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(Friends Of Lochranza Kirk)

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

PIRNMILL GUILD

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

Joint Sunday Services

Lochranza & Pirnmill Church 10.15 am

(alternate Sundays up to 18th March, see church notice board)
From 25th March (BST) Services – Lochranza 09.30am, Pirnmill 10.45am

Tea & coffee served after the services

All are welcome

Lochranza & Pirnmill

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The Manse, Brodick

The article I wrote last spring about our little rescue terrier Dougie generated a great deal of interest and almost a year on I continue to be asked frequently how he is doing. The answer is very well. He is learning to be more trusting of people and is now much better at meeting strangers when out and about, although due to his past abuse, he still has one or two issues we are working hard to resolve. In particular, he is not good with other dogs. When he encounters them, he just wants them to go away and goes absolutely berserk, barking very loudly and making quite a commotion. We think this is due to having been mauled as a pup.

Recently we decided to get help from Maxwell Muir an expert in helping owners overcome problems with their dog's behaviour. His input was very helpful and most encouraging. He was also reassuring, explaining that there will be some days when Dougie will seem to have improved and others when he has taken a backward step, but that given time and patience, with the right strategies in place to help him cope with fearful situations, things will get better. He also warned that in the process, when your dog is not at his best, people will look at you as if you are the worst dog owner in the world and make scathing, even insulting comments to you about its' behaviour. His advice – ignore them, they haven't got a clue what your poor dog has suffered in the past and what mental scars and trauma you are helping it to overcome.

This has made me more tolerant too of others and made me realise if having a dog with problems is sometimes a difficult

CHURCH DUTIES

	DOOR	READERS	COFFEE	DUTY ELDER	FLOWERS
**04-Feb	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Anne Coulter	
11-Feb	P/mill				
18-Feb	Chris Siddle	Pip Siddle	Hellen Thorburn	Chris Knox	
25-Feb	P/mill				
04-Mar	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	
11-Mar	P/mill				
18-Mar	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Wren Gentleman	
*25 Mar	Isobel Kerr	Richard Wright	Aileen Wright	Chris Knox	
01-Apr	Maureen Cumming	Archie Cumming	Maureen Cumming	Anne Coulter	Maureen Cumming
08-Apr	Marion Gentleman	Robert Cumming	Marion Gentleman	Bill Scott	Marion Gentleman
15-Apr	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Wren Gentleman	Isobel Kerr
22-Apr	Chris Siddle	Douglas Coulter	Anita Ford	Chris Knox	Gail Scott
29-Apr	Gail Scott	Janette MacLeod	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Janette MacLeod
06-May	Richard Wright	Richard Wright	Hellen Thorburn	Anne Coulter	Aileen Wright

**** 4th Feb** Communion Lochranza 10.15am

***25th March** BST – Church Service time alters to 0930am (Lochranza) 10.45am(P/M)

18th March Stated Annual Meeting Lochranza 1015am(after church service)

29th March Maundy Thursday Communion Corrie 7pm

30th March Walk of Witness from Holy Cross Church 2pm

1st April Easter Sunday Family Service Lochranza 1015am (ARCO playing)

26th April Board & Session Meeting Pirnmill 2pm

13th May Communion Service Pirnmill 1015am

MAY NEWSLETTER!

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

bg.ornsay@btinternet.com

Many thanks. Ed.

F.O.L.K. (*Friends Of Lochranza Kirk*)

On Wednesday 10th January Tony Baboolal gave a very entertaining talk on his early years growing up in Trinidad & Tobago to a well attended group. The FOLK Meeting following this agreed on a date of the annual Fete to be **Wednesday 18th July**.

The next meetings are as follows -

Wednesday 14th February - Talk by Mary Smith on 'Mercy Ships'

Wednesday 14th March - TBA

Meetings take place in **Lochranza church at 2pm**.

Everyone is very welcome to come along and have a cup of tea afterwards.

PIRNMILL GUILD

Theme this session – **Be Bold, Be Strong, Go in Love.**

Monday 12th February Gordon Davidson

Monday 12th March AGM

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 2.00pm 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 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



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MAR. 6, 20
APR. 3, 17
MAY 1, 15



challenge, it can be nothing like as daunting as having to cope with a child, who because of conditions such as autism, are also given to tantrums in public. No matter what strategies their parents put in place to help overcome the things that cause stress and a reaction in their child, there are bound to be moments when a tantrum will occur. The trigger might be something as simple as bright colours, excessive noise, or lighting. Few people have a clue what is going on in the lives of those, whom because of circumstances out with their control, face huge daily challenges and for whom so-called normality is impossible. The recent TV drama 'The A Word' about a little lad called Joe who has autism has perhaps helped to educate some and certainly I found it an eye opener. But there is still much ignorance around and it makes people react badly, very badly at times.

I heard the mother of an autistic child speak on the radio describing the nightmare of coping with her child having a tantrum in a supermarket, throwing tins around and causing mayhem, whilst shoppers either stared disapprovingly, or criticised. What she said would make all the difference in that situation would be a simple offer of help. Help to pick up the tins and thus enable her to make a quicker exit in order to be able to calm down her child in the peace and security of the car.

We can all at times take the high moral ground and judge others, very often without having a clue of their true circumstances.

J. P. Struthers once said when speaking of the Christian religion 'it would do the church more good than anything else if Christians would sometimes "do a bonny thing." Christians or not, it would do much good if we all learned now and again to "do a bonny thing". Simple acts of kindness never go amiss.

Angus

Lochranza and Catacol Community Association (LCCA)

As previously intimated an open meeting of the association was held in the Lochranza and Catacol village hall on the **29th November 2017**

In addition to the committee a total of 16 residents attended , there were 6 apologies received

In the absence of Ken Thorburn, John Ford took the chair.

Matters arising from the meeting of 20th September were discussed and the chair was able to inform the meeting that the proposed petition for a part time winter service from Lochranza to Kintyre has now been taken over by the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee

Full proposals can be found in the circulated minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November. 2017

Regarding local issues, the chair informed the meeting that the **spoil** left between the Loch na Davy burn and the distillery has now been removed.

The coast organisation has made representations in the Lochranza and Catacol village Hall to protest about the anticipated proposal by the Scottish Salmon Company to double the size of the **salmon farm in Lamlash Bay**.

Regarding the **upgrade to the Lochranza pier waiting room**. Detailed plans have been received by the secretary. NAC planning consent has been received and a suitable contractor has been found to carryout the work

CMAL plan to start work in January 2018 with final completion expected by the time the summer ferry schedule starts.

The treasurer reported that the **LCCA have a credit balance of £ 336,13** and thanked all those who had responded so generously to the circulated letter.

Under any other business Jean Wilkinson highlighted the dearth of **affordable accommodation** in North Arran which especially affects young people.

It was felt that an approach should be made to **NAC** to see if they would be able to facilitate a low cost housing deal together with the **Community Council** and the local **landowner** to help young people in Lochranza.

The next public meeting of the LCCA will be held in the Lochranza and Catacol village hall on **Wednesday 4th April 2018** , Easter week, when hopefully some holiday home owners would find time to attend.

Ken Thorburn - Chairman

A Thought for a New Year 'Take Time' (Writer Anonymous)

***Take time in 2018 to think;**
it is the source of power.*

***Take time in 2018 to read;**
It is the foundation of wisdom.*

***Take time in 2018 to play;**
It is the secret of staying young.*

***Take time in 2018 to be quiet;**
It is the opportunity to seek God.*

***Take time in 2018 to be aware;**
It is the opportunity to help others.*

***Take time in 2018 to love and be loved;**
It is God's greatets gift.*

***Take time in 2018 to laugh;**
It is music of the soul.*

***Take time in 2018 to be friendly;**
It is the road to happiness.*

***Take time in 2018 to dream;**
It is what the future is made of.*

***Take time in 2018 to pray;**
It is the greatest power on earth.*

Jean Hunter

*(This poem formed part of Jean's service in Lochranza on 31st December 2017
and was thought to be appropriate to pass on to all readers)*

Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society cic

The Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society cic continue to successfully manage and maintain the pontoon despite the high cost of repairs and insurance. We are grateful to local and visiting boat skippers for generously donating via our **honesty box** or by cheque if inclement weather does not allow disembarkation and also direct payment to our treasurer.

