

Weekly news update from 14th April 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentiny Community Council

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) and the Beach Car Park Picnic Site

As we mentioned in one of our previous weekly notes FLS are now charging for day use of the car park at the beach. In addition, they are totally confusing matters by promoting the site as a day use only car park on their website and at the beach pay booth, but are offering the Stay at Night option on the other noticeboard at the beach! We have written to FLS expressing our concerns and to get clarity on what exactly is their policy for the site. We await a reply to our questions.

Potholes on road to Beach

Pleased to say that after our request, FLS have repaired the vast majority of the potholes on the way past the Village Hall and on to the Beach car park. The remaining planned improvements to the road still await planning permission from the National Park apparently.

Operational Update received from FLS

Just received an operational update covering upcoming works and events within our community council area;

As part of works for Dunoon – Garelochhead OHPL, SSEN will be using Scottish Woodlands to fell timber in the Knap block and haulage of machinery will commence around the 24th April. There is also the potential for felling in the area above Clunie Oakwoods to start around the same time and access for heavy machinery and haulage will also be through nursery fields.

Timber haulage very likely to go through Ardentiny village for part of these areas.

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 ardentinycc@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 (Ardentiny 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 ardentinycc@gmail.com if you wish to help.

Benmore Gardens have some activities coming up

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.

Regards

John

Ardentiny Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

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 ardentinyvillagehall8@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.

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
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. This is still ongoing as we are waiting for BT to come back to us.

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 ardentinyvillagehall8@gmail.com

Other Events

15th April Quiz night has been cancelled to 22nd April due to covid.

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 6 weeks. We are learning the ukulele but are not restricting the group to just this instrument.

Other instruments are 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 ardentiny.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