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JOY IN THE JOURNEY

DID YOU GO anywhere on holiday, this summer, or was it, ‘Hame ’ll dae me?’ Even if you did stay at home, maybe you were able to have some day trips out. If you went further afield, how did you get there? By car, bus, coach, train, plane? Do you enjoy the journey or do you just want to get to your destination as quickly as possible? I wonder what memories you have of summer holidays in the past?

My memories of summer family holidays during the Glasgow Fair Fortnight, are of journeys by train, travelling to Sheerness by the sea, to stay with our relatives in Kent. It was a long journey involving a, ‘blue train’ from our local train station, Westerton, to Glasgow Queen Street. Then with suitcases in hand, walking from Queen Street to Glasgow Central.

Down the West Coast Main Line, by train, from Glasgow Central to London Euston. Then on the London Underground from Euston to London Victoria. Train again, from Victoria to Sittingbourne, to change for the branch line to Sheerness. All very exciting, if tiring. But worth it for a few weeks holiday from the daily grind of life in Glasgow to the seaside and the hospitality of Uncle and Aunt and seeing and playing with my extended family.

Those days are long gone but our family holidays still tend to be long journeys. This time, by plane, to our family in the States.

The Church is on a journey. It is a long one which began over two thousand years ago and we are still travelling to our destination to be close to our God and our extended family. As part of this journey, Millisle and Mochrum Churches have enjoyed some significant milestones on the way recently.

We ordained new Elders at a service on 16th June at Mochrum and a Service of Union and Linkage was held at Millisle on 7th July, led by our Presbytery Moderator, Andrew Morton. Upcoming, on Sunday the 1st September 11am at Millisle Kirk, we will welcome our Locum, Rev. Stephen Fulcher.

As we hear Jesus’ words, ‘Come, Follow Me’, the journey continues and we have joy in the journey and hope for the future. Come join us in the journey and see what God has in store for us as his Church together.

‘May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.’

Rev. Eric Boyle (*Interim Moderator*)

You are always welcome to our regular Sunday Morning Services at 11 am, alternating between Millisle and Mochrum Kirks.

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Alan Wake

BE THANKFUL!

We grumble because God put thorns on roses, wouldn’t it be better to be thank God for putting roses on thorns!

CHURCH SERVICES LIST

Services start at 11.00am - unless otherwise stated

*Refreshments are served at the end of the service and all are welcome
Please come and join us.*

AUGUST

- 4th Millisle Robert Cismas from the Faith Mission
11th Mochrum Donna Brewster **with Port William Community Association
and the Carnival Queens**
11th Grand Marquee 3pm **Carnival Week Closing Ceremony with Songs of Praise**
18th Millisle Donna Brewster
25th Mochrum Rev. Eric Boyle **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

SEPTEMBER

From 1st September Rev. Steve Fulcher will join us as a Locum Minister to the Linked Charge of Millisle and Mochrum and will lead all Sunday Services unless otherwise stated – please come and make him welcome.

- 1st Millisle
8th Mochrum
8th Cruggleton 3pm **Annual Ecumenical Service - don't forget the torch**
15th Millisle
22nd Mochrum
29th Millisle Donna Brewster **Harvest Thanksgiving**
please bring your gifts for the work of the Machars Basics Food Bank

OCTOBER

- 8th Mochrum
13th Millisle
20th Mochrum
27th Millisle

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Mochrum
10th **Remembrance Sunday**
Port William War Memorial **10.50am**
Millisle Morning Worship **12 noon**
Garlieston War Memorial **1.30pm**
Sorbie **2.15pm**
Kirkinner **3.00pm**
17th Mochrum
24th Millisle **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

please look out for posters
to confirm times

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ELDERS’ DUTY LIST

August	Ann Wadsworth/Anne Highman
September	Moira Adams/Jane Nelson
October	Elizabeth Wallace/Vicky Parker
November	Ann Wadsworth/Anne Highman

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 25th August
MOCHRUM CHURCH

COMMUNION DUTY ELDERS

Ann Wadsworth, Moira Adams, Jane Nelson and Vicky Parker.

There will also be a Service of Holy Communion at Millisle Kirk on the 24th November

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

August	7th	Jane Nelson and Jenni Gray
September	4th	Kay Gibson and Aileen Kirk
October	2nd	Lorraine Ker and Beth Robinson
November	6th	Rachel Wadsworth and Helen McTier

INTRODUCING REV. STEVE FULCHER

Hello,

I HAVE BEEN asked to write a little about myself as your new Locum Minister. My name is Steve and I grew up in Rochester, Kent, although my family come from Pembrokeshire in Wales. I have two daughters, three step-children and we have five grandchildren.

I grew up attending Sunday School until I was 10 years old, at which point I fell away a little, but continued to be around Christian folk, and at age 14 I made a commitment to follow Jesus. I have never regretted it.

After university I worked in higher education as a lecturer/librarian until at age 30 I responded to a call into full time ministry. Theological training was at Cambridge University, and my first parish was in Watford, Hertfordshire. Sadly during this time my marriage ended, and after a while I moved to a new parish in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, where I met and subsequently married Christine.

God then led us on a new adventure – to Scotland. I always felt called to rural ministry, and an opportunity arose on the

Island of Islay in Argyll. God then called Chris into the Ministry, and she began training with Aberdeen University. We had a very happy ministry in Islay, then a short spell in the Borders, and for the last 10 years back to Argyll, to South Kintyre.



I retired early a year ago, and we moved to a house in Leswalt Parish. This was to be near (but not too near) family at Thornhill near Dumfries, but also to be near the sea. I enjoy walking with the dog (Caleian – Gaelic for handsome), and have joined the skiff rowing club in Stranraer.

As Locum Minister I will conduct Sunday Worship in Mochrum and Millisle as at present, and work two days a week in the parishes.

I look forward to working with you and getting to know you in the days ahead.

With every blessing, **Steve**

FLOWER ROTA FOR MOCHRUM KIRK

(if the dates do not suit please swap and let us know)

August	11th	Jenni Gray
	25th	Maria Old
September	8th	Helen Oxley
	22nd	Morag Walker
October	6th	Rose Christie
	20th	Rachel Wadsworth
November	3rd	Jane Nelson
	17th	Lorraine Ker

MOCHRUM SESSION CLERK'S REPORT



WELL THE WEATHER hasn't improved much since my last report but I hope that you have had some enjoyable times.

I know that Facebook has both positives and negatives but one of the positives is definitely seeing all of the lovely photos many of you have put on of the places you have visited over the past months. We are blessed to be able to enjoy our beautiful countryside in peace when so many around the world are suffering. Sadly I know that for some these past months may not have been happy times and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

We have had quite a busy time in the Kirk. On **19th May** we celebrated Pentecost, traditionally the birthday of the Church, a lovely service led by Donna Brewster ... and being a birthday there was of course cake.

At an elder-led service on **2nd June** we commemorated all who had given their lives for our today with a special service remembering D-Day, displaying the beautiful quilted banner made by Moira Adams.

On **16th June** we held a "Service of Ordination" for new elders followed by our ASM. On **30th June** we celebrated "Sea Sunday" and the 45th Anniversary of PIRSAC, then on **7th July** we had a special service of "Union and Linkage" with members of the Presbytery.

We have Carnival Week to look forward to and on **11th August** we shall welcome the Carnival Queens and members of Port William Community Association to take an active part in our service.

At the end of that day we will be able to lift our voices in "Songs of Praise" in the marquee to give thanks for what I am sure will have been a joyous week. Also for all of the hard work that those involved would have put in to ensure that the village would have had yet another memorable week in the life of Port William.

Applications for our annual Bursary are still open and you will find details of this on the back cover of the magazine. It is open to anyone in further

education, regardless of age, who resides or has resided within the bounds of Mochrum Parish. It always saddens me that the rules of the bursary only allow for one applicant to be in receipt of this, but you have to be in it to win it, do please get your applications to me in plenty of time.

We are now really excited that as from 1st September we will have a new Locum Minister, the Rev Steve Fulcher. Steve will lead us in worship each Sunday morning whether at Millisle or Mochrum and his ministry will encompass two days per week within the Parish so I am sure that you will see him out and about.

We have started to make plans for the annual "Ecumenical Service" at Crugleton which will be led by Steve together with ministers from both the Catholic and Episcopal churches. We hope that you will be able to come along, but don't forget the torch. Harvest Thanksgiving will be at Millisle at the end of September.

Services of Remembrance are planned, also a service of Holy Communion will be held in Millisle in November. In December we look forward to our Carol Service with the Creetown Silver Band and a service on Christmas Eve ready to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Our monthly coffee mornings continue, although it is getting difficult to find people willing to organise these so if you think you could help please do give me a call.

