[BARONY] PARISH CHURCH [1]

ASH, F 7.10.1887, 2cd — Parish church rebuilt, enlarged and improved in 1732, with a large addition in 1834. Replaced by new church, 1872.

ASH, Sa 6.4.1872, 8b — Last service in the old church will be on Sunday 7th April 1872.

BARONY PARISH CHURCH [2]

List 1 — Rebuilt 1873. Early English in character; cream coloured stugged masonry; slate roof has bands of diamond shaped slates running horizontally; windows with sharp pointed Gothic tracery; squat tower, belfry with louvres, clock and spire. Churchyard contains 17th and 18th century headstones. Groome's Gazetteer, vol iv, 358. C.

ASH, Sa 19.8.1871, 4f — Heritors' Meeting last Wednesday. Agreed formally to build a new parish church on the site of the present church, which is to be taken down. Various architects were suggested - McFarlane, Greenock (by Francis Russell of Kirkland); Railton, Kilmarnock; Vale (by L/Col Weston Hunterston). McFarlane also backed by E H J Craufurd of Auchenames. Ultimately agreed to hold a competition.

ASH, Sa 11.11.1871, 5f — Heritors' Meeting on 14.10.1871 selected plan submitted by J[ames] W Bogue, [17 Barony Street] Edinburgh, architect.

ASH, Sa 16.12.1871, 5fg — Heritors' Meeting. It had been discovered that Bogue's entry was in fact the work of a --- Richardson, who was employed in Mr Bryce's office. After some discussion, agreed not to offer job to either Bogue or Richardson, but to Harry Blair, Glasgow, architect, referred to as having been a pupil of Mr Lochhead, architect, now of Edinburgh.

ASH, Sa 13.4.1872, 5g — Principal contractors are **George Robertson**, mason, and **John Hendry**, joiner, both of West Kilbride.

ASH, Sa 22.6.1872, 5g — Foundation stone will be laid middle of next month.

ASH, Sa 3.8.1872, 1a — Foundation stone to be laid 10.8.1872.

ASH, Sa 10.8.1872, 4g; AA 15.8.1872 — Foundation stone laid last Saturday. EE. Architect, Henry Blair, Glasgow. Nave and transepts, terminating in gables east, west and north. In the NE angle is placed a spire which is intended to be carried to the height of 100'. [It] will be lighted by large prominent windows in each gable, with a row of smaller ones, on a lower line, carried round the three fronts in groups of 2, 3 and 5 lights.

Stuart, Barony — Completed in June 1873

ASH, Sa 9.8.1873, 1a — Will be formally opened on Sunday 10.8.1873.

ASH, Sa 16.8.1873, 4f — Formally opened last Sunday. Built of yellow freestone from Mr Alexander's quarry at Blackshaw.

Danskin Cube Book 1872-1901 — Measured c.1872/83. Total cost £2401 15s 10d, including £341 1s 3½d for the spire.

Stuart, Barony — Renovation, and new Choir Chancel, 1929. Architect: **Jeffrey Waddell & Young**, Glasgow. Stone comes from Hamilton Palace.

KH 19.9.1929, 4e — West Kilbride Parish Church to reopen 29.9.1929 after extensive renovations, including a new chancel.

BI 43/505 4.1932 — 3 light stained glass window illustrated. No details.

October 1949 — Stained glass windows donated by Mrs Caldwell Kerr dedicated. [Ref LMWN looseleave index in Largs Museum.]

Planning Application C57 — Small addition, 1963-64, Robert Rennie & Watson.

WKAS 1978, 29 — United with St Brides (as St Andrews, using St Brides church) in 1974.

LMWN Looseleave Index — BB Hall, 1981.

nr — Acquired by community in 2000.

Nr — Opened as BARONY CENTRE, 2012

STAINED GLASS

Stuart, Barony — On West side, 1906 window commemorates semi-jubilee of Rev Lamb.

