

Spring 2024



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ALL CHANGE

THE ONE THING that is constant in life is change. When we are young, we tend to accept change and adapt to it fairly easily. But as we age, we seem to desire a slower pace of life as we ourselves slow down. We want more stability and less uncertainty. Unfortunately, if anything, change is happening faster now than before. Often, the changes we see are beneficial to us. For example, technology allows us to communicate with our loved ones even when they are far off. But often too, change has negative implications. The same technology which allows us remote access to our bank means the closure of our local bank branches.

As the season changes from winter to spring, we witness the change from the bare tree branches and the bare earth to the first buds appearing. We look forward to change that will bring new life and new hope. In the midst of it all, God's love is unchanging, and his compassion never fails.

The old hymn states it well, 'Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou who changest not, abide with me.'

As we approach Lent and Easter, we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's Son. God has provided a way that changes everything. Hope in place of hopelessness, life overcoming death, a new way, new life. Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, the life. All that is asked of us, is to embrace this change. Believe!

Rev. Eric Boyle (*Interim Moderator*)

CHURCH SERVICES LIST

Services normally start at 11.00am but please note:

World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 1st March at 2.00pm

Joint Martyrs Service - Sunday 12th May at 11.30am
in Wigtown Parish Church

JANUARY

21st Millisle Catherine Morrison
28th Mochrum Elder-led service

FEBRUARY

4th Millisle Donna Brewster
11th Mochrum Donna Brewster
18th Millisle Elder-led service
25th Mochrum Rev Eric Boyle

Sacrament of Holy Communion

MARCH

1st Mochrum *(Friday)* 2.00pm
3rd Millisle Donna Brewster
10th Mochrum Donna Brewster
17th Millisle Rev Eric Boyle
24th Mochrum Elder-led service
31st Millisle Donna Brewster

World Day of Prayer Service

Mothering Sunday

Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday

APRIL

7th Mochrum Donna Brewster
14th Millisle Rev Eric Boyle
21st Mochrum Donna Brewster
28th Millisle Elder-led service

MAY

5th Mochrum Donna Brewster
12th Wigtown Parish Church (11.30am) - Rev Eric Boyle
19th Mochrum Donna Brewster - Pentecost Sunday
26th Millisle Elder-led service

Joint Martyrs Service

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MOCHRUM CHURCH

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Adam Old wishes to thank Mochrum Parish Educational Trust
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February	11th	Linda Gerrish
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	24th	Lorraine Ker
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May	1st	Ann Wadsworth and Rachel Wadsworth

EASTER PUZZLE

Can you solve these anagrams? The answers all have a connection to Easter.

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| 1) Gages Trees (2) | 5) Aaddhmnrstuuyy (2) | 9) Mary Cut Oval N (2) |
| 2) Dody Figaro (2) | 6) Shown Front Corn (3) | 10) Met By Top M (2) |
| 3) Tipale (1) | 7) Motar Labs (2) | 11) Essirujnisse (3) |
| 4) Shouts Broncs (3) | 8) Cruiser Toner (1) | 12) We Fenil (2) |

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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 2024. I know that we are not long into a new year and that already for some there have been some difficult times; 2023 may have brought sadness with the loss of loved ones; loneliness; ill health and many are still struggling with the cost of living but our thoughts and prayers are with you all, and that whatever this new year has in store I know that God will walk through it with us.

Christmas is as always, such a special time in the Kirk. Our service of Lessons and Carols with the Creetown Silver Band on the 17th December was well supported and it was a joy to see the church so full. It was a wonderful service and as not even a crumb was left from the refreshments which followed I think that these were equally well received and it was good that everyone was able to stay and enjoy a time of fellowship together. If you missed it last year I have already booked them for the 3rd Sunday of advent this year 15th December 11.00am, Mochrum Kirk so put the date in your diary now and we will look forward to seeing you.

My other favourite service of the year is the school service which was held in the Kirk on Wednesday 20th December. All the young people took an active part and they have already said that they would like to come back this year and also bring with them the children from Kirkinner school, and although I don't have a date for that as yet all are welcome to come along and enjoy this service, so again I hope that you will be able to join with us.

The church always looks 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.

We have started to plan some of the services for the coming year and on the 25th February at Mochrum we will be holding a service of Holy Communion; if you are not able to be

there and would like to receive home communion, please do let me know and I am sure that this can be arranged. On the 1st March we shall be holding our World Day of Prayer service; on the 12th May we shall be holding a joint service at Wigtown Parish Church in celebration of the Wigtown Martyrs and we shall of course be celebrating such important events as Mothering Sunday; Palm Sunday; Easter and Pentecost so do please come and join us if you can.

As I mentioned in my last report the Union of Kirkinner and Sorbie is now complete and renamed Millisle Kirk. The Basis of Linkage between Mochrum and Millisle has now been approved by the Church of Scotland Law Department and the congregations met on the 28th November voting unanimously in favour of the linkage of Millisle with Mochrum. This was approved by presbytery on the 5th December and a special Sunday service in celebration of the Union and Linkage will be held later in the year.

A new Unitary Constitution has been adopted which no longer requires the Kirk to have a Board and a Session with the Session alone being solely responsible for all matters relating to the Kirk, as Trustees, and in accordance with the requirements of OSCR and the Board will be officially dissolved on the 19th February. Sadly a number of our current Elders, with the passing of years are not as active as they used to be and the Session met on the 11th January to discuss the possible appointment of new Elders which I will look forward to reporting on in future issues of the magazine.

Again, as I mentioned in my last report, we would really like to increase the numbers of those attending our Thursday club which meets fortnightly in the View. Don't sit at home alone, come along and join them.

The Thursday club, which used to meet on a Monday, was started by Rev Joyce Harvey as a way to get people, especially those who may not be able to come to the church, to get together and enjoy a time of fellowship with one another. It is a perfect opportunity to meet with others who enjoy a chat and a cuppa.

Our monthly coffee morning continues to be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month 10.15a.m – 11.15 am in the Maxwell Hall and in December included a Christmas themed sales table. It was well supported and we are always grateful to the volunteers who provide the delicious refreshments every month.

These events need support to continue so do please come along, there is always someone to chat to, the welcome is always warm; there is always something nice to eat; and there are Kirk souvenirs on sale at the coffee morning. Both of these events are so enjoyed by those who do still make the effort to attend; for some

it may even be the only time in the month that they can get together with others, so please come and join them.

Meanwhile we continue to meet for morning worship every Sunday at 11.00 am either at Mochrum or at Millisle. The welcome is always warm; there are after worship refreshments, with the kettle always on and you've probably guessed by now that we never miss an opportunity to enjoy a cake or two so again there is always something nice to eat. Please come and join with us.

You all remain, always in our prayers.

Jenni Gray

PORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

AFTER reaching out to the community in the Summer 2023 edition of this parish magazine, we are delighted to say that we have managed to attract new faces to the Community Development Trust Committee who look after the MUGA and attached building.

Firstly, everyone involved in the trust would like to extend a massive thank you to Paul Carrigan for his marathon stint as treasurer (17 years)! We are extremely lucky that he has agreed to remain on the committee to help us in our transition period. His wealth of knowledge and dedication is clear, and we are delighted he is still happy to help. Thank you, Paul.

We are also very lucky that Dr Mike Cooper has agreed to remain as chairperson for another year until the new committee settle in and find their feet.

The rest of the office bearers and committee members are as follows:

Vice-Chair: Ed Robinson, **Treasurer:** Nicola Smith, **Secretary:** Arlene Morgan, **Child Protection Officer:** Laura Tate

Committee: George McKenzie MBE, Paul Carrigan, Dib Penrose, Claire Cluckie, Michelle McKnight, Kirsty McMaster, Jacqueline Crowther, Ieuan Morgan, Emily Nicholson, Kelly McCreadie, Lesley McDevitt, Linda Gerrish and Maria Old.

Bookings for the MUGA can be made by messaging our dedicated Facebook page: [Port William MUGA and Community Youth Building](#) or by emailing pwcdt.bookings@gmail.com.

The current hourly rates are:
MUGA £8/hr Building £8/hr
Flood lights £3/hr (token system)

We will be planning some fundraising activities throughout the year and looking into sponsorship ideas as the upkeep and cleaning of the MUGA surface is costly and the whole surface needs replaced every seven years at great cost. We hope to have the support of the local community to help us keep this amazing facility. Any ideas/suggestions for use of, or fundraising for, the MUGA and/or building would be appreciated, please email us on the booking email or speak to any committee member.

Currently Port William Youth Group use the MUGA once or twice a week depending on demand, running on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We also have regular social adult netball games and are hoping to have some regular 5-a-side football evenings. If you are interested in taking part in any of these or would like to help, then please let any committee member know or contact us using the methods mentioned above.

We look forward to seeing the MUGA thrive and be used as much as possible. Thank you for your support.

Arlene Morgan

FIRST, a thank you to all the groups and individuals in the community for supporting the events and activities in the hall during 2023.

To round off last year, we held a very enjoyable Christmas Craft Fayre in November. Thanks to all who came along to buy gifts, support good causes, visit Santa, and have festive family photos taken! It's our intention to repeat this year.

Meeting Facilities:

Several groups hold their meetings in the hall. As well as the main hall and supper room, there are two meeting rooms upstairs available for hire.

New Activities:

A four-week trial of "Kurling" (curling on floor, not ice!) has just started as this article is being written, Wednesdays 11.30am - 12.30pm, from 10th January. If well supported, it will continue. It's good fun – give it a try, it's much warmer than the ice version, and on your doorstep!

Do please tell us if there are things you'd like to see in the hall, and we'll do our

best to attract new activities, talks, interest groups, anything!

Improvements:

We're desperate to redecorate, and to refurbish the disabled toilet and kitchen, as previously mentioned here. Some necessary external repairs, which are causing interior dampness on both sides and back of the building and deterioration in upstairs rooms' ceilings, are delaying progress. These are Council responsibility, as owner of the building, and subject to their priorities and budgets. Hopefully we can make some progress early this year...

Finally, best wishes to all, and to continued and increased community togetherness in 2024. The Community Association certainly got us off to a good start in this respect with a great Hogmanay Party! Thank you to them, ably assisted by Kippy & Co, for helping bring people together, and bringing the Maxwell Hall well and truly alive that night!

email: hallcommittee.mhm@gmail.com

BOOKINGS: hallbookings.mhm@gmail.com

SEE PAGE 17 FOR REGULAR EVENTS HELD IN THE HALL

Janis Edgar

PORT WILLIAM BABY & TODDLER GROUP

PLEASE come along and join us, watch your child interact with other children and

enjoy themselves through play. The group meets in the Maxwell Hall every Monday and Thursday 9.30-11.30am. Under 6 months (free), Member (£1), Non-Members (£1.50).



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PORT WILLIAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PORT WILLIAM and District Community Council is the local community's link to the wider Dumfries & Galloway Council. It covers quite a large geographical area and consists of several members from around the local area. The community council meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Maxwell Hall. Minutes from meetings are displayed in local village notice boards following the meeting. Alternatively, these can be accessed on the community council website:

[www.portwilliam.com/category/
community-council/](http://www.portwilliam.com/category/community-council/)

Members of the public are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings. However, if there is an issue you would like to raise or something you would like to present, it is best to contact the secretary in the first instance to arrange a time slot at the meeting or seek advice as to whether the community council will be able to help at all. If we can't we usually know a man/woman who can!

The community council receive donations from two local wind farms, usually once a year. Community groups can apply for these funds to support their ongoing work. A number of our community groups have benefited in the past from receiving these funds and will hopefully continue to do so in the future. If you are interested and would like to apply for a donation from the wind farm funds please contact the community council secretary for information.

As you may already be aware, the community council are currently taking the lead on Local Place Planning. This is focused on the village of Port William at present and the work is ongoing. Following consultation exercises and meetings, a plan identifying how local people would like to see Port William enhanced for residents and visitors alike over the next 10-20 years will be developed and is being written.

Other villages within the area that the community council covers can also express an interest in developing their own Village Local Place Plan. Please contact the community council secretary for more information or go to D&G Council website:

www.dumgal.gov.uk

Thanks once again go to D&G Council for their substantial contribution to the beautiful Christmas trees purchased by the Community Association and erected in Port William, Mochrum, Monreith and Elrig villages.

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Jacqueline Crowther

ANSWERS TO QUIZ (page 5)

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|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Easter Eggs | 4) Hot Cross Buns | 7) Roast Lamb | 10) Empty Tomb |
| 2) Good Friday | 5) Maundy Thursday | 8) Resurrection | 11) Jesus is Risen |
| 3) Pilate | 6) Crown of Thorns | 9) Mount Calvary | 12) New Life |

"WARM SPACE" IN THE PORT

HELLO, our names are Bob and Rebecca and we have bought number 12 Main Street, Port William. Our plan is to turn the house into a "Community Space".

We have had some water ingress which needs to be repaired, but as soon as that's done, we can decorate and open the whole building up to the community. So, baby steps, at the moment.

Our first event was in October where we held an "Apple Day". Over 40 people came which was fantastic! They pressed their apples and turned them into apple juice. Those without apples enjoyed apple crumble, a cuppa and enjoyable conversation. The three rooms used that day were buzzing.

In November we decided to hold a "Warm Space" during the winter months. We thought that Sunday was a good day as people are generally looking for something to do.

We offer a warm welcome to all, no one is excluded. Visitors come and enjoy a hot drink and/or a bowl of soup. Sometimes people are being creative, mostly people chat with friends, old and new.

The Warm Space has been running since the first Sunday in December and is due to finish on the last Sunday of February, but

we have been asked by a number of people "what happens then?". This is making us think that it is now becoming a means for people to meet up and chat, and we are likely to keep it going beyond February. We feel like the "warm" element is more about an inner glow than the heating in the house.

There is a "Men's Shed" planned (with a ladies section if people are interested) and we are proposing to start a "tool library" using tools that we already have, and any that get donated to us. Again with the view that one random specialised tool that can be borrowed is much better than someone buying it from Amazon and then it sits in their shed for the next 10 years!

We have had lots of positive feedback and the scope is endless ... we have so many ideas, and even more that have been suggested by our visitors that we hadn't thought about!

We are holding two meetings - Saturday 20th January at 2pm and Thursday 25th January at 7pm.

We would like you to join in. Visit Number 12, tell us what you would like from the new community space, volunteer, and be at the beginning of an exciting new project in Port William.

PORT WILLIAM NATURAL HISTORY EVENT

IF YOU ARE interested in natural history you might like to come along to an informal event on gardening for wildlife which we

are holding in the Seymour House garden on June 4th from 2 - 4pm.

The event is in support of a local group whose Facebook page is called "**Bee Positive**". The group's aim is to promote wildflower corridors for pollinators as part of a project set up by Buglife called B lines (see www.buglife.org.uk for more information).

Alan Wake



NATURAL HISTORY OBSERVATIONS - OCT-DEC 2023

EARLY IN October we had a Twenty-Plume Moth (*see photo*) at Seymour House which is quite unusual, and on the following day had our usual crop of Ballerina Waxcaps in the grass. At Front Bay Monreith there were Rock Pipits, Heron, Oyster-catchers and Sea Spleenwort fern on the walls by the church. This fern is gradually being shaded out by the ever- encroaching ivy on these walls.



