electronic payments, these are payable to:

**Account**: Lochranza and Catacol Community Association.

**Sort Code**: 83-16-37 **Account**: 00111228

Please put your name in the reference box so that we can identify each payment.

# For cheque payments, these payable to:

**Account**: Lochranza and Catacol Community Association

Given or sent to the Treasurer who keeps a record, and issues a receipt Christine Siddle, Fyneview, Lochranza, KA27 8HL.

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## THANK YOU!

I always feel this is a word not used as often as it should be. There are many people in our community who continue to do things to help out or support our various organisations, they do them willingly and with out any fuss (mostly!) So I would like to take this opportunity to name a few.

How many of us realise the hours the Hall Committee put in at meetings to prepare, organize and run various functions so they can raise funds for the upkeep of our wonderful hall. **Thank you to you all** 

To those who organize and take part in the Community Council, Lochranza & Catacol Community Ass., the Pirnmill Village Ass. The Sea Society, The Patient Participation Reps. The Moorings Soc. The Philo Soc. And any I might have forgotten! **Thank you to you all**.

The First Responders in our 3 villages who give up so much time to train and be ready for any emergency. **Thank you to you all.** 

I would like to thank all the volunteers who to do the various duties in the church. **Thank you to you all** 

To finish a special mention must go to Lorna Hallyburton who has played the church organ for over 20 years. She has played at funerals, weddings and almost every Sunday Service in all those years. Lorna always went 'the extra mile' to please everyone on their special occasion with their choice of music. Lorna is having a few problems with her sight so has reluctantly decided to play less often.

We will miss her playing. Thank you Lorna.

Bill Scott - Session Clerk

# **URGENT APPEAL!**

The North Arran First Responders have been serving the area for over 14 years now, but a combination of factors means we are urgently in need of new recruits to maintain the service. If you feel you would be interested then please contact Fiona Laing on 850216, email - <a href="mailto:fiona.laing@btinternet.com">fiona.laing@btinternet.com</a> or speak to any of the current responders for more information. We earnestly hope to continue into a 16th year but without fresh responders this may be impossible to do.

# Though I feel afraid

At a recent service for Sea Sunday our thoughts were on words from **Psalm 107 vs 29-30** 'He stilled the storm to a whisper, the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.' We were thinking of the seafarers that live and work on ships on the oceans of the world. What they long for is a desired haven. We all need a desired haven though. There is something in our hearts that just longs for that security, that peace that comes from the sure knowledge of God's power and His presence in our lives.

The words of a song by Ian White came to mind when I was thinking about Sea Sunday but I didn't use the song on that day. I want to share that with you here; it is by singer/songwriter Ian White......

Though I feel afraid of territory unknown,
I know that I can say that I do not stand alone,
For Jesus you have promised your presence in my heart;
I cannot see the ending, but it's here that I must start.

And all I know is you have called me, and that I will follow is all I can say, I will go where you will send me and your fire lights my way.

What lies across the waves may cause my heart to fear, Will I survive the day, must I leave what's known and dear?

A ship that's in the harbour is still and safe from harm But it was not built to be there, it was made for wind and storm.

And all I know is you have called me, and that I will follow is all I can say, I will go where you will send me, and your fire lights my way.

(lan White 1996 - 'Little Misty Music/Kingsway Music')

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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

Jean Hunter

# Life in the Lochranza Philosophical Society (Spring 2017)

I write as the newest member of this 'illustrious' group of men and as its current chairman. The Phil Soc was born some 10 years ago (the true date being lost in the midst of time) under the direction of Robert Cumming and has gone from strength to strength ever since. It is difficult to be sure of the full membership as email lists vary and it is unusual for all to attend meetings; let's say there might be 15. Meetings are between 5.30 and 7.00 pm on Thursday or Friday (winter) evenings at the Lochranza Hotel. It is not all about philosophical 'chat' however and group members are often involved in other pastimes:

- Walking/hiking under the direction of 'Sherpa' Dick (Richard Wright)
  many intrepid adventures have been undertaken both in the hills of Arran
  and further afield
- Local 'good works' these have included the clearing of encroaching plants around the village hall and the painting of Lochranza church
- Adventures The Philos have visited our Parliament in Edinburgh, Campbeltown distillery, Hunterston B nuclear power station and, most recently, Ferguson Marine shipyard in Port Glasgow, to see the building of our spanking new ferry for the Ardrossan – Brodick run – the Glen Sannox

Spot the members!

The 'lads' at the Glen Sannox



It does not look much yet although it is within 80 days of its launch. We were privileged to have a personal tour led by the CEO of Caledonian Marine Assets Ltd and the picture shows the excited visitors with the bow of Glen Sannox behind – it looks like there is still a lot to do!

All readers will remember the 'handbrake turn' needed at the Ardrossan end and the triple bowthrusters of Glen Sannox should make this much easier – see the holes into which they will fit!



The home of the bowthrusters

So, The Philosophical Society is surely a force for good in Lochranza – long may it thrive I say.

Paul L Padfield (Chair)

Forthcoming event.....

# St Molio's Quartet

will perform various concerts round the island including a concert

St Bride's Church, Lochranza

Tuesday 12th September, 7.30pm