



Welcome to the **4th** edition of **3VIC**, the *Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust* monthly newsletter.

The newsletter is intended as a platform to promote all local news and activities that will be of interest to both Trust members and the wider community alike. Please feel free to pass it along to anyone you think might be interested.

**For information on the Trust, how to join, and how we use members' data, please see the articles at the end of this newsletter.**

*To contribute to the 3VIC newsletter, please contact Martin Semple: [martinsemple@btinternet.com](mailto:martinsemple@btinternet.com)*

## *T*HREE VILLAGES HALL – CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

### ***The Munro Society – the Munro Legacy Exhibition Roadshow***

*Currently on display in the Hall foyer, this fascinating exhibition on the history and lasting legacy of Sir Hugh Munro, founding member and President of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, most famous for his meticulous listing of mountains in Scotland over 3000 feet (914.4m), is not to be missed.*



*The exhibition does, of course, feature the four Munros in the*

***Arrochar Alps range: Ben Vorlich (943m, Munro 229); Ben Vane (916m, Munro 281); Beinn Ime (1011m, Munro 118); and Beinn Narnain (927m, Munro 256).***

*The most famous peak in the range, **The Cobbler [Ben Arthur] (884m)** is, of course, a **Corbett!***

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:

### Helensburgh Orchestral Society – Summer Concert

Helensburgh Orchestral Society

Boieldieu Calife de Bagdad  
Borodin In The Steppes of Central Asia  
Beethoven Symphony No.6 'The Pastoral'  
1st Movement  
Strauss Roses from the South

Conductor Robert Baxter  
Leader Christine Sinclair

Sunday 11th August 2019  
3pm Three Villages Hall, Arrochar  
Concert will be followed by afternoon tea and cakes  
Tickets £9 (under 14's FREE) direct from the Hall  
01301 702669 admin@threevillages.org.uk

Helensburgh Orchestral Society is a registered Scottish Charity SC037588

Concert

The Helensburgh Orchestral Society is delighted to announce a Summer Concert in the Hall at **3pm on Sunday 11th August**

*"We're really looking forward to playing at this fantastic venue again and hope to see you there."*

#### Programme:

- **Boieldieu** - Calife de Bagdad
- **Borodin** - In the Steppes of Central Asia
- **Beethoven** - Symphony No.6 'The Pastoral' 1st Movement
- **Strauss** - Roses from the South

The concert will be followed by afternoon tea and cakes. Tickets priced at £9 (under 14's FREE), direct from the 3V Hall.

Tel: 01301 702669 or email: [admin@threevillages.org.uk](mailto:admin@threevillages.org.uk)

## TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:

### How Good Is Your Place?

From Kirsty Moyes, Community Development Officer (Helensburgh and Lomond):

Your local Area Community Planning Group is developing the next version of its Action Plan and we want to hear what you think about the place that you live and work in Argyll and Bute.



Using the Place Standard survey, Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership is engaging with communities to help identify what their priorities are. The results will feed into the Action Plan and will be available for the community to use to develop projects in their area.

There will be an opportunity for residents of Arrochar, Tarbet, Succoth and Ardlui to have their say at an interactive session on **Tuesday 13th August from 17.30 – 19.00** at the Three Villages Hall, light refreshments will be available.

The Place Standard survey runs until 30th September 2019 and gives the opportunity to suggest improvements on categories such as traffic and parking, streets and spaces, and public transport. To take part in the online survey visit: <https://tinyurl.com/abcplacestandard>

For more information on why we want to hear your views, visit: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/how-good-your-place-0>

## SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:

### **Ping-Pong for Parkinson's & Coffee + Cake**

**SUE WILLIAMS WRITES:** "Colin and I are hosting a 'Ping Pong for Parkinson's & Coffee Morning' in the Village Hall on **Saturday 17th August 10.00 - 14.00 hrs** to raise funds for **Parkinson's UK**.

We have identified to PUK that any monies we raise will be equally divided between Parkinson's Scotland and The Glasgow Research Interest Group. We are advertising widely around the village and will be stepping up our advertising in the next week as we are hoping to raise £1000.

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES.**  
**FIND A CURE.**  
**JOIN US.**

People to date have been very supportive and generous with offers to help, bake, donate raffle prizes and whatever else they can. Jackie Baillie (who is very supportive of PD) is coming along and we hope as many of our friends in the village will as well.

For our friends and family who live down south we set up a "Just Giving" page inviting them to donate the price of coffee and cake (£3) and I am amazed at how generous people have been. Three weeks to our date and we have collected £317.94 + gift aid.

