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Sunday Services

Lochranza Church 9.30am Pirnmill Church 10.45am

(Tea & Coffee is served in the church after services)

All are welcome

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Brodict Manse

'Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work' (Exodus 20: 8- 9).

So runs the fourth commandment, one I always tried very hard to keep all my working life, that is, until I became a minister. Now Sunday, albeit my favourite day of the week still, when I joy to lead worship three times, is not exactly a day of rest. So when does the minister take his one day off a week?

I once had a discussion on this topic with the late Douglas Fulton, minister at Kilmory and Lamlash and he rather humorously pointed out, that if he was seen out in his garden on a weekday when the members of his congregation were engaged in their daily toil, instead of out and about ministering in his parish, or in his study – 'all right for some' – was considered lazy, but if he worked all the days of the week and in the process neglected his garden, was considered even lazier still!

Compounding the problem is the fear, that being responsible 24/7 for the well fare of every soul in the parish, or in our case 5 parishes, if a day is taken off someone might be left uncared for at a time of need.

Perhaps for that reason in the previous ten years, apart from annual leave I have neglected to take a regular day off at all, and even then the phone is still checked several times daily. In the process, I have neglected both my family and my health. All work and no play makes Angus a very dull boy indeed! Jean too, despite being contracted and paid to work only 33 and a half hours a week, finds herself in a similar situation.

However, in our position, there really is no need for this to be the case. There are two of us on the ground. Always, if one is on holiday, the other covers. At such times, apart from having to conduct a funeral on the mainland, or be away engaged in Presbytery business elsewhere, one of us is on hand at any given time.

CHURCH DUTIES

	DOOR	READERS	COFFEE	DUTY ELDER	FLOWERS
08-May	P/Mill Communion				
15-May	Richard Wright	Aileen Wright	Aileen Wright	Sinclair MacLeod	Eileen McAllister
22-May	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Wren Gentleman	Isobel Kerr
29-May	Hazel Gardiner	Hazel Gardiner	Gail Scott	Bill Scott	Hazel Gardiner
05-Jun	Aileen Wright	Douglas Coulter	Anita Ford	Chris Knox	Lorna Hallyburton
12-Jun	Maureen Cumming	Pip Siddle	Anne Coulter	Anne Coulter	Maureen Cumming
19-Jun	Chris Siddle	Janette MacLeod	Janette MacLeod	Sinclair MacLeod	Janette MacLeod
26-Jun	Aileen Wright	Robert Cumming	Marion Gentleman	Wren Gentleman	Ethne Cumming
03-Jul	Gail Scott	Marion Gentleman	Hellen Thorburn	Bill Scott	Hellen Thorburn
10-Jul	Isobel Kerr	Archie Cumming	Maureen Cumming	Chris Knox	Gail Scott
17-Jul	Elisabeth Mobbs	Fiona Henderson	Fiona Henderson	Anne Coulter	Anne Coulter
24-Jul	Marion Gentleman	Douglas Coulter	Gail Scott	Sinclair MacLeod	Marion Gentleman
31-Jul	Richard Wright	Aileen Wright	Aileen Wright	Wren Gentleman	Aileen Wright
07-Aug	Fiona Henderson	Bill Scott	Anita Ford	Bill Scott	Eileen McAllister

NB If you cannot do your reading on the date listed please try to swap with someone on the list and would you please inform the duty Elder

AUGUST NEWSLETTER!

Please could I have articles for this by **22nd July** at the latest! If you want more COMMUNITY articles then please contribute! Preferably by email to bg.ornsay@btinternet.com
Many thanks. Ed.

Dates for your Diary

- 7th May 'Vandal' Memorial Service at approx. 11am, a good 'turnout' of local residents would be much appreciated by the veterans attending
- 8th May Communion in Pirmill 10.15am
- 26th June ACT Songs of Praise will be held on Lamlash Green at 3.00pm – this service is being held earlier this year in the hope of avoiding the midges!
- 20th July FOLK Fete in Lochranza Hall 2pm
- 14th Aug. Communion in Lochranza 10.15am

Are you a tax payer? –

If so, are you registered as a Gift Aid donor?

If you can answer "yes" to both, then charities such as the Church can claim your tax, instead of it going to the government. Just put your donation in a Gift Aid envelope with your registration number and every one pound donated becomes one pound twenty five! (e.g. £5.00 becomes £6.25 etc.).

If you are not a tax payer and a registered donor, please don't use a Gift Aid envelope. Just put your donation in the open collection plate and the Church can still claim an extra 25% from the tax office.

