

# Minard Good Neighbours Newsletter

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## Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Artwork by Maggy. Photo credit: Maria Lomas

In May and June, villagers worked hard to restore the Jubilee Garden after the shed fire.

This enabled us to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee together with a fabulous barbeque from Paul.

Thanks to all the hard work given to clearing the site, installing the hard-landscaping and for taking care of the planters.



Photo credit: Margaret Moncur



Colin, Molly and Becs enjoying the new bridge. Photo credit: Brian Barker

## A bridge fit for billy goats

Thanks to a generous grant from Ventient Energy A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Fund, Minard has a new footbridge over Auchgoyle Burn on the Circuit.

The bridge was installed by Simon Kerr, with materials supplied by Travis Perkins and a huge thanks goes to them.

Thanks also goes to Donald, Alistair & Colin for laying additional gravel both sides of the Bridge to make for a less muddy approach. We now have a sturdy bridge that will serve us for many years to come.

## Firework Sensation

Seventy villagers enjoyed the spectacle of the annual bonfire and fireworks display on November 4th. Everyone was kept safe whilst friends from Minard Fire Station lit the noise-reduced and more pet friendly explosives.

£195 was raised for the Firefighters Charity.

Thanks go to the fire crew (Gail, Frank, Stephen, Liz), Margaret for doing the shopping, Colin and Paul for building (and rebuilding after the first one was washed away!) the bonfire and Jen, Margaret & Maria for serving up delicious hotdogs to keep us all warm.



Photo credit: Robin Weeks



## Being prepared for life threatening emergencies with Andy Craven



Ten villagers joined Andy Craven to learn basic first aid and life support skills, including how to use the village's defibrillator.

The de-fib is available, should it be required, from outside the shop. Thanks Andy, for helping us with these vital skills.

Photo credit: Liz Feeney There will be another course on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February next year.

Please contact Liz to book your place via [info@minard.org.uk](mailto:info@minard.org.uk).

## Fyne Families Baby, Toddler and Parent Group

Thanks to the committee, including Kirsten Rennie (ably assisted by wee Clemmie), local parents host a parent and baby/toddler group each alternate Tuesday (10.00 -12.00) in the Village Hall and Furnace Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come and play.

Thanks Kirsten, for making a safe place for the wee ones to play and for parents to come together for company and mutual support. We have people coming along from as far afield as Tarbert and Inveraray!

Founder member of Fyne  
Friends, Clemmie

Photo credit: Kirsten Rennie



## Keeping active in the Hall

Every Thursday evening we have **Tai Chi** in the Hall, Everyone is welcome from 6pm-7pm.



**Dancercise** is on Wednesdays at 7pm-8.30pm and from January, Rachel will lead three brand new sessions:

- **Boxercise** on Wednesdays at 5.45pm
- **Body Blitz** on Fridays at 9.30am
- **Low Impact Circuits** on Tuesdays at 09.00am

Full details of Rachels' classes can be found on the Minard Community Noticeboard Facebook page and will be on the village noticeboard soon.

No excuses now to keeping fit and healthy!

## A-Team hits Minard Shore

In October, 24 villagers & some visitors joined forces to clear our shoreline. We collected 19 full bags of rubbish.

Afterwards, we met up in the Village Hall for lunch cooked by Paul.

The Grab Trust donated £250 for this excellent work, which will go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall, Jubilee Garden and shop as well as village activities.



Beach cleaners at the ready! Photo credit: Becs Barker

**Huge thanks to all who helped out on the day!**



Kara

Photo credit: Ailsa Crawford



Lunch after. Thanks Paul!

Photo credit: Becs Barker



## Minard Village Coffee Morning

The ever-popular Coffee Mornings have returned to the Hall, following the lockdowns. Everyone is welcome to come and join for a blether, homemade cake and real coffee, on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30.



Making light work of the dishes!



Maggy and Bob enjoying the company

## West Loch Fyne Community Council and Argyll and Bute Council

Our Community Council is there to bridge the gap between residents and Argyll & Bute Council.

The Community Council covers the area of Crarae, Minard, Tullochgorm, Birdfield, Lochgair and Middle Kames.

We have a new Community Council with 5 new councillors from Minard.