I hope that you will join us on the 17th and enjoy the delicious home bakes and if you are feeling adventurous, a game of ping pong. If you are unable to come then perhaps you too might consider donating pennies for coffee and cake. My Just Giving link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sue-williams40> "

## 3V HALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**Can you spare some time to help out with the running of the Three Villages Hall?**

The Hall is looking for volunteers to assist with **Coffee Mornings**, and would also very much welcome new members to the **Hall Management Group**.

For more information, please contact **Retta Deerin:** [rdee@care4free.net](mailto:rdee@care4free.net), or **Stephen Mackenzie:** [admin@threevillages.org.uk](mailto:admin@threevillages.org.uk).

## **G**ALAFEST'S GETTING CLOSER!

**With only about 6 weeks to go, all the pieces of the Galafest jigsaw are really starting to fit together.**

As well as the music, food & drink, and stalls, we've now got a fantastic bunch of activities lined up for the younger members of the community. If they have ever fancied trying their hand at learning **Circus Skills**, we've got the workshops! Or how about getting hands-on with the **FitLab** run by the **Glasgow Science Centre**? Or face painting? Or soft play for the tots? Not to mention kids' films, trike rides, and scarecrows!



Make sure you've got **Saturday 28th September** in your diary and don't miss what promises to be a fantastic Galafest.

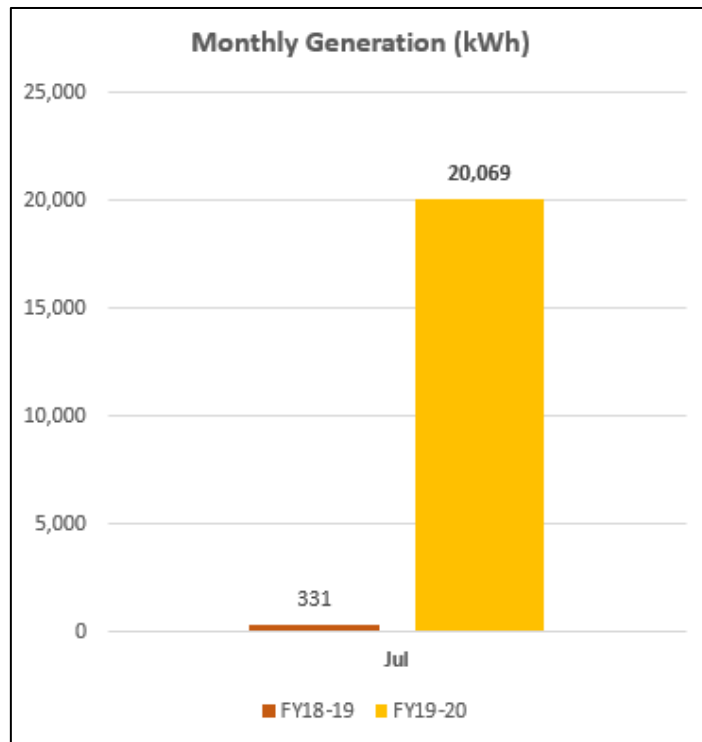
For more details – or if you'd like to help out with this great community event – please contact **Tom Jackson**: [morelagganj5@gmail.com](mailto:morelagganj5@gmail.com)

## **A**RRROCHAR & TARBET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST – AGM UPDATE



In the last issue of 3V1C, we anticipated that the **2019 AGM** might be held on the morning of Saturday 7th September in the Three Villages Hall. **Unfortunately, this date can no longer be met, but we will be sure to inform members of the final date just as soon as we know.**

**The Scheme achieved a healthy generation of just over 20,000 kWh in July.** Compared to the relatively miniscule output in July 2018 (see chart, below), it's a stark reminder of just how dry it was last summer!



If you have any questions about the scheme, or would like to request a guided tour, please contact:  
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## **P**OST OFFICE CLOSURE – UPDATE

Last month, we reported that the Trust had taken the necessary, though regrettable, step to give notice to terminate the Post Office contract for the Pit Stop. To date, no acknowledgement has been received from the Post Office. Needless to say, this is far from encouraging as we seek other options to provide an alternative service at a central location **servicing both Arrochar and Tarbet.**

**We'll continue to press the Post Office for a response and provide an update as soon as we know more. In the meantime, the termination of the Post Office contract for the Pit Stop will take some time to complete (timetable to be confirmed), and services will continue as normal in the interim.**



## **LOCH LONG PONTOON AND VISITOR MOORING – OFFICIALLY OPEN!**

*Heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of between 60 and 70 attendees at the Official Opening Ceremony on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, including Jackie Baillie MSP, who performed the ceremonial ribbon cutting.*