Donations in any form are welcome and essential to the life of the Church

Answers to the Towns & Villages Quiz (Feb Newsletter)

1. Motherwell 2. Eyemouth 3. Selkirk 4. Glasgow 5. Carrbridge 6. Poolewe 7. Broadford 8. Lamlash 9. Preswick 10. Biggar 11. Knockintiber 12. Straiton 13. Blackburn 14. Carstairs 15. Bothwell 16. Dyce 17. Fortrose 18. Elgin 19. Barrhead 20. Walkerburn

If anyone has another quiz I would be delighted to publish it in a future Newsletter. Ed.



Defibrillator

TAKE NOTE!

DEFIBS. located at the following points.

Distillery- on the front wall of the visitor centre

Catacol Bay Hotel- on the front wall below the kitchen window,

Pirmill Village 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

Apr 26
May 10,24
June 7,21
July 5,19
Aug 2,16



May 3,17,31
June 14,28
July 12,26
Aug 9,23



The same could easily apply to time off. Thus we have decided that I will now take a Monday off each week, when Jean will cover for me and Jean will take a Saturday off, allowing her to get over to the mainland on a Friday evening to be more involved in her grand children's weekend activities.

Of course when either of us is on holiday, the other will not entirely be able to completely take a day off and will still be 'on call'. There will still be the odd week too, when something serious or extra problematic crops up. But at least for the rest of the time, we might just get a chance to recharge our batteries. And I can't help thinking, instead of often being run down and run ragged, we will be much more able to serve you all the better, which is ever first and foremost our primary concern.

Angus

DEAR GOD

*So far today, I've done all right
I haven't gossiped,
I haven't lost my temper,
I haven't been greedy, grumpy,
Nasty, selfish or over-indulgent!*

I'm very thankful for that.

*But in a few minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed;
And from then on, I'm probably
Going to need a lot more help!*

ANON

*This was given to me by a very dear friend, she had been in bed for some weeks with flu and was just about to rise from her sick bed when her husband produced this!!
Ed.
PS They are still married!*

An extract from “West Side Story’ The Parish Magazine of Lochranza & Pirmill linked with Shiskine Church of Scotland – July 1991

The Weir Family Connections with the Isle of Arran

My knowledge of our family’s association with Arran goes back to the end of the last century.

I believe our connection dates from a much earlier period but the history has been lost with the passing of time. It was in the early 1890s that my grandfather Robert McNair Weir and his brother Andrew Sillars Weir used to spend their holidays working at Drumadee Farm. During that time they would stay with their Aunt, Jean Sillars at Machrie.

In later years, Robert and Andrew, with their respective families returned to Arran regularly and continued to stay with Jean, who had by this time moved to ‘The Craggs’ at Catacol. After Jean’s death the family spent their holidays in Lochranza. Amongst the houses they rented were ‘Mount View’, the ‘Wee Free Manse’ and ‘Kincardine’.

*The visits to Arran ceased in 1938 after the death of Robert’s son, my namesake Colin, who was killed whilst climbing Caisteal Abhail, at the age of 15. **

The family did not return to Arran until 1947 and over the next few years stayed in most of the houses in the village.

In the early fifties my Grandfather purchased ‘Kincardine’ and the house remained in the family until about 6 years after his death in 1966. Most of my earliest memories are of holidays at ‘Kincardine’, halcyon days spent messing about in boats, fishing, walking and in later years going to the Lochranza Dances.

I introduced my wife to Arran in 1964 and it was hoped that we would get married in Lochranza, but due to family commitments this was not possible. We did, however, return for our honeymoon as my Grandfather had done some 54 years earlier.

My wife and I have visited Arran as often as 3 times a year since then and we were delighted when, in March of this year. Rev Ian MacLeod representing Rev Andrew Barrie, agreed to conduct a short service in celebration of our 25th Wedding Anniversary. Old friends made us very welcome and laid on a splendid party for the occasion.

We hope to be able to return to Arran and enjoy its hospitality for many years to come.

Colin Siddle (Pip Weir)

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PIRNMILL GUILD

Be bold, Be strong, Go in Peace was our theme this year, and it proved a thought provoking one, especially in the light of current events. We had two joint meetings with St Molios’ Guild relating to the theme, one led by them and one by us. It is always a joy to meet with other like-minded folk, and our discussions were far reaching, interesting and helpful. We shared food, fellowship and lots of laughter. We had two speakers this year, one Reverend Benjamin van Rensburg who told us about his life as a Free Church Minister in Istanbul, and how very different it was from his new ministry here!

