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

Sunday Services

Lochranza & Pirnmill Church 10.15 am
(alternate Sundays up to 10th May, see church notice board)
From 10th May Services – Lochranza 09.30am, Pirnmill 10.45am

Tea & coffee served after the services - **All are welcome**

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In November past I visited Armagh for the William Kennedy Piping Festival and among other great events there was a lecture entitled 'the Pipes that once through Rossmore's Halls', a fascinating insight into the musical heritage of Irish nobleman Henry Robert Westenra 3rd Baron Rossmore (1792- 1860). Lord Rossmore was a renowned Uilleann piper and collector of pipe music, said in his day to be the equal of any professional piper in Ireland. Among the tunes selected to be played was an ancient Arran boat-song entitled *Uamh an Righ* or 'The King's Cave' collected here in the 1830's.

The Rossmore connection with Arran between 1820 and 1854 was through his marriage to Anne Douglas-Hamilton the illegitimate daughter of the 8th Duke. Her dowry included the farms of Altgoloch, South and North Penrioch, South, Mid and North Thunderguy, Catacol, Imachar, Dougarie and Auchingallan, what is now approximately the modern day Dougarie Estate.

I was delighted to return with a copy of a lost Arran tune, but that was tinged with the fact that the Rossmore name here will ever be connected one of the cruellest episodes in our island's Clearance history.

Rossmore had a residence at High Dougarie but wished to build a new hunting lodge at Catacol, what is now Catacol Farm in order to accommodate his hunting parties who were in the habit of going via Catacol Glen via Loch Tanna, through Glen Iorsa to High Dougarie. However, the original blackhouses of the old village of Catacol located at the mouth of the glen offended the gentry who had to pass them on the way to their sport. In an act of treachery the residents of Catacol were invited to a party at Dougarie by Lord Rossmore but when they made to go home, the servants prevented them leaving long enough to allow the keepers and his agents to set the thatch of their cottages alight and pull down the walls, utterly destroying them. On their return to Catacol the people were left destitute. With no land to till the only option was to eek a meagre living fishing the waters of the Kilbannan Sound. Eventually under duress Catacol Row, that very pretty street of twelve cottages we now know as the Twelve Apostles was built for them. Despite this, many families refused to live there in protest at the way they had been treated and it originally had the less poetic nickname of 'Hungry Row'.

CHURCH DUTIES

	READERS	COFFEE	DUTY ELDER
*09 Feb	Marion Gentleman	Marion Gentleman	Anne Coulter
16-Feb	P/M		
23-Feb	Archie Cumming	Maureen Cumming	Bill Scott
01-Mar	P/M		
08-Mar	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Anne Coulter
15-Mar	P/M		
22-Mar	Elizabeth Smith	Elizabeth Smith	Chris Knox
29-Mar	P/M 10.15am		
05-Apr	Robert Cumming	Hellen Thorburn	Anne Coulter
12-Apr	Bill Scott		Bill Scott
19-Apr	P/M 1015 am		
26-Apr	Pip Siddle	Chris Siddle	Chris Knox
*03 May	P/mill Communion		
**10 May	Richard Wright	Aileen Wright	Bill Scott

* 9th Feb

* 3rd May

**10th May

Communion in St Bride's Lochranza 10.15am

Communion in Pirnmill Church 10.15am

Church times from this date are

Lochranza 0930 Pirnmill 1045am

MAY NEWSLETTER!

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

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

Dates for your diary

9 th Feb	Communion P/Mill 10.15am
6 th Mar	World Day of Prayer Lochranza 2pm
8 th Mar	Stated Annual Meeting P/Mill 1015am (after church service)
8 th Apr	The Labyrinth in St Molios Shiskine 10am-12 noon
9 th Apr	Maundy Thursday Communion Brodick 7pm
10 th Apr	Walk of Witness from Holy Cross Church 2pm
12 st Apr	Easter Sunday Family Service Lochranza 1015am (ARCO playing)
16 th Apr	Board & Session Meeting P/M 2pm
3 rd May	Communion Service P/M 1015am

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 Pirnmill 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 (Pirnmill). Thank you.

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TAKE NOTE OF DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

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

BLUE BIN

Feb 11, 25
Mar 10, 24
Apr 7, 21
May 5, 19

BLACK BIN

Feb 4, 18
Mar 3, 17, 31
Apr 14, 28
May 12



In other ways, Lord Rossmore seems to have been more enlightened land owner, for he had a church built for the Northend people in 1842. The following year at the Disruption when the Free Church split away from the Established Church of Scotland, he put the building at the disposal of the people who opted to become a congregation of the Free Church. Lenimore Church as it was known was located at the *Airidh Bheirge* (Areverge) a flat piece of ground located between Pirnmill and Catacol. There is a wonderful painting by John McWhirter R.A. in the *Book of Arran Vol 2* entitled 'Sunday in the Highlands', which shows the people walking along the foreshore to the church shown in the background. Demolished in the 1950's all that now remains of it are steps cut into the roadside verge.

Lord Rossmore also built a magnificent family seat Rossmore Castle in County Monaghan. In a competition with the neighbouring Shirleys of Lough Fea, as to who owned the biggest room in the County, the drawing room was extended five times. Nothing of this once magnificent mansion now remains for it had to be abandoned in the 1950's due to dry rot and it too was levelled to the ground. Perhaps, there is a strange irony in that, although not for the present Rossmore family. Despite what the bible says that 'the sins of the parents are to be visited on the children to the third and fourth generation' (Exodus 20: 4), I have always felt it is quite wrong to hold future generations responsible for the actions of forebears and things that happened way before they were born or had any control over.

Hopefully though, we can learn from the cruelties of the past and make the present more just and better for all. As to judging our ancestors too hastily, care must be taken, 'judge not lest ye be judged' (Matthew 7: 1). We might think it inconceivable that someone in the past could spend money to build a place of worship whilst neglecting the needs of the poor and homeless. Yet as we approach another Stated Annual Meeting, our yearly congregational business and financial meeting, a huge amount of energy will be placed in spending money keeping our church buildings open and the institution of the Kirk functioning. Jesus on the other hand, would have been more likely to give it all away to the poor and needy.

Angus

PLEASE NOTE!

NEW Church times

Winter times will remain until and including 3rd May.

From 10th May Lochranza 0930, Pirnmill 1045

Report from the Lochranza and Catacol Community Association. (LCCA)

The committee have agreed to hold two open meetings this year, one of the meetings will follow our AGM, scheduled for Wednesday 8th April and the second open meeting on the 28th October 2020.

Can I also remind all residents and holiday home owners that our financial year now runs from 1st January to 31st December and those of you who wish to support the admin and secretarial costs of the association are invited to make a minimum payment of £5 to the secretary.

Payment details were included in the December newsletter.

While most of you on the association mailing list will have read the circulated minutes of the November meeting, it is incumbent on me to briefly update you on any developments that may have occurred since then.

As far as we are aware no final decision has been made by North Ayrshire Council on the planning application for the proposed salmon farm at Millstone point.

The potential planning application for a jetty and logging facility at Imacher has so far not been submitted to North Ayrshire Council.

Confirmation is still awaited regarding our request to formally recognise the right of way to the Whins from the Newton Shore.

Unfortunately no progress regarding a response from the council requesting slow down signage on the road from the distillery into the village.

The promise from SEPA to test water quality and environmental damage at the Lenimore Distillery discharge site is still awaited.

Ken Thorburn

Food Bank

Donations of tinned meat, fish, soups, toiletries and cleaning products are still needed.

Any donations can be left in Brodick Church, Lochranza & Pirmill Church or Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall.

Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall

Committee Members

Chair	Lorna Logan
Vice	Sharon MacKenzie
Secretary	Iain MacKenzie
Booking Secretary	Ethne Cumming

Committee Members

Aileen Wright, Vicki Milne, Anita Ford, Kev Fearon, Jess Fearon, Jo Lord, Jenny Soffa, Ryan Soffa, Jenni Logan, Maureen Cumming, Fiona Henderson, Kate Hartley.

Trustees

David Henderson, Archie Cumming, Margaret Kerr. Robert Kerr

Please note that the Minutes from the Hall Committee Meetings are available to read in the Hall.

Daffodil Tea

LOCHRANZA & CATACOL VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2 -4pm



Donations of baking, books, bric
a brac, bottles etc would be
greatly appreciated

Postings from Pirnmill Village Association (PVA)

The fireworks on **5th November** in the new venue of the school playground proved to be very popular, so much so that all burgers and hot dogs had been eaten half an hour after the bonfire had been lit on the beach and the fireworks had just begun. We will up our catering for this year – Promise!

The **Arts & Crafts Exhibition weekend** was a great success with our many talented Pirnmill artists and crafts people displaying their beautiful handwork. As it coincided with Shop Arran weekend, many a Christmas present was bought including jewellery, soaps, cards, weaving, paintings and carvings. An Aladdin's Cave for sure and not to be missed this Christmas.

Calling all Ages Groups. Please come to Pirnmill Village Hall on **Thursday evenings** to enjoy **Ping Pong aka Table Tennis** and a laugh! All levels of skill or none are most welcome. Light refreshments available. 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. This is proving very popular but we can **always do with more participants. £2.50 per player.**

Hazel's monthly **Pop-up Pubs** are proving most popular, with the **Quiz** becoming quite competitive. On Burns Night we will have celebrated the 1st anniversary of the 'pub' with the addition of '**Hooked & Cooker**' **chippy van** serving haggis as well as the normal menu. We hope to have the van serving fish suppers for future **Pop-up Pub if Burns Night** was a success.

Forthcoming Events

6th February Weekly Thursday Table Tennis club 7pm – 9pm

In future the Pop Up Pub will be held on the First Saturday of month

It may be too late to change the licence so depending on that the next Pop Up Pub will **either** be on

Saturday 29th Feb OR Saturday 7th March (to be confirmed)

Saturday 4th April

Saturday 2nd May

Thank you for your continued support

Lizzie Adam, PVA

A New Year with the Lord

This poem was used in the church at the beginning of the year.

A New Year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore,
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord.

Remember not the former things,
The things of the past year,
The Lord will do the things in us,
Much more than we are aware.

For he will make a way for us,
As we put our trust in him,
And he will guide our every step,
By his presence we have within.

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do,
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through.

We musn't let anything hold us back,
But rise up and take our place,
And be all that God wants us to be,
With a fresh touch of his grace.

(by M. S. Lowndes)

Jean Hunter

There are lots of Coincidences in life! It has been suggested to me that I might like to record a few here. So please start sending them to me. Ed.

Here goes with the first one.....

It started at the Philosophical Christmas dinner at Stags with a silly joke from a Christmas cracker “What do you call a boomerang that won’t come back?”

Someone shouted down the table “ask Bill Scott he’s half Australian”!! Bill was sitting next to Maggie Somerfield who asked him “what is your Australian connection?” Bill replied that his Mother was Australian and that his Great Great Great Grandfather was a guy called Gregory Blaxland who was a pioneer farmer from Kent who was the first white man to cross the Blue Mountains in Australia in 1813. Gregory had a Brother called John who farmed with him. Maggie then told Bill that her Sister was married to Henry Blaxland a direct descendant of John!!

On a small island like Arran – what are the chances of that?

And another ‘coincidence’

A SOLEFUL EXPERIENCE

Shortly before the war, my father, an Ayrshire man but with roots and connections all up and down the west coast of Scotland, joined the Colonial Service and was sent out to Hong Kong to teach a quixotic combination of Latin and PE.

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

This year we have had three meetings so far. We decided to drop the October meeting as many people are away on holiday.

Our meetings have been well attended with excellent speakers, the first of which was Ken Pritchard who spoke about his role in the Army and the Suez Crisis. John Clarke our organist spoke about his time in the Army and learning Russian, putting it into practice and subsequently becoming head of the Forces Russian language Dept.

Penny McWatters gave a talk entitled ‘A Puzzle Solved’. Penny had done a great deal of research into the two main stained glass windows in the church and had discovered they had been installed back to front and the wrong way round. Penny found a company that repaired and restored stained glass windows and entirely at her own expense paid for this restoration. The congregation are very grateful to Penny for all her work and generosity. These windows will light up any time you enter the church. Well worth a visit!

Our Summer Fete this year raised £1,378. The ARCO Concert sponsored by FOLK was very well attended and donations raised £800.

We have invited the members of Pirnmill Church and community to join with FOLK and we warmly welcome them.

Our final meeting this season is on Thursday 13th March at 2pm in St Bride’s Lochranza when our Speaker will be Fiona Laing who is going to give us all a ‘refresher’ on CPR and using the defibrillator. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

Bill Scott

LOCHRANZA FOOD SHARE



There will be a Food Share on the last Saturday of every month at **9.15pm** in **Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall**



Saturday 22nd February
Saturday 28th March
Saturday 25th April

The Food Share is an initiative with the Co-op where short life food that is going in the bin is given to Arran Eco Savvy to redistribute. The Food Share is about reducing food waste & is open to EVERYONE.

PLEASE COME ALONG & TAKE SOME
FREE FOOD

As many of you already know, when Hong Kong surrendered to the Japanese in December 1941 he managed to escape to the Chinese mainland. Not long afterwards, after a spot of specialist training with SOE, he found himself in southern China functioning as a link in a very long chain that extracted British POWs from camps in Hong Kong, smuggled them across China, and finally decanted them into India, where they were fed back into the war effort.

It was a job that he greatly enjoyed, with lots of opportunity for private initiative and decision-making. But as he was behind enemy lines, it was essential to keep moving his base, the only transport available was Shanks's pony, and not surprisingly, after a few weeks his shoes gave out. The nearest village was a day's march away, and he summoned his youngest and fittest Chinese colleague and sent him off to get the shoes repaired.

Time passed, he began to fidget as they would have to move on very soon, but in due course the lad re-appeared carrying the shoes, duly repaired, and wrapped in an English-language newspaper.

With disbelieving eyes, he read its name: ***The Oban Times***.

And not only that: but it carried the announcement of the marriage of his cousin Kerr from Islay!

My father died in 1985, and to this day we have no idea how a copy of The Oban Times came to be in a cobbler's shop in southern China during the war.

Meilan Henderson

A post-script: his cousin Kerr Anderson and her husband later moved south to farm at Cairnbaan by the Crinan Canal.

Work and travels in New Zealand

I decided to go and work in New Zealand to further my agricultural knowledge, after completing a degree in **Agriculture at SRUC in Ayr**.

I left home on the **16th of October**, flying from **Glasgow to Dubai** and then on to **Christchurch via Sidney**. I then stayed a night in Christchurch before getting an Intercity bus down the east coast of the **South Island** to my stop at **Balclutha**. Taking the bus was a good option as I was able to get a good view of the countryside; firstly the **Canterbury plain** where there are a lot of irrigation systems in place, as well as big tall hedges used as wind breaks to prevent soil erosion and onwards to the hilly **Catlins Forest Park** area, after passing through **Dunedin**.

The farm that I was working at was located near to a village called **Owaka**, right down in the **south-east corner of the South Island**. The farm milks **1300 Jersey dairy cows** in an extensive paddock grazing system, supplying milk to **Fonterra**, which is largest dried milk processor in New Zealand. The farm operates a once a day milking system, with 4 herds being milked through two 26-a-side herringbone parlours. Everything was very extensive with no concentrated feed for either the cows or calves, to reduce production costs.

Including myself, the farm had **nine employees**. There are no sheds at all with the cows being out wintered on turnips, while being fed bale silage. They also have to be fed silage in the height of summer owing to the lack of grass, due to the dry conditions.

When I first arrived, the weather was much colder and wetter than I had expected, probably due to how far south the farm was, although they did say that it was their poorest Spring in years. For me, work was predominantly milking to start with and then when the weather improved I was doing **tractor work**; reseeding paddocks with grass mixes and sowing turnips. Later on **baling silage** started, with the farm making over **2400 round bales each year**. My job in this operation was mowing and rolling up the silage. The farm was on such a large scale, it sometimes could take up to **2.5 hours to get the cows in for milking** and the ground was also very steep.

On the **1st of November**, **Artificial Insemination (AI)** of all the cows began, which lasted until mid-December. All the cows are fitted with heat patches on their tail head to identify which cows are in heat, these are drafted out of the herd after each milking for AI.

The standards of animal welfare in New Zealand are much poorer than in the UK, with the Vet being a negative word due to the cost. They are also using lots of chemicals which have been banned in the EU and they are not having to comply with the same environmental regulations which are in place in the UK.

Once I finished working I travelled around the South Island before flying back home on the **17th of December**. I spent a day on **Stewart Island**, the most southerly point of the country, before spending a few days in **Queenstown**. There was plenty to see and do in Queenstown, such as the sky-line gondola and boat trips on the lake, making it the high point of my trip. I also visited the **Milford Sound, Lake Tekapo, Lake Pukaki, Hanmer Springs and Nelson**. With Nelson being at the northerly end of the South Island the weather here was the warmest I experienced on the trip as it was around the mid-twenties Celsius.

There was lots of **fruit growing** around the Nelson area such as apples, cherries and kiwi fruit, as well as hops. After leaving Nelson I stayed a night in **Greymouth** on the west coast before getting the **Trans Alpine railway** back to Christchurch. I had intended to travel up the west coast to Greymouth from Queenstown, but I had to alter my plans as the heavy rain caused extensive flooding and landslides, leaving only one road open leading from north to south.

My last day was spent in **Christchurch**, where you can view the City centre from a number of vintage trams. The city is still recovering from the **2011 earthquake**, but it is very modern as most of the buildings are brand new.

I would recommend visiting New Zealand as it is a very nice country, but I would also back buying British food products.

Iain Logan
Pirnmill

I was so pleased to receive this article from a 'younger' member of our community, there must more of you travelling the world and doing exciting things! So don't be shy.....please put your story down in an email and send it to me! Ed.
