

Your weekly news update 22nd December 2023

Hi All,

Here is our weekly news from the Ardentinny Community Council and the Village Hall. First of all, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2024.

Ardentinny Community Council News

Flood Warning Forecast SEPA

SEPA have shared material that may be useful across the festive period and thereafter to help communities be prepared for flooding.

- On their website you can sign up for free flood alerts. A news release has been issued today and you can find it by clicking on this link - [SEPA urges the public to sign up for free flood messages before heading into the festive period | Beta | SEPA | Scottish Environment Protection Agency](#)
- Here are the connections for other social media - @SEPAFlood (X) and @ScottishEnvironmentProtectionAgency (Facebook)
- Key messages are:
 - Being prepared can help you avoid travel disruption and keep your family safe this festive season
 - Sign up to receive flooding messages by text or phone, letting you know when flooding is likely
 - Visit sepa.org.uk/flooding to sign up today

I have also attached a pdf from SEPA.

Jeeps for Peace Convoy

I have attached a Thank you note from Stuart Gray who was on his third trip to Ukraine delivering jeeps which many of you contributed to.

December update from Andrew Smith, Strone Primary School Parent Council chair.

The children were delighted to be asked to sing Christmas songs at the recent community event at Kilmun Hall on the 8th December, including a couple of songs from their upcoming nativity play. The event was a great success. Many thanks to Beverley Soltysiak for co-ordinating our involvement and making us so welcome. The children also raised £64 for school funds from selling natural bird feeders they had made with the Parent Council.

Thanks also to Kilmun Community Council for a generous donation towards the school's festive events and to the Shore Kirk who presented each of the children with an advent calendar.

Opportunity to have your say - Walking wheeling and cycling route between Dunoon and Hunters Quay Ferry Terminals – Public event - Wed 31st January 2024 Queens Hall Dunoon

For your information there is an opportunity to contribute your views to a local infrastructure project. This has been sent to us by the Community Development Officer at A&BC and I have summarised it below;

“The project is looking at the potential of upgrading the walking, wheeling and cycling route between the Dunoon and Hunters Quay Ferry Terminals. The project is being delivered by Stantec on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council and is entirely funded by [Sustrans](#) through the [Places for Everyone](#) programme.

The project has several objectives including:

- *making it easier for people to get to and from local shops and other destinations in Dunoon and Kirn*
- *improving the accessibility of the promenade for more vulnerable people, including disabled people,*
- *making the area surrounding the route more inviting.*

A previous public consultation was held early Summer 2023 on the proposed design. A wide range of feedback from the local community was received during this process, including concerns over

the impact of the design on parking along the street. In light of the feedback we received, we're now looking at new design solutions. A key focus of the new design solutions is to minimise the loss of on-street parking as we recognise the role this has in supporting local businesses to thrive, particularly in Kirn.

Public Drop-In Event

A further public drop-in event will be held where anybody can come along and view the new plans for the route and chat with us to let us know what they think. Free coffee, tea and biscuits as well as warmth will also be provided as a sweetener!

The details of this public drop-in event are as follows:

31st January 2024 at the Queens Hall, 9 Argyll Street, Dunoon between 3pm-7pm.

We're particularly keen to welcome disabled people, those who do not have access to a car and younger people along to ensure their views are heard, so any help with promoting the event among these groups is appreciated!"

2024 Bin Collection Calendar

In case you have not got hold of one yet, I have attached a digital copy of the 2024 bin collection schedule.

Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - www.ardentinnycc.co.uk

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

Regards

John



THANK YOU AGAIN!



Once again I'd like to thank everyone for their contributions towards my 3rd trip to Ukraine with JEeps FOR PEACE at the beginning of December. Because of the expected winter conditions, the decision was taken to cut back and only use drivers who had been on previous trips. That said we managed to deliver a further 11 pickups to the Ukrainian Army along with 3 for a sister organisation in the Netherlands which we handed over on arrival in Amsterdam.

And wintery it was! We woke on our second morning just outside Leipzig, Germany to find snow covered vehicles and so it was for the remainder of the trip. Two separate black ice smashes on the motorway later resulted in one pickup being towed into Ukraine but fortunately nobody was injured (just annoyed).



2nd Morning



Arriving at the Ukrainian Border



We delivered the vehicles to Kolomiya again but one of our drivers, Chris, took her pickup full of aid all the way to Kharkiv for handover to the Army (faces hidden). I gave Chris the remaining knitted mice (thanks Jo senior) to take with her for passing on to deserving kids. This happy recipient was a displaced wee lad out in eastern Ukraine.



We hosted members of the Ukrainian Army and Regional Administrators on our last night who very sincerely passed on their thanks and appreciation not only to us but to contributors like you who help make these trips the success that they are.

So again THANK YOU for your generosity

Stuart

Scottish Flood Forecast

The Scottish Flood Forecast is a three-day outlook of where flooding is likely to occur, giving you time to prepare and take action to protect yourself from flooding.

Developed by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Met Office, the Scottish Flood Forecast provides the earliest indication possible of when and where flooding is expected over the next three days, and whether the source is from rivers, surface water or the sea.

The forecast is produced every morning, 365 days a year, and published on SEPA's website.

A colour coded map describes the potential impacts of flooding on our communities so you can take action to protect yourself, your property and adapt travel plans where necessary.



 sepa.org.uk/scottishfloodforecast

Your waste and recycling collection dates for 2024.

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Please place your bins out for collection by 6.00am on your collection day.

Calendar Reference: COW20

Ardentenny Village Hall News

Hi Everyone,

I hope this update finds you all well and you are all keeping warm. Just a short one this week as a reminder of the last few functions this year.

CHRISTMAS DAY 12 noon-2pm

The Christmas hug will be on the beach opposite the outdoor centre this year as this is more central for everyone. If the weather is bad, this will be held in the village hall. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Hogmanay

Doors open at 7. £6 entry per person and can be paid on the night, by cash or direct to the bank. Please email for these details.

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

Boozy Christmas Raffle and Prizes

All 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)

A big thank you to everyone who has generously already donated, these are very much appreciated.

We are still looking for donations to be able to have 5 decent prizes of several bottles or more and need to organise the prizes in advance. If anyone would like to contribute to this, we can collect them at the function on the 15th December in the Ardentinnny. Alternatively, we can come and collect them from you or you can drop them off at Angle Cottage. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Dee.