SHIELDAIG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The Shieldaig Booklet

The Shieldaig Booklet is almost ready for printing.

Alice Maclennan wishes to step down in the coming year so 2 voluteers are needed to gradually take over the editorial role.

Ann Barton needs 1 person to help with advertising & distribution.

Volunteers will be supported during 2015 booklet production, which gently starts as the 2014 booklet finishes.

Please contact Ann (755246) or Alice (755247) if you are interested in knowing more.

The Over 60's Lunch

Whether you call it the Christmas Lunch, The Over 60's Party, the Senior Citizens Lunch, or

This year it was held in the Village Hall and lots of people came, despite the weather. There was wonderful food: the Shieldaig ladies did their bit, providing 5 different soups, lots of scrumptious sandwiches, scones, mince pies, cake, fancy bread, nibbles and mulled wine. The beautifully decorated hall was warm and cosy.

The feedback was all very positive – more of these informal "get togethers "required please!

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Becoming a "SCIO" - Where are we now?

We are well along the line of becoming a SCIO with an expected 'start' date of 1st April 2014.

We will have our first meeting of the new oganisation very soon after that. The first meeting will be to formalise the membership, the Constitution and opening accounts, who the signatories will be, etc.

Please keep an eye out for Notices on the Noticeboards or on the website www.shieldaig.info on the Shieldaig Community Association main page.

Trustees

Just a reminder we do need to have people volunteer to become a trustee of the new organisation. So far Sarah Wedgwood, Kenny Livingstone, Stephanie Ash, Peter Fenton, Jim Alexander, Brian Ash, Pauline MacNeil, Ann Barton and Henry Robertson have said they would serve as a Trustee.

We do need a few more, especially as some of the current office holders of the two merging organisations (Village Association and Shieldaig Sports Association) have said they would like to stand down. It would be great if new and young blood came forward - it's the future of the village and keeping the community assets going is vital.

If you would like to find out a bit more about what is involved in being a Trustee please phone Sarah 755361.

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The Village Hall Kitchen Project

The first project for the SCIO is upgrading the kitchen, providing new curtains, rails and fitting a new front door to the Village Hall so that we can hold more catered events to help raise funds for other projects.

The Church of Scotland gave their permission, so a small group got together in December to decide what needed to be done and get some cost estimates. The next step is to identify some funders and make application to them.

Members include: Stephanie Ash, Pauline MacNeil, Sarah Wedgwood, Ann Barton, Alice Maclennan, Pauline MacKenzie and Eunice Cameron- but other folk are welcome to help. If you have any queries regarding this project or would like to help please contact Stephanie 755218.

The fund raising efforts are already going well. Several Coffee mornings, soup and sandwiches lunches, "knit and knatters" have already been held raising over £300. There was a brilliant Chilli Night hosted by Coast Road Truckers on 28th December which raised a further £450. The Burns Night Supper was very successful raising about £450 too. Together with generous donations by the Grazings Committee and from individuals we already have about £3900 towards the project. Fabulous!

Keep a space in your diary for another food and music night on 8th March

Keep the ideas coming in for events in the village hall. The aim is to have one a month. Ideas to Pauline MacNeil please. Tel: 755204

Maintenance & Management Sub Group

We can't wait until 1st April for some of the maintenance jobs that need doing around the Village.

Nommie has kindly agreed to coordinate the maintenance & management group.

- so those of you who are interested in this work, please give Nommie a call

Tel: 755295

To contact the Community Association Emails: sarah.wedgwood@gmail.com stephanieash@mac.com

Get Involved – the Community Association still needs more people

Sub Groups

Lots of people have completed the forms expressing their preferences but we could still do with more people to volunteer and help with the work and to contribute new ideas and a fresh approach to new projects. It is really important that we get new people involved and spread the load.

Just to keep you up to date, the following have volunteered to be on sub-groups.

Maintenance & Management of Village Assets Sub Group:

Claire Munday
Brian Ash
Andy Moys
Fiona Moys
Jim Alexander
Richard Frost
Robert Gordon
Linda Livingstone
Duncan Carmichael

Nommie Cameron

New Projects Sub Group:

Eunice Cameron

Duncan Carmichael

Richard Frost
Jim Alexander
Fiona Moys
Andy Moys
Brian Ash
Peter Fenton
Sarah Almond
Henry Robertson
Pauline MacNeil

Activities Sub Group: Duncan Carmichael Pauline MacNeil Sarah Almond

Pauline Mackenzie

Claire Munday Ann Barton Sarah Wedgwood Andy Moys Fiona Moys

Please put your name forward to join one or more of the groups. Forms are available from the Shieldaig Community Website www.shieldaig.info.

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