**For any information please email: [lochlongjettyassociation@gmail.com](mailto:lochlongjettyassociation@gmail.com)**

*Photo courtesy Helensburgh Advertiser*

## **MARINE LITTER – WHY ARROCHAR ‘CAN’T AVOID IT’**

**Ever wonder why litter at the head of Loch Long is such a serious problem? A new study has revealed the reason why so much waste – plastic in particular – ends up on the shore at Arrochar.**

*Based on a study by Bill Turrell of Marine Scotland Science, environmental engineer, Dr Tom Scanlon, has produced a CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) film demonstrating the phenomenon known as the ‘Arrochar Litter Sink’. The short animation can be viewed on YouTube at the following link, and it makes for interesting, if somewhat sobering, viewing:*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMqAzUyeOtw&feature=youtu.be>

**It also illustrates exactly why we really do need a long-term solution here, such as previous proposals for a waste-catching boom across the loch.**

## ARROCHAR-TARBET PATH – UPDATE



Despite some progress being made regarding timber stack removal by Tilhill, Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) have continued to maintain their barrier at the railway station and their confusing array of outdated signage remains in place at various points on the path and along the main road.

FLS have stated that they still have work to complete on the lower section of the path towards the train station and also wish to install a chicane where the path crosses the road, to be completed as ‘a matter of urgency’ in order to re-open the path. Sadly, though, this continues to impact on peak summer activities for visitors and Three Lochs Way walkers.

Further concerns have been raised regarding the current situation and we await a response from FLS.

## ***S***ORAGE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE PIT-STOP DINER – NO MORE!

*Sad to report that, as a consequence of age and severe weather damage (a flat roof is never a good idea in Scotland!), we have now lost this old building which has served the community in a variety of forms over its 50 or so years' lifespan, most recently as a workshop for sculptor Iain McGlone and thereafter as a storage facility for the Pit-Stop Diner.*

*The Trust would still wish to make use of the building's footprint for community storage and is currently considering future options.*





## *T*HREE VILLAGES, ONE COMMUNITY... *J*OIN US!

**Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust (A&T CDT) was formed in June 2003. It is a community charitable organisation intending to promote & respond to the needs and interests of our community, for the benefit of all residents. Its potential role is wide and includes provision of social and community facilities, environmental improvements, youth development, preservation of local heritage, and support to local people and businesses.**

*Joining as a member of the Trust is a way of supporting its aims and work: to make Arrochar, Tarbet and our whole loch-side area a better place to live and work for everyone.*

*Full members will have:*

- *Information about Trust activities*
- *An opportunity to contribute to events and longer-term plans*
- *An opportunity to influence what is being planned*
- *A vote at Trust general meetings*
- *The opportunity to be elected as a Director of the Trust*

*All types of members are welcome to attend General Meetings but only full members are eligible to stand for election as Directors. Associate and Junior members are non-voting.*

*Your membership is very important and valuable to the Trust. More members mean more influence with outside agencies and a better chance to receive external funding for our plans and objectives.*

***If you would like more information, or if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Trust member, please contact Jen Little: [jen.little33@btinternet.com](mailto:jen.little33@btinternet.com)***

## *K*EEPING OUR DATA RIGHT



***Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust, like most organisations, keeps a certain amount of data about its members. Thus, we're affected by the new EU General Data Protection Rules (GDPR) which recently came into force.***

<https://eugdpr.org/>

*Our approach to data protection has 3 main strands:*

- *We'll only hold personal data that's directly necessary for the effective running of the Trust. So, we will hold only a member's name and one method of contact. Ideally this will be an email address – that's more cost-effective for the Trust. But we will hold and use a postal address for any member who prefers that*
- *We'll keep the personal data that we do hold safely and securely. It will be accessible only for Trust purposes and with the agreement of a Trust management meeting*
- *We will actively look to ensure that the personal data we hold is up to date and accurate – including periodic exercises to update and 'cleanse' the data we hold*

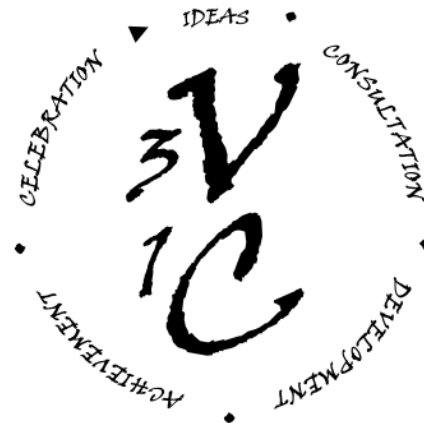
To help us meet these objectives, we're looking to update our records. That's 'good housekeeping', as well as ensuring we meet data protection standards.

**Over the coming weeks we will be contacting each member, asking that you look at the data which we currently hold about you – and update it where necessary. Your help with this exercise will be much appreciated.**

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