We also are responsible for the **Ocean Youth Trust** charity mooring which this year has been well used by the OYT and other large yachts that are too heavy for the Visitors Moorings.

CMAL have made water available to boats on the far side of the pier, which has been frequently used.

The **navigation buoy** on the Newton side of the Loch was lifted and repaired in December.

The **pontoon** has also been used by the RNLI and Coastguard in emergency situations.

Andy Lancaster, Toward Moorings and Towage Ltd is retiring this year. He has been instrumental in maintenance of the pontoon and OYT mooring since installation. Andy and his crew will be greatly missed. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Thanks to all who have helped us over the years.

Julie Graham Secretary

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 Pirmill Shop. 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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A FEW CHARACTERS FROM THE SEASONAL 'GOINGS ON'!



He did his best to
control the 'rabble!



With help
from his
other
half with
the quiz!



Guess who knew
all the answers!

Our regal
pair!



Older & wiser!

AND THEN THERE WERE THE NEW
YEAR DIPPERS OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE
'LOCHRANZA LOONIES'!



AND THE NEW YEAR
GOAT FELL CLIMB

Lochranza Gentlemen's Philosophical Society

Annual Dinner

This year's dinner was held at our own Stags Restaurant on the 15th December with a healthy attendance of 32 members and wives. The meal as usual was excellent, and we were well looked after by Val and Rino in the comfortable surroundings of Stags.

After dinner entertainment comprised of the odd poem, followed by the usual quiz which became more difficult to manage as the evening progressed and the refreshments took hold, which all added to a great wee night.

Hillwalking

The walker's meal this year with our wives was at the Catacol Hotel on the 5th November, a night of fireworks in the form of exaggerated tales of challenges faced on our walks and of the extreme weather conditions encountered. There even was the indulgence of an award ceremony to mark some of our supposed achievements. Oh how age can distort the mind!

We were well looked after by Dave and his team, an ideal venue and location for a night of reflection on a good year on the hills with many adventures.

Subject to weather we propose to walk most weeks on Arran, with our next expedition to Scotland to climb **Ben Arthur (The Cobbler)** around the 6th May

2018 Visits to places of interest.

It has been a tradition over the years to climb "our nearly munro" Goat Fell in the days before New Year.

However this year due to weather and availabilities the big day was delayed to Wednesday 10th January and what a good decision that proved to be.

Our party of 5 set off from Cladach Car Park just before 9am, with a pleasant walk up through the forestry, over the footbridge onto the moor below Goat Fell. Weather was dry, light wind and intermittent cloud, however as we gained height the temperature dropped and the path became in places a frozen river, a time for our light crampons to be fitted.

After a welcome stop we continued the climb, cloud became more dense, although from time to time we could see the summit, thick snow also became an issue. Within approx. 800 feet of the summit the cloud closed in, however by that time we were above cloud level and started to experience what could only be described as a unique "Inversion" blue sky, warm sun and the most spectacular views over The Three Beinnns and North Goat Fell, with the cloud below us rolling, in all differing colours of grey. A special moment.

We were now within 300 feet of the summit, finding it quite difficult to climb in the thick frozen snow and undulating rock formations. Time for a decision on future

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Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall Report

Firstly the hall would like to thank everyone who helped to make our **Burns Supper** on Saturday 13th January such a successful evening. A huge thank you is due to all of the speakers and entertainers, those who gave their time and energy to make it possible, for the donations received of produce, whisky and shortbread and of course to the wonderful audience who participated by being there and showing their appreciation of everyone's efforts.

