

## **Weekly news update from 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

Hi All,

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

### **Ardentinny Community Council News**

#### **Argyll Rally – 23rd - 24th June 2023**

Final reminder that the Argyll Rally will include the Whistlefield Stage on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

The Larach will be closed from 10:30 to 19:30, with a potential residents window open between 14:20 and 15:15.

The road in the village is closed just after the turn into the Village Hall (as you come from the South), so access to the beach, bowling club etc is still ok.

The cars will come through the remainder of the village after the stages, as they head back to Dunoon.

#### **Public Toilets Church Car Park**

The Community Council would like to thank the Ardentinny Renewables Trust for approving our application for funds, which allows us to have a local cleaning company make a weekly visit to clean the toilets. These funds plus contributions from Ardentinny Community Council and Argyll & Bute Council will allow us to have a cleaning contract in place for the next year.

It will keep this Community Asset in a respectable shape and level of cleanliness, and importantly, open for another year. Thank you.

#### **Benmore Gardens**

Here is an activity at Benmore Gardens which may be of interest;

#### **Wildflower Walk Tuesday 4 July, 2pm**

Join Phil Lusby, Research Associate, RBGE, as he takes you for a walk to explore the wildflowers of Benmore Botanic Garden.

Meet at the covered notice board, just past admissions.

Garden admission applies to non-members.

#### **Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website**

The Community Council website can be found here - [www.ardentinnycc.co.uk](http://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

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### **Ardentinny Village Hall News**

Hi Everyone,

After contacting BT/Outreach to find out why the installation of the line is taking so long, it appears there has been several issues from their side which resulted in them completely cancelling the account without notifying anyone.

We are still looking into this and will keep you updated.

The hall will be open tomorrow for teas and coffees between 11.30 and 2 for the rally. Apologies for the short notice, there was an issue with the organiser being unable to contact me, however, this has been sorted.

Two brand new BBQ's and 2 gazebos have now been delivered which will make organising events and outside functions more achievable.

These are also available for the village to use for a donation to the village hall. A set of guidelines for using these will be explained to anyone who is interested and will be posted on the notice board in the hall once these have been written up.

You may be pleased to know, there has been outside interest from people wishing to book the hall for personal events as word is getting out there about the upgrades and improvements. This is all positive and will help towards raising funds for the hall which will benefit everyone.

### **Completed**

All lighting and electrical work has now been completed apart from a cooker socket which there is no rush for at the moment. Thank you to our local electrician Harry for working all hours on his days off and between other jobs.

Instead of an immersion heater, there is now instant hot water which makes things easier for holding any events which were mentioned above as well as our regular users.

The old water tank which has been removed, is plastic and we are hoping to recycle this for storing grit, sand, and salt for the roads in winter.

As the hall is now watertight, the window to the right of the hall has now been plastered and the supports removed. Thank you to Guy Elder for this.

### **Still to be completed**

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.

**I have had the odd person mention they have not paid a membership fee. Please can this be done as soon as possible please. Thank you.**

We currently have 4 volunteers to clean the hall on a rota basis. Thank you, this is very much appreciated. After speaking with the CC at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, we are still looking at other options. Updates to follow once we know more.

Please note below the following events over the next few months

### **Quiz Nights**

These are cancelled for now and will start up again in September.

### **Ardentinny Beach Gala Saturday the 29th of July (5 Weeks to go)**

There will be a total of 30 tables in the Outdoor Centre for anyone wishing to sell arts, crafts, bric-a-brac etc. To book a table, please email [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) and address this to Susie Robertson who is dealing with this. Thank you.

The 2 volunteers to do the burger stand on the beach have confirmed they are able to do this so a big thank you to both.

The 2 BBQ's have now been delivered and will make things a lot easier for you on the day.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Unforeseeable circumstances now meant the outdoor centre does not have as many staff to assist as we first thought. Please could anyone who would like to volunteer with the Ardentinny Gala, please contact Dee on the link below. Thank you.**

### **Home Baking**

We are looking for volunteers to provide lots and lots of home baking, biscuits buns and cakes. Please can you contact Dee on [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) so a list can be made, and we have an idea how much we have. Thank you.

### **Setting Up/Running an Event**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting this up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July as well as run one of the events which are taking place. Please email Dee on the above address so a list can be made. We are having another meeting with the Outdoor Centre next week and getting close to finalising things.

Other events are archery, paddle boarding, canoeing, a treasure hunt, and other family events. There will also be live music and the Ardentinny have kindly offered to run a beer tent.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) or just grab us around the village anytime

Kind Regards,

Dee.

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary