

TRACTOR RALLY

On Sunday 15 January 70 tractors met at Baldoon farm Wigtown to take part in Machars young farmers charity tractor run.

This year all monies raised will be split between Marie Curie and RASBI, royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution, two charities which are close to the members hearts.

The run included Wigtown, Whithorn, Port William, Mochrum and Barrachan villages. A fun way to spend a Sunday which included a lovely pit stop for soup, a burger and a very welcome cup of tea and tray bake at Big Balcraig farm courtesy of the Wadsworth family.



Spring 2023



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**Material for the Summer 2023 issue should be handed in to the
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by Sunday April 23rd 2023 at the latest.**

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Christmas is now a memory, and so we look forward to the season of Lent, Spring and Easter. It is a time of hope; a time to give thanks for all our blessings.

But sometimes we don't feel blessed and we find it difficult to be thankful. Life is not always easy and it is hard to give thanks when things are tough. These last few years have been tough and in many ways the future doesn't look very bright either. But I believe it is especially in the dark and difficult times we need to remind ourselves to count our blessings. We must never forget the blessings that God has lavished upon us in Jesus Christ.

Psalms 136 begins, 'Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, *His love endures forever.*' The Psalm goes on to detail all the ways that God has shown his love towards his people over the years. The refrain at the end of every verse is a congregational response, '*His love endures forever.*'

The Hymn (CH4 93) by John Milton is based on this Psalm. 'Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for he is kind.' The refrain, '*For his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*'

It is a hymn that has been in my mind often recently and a hymn I chose for the Cruggleton Service in September. It is a reminder to always give thanks and praise God, regardless of how we feel.

The Church tries to share Christ's blessing and love in everything it does. Whether that be at Sunday Services, Guild Meetings, Coffee Mornings or Special Events and Services. Join with us in counting our blessings this season. You will always be welcome.

"The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."
(Numbers Chapter 6 verses 24-26)

Rev. Eric Boyle

PORT WILLIAM'S REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS 2023

MONDAY

9.30—11.30am Mothers and Toddlers (MH)
7.00pm Bridge Club (The View) starting April Kirkiner
7.30 Community Bingo (MH)
7.30 Bingo at Garlieston

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

10.00am –11.00am Pilates (MH)
1.45pm Bridge Club at Wigtown Golf Club

THURSDAY

9.30—11.30am Mothers and Toddlers (MH)
2.30pm– 4.0pm Thursday Club ...alt. Thurs. (the View)

FRIDAY

7.30pm Indoor Bowling (MH)
7.30pm Bingo at Garlieston Hall

SUNDAY

11.00am Morning Worship See Rota

KEY (MH) = Maxwell Hall, (WH) = Whauphill Hall, (MK) = Mochrum Kirk,
(THW) = Town Hall Whithorn, (KH) = Kirkiner Hall (PW) Port Wiliam

NB. Not all exceptions to regular meetings are shown. Please refer to individual organisations if in doubt!

Funny!

It takes sixty muscles to frown, but only thirteen to smile!

Why waste energy?

SORBIE VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY MEETINGS

MONDAY

10.am Aerobics (Trish active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk)
 1.30pm Craft club on the 1st 3rd and 5th Monday (Rosamond 01988 850237)
 1.30pm U3ATable Tennis on the 2nd 4th Mondays
 3.30pm Sorbie Junior Sports Club (Michael 01988 850237)
 6.00pm Mad Mutts Dog Training (Mel Duncan07880590703)
 7.30pm Carpet Bowling (Neil Milven 01988840396)

TUESDAY

9.15am Yoga (Susie McKay 01988 850258 Mobile 07703677117)
 6.00pm Lego Club (Morag Cuomo01988 850270)
 7.00pm Community Council on 2nd Tuesday of the month. Morag Donnan 01988 85028
 7.30pm Sorbie WI on 3rd Tuesday of the month (Rosamond 01988 850237)

THURSDAY

9.30am Homestart Wigtownshire (Office 01776 706984)
 7.00pm Yoga (Susie McKay 01988 850258 Mobile 07703677117)

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)

ANSWERS TO THE SPRING FLOWER ANAGRAMS

1. Daffodil. 2. Snowdrop. 3. Crocus. 4. Celandine. 5. Primrose. 6. Anemone.
 7.Hyacinth. 8.Aconite. 9.Forget-me-not. 10.Wallflower. 11.Columbine. 12. Lungwort

