

Weekly News update from 21st April 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentinny Community Council

CPR and Defibrillator Training (Saturday 29th April @ 10am in the Village Hall)

The CPR and Defibrillator Course will be held on Saturday 29 April, starting at 10am. The course is free and since we have had quite a response the instructors will run two courses back-to-back at 10am and then 11am. Once I have final numbers, I will advise those who should come at 11am.

Please register your interest at ardentinnycc@gmail.com

There will be tea and coffee, and if you would like to leave a donation to St. John Scotland at the end, they would greatly appreciate it.

Beach Clean 30th April – Volunteers Please

Marian Norris (Ardentinny Heritage and Conservation Group) is arranging a beach clean for Sunday 30th April at 12 noon. So, we are looking for some helpers. Litter pickers and rubbish bags will be provided. The plan is to start from the church car park and end up at the picnic site where we will leave the rubbish. Arrangements will be made with the council to pick it up, and then the volunteers are invited along to the hall for refreshments. Please reply to our email ardentinnycc@gmail.com if you wish to help.

Reminder - Mobile Phone Alarm from the Government this Sunday

A UK-wide alerts test will take place on Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3 pm which will see most mobile phones in the country ring out an alarm. **PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THE ALERT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE UNTIL YOU HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT.**

The government's new emergency alerts service is designed to warn citizens if their life is at risk. The alert will sound during events such as severe flooding, fire or a terrorist attack. All compatible phones will sound a siren for ten seconds and display a warning message until it is dismissed by the user. The alarm will sound even if the phone is on silent. Tablets with access to cellular networks will also receive the alerts.

For further information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/launch-of-life-saving-public-emergency-alerts>

Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

Just to let you know we have been revamping the existing Community Council website which you can find here - www.ardentinnycc.co.uk

Also the Facebook page has been updated search for **Ardentinny Community Council**

Ardentinny in the Dunoon Observer

There is a great article on the Glenfinart Walled Garden on the Centre pages, the project is shortlisted for the Dobbies "Help Your Community Grow Award". If you want the Walled Garden to win go to the Dobbies website and vote at dobbies.com/helping-your-community-grow. Select Braehead as your local store. Voting closes Tuesday April 25th.

Some of you will have spotted the article in our local paper on the car park charges at the beach car park. The Community Council were asked for our opinion on this by the reporter and duly sent him a note. However, it appears he has not used it and gone back to use an old report. Not sure why but there you go.

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

Please see information which Neil has sent as an update to the latest improvements which are being made to the hall.

I am pleased to announce the village hall management group have successfully applied to the national lottery awards for all funding and been granted a total fund of £4500 for the hall, the money granted plus money from our own fund-raising activities will be used to provide the following:

loft and underfloor insulation (this will be completed next week and there should be minimal disruption for the groups this will only cover the main hall and kitchen areas as the toilet areas need to have some extensive works carried out on them

New instantaneous hot water systems in both the kitchen area and WC areas the old system will be removed.

New lighting in all areas including under the stage, these will be dimmable in the main hall.

A full electrical check and repairs on some of the poor electrical aspects of the hall this will also include the provision of an outdoor socket which will enable us to do more outside the hall.

A local electrician has been appointed to carry out the electrical works.

Future works include the installing of internet facility's this is not part of this fund and the hall has raised the capital to fund this installation which we hope will be up and running shortly just waiting on the BT engineers to do their bit.

Going forward we do have plans to refurbish and re-instate the kitchen area so we can once again look to use this facility and once a fund has been found we will look to renew the heating system in the hall.

Neil

Thank you to Babs Marshall who has volunteered to collect hall membership fees from Ardenfield. Please see the attached document which gives more information about hall fees. If anyone can't access this, please email Dee at ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com I will be happy to copy and paste this in a reply to you.

Thank you to everyone who took the time from their day and volunteered to tidy the grassed area opposite the outdoor centre. This is looking much better.
We are looking for volunteers to finish this on **Saturday 13th May at 10am - 12 noon**. Teas and coffees will be provided in the hall afterwards.

We are looking for volunteers to clean the hall on a rota basis. This could be on a 4- or 6-week rota depending on how many volunteers there are.

The new treasurer taking over from Susie will be announced at the AGM on **Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm**.

Please note below the following events over the next few months

The warm space project is now completed on the stage area with radiators which are on a programmed timer, tables and access to the kitchen where there is a microwave and toaster should anyone want to use these to cook a warm meal. Tea and coffee are also available on a donation basis.

Anyone wanting to use this please contact ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

Other Events

22nd April Quiz night is going ahead, and we hope to see you all there.

Can anyone think of any ideas for an event we could hold to mark the King's Coronation on the weekend 5th-7th May. This could be anything and does not necessarily have to be held in the hall.

New group for the hall

Ukulele/Music group

Hi Everyone,

The music group has been up and running for a number of weeks. We are learning the ukulele but are not restricting the group to just this instrument.

Other instruments welcomed, but not taught.

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.

Summer combined event

The village hall has been liaising with the outdoor centre prior to the Christmas break, for those that are unaware the outdoor centre is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. With this in mind we have decided to band together and run a large summer event over one day at the outdoor centre and on the beach area.

This will be held on Saturday the 29th of July

To make the event happen we do require a number of volunteers to help us coordinate and run certain parts of the day.

We have volunteers to do the burger stand, however, this could change due to holiday commitments.

More on this when we have finalised all events which are taking place.

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,

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary