

Community Newsletter – September 2012

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A message from the Board of Directors of the Arrochar & TARBET Community Development Trust

As the Village Hall enters its 3rd year of operation, and with Lottery support funding due to be fully expended over the next two years, the board of Directors of the Community Development Trust have decided to manage the Three Villages Community Hall with a group of local volunteers, within a newly formed **Hall Management Group**, who can be contacted on admin@arrocharandtarbet.co.uk. This will be a more economical operational model and allow us to maintain employment for much needed and appreciated support staff over a longer period and help towards establishing a more sustainable long term operation, as all funding support eventually ends.

The community owes a big thank you to Liz Baillie, the former Campus Manager for her hard work over the last three years in commissioning the new building after the builders handed it over. Liz established a full range of operational systems, single handedly at first and then with support from Hall Convenor Bill Lowe and community volunteers assisting in supervisory duties. As employed staff were funded and recruited, Liz and Bill worked with them to build up a successful operational base, on which we wish to continue to strengthen over the next two years, aiming for longer term sustainability and security of the facility, for continued high levels of community activity and innovation for many years to come.

The newly established 3V Community Hall management team of tireless volunteers, have taken up their duties with great energy and enthusiasm, ably assisted as ever by Stephen, Dougie and Stephanie, with the short term aim of maintaining the established operations while looking to grow and extend the range of benefits for community and other business in order to establish a more secure future economic position.

The new team wish to strengthen their own team functions in managing hall operations, 365 days a year if possible, and **more community help and volunteers will be needed** to replace our former full time manager and voluntary Hall Convenor. If you'd like to help out at the Hall, start a new activity or Group, or to find out anything about the Hall and what's going on, come in and see us, or you can always email admin@arrocharandtarbet.co.uk. We'd very much like to hear from you.

We also wish to thank all the groups, committees, leaders and members for supporting the Hall since it opened and we look forward to continuing to provide the first class facilities and services you wish to continue using. We also seek to improve and enhance the provision if economically possible and look for your ideas and suggestions in our **suggestion box** at the front desk, emailing as above, or via the website, facebook or twitter - see links above - let us have your views.

We'd also like to assure you of our aim to offer a warm friendly welcome in the 3V Hall and look forward to seeing everyone there at some future event or activity - sooner rather than later! Skerryvore on Sep.21st should be a great night ! It's your hall, let's try and make every use of it and help secure its future at the centre of community activities for generations to come.

**** Make every use of your Community Hall for every occasion or its future will be less certain - we need everyone within our communities to continue to support it at all times. We've a great asset, much envied by other less fortunate communities - let's all work towards keeping and improving it, for this community's long term benefit.***



Stop Press

The Trust are pleased to announce that the Annual General Meeting will be held at 12.00 noon, immediately after the Coffee Morning on Saturday the 13th October, in the 3 Villages Hall. All members (there are currently about 300 members) of the Trust are invited and are welcome to attend. Come and find out how the past year has gone and bring your ideas for how the future can shape up.



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Launch of new Hall Website

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Apologies for the delay in getting the new Hall web site (www.threevillages.org.uk) ready for launch. We are sure that this time everything is in place as we aim for the end of October. As previously mentioned in the Newsletter it is hoped that the site will help in marketing both the Hall and Village facilities, (with links to Facebook and Twitter)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Three-Villages-Hall-Arrochar>

Twitter: @3VillagesHall,

while also promoting the variety of entertainment, event and catering options that the Hall can provide. The community sections will have brief backgrounds of the three villages with places of interest for visitors and locals alike, a calendar giving information on community events and an opportunity to advertise the range of clubs and groups that locals and visitors can join. So to see what is happening in the Hall and locale hit the above address at the end of the month !!!

If you've got any photos of events, group activities at the Hall, or the area in general that you'd like to share on Facebook, or on the new website, please email them to admin@arrocharandtarbet.co.uk we'd love to see them. Please make sure you have copyright and that you have permission to publish anyone shown in the photos.

News from your Three Villages Hall

Coffee mornings every Saturday Morning - Come and Join the Crowd for Great Home Baking and a natter!

New Camera Club Develops - An inaugural meeting of photographers took place on August 15th with a good turnout of budding David Baileys' at the 3VH. Whether you are a complete novice or a snapper who wants to focus on improvements, just drop a line to admin@arrocharandtarbet.co.uk or check the notice boards in the Hall. Monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on Wednesdays so please contact the hall for exact dates.

Fri 21 September Skerryvore Gig—Raffle, Bar. Tickets cost £12.50 and are obtainable from the Village Hall and Arrochar Post Office, or by contacting the Hall on 01301 702669 .



From humble beginnings on the Isle of Tiree, **Skerryvore** has evolved into "Six of the best musical ambassadors Scotland could ever have wished for.... a living, breathing, 12-legged party waiting to happen" (Falkirk Herald). Winners of the Scottish Trad Music Awards 'Live Act of the Year' in 2011, Skerryvore provide a driving sound of bagpipes, fused with kicking guitar rhythms, bass, drums and vocals.

The Three Villages Hall in Arrochar are thrilled to welcome Skerryvore's return as part of their current 'World of Chances' tour on 21st September, following their highly-acclaimed visit to the same venue last autumn. Our award-winning Three Villages Hall, situated on the shores of Loch Long overlooking the spectacular Arrochar Alps, provides the perfect setting for Skerryvore's uplifting, and at times reflective, blend of music.

So come along to experience a unique mix of Scottish music in a truly fitting setting. The community hall is also pleased to welcome two local

support bands - **Beacon Hill**, an up-and-coming acoustic group from Mid Argyll and **Citizen Smith** from Helensburgh.

Tuesday October 2 Mull Theatre presents **Scot-a-Land Show** (Written by Andy Cannon) 7pm to 8.30pm
Raffle, Bar and pre-performance snacks. Tickets: £5 for adults, £3 children.

The performers will work with some classes from Arrochar Primary school before the show to develop props for the performance.

'Somewhere, in the imagination of Andy Cannon – and of countless primary school children all across Scotland – there's a wee, windswept but dear green island called Mickle. And on that island, there's a museum with a rare and mythic treasure: the Crown of Destiny.'



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