The other was the Reverend John Webster who shared his reflections on peace, with many Bible readings to back them up, and also gave us a short, fascinating talk about Dr Graham’s School.

A new venture for us was a Craft Day. This was ably led by Janet Sturt, and while a challenge to most of us, resulted in a reasonable Doves of Peace mobile, which we hope to hang in the church. Please do not examine the stitching!

Our Christmas session was, as always, our D.I.Y with each person providing a Bible reading, a carol, or a seasonal reading, religious or secular. This was a joyous occasion.

Our fundraising Soup and Sandwich lunches have allowed us to contribute £500 to church funds and £150 to our Guild Projects, Sticking Together, and Feed the Minds. Not bad for eight people.

Our theme for next session is **Be bold, Be strong, Go in Joy** .

Chris Black

F.O.L.K. FETE

Friends of Lochranza kirk

WEDNESDAY 20th JULY 2pm

Donations of bottles, baking, bric a brac, plants etc most welcome,,,,,,,,,please hand in at the hall on the day or call Tel: 830304 or 830219

News from Lochranza Centre CIC

Lochranza Centre has recently been working with the Coastal Way. Their current funding for a repairs team runs out in December. Its to be hoped funding will be found to allow it to continue. However as a 'locally' based measure the coastal Way Footpath Team has been instructing the staff at Lochranza Centre on repair & management techniques. We will initially be taking on some responsibility for repairing & upgrading the path from where its finishes at the stone plynth on Newton Shore, round to Huttons Unconformity. Hopefully after this stretch we can continue a bit further. Once we have done some initial work we would notify the community of 'repair' days & people can come out and work with us. We have chosen a section close to the road to allow easy access for as many people as possible.



**Wednesday
Thursday
Spring Snacks**

**Join us at
Lochranza
Centre**

11am-2pm

**20th, 21st, 27th, 28th
April**

**3rd, 4th, 18th, 19th, 25th
26th May**

For information call 01770 830637



LOCHRANZA CENTRE

FRYDAYS

5.30pm-8.00pm @ 5.30pm-8.00pm

**Lochranza Centre
Every Friday
April 21st-17th June**

Menu

Chips £2

Fish and Chips £5.00

Sausage and Chips £4.00

Burger and Chips £4.00

Black Pudding and Chips £5.00

Sit in or Take Away

"Get that Fryday feeling"

For information call 01770 830637

**With Thanks
Chris Traill**

* I have tried to find details of my Uncle Colin's tragic accident on the hills in 1938, but the family have always been reluctant to talk about it. There is, now, only one surviving ut elderly member of my family who was with Colin at the time. I will, over the next few months, make another attempt to piece together what has happened.

Seventy eight years ago.....well more on that later, hopefully!

Pip Siddle

Christian Aid Week, MAY. 15th. to 21st.

This newsletter contains a gift envelope for the above charity. If you would like to contribute please put your donation in it. If you are a tax payer completing the form attached to the gift envelope will increase the value of your donation at no extra cost to you.

Please return your gift to either Church (they are open all day) or hand it in to Pirnmill Village Shop or give to any elder whose names are on the back cover of this magazine

Any questions to me on 850230

**Peter Emsley,
Session Clerk**



Keep smiling – It makes the world a happier place

South American Adventure (Part 1)

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it, for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters”.

For those of you who have travelled, you will know how vast God’s earth is.

In February I travelled to **South America** with **Elizabeth Watson**. After the journey to **Buenos Aires** in Argentina via **London** then **Paris**, we boarded the cruise ship **Zaandam** in Buenos Aires harbour. As this was my first time on a cruise ship I didn’t know what to expect, except what others had told me. However I have to say that I wasn’t disappointed. To me the ship was huge and I was told it was a medium sized one. The whole cruise was an amazing adventure though, one I mistakenly thought I could only dream of.

In the evening we went on a tour to one of the most iconic tango theatres in **Buenos Aires** for a spectacular presentation of the acclaimed, popular dance. Professionals took us on a journey through the ages of Argentina’s most celebrated dance. I for one was glad they didn’t ask the audience to join in.

The first night was spent on the ship in the harbour then next day we took a ‘Panoramic Highlights tour of Buenos Aires’. We began by visiting **San Telmo** and **La Boca** two lively and colourful areas. As Argentinians are passionate about their football we were taken by a stadium, the home of their most famous football team, Boca Juniors. As my grandsons are football fanatics too I had to get them football tops.

