

## **Your weekly news 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Hi All,

Here is our weekly news from the Ardentiny Community Council and the Village Hall. A new addition for this week is from Strone Primary School Parent Council, it will appear monthly and lets you know of activities at the school, and includes events you may wish to attend.

### **Ardentiny Community Council News**

#### **Ardentiny Community Council Public Meeting Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 7.30pm**

The next public meeting will be held in the Village Hall, we hope to see you there, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. An agenda will be sent out soon.

#### **Dunoon Car Ferry Tender**

Thanks to those who replied regarding the Ferry tender. Based on a large majority in favour of the Dunoon Ferry Group seeking a commercial tender for a car ferry route, we have informed them of our support in this endeavour.

#### **Repairs to the parapet opposite the Church Car Park Bus Stop**

I have received an update from A&BC Roads and Infrastructure Department that they have inspected the damage to the wall parapet and it is logged in their future plans for repair. They say it is a low priority so probably will not be attended to in this financial year.

#### **Ardentiny Community Council Facebook page and Website**

The Community Council website can be found here - [www.ardentinycc.co.uk](http://www.ardentinycc.co.uk)

The Facebook page has been updated, search for **Ardentiny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards

John

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#### **Monthly news from Strone Primary**

Welcome to this term's update from Strone Primary School, my first since becoming Parent Council chair. As a mental health professional and from experience volunteering with schools before moving to East Cowal, I am mindful of the importance of community links and our outdoor environment to support the wellbeing of our children, staff and wider community.

We are very pleased to have Mrs Fish back at the school on a phased return to work, and that Miss Morrison (P1-4 teacher) has been appointed as Principal Teacher.

This term the P5-7 class are undertaking the Junior Forester Award with Steve Gillen from Forestry and Land Scotland. The award gives children an insight into careers in forestry as well as the practical ability to assist in woodland management in their schools and local communities.

The Parent Council is organising a beach clean on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and any members of the community who would like to join us would be very welcome. We will meet outside Blairmore Hall at 2pm.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December the school will join Cowal Handbell Ringers for a Christmas concert and fundraiser at Kilmun Hall, from 1.30-3pm. The children will be singing carols and selling natural bird feeders, which they will be making at school with Parent Council volunteers.



Finally, on Tuesday 12th December (time TBC), the school will hold its Christmas tearoom, where the children will be serving teas, coffees and home baking and there will be a raffle. We would love to see you there.

Dr Andrew Smith, Chair, Strone Primary  
School Parent Council

## **Ardentinny Village Hall News**

Hi Everyone,

I hope this update finds you all well.

Can anyone wanting to book for Hogmanay and the Christmas Fair, please email [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) rather than my personal email.

### **Monday**

#### **Ukulele/Music group**

Please join us from 18.00-19.30.

Following our successful live debut at the bowling club, we are currently running a beginner session.

All abilities welcome, spare instruments available.

£2 per session, tea/coffee included.

Email us at [ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com) for further info.

### **Tuesday**

#### **Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm**

£3 per person.

### **Wednesday**

Hobbies 7pm – 9pm

Anyone who has a hobby or would just like to drop in and meet people, please call in.

£2 per person.

### **Thursday Afternoon**

October – March

2pm – 4pm

Indoor bowls membership £25 during these times and non-members £2.50 per person

### **Thursday Evening**

Heavenly Mountain Gate Tai-Chi Chuan (Yang Tradition)

6.30pm – 7.30pm

£5 per person

Contact Bryan on 07813 374879 for new enquiries.

### **November**

#### **Date Changed to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Decorate the hall.**

Decorate the tree. The tree will now be on the stage and the handrail altered so this can be seen by all.

**Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre** to be held at the Outdoor Centre.

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11am-2pm £10 a table**

The centre will be open for stallholders to set up any time after 2pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Please contact [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) if you would like to book a table.

Santa will be at the outdoor centre where he can be seen by everyone and have their photo taken for a small donation.



### **Wreath Making**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11.30

£7.50 per person

Warm drinks provided.

This was a success last year and was requested again for this year.

Places are being booked already which is great. Thank you to those who have booked so far.

### **Kilmun Hall**

#### **Friday 8th December**

Concert by Cowal Handbell Ringers and Strone Primary School.

Time to be confirmed but 1.30'ish until 3.00.

#### **Friday 15th December 5pm**

##### **Ardentinny Christmas Sing Along**

Thank you everyone for supporting all the groups, events and functions.

As a thank you and to celebrate Christmas, the Hall Management Group would like to invite the village to a sing along at the Ardentinnny Bistro.

There will be live music, Christmas carols and other songs.

A free buffet will be provided from 6pm and the bar will be open for you to buy drinks until closing at 11pm.

Although this is a closed function for the village for the night, any guests who may be visiting you over the festive period are very welcome to come too.

This is a chance for everyone to get together and have a good time and basically, another excuse to have a party.

### **Hogmanay**

Doors open at 7pm. £6 entry per person to be paid on the night.

#### **Fun and Games until 10.**

Live music by the Elderly Brothers from 10 until the bells and beyond.

Quizzes and Games. Some of these could be for a small fee so you may need to bring some money with you.

We have 43 seats booked so far which is amazing, thank you to everyone who has already contacted us for this.

#### **Boozy Christmas Raffle and Prizes**

Any guests who may be visiting you over the festive period are very welcome to come too.

Places have been booked already which is great and thank you to everyone who has already booked.

If anyone would like to pay before the event, please let me know if you would like to pay or have paid straight into the hall account or drop the money to me where I will give you a receipt. Thank you.

Bring your own bottle and snacks.

#### **Boozy Christmas Raffle. (To be drawn on the night at Hogmanay)**

We are hoping to be able to have 5 decent prizes of several bottles or more and are still looking for donations. so if anyone would like to donate a prize for this, it would be much appreciated. The more donations, the bigger the 5 prizes will be.

#### **Coming sometime in January will be the Ardentinnny Scone Off!!!**

This will be a competition for who can make the best sweet and savoury scones with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes.

### **Requests**

If you would like to organise a village hall event or have a specific theme for a quiz night please get in touch, either by email at: [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) or just grab us around the village anytime.

Kind Regards,

Dee.

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary