

Your weekly News Friday 11th October 2024

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinnny Community Council and the Village Hall. Remember Quiz night at the Village Hall tomorrow, it will have an Autumnal/Halloween feel to it.

Ardentinnny Community Council News

Scam Talk – Offer from Police Scotland; Please advise if you are interested to attend

Constable Cunningham from the community engagement team at Dunoon Police Station has offered to give a scam/fraud prevention talk to groups to help raise awareness and help people spot scams to stop them becoming victims.

Could you advise if this is of interest to you. If so, we can arrange for a talk at some point in the future. Please email us at ardentinnnycc@gmail.com to indicate your interest. I presume it will all depend on whether we receive enough numbers to see if this goes ahead.



Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally 2025 20th / 21st June 2025

We have received an email from Motorsport UK, asking if there are any objections to the closure of the Larach for the Rally next year. Each year the road is closed for part of one day for the two runs of the stage, which goes from the Whistlefield to the North side entry of Ardentinnny. If you have any objections, could you send them to us at our email address ardentinnnycc@gmail.com with the reasons for the objection. We will collate and send them to Motorsprt UK for review and further discussion as required.

CalMac Gourock to Dunoon ferry timetable survey

You may remember that following requests from the users, CalMac held a consultation meeting with the Cowal Peninsular community councils (including Ardentinnny) to discuss options for better alignment of the Dunoon-Gourock ferry with the Gourock-Glasgow train.

This is an update;

Based on the outcome of the survey, Option 3 appears to be the most favoured case - This is a 15-minute transfer going to Glasgow in the morning and switching to provide a 15-minute transfer going to Dunoon in the afternoon – to match the majority flow of passengers. Passengers heading in the other direction would have connection times of around 30 minutes.

Going forward, the ferry time tables are being amended to suit the railways timetable, and then the bus timetables to suit the revised ferry timetables. Jenni Minto (MSP) has been helping to push the ferry -train coordination with Fiona Heslop who is the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, so it is being pushed up quite high. A revised 489 bus timetable is likely to come out of this.

The idea to encourage a new operator for the Dunoon – Gourock ferry route is gathering momentum too.

The 2023 Stantec report for Transport Scotland and more recent press reports have suggested that rather than an improvement in the Dunoon – Gourock ferry service the operators/Transport Scotland may consider a reduction in the service – however this has also prompted more local email responses against this.

What's On Dunoon and Dunoon Community Development Trust

If you are interested to know about what is happening in Dunoon and surrounding districts have a look at the [What's On Dunoon](#) website.

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

Village Hall Weekly News

TOMORROW NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT

The next village hall Quiz hosted by John Brint will take place TOMORROW Saturday 12th October 2024. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Remember to make a date in your diary now. Members £2.50 each and Non-members £3.00. Just come along and join a table – remember to bring your own drinks and snacks. Guaranteed to be another great night.



IMPORTANT NOTICE - Heating replacement and upgrade – HALL CLOSURE

The hall will be closed from Monday 21st October for 1 week and will reopen on Monday 28th October. This is because we are starting to install the replacement heating in the hall. The installation will take place in two phases – Phase 1 is the installation of new wiring and outlets for all the new heating circuits and the installation of new radiant heaters in the main hall. This work will take place during the week that the hall is closed. Phase 2 is the installation of new Convecter Storage heaters in the ancillary areas – the date for this is still to be confirmed but we anticipate that this shouldn't require the hall to close. We hope to be able to stay open during this period and for this to take place with less disruption. We will continue to update you on this.

We apologise to all of you affected by this hall closure but we are sure that the temporary inconvenience will be worth it for improved heating in the longer term (especially as the weather turns colder).

Hall Wi-Fi and Broadband

The new hall Wi-Fi is up and running and we have now put up notices in the hall displaying the user names and password to enable hall users to access the internet. This will enable Wi-Fi calling on Apps such as WhatsApp etc. Please note: The broad band was primarily installed to enable calls to be made in the event of an emergency and also to enable the Village Hall to become the main hub and base for the Emergency Team as and when necessary. As a side benefit to this we have been able to make the broadband available to all hall users. We therefore ask that you are economical in using the broadband. On the mobile plan that the hall is running Wi-Fi calls are free to use but data isn't. Therefore, we request that you don't use the hall as an opportunity to surf the internet or download

music or films – this would use all the data and then it would not be available in an emergency. If everyone respects this then we hope that the broadband can continue to be freely available to all hall users but if the usage exceeds the data available, then sadly, we may have to restrict access in the longer term. We will actively monitor usage in the coming weeks to see how things go. Thanks again to Stuart Gray for getting this all up and running.

Advance notice - A number of exciting dates for your diary.

WREATH MAKING - 30th November or 14th December (Date to be confirmed). Neil Robinson will be hosting the wreath making again at the Village Hall. There will be an admission on the door of £TBC. Greenery (plants and leaves etc) to be brought from own gardens and shared out between participants. Bring own embellishments. Blank wreath frames will be provided – event includes hot chocolate and refreshments.

SING-ALONG - 21st December - Christmas Sing-along at “The Ardentenny” for all Ardentenny Village residents (in aid of Parkinsons and Mind). This is the same format as last year – free buffet for all but buy your own drinks. Music will be provided by The Famous Ardentenny Ukulele Band - but you have to **Sing-along!**

CHRISTMAS HUG – 25th December This will take place at “The Ardentenny” rather than on the beach. After several ‘bad weather’ days in the past it has been decided that the Ardentenny is a better place to meet up. The Ardentenny has kindly agreed that people can come along and bring their own drinks and nibbles (before the Ardentenny opens). This will enable people to meet up on Christmas day in the warm rather than in a force 9 gale on the beach. Time TBC.

HOGMANAY - 31st December – Hogmanay at the Ardentenny Village Hall – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
This event was a great success last year and many have asked for it again. Dee Robinson has agreed to act as coordinator for this but needs volunteers for this to go ahead. We have managed to secure the Elderlies Band to play at the event but Dee needs help to get this underway. PLEASE contact Dee on adina6166@gmail.com or speak to her direct if you can help to get this going. Neil Robinson has agreed to make the Hamper boxes again BUT we need donations to put in them. **We will need to have volunteers in place by say 4th November. If you are willing to help then please let Dee know. Sadly, if we don't get enough volunteers to make this viable then we will have to cancel it.**

Below is a list of the regular hall events with contact details. You can also find this on the Ardentenny Community Council web site.

That's all for now

Mark Rowthorn (Chairman), Brian Hillesdon (Secretary), Helen Rowthorn (Treasurer), Elsbeth Brint (Trustee) and Dee Robinson (Trustee)

Weekly Groups	Ardentinny Village Hall	14th– 20th Oct 2024
Village hall membership information	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Membership £12 per year from 1st April each year Pay directly into the hall account with the details below. Please write the first line of your address as the reference and email your name and the name of anyone else you are paying for including the reference that this has been done to: ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Ardentinny Hall Association A/c: 00123850 Sort: 80-13-46</p>	<p>Ukulele/Music group Please join us on from 17.30-19.30. Following our successful live debut at the bowling club, we are currently running a beginner session. All abilities welcome, spare instruments available. £3 per session, tea/coffee included. Email :- ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.</p>	<p>Ladies Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person. Contact for more info- Anne Wood 07894 274422</p>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Hobbies 7pm – 9pm All welcome for a chat and a cuppa and friendly help with your knitting/ crochet/ quilting etc. Anyone who has a hobby or would just like to drop in and meet people, please call in. Contact Margo Hendry 01369 810262 £3 per person.</p>	<p>Carpet Bowls Blairmore and Ardentinny Carpet Bowling Club 2.30pm – 4.30pm Contact Gordon Smith on 01369 810218 for enquiries.</p> <p>Tai-Chi Heavenly Mountain Gate Tai-Chi Chuan (Yang Tradition) 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 per person Contact Bryan on 07813 374879 for new enquiries.</p>	
Saturday	Sunday	Private Hire of the village hall
		<p>Contact for more information ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com £100 Per day £50 1/2 day</p>