Twenty-Plume Moth

A few days later we found a male Four-spotted Footman Moth (*see photo*) on our car window early in the morning. At the Crook of Baldoon RSPB reserve on 14th of the month,



Male Four-spotted Footman

there were at least 12 Little Egrets with similar numbers at the Wigtown Harbour area together with up to 30 Pinkfoot Geese. Later in October the bird

feeders at Seymour House attracted Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Robin, Dunnock and Collared Dove.

Towards the end of the month, in Monreith Estate, we noticed a green Algal Bloom on the White Loch of Myrton, it was pretty widespread as far as we could tell. Red Campion was in flower there and some Hoverfly were still on the wing. Twelve Collared Doves were in the garden on the 23rd of the month and we have noticed an increase this year in Coal Tits on the feeders ... a welcome sight.

At the Second Sands area of Port William on the 25th October, there were up to 500 Golden Plover on the shore ... a lovely sight. At the end of the month on Port William foreshore, we saw the following: Oystercatchers, Redshank, Herring Gulls, Black-headed Gulls, Rock Pipit, Crow, up to 40 Ringed

Plovers, a flock of up to 100 Knot and, very close in, what we are pretty sure was a Great Northern Diver (*see photo*).

November started well with hundreds of Golden Plover seen again at Second Sands, with good, clear views across to the Mull of Galloway.

A day or two later on a walk in the Airylick area we saw a Common Sympetrum Dragonfly, a flock of House Sparrows, a female Stonechat, the fungus Blushing Bracket on Willow and Common Hawthorn, bright with berries. Later, in the garden, we found Candlesnuff Fungus.

The usual birds were on the feeders at Seymour House joined by a single Siskin. Towards the middle of the month, our neighbour Julie found a Chanterelle Fungus near Monreith Golf Course.

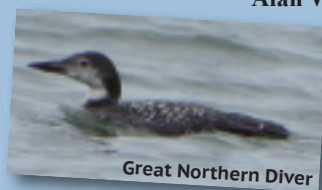
On 17th of the month, at Monreith Bay, we saw the following: Pied Wagtail, Rock Pipit, Starlings, Wren, Turnstone, Redshank, Cormorant, Herring Gulls, Oystercatchers, Red-Throated Diver and a Merlin.

On 24th November at the King's Green Caravan Park, several Bulbous Buttercups were flowering together with Soft Cranesbill. Several Tree Mallow plants, several feet tall, were also seen. At the end of the month, several hundred Golden Plover were again seen at Second Sands. Curlew and Redshank were also seen there.

December was very wet but the birds at Seymour House were numerous and several Coal Tit were seen together with the usual birds mentioned earlier. We departed south for Christmas in mid December, so ends 2023 observations.

I know you will not receive this until well into the new year, however, Happy New Year to you all.

Alan Wake



Great Northern Diver

MOCHRUM GUILD REPORT

WE PICK UP our guild report from last November when Anne Highman welcomed everyone and informed us of the very sad passing of Mrs Barbara Rudd. Barbara had been a member for many years and also a past secretary, she will be sorely missed. Anne read a beautiful poem followed by a prayer and then introduced Kirsty and John from Newton Stewart Museum.

Kirsty informed us about Helen Drew who was the founder of the museum. Helen sounded like a strong and independent character who liked to get things done. She filled the museum with all the items she had collected from the area.

The museum houses over 10,000 items and Kirsty and John brought us a handful along to show us. Kirsty walked us around the collections telling and showing us strange and wonderful items and their stories. We then had a Q&A session at the end of the presentation and talked about how lots of the items brought back childhood memories.

Anne thanked our guests for bringing everything along and letting us take a sneak look at the past. She then gave a closing prayer which was followed by refreshments.

In December our group, with a few friends, attended The Harbour Inn for a splendid Christmas meal. With our tummies full and permission from the landlord we finished off with a couple of Christmas Carols ... some old and some new.

