

CROC TALK

CUMBRAE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Millport Support Group



Thank you all everyone who came to our workshop on the 24th May, and to all those who have shared their views and opinions on the way forward for the Cumbrae WAVE. A big thank you to the Garrison House for hosting the event and for displaying the presentation in their hall for a week.



The Cumbrae WAVE was set up to try to secure a Community Asset Transfer of the old Watersports centre, which would have kept it available for the community. A community asset transfer has to show that it is financially secure, and we were unable to do this so unfortunately the transfer application failed.

During the workshop, 19 participants talked about the future of the Watersports Centre and its land, and discussed the potential for the different activities that were envisioned in the centre, such as: water sports, health & wellbeing, youth indoor activities, tourism information.

This raised the questions:

- Is there a demand for these activities?
- Can we deliver them elsewhere on the island?
- Who would run them?

The next step for The Cumbrae WAVE is to see if and how the charity can help to develop these activities on the island.

If you have any ideas or would like to help please email The Cumbrae WAVE at info@thecumbraewave.org

More information is available online at www.thecumbraewave.org

Carol Campbell and Alan Hill
On behalf of the Cumbrae Wave

Carbon Neutral Cumbrae

Cumbrae has been selected to be part of the Scottish Government Carbon Neutral Islands project, along with Hoy, Islay, Raasay, Barra and Yell, with a commitment to support the island to become carbon neutral by 2040. A report on the project will be published in the summer and plans will be developed in collaboration with key partners and local communities. The project will align with a Scotland-wide net zero initiative and contribute to the Scottish government's 2045 net zero commitment. Good practices and lessons learned from the project will be shared with the other Scottish islands.



John McHenry, Deputy Chair of Cumbrae Community Council (CCC) said: "CCC is proud that our island has been selected as the North Ayrshire representative in this national project. We look forward to working with the other islands and taking it forward within the Cumbrae development plan. Once initial audits, assessments and consultations are complete we will be better placed with the people of the island to plan the way forward to achieve carbon neutrality appropriate for Cumbrae."

You can keep up to date on this and other local projects, groups and events by signing up to CCC's mailing list via Cumbrae.org or by scanning the code on page 3.

WARNING - Scam Alert!

Some local people have reported that they have been contacted by scammers trying to charge for "NHS PCR Tests". The messages are fake as NHS Test and Trace will NEVER ask for money.

More details at this link:

www.devon.gov.uk/news/trading-standards-warning-over-nhs-test-and-trace-text-scam/

OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL HERE TO OFFER SUPPORT!

IF WE CAN GIVE HELP OR JUST A LISTENING EAR CALL 01475 789179

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Millport enjoyed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in grand style with a variety of events enjoyed by the whole community. On Friday 4th June, families and friends brought out their tables and chairs along the seafront late afternoon for an informal street party and luckily the weather was fantastic. A family ceilidh and disco organised by the Isle of Cumbrae Tourist Association followed in the Marquee in the Garrison with soft drinks and hot dogs laid on.



On Saturday, Festal Choral Evensong was held at the Cathedral of the Isles, which also saw the installation of Dr Peter Kemp and the Revd Canon Alec Boyd by Bishop Keith Riglen. This was followed by a community afternoon tea in the garden, prepared by the Cloisters Tea Room.

The community events were supported by funding from North Ayrshire Council.



All ages were catered for in the island celebrations, with the BB's organising games for the youngsters in the Cathedral grounds and the Cumbrae Forum organising an afternoon tea for members in the Newton Lounge.



Welcoming Ukrainian Families to Millport



Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, more than 13 million Ukrainians have fled their homes, with almost 5 million leaving for neighbouring countries. Around 115,000 have arrived in the UK - some with family visas and others under the Homes for Ukraine and Scotland's Super Sponsor schemes, which enable individuals and community groups to host an individual or family.

The Cumbrae community has stepped up to help and today there are 4 Ukrainian families being hosted in Millport while another 2 families await their visas. Anna and her 5 year-old son Lev were the first family to arrive on the island.



Anna says "I took the difficult decision to leave our home in the eastern part of Ukraine on 7th March to protect and save my little boy. It took us a week to cross to the western border of Ukraine, where we travelled into Romania and waited for a month for our visas to be issued. Eventually on 19th of April we found our second home here in your community. Isle of Cumbrae is an absolutely beautiful place to live. It's very cosy and safe, especially for children. Lev loves to ride his bike along the beach. He enjoys playing with his new friends from nursery and can't wait to join Primary One in August".

On behalf of all Ukrainian families living in Millport, Anna would like to thank the community for such a warm welcoming reception. "We thank all people for their kindness and help provided to us on an everyday basis. With your support, attention and endless efforts to make this integration easy and comfortable for all of us, we feel welcomed and very much accepted. Thank you a lot!"

Millport Cinema Memories

Save the date! The Millport Town Hall charity group are holding a Millport Cinema Memories event in the DA Hall on Friday 15th July. Come along and enjoy music from the films, a movie theme quiz and dress as your favourite cinema character for the disco. Prizes have been donated by The Brisbane House Hotel, Inverclyde Sports Centre, The Screen Machine and the Beacon Arts Centre in Greenock.



Earlier in the day there will be games for the kids at the afternoon party, from 2.30-5pm in the DA Hall, with support from Millport Nursery and 'retro' goodies donated by Morrisons. Millport Dance Troop and Millport Pipe will be supporting the fun. Admission is free, but children must be accompanied.



Tickets for the evening event are £7.50 and on sale at Marina's Salon and Webb's Newsagents. Bring your own booze and snacks and prepare for a great night of music and memories!

The Boys' Brigade Cumbrae Camp



After a two year gap we are pleased to report the success of Cumbrae Camp 2022. The camp based in the grounds of the Garrison was attended by 13 companies with 133 young people & volunteers on site over the weekend. Our friends at Christian Aid ran the "Safe Place Challenge" activity on the Friday night which was a great asset to the weekend programme and "It's a Knockout" run by a professional company on Saturday proved to be a big hit with the young people. The weekend activities also included cycling round the island, STEM activities which took the form of a murder inquiry, landmarking, beach games & so much more. The congregation of Cumbrae Parish Church joined us for our service in the marquee on Sunday morning led by Gus McKay & the service was live streamed.

"Thank you, my son had a brilliant time. Well done to all those who organised the camp.

"An amazing sight a camp full of fun & laughter."

"My two sons had an absolute ball at camp. Thanks to all the leaders."

The success of this camp is down to the volunteer team most of whom attended the first camp in 2017 and the community of Millport, BB Scotland thanks them for their continued help and support.



Millport Flower Show

Cumbrae Garden Club are delighted to announce that the Flower Show will return this year to the DA Hall on Saturday 27th August. There's something for everyone with a beautiful display of locally grown fruit, vegetables and flowers, handicrafts, baking, children's displays and the popular Vintage tearoom. Judging will take place from 10am and the doors will be open to the public from 2pm with the prize-giving at 2.30.



This year exhibitors are asked to bring their entries to the DA Hall between 7pm and 9pm on Friday 26th August so that the organisers can have them all in place for the judges on Saturday morning. The only entries that will be accepted on Saturday 27th will be for the baking section, which can be brought to the DA Hall between 8am and 9am. Leaflets with details of all the different entry categories and fees are available from Garrison House or from the Forum shop. Any cups and trophies from the last show can be handed in to The Cumbrae Butcher - can these please be returned by Saturday 20th August.



The Club looks forward to welcoming everyone back to the Flower Show, we've all missed it!

Share your views



The main aim of Cumbrae Community Council is to listen to everyone's views so we can make sure they are heard. We need to know what everyone thinks about issues affecting the island: projects like the flood defences or the marina, planning applications, or problems like pot holes or littering.

We've set up a mailing list so we can tell you what's going on and ask your views. Please sign up, and share this link with your friends, neighbours and colleagues so they can join too.



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Millport Model Railway Club

Millport Model Railway Club was founded in December 2006 by members of the community with an interest in model railways. The cabins are situated within the Garrison grounds just behind the children's amusements and house a wonderful collection of model trains making their way round a track lined with local landmarks.

The Model Railway opens to visitors and residents every Monday, Sunday and Wednesday afternoon 1pm - 4pm from March until October, with extra days being added during the holiday periods. Everyone is most welcome to visit us - entrance is free and there is disabled access for wheelchair users.



We even have our own Fat Controller!

The club is currently looking for volunteers, so if you would like to give an hour or two of your time to have fun and help keep the model railway open for everyone to enjoy please contact Jim Kennedy for further information on 07798 501087 or email millport@email.com



Millport Bowling Green Fetes

Please come along, support the Bowling Club and enjoy a Fun afternoon with us on **16th** and **30th July**. Target Bowls, Bric-A-Brac, Raffle, Putting, Bowling, Wheel of Fortune, Baking Stall & Tea Room.

Entry: Adults £1.00 (Inc. Tea or Coffee), Child 50p

Tea Room at the Cloisters



Remember the Tea Room at the Cathedral of the Isles is open for homemade soups, sandwiches, cakes and savouries as well as Afternoon Tea from Thursday till Sunday, 12-4.

Community Rep Wanted



North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership are recruiting a representative from Cumbrae to join other community representatives, Elected Members and representatives of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, North Ayrshire Council, the Health and Social Care Partnership and Third Sector to help deliver the priorities for the North Coast and Cumbraes locality. These are:

- Improving access to financial services
- increasing social inclusion
- improving mental wellbeing
- supporting skills and work opportunities.

There's more detail about the Plan and priorities at www.northayrshire.community/your-community/north-coast-cumbrae/our-local-priorities

The post is a great opportunity to learn more about the various initiatives that are under way within NAC and the Health and Social Care Partnership and to make sure local views are heard.

There's more information, and an application form, on the North Ayrshire Council website at www.northayrshire.community/join-your-locality-partnership/



Summer Coffee Mornings

every Tuesday in the Age Concern Hall

10.00am - 12.00 noon. All welcome



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