

Weekly news update from 31st March 2023

Hi All,

Here is our weekly news from the Community Council and the Village Hall, plus information on events at Glenfinart Walled Garden and Ardentinnny Bowling Club for you.

General News

“The Ardentinnny” is opening

Pleased to inform you that “The Ardentinnny” is planning to open on Thursday afternoon 6th April from 3 – 6 pm, with some food samplers for the village to try (free) and, if you like, have a drink (not free). More information will follow on their Facebook page with future opening hours, they will be open for business as normal from Friday 7th. We wish them every success!

Ardentinnny Community Council News.

Ardentinnny Beach FLS Car Park

Some of you have been posting on Facebook asking about the start of car park charging at the beach, and it is indeed tomorrow April 1st 2023 (not an April Fool!).

I have attached a link to the Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) webpage for the beach with more details. <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/forest-parks/argyll-forest-park/ardentinnny>

You will note that the “Stay The Night” for visitors option for self-contained motorhomes has also stopped. In fact, it appears that all sorts of overnight stays are not allowed, but if that is going to happen then FLS will have to police the beach themselves. I am curious to see how that goes.

We, as residents, have to pay to park and use our beach (£25 for a yearly pass), I am not impressed.

Potholes at the Village Hall

I have been told by FLS that their Civils Team plan to fill in the potholes outside the Village Hall next week. Fingers Crossed!

CPR and Defibrillator Training (still awaiting confirmation of the date)

We have been in contact with St. John Scotland and we are in the process of arranging a CPR and Defibrillator training in mid-late April, on a Saturday morning. The course will be free and take about an hour. We plan to run it in the Village Hall. Once we have confirmed dates I will be back in touch. For now, if you are interested in coming to the course, then please get in touch so that I can tell the instructors of the likely numbers. 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. Please register your interest at ardentinnnycc@gmail.com

Ardentinnny Community Emergency Plan

One more call for people who would be willing to volunteer and assist in one or more of the following areas as appropriate;

- check on vulnerable people
- collect provisions and prescriptions
- clear snow
- help to provide shelter, warmth and food and drinks (the Village Hall would be our primary location for this)

Also, we are still looking for people with particular skills and/or equipment that could help in an emergency e.g.

- First Aid training
- Nurse practitioner
- Electrical Skills
- Plumbing Skills
- Access to a 4x4

- qualified chainsaw user
- a tractor or quad bike
- Social Worker/Care Worker
- Access to a Boat

There are no obligations on anyone that volunteers – it will just mean that we may call you in an emergency to ask if you are free to help.

Thank you in advance, please reply to our email ardentinnycc@gmail.com or catch one of us in the village if you have queries. A big thank you to those who have already stuck their hand up!

Beach Clean 30th April

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.

Events

Glenfinart Walled Garden – Please note update to starting time

Easter Fun Day: Sunday 9 April **12-4pm** – Easter Egg Hunt/stalls/burgers. Free Entry, fun for all the family

Volunteer Days – Every Wednesday and Thursday 11-2.30pm. All welcome.

sec@glenfinartgarden.org

Ardentinny Bowling Club

Opening Day Saturday 1 April from 2pm.

Memberships available and the club welcomes both experienced and first-time bowlers from the Shore villages and beyond, all you need is a flat pair of shoes.

For more info, email: Rbdevine0@gmail.com

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

We are looking for volunteers for several events which are happening in the next few weeks.

Would it be possible for volunteers from Ardenfield, and Swedish Houses to collect membership fees for those 2 areas please.

Anyone who is out on the day of the collection will have a letter with the hall bank details as an option to pay. If there is anyone who has been missed, or prefers to pay cash, please email ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com and someone will call to collect this. Another option would be to post this in the post-box outside the village hall where only 2 people have a key.

Saturday 1st April, we are organising a clean up of the grassed area opposite the outdoor centre at 10am, ready for the Village Beach Gala which is taking place on Saturday 29th July. There will be drinks and biscuits in the hall after. Please email Dee on ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com if you are available for any of these. Thank you.
IMPORTANT Can anyone who has boats, equipment etc. please move this so this can be done as smoothly as possible. Thank you.

We are currently in talks with the new treasurer who will be taking over from Susie from April which is the start of the new tax year.

As mentioned in our previous update, we were contacted about a new newsletter launching which covers Kilmun, Strone, Blairmore, Ardentinnny, Loch Eck etc. Dee was given two copies of the East Cowal Echo and this has been pinned to the notice board in the hall. There is also a copy on one of the tables in the warm space area.

A second issue is planned for mid to late April (deadline Friday 7th April) after which a review will be conducted with your feedback welcomed. Please could groups let Dee know if they would like their information and details to be included in this so a response can be sent with everything included. Please contact ardentinnnyvillagehall8@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you. Please note below the following events over the next few months

Broadband will shortly be set up in the hall although this is taking longer than we first anticipated due to the line which needs to be installed and there is no clear line of sight.

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 ardentinnnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

Other Events

New group for the hall Ukulele/Music group

Hi Everyone,

The music group has been up and running for 6 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 ardentinnny.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 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.

To date these are for:

Bar/radio and burgers need to have volunteers and be staffed/resources

Grassed area where Nuddy's boat, the Girl Sharon was, needs to be cleared and we need to organise a date and a works party to help clear all this area up de-weed it and get it ready as that's where the burger area and bar area will be placed.

If you would like to volunteer, then please email Dee on ardentinnnyvillagehall8@gmail.com and let her know. The more people we get on board the easier and better the day will be.

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: ardentinnnyvillagehall8@gmail.com or just grab us around the village anytime

Regards
Ardentinny village hall committee