Also in December, the committee handed out 13 gifts and approximately 30 Christmas cards to fireside members and friends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13th February
2pm – Barnardo’s

Friday 1st March
2pm - World Day of Prayer
in Mochrum Kirk

Tuesday 12th March
2pm - Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 20th March
2pm - Machars Guilds Together
Annual General Meeting in the
Maxwell Hall

Tuesday 9th April
2pm - The Faith Mission

Please do come along and attend any of our meetings. Anyone and everyone will be made very welcome plus we promise a nice cuppa afterwards.

Kicking off the New Year and our theme this year has been all about change so we decided to change our January meeting to a members’ afternoon tea event. Most of our members managed to attend and it was so lovely to see everyone.

Anne Highman opened the afternoon with a welcome, a prayer then followed by grace. The table was full of gorgeous savouries and sweets plus teas and coffee. And of course we finished with a quiz which was won by Anne Highman and Jenni Gray.

Vicky Parker

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
7.30pm	Bingo	Garlieston 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

9.45 - 11.45am	Kirk Coffee Morning <i>monthly</i>	Maxwell Hall
10.00 - 11.00.am	Pilates	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
7.30 - 9.30pm	Scottish Women's Institute <i>fortnightly</i>	Maxwell Hall

FRIDAY

3.00 - 5.00pm	Library and D&G Customer Services	Maxwell Hall
7.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Maxwell Hall
7.30pm	Bingo	Garlieston Hall

SUNDAY

11.00am	Morning Worship	See Rota
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***NB:** Not all exceptions to regular meetings are shown.*

Please refer to individual organisations if in doubt!

MOCHRUM/MILLISLE PARISH DIARY

Please note that this is only a small section of what is happening in and around Port William - 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

FEBRUARY

Thursday	1st	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	4th	11.00am	Service at Millisle	
Wednesday	7th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	8th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Sunday	11th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum	
Tuesday	13th	2.00pm	Mochrum Guild <i>(Speaker: Helen Scott (Barnardo's))</i>	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	15th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	18th	11.00am	Service at Millisle	
Monday	19th	7.30pm	Mochrum Kirk Board / Session Meeting	
Thursday	22nd	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Sunday	25th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i>	
Wednesday	28th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall

MARCH

Friday	1st	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service	Mochrum Kirk
Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Service at Millisle	
Wednesday	6th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	7th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	7th	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	10th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
Tuesday	12th	2.00pm	Mochrum Guild AGM	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	17th	11.00am	Service at Millisle	
Thursday	21st	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	21st	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	24th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum <i>Palm Sunday</i>	
Monday	25th	7.30pm	Mochrum Kirk Session meeting	
Wednesday	27th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	31st	11.00am	Service at Millisle <i>Easter Sunday</i>	

APRIL

Wednesday	3rd	10.15 a.m	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	4th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	4th	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	7th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum	
Tuesday	9th	2.00pm	Mochrum Guild <i>(Speaker: Philippa Cismas The Faith Mission)</i>	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	14th	11.00am	Service at Millisle	

MOCHRUM/MILLISLE PARISH DIARY (continued)

Thursday	18th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	18th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Service at Mochrum	
Wednesday	24th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	28th	11.00am	Service at Millisle	
MAY				
Wednesday	1st	10.15am	Coffee morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	2nd	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	5th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum	
Thursday	9th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Sunday	12th	11.30am	Joint Martyrs' Service at Wigtown	Wigtown Parish Church
Thursday	16th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum	
Thursday	23rd	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Sunday	26th	11.00am	Service at Millisle	
Wednesday	29th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall

SORBIE VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY MEETINGS

MONDAY

10.00am	Aerobics	(Trish active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk)
1.30pm	Craft Club <i>1st, 3rd and 5th Monday</i>	(Rosamond 01988 850237)
1.30pm	U3A Table Tennis <i>2nd and 4th Monday</i>	
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 <i>2nd Tuesday of month</i>	(Morag Donnan 01988 850288)
7.30pm	Sorbie WI <i>3rd Tuesday of month</i>	(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)
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We also host meetings for Machars Motorcycle Club, these are not in a regular slot, please contact Michael (01988 850237)



Christmas Carol Service at Mochrum



Guild Afternoon Tea