Stuart, Barony		1910 Window gifted by Rev Lamb in memory of his parents
Stuart, Barony		Two windows on either side of 1906 Lamb Semi-Jubilee window, are in his memory. He died in October 1913.
Stuart, Barony		Window in south gable of chancel was dedicated 6 December 1914 in memory of parents of Mr & Mrs James Steven, Annfield. Design: **J T & C E Stewart**, Glasgow.
Stuart, Barony		3 windows on west side, and 3 on east side. 1949. Faith, Love and Hope; SS Vey, Brenda and Bride. **Gordon Webster**.
Stuart, Barony		Two to east of main entrance. Rev and Mrs Crawford. He died in 1955.
Stuart, Barony		Window, no date given, in memory of Mr & Mrs Hunter
Stuart, Barony		5 windows on east side, no dates given. 3 are in memory of William C Chaffey, and 2 in memory of Mary Ross.
	BELL	
Clouston		1872 Wilson bell.
	COMMUNION TABLE	
Stuart, Barony		1903
	LECTERN and FONT	
Stuart, Barony		1938
	CHURCHYARD	
MIs		Closed to new burials in 1858.

MANSE

AA 24.1.1805		Contractors - Manse - plans with Mr [Robert] Hunter of Kirkland.
Stuart, Barony		1805. The architect was Gavin Burns. The main contractor, W Auld, wright, Saltcoats. Cost £479 19s 0d.
Stuart, Barony		Enlarged in 1864
KH 6.3.1930	4c	"Many West Kilbride landmarks, particularly near the Main Street, are being removed. The extensive demolition of the Old Manse wall and trees has opened up a wide space at the Cross, where the old "Bride's Day" was held."

FREE CHURCH (1),	4-6 MEADOWFOOT ROAD
Ewing	December 1843
AA 3.8.1843	Foundation stone laid last Monday

ST ANDREWS — See ST BRIDES

ST BRIDE'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND [after 1974, ST ANDREWS]
[Built as Free Church (2)

List 2	Built 1881, originally Free Church. French Gothic in style; pink bullnose masonry; 2 large rose windows; tall square tower, open belfry, broach spire. Ref: Groome, vol iv, 358. C.
AA 29.7.1880 [KS 31.7.1880]	Foundation stone laid on Sunday. There will be a 180' tower. Masonry is of red freestone, the frontage being faced with bullnosed rubble and polished dressings. The principal features of the church are a massive projected entrance doorway, with gabled top and deeply recessed and panelled jambs, approached by a flight of steps. Buttresses flank the doorway, surmounting which, in the centre of the gable, is placed a large circular window with rose tracery. The architect is Mr **James Ritchie**, Glasgow, and the building is estimated to cost £3000.
KS 31.7.1880	The church is divided into 5 bays in length, 4 on either side of the church contain windows of 2 lights with mullions and plate tracery tops. The bay at the front on the right side is surmounted by a gablet pierced with a traceried wheel window. Another large traceried wheel window is placed in the north gable over the pulpit platform. The

ceiling will of an unusual form, being coved along the side walls and waggon-headed in the centre, plastered between the couples, the tie teams of which and parts exposed will be of dressed timber. The church is from plans by Mr James Ritchie, Glasgow.

BA 13.8.1880 — Foundation stone laid 24.7.1880. Masons: J MacFarlane, West Kilbride. Painters: J & J Kier, Glasgow.

AA 18.8.1881 — Has just been completed. The masonry is of red freestone from Ardrossan and the tracery and stone filling of the windows from Ballochmyle. c£3500. James Ritchie, IA, Glasgow. Opened Sunday last.

ACC TP Cttee, 13.4.1937, no.20 — Extension, no architect named.

WKAS 1978, 29 — United with Barony, as St Andrews, in 1974. This church continues in use.

ST BRIDES CHURCH HALL, Main Street

CO3/8/7/5 B.Warrant BA1854 — Margaret B Brodie, Knowes Mill, Beith. Planning Application C5634.

