

Community Newsletter – September 2013

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Pictured is Trust Chair Duncan MacLachlan during his presentation at the SCVO event which was attended by folk from as far afield as Uist, Thurso and even Cairnie.

Village Halls Networking Event.

The Three Villages Hall provided a fantastic venue for this recent event. Around 75 people involved in village halls and community buildings across Scotland gathered together to share knowledge, ideas and experiences. There was a great buzz at the event, which included presentations from funders, case studies from village halls, a discussion session and even a challenge to see who could build the tallest structure out of spaghetti, marshmallows and midget gems!

The event's main organiser, Sandra Hogg, SCVO Rural Development Officer, said, "It was great to get together with people from village halls again. These events are always inspirational and full of energy. We had some very informative speakers in the morning session followed by lively discussion on a variety of topics in the afternoon. But most importantly lots of connections were made that will help halls share information and practice in the future. The first session including an overview of the Climate Challenge Fund, and specifically funding for the installation of energy efficient measures in community-owned buildings.

These were followed by two inspirational case studies from Duncan MacLachlan of the Three Villages Hall and Katy Lamb of Kinlochard Hall. Each hall has its own unique story - however both Duncan and Katy said the road to completion of their projects had been long, windy and bumpy! Both new village halls had brought a real sense of community to the area, and provided a hub for activities ranging from weddings to yoga. "

Following a great lunch and a chance to look around the various exhibition stands, the concluding afternoon session of discussions, using ten tables around the hall, provided the base for conversations on a range of topics from funding to building maintenance.

Calling all Members of the Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE THREE VILLAGES HALL - Date Will Shortly Be Announced

AGENDA

Welcome, Introductions & Apologies # Previous Minutes (AGM 13 October 2012) # Matters Arising

Chairman's Report # Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Accounts # Appointment of Auditors

Special Resolution – Articles of Association # Election/Re-election of Directors # AOCB

Statement from the Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

As you may be aware, the Trust has recently been involved in an Employment Tribunal claim made by the former Campus Manager. The Trust has, at all times, acted in the best interests of the Trust. The case has now been settled and it is a condition of settlement that neither the Trust nor the Campus Manager will disclose the level and terms of the settlement. No further comment will be made on the matter.

Community Action Planning – Working Better Together

A quick update on the CAP — the draft plan has now been prepared and a final document will be agreed with the Steering Group before printing. Further details will be published shortly regarding the formal launch.

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Three Villages Hall News

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We always highlight in the Newsletter what is happening at the Hall but we thought it would be a good idea to go behind the scenes this time with a wee bit about the Hall Management Group.

They were appointed by the Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust in July 2012 to oversee the management of the Three Villages Community Hall and the HMG is a sub committee of the Trust. The team is made up by Retta Deerin (Chair and General Admin), Melanie Tonks (Catering), Mary Haggerty (Community Rep), Fiona Jackson (Events), Lily McKay (Hall User Rep), Sue Furness (Web Rep), Ashley Milton (Youth Rep) and Rhona Dick (Minute Secretary). The Treasurer's post is currently vacant.

The team meets monthly and reports to the Board of Directors of the Trust. Minutes of the meetings are posted in the Three Villages Hall and on the website <http://www.threevillages.org.uk/three-villages-hall/hall-team/>

There are two paid members of staff who are flexible in their working hours but the Hall relies almost entirely on volunteers to provide the service to the community. We need more volunteers to help run the range of facilities. If you think you could help with Saturday coffee mornings, helping to plan or run events, at the cinema, on Reception, with the website, marketing, gardening, evening cover or finances please contact Stephen MacKenzie at the hall or any member of the Management team. You will be made to feel very welcome and we can offer any training required. Being involved in the community brings its own rewards... including meeting people and seeing them enjoying what the Hall has to offer.

And Coming Soon to a Hall Near You ...

◆ **Saturday September 7** Cinema Club — please contact the Hall for details

◆ **Thursday October 3** Mull Theatre present : **The Drawer Boy** by Michael Healey

A delightful, funny and bittersweet tale set in Canada. It's 1972, and a young actor, Miles, arrives on a small farm to re-search a role. He moves in with two middle-aged farmers: stoical Morgan who is not too thrilled with the self-absorbed city boy, and Angus, who lost his short-term memory after being bombed in the war. Miles soon finds himself embroiled in their complex and intricate personal histories as he uncovers a tragic past, riddled with guilt, secrecy, heartbreak and loss.

This award-winning, complex and warm-hearted play won huge acclaim when it first opened in Canada. This is the first time it has toured Scotland.

◆ **Saturday October 5** Cinema Club;

◆ **Friday October 11 8pm Blackheart Folk Band** - male/female all-acoustic modern folk duo

◆ **Saturday October 26 YES !!** — The sensational **Skerryvore** return to 3VH on their 'Small Halls Tour'

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

And Other Community Events To Look Forward To...

Cobbler Ceilidh on St Andrews Night Saturday Nov 29

The **Hidden Heritage Project** is excavating at Tarbet Playing Field on **Sept 3-8** - hoping to find more evidence of prehistory. Also in September there will be a workshop entitled 'Tales from the Trees: An Introduction to Woodland Heritage and Dendrochronology' - for more information on both those events, check out the HH website.

<http://hiddenheritage.org.uk/project/up-coming-events/>



Vikings at the Gala - a marauding group of fearsome Vikings landed at Tarbet during the Gala Day to replay an enactment of historic battles and the fighting methods used - well worth a free hamburger

Scottish Hydro Invitation

Scottish Hydro would like to invite you to visit Sloy power station on Saturday 7th September for an opportunity to learn about hydro schemes and how they generate electricity. There will be four visits available at 10am, 11 am, 1pm and 2pm. Bookings can be made by calling Freephone 0800 975 3336 and following the instructions given.

The building of the Dam and the Power Station had a big part to play in the formation of our three villages Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui and if you are interested in getting more information please take a look at www.arrocharheritage.com

