

Colmonell Village Newsletter October 2022

As we head into Autumn, we wanted to let you know about some of the events taking place in the village over the next few months.



SKIP COLLECTION

The skip has been very popular this week, filling up in record time! Some items can be reused by others in the community, such as wood, so please be mindful of this when using the skip.

We have secured another 4 dates for the skip for 2023. These are:

- 7th-9th February
- 9th-11th May
- 8th-10th August
- 10th-13th October

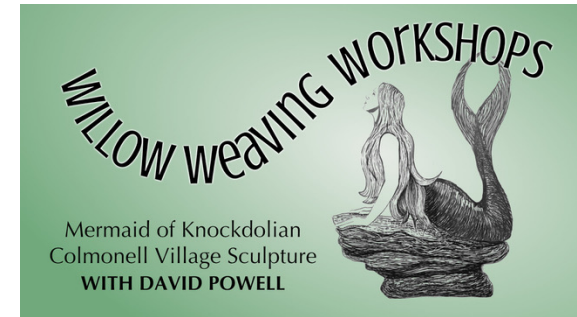
The skip will be situated next to the big grass on Hyslop Crescent and is free for the community to use. A reminder that the following items should not be placed in a skip, these are as follows:

- Tyres
- Liquids
- Oils
- Paints
- Acids/alkalis
- Batteries
- Garden chemicals
- Industrial chemicals
- Dead animals
- Asbestos
- Clinical waste e.g. needles

This list is not exhaustive - if you are unsure of any household waste that you want to deposit in a skip, please contact a member of South Ayrshire Council's waste and recycling team through 0300 123 0900 for advice. South Ayrshire Council have advised us that if hazardous materials are placed in the

skip, they will be unable to continue with a collection for Colmonell.

WILLOW WEAVING & WOOD TURNING



Mermaid willow weaving workshops led by the local artist David Powell restarted on Tuesday 11th October and will run 3 times a week for 4 weeks.

- Tuesday evening 7-9pm at the Boars Head in conjunction with the Craft Group
- Thursday evening 7-9pm in the Kirk hall
- Saturday 2pm -5pm in the Community Hall

Sessions are open to all at a cost of £1 per person, per session. Please contact Howard Wilkinson on 881 260 for more details and to reserve a place.

The mermaid will be positioned in the garden of the old bakery at the west end of the village.



It is anticipated that wood turning classes will run in November and maybe also after Christmas, led by Stuart Clarke and subject to demand and facilities.

These workshops are taking place thanks to funding received from the VASA Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

ABBA TRIBUTE NIGHT

Colmonell Community Association and the Boars Head Hotel are hosting an ABBA tribute night in the community centre on Friday 25th November from 7pm. Tickets are £10 and the event has been made possible with funds from the Rural Community Engagement Fund. There will be a raffle on the night – donations for this can be given to any

member of the Community Association in advance of the event. The event has now sold out but we are holding a waiting list in case anyone returns tickets. To add your name, contact Lynne Hyslop on 07823 440483.

CHRISTMAS PANTO

We are looking to hold our first village panto for the Community and School pupils on the afternoon of Tuesday 6th December. This will be produced by M&M productions who are a travelling theatre bringing their new production of Snow White. With 4 actors, 20ft scenery, lights, smoke machines and audience participation this will be a show not to be missed! More details will be released shortly.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE & LIGHTS SWITCH ON

This year's Christmas lights will be an even bigger display, with lights up at each end of the village, thanks to funding received from Carrick Futures with support from Scottish Power Renewables Mark Hill and Arecleoch

Windfarms, and The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland. The lights will be switched on at approximately 4.30pm on Saturday 3rd December, which will be followed by carol singing around the village, led by the Stinchar Valley Choir. A Christmas Fayre will also take place in the community centre from 5-7pm, and we will have a visit from the donkeys at Shallochmill, as well as inflatables on the park, weather permitting. To book a table at the Christmas Fayre, contact Mark Bradley on 07397 971937.

CLOSURE OF ST COLMON CHURCH

Sadly, we have learned that St Colmon Church has been earmarked for closure before September 2023. At a recent public meeting in the village, over 65 residents from Colmonell, Lendalfoot and Pinwherry attended to show their support for the Church. Colmonell & Lendalfoot Community Council are working with St Colmon Kirk Session and others from the wider community to develop a business plan to retain St Colmon as a Festival Church (used for weddings, funerals, christenings and

other special Church services), as well as looking at potential sources of grant funding.

Beyond September 2023, weekly Church services will be held in the Kirk Hall, which will be retained by the Church of Scotland. In the meantime, Sunday morning services continue every Sunday at 10am in St Colmon Church, and the fourth Sunday of every month in the Kirk Hall. The next Kirk Hall service will be 23rd October. Coffee is served after each Sunday service in the Kirk Hall. Coffee mornings also take place every Wednesday from 10am-12pm in the Kirk Hall and everyone is welcome to attend for the price of a donation to cover costs.

COLMONELL WALKING GROUP



A meeting was held in Colmonell Community Centre on Friday 9th September with a great turnout of 15 people where we discussed walks and what people would like to get from the

group. Some were looking for longer walks, local and further afield to be arranged as and when suitable, and some were looking for more frequent, shorter local walks on an evening. A Facebook page was set-up to add pictures from walks and post arranged walk details as well as a group chat where walks could be arranged between members, as well as planned group walks. We had our first arranged walk on the Dalreoch/Reuchal circular route on Monday 19th September. A great turnout as you can see from our group picture of all ages, abilities and some 4-legged friends also. If you would like any more information on our walks please contact Michelle on 07407187945.

