

Weekly news update from 2nd June 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentinny Community Council

Ardentinny Community Council next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 6 June 2023, AGM @ 7pm followed by Public Meeting @ 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Come along and hear the latest on our work on the Residents Survey plus other topics. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be there!

National Park

We received an email bulletin from the National Park, click on this [link](#) to have a read.

Here is the web address which you can paste into your browser if you have problems;

<https://mailchi.mp/7ee7000811ed/covid19-coronavirus-23march2020-5436400?e=aa1c7d6a44>

Benmore Gardens

Here are activities at Benmore Gardens which may be of interest;

Fern Fever Thursday 15 June, 2pm.

Embrace the Victorian Fern craze with a guided walk to the Fern Gully and a tour of our extraordinary Victorian Fernery at Benmore Botanic Garden.

Booking SGray@rbge.org.uk

Garden admission applies to non-members.

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.

Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally – 23rd - 24th June 2023

Reminder that the Argyll Rally will include the Whistlefield Stage on Saturday 24th June.

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

This will affect residents at the north end of the village, I understand that the Rally organisers have dropped in leaflets advising you of the closures. If not, please drop me an email and I will find out further information for you.

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

Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

Just to let you know we continue to revamp the existing Community Council website which you can find here - 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

Ardentinny Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

New instantaneous hot water systems in both the kitchen area and WC areas are being installed and the old systems have been removed. The work for these is still ongoing, however, there is no disruption to the running of the groups.

We have noticed the Immersion Heater is switched which may have something to do with the new water heating so please leave this on.

Issues with one of the female toilets and the male toilet have been brought to our attention and will be sorted as soon as we can. Until then, only one of the female toilets are working and the male toilet has been fixed and can be used.

The fire extinguishers have had their annual test and a new certificate is pinned up on the pinboard near the external door.

Still to be completed

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 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.

Still to be completed

Future works include the installation of internet facilities that are 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.

I have been advised by a small number of people that not all memberships have been paid. Can anyone who has not paid a membership, please do so before the end of this month before the new Treasurer takes over completely. Thank you.

We currently have 4 volunteers to clean the hall on a rota basis. Thank you, this is very much appreciated, and I will draw up a rota as soon as possible.

If there are other people who would like to volunteer, this will also be appreciated as I would prefer 2 people to do this rather than 1 being on their own, obviously for safety reasons.

This will be picked up once the new hot water systems have been completed. Although, this is being cleaned as the work is being done, this will be picked up once the new hot water systems have been completed.

Please note below the following events over the next few months

Quiz Nights

The last few quiz nights have not been as well attended as they have been previously. We thought this could be due to people taking advantage of the longer days and warmer weather, so are maybe going away on holidays or maybe have families coming to visit and enjoy our lovely village.

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

Grassed Area Tidy Up

Thank you to the volunteers who turned up to complete the tidy up of the grassed area in front of the outdoor centre. This is looking great, and we are just waiting for the area to be levelled at some point in the near future.

Ardentinny Beach Gala Saturday the 29th of July

Due to this event, the Walled Garden have kindly cancelled their annual picnic this year so the Beach Gala will have live music from The Elderly Brothers and the whole village will be working together.

Another meeting with the Outdoor Centre has taken place and the latest information is:

There will be 30 stalls inside the outdoor centre for anyone wishing to sell their wares.

If you would like to book a table, Susie is organising this. For more information, please contact her by emailing ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

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 so a list can be made, and we have an idea how much we have. Thank you.

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.

As things are now, we have volunteers to do the burger stand on the beach, however, this could change due to holiday commitments.

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 for further info.

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