

## Your weekly news update 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Hi All,

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

### Ardentinny Community Council News

#### **Ardentinny Community Council Public Meeting**

The public meeting of the Ardentinny Community Council was held in the village hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We will send out a copy of the minutes in due course. Thank you to those who attended the meeting.



#### **Fish Farm Latest**

The following is a note that we received from David McDowall, relating to the fish farm activities in our area;

“Hi Everyone,

Animal Concern (<https://www.animalconcern.org/>) have told us that the BBC Countryfile programme this Sunday will have a heavy Scottish bent and be looking at the proposed semi-closed tech on Loch Long. They are working with Animal Equality, Compassion in World Farming and others on a social media campaign during and after the broadcast to debunk any misinformation in the programme. We'll be working with them to help get the message out.

They'd like to see twitter (X)/Facebook/instagram etc contributions from locals who strongly oppose the fish farm. Quotes from the Loch Long community would be excellent. Also if possible a 'selfie' video stating your personal view on the development would help. Highlighting the animal welfare aspect would be good. Just a short 60 second clip would be fine (maybe with the Loch in the background, if possible, but not essential!). Hilary has already put one together highlighting the fish welfare and the greenwashing efforts by LLS as well as the topic of waste. If you are able to put a wee selfie together, please let me know.

I've put together a quick 'LLS Rebuttal' sheet at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oTgRQAmxnx40e-WRtRGYA408QTzmkLcQ1Grfzw0-5s0/edit?usp=sharing> which has a few facts and statements made by LLS in the past which may help you. I'm sure you'll all have your own ideas on how to respond to any mis/disinformation in the programme.

I'm awaiting a #hashtag from Animal Concern which should be included in your social media posts and will send this later.

Hopefully you can all help out on this one to ensure we counter any spin coming from Loch Long Salmon in the programme.

Thanks, and regards,

David

AFFtheClyde “

#### **National Park Update**

Click on this [link](#) to read the latest newsletter sent out by the National Park.

#### **Events**

**Middle Eastern Feast Fundraiser Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7 pm**

Peter Wilson from the Outdoor centre is inviting residents to a Fundraising dinner in support of his sponsored Cycle ride to raise funds for Medical Aid in Palestine.

Tickets are £30 per person (BYOB) and can be obtained from Peter at [peter@ardentinycentre.org.uk](mailto:peter@ardentinycentre.org.uk)

Only 50 seats available so be quick!

### **Events at Benmore Botanic Gardens**

**Giants of Benmore** - Thursday 21 September 2pm – 4pm

Join our tour and discover our impressive tree collection which includes 160-year-old Giant Redwoods, Douglas Firs, Scots Pines and Monkey Puzzles. Meet at the covered notice board, just past admissions. Garden admission applies to non-members.

### **Guided Walks**

Every Tuesday and Sunday at 2pm Join our garden guide for a seasonal walk. Meet at the covered notice board just past admissions. Garden admission applies to non-members.

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

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

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

Regards

John

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## **Ardentiny Village Hall News**

Hi Everyone,  
Hope you are all well.

As some of you may have seen, 2 tables have been placed on the beach opposite the outdoor centre. Thank you to ART, the Community Council and Peter Wilson from the outdoor centre for the funding donated for these.

Also thank you to everyone who helped put them together.

It's great to see these are popular already with a good number of people using them.

### **BT/Internet Update**

We are looking at the option of having this installed with a satellite dish as with the majority of people having mobile phones, there is no need for a phone line.

Quiz Night

**Saturday 9th September**

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Members: Free entry

Table £5

Bring your own drinks, snacks, glasses.

Prize for the winners to be determined on the night.

A fun way to spend an evening and display or improve your knowledge.

Although the outdoor centre is running a charity event the same night, this will be the start of the quiz nights. This is the only time this month we can hold the quiz night due to the hall being booked out so if

anyone has any ideas for a theme for Neil to run with, or even run yourself, please let us know by emailing: [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com)

## **October**

### **Walled Garden Harvest Fair**

1<sup>st</sup> October

### **Bowling Club**

From 5<sup>th</sup> October the Bowling will be in the village hall every Thursday until next year.

9<sup>th</sup> October Macmillan Afternoon Tea 2pm

28<sup>th</sup> October Hallowe'en Party 7pm

### **Sausage sizzle on the beach (weather permitting)**

Dates and times to be confirmed.

### **Hallowe'en Quiz Night**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

## **November**

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Music Quiz by Mike Loochin

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Decorate the hall.

Decorate the tree outside.

## **December Dates and times of functions to be confirmed.**

### **Boozy Christmas Raffle.**

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.

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

Please contact the usual address if you would like to book a table.

Possible Santa's Grotto

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Come along and sing some Christmas songs. Details to be confirmed.

### **Wreath Making**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11.30

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

### **Hogmanay**

Timings TBC

£6 entry per person to be paid on the night. If you are considering bringing guests, please book in advance to secure a table.

Live music by the Elderly Brothers.

Quizzes and Games

Raffle and Prizes

Bring your own bottle and snacks.

### **Ukulele/Music group**

Please join us on Mondays from 18.00-19.30.

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

All abilities welcome, spare instruments available.

£2 per session, tea/coffee included.

Email us at [ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com) for further info.

### **Blairmore**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of September, The Elderly Brothers are playing at Blairmore hall in the evening. Timings TBC

### **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