The Guild, having enjoyed a summer break will start up again on **10th September**, so do please come and join us.

The Kirk is there for you, but we do need you to be there also. We are here or at Millisle every Sunday. The welcome is always warm, the kettle is always on, so please come and join with us if and when you can.

You all remain, always in our prayers.

Jenni Gray

MOCHRUM GUILD REPORT

WE ARE on our summer break at present so we are not holding any meetings.

Some of our members did attend the Rhins and Machars Joint Summer Rally in June at Wigtown Church Hall where Rae Lind, Guilds National Convener was the guest speaker. A full hall enjoyed fellowship and singing followed by refreshments. As a parting gift, Wigtown Guild arranged for each Guild to receive a special painted stone (*see photo*).

We will resume our meetings on **Tuesday 10th September** when Steven Fulcher will be our guest speaker and would love to see some new faces. Please do come along and join us, we usually have a speaker followed by a cuppa and biscuit and it lasts about an hour and a half.

In the meantime, why not make a note in your diary for our 'Soup and Sweet' event

which will be held in Maxwell Hall on **Saturday 28th September** from 12 noon till 1.30pm at a small cost of only £5. Homemade tasty soup with a selection of gorgeous puddings are on offer. Get your tickets now from any Guild committee member or Vicky Parker on 07825 869318.

Tuesday 8th October is Phil Hayes (Reflections of Life in Verse and Song).

Tuesday 12th November is Donna Brewster (The House That Sugar Built).

Everyone is given a warm welcome to join us at these meetings held in the Supper Room of Maxwell Hall at 2pm.

Vicky Parker Secretary



THE COMMITTEE continues to be grateful for the support from all of the user groups.

The Indoor Kurling proved to be a success and a trial period of exercise classes is to take place over July and August.

We were fortunate to receive £1000 windfarm money thanks to the Community Council and this is being used to buy sports equipment for the hall. Our treasurer, Kay Gibson, is leading this project and we are grateful for her expertise. The aim of purchasing new equipment is to encourage families or groups to hire out the hall for activities such as badminton or parachute games.

Thanks to Janis Edgar, we now have both indoor and outdoor recycling bins. We are pleased to see them being used and grateful to John Adams for continuing to manage the job of putting the right bin out on the right day! A thank you also to The Gardening Club also for maintaining the area around the hall.

Good progress is being made with repairs to the hall by D&G Council. Hopefully we can begin to make plans for refurbishing the kitchen and disabled toilet in the near future.

We are in the process of providing broadband to users as we have missed out on several bookings due to our lack of it. This facility should be in place soon.

Look out for our quiz sheet to buy when you are out and about. This is our summer fundraiser.

Our annual **Christmas Fair** will take place on **Saturday 23rd November** and we are delighted to work with the Machars Young Farmers who will provide the catering and use this event for their own fundraising. We already have stalls booked but there are a few spaces left and anyone wishing a stall can contact us on the details below. We are sure it will be as successful as last year's.

Finally, a thank you to Janis Edgar for all her hard work as Chairperson and her continued support to the committee. We are delighted that Tony Cottam is our new Chairperson and is continuing to lead our discussions with D&G Council successfully.

The committee welcomes new members or anyone who feels they could contribute to the successful running of the hall.

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BOOKINGS:

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Mary Cowan
07810 435117

SEE PAGE 17 FOR REGULAR EVENTS HELD IN THE HALL

QUIZ. - JUST FOR FUN!

As we think of harvest time, try and solve these clues. All the answers are vegetables.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Do you know yours? | 5) This will need a plumber | 9) How old is this taxi? |
| 2) Dad cuts hair | 6) Vehicle decay | 10) Turn this letter round |
| 3) 16th letter of the alphabet | 7) Is this vegetable cold? | |
| 4) Eight O's in this pot | 8) This dog blooms | |

Answers on Page 19



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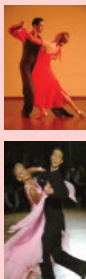
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THE LAWN BOWLING season is in full swing and members have been enjoying time on the green. Membership continues to grow and we are welcoming new members regularly.

We have two sweep nights, Tuesday and Friday, meeting at 6.45 for a prompt 7pm start (£2pp Fri and £1pp Tue). Everyone is welcome to join us whether an experienced bowler or new to the sport. For beginners, guidance and informal coaching will be given by one of our more experienced members.