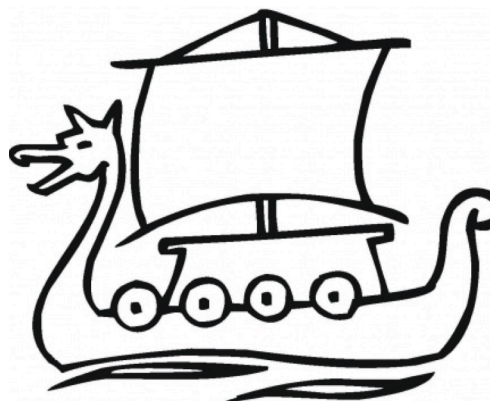
A few dates are here for your diaries and more information will follow by way of posters, email, Facebook and hopefully by our **new web page** which is planned to be back shortly.

There will be a concert on **Saturday 17th March** by **St Andrews University Orchestra** presenting Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. Watch out for times and other details.

Saturday 31st March is **Easter Saturday** and will of course be the day of the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall's **World Famous Daffodil Tea** between 2 & 4pm with all its Cream Teas, children's activities, Easter egg hunts, stalls, raffles, tombolas and other nonsense.

You may think our wonderful **Gala Weekend** would be a hard act to follow. However I am advised that on the **21st and 22nd July** of this year will be even more immense. The clue I am allowed to give you at this stage is

“ The Vikings are coming “



Kate Hartley
Chairman

Arran Patient and Service User Group (PSUG)

Formally known as Arran Medical Group Patients Participation Group.

As local representatives for Lochranza & Pirmill we continue to raise matters that are brought to us by the community, provide copies of all meeting minutes, newsletters and notices via the community email kindly provided by Jean Wilkinson. We are receiving very few inputs from the community and assume that all is well or that the community have given up and happy to go to other surgeries, either way it would be good to hear from you. The next Arran Patient and Service User Group meeting to be held in Lochranza is on **Monday 19th March at 7 pm**. It is an open meeting and we would encourage everyone to please attend in view of the proposed changes to health and social care provision outlined by North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership. Health and Social Care consultation: delivering care together, are holding drop-in sessions across North Ayrshire to chat about the draft strategic plan. **Come along and tell us your views.**

Friday 26 January, Arran Library from 11.30am–12.30pm

Here's the link to tell us your views. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAHSCPstrategicplan>

We want as many local people as possible to feedback their thoughts about our plans for future health and social care services in North Ayrshire. In the meantime please be aware of the following open consultation regarding the following:

North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (the Partnership) is responsible for providing health and social care services within the local community. This means that most health and social care services outwith a hospital setting now fall under the umbrella of the Partnership, including things like GP services, physios and occupational therapists, mental health services for children and adults, social work services, school nursing, justice services, learning disability services and many more.

As well as these services, the Partnership also includes the Third sector - involving many charities and volunteers - and the Independent sector - including services such as care homes. We are all working together to achieve the Partnership's vision. Demand for health and social care services is increasing, while at the same time we have less money to provide services. Our new draft strategic plan outlines this challenging environment.

We want your views. This will help us to finalise and create a new strategic plan that will map health and social care services in North Ayrshire from April 2018 until March 2021.

The draft plan & online questionnaire are available here;

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAHSCPstrategicplan>

Paper copies of this questionnaire will be available for people who would prefer to complete in paper form, please contact Pam Bains - pambains@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

The consultation will close at midnight on 16 February 2018.

Arran Patient and Service User Group Representatives

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Pirmill	Mark Harwood	Tel: 850577	doctor.jug@gmail.com

progress, however that was to be made for us, as we encountered a snow field with a hard frozen crust covering the path and rocks ahead. To traverse we would have required heavy crampons and ice axes to cut steps and as use as a brake should any of us slip. We were thwarted and the decision was made unanimously to turn back.

However this was not done without spending time enjoying a hearty lunch and what could only be described as a spiritual panorama, which was enhanced by a semi circular rainbow on the hill called a Brocken.