We then travelled along the city’s widest Boulevard, **9 de Julio** (9th July Avenue). It was called after the date they gained their independence. It is the widest Avenue in South America. We passed by the **Presidential Palace** or Pink Palace (called that because of its pink colour) where **Eva Peron** one of their history’s most famous women gave a speech from the balcony there. Another place we passed was a garden area where a clock made in the image of London’s Big Ben stood. The clock was gifted by the U.K. but its name was changed after the **Falklands War** and is not now spoken about except by tour guides.

At night we sailed down the **River Plate** to find ourselves waking up in the morning in **Montevideo harbour, Uruguay**. Our shore Excursion this day was the ‘Montevideo Highlights and Uruguayan Carnival’. There was a tour of the city sights and then to a **Carnival Museum**. Carnival in South America is primarily associated with **Rio de Janeiro**, but Uruguay the second smallest country of South America, celebrates the longest Carnival competition in the world. At the museum we learned that Carnival in Uruguay is a mix of European and African traditions. We saw displays of colourful costumes and were treated to a display of **Candombe** and **Murga**.

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The Arran Singers Concert

The Arran Singers will be holding a concert in **Lochranza hall** on **Saturday 11th June 2016 at 7.30 pm**. Tickets are **£8** for adults and **£3** for children, and will be available from The Book and Card shop or at the door on the night.



Lochranza & Catacol Community Association Report

The committee were delighted to see so many at the recent public meeting and very much welcomed the many helpful contributions on the various topics discussed. It is very reassuring to get such great feedback and it is refreshing to know that our efforts are appreciated. As was said at the meeting, we are always on the lookout for new committee members so please don't be shy about putting yourself forward. We need your help so why not let us know you are prepared to contribute. Sadly so few are these days, so why not give something back to the community you live in and are part of, so we can work together to secure the future well being of Lochranza and Catacol.

Many important issues were discussed at the meeting. The Lyme disease survey had been extremely successful with a high response rate. It confirmed a high incidence of Lyme disease in the area and this will be pursued with the Health Department in Edinburgh after the election. Camper vans were discussed at some length and in particular the impact they were having on the island. While most welcomed the benefits to tourism and local business it was thought that NAC should have some overall management strategy. This should include policies on overnight parking, wild camping, waste disposal, road safety, and overflow parking when sites full. The committee agreed to raise this issue with both NAC and the Community Council. Also of concern is a lack of volunteers on the island for the fire service, the lifeboats, first responders, and coastguard. This matter also to be raised with councils. Other issues discussed were beach and foreshore clean (details to follow) impact of forestry and roads, ferry issues and the potential closure of public toilets. Full minutes of the meeting have been circulated but if you require a hard copy please get in touch

Robert Cumming (Secretary) 83030

Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall Report

The Hall experienced the vicissitudes of life in the last quarter. The Burns supper was cancelled because of poor ticket sales. Scheduled for 19 February it was probably too late in the season. By way of contrast the Daffodil Tea was an outstanding success and raised a four figure sum.

It is no secret that, happily, Lochranza is bursting at the seams with children. The Hall's constitution states that its purpose is to enhance the lives of the villagers and that definitely includes children. The Hall was host to Kilwinning scouts in February and ten Sea scouts from Petersham and Ham camped in the Hall for a week in April. More importantly the Mother and Toddler group on Friday mornings is now well established and there has been a double figure attendance which included a father! The mothers organised a fund raising casino night (play money) in April. It was not only very enjoyable but was also financially successful. They are threatening to hold another event in the near future.

Constantly trying to improve in all departments the hall kitchen has had an expensive upgrade to improve working conditions and safety. Along with this four committee members have attended and passed a course on healthy kitchen practice and food preparation.

To mark Peggy Hunter's 100th birthday a tree was planted in the Hall's Community garden. She will no doubt get into the Guinness book of Records
Winter activities - badminton, bowling etc will end by the end of April.

Hall Dates for the Diary:

5 May Scottish Parliamentary Elections
9 May Kenneth Gibson's Surgery (If re-elected)
30 May John Denver concert. 8pm. Bar
11 June Arran Choir Concert. Always a favourite
23 June EU Referendum
20 July Church Fete
27 July Lochranza Extravaganza
29 July/
4 August Arran Visual arts Exhibition
5 August Ceilidh Trail Ceilidh. Hugely popular when they last appeared in Lochranza two years ago.

Tony Baboolal
Chairman

With **Candombe drummers** and dancers played and danced to a drum-based rhythm which originated from **Angola and the Congo**. Murga was a mixture of song, theatre and comedy and had its origins in **Cadiz in Spain**. Some of our group were asked to join in and so they did, dressing up and dancing round the tables. You will be glad to know I wasn't one of the volunteers.