We were delighted to have been selected as one of the greens used for a round of the Galloway Cup. We welcomed competitors from Whithorn, Garlieston, Kirkcinner and Isle of Whithorn. Congratulations go to Garlieston, eventual winners of the trophy. We hope to see you all again next season!

We have also seen children from PW Primary School on the green giving bowls a try. This was facilitated by one of our members, Des Kevan and Dumfries & Galloway Active

Schools Programme who kindly provided the children's bowls to us.

A correction regarding the age of the club - it has been confirmed 160 years (not 150 as previously stated) - apologies. This is still something to be proud of along with the fact we are one of the oldest, if not the oldest, bowling green and club in Scotland.

The green and surrounding areas continue to need attention, the Monday volunteers meet at 2pm helping where they can.

Applications for funding to help purchase new equipment plus changes required around the green have been made ... outcomes are awaited. We are grateful to the Community Council for a donation from the "Windfarm Fund". It will be put to good use!

Please come and join us, keep an eye on our facebook page for information. For more information on membership please contact Jxcrowther@hotmail.com.

Jacqueline Crowther
SECRETARY

THINKING AHEAD

IT IS COMING to the end of summer and in a few weeks we will start thinking of preparing for Christmas.

After the success of last year's village festive activities, including 'Lunch with Santa', 'Christmas Light Switch On' and 'The Hogmanay Party', we need to build on this success.

The Square, with the additional decorations looked welcoming. The main tree comes from D&G Council but everything else is community led ... the lamp post lights from fund-raising events by the Community Association. The yarn bombing tree, knitted, crocheted, and decorated by the Thursday 'Knit & Natter' group, was an outstanding addition. Not forgetting the Nativity Scene by Maisie Murray, enhanced by a wooden tree produced by Murray Morland. So, where do we go next?

On social media there were amazing pictures of Christmas trees made from lobster creels, so we need to approach our lobster fishermen with the idea of building one on the harbour. Which

alone, would be a great representation of the village. But that's not enough! The suggestion has been made, that all the different groups in the village have their own tree that can be placed on the Mill Hill and therefore seen by all.

We have so many groups and organisations that have the talent and ability to build a tree that represents them - be it mothers & toddlers, panto company, bowling, yoga, men's group, church, gardening, No.12 or the school. Not to forget shops - hairdressers, carpets, ironmongers, garage, café, general store and PIRSAC and the list goes on!

Come September, planning will have to start to look at layout and if electrical supplies will be required, so any help greatly appreciated.

Next time your group/organisation meets, please think about getting the village on the map for providing a Christmas display, where people can come and admire.

C Kelly

PORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SCIO

PORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AS ALWAYS the Community Council has continued their work for all the local residents in our wonderful area.

It is our hope to keep you updated on what is happening in our vicinity. As ever things don't happen straight away but we persevere to get things carried out properly on your behalf.

At the **AGM** in May the election of office bearers took place and Mr Sheppard, Mr Ballantyne and Mr Gray were re-elected to their posts of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These will continue until May 2025.

The cash received from the windfarms has been successfully distributed to the groups who had applied.

The **"Place Plan"** has carried on and has now completed its draft which will soon be distributed to allow everyone to pass any remarks that they think are of importance. Once again the thanks must be made to Jacqueline for the great work she has carried out along with her group of support.

A poll was taken to give a name to the Local Place Plan and the winning choice was **"Our Dose of Vitamin Seas"**.

The **lights in the harbour area** have been completed and working well. Even the broken lamp which has lain there has been removed. Mochrum and Elrig have new **notice boards** delivered and fitted.

The **website** is slowly but surely being upgraded. Enormous thanks must go to Rebecca Davison for the amount of time and effort she is taking on this project.

The **toilets upgrade** has at last been completed after being damaged and also the promised improvement.

Some damage around the walls of the flower bed at the front of the toilets has been reported. The top slabs have been removed for repair and also safety. We will keep chasing to have them repaired, hopefully before Carnival Week.

The **speed camera** at the Second Sands has still not been repaired, apparently a new one is required to replace it. Our desire is to keep pushing to get it done as soon as possible..

We wish to remind you the Community Council meets on the last Wednesday of every month with the exception of August and December.

It is not a closed meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and hear what is happening and also to bring anything up that concerns them. The stipulation on bringing matters to our attention is to give some notice of the problem in order for us to look into it and hopefully get some help or advice to give out.

