

Your weekly news update 27th October 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentinny Community Council News

Beach Clean

Thanks to all who helped at the beach clean last Sunday, it is greatly appreciated.



Forestry and Land Scotland

Here is the latest update we received from Forestry and Land Scotland with relevant items for the Ardentinny community council area.

- Our team are working to assess the extent of storm damage across Cowal, we are aware that the path at the East end of Ardentinny beach has suffered washout and that many forest roads have been damaged, making them currently impassable. Repairs are being prioritised by our delivery team;
- Our seasonal patrols will come to an end on Sunday 29th October with the visitor season coming to an end;
- Stay the Night Winter trail – Following the success of Stay the night over the last few seasons we have made the decision to keep the scheme running over the winter. Weekly site checks will remain in place through this period to monitor the site.
- We are aware that the parking machine has been vandalised and are organising an engineer to come along and fix the machine, in the meantime RingGo is still available for site users to pay for parking on site.

Bus Timetable

Based on minutes we have received from the meeting of the Cowal Transport forum held in September, there are still no plans by West Coast Motors to reinstate the pre-COVID timetable through the Shore Villages and to Innellan. Kilmun Community Council have been leading the effort to re-establish the early morning bus and the later evening buses. It has been highlighted that this is detrimental to the community, limits opportunity, limits the economy of the area and the prospect of employment. This item will continue to be raised at the Transport Forum. Ardentinny CC have given their full support Kilmun CC in this matter and will assist them where possible going forward.

Ardentinny Renewables Trust

Just a quick update on what's been happening since the mid-year newsletter. A couple of funded projects have been completed in the village namely the new blinds in the village hall and the picnic benches on the shore by the slip. As well as those, ART have contributed to the funding of the contract for the cleaning of the toilets in the car park by the church. More details will be in the ART end of year Newsletter.

There is currently £13,000 in the fund available for new projects, so if you are a member of ART and have an idea of a project that benefits the village or the local environment and you would like funding support, then please request an application form from ardentinnyrenewabletrust@gmail.com

Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - www.ardentinnycc.co.uk

The Facebook page has been updated search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall News

Hi Everyone,
I hope this update finds you all well.

Can anyone wanting to book for Hogmanay and the Christmas Fair, please email ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com rather than my personal email.

Important Request: Can anyone who has already booked a table either by email or through me personally, please email the hall account so I can be sure I have everyone. This will make it easier to follow and make sure I haven't missed anyone from my list. Thank you.

Monday

Ukulele/Music group

Please join us on from 18.00-19.30.

Following our successful live debut at the bowling club, we are currently running a beginner session.

All abilities welcome, spare instruments available.

£2 per session, tea/coffee included.

Email us at ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.

Tuesday

Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm

£3 per person.

Wednesday

Hobbies 7pm – 9pm

Anyone who has a hobby or would just like to drop in and meet people, please call in.

£2 per person.

Thursday Afternoon

October – March

2pm – 4pm

Indoor bowls membership £25 during these times and non-members £2.50 per person

Thursday Evening

Heavenly Mountain Gate Tai-Chi Chuan (Yang Tradition)

6.30pm – 7.30pm

£5 per person

Contact Bryan on 07813 374879 for new enquiries.

October

Bowling Club

28th October Hallowe'en Party 7pm at the bowling club.

Beach Clean

Sunday 22nd October 11.30am



This was well attended so a big thank you to everyone who volunteered and who attended the hall for a warm drink after. It was good to have a catch up.

Sausage sizzle on the beach (weather permitting)

Due to the weather and work commitments, we have delayed this until November.

November

Saturday 11th November

Music Quiz by Mike Loochin

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Members: Free entry

Table £5

Wednesday 22nd November

Decorate the hall.

Decorate the tree outside.

Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre to be held at the Outdoor Centre.

Saturday 25th November 11am-2pm £10 a table

The village residents have first option to book a table until the end of October.

As of next week, the information will be sent to other stall holders who have attended in the past. These get snapped up very quickly so please be sure to book early and guarantee your place.

People from the village are already asking for tables, so you may not wish to leave it too long.

The centre will be open for stallholders to set up any time after 2pm on Friday 24th November.

Please contact ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com if you would like to book a table.

Santa will be at the outdoor centre where he can be seen by everyone and have their photo taken for a small donation.

Wreath Making

Saturday 2nd December 11.30

£7.50 per person

Warm drinks provided.

This was a success last year and was requested again for this year.

Places are being booked already which is great. Thank you to those who have booked so far.

Kilmun Hall

Friday 8th December

Concert by Cowal Handbell Ringers and Strone Primary School.

Time to be confirmed but 1.30'ish until 3.00

Friday 15th December 5pm

Ardentinny Christmas Sing Along

Thank you everyone for supporting all the groups, events and functions.

As a thank you and to celebrate Christmas, the Hall Management Group would like to invite the village to a sing along at the Ardentinny Bistro.

There will be live music, Christmas carols and other songs.

A free buffet will be provided from 6pm and the bar will be open for you to buy drinks until closing at 11pm.

Although this is a closed function for the village for the night, any guests who may be visiting you over the festive period are very welcome to come too.

This is a chance for everyone to get together and have a good time and basically, another excuse to have a party.

Hogmanay

Doors open at 7. £6 entry per person to be paid on the night.

Fun and Games until 10.

Elderly Brothers from 10 until the bells and beyond.

Live music by the Elderly Brothers

Quizzes and Games. Some of these could be for a small fee so you may need to bring some money with you.

Boozy Christmas Raffle and Prizes

Any guests who may be visiting you over the festive period are very welcome to come too. Places have been booked already which is great and thank you to everyone who has already booked. If anyone would like to pay before the event, please let me know if you would like to pay or have paid straight into the hall account or drop the money to me where I will give you a receipt. Thank you. Bring your own bottle and snacks.

Boozy Christmas Raffle. (To be drawn on the night at Hogmanay)

We are hoping to be able to have 5 decent prizes of several bottles or more and are still looking for donations. so if anyone would like to donate a prize for this, it would be much appreciated. The more donations, the bigger the 5 prizes will be.

Coming sometime in January will be the Ardentinnny Scone Off!!!

This will be a competition for who can make the best sweet and savoury scones with 1st, 2nd. and 3rd prizes.

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

Kind Regards,

Dee.

Ardentinnny Hall Management Group Secretary