



GIGHA NEWS



Welcome to the May 2019 Gigha News

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed this month's newsletter.

Regards,

Ian Wilson

Chair

For and behalf of Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

Dates for your diary

Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands Area Committee - 5th June 2019

Members of the public are welcome to attend this area committee event that will be held in Gigha Village hall at 10.15am. There will be presentations and a 30 minute public question time for the public to ask committee members questions. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Committee Manager - The Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, 38 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh, G84 7PG.

CalMac Community Fund Event - 11th June 2019

The CalMac Community Fund will support community led activity by funding local non-profit organisations to deliver great projects for children and young people living across our network. Throughout 2019, grants of £500 up to £2,000 will be awarded across six regional areas of the CalMac network. CalMac are holding an event in the Gigha Village Hall from 10.30am-11.30am for those who would like to come along and discuss any ideas.

Song and Language Retreat - 23rd-27th September 2019

September Song and Language Retreat is open for bookings! There will be three different workshops:

1. Gill Bowman will deliver guitar and song writing
2. Ellie Logan will deliver singing
3. Henri Macaulay will deliver Gaelic language

Participants will spend time in their own workshops, and time learning together and from each other. There will also be evening activities and plenty of time to explore the island. The cost is £175 for the week and this includes tuition, lunches and evening meal on two of the evenings. Participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

If you wish to book, please email Ellie Logan on shesingsalways@gmail.com

Mediation - 13th June 2019

The mediation will commence on Thursday 13th June with the independent mediators spending the day in the Gigha Village Hall meeting members of the community for exploratory discussions. There will be two opportunities to meet the mediators: (1) information sessions throughout the day which individuals or groups can attend and (2) an open meeting in the evening at which the community can come together with the mediators. Following this, the mediators will propose to the Board the next steps in the mediation process.

The mediation team are Robin Burley and Lindsay Burley from Eskhill Mediations and more information about them can be found on their website www.eskhill.com.

The mediators are keen to meet members of the community on the 13th June and invite you to contact them directly to arrange a time that suits you between 10am-4pm. You can attend individually or in groups and you will be allocated a 30-minute time slot. To arrange a time, please contact the lead mediator Robin Burley:
Email: robin@eskhill.com | Telephone: 0131 271 4000

The same day at 7pm, there will be an open meeting in the Gigha Village Hall for the whole community to come together with the mediators.

Gigha Golf Course

The Gigha Golf Course has now reopened! The fees are £15.00 per day or £10.00 for 9 holes.

IGHT Update

We are pleased to have co-opted Ailsa Raeburn on to the IGH Board of Directors. Ailsa has previously consulted for the Trust and has provided support to all aspects and in particular the development projects. We are appreciative of the skills she will bring to her role as a Director.

Achamore Gardens

Thank you to the recently employed seasonal gardens - Achamore Gardens is looking great ahead of the summer season.

We had Ann Steele from the National Trust for Scotland over to visit Achamore Gardens recently. Ann was pleased with the progress of the gardens and has provided great advice on how to develop and protect the gardens. A 5 year development plan for the gardens will be designed shortly with a particular focus on propagating the Horlicks Collection. We also hope to promote the gardens and encourage others to use the unique setting for their wedding venue.

Photo below of the recent wedding venue set up - provided by Event in a Tent.



Ferry Car Park

We have had a recent visit from Argyll and Bute Council who have made us aware that they have noticed abandoned vehicles, boats and trailers in the car park. We have suggested that we will bring this to the communities attention through this newsletter to avoid formal action being taken.

April 2019 Rent Increase

IGHT would like to thank their tenants for their recent co-operation of the annual rent increase. This helps the Trust to generate rental income to meet the costs of loan repayments, maintenance, repairs and improvements to our homes.

Gigha Young Board

The younger generation on Gigha have been vocal about looking for opportunities to remain on the island and they have expressed their interest in becoming involved in the development of the island. The Trust along with our young director, Brandon Clements, hope to assist in providing opportunities to allow the young group to engage in island activities and increase their skills and knowledge through island development. The young group are in the early discussions of a multiuse facility on the island that will provide a space for them to get together. The facility would be designed for the whole community to use also. Further details on this idea will be presented soon.

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