Tony Cottam
CO-OPTED MEMBER

NUMBER 12

AS YOU MAY have noticed, there have been works going on at Number 12 since we put a temporary hold on the Open Space at the end of May.

We have had log burners installed, the chimneys repaired, chimney pots replaced and we have also been replacing walls that have been water damaged.

Updated toilet facilities have also been installed.

Old storage heaters have been removed, more modern versions being added shortly. Electricians are untangling 30 years of wiring and fuse boxes that have been constantly added to in the house. New windows are planned also.

We're hoping that we will be able to reopen parts of Number 12 during September. As you will have gathered, although our doors aren't open right now, there's a lot going on inside the building.

NATURAL HISTORY OBSERVATIONS - APRIL - JUNE 2024

TWO ALLIUMS were abundant at the road verges near the Monreith Estate early in April. One, Ramsons is native and well known to most of you I'm sure, whilst the other Few-flowered Garlic is a fast spreading introduction which is very invasive and has now spread into the verges at Port William.

Also in early April Primroses and Field Woodrush were in grassland at the Port William War Memorial area. This area is rather good for our native flora and would benefit from a judicious grass cutting regime. A lot of people in the village do many good things and give of their time willingly and are to be applauded, however with a fast declining population of bees, flowers birds etc. etc. we really should be taking these issues into account.

Several large plants of Tree Mallow were to be seen close to the King's Green Caravan Park along with Coltsfoot and Common Scurvy Grass again in early April, and male Reed Bunting was also seen. In the middle of the month we had two Siskin on the garden bird feeders (*see photo*). Our neighbour, eagle-eyed Julie reported a House Martin on the 7th of the month and a Swallow on the 10th. We took a walk round Monreith Estate on 14th April and the following were seen in flower: Cherry Laurel, Ramsons, Few-flowered Garlic, Purple Toothwort (*see photo*), Primrose, Opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage, Pyrenean Squill, White Butterbur, Daisy, Common Dog Violet, Lesser Celandine, Common Sedge, Bluebell, Coral-root, Tuberous



Purple Toothwort

Comfrey, Dandelion, American Skunk Cabbage and Goat Willow. Some of these are native whilst others are introductions from many years ago.

Chiffchaff, Common Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Song Thrush, Willow Warbler, Robin and Wren were among the birds seen or heard. Towards the end of the month seven Whimbrel were seen flying off Port William whilst Brent Geese and a single Gannet were also around.

At Barsalloch Point there were hundreds of Meadow Saxifrage in flower, a fine sight whilst Spring Squill were just coming into flower. A single Early Purple Orchid, Sea Mouse-ear, Common Storks-bill, Sea Kale, Bluebell, Blinks and the basal leaves of Carline Thistle were also seen. The Lichen heathland there appears to be increasing, a rare habitat these days!

On the **1st of May**, Holly Blue butterflies were in both our garden and Julie's and continued to be common for a few weeks, a nice start to the month. Siskin were on our feeders later in the month and we had a wonderful Song Thrush singing much of the month.

The middle of May we had a male and female Bullfinch in the garden, a rare occurrence and on a walk to Kings Green we found Heath Pearlwort in flower (*see photo*) together with Spring Squill, Bulbous Buttercup, Sea Campion, Sea Kale, Sea Beet, Sea Sandwort, Russian Comfrey, Cypress Spurge, Hairy Tare and Birdsfoot Trefoil.

The Northern Marsh Orchid that appeared in our garden last year as a result of no mowing was again flowering along with a large area of Yellow Rattle.



Heath Pearlwort

Early in June the Orchid and Yellow Rattle continued to light up the garden and the Song Thrush continued to entertain. We were away in the Cairngorms for the following three weeks but on return found the garden covered in flowers both garden and native wild ones as a result of our policy of leaving much of it to the insects. How it has paid off!

I hope this cold summer will soon improve and happy holidays ahead for you all.

Alan Wake

MOCHRUM/MILLISLE PARISH DIARY

PLEASE NOTE that this is only a small selection of what is happening in and around Port William and there are lots of other exciting events going on - if you

would like your events mentioned in the magazine please send an advertisement or even a poster direct to the Editor at grizzly121@me.com.

For a Full List of Church Services please see Page 3

AUGUST

Thursday	1st	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Wednesday	7th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	8th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Sunday	11th	3.00pm	Carnival Week Closing Ceremony <i>with Songs of Praise</i>	The Marquee
Thursday	15th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	22nd	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday	4th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	5th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
		7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	8th	3.00pm	Annual Ecumenical Service - <i>don't forget the torch</i>	Crugleton
Tuesday	10th	2.00pm	Guild <i>Speaker Rev Steve Fulcher to include Guild Members Rededication</i>	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	19th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
		7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Saturday	21st	2.30pm	Guilds Together Big Sing <i>all proceeds to Guild Projects</i>	Penninghame St John's
Wednesday	25th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Saturday	28th	12.00 noon	Mochrum Guild Soup & Sweet Lunch	Maxwell Hall

OCTOBER

Wednesday	2nd	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	3rd	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Tuesday	8th	2.00pm	Guild	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	17th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Wednesday	30th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall

NOVEMBER

Wednesday	6th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	7th	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Tuesday	12th	2.00pm	Guild	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	21st	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Wednesday	27th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall

REGULAR MEETINGS

weekly unless stated

MONDAY

9.30 - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group	Maxwell Hall
7.00 - 10.00pm	Port William Bridge Club <i>Autumn to Easter</i>	Maxwell Hall
7.00 - 10.00pm	Kirkinner Bridge Club <i>Easter to Autumn</i>	Kirkinner Hall
7.30 - 9.30pm	Community Bingo	Maxwell Hall

TUESDAY

9.00 - 11.00am	Library and D&G Customer Services	Maxwell Hall
2.00 - 4.00pm	Guild <i>monthly</i>	Maxwell Hall
6.00 - 7.30pm	Youth Group	Port William MUGA

WEDNESDAY

10.15 - 11.15am	Kirk Coffee Morning <i>monthly</i>	Maxwell Hall
10.00 - 11.00.am	Pilates	Maxwell Hall
11.30am - 12.30pm	Indoor Kurling	Maxwell Hall
1.45pm	Bridge Club	Wigtown Golf Club
7.00 - 9.00pm	Dance Class	Maxwell Hall

THURSDAY

9.30 - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group	Maxwell Hall
1.30 - 2.30pm	Tap Dancing	Maxwell Hall
2.30 - 4pm	Thursday Club <i>alternate Thursdays</i>	The View
7.00 - 9.00pm	SWI Craft Group (open to all) <i>(1st Thursdays)</i>	Maxwell Hall
7.30 - 9.30pm	Scottish Women's Institute <i>(3rd Thursdays)</i>	Maxwell Hall
	(visitors welcome)	

FRIDAY

3.00 - 5.00pm	Library and D&G Customer Services	Maxwell Hall
7.30pm	Bingo	Garlieston Hall

SUNDAY

11.00am	Morning Worship	See Rota on page 3
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*NB: Not all exceptions to regular meetings are shown.
Please refer to individual organisations if in doubt!*

MILLISLE SESSION CLERK'S REPORT

ON 7th JULY we had the official "Union and Linkage Service". Kirkinner and Sorbie were first linked on 8th June, 1981. This Union now brings both Kirkinner and Sorbie parishes together and known as "Millisle Kirk". The name was the wish of our late minister, Rev Jeff Mead.

We are now also re-linked with Mochrum Church. The service was very well attended and was conducted by The Moderator of the Presbytery of South West Scotland, Andrew Morton, also Rev Eric Boyle and Presbytery Clerk Christine Murray.

A finger buffet was served after the service and everyone had a good chat and mixed very well.

On the business side of things there has been a lot of changes. No Board now, only a Session. Thanks must go to all those people who served on the Boards. Bank accounts had to be changed and a great many people notified ... no easy task H.M.R.C. was another minefield!

After many years as treasurer **Hilda Johnston** retired. Hilda did a sterling job and we are very grateful to her. We have a new treasurer, Lynn Fisher, who has taken over at a difficult time but is proving well up to the task.

Buntly Cloy retired as Gift Aid Convenor, again after many years. She has been very helpful in getting our new convenor, Anne Gorman, acquainted with everything.

Hazel Campbell has kindly agreed to take on Safeguarding Officer from Morag Donnan and has very quickly got to grips with this job.

Tom Galloway has taken on Glebe Convenor and has things well organised in that department. John McDonald has been doing many jobs at Kirkinner and has

decided this year to retire his official one of Session Clerk and Treasurer. He has also had a busy time, on top of all his regular jobs, with the sale of the manse and church, which are still to be completed. We wish him well.

