

Weekly news update from 7th April 2023

Hi All,

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

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 will be 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

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

Benmore Gardens have some activities coming up

Rhododendrons and other Spring Delights - Join our garden walk for an afternoon of spring delights.

Meet at the covered notice board. Garden admission applies to non-members.

Venue: Benmore Garden (outdoors)

Date: Thursday 13th April 2023

Start Time: 14:00 End Time: 16:00

Forest Bathing Walk at Benmore Botanic Garden

Thursday 20 April - meet at 1.45pm for registration – walk begins 2pm until 4pm

A new concept for Benmore – we are delighted to invite you to experience a 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.

Have good Easter Weekend,

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

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

Thank you to Babs who has volunteered to collect the membership fees from Ardenfield.

At this time, we will be asking everyone if they would like to have their email information added to our list so they can be made aware of any news and upcoming events in the village.

We are looking for another volunteer who can collect membership fees from the Swedish Houses 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 15th April

The Easter quiz will be held on this date due to other events being held over the busy Easter weekend.

2nd May

The Hall Management Group are holding their AGM at 7pm in the hall. All welcome.

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 ardentinnyvillagehall8@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 ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

Other Events

New group for the hall

Ukulele/Music group

Hi Everyone,

The music group has been up and running for a few 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 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

Regards

Ardentinny village hall committee