

Summer 2024



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ENCOUNTERS

As I write, one of our very frequent spring showers is tumbling down. What a spring we've had so far this year - the wettest I can remember! We can but hope that as summer approaches the weather will improve. I wonder what you have planned for the summer? Holiday time! At home or abroad? The old familiar places or somewhere new? Meeting new people, encounters in different places, unexpected conversations.

I love meeting new people and the conversations that occur. Finding out about them and sharing about my own life and experiences. I usually try to have a conversation with a person for a while before I let on I'm a minister. Why? Because, people may have preconceptions of what a minister is like and conversations might become stifled rather than opened up. Of course, the conversation will, sooner or later, turn to what I do. Then I speak, not only about myself and what I do but also about my faith in Jesus.

As I preach monthly at either Millisle or Mochrum Churches I have begun a series on the 12 apostles. I have already spoken about Peter and Andrew and will speak of the others over the next months. These 12 are people who met Jesus. Jesus called them to follow him and they left everything and followed him. Their lives were changed forever.

Jesus calls us all to follow him and as we meet with him our lives will change forever. In this summer season we will have more opportunities to get out of our homes and church buildings, and spend time together, in various ways. Maybe we will have some interesting encounters on the way. Let us grasp the opportunity to share Jesus' love and compassion with all we meet this summer.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Rev. Eric Boyle (*Interim Moderator*)

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

Upcoming Special Service on Sunday 12th May
JOINT CHURCHES WIGTOWN MARTYRS' SERVICE
11:30am - Wigtown Parish Church

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Services start at 11.00am

except Joint Martyrs Service - Sunday 12th May at 11.30am

For further details on July and August services please contact the Session Clerk

Refreshments are served at the end of the service and all are welcome

Please come and join us.

MAY

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

JUNE

2nd	Mochrum	Elder-led	
9th	Millisle	Donna Brewster	
16th	Mochrum	Rev Eric Boyle	with the Ordination of new Elders
		The ASM will be held following the service	
23rd	Millisle	Donna Brewster	
30th	Mochrum	Elder Led	with celebration of Sea Sunday

JULY

7th	Millisle		
14th	Mochrum		
21st	Millisle		
28th	Mochrum		

AUGUST

4th	Millisle		
11th	Mochrum		with Port William Community Association
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25th	Mochrum		

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	19th	Rhona Morland
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	16th	Moira Adams
June	30th	Anne Highman
	14th	Vicky Parker
	28th	Claire Nash
August	11th	Jenni Gray
	25th	Maria Old

VALUE WHAT YOU HAVE

THE OWNER of a small business, a friend of the poet Olavo Bilac met him on the street and asked him “Mr Bilac, I need to sell my small farm, the one you know so well.

Could you please write an announcement for me for the paper?”

Mr Bilac wrote: “For Sale: A beautiful property, where birds sing at dawn in extensive woodland, bisected by the brilliant and sparkling waters of a large stream. The house is bathed by the rising sun. It offers tranquil shade in the evening on the veranda.”

Sometime later the poet met his friend and asked whether he had sold the property?

To which he replied: I’ve changed my mind - when I read what you had written I realised the treasure was mine ...

Sometimes we underestimate the good things we have, chasing after the illusions of false treasures. We often see people

letting go of their children, their families, their spouses, their friends, their possessions, their knowledge accumulated over so many years, their good health, and the good things of life.

They throw out what God has given them so freely, things which were nourished with so much care and effort.

Look around and appreciate what you have: your home, your loved ones, your friends, the knowledge you have gained, your health, and all the beautiful things of life that are truly your greatest treasures.

We can no longer show kindness on those we love when they are gone, so let’s appreciate what we have and do what we can now.

There is so much to be thankful for. When times are tough, that’s when we need to be reminded of everything God has given you.