The decent was uneventful, apart from enjoying some warm sun until we met the cloud line when the temperature dropped dramatically.

The special day was rounded off by refreshments and further food in Fiddlers in Brodick. **A day to remember!!!!**

Further updates to this years programme has still to be finalised and will be confirmed in the next issue of the Church & Community Newsletter.

L.G.P.S Programme for Feb and Mar 2018

Dates for the diary,

Friday 2nd February	Paul Padfield	- Friendship.
" 9th "	Richard Henderson	- Lenin
" 16th "	David Underdown	- Trekking in Nepal/Munro's (T.B.C.)
" 23rd "	Ken Thorburn	- Dutch Royalty/William of Orange.
Friday 2nd March	Archie Cumming	- Future of Mankind.
" 9th "	Brian Miller	- Subject to be advised
" 16th "	Rob Stevens	- Subject to be confirmed
" 23rd "	John Ford	- Jacobites

Good

Friday 30th March	Kate Samson	- Life of a Head Ranger
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All new members will be **most welcome** to come along, meetings take place on Fridays, 5.30pm in the Lochranza Hotel.

Richard Wright – Chairman

*I choose..... To live by choice, not by chance,
To make changes, not excuses.
To be motivated, not manipulated,
To be useful, not used;
To excel, not compete.
I choose self-esteem, not self pity.
I choose to listen to my inner voice, not the random opinions of others.*

ANON

GREEN IS GOOD (?)

No-one in their right mind would knowingly waste resources or cause unnecessary pollution, and we all want to save the planet for our descendants, but consider a few recent case studies.....

Ten years ago the UK government were busy persuading us that we should all buy diesel cars to reduce the pollution caused by petrol engines. They are now considering banning diesel engines and introducing pollution charges for anyone driving a diesel engined vehicle into our cities!

Over the last five years the UK government has offered grants for householders to have their cavity walls filled with insulating materials. They are now forced to admit that over 35% of those homes will need the insulation removing (at enormous cost) due to penetrating damp and mould caused by the insulation!

Five years ago filament lamps were banned from sale for use in domestic premises because 89% of the electricity they consumed was “wasted” as heat. In the UK we must have at least 3 days per year when we need light but not heat!

Washing machines used to fill with hot water generated by an efficient central heating system and used comparatively benign detergents. We have now been forced to accept machines with cold water fill which then have to heat all the water electrically and need much more aggressive detergents to wash at 30 degrees. By the way, the low temperature wash also fails to pasteurise your machine and so we are told that we need to buy sterilising chemicals to kill off nasty bacteria and stop our machines smelling!

These are four of many instances where financially motivated technologists have convinced senior civil servants that their ministers should back the proposed changes. The senior civil servants are, of course, highly educated individuals but to see through the self-interest of the technologists a double first in classics from Oxford is about as much use as a handful of Brussels sprouts!

The time has come for the “Green” movement to rigorously examine the science behind new proposals and stop listening to their more woolly-minded and technically naive brethren.

(A ‘tongue in cheek’ rant sent to me from an anonymous donor! Please feel free to reply via me for entry in the next Newsletter! My Email is on the back page.)

Editor



A PIRNMILL IDYLL

*My mum was born a Glasgow lass, a true-bred city girl;
She strolled the bustling Glasgow streets,
She danced the slippers off her feet,
She loved the city whirl.*

*But then one summer, come July, she travelled to Pirmill
And in Pirmill she'd fish and hike
Play tennis, swim, and ride her bike
And climb the Arran hills.*

*They say Pirmill was all the go, with young folk, shops and sights,
And youthful passions all aflame,
And dancing till the coos cam' hame
(Except on Sabbath nights).*

*Then come September, summer's end, she sailed back up the Clyde;
Shook sand and midges from her shoes,
Harked glumly to the Glasgow news
And moped by Kelvinside.*

*Let Glasgow flourish though it might, her days were dull, until
July and joy came round again:
She packed her bags, hopped on the train
And sailed back to Pirmill.*

Meilan Henderson