ELDERS' DUTY LIST

MARCH * Bridget Hillman \$ Ann Wadsworth
APRIL * Bridget Hillman \$ Gilbert Hyslop
MAY * Moira Adams \$ Bridget Hillman
 *In charge \$Deputy

MOCHRUM PARISH CHURCH REGISTER

FUNERALS ' *The Lord is my Shepherd*'

NOVEMBER Elsie McKillop Whauphill
NOVEMBER Margaret McGhie Formerly Port William
NOVEMBER Nigel Willis Formerly Port William
NOVEMBER Connie Gilmour Port William

FLOWER ROTA FOR MOCHRUM

MARCH
12th Annie Hyslop
26th Jean Hobbs
APRIL
 9th Bridget Hillman
 23rd Audrey Wallace
MAY
 7th Moira Adams
 21st Arlene Morgan



CHURCH SERVICES MARCH—JUNE 4th 2023

MARCH

5th	Sorbie	Donna Brewster
12th	Mochrum	Elder led Service
19th	Sorbie	Catherine Morrison
26th	Mochrum	Donna Brewster

April

2nd	Sorbie	Elder led Service
9th	Mochrum	Donna Brewster Easter
16th	Sorbie	Donna Brewster
23rd	Mochrum	Catherine Morrison
30th	Sorbie	Rev. Eric Boyle

MAY

7th	Mochrum	Donna Brewster
14th	Sorbie	Elder led Service
21st	Mochrum	Catherine Morrison
28th	Sorbie	Donna Brewster

**MOCHRUM, KIRKINNER AND SORBIE PARISH DIARY 20223
MARCH**

Wed 1st	10.15am	Coffee Morning (MH Port William)
Sun 5th	11am	Service at Sorbie
Tues 7th	7.30pm	Mochrum Guild (MH Port William)
Sun 12h	11am	Mochrum
Thurs 16th	7.30pm	Port William SWI Supper Room (MH)
Sun 19th	11am	Service at Sorbie
Sun 26h	11am	Service at Mochrum

APRIL

Sun 2nd	11am	Sorbie Palm Sunday
Wed 5th	10.15am	Coffee Morning (MH)
Sun 9th	11am	Service at Mochrum Easter
Tues 11th	7.30pm	Mochrum Kirk Guild
Thurs 13th	7.30pm	Port William SWI (Supper Rm MH)
Sun 16th	11am	Service at Sorbie
Sun 23rd	7pm	Service at Mochrum
April 30th	11am	Service at Sorbie

MAY

Wed 3rd	10.15am	Coffee Morning (MH)
Sun 7th	11am	Service at Mochrum
Sun 14th	11am	Service at Sorbie
Thurs 18th	7.30pm	Port William SWI (Supper Rm MH)
Sun 21st	11am	Service at Mochrum
Sun 28th	11am	Service at Sorbie

JUNE

Sun 4th	11am	Service at Mochrum
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We are delighted to report the Maxwell Hall is continuing to be upgraded and bookings have increased. The sound proofing panels we have installed have improved the hall's acoustics and we have attracted new user groups and private bookings.

The Wednesday evening ballroom dancing class has been a huge success.

We are extremely grateful for recent donations.

£1000 from the Port William Community Shop

£1000 Wind farm money via Community Council

£100 from the Knit & amp; Natter group

We hosted a very well attended "Deck the Halls" event when Pauline Todd presented a wonderful floral art demonstration. (see photos) This event raised £646 for hall funds.

The Pantomime Company will have rehearsed and performed their latest production in the hall before you receive your latest magazine.

The Jean Armour committee is also appreciative of using the hall for their annual event

For details on how to book any of our rooms, email hallbookings.mhm@gmail.com

Thank you to all the user groups who continue to support the hall. The hall is available for regular bookings or for one off events.

Mary Cowan Secretary

The Panto team would like to thank everyone who supported their recent 'My Ding a King' performances.

We wish King Charles a happy and successful reign



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MOCHRUM SESSION CLERK'S REPORT

As I write and think about the Christmas services in our churches, by the time you read this it will be long past but I can though take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2023. I know that 2022 will have brought sadness for some and that many will be facing financial difficulties but our thoughts and prayers are with you all, and that whatever the year has in store I know that God will walk through it with us.

Christmas was as always, such a special time in the Kirk and I am pleased that we were able to enjoy our usual service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Mochrum along with the Creetown Silver Band on the 18th December and on the 23rd December the school service was held in the Kirk. It was the first time since the start of Covid in 2020 that we have been able to hold these services without restrictions and we all had a very enjoyable time. The church, as always looked so beautifully festive and we are so thankful to Claire Nash and her team who do such a magnificent job in getting it decorated; not forgetting all their hard work in taking it all down again and putting everything away ready for next Christmas. Our Christmas Day service this year was at Sorbie and was well supported and on New Years Day we held a short service at Mochrum at which we were pleased to welcome some visitors to the Kirk.