Ann Wadsworth

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

May	1st	Ann Wadsworth and Rachel Wadsworth
June	5th	Elsie Kirby and Barbara Mellor
July	3rd	Vicky and Kevin Parker
August	7th	Jane Nelson and Jenni Gray

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MOCHRUM GUILD REPORT

SINCE OUR last report for the Spring edition of the magazine we have been kept busy. We saw a change to our planned syllabus for February as Helen Scott from Barnardo's could not attend. Very kindly, Rebecca Davison had agreed to step in and let us know about her new project, 'No12'.

Rebecca introduced herself and explained that she and her husband, Bob, had purchased No12 Main Street, Port William, to set up a project.

She gave us a PowerPoint presentation of the work carried out so far and future plans. The aim was to put together a community space of rooms for all types of activities such as crafts, therapy, podiatry, men's shed, tool library and lots more.

She has plenty of ideas but is welcoming lots more from everyone. Firstly, her and Bob are looking to have maintenance work carried out on the building and are also looking for charitable status.

At the moment No 12 is open on Sundays as a meeting place for soup and a cuppa and a chance to have a blether with other folk.

These are very exciting times for this old property, putting new life back in and opening it up to the community.



Jean Whittaker taken at our World Day of Prayer

Rebecca understands her and Bob can't do this alone and is looking for help from volunteers, ideas and support.

In March we had three events. Firstly, the "World Day of Prayer" in Mochrum Kirk with some new faces coming along. Next, came the arrival of our AGM on the 12th March where we also included a speaker from Barnardo's, Helen Scott. Helen gave us an insight to her working day with the many children she helps. Helen and her four colleagues cover Dumfries & Galloway being an advocate for children and young people aged 5 to 26.

Being an advocate covers many tasks such as going to meetings with a child or speaking on their behalf, providing information and options for that child. Someone who will listen, be there for that child and respect that child's confidentiality. But the most important role for Helen is to make sure that that child has his or her voice heard when people are making decisions about them.

Helen says she loves her job and that really came over in her talk. She also went on to say that she feels so lucky to do this and has met some amazing children on the way. Helen's talk was very interesting and informative with many of our members keen to ask questions at the end.

Lastly, in March, we hosted the Machars Guilds Together AGM in the Maxwell Hall which was well supported.

Tuesday 9th April was our last meeting in the current syllabus and for this meeting we had seven members and three visitors attending. Ann Wadsworth welcomed everyone and gave us a themed opening about the weather with a bible reading, a beautiful poem and a prayer.

Next, Ann introduced Philippa Cismas from The Faith Mission to give us some insight

into her life and involvement in this charitable organisation. Philippa was born and raised in Cumbria with the Bible scriptures being a big part of her family's life.

She went on to study in Edinburgh where she met her husband Robert. Now with very young children, herself and Robert felt the call to go and help further afield within the Faith Mission, this taking them to Botswana.

Philippa told us many small stories about living and bringing up her family in a caravan in the desert but also quoting lines from the Bible which had helped her along the way.

Botswana had been a happy time and sometimes a struggle but between herself and her husband, much good work had been achieved. Sometime later, Philippa and her

family returned to England and eventually making their home in Newton Stewart, but still carrying on work with the Mission. This young lady had so many interesting stories to tell and glancing around the room you could tell everyone was enjoying her talk. But most of all, the love of the Lord came from her in a very natural way and seemed to fill the room.

The floor was opened up for a Q&A time and then Ann thanked Philippa for her brilliant talk and closed with Grace.

We will start our new syllabus of meetings on Tuesday 10th September and look forward to seeing lots of new members. Have a fantastic summer everyone and please do come along and support your local Guild group.

Vicky Parker *Secretary*

PORT WILLIAM SCOTTISH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MEETINGS are held at 7.30pm in the Maxwell Hall every third Thursday of the month, also our Craft Group meet at 7pm on first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend.

Forthcoming events include a home baking

demonstration (16th May) and a visit to PIRSAC who celebrate their 45th anniversary (20th June).

*Please contact Ms Elizabeth Dally
07917 858230 or portwilliamswi09@gmail.com*

NUMBER 12

WE HAVE continued to entertain visitors on Sundays between 11am and 3pm having been requested to keep going beyond the intended end of February finish.

We have had well over 200 visitors since we opened our doors at the beginning of December. We have received many donations from very kind people, ranging from craft materials, storage units, household items, firewood, and of course "The Cake Fairy", who kindly arrives every Sunday with a tray of wonderful goodies for our visitors to eat. We have also had several providers of delicious soup, which is available every week.

The name of the Sunday event has been

changed from "Warm Space" to "Open Space", as we had heard that the use of "Warm Space" had negative connotations to some folk - our aim is solely to bring people together for a cuppa and conversation.

Work on the roof is underway, soon we will be watertight and be able to start decorating. This will allow us to open the upper-floor rooms for their intended uses, including creative workshops, a "Hot Desk" with printing facilities, a music room for the playing of recorded and live music, and several other uses.

We hope to see more of you as the word spreads as to the friendly and safe environment in Number 12.



WE HOPE to trial some new activities in the hall soon. If they are popular we'll hold them regularly, similar to what has happened with the Indoor Kurling. This is continuing on Wednesdays 11.30am to 12.30pm. You can join any time, by the way ... just turn up!

So keep an eye on the "Friends of the Maxwell Hall" and "What's On in Port William" Facebook pages, and also notice boards. We may do occasional leaflet drops through house letterboxes too, to publicise new things. We wouldn't want anyone to miss out!

From Spring, we said a temporary cheerio to two of our regular groups, Indoor Bowling and Bridge, both of whom resume in the hall in the autumn.

As with all our regular users, whilst we know they appreciate our keeping this important facility open for the community, we are very grateful to them for their support and the good care they

take of the hall when they're using it. Thank you.

Unfortunately, and we're sorry to have to repeat this, we cannot progress most of our décor and refurbishment plans without council action. On top of problems we already knew about and reported, regular users will be aware we had two "new" leaks recently from faulty roofing ... in the main hall and the ground floor toilet.

The council fixed the main hall roof very promptly, to their credit, and we only had to close the hall for one day. However, this has led us to conclude that we need the council to conduct a full roof survey, as well as taking action on what we have already reported. We'll battle on!

Finally, a thank you to all our supporters, and remember to keep an eye out for new activities in the hall!

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SEE PAGE 17 FOR REGULAR EVENTS HELD IN THE HALL

Janis Edgar

PORT WILLIAM MEN'S SHED

ALTHOUGH the works to the garage space associated with Number 12 are yet to start, there have been three meetings of the guys that have so far come forward as being interested in using the facility.

We have been registered with the Scottish Men's Shed Association, one of our members visited Stonekirk Men's Shed, and a visit to Dalbeattie is planned for the end of April.

We are already engaged in community projects, most notably the restoration of the

"fingers" on the milepost near to "The Man".

It should be noted that it is not the intention for the "Shedders" to always be involved in these projects – the main role is to get men involved in something where they can socialise with other men, whether they have the skills to build an ark, or simply want to come along for tea and a chat.

Look out for posters and Facebook notifications as to when our next get-together will take place.



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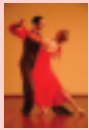
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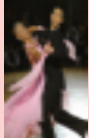
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THE COMMUNITY Council continues to work on behalf of local residents as a link into the wider D&G Council. We report issues brought to our attention, although sometimes there is a frustrating wait for responses and actions ... but we usually get there in the end!

Lighting in the harbour area is being attended to as have some of the broken street lights in The Square. Unfortunately, the ladies public toilet is taking some time to repair and refurbish after it was vandalised last November.

This has been brought to the attention of D&G Council again and we are hopeful that this situation will be resolved soon. The tourist season has now commenced and this facility is vital for residents and visitors alike.