ASH, F 6.2.1970, 1ab — Formally opened last Sunday. **Margaret Brodie**, architect.

FREE CHURCH MANSE (1)

Ewing — 1846

ST BRIDE'S R.C. CHURCH

BI 18/210 9.1907 — Lining granted 12.9.1907 for an RC Chapel, West Kilbride.

CO3/12/4/4 BBC 1.8.1907 — R C Chapel, WK; Brenan and Hunter, architects, Glasgow.

Aspinwall, Our Lady, 35 — Opened in May 21908.

Letter of Bernard Aspinwall, 23.6.2008 — Architect for extension was **James F Stephen Architects**, Stirling.

HALL

ACC Planning, A1843 — December 1949. Hut (Church Hall) for St Brides R.C. Church. Black & Shapley. Temporary permission to November 1954, and seemingly not built.

U.P. CHURCH [1] — 13 MEADOWFOOT ROAD

- — On 1858 Ordnance Survey map.

U.P. CHURCH [1900: OVERTON U.F.]

AA 3.8.1882 — Memorial stone laid on Saturday (29.7.1882). It will be ready for roofing in c.6 weeks, and it is hoped it will be opened next summer. Architect: Hippolyte J Blanc, Edinburgh. Estimated cost, £2300.

KS 5.8.1882 — Memorial stone laid last Saturday. Church is a parallelogram in plan, consisting of nave with transeptal projection on one side, while extending beyond the end gable are a hall, vestry &c. Externally the church presents a gabled front, balanced at the wings by the entrance doorway and the tower. The upper part of the main gable is pierced with a large circular window, with inner and outer moulded and cusped tracery, circumscribed within boldly moulded outer ring. The side elevations express the construction of the interior in a series of buttress projections, between which - in each bay so formed - are twin lights with circular openings above, all comprised within an outer relieving arch. The tower and spire are together about 80' in height, the lower stage being buttressed at the angles, and by intakes and corner pinnacles is graduated from the square to an octagon form. The belfry is expressed by a series of deeply recessed and moulded window openings, above which the spire takes its rise. Lunette lights relieve the

alternate sides of the spire. open timber roof. £2800. H J Blanc, Edinburgh.

AA 9.8.1883 [KS 11.8.1883] Opened last Sunday.

ASH F 6.11.1931, 8d [Obituary of L D Penman]. He was for 12 years Session Clerk to Overton UP Church, and designed new chancel and organ chamber.

Church Art Today Exhibition (Glasgow, 1990)
Stained glass window, Overton Parish Church, Susan Bradbury.

U.P. MANSE

ASH, sa 20.11.1869, 5f Contractors: G Robertson, mason; Alexander Gemmell, joiner; &c.

ARTILLERY RANGE

ACC, TPC 14.10.1947, 1209 Services Land Requirements. 15 acres, Seamill, as High Angle Light Gun Range.

BOWLING GREEN

ASH, F 15.4.1887, 5g In course of erection.

CLUB HOUSE (1)
See 1-5 Bowfield Road

CEMETERY

CO3/12/4/22 BBC 19.1.1928 Additions to Cemetery Lodge, WK Parish Council; **Fryers & Penman**.

MONUMENT TO DR ROBERT SIMSON

List 5 Erected 1877 by John Fullerton of Overton to the memory of "The Restorer of Grecian Geometry", 1687-1768. A curious piece of Victoriana with Egyptian style decoration, and quite a landmark. C.

GJ 29.10.1761 Simson resigned as Professor of Mathematics, Glasgow University, in October 1761: in post 50 years.

AA 13.4.1865 A monument is to be erected to Dr Robert Simson in WK Cemetery. The Restorer of Greek Geometry to Modern Science.

KWP Sa 20.5.1865, 1e Subscriptions sought.

ASH, F7.10.1887, 2d *The Ayrshire Magpie* column "Chatter" gives a date for the monument of 1869. John Fullarton of Overtoun died 26.3.1873.

ACC, PAHC 15.3.1932 Simpson Memorial Fund: administration passes from parish council to Ayr County Council

nr F T Pilkington. Lithograph at Ardrossan Library.

CENTRAL KITCHEN (EDUCATION), Meadowfoot Road

ACC Planning, 4609 June 1947. For Ayr County Council.

CLINIC

County Council, 25.7.1967 CPO to be issued for land in north side of Orchard Street.

COMMUNITY CENTRE former PAISLEY CONVALESCENT HOME

Sas Abr 1831 of 1886; 489.9 **1886** FeuCh between Carlung and the Paisley Convalescent Home Trustees.

CO3/12/4/22 BBC 21.3.1929 Additions, Paisley Convalescent Home, Happy Hills, C Davidson & Son, architects, Paisley.

AA, CO 3/10/5/32, FESD 16.5.1972 Agree to purchase, at DV's valuation.

AA, CO 3/10/5//32, YSFE 21,12,1971 District Valuer to ascertain value. Proposed purchase for conversion to youth/community centre.

AA, CO 3/10/5/32, GPC 28.8.1972 Acquired for £11,000, with entry on 31st August 1972. There are 13 remaining residents.

VR 1972-1973 Home, Directors of Paisley Convalescent Home

AA, CO 3/10/5/33, FESC 23.1.1973 The final residents have now been re-housed.

AA, CO 3/10/5/34, GPC 14.12.1973 — The 1971 decision to include a library in the conversion is not now attainable "as a result of the adaptations to convert … into a community centre for the area."

VR 1973-1974 - Home, Ayr County Council
VR 1976-1977 Home, Strathclyde Regional Council
VR 1977-1978 not found
VR 1978-1979 Community Centre, SRC Estates/Director of Education

GOOD TEMPLARS' HALL

ASH, Sa 5.12.1874, 1a — Contractors wanted, for Hall, &c., for the Good Templars.

HEALTH CENTRE/LIBRARY

CO3/8/7/5 Bldg Wrrt BA1860 — ACC, planning application C5613 lodged 14.10.1968.

KIRKTONHALL [COUNCIL OFFICES]

See Castles and Mansions.

KNOCKEWART HILL - POLICE VHF TRANSMITTER

ACC, P&LC 7.5.1951 — Capital costs of main transmitter £928 11s 3d; of satellite stations at Knockormal Hill, Colomonell, £800, and Knockewart Hill, West Kilbride, £950.

NETHERMILN RECREATION GROUND
PAVILION

ACC Planning, A6780 — December 1953. Pavilion, NRG, for Saltcoats District Council.

POLICE STATION

CO 3/8/2/2, 89, Standing Joint Committee, 19.4.1898
To look for a site.

CO 3/8/2/2, 165, Standing Joint Committee, 17.1.1899
Site in Alton Street acquired.

CO 3/8/2/2, 238, Standing Joint Committee, 19.12.1899
Plans, by Murdoch, approved. Estimated cost, £1300.

KS 17.2.1900 — Parish Council were told that plans of a new Police Station had been passed.

AA 1.3.1900 — Tenders wanted for Police Station, **John Murdoch**, architect.

CO 3/8/1/4, ACC 1898-1902, 301, Standing Joint Committee report to County Council, 1.5.1900
Contracts awarded: Mason, Robert Jack & Son, West Kilbride, £685 13s 4d; Joiner, Robert Frew, Stevenston, £246 0s 0d. Total, £1135 11s 7½d.

BI 11/122 5.1900 — Masons: Jack & Son, West Kilbride.

CO 3/8/2/2, 342, Standing Joint Committee, 15.1.1901
Completed and occupied, November 1900. Total cost, £1320 16s 0d.

Planning Application C116 — Addition to Police House, Police Station, Alton Street, Clark Fyfe, 1963.

PORTENCROSS PIER

WKAS 1978, 16 — Last used by a pleasure steamer in 1928

PUBLIC HALL

TT 30.9.1898 — Tenders wanted for building library, reading room &c at West Kilbride. A N Paterson, architect.