Those of you who have visited the church recently will notice how much brighter it is looking with the gates and doors all having been newly painted; all the windows have been cleaned and my next job will be to get the notice board updated.

Our monthly coffee morning is held in the Maxwell Hall Supper Room on the first Wednesday of every month; Guild restarted on the 10th January with a social afternoon in the Maxwell Hall and meets monthly and Thursday Club restarted on the 12th January and meets fortnightly in 'The View'; so if you are able why not go along and enjoy a time with them for a good crack and a cuppa or two.

We have now appointed a new Treasurer and are pleased to say that Ieuan Morgan has taken on this role and we look forward to welcoming Ieuan to our meetings and to working alongside him in ensuring that the finances of the Kirk are kept in good order.

We will be holding a service of Holy Communion on the 29th January and we shall then start to think about Easter. Although we haven't discussed this in detail as yet I hope that on Easter Sunday we will be able to hold our usual breakfast which will then be followed by a service at Mochrum so I hope that you can all be with us for that.

Meanwhile we continue to meet for morning worship every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. either at Mochrum or at Sorbie so please come and join with us. The welcome is always warm and the kettle is always on.

You all remain, always in our prayers.

Jenni Gray

NATURAL HISTORY OBSERVATIONS- October to December 2022

Early in October several plants of the Common Rockrose were seen close to the Memorial Otter stone above Front Bay, Monreith. This is an uncommon plant on the Machars, so nice to find it here. At Back Bay, Rock Samphire (See photo), Sea Kale, Sea Rocket and Spear leaved Orache were all found along the foreshore. Sea Holly, a rare plant on the Machars was not seen although I have seen it in this area in previous years. It is prone to damage and uprooting in some of the heavy storm tides



that we get here. The usual array of waders were common throughout October on the Port William foreshore and included Turnstone, Curlew, Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover and Dunlin. Late in the month I was alerted by Joyce Kinnear of High Street, Port William, to several Fungi in her lawn. Among them were the Ballerina Waxcap and the Hairy Earth-tongue (See photo).

Early in November a flock of some 300 Golden Plover were seen on the beach at Second Sands, Port William, a lovely sight. On the harbour walls several plants of Common Spleenwort and one of the Polypody species were seen. Sea Beet is also still easy to spot in this harbour area, its bright green shiny leaves persisting into winter. At the Crook of Baldoon RSPB reserve near Wigtown in late November there were up to 100 Lapwing with several Teal among them. A Little Egret and several Mute Swans were also seen. Residents in Port William may have noticed a lot of flies at the end of the month in the lower end of Main Street. They were Kelp or Seaweed Flies and two species were among them The Furry Legged Seaweed Fly & Bristle legged Seaweed Fly. (See photos). As the name suggests, they breed among the Seaweed in huge numbers which must be good news for the shore birds of the area. Also in late November there were three Little Egrets on the shore in Port William together with around 20 Redshank and several Rock Pipits.



Short Mat Bowling ~ Come and have a "shot" with our local bowlers



**Anne Carr ~
Peacebuilder & Community Worker**

**Christmas Party ~ Food by
Caroline's catering**



**Traditional Scottish food
& Ceilidh with Annie &
Davie**

**Port William SWI meet every third Thursday in the
month in the Maxwell Hall at 7.30pm ~ New
Members are very welcome ~ Subs £28**



Find us on Facebook @ Port William SWI

Port William



Scottish Women's Institutes

A Sneak Peek into 2023

Summer Outing ~

A visit to Leggat Cheek Garden
&
Tea at Bladnoch Inn



Cooking on a Budget ~
In September with Sally Hair from
Ardwell

Something Fishy Going On?
The River Cree Hatchery
&
Habitat Trust



African Drumming ~
A hands-on evening, learning
how to use Djembes, Dunduns
& Percussion instruments

Foraging/Preserving/Fermenting with
Sheralyn Stuckey



NATIONAL HISTORY OBSERVATIONS (continued)

December started off mild enough and then we had some very cold weather in the middle of the month with hard frosts that persisted all day. The birds were frantic for food and we had a lone Fieldfare in the garden at Seymour House who found our apples just too good to resist. (See photo). There were also eight Blackbirds after the same treat and they were more often than not seen off by the Fieldfare! Our neighbours had even more Blackbirds around and the Fieldfare was also there. On the shore by the Port William campsite Lisa saw a single Black Redstart, a rarity in this area.