Work continues on Port William Local Place Plan (LPP) which is now being written. Some actions from the consultation exercises are already underway and include:

- **Request** for a public ward event to discuss road and traffic issues raised;
- **Request** for support with upgrading play parks in Port William;
- **Exploration** of resurrection of the “fleuk hole” at Second Sands (a tidal pool);
- **Development** of a community “hub” at No 12 Main Street;
- **Increase** in activities and entertainment generally;
- **Introduction** of National Bee Lines project via local group Bee Positive to help increase opportunities for pollinators to thrive in Port Willam.

The LPP requires a “punchy” name but by the time people receive this magazine it may have already been decided. The Community Council will have held a meeting with local residents and groups to discuss this and other actions to be included in the LPP. So watch this space! Any suggestions for the LPP name can be sent to the secretary.

Don’t forget the CC also receive donations from our local windfarms to be distributed amongst our communities. From the Killgallioch Community Benefit Fund in 2023 £2,200 was paid out including contributions to new village notice boards. Over £3,000 has now been received from Carscreugh Windfarm Community Fund which by now will have already been distributed amongst local causes.

These funds are received annually. Any local group can apply for a donation. There is no form to complete, just send a letter to the our secretary explaining who you are, what you do, what are the benefits to the community, what you would like a donation for and if possible, the amount.

Since the spring parish magazine was published a new member has been co-opted onto the council, Tony Cottam, a familiar face to many, joined in February.

The Council meets in the Maxwell Hall Supper Room at 7.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month apart from August and December. Members of the community are welcome, however if you wish to raise an issue or discuss anything it is helpful to let us know in advance. This allows us to re-direct your query if not suitable and allocate time accordingly. Please email the secretary.

Jacqueline Crowther
secretary@pwcc@gmail.com

PORT WILLIAM BOWLING CLUB

THE LAWN bowling season has commenced and Port William Bowling Club (PWBC) opened once again to members old and new and welcomed visitors at the opening day on April 20th 2024.

Towards the end of 2023 a new committee was formed and work has been going on over the winter indoor bowling season to help bring the green, clubhouse and surrounding areas back to their former glory.



Back in the day PWBC was a thriving bowling club with many members including champions like Elizabeth M. Skeldon (pictured), the Lady Singles Champion in

1958. This lady member was a consistent winner from 1935-1971 - impressive record that!

Member numbers have sadly dwindled

over the last few years but with your help we can change this ... let's get the champions back!

People can come and try lawn bowling throughout the summer season. Junior bowling has a regular slot in the Port William Carnival Week programme so get your children entered into this competition.

There will also be an opportunity to come and try lawn bowling during carnival week on Saturday 10th August, 2.30-4.30pm ... so no excuse not to give it a go.

You'll find a friendly atmosphere and plenty of people to help you. Don't own bowls? - not a problem, there are plenty of spares of different sizes for you to try in the clubhouse.

Also, we're not sure how many people are aware of this but PWBC enters its 150th year this season. So keep your eyes and ears peeled for notifications of another celebration with all welcome!

Let's get bowling! For more information on membership contact:

jxcrowther@hotmail.com *Secretary*

PORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CARNIVAL WEEK (AUGUST 2024)

ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL: CRAFTS / PAINTING / PHOTOGRAPHY

ONCE AGAIN the Port William Arts Festival entries will be exhibited during Carnival Week at the Mill Hill Garage, by kind permission of Mrs S. Topping. The Festival starts on Saturday 3rd August.

Adult categories include Handicrafts, Drawing & Painting and Photography.

There are also classes for 11-16 years, primary school age and under 5s.

Entry forms can be collected at Community Shop, The View, or when submitting entries on Tuesday, 30th July, between 6.30 and 7.30 at Mill Hill Garage.

Jean Hobbs



OPEN GARDEN EVENT AT SEYMOUR HOUSE

ON TUESDAY, 4th June, we shall be opening our garden at Seymour House in support of '**Bee Positive**' in order to demonstrate how a garden, managed for wildlife, can support many pollinators and in particular bees, following a dramatic collapse of our insect populations. We shall be open from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Please come along and learn more about '**Bee Positive**'.

Alan Wake

NATURAL HISTORY OBSERVATIONS - JAN - MAR 2024

IT HAS BEEN a very damp start to the year and several walks to Second Sands in Port William saw little in the way of birds. Dogs with their walkers probably account for some of this. However, there are other stretches of beach cut off by rocks where birds often accumulate so there is room for everyone!

Birds at our feeders in **January** were very well used with all the usual - Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Goldfinch, Blue Tit, Great Tit and Coal Tit whilst Collared Dove, Blackbird, Dunnock, Starling and the occasional Song Thrush waiting for the seeds to fall!

In the second week of **February**, a Rock Pipit was displaying off Main Street in Port William and a Sparrow-hawk was in the garden at Seymour House. The following day it returned and took a Starling which put up a real fight which made me think the hawk was maybe a juvenile.

In the middle of the month we had a walk on Shell Road near the Baldoon Airfield site and saw the basal leaves of Hairy Buttercup just starting to appear. This is a rarity in the region and I have seen it for several years in this area sometimes being abundant in the fields. It is good to see it creeping out from the fields onto the car parking area where it may be protected from any potential crop spraying, although there is little evidence that this has happened in the past few years.

Frogspawn appeared during the middle of the month in our garden pond. A mild sunny day in mid February tempted us out for a walk along the Old Mill Burn area from near Elrig and up-to Airylick and on to the Barhobble



area. Whirligig Beetles were out and birds seen included Robin, Song Thrush, Chaffinch and a rather obliging Buzzard that sat for several minutes on a drystone wall allowing us to photograph it (*see photo*).

There were lots of lichens on both Common Hawthorn & Blackthorn including the Cup Lichens of the Cladonia species. Whirligig Beetles were also seen on our pond later the same day.

Later in the month, a Song Thrush delighted us with its early morning song from one of our apple trees and a Mole took up residence



in our front garden. Brent Geese were seen at Second Sands late in the month.

Early in **March**, the Song Thrush continued with its gorgeous song for many

mornings and a walk to Second Sands saw 30 Brent Geese on the shore. The war memorial area of grassland in Port William saw Primroses in flower along with Lesser Celandine. Coltsfoot was also in flower beyond the King's Green area whilst the Brent Geese continued to be at Second Sands until the end of the month.

Monreith Bay was visited on the 24th March and a Small Tortoiseshell was seen on Lesser Celandine (*see photo*), Coltsfoot was in flower (*see photo*), Rooks were abundant and noisy in Clarksburn Wood, Primroses were in flower, a Chiffchaff was heard and both Monreith and Clark's Burn were looking splendid!



As I write this, the rain continues to fall, let's hope for a better outcome in the months ahead.

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 - some dates may also be subject to change over the summer months with the Guild and SWI

arranging other events and with Carnival Week activities throughout the first week of August. 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

MAY

Wednesday	1st	10.15am	Coffee morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	2nd	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
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
Thursday	23rd	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Wednesday	29th	7.30pm	Port William Community Council	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall

JUNE

Wednesday	5th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	6th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	6th	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	20th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	20th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Wednesday	26th	7.30pm	PWCC	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall

JULY

Wednesday	3rd	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	4th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	4th	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	18th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	18th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Wednesday	31st	7.30pm	PWCC	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall

AUGUST

Thursday	1st	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	1st	7.00pm	Craft Night	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Wednesday	7th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Maxwell Hall
Thursday	15th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View
Thursday	15th	7.30pm	Port William SWI	Supper Room, Maxwell Hall
Thursday	29th	2.30pm	Thursday Club	The View

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> (visitors welcome)	Maxwell Hall

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!*

MOCHRUM SESSION CLERK'S REPORT

I WOULD have liked to have said that as I write we are beginning to enjoy some warmer weather, but it is a cold wet windy day and my plans to go out and start work on my garden have definitely been delayed, but we are still blessed to be in our beautiful and peaceful country when the world is in such turmoil.

