

Community Newsletter – December 2013



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Latest Community Action Plan Launched

It is with great pleasure that the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Community Partnership can announce the publication of the **2014 - 2019 Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui Community Action Plan** which was officially launched at the 3 Villages Hall on the 28th of November. We would like to thank everyone in the community who took part in the consultation and development of the new plan with a special thank you to the Community Agent Sue Williams, who carried out much of the direct consultation, and to those who volunteered their time to sit on the Community Action Plan Steering Group. Without all of your input and commitment it would not have been possible to develop as comprehensive and accessible a plan.

A small number of printed copies of the new Action Plan are being held by the Arrochar Community Development Trust and are designed for regular use by local groups as well as to be provided as evidence to funders and local decision makers. If you would like access to a copy of your own then the full action plan can be downloaded from the community Partnership website at www.thecomunitypartnership.org.uk.

The Community Action Plan is an independent evidence based document which belongs to the community as a whole and will only achieve it's full potential if the community works together to deliver the aspirations set out within it. So if you are a member of a local club, group or elected body or even if you are just a local resident who wants to give something back to the community then this Action Plan belongs to you.

This is the third Community Action Pan for the Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui area with previous plans being successful in supporting the delivery of a wide range of projects and activities none more significant than the construction of the 3 Villages Hall. The new Action Plan has been developed through detailed consultation and contains a range of priorities and actions under the key themes of;

**Built & Natural Environment
Housing**

**Roads & Transport
Economy**

Tourism Recreation & Activities

A range of priorities and actions have been established under each Theme. Potential delivery partners and timescales have also been identified and this will be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis by members of the Community Council and Community Development Trust. The Action Plan aims to improve the quality of life for those who live in, work in and visit your community so should you wish to get involved and help deliver this new 5 year plan then do not hesitate to get in touch with the Community Council or Community Development Trust.

Distinguished recognition for Heritage Group

Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui Heritage Group received a special award from Peter MacFarlane, Vice President of Clan MacFarlane Worldwide for their work researching and archiving genealogy documents. **Mary Haggarty** was awarded a distinguished fellow of the Clan MacFarlane. Ronnie MacDonald and David Carmichael from the Heritage Group were also present at the ceremony.

You can read all about Clan MacFarlane on the Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui Heritage website;

<http://www.arrocharheritage.com> or visit
<http://www.clanmacfarlane.org/>



THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2013 AND WISH ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



★★★★ Three Villages Hall - Events to Look Out For ★★★★★

Burns supper — 25 Jan 2014. You're invited to a rousing evening at the Three Villages Burns Night Supper on Saturday January 25th, 2014. A truly-tartan evening awaits. We will savour scrumptious culinary creations accompanied by local theatrical and musical talent performed by young and old...and even older(!)... Come and join us for a welcoming community tribute to our Scottish Bard. More details to follow on times and tickets - Check at the Hall, phone 01301 702 669, or email admin@threevillages.org.uk

Peninsular Choir - Sat Feb 1st 2014 at 7.30pm We are proud to announce that the talented, Kilcreggan-based Peninsular Choir will be performing at the 3VH . £9 in advance, £10 on the door.

A **Fantastic Festival of Free Films for February** The 3 Villages Hall shows community movies on a regular basis, offering free film nights to anyone using the fantastic facilities. This years offerings have ranged from the Oscar winning Argo to the Hitchcock classic, Dial M for Murder, plus a trial programme of Saturday morning movies for kids.

To combat the winter blues, we are delighted to announce a **film bonanza** in February. We have a series of **fantastic free** events for the community to enjoy. There will be something for everyone. How about a feel good musical featuring the songs of The Proclaimers, the latest time travelling romcom from Richard Curtis, or Tom Hanks taking on the Somalian pirates,... and maybe some surprises!! Look out for the posters in 3V Hall.

And to top it off, join us for our fabulous Movie Quiz. Back by popular demand, our multi-media quiz night returns to test your knowledge of the movies. We have film clips, audio rounds, movie trivia....and the return of the invisible man. Dates and ticket details will be announced in the coming weeks. If you would like to offer any assistance, please contact Andy Downs on 702 615.

Saturday May 10 2014 - Hidden Heritage Conference - a free conference to hear the results of the archaeological investigations with help from volunteers and school pupils; also including speakers from the Scottish Government, National Park and Luss Estates. And on **Sunday May 11th** come and join the **Hidden Heritage guided walks** with flint knapping demonstrations and other experimental archaeology on the isthmus.

The **Budapest: June 13, 2014**. Comprising four fabulous players we are very pleased to confirm that the band are definitely 'back again by popular demand'!

And don't forget our **Regular Saturday coffee mornings !**

Local Young Folk Win Gold Award

A representative group of the village's young people attended an awards ceremony on the 9th November, in Drymen's Buchanan Arms Hotel, where they were presented with the Gold Award by the Community Partnership. The group's commitment and progress on the project was recognised by the judges in placing their personal and group efforts above the voluntary efforts of all other community groups in the National Park.

The group's ambition to raise funds themselves, through various activities, to travel to Africa and experience life in a remote Kenyan village and offer voluntary assistance in building work and other infrastructure development, was considered an outstanding ambition.

The group's entry was nominated jointly by the Arrochar & Tarbet Community Council and Development Trust who are both members of the Community Partnership. Along with their award certificate the group received a cheque which will go towards their ARROFRICA project as well as a group visit to the **Go Ape outdoor adventure park** at Aberfoyle, valued at about **£1,000**. Congratulations go to all the young folk and we wish them well with their ambitious target .

To help the YOUTH Project on their way, please look at their fund raising webpage and possibly donate something that will take them towards achieving the £30,000 target, they've set themselves, <http://www.gofundme.com/Arrofrica> Anyone wishing to help or suggest ways that the youngsters could raise more funds towards their trip please call Angela or Joan at the **Doctors Surgery** in Arrochar (08444 772520) .



Emma Gibb, Shanno McVey, Youth Leader Angela McKell, Luke Harris and adult youth worker Chris Ferguson receive the coveted award from Community Partnership Board Member and local Community Councillor Ronnie MacDonald.