We are now off to Hythe near Southampton for Christmas but by the time you read this, it will all be over. I hope you all have had a lovely Christmas

Alan Wake

TYPOS!!

A cookbook is being compiled by the Ladies of the Church
Please submit your favourite recipe and a short **antidote** for it.

After the service , a moment of silence for prayer and **medication**

The minister is on holiday . **Massages** can be given to church secretary.

FUNNIES!

Sunday School teacher asked the children , Why is it necessary to be quiet in church ?
One bright little girl replied, Because people are sleeping !!

A one pound note met a twenty pound note in the cash register of local grocery store and asked , Hey where have you been, I haven't seen you around here much.
The £20 note said, oh, I've been hanging out at casinos, went on a cruise ship for a few weeks. Just got back to Scotland recently. Went to a couple of football matches and round some shopping centres, you know that kind of stuff.
How about you?

The £1 note replied , oh you know , same old stuff.

Church, Church, and more church Church!!! Not Kirkinner, Sorbie or Mochrum (I hasten to add)

MOCHRUM GUILD REPORT

On Saturday 5th November, Mochrum Guild held a “Winter Warmer” of soup and sweet in Maxwell Hall, Port William. Tickets were sold, food was cooked and the room was prepared. We had sold 70 tickets but on the day, with a few welcomed extra visitors paying on the door, we fed 80 folk.

The room was full and what a fantastic sight it was to see everyone enjoying the food and fellowship together. A big thank you to all the members who made and supplied the wonderful variety of food and to those who sold tickets. But a huge thank you must go to the following people who worked tirelessly all day setting up the room, serving food, waiting on tables, washing a mountain of dishes and then putting everything back in place..... Thank you to Ann Wadsworth, Jean Hobbs, Kevin and Vicky Parker, Babs Mellor, Christopher and Rebecca Parker and our wonderful carnival queen Molly Legge.

10 members attended our meeting on Tuesday 8th November in Maxwell Hall where we had tea and scones while members tested themselves on a celebrity picture quiz.

Our December meeting is a special event for the Guild as we hold a Christmas Social with a meal and fellowship. 12 members attended at The Cock Inn on Friday 16th December enjoying a wonderful meal. During the meal we held a small quiz with Jean Hobbs taking first place.

At Christmas, our members handed out 16 boxes of biscuits and over 20 Christmas cards to fireside members and friends. Thank you to all who were involved.

Our next meetings for your diary are.....

14th February @ 2pmGuide Dogs Scotland

14th March @ 2pm..... AGM

11th April @ 2pmThe Whithorn Trust

We are always looking for new members to join us. Any new members or visitors will be made very welcome.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WE HAVE SPACES ON OUR ADVERTISEMENT'S PAGE, IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE. The cost is £15. per Annum

SORBIE PARISH

We , continue with help from many people to keep the Sunday services going.,especially Rev. Boyle , who organises people to take the service and, Jill , who never misses a Sunday playing the organ and the readers who always come up trumps when I ask them.

Morag is still in Australia with her family in temperatures that reach 40 degrees . she was telling me she has been attending church and like here numbers are going down.

We are delighted to have Kirkiner members worshiping with us and hopefully the Union will take place soon. Meanwhile their Manse is still on the market

Please put the word about, that the Rev. Mead's electric bicycle is still for sale. It is in excellent condition and is currently at Norrie McIntosh's house. If anyone interested please speak to either Norrie or myself (Jean !!) at Church.

All the best to you all in 2023.

P.S. Any volunteers for readings on Sundays would be most welcome

The following are anagrams of Spring Flowers.

Can you solve them ? Answers later in the magazine! Don't look for them first!

1. ADDILFFO
2. OODNPWRS
3. SUCCRO
4. AEEICDLNN
5. EIORRMSP
6. NNEEAOM
7. NCHAYHIT
8. OCNTIEA
9. MOOGEETFRN
10. OLFWWLRAEL
11. EOIUCBMNL
12. OTGLRNWU

MOCHRUM PARISH WHO'S WHO 2022/23

(Telephone numbers all commence with 01988 unless otherwise stated)

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PORT WILLIAM GARDENERS' GROUP

Secretary		700955
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If you would like the details of your organization's office bearers listed please give the details to the Editor (shown on the front page) including any changes in personnel before the closing date stated on the front of the magazine so that the directory may be kept up to date. Thank you B Hillman