

Community Newsletter – June 2013

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Our picture shows Colin Adam performing resuscitation on a 'willing patient' during the recent training exercise undertaken by volunteers at the Hall.

HEART OF THE MATTER

The volunteer team at the Hall recently attended a training session on the Hall's new defibrillator, a life-saving machine which was purchased through the kind donations of some local residents. When someone has a cardiac arrest, defibrillation needs to be prompt - for every minute that passes without defibrillation the chances of survival decrease by 14 per cent. Research shows that applying a controlled shock within five minutes of collapse provides the best possible chances of survival. Rural areas and where large crowds gather are all places where we need defibrillators the most so this is an essential piece of equipment for our Hall and our community.

Community Action Planning – Working Better Together

After a busy period of community consultation in February and March, the Community Action Plan (CAP) Steering Group has now completed the work on the development of the new CAP. Villagers thoughts, views, responses and opinions have all been fed into the process and a series of general themes and community priorities have been identified. These will form the basis of community-led action over the coming years and the new Plan will provide robust evidence of community need, which is vital in securing funding for the area. The final stages of the CAP are now underway and the Community Partnership is working with the CAP Steering Group to finalise the information contained in the Plan. The next few weeks will see the draft plan prepared and from there a final document will be agreed with the Group. It is hoped the new Arrochar & Tarbet Community Action Plan will be published and launched in the summer. Meanwhile the results of the National Park Authority **Charrette**, that took place during March, have recently been published by the independent Design Team, 7N, in a report that can be viewed on [www. lochlomond-trossachs.org](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org). The findings of this exercise are being used to help inform the next National Park local development plan which will show what types of development can take place, and where. It will guide future investment across the whole National Park including our community.

ARROCHAR 'YOUTH' OFF TO AFRICA

Local teenagers attending YOUTH, the Friday evening youth club held in the 3V Hall, had expressed a keen interest in going abroad to do voluntary work and after consultation with the Adult leaders it was decided to go to Kenya in July 2014. The plan is that the team will be volunteering in a construction programme enabling a Kenyan village to build and repair essential infrastructure that will help lead to a more independent life style for villagers. Global Vision International, an organisation with experience in arranging this type of expedition will be supporting the project and a presentation of the work they do and what the youngsters could be doing was given on 20th June, followed by a discussion session for parents and supporters in order to help move this project forward .

The team will have to raise approximately £30,000 which will be achieved through group events, individual sponsorship and grant application. This is a great challenge and is achievable with support from the parents, the wider community and youth agencies. The benefit to the teenagers from this project should have a lasting impact and increase their awareness of diversity, culture, poverty, humanitarian and health issues, as well as increase their chance of obtaining further education placement and improving employment opportunities in this current economic downturn.

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Three Villages Hall News

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There has been a lot of talk about the four piece Budapest Café Orchestra that played at the Hall on June 11. Some Hotel guests who dropped in obviously went away amazed at the quality of the entertainment and the venue with comments like 'What a cracking night', 'thoroughly enjoyed the event' 'one of those one wonderful moments'. So, well done to all the organisers and contributors and we hope that the guys return next year!

Coming Soon

Saturday 29th June 10am - 3pm — **Table Top and Car Boot Sale** — Free Entry — Tea and Coffee and Home Baking. Car Pitches—£10.00; Tables £5.00

Wed 3rd July - VILLAGE HALLS NETWORKING EVENT 10.30am to 3.30pm.

This event is being run by The Scottish National Rural Network, in partnership with SCVO's Key Stone Award at the Three Villages Hall, and is expected to attract an audience from all over Scotland.

The Key Stone quality awards scheme is for people who manage village halls and community buildings. The event will showcase some of the great things that are going on in village halls and community buildings in rural Scotland and give lots of opportunities to share ideas and find inspiration. There will be stories from village halls around Scotland, including Arrochar!! Some of the key funders for halls will be there including the Big Lottery and Climate Challenge Fund. [OSCR](#) will deliver a session on 'Making Changes to Your Charity' (including becoming a SCIO). The main emphasis of the day will be on networking and sharing knowledge and experience. The afternoon session is designed to give you opportunities to talk to others, share problems and find solutions on a wide range of topics.

And Other Events To Look Forward To

Wed July 3rd	Cathy Nardiello, Concert Pianist
Sat July 6	Cinema block buster for young people
Fri July 26	Zombie Science Spoof!! (Govt funded, fun science lecture 13+)
Sat Aug 3	Cinema Club
Aug 3- Aug 30	Art map Argyll Exhibition, In the Footsteps of Columbus
Sat Aug 24	Collins and Collins, Local Folk Musicians and Arrochar Youth Fiddlers
Sat Sept 7	Cinema Club
Thurs Oct 3	Mull Theatre: 'Unspotted Snow' - a ripping yarn...
Sat October 5	Cinema Club
Sat Oct 26	Skerryvore return on their 'Small Halls Tour'

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE HALL WEBSITE FOR FULL AND FURTHER DETAILS OF EVENTS www.threevillages.org.uk

- [Occasional Cleaning Staff Wanted](#) The Hall has occasional need for people to help clean and clear up after weddings and other events. Payment will be at the National Minimum Wage rate. If you would be interested in adding your name to the support team list please contact Stephen McKenzie at admin@threevillages.org.uk
- [Treasurer Wanted](#) The Trust are currently looking for a willing volunteer to help out with the role of Treasurer and would be very pleased to hear from anyone with book keeping experience in the workplace.
- **The Hall Management Team** were congratulated at a recent meeting of the Trust for the hard work and dedication by this team of local volunteers who are giving up their spare time undertaking the considerable tasks involved in running this major villages asset — so a huge thank you for all their hard work !

'The Hidden Heritage of a Landscape: Vengeful Vikings and Reckless Rustlers'

Adult volunteers and school children took part in a major walkover survey of the area coordinated by archaeologists from Northlight



Heritage. Following on from this, over 70 volunteers helped to excavate several sites during four weeks in May, 2013. More information about the results will be posted on the website (<http://hiddenheritage.org.uk/>) and Facebook page. A memorable Open Day at the excavations on May 25th was visited by over 150 people, who came to hear about the archaeology, listen to Norse fiddle music, taste some venison stew, try some traditional rural crafts and drink some Haakon Viking Ale! For more information email hiddenheritagevikings@gmail.com or contact Fiona on 07789 561 842.