COLMONELL HALL ACTIVITIES

There are a range of activities taking place in Colmonell Village Hall each week.

Monday - Club Diamonds 2.30pm - 4pm
Table tennis 6pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday - Pilates 6.15pm - 7pm
Stinchar Valley Choir 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Wednesday - Graceful Years 1.30pm - 5pm.
Circuits class 6.30pm-7.30pm

Stinchar Valley Gardening Club, 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7pm
Thursday - Baby & toddler group 10am - 12pm
Youth group – P1-4, 6pm - 7pm
P5-Secondary 7pm - 8pm
Friday - Active Girvan 3pm - 4pm

We also have fitness equipment in the small buffet room which is available for use while the hall is open at a cost of £1 per session. Speak to Dawn at the hall for information on any of the groups taking place.

EVENTS AT THE BOARS HEAD HOTEL

Tuesday - Craft club 7.30pm every 2 weeks. Will recommence after willow weaving is finished

Wednesday - Darts team night 7pm during league time

Thursday - Quiz night every week

Friday – Dominoes 7.30pm every week

Sunday - prize draw at 5pm

Boars Head Open Darts competition will be held on Saturday 19th November, registration from 12.30pm. £10 entry on the day.

We also have a pool table, juke box, dominoes and fruit machine, and serve coffees, hot chocolate and tea for those

that do not drink. Contact Paul or Helen on 881 371 for more information on events taking place.

NEW COLMONELL WEBSITE

Many thanks to Jim Bisset who has built a new website for Colmonell, www.colmonell.scot. You can find information about the history of the village, news, events, links to useful websites and community information including minutes of recent Community Association meetings.

If you have information you would like to be included on the website, please contact any of the Community Association members who would be happy to help.

COLMONELL 7TH BIOSPHERE COMMUNITY

Colmonell has now become a Biosphere Community, the seventh to become designated within Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, and the second in South Ayrshire. The Biosphere now has a featured section on Colmonell, see www.gsabiosphere.org.uk Two interpretation panels with information on the Biosphere and on Colmonell are being created and will be situated outside the Community Garden.

PUBLIC TOILETS

We are delighted that work on the public toilets, replacing the hand dryer units with sinks, and ensuring we have a fully accessible disabled toilet, is now complete. They were also painted in time for summer visitors. The work was made possible through a grant from the the Rural Communities Ideas into Action Fund, supported by the Scottish Government and delivered by Inspiring Scotland, as well as from Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch with support from Scottish Power Renewables Mark Hill, Arecleoch and Kilgallioch Windfarms. At the moment, the toilets will remain open until 8pm each night and there is a donation box in both the gents and ladies toilets.

A LOOK BACK AT SUMMER EVENTS...



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The weather was in our favour during the jubilee weekend when street parties were held in Hyslop Crescent, Kirkhill Crescent, Kirkholm and the Boars Head. The event was organised by Colmonell and Lendalfoot Community Council and others, and funded by Kilgallioch small grants fund and Destination South Ayrshire tourism grant. Betty Robertson and Dora Wilson crowned our Jubilee Queen Danielle McKeown, who was assisted by attendants Beatrice Skiba, Brooke Davidson and James Littlejohn. Thanks to everyone who made the event a great success.



COLMONELL FUN DAY

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to our Fun Day in June after a break of 3 years. Grace Ksiasek-Sharp was crowned as our Fun Day Princess and was attended by Cerys Jones, Lucy McCutcheon and Fraser Shankland. Rain did not dampen spirits, and despite the wild weather when putting it up, our marquee stayed secure thanks to our team of volunteer helpers. Thanks to everyone who contributed to another successful Fun Day and throughout the week for the Fun Week events.

SCARECROW COMPETITION



We held our first Colmonell Scarecrow competition in September with 8 fantastic entries. We held a coffee afternoon on the final voting day on Sunday 25th September with an amazing 84 votes counted and a superb £603.70 raised for Cancer Support Relay for Life Charity. Look forward to this now being an annual event and seeing what fantastic entries next year will bring. Our winning 1st place Dorothy scarecrow is shown in the picture.

BUS TRIP TO EDINBURGH

A day trip to Edinburgh recently took place on Saturday 24th September with 36 locals who all really enjoyed their day away. We left at 8am for Edinburgh

arriving at 11am and spent 4 and half hours in the city to do as we pleased. We then stopped off for a lovely 2/3 course meal at The Fenwick Hotel. This was all funded by the Rural Community Engagement fund. We have some funding leftover and due to popular demand plan to arrange a return trip to Edinburgh for Christmas Shopping/ Christmas markets. This will be announced on the Colmonell Facebook page shortly. To register an interest please contact Michelle on 07407187945.

CONTACT

If you would like to see anything in the next newsletter or have any comments about the information given, please contact any of the SCIO/CCA group, we will be happy to advise. Lynne Hyslop – 881032. Eileen McCutcheon, Michelle Mitchell, Mark Bradley, Howard Wilkinson, Alison Babenko, Lorraine Clark.