AA 3.11.1898 — Masons, D & J Milligan, Ayr.

KS 24.2.1900		New Public Hall, Library, Reading Room, &c., opened. Plans of **A N Paterson**, Wellington Street, Glasgow. [AA 22.2.1900: last Friday] [A., 23.2.1900: opened 16.2.1900. Cost c.£2000. Seating for 450.]
ACC Planning, A19		July 1948. Lavatories, West Kilbride Institute and Public Hall.
Planning Application C230		Additions and alterations, 1963-65, Clark Fyfe, ACC.

PUBLIC TOILETS, Chapelton

ACC Planning, A4695		May 1952. Convert existing building to form toilets/shelter, Chapelton; Ayr C.C.

PUBLIC TOILETS AND SHELTER, Seamill

ACC Planning, A8463		April 1955, for Ayr County Council.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Orchard Street

SVR 1971-1972		12.12.1971.

WAR MEMORIAL

[GTB]		27.11.1921.
ASH, F 2.12.1921, 5f		Unveiled last Sunday. Cross with laurel wreath, of Cullaloe stone. Design: **L D Penman**, of Fryers & Penman. Contractor for monument: **Kirkwood & Smith**, Glasgow.
ASH, F 11.1.1924, 1b		Statement of accounts. L D Penman, treasurer.

WEST KILBRIDE SCHOOL (1)

AA 23.11.1843		Contractors - School and teacher's house.
AA 27.6.1844		Foundation stone laid 20.6.1844.
CO3/10/2/238	5.4.1875	**Thomas Wallace**, Ardrossan, appointed architect for proposed new school, in field adjoining female industrial school. [Wallace's obituary in ASH, Sa 29.9.1877, 4d, names "new Board school, West Kilbride" as one of his designs.]
	9.8.1875	Adverts for contractors to appear in GH 14.8, 18.8, & ASH and Ayrshire Weekly News 14.8 & 21.8.1875.
ASH, Sa 14.8.1875, 1a		Contractors wanted for new school, West Kilbride. **Thomas Wallace**, Ardrossan, architect.
CO3/10/2/238	24.10.1875	School to be ready by 13.11.1875.
ASH, Sa 15.4.1876, 1a		Masons wanted - apply at Fairlie, or to **W & J Robertson**, builders, at the new school buildings, West Kilbride.
CO3/10/2/238	4.12.1876	To be f.o. 1.1.1877.
ASH, Sa 6.1.1877, 4e		School was formally opened on Monday. Wallace, Ardrossan, architect. "It is neither too plain nor too ornate".
CO3/10/2/238	26.7.1883	Proposed extension, Mr James Ritchie, architect, Glasgow, chosen instead of James Robertson, builder, WK.
CO3/12/4/4	BBC 6.10.1904	Additions, Public School; Fryers & Penman.
CO3/12/4/5	BBC 1.6.1911	Additions, School; Fryers & Penman.
ACC Planning, 4590		July 1947. Classrooms, West Kilbride P.S., for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, 4963		January 1948. Dining Hall, West Kilbride P.S., for Ayr County Council. Cancelled?
ACC Planning, A3941		August 1951. Additional classroom accommodation, for Ayr County Council.
SRC, E(Sch) 5.6.1980, 924		Destroyed by fire, 11th May 1980.

JANITOR'S HOUSE (1 Portencross Road)

ACC Planning, B844		January 1957. Additions and alterations, for Ayr County Council.

WEST KILBRIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL II

SRC, 18.6.1980		**DARS** to proceed immediately with replacement two-stream primary school.

SRC, 27.1.1981	Contract let to John Moulds (Kilmarnock) Ltd, for £641,457.
SRC, 17.6.1981	Start delayed by 4 months due to financial constraints.
SRC, E(Sv) 20.10.1981, 1496	Revised contract let to Moulds at £641,457.

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