They are:

- Keith Potter
- Jen Deane
- Abbie McCrae – Secretary
- Jason Copestick – Vice Convener
- Becs Barker

We also have three members residing in Lochgair:

- Dave Wilkinson – Convener
- Greg Neeson
- Heather Rogan – Treasurer

In addition, our very own Jan Brown represents our interests as our local Councillor for Argyll and Bute Council.

See our website at [www.westlochfynecc.co.uk](http://www.westlochfynecc.co.uk) for more details.

Please approach any of us if we can help in anyway.

Our first meeting is on Tuesday 17th January in the village hall, 7pm. All very welcome. Please come along to hear about the grants that you can apply for and all issues we are working on.

## 40 mph stickers for wheelie bins

In an effort to remind drivers of the 40mph speed limit in the village we have purchased (thanks to a grant via West Loch Fyne Community Council) 40mph stickers for the wheelie bins.



These are available for anyone that puts out their bins on the main road.

If you would like some stickers, please email Abbie ([abbie.mccrae@btopenworld.com](mailto:abbie.mccrae@btopenworld.com)) to arrange collection/delivery of the stickers.

### Minard Community Trust

The Trust is here to look after the Village Hall, Jubilee Garden, shop and some pieces of land around the village. In addition, community activities have been organised by the Trust.

If you would like to find out more about getting involved, please speak to Brian Barker or Margaret Moncur.

### A shed fit for a king

Thanks to another grant from Ven-tient Energy A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Fund, Minard Village Hall has a new super-sturdy shed, ably installed by Frank & Stephen Penman of Quarry View Sheds (thanks Frankie and Stephen!).

Thanks to everyone who helped to clear the old shed, restock the new one and to Margaret Moncur for securing the grant.

### Minard hits the 21st Century with new hall booking system

Having listened to villagers, Brian set the community up with a new online booking system for the hall, shop and Jubilee Garden.

Bookings can be placed via <https://minard.org.uk/minard-village-hall/>.

Thanks to Ailsa, Abbie and Becs for looking after the bookings for us.



Photo credit: Brian Barker

### Upcoming Events

Information about community events can be found on our website at <https://minard.org.uk/minard-village-hall/>.

As well as regular events, we can look forward to the following highlights in the rest of the year:

- Cllr Jan Brown Surgery**  
Saturday 17th December 11.30-1.30pm
- Jack and the Beanstalk**  
Panto for the whole family, in the Hall on Saturday 17th December at 3pm – pre-booking required via Liz/ Margaret
- Christmas Crafts with Jen**  
in the Hall on Tuesday 20th December at 6pm
- Hogmanay in the Hall**  
31st December from 10pm. All welcome, BYOB!
- Post Office in the Hall**  
every Thursday 10-12 noon.  
Please support this valued service

Village Hall

Out and About

Old Shop

Multi-Room Booking

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
			1 10:00-12:00 Post Office	2 No Bookings	3 9:00-12:00 Christmas Fayre	4 No Bookings
5 No Bookings	6 10:00-12:00 Minard Coffee Morning	7 19:00-20:30 Dancercise	8 10:00-12:00 Post Office	9 No Bookings	10 11:00-15:00 Private Event + New Booking	11 No Bookings + New Booking
12 No Bookings + New Booking	13 10:00-12:00 Fyne Friends - parent, baby and toddler group + New Booking	14 19:00-20:30 Dancercise + New Booking	15 10:00-12:00 Post Office + New Booking	16 No Bookings + New Booking	17 11:30-13:30 Cllr Jan Brown surgery 13:30-15:00 Private Event 15:00-17:00 Jack and the Beanstalk + New Booking	18 No Bookings + New Booking
19 No Bookings + New Booking	20 18:00-19:00 Christmas Craft Evening + New Booking	21 19:00-20:30 Dancercise + New Booking	22 10:00-12:00 Post Office + New Booking	23 No Bookings + New Booking	24 No Bookings + New Booking	25 No Bookings + New Booking
26 No Bookings + New Booking	27 No Bookings + New Booking	28 No Bookings + New Booking	29 10:00-12:00 Post Office + New Booking	30 No Bookings + New Booking	31 22:00-23:59 Hogmanay get together. + New Booking	