Now to Sorbie - Session Clerk **Morag Donnan**. I have heard of many ways of getting out of a job but emigrating?!! Seriously, Morag has made the big decision to move to Australia to be near her family and I can fully understand this.

She has given many years of service to Sorbie Parish. We wish her every happiness in her new life and hope she will come back and visit us as often as possible.

Forteviot Hall has been sold. This has mixed feelings for everyone but I have met the new owner and have heard his plans and think it will be renovated with good taste.

Ongoing jobs at the moment at Millisle are
1) A new sign at the end of the drive
2) a sound system that suits everyone.

Could elders signed up for **Safeguarding Training** please remember 3rd September at Whauphill Hall, 1.40pm

Our Church Officer, Willie, has been in hospital and I'm sure we all wish him a speedy recovery. Only when someone is not there do you realise how much they do!

Finally a big THANK YOU to everyone who has preached on Sundays and helped us keep services going. Thanks also to Rev Boyle for organising those services and patiently answering the many questions I have had!

We are looking forward to welcoming Rev Steve Fulcher as our Locum on 1st September.

Jean McKay

SORBIE VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY MEETINGS

MONDAY

- 10.00am **Aerobics** (Trish active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk)
1.30pm **Craft Club** 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday (Rosamond 01988 850237)
1.30pm **U3A Table Tennis** 2nd and 4th Monday
3.30pm **Sorbie Junior Sports Club** (Michael 01988 850237)
6.00pm **Mad Mutts Dog Training** (Mel Duncan 07880 590703)
7.30pm **Carpet Bowling** (Neil Milven 01988 840396)

TUESDAY

- 9.15am **Yoga** (Susie McKay 01988 850258 / 07703 677117)
6.00pm **Lego Club** (Morag Cuomo 01988 8850270)
7.00pm **Community Council** 2nd Tuesday of month (Morag Donnan 01988 850288)
7.30pm **Sorbie WI** 3rd Tuesday of month (Rosamond 01988 850237)

THURSDAY

- 9.30am **Homestart Wigtownshire** (Office 01776 706984)
7.00pm **Yoga** (Susie McKay 01988 850258 / 07703 677117)

FRIDAY

- 9.30am **Homestart Wigtownshire** (Office 01776 706984)

We also host meetings for Machars Motorcycle Club, these are not in a regular slot, please contact Michael (01988 850237)

PORT WILLIAM MEN'S SHED

HOPEFULLY you will have seen the results of the first Men's Shed project (the finger post near "The Man") which has been well received, particularly by the Donnan family.

Our next project involved making the **daisy heads** for the "We're keeping these for the bees" signs that *Bee Positive DG8* have been giving away at their events this summer.

We're currently constructing from pallets a **garden waste area** for Port William Bowling Club.

Also on the list of projects is a **bin store** for the Maxwell Hall.

We would encourage the outlying villages within and outwith the parish to suggest community projects on their patch, and of course we are more than happy for new members to join us.

Meet ups are currently on Thursdays at 10am until around 12.30. No specific skills are required, just come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

Bob Sheppard

ANSWERS TO QUIZ (page 8)

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| 1) Onions | 3) Pea | 5) Leek | 7) Chillli | 9) Cabbage |
| 2) Parsnips | 4) Potatoes | 6) Carrot | 8) Cauliflower | 10) Spinach |

MOCHRUM PARISH EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Applications are invited for a
BURSARY

from the above Trust

The fund is used to assist students in Further Education, who reside or have resided within the bounds of Mochrum Parish or who have close connections with the Parish.

Closing Date 29th September 2024

There will be ONLY ONE BURSARY AWARDED

Applications from previous applicants are welcome

A letter of application should be forwarded to the Session Clerk, Mrs Jenni Gray, at the address below:

Mrs Jenni Gray, Session Clerk, Mochrum Parish Church,
33 Main Street, Port William , Newton Stewart DG8 9QH

by Saturday 28th September 2024



MOCHRUM GUILD INVITE YOU TO OUR

**Autumn
Meet & Eat**

in MAXWELL HALL PORT WILLIAM

on **Saturday 28th September**

12 noon - 1.30 pm



Soup, Sweet & Cuppa

£5.00 per person



Call Vicky 07825 869318 for tickets

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