After leaving **Montevideo** we spent the next two days at sea, enjoying the cruise and relaxing in the sunshine.

On **Friday 26th February** the ship arrived at the **Falkland Islands**. The ship anchored out in the Bay and we had to get into a small tender for the journey into **Port Stanley**. On the way there some folk saw the dolphins jumping out of the water but I managed to miss them. On shore we got into a coach for our tour of Stanley which is home to more than 80% of the entire population of the Falkland Islands. It was quite a moving experience being in that place. It wasn't raining but was quite cold and damp. It reminded me of Mull although without the high hills and the forests.

There are some hills there though and the guide told us that was where some of the battles were fought during the war with **Argentina in 1982** like on **Mount Tumbledown**. We drove past the memorial from that war with many names on it and then outside Stanley past the local airport and Surf Bay to see the beach and minefields from that time. There are still unexploded bombs there today. A drive past **Government House** was next. Building work began on the house in **1845** but it was **1859** before the first Governor took up residence. A visit to the Falkland Islands Museum was very interesting with its history and exhibits before travelling along the road to the **Anglican Cathedral** the southernmost Cathedral in the world, featuring an arch constructed from the jawbones of two blue whales. A visit to the souvenier shop was a must, however I didn't get time to send postcards before getting back on to the tender to get back to the ship. On looking back at Port Stanley I had to pinch myself to believe that I had been there in the Falkland Islands but I have the photos to look at and prove I was there.

On leaving the islands we sailed on towards the **Magellan Straits** a natural passage between the **Atlantic and Pacific oceans** and to more wonderful places to view more of the beauty of God's creation.

I will let you know about that in the next instalment.

Jean Hunter



In 2005 the Hall Committee decided that the area outside the new hall was unsightly! Just a mass of weeds, rocks and an area the sheep and deer used at night leaving all their deposits! This, of course, was trailed into the hall making it very hard to keep the new floors clean.

Emile Santori (who had already designed a few gardens in Lochranza) was approached and asked if he would be willing to draw up some plans. This he did and very generously donated them to us.

Estimates were sought and Armitage Groundworks were chosen to do the work at an estimated cost of 11K.

The hall funds would only stretch to 3K!!

10 YEARS OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN 2006 – 2016

Community Garden Report 12th June 2006

Firstly – a few thanks!

To Jim Jack for all his wise planning of the planting and to Doreen Cant for ordering and collecting all the plants which came from the Skipness nursery. Both worked extremely hard digging and pick axing the ground to get the plants in. Thank you also to all those who turned up at various times and worked just as hard to get the garden where it is today. Thank you Robert Kerr for the tap – that has made life a lot easier during this dry spell! To NAC (in the form of Richard Wright!) for the 40 heathers that were donated by them. We still await confirmation to our letter requesting that NAC cut the grass on a regular basis.

Costs –

- **£250** has been spent so far on plants – the herbaceous border is still to be planted but it is hoped to get most of these plants from local gardens FOC!
- **£60** approx. has been spent on soils & hose pipe.etc.
- Following several requests we have planned a path to a raised seating area at the top end of the garden. This is not on the plan but has been added and with the help of Scott Murdoch should be constructed this week. The approx. cost of this is **£70** for materials and **£100** labour.
- We have also requested from the NTS 2 log tables and seats which will be sited beside the large stones outside the garden – we will need to give the NTS garden fund a small **donation** for their work cutting the logs. Eddie O Donnelly has volunteered to transport them to Lochranza.

We have enquired about purchasing 80 meters of chicken wire which we will need in the not too distant future when we spot rabbits around! Arran Haulage quoted **£75** for this. This brings the amount to slightly over the allowed £500 but it is essential that we protect the plants and we would like permission to order this.

Lastly, it would be a nice thought if the hall committee would consider buying a seat with a plaque in memory of Monica Priestly who has been so generous to the hall for many years. This could be sited on the raised area. This of course would always have to be maintained by the hall committee, however, it is likely that others will copy this idea and donate seats 'in memory' so we suggest that before accepting any others please ensure the upkeep is the donors responsibility!

Gail Scott



How were the funds to be raised?

Chairman Bill Scott approached NAC who suggested that we apply for funding from Entrust (Landfill Tax). To qualify the project had to be within 10 miles of the nearest landfill site, the hall was 10.1 miles 'as the crow flies', however, we were granted 10K!

Then the hard work began as you can see from the 2006 report.

Over the years the enthusiasm for working in the garden has dwindled. I am sure no one would wish to see the garden grow to a wilderness again, after all it enhances the hall, lets hope the hall committees in the future don't ever let that happen.

Gail Scott