Eric wrote in the spring issue of the magazine how the one thing that is constant in life is change. For some this may have brought happiness and for some, sadness, but our thoughts and prayers are with you all, and whatever changes we may face our faith helps us to know that God will always be there at our side.

We have certainly had to face some changes in our Kirk. The Congregational Board was officially disbanded on the 19th February and the Kirk Session are now solely responsible for all matters relating to how it is run, as Trustees, and in accordance with the requirements of OSCR. On a positive note we are planning a service of Ordination of new Elders on the 16th June and we still have a service in celebration of the Union and Linkage between Millisle and Mochrum to plan and look forward too.

We had a lovely service on Mothering Sunday, led by Donna Brewster when everyone was given a bunch of daffodils and on Palm Sunday the congregation was presented with palm crosses made in the villages of the southern region of Tanzania. This had been an Elder led service and we spoke of how Jesus had come to teach ways of love, not war and how sadly much of the suffering in the world today is because so many embrace the ways of violence over love and peace.

On the 12th May we will join with Wigtown Parish Church when we shall remember the courage of the Wigtown Martyrs and on the 19th May we shall celebrate Pentecost with Donna Brewster; and as this is also traditionally regarded as the birthday of the Christian church I shall

make sure that we have a special cake with our after worship refreshments to mark such an important occasion. We then have Carnival week to look forward to and on the 11th August we shall welcome the carnival Queens and members of Port William Community Association to take an active part in our service and although I haven't had it confirmed as yet I would hope that 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 and 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.

It is also time now to think about our annual Bursary and you will find details of this elsewhere in the magazine, but 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, so do please get your applications to me in plenty of time.

The upkeep of the Kirk continues, the heating has been fixed and some damp patches repaired. Marlane Cash has now retired as coordinator of the Machars Basics Food Bank but their work still goes on and we continue to support them; Thursday club and monthly coffee mornings continue, and although the Guild is now having a rest for the summer and will start again in September I suspect that they may be planning some other events meanwhile so keep an eye on their Facebook page.

The Kirk is there for you, but we 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

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)

QUIZ TIME - ANSWERS BELOW

Can you solve these quiz questions and anagrams to make names of local places?
 For example: Rinkerink would be Kirkinner. Also test your general knowledge

LOCAL PLACES

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1) A small musical instrument | 5) This royal flute is heavy | 9) Grile | 13) Adea herb |
| 2) Is this a real drink? | 6) Refuge for Bill | 10) Lengclue | 14) Hob cland |
| 3) Hair place | 7) This bird is elevated | 11) Horn time | 15) Sir got lane |
| 4) Is this boulder a safe refuge? | 8) Racha barn | 12) Obrise | 16) Hul can game |

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1) What is entomophobia
- 2) What was name of horse kidnapped in 1983
- 3) Which word can be placed before bottle, bell and bird to form three other words
- 4) What frequently used household item has a tree but no leaves
- 5) How many teeth does an aardvark have
- 6) How many bones does an adult human have
- 7) Which famous novel featured Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy
- 8) What type of entertainment has cars but no roads, curves but no white knuckles

LOCAL PLACES	16) Auchenmalg	13) Braehead	10) Glenluce	7) Whauphill	4) Stonehaven	2) Mochrum	3) Wigtown
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE	7) Little Women	5) None	2) 206	3) Blue	1) Fear of insects	8) Roller coaster	2) Shergar
	15) Gartleston	12) Sorbie	9) Eirig	6) Port William	5) Glasserton	11) Monreith	1) Whitthorn
	14) Bladnoch	11) Monreith	8) Barrachan	10) Glasserton	13) Adea herb	9) Grile	14) Hob cland
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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