

Your weekly news update from 21st July 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentinny Community Council News

General Information

You may have noticed that Argyll and Bute Council have installed another general waste bin at the Church Car Park, this has occurred after the Community Council asked Council Sinclair for help in getting one, so thanks go to him. Hopefully it will reduce the risk of overflow during the summer months.

Defibrillators

We are now looking into how to obtain funding for more defibrillators in the village, with Ardenfield as a first location under consideration. We will be seeking input from the residents on a suitable location in/around Ardenfield in the coming weeks.

Ardentinny Renewables Trust

The AGM for the Renewables Trust is on Tuesday 25th July, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, all welcome.

Events

Ardentinny Beach Gala at The Outdoor Centre - Saturday 29 July

The gala celebrating 50 years of the Outdoor Centre is on soon, more info in the Village Hall section below.

From Benmore Gardens;

Saturday 22nd July 2023 - Forest Bathing Walk at Benmore Botanic Garden - Meet at 1.45pm for registration – walk begins 2pm until 4pm

Following our first forest bathing walk in April, we are delighted to offer the opportunity to experience another forest bathing walk through the garden. This slow and gentle walk will take you along the Younger Walk to the top of the Redwood Avenue heading towards our Silent Space within the Golden Gates arboretum. Ruth Overington, a local Forest Bathing Practitioner will guide you through the walk while inviting you to connect senses to nature, to sit or lie down "canopy gaze" or just quiet reflection and some nature poetry. This lovely afternoon will conclude with everyone sitting together with a cup of herbal tea.

Numbers are limited to 10, for more information and booking – email SGray@rbge.org.uk Please dress for the weather. Garden admission applies to non-members.

Thursday 17th August 2023 - Exploring the Bhutanese Glade

Take a strenuous early evening walk to the Bhutanese Pavilion where we will rest for a while, admire the views and enjoy a few light refreshments. Constructed in the early part of 2013, the Pavilion has provided visitors with the perfect seat to experience the marvellous flora of Bhutan and fine views of the Bhutanese Glade and Massan valley.

Booking essential - SGray@rbge.org.uk Donations for refreshments welcome. End Time: 17:30

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 so search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall News

Hi Everyone,

Ardentinny Beach Gala Saturday the 29th of July (2 Weeks to go)

Hopefully you will have seen posters and flyers in town as well as postings on the Ardentinny Residents Forum.

If all goes to plan and the weather plays nice, the village should be crowded with people coming to enjoy themselves.

Thank you to the walled garden who have kindly loaned us the use of 2 of their gazebos for the day.

We are having another meeting on Wednesday next week to finalise timings for volunteers to meet next Friday to help set things up and for home baking to be dropped off.

I will contact the volunteers, stall holders and people who are baking to give timings for everything so there will be an update either Wednesday night or early Thursday.

Thank you to Susie who has contacted the Dunoon Observer for an advertisement to be put in there. This should be in today and I've heard it's hard to miss. Hopefully this will generate interest for the last few remaining tables so if you are interested in booking one, it's not too late to book. Please email ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com and address this to Susie Robertson who is dealing with this.

We are also looking for anyone who can do facepainting as a last event to add to the day. Just something that popped into my head as an extra for the little ones, so no worries if this doesn't happen.

We have very kindly had permission from the Kennedy's to use the car park at Culzean house as well as at the hall and the car park next to the church. There will be signs at both ends of the village advising cars to slow down for children and people crossing.

The caravan has gone from the village hall car park as this is no longer required.

Thank you to Guy Elder for keeping the outside of the hall looking good with cutting the grass and strimming the area on a regular basis.

There have also been 2 occasions when Neil, Guy, Susie and Mike have been clearing the mill pond area to make the outside of the hall look tidier.

Hopefully this will be a good day and if the weather is good, this will be an even better day!

We look forward to seeing you all there.

BT/Internet Update

Thank you to Mike for letting us know what's been happening with this.

We were given an incorrect quote for the price of installing the line, so Openreach cancelled the order but failed to let anyone know. We have been informed that the issue has been raised with BT Wholesale but apparently, their back log is very high, and they cannot give any timescales for when this may be resolved.

As Openreach are the only company that install the lines, we will have to wait until this is complete and the length of the contract has been fulfilled. After that, we will be able to move to another provider.

Quiz Nights

These are cancelled for now and we are hoping to start up again either August or September.

Ukulele/Music group

Hi Everyone,

Please join us on Mondays from 18.00-19.30. Beginners to George Formby welcomed, spare ukuleles available. £2 per session, tea/coffee included.

Email us at ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.

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 or just grab us around the village anytime

Kind Regards,

Dee.

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary