

Community Newsletter – December 2012

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Big Lottery funds released for Feasibility Study

The Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust has recently received confirmation that its application to the 'Investing in Ideas' fund of the Big Lottery has been successful! This grant of £10,000, together with £5,000 from the National Park, will help to fund a Feasibility Study into the development of a Community Enterprise Visitor Attraction. Such a development could act as a key focus to attract visitors to the area and increase trade, as well as provide additional facilities for locals, and an income to help support the Three Villages Hall. Some ideas as to what could be incorporated include a café, a visitor information point, a heritage exhibition and visitor attraction, a gift shop, and other supporting facilities; but the aim of the Feasibility Study will be to consider the viability of these and other options. Locally-based Gareth Hoskins Architects, together with Jura and Davis Langdon Consultants, will be appointed to commence this study in the New Year, and it is expected to take about three months to complete.

There will be a number of opportunities for you and interested groups to express your views and help shape the future of our community. If you would like to influence the outcome of the study and ensure that your ideas are included in the options for consideration, **please contact the Trust before the end of January 2013** by e-mail to trust@threevillages.org.uk or by post to the Three Villages Hall. Further information and news about this project will be posted on the Trust's new website www.threevillages.org.uk. Once the study commences information will be posted in the local shops and on notice boards.

The outcome of the Feasibility Study will include a report with details of the proposed concept, the components that would be included in a potential Visitor Attraction, preliminary layout plans, cost estimates and a draft outline business plan for the preferred option.

New Community Action Plan — 2013

It is ten years since the last Community Action Plan was completed and with so many exciting projects happening in the area it was felt that the time is now right to review and decide what we, as a community, want to happen in the next 5 years. Tom Wallace - Community Partnership consultant—has been appointed to assist us with the process and is keen to arrange a meeting with a group of community interest members before the end of the year to get the ball rolling. The membership of this pan-community grouping will involve the Trust and the CC but we are also very keen to have a variety of community figures to contribute to the process. During the meeting Tom will be able to talk us through the new Community Action Plan process which is designed to empower us individually and our community to take ownership of the action plan and ensure that it meets the needs of our community for the years ahead.

If you would like to take part in shaping your communities future or are maybe just interested in hearing what it is all about then please let us know through trust@threevillages.org.uk. We would welcome anyone to come forward to give any help that they can at this very key time in the future of our villages.

Three Villages Community Hall lit up in memory of John Deering

The extra sparkle at the Three Villages Community Hall this Christmas is thanks to the gift of a Christmas tree and lots of decorations provided by Angela MacKell on behalf of the family of John Deering (Irish John) who sadly died earlier this year. The Hall Management Group is grateful to the family and happy to receive these gifts in memory of a popular and lovely man.



Members of the Hall Camera Club at the open evening, which was held in the summer, beside a collection of photographs taken during the digital camera courses. The camera club meet monthly on a Wednesday - please contact 702669 for details and dates.

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Rave Reviews for new Website

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The new web site (<http://www.threevillages.org.uk>) has been receiving accolades from both community leaders and web industry experts for the design, format and easy read content of the site. Development of the site, based on a model designed by the Red Paint group, was completed by a small but dedicated team of Sue Furness, Fiona, Butcher, Rhona Dick and Fiona Jackson. The site has now been 'live' for over two months and is full of information about the area, what's happening in the community and the latest on the events in the Hall, so do check it out.

The site will very much be in 'continual update mode' and as a community site for the benefit of local folk we would really like to have your comments and ideas. We also want to know what you would like to see displayed, so if you have any information that you would like to add - perhaps suggestions about things to do and see in the area or additional points of interest for visitors - then please send a mail to admin@threevillages.org.uk, phone on 01301 702669 or pop your information into the Hall Reception when you are next passing by. There is the opportunity to tell the community (and further afield if you wish) about any events that you are holding or events that you are aware of that others may be interested in knowing about. And if you are planning a celebration it is worth checking the diary to ensure there is no clash of dates!

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

Twitter: @3VillagesHall

News from your Three Villages Hall

Film Club Surprise

*Do you love watching films with your friends?
Do you love eating popcorn?*

Then The Three Villages Film Club is the place for you!

Come to a **free** film show in the Three Villages Hall at **6.30pm on Wednesday December 19th, 2012**

PLEASE NOTE - THIS FILM IS RATED PG SO THE HALL REQUIRES CHILDREN UNDER 7 TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Mull Theatre - 28th February 2013

The Play is entitled 'My Name is Rachel Corrie' and it is a one woman play composed from Rachel's own journals, letters and emails creating a portrait of a messy, skinny, articulate Salvador Dali-loving chain smoker, who left her home in Olympia Washing to support 'non violent resistance to Israel's military occupation'. This **highly acclaimed performance** was a sell-out success at Glasgow's Citizen's Theatre in March 2012. Edited by British actor Alan Rickman.

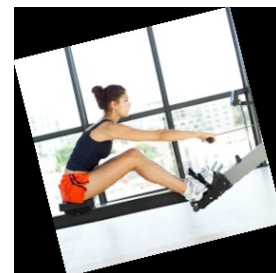
[Chiara Berardelli in Concert](#) - April 2013

Chiara Berardelli, known and loved locally as 'The Singing Doctor', is a heart-felt singer, songwriter, pianist and occasional guitarist and we are delighted that she is going to give a concert in April ! Please check this website nearer the time.

Three Villages Hall Gym News

Staff at the Three Villages Community Hall can now carry out inductions for new gym users at short notice (normally within 24 hrs.) and the Gym charges have been **reduced**. So instead of running or walking in the cold and rain you can use our treadmill. Our cross trainer will give you a good work out and by using our rowing machine you won't get wet! Build up your muscles with our weights.

- ◆ Gym inductions can now be arranged at a time to suit you.
- ◆ The gym can be hired by hourly or half hourly sessions at £2 per hour or for a monthly payment of £15 you have unlimited use.
- ◆ The gym is open during normal hall opening hours or at other times by arrangement.
- ◆ To ensure the gym is available we advise you book a session or sessions by phoning 01301 702669



**MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT IN 2012
AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

