

Your weekly News update Friday 5th July 2024

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentiny Community Council and the Village Hall.

Ardentiny Community Council News

Ardentiny Renewables Trust (ART)

We have attached the ART's mid-year newsletter to this email documenting the projects that the ART has sponsored in the village for the last 6 months and information on the upcoming AGM on 23 July.

Aria Alba – An Invitation to their dress rehearsal of Carmen 6th July @ 6.30pm – All Welcome

For the last decade or so, Aria Alba - Opera for All have spent a residential week at Ardentiny working on their next Edinburgh Fringe opera, giving a dress rehearsal performance to the residents of Ardentiny at the end of their stay.

This year, they're back with possibly the most famous opera ever - Carmen! The performance is free to attend and you don't need a ticket, however donations to Aria Alba are welcome. You'll be humming every tune from the Habanera to the Toreador song!

See you at 6.30pm on Saturday the 6th of July at the Ardentiny Outdoor Centre.

A link to their blog is here;

<https://www.ariaalba.co.uk/post/dunoon-s-own-moira-lewitt-joins-aria-alba-in-bizet-s-opera-carmen>

There will be a glass of wine as well!

Roadworks – FLS road from village hall through to the Beach, work starts 13 May 2024

Latest from Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is a start date of mid-August for the Civil Engineering work on the road past the village hall to the beach. (Initial start date was Monday 13 May 2024). Apparently, there were issues with the contract between the Contractor and FLS and now the Scottish school holidays will also apparently impact the start as well.

What's On Dunoon

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.

Ardentiny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - 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



Village Hall Weekly News

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The Extraordinary General Meeting for all Hall Members is on this Tuesday 9th July at 7.00pm in the Ardentenny Village Hall. We will be reporting back on the Residents Survey where we asked you to tell us what you think about the hall. There will, as a consequence, be important issues that Members need to vote on – some involve major planned physical changes to the hall but the most important and immediate is that the Trustees want to change the status of the hall charity from an Unincorporated Association to an Incorporated Organisation. It is therefore important to state that while the meeting is open and available to all local residents this decision can only be made by current paid up Members. We have written individually to all current hall Members explaining the reasons for the changes. If you are a member but haven't received this email please let us know (ardentennyvillagehall8@gmail.com). Please put this important EGM date in your diary.



Donations

The Hall needs lots of TLC - refurbishment to heating, disabled toilets and access, upgrades to kitchen facilities and general building maintenance, all this costs a great deal of money. With this in mind the management team have set up a number of methods to enable the community to easily donate to the community hall fund:

- i) If you don't have a smart phone and don't like using technology we have installed a donation box immediately inside the hall entrance. Please support the hall whenever you use it – this will enable us to ensure that the hall remains available for both current and future residents.

- ii) If you have a smart phone then you can scan this QR code (below) this will take you direct to a secure PayPal link and enable you to give direct to the hall – you can make a one-off donation or even regular monthly donations (if you prefer). You *don't* need to have a Paypal account to do this.



iii) If you do have a PayPal account and don't like using QR codes then if you highlight and press Control+Click on this link you can give directly to the hall using PayPal.me

[PayPal.Me/ardentinnyhall](https://www.paypal.me/ardentinnyhall)

(you can also do this by simply typing this into your Browser)

Please give, because none of this is possible without your support - "every little helps"

New Broad band and Wi-Fi calling

The external ariel is now up and the rest of the Broadband equipment is being installed as I write – this will enable us to make Wi-Fi calls in an emergency. Having Broadband available is important because the hall is designated as the emergency hub if anything occurs anywhere in the village and we are now able to call direct from the hall.

Village Hall Quiz Night

The next monthly Village Hall Quiz is on **Saturday 13th July don't miss out – put it in your diary now!**

Membership

If you want to be part of the EGM and be involved in the future of the hall then it's still not too late to become a member.

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

That's all for now

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

Weekly Groups	Ardentinny Village Hall	8 th July - 14 th July 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>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	Hiring the village hall
<p> 7pm Quiz night at the hall Open 7pm for 7.30pm £2.50 Members £3.00 non members Please join any table you wish (max 6 per table) Bring your own drinks and nibbles- come and gave some fun prizes for the winners and bonus ball</p>		<p>Contact for more information ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com £100 Per day £50 1/2 day</p>