

Caldwell Halls Newsletter

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News Update...

It's been a while since our last newsletter and in that time we've been busy getting on with the day to day business of running the halls. We have also made some changes to our upstairs hall so that it's now a bit more user friendly. We have extended the area available for let and have sorted out the storage problem that we inherited when we took over the halls. We have some more work still to do upstairs which includes decorating and we're hoping to have it all completed by the end of the year. As far as possible we try to use local tradespeople so if any of you know of anyone in the village who would be willing to work for us please let us know. In particular we're looking for a plumber and a joiner. We're also hoping to set up a Youth Café to give the young people in the village somewhere they can chill out and get together with their friends. If anyone would like to get involved with setting this up please let us know.

Great events in the Halls

I'm sure most of you remember last year's pantomime- what great entertainment that was! It was so heartening for all of us on the committee to see the hall full and everyone, young and old, having a fantastic time. Unfortunately the driving force behind the pantomime, Richard Cadey, has now left the village but we're hoping to persuade the other members of the cricket club to make the panto an annual event!

In the time since our last newsletter we've had a range of events including our regular St Andrews ceilidh, Burns Supper and most recently we held a fantastic 60s/70s disco. We were also delighted earlier in the year to have a christening take place in the halls; from all reports it was a wonderful day.

We would like to thank all of you who continue to support us – we wouldn't have come this far without you. The Caldwell Halls belongs to you the community and we would love to hear any ideas you may have, whether for classes, events or anything else you may be interested in.

About Us

The Caldwell Halls Trust was formed in 2010 to take over the management of the halls on behalf of the community. This was in response to the planned closure of the halls by East Dunbartonshire Council. We have since been successful in negotiating the return of the halls into community ownership thereby securing them

for future generations. The trust is managed by a board of trustees of whom there are only 7 members. We are all volunteers and receive no payment for what we do. We give of our time freely and are working hard to make the Caldwell Halls an excellent facility. Those of you who use the halls regularly or have otherwise been in the halls lately will have seen the improvements we have made so far.

Joining the Trust

We do not own the halls, you the community does and if you wish to influence the way the halls are managed we would welcome you as a member of the board of trustees. If you have a few hours to spare each month then please help us ensure that the Caldwell Halls continue to flourish. Why not come along to one of our monthly meetings and see what goes on and then decide if it is for you.

You can express your interest by going to our website www.caldwellhalls-org.co.uk clicking on Join Us and completing the form or if you prefer you can contact our secretary Stephen Horsburgh on 01360 620362 or stephen_horsburgh@yahoo.co.uk or our Vice-chair Rona Thomson on 07939 447905 or email her at ronamgt@yahoo.co.uk.

Book Exchange

This is still going well and we would like to thank those of you who have donated books and those of you who are regular borrowers.

We have built up a decent stock of books but would love to get some more current titles. If you are able to help us with some more up to date titles you can hand them in whenever the halls are open.

The books are situated in the foyer and as before we would ask that a donation of 50p be made for each book borrowed, however this is only a suggested donation and entirely up to you if you wish to donate.



Heritage Walking Group

Are you interested in walking? Would like to find out a bit more about the history and heritage associated with many of the walks and rights of way in the village? Or would you just like to find some new places to walk?

We are just about ready to set a date for our first walk so keep a look out for information on this new group on our website or if you prefer give Rona a call on 07939 447905 and she will be able to update you on where and when. We will also have posters in the shops so watch out for them. You don't have to be an experienced walker to come along as there will be walks to suit every level of fitness.



Forthcoming Events

We have a range of events coming up over the next few months so keep checking the website, the local press and look out for posters in the local shops. Here's what's coming up soon:

Friday 29th November Christmas Fayre; this will take place in Torrance Primary School. Watch out for further details

Saturday 30th November St Andrew's Ceilidh; dance to the Gary Blair Ceilidh Band from 7.30pm until midnight. Call 07761 812243 or email caldwellhalls.org@gmail.com for further details.

Friday 24th January 2014 Burns Supper; come along and join us at our 4th annual Burns Supper. Great speakers and musical entertainment; delicious 3 course meal supplied by Table 13 at Hayston. Keep your eyes open for more details nearer the time. There will be posters up in the village and keep checking our website and FB page and don't forget to check the Kirkintilloch Herald.

September 2014 (date to be announced) Doors Open Day. It is 200 years since the land the halls are built on was purchased. It will be 200 years in 2104 since the parochial school was opened in what is now the 2 storey part of the halls. As part of Doors Open Day 2014 we will be hosting an event to celebrate this anniversary. If you have any photographs or memories of the Caldwell Halls please contact Rona on 07939 447905

What's On and Who to Contact

Monday

Badminton, 1.30-3pm. For further details contact Irene McGill on 01360 622643 or email Irene@changemasters.co.uk

Caldwell Halls Trust, third Monday of every month 7.30-10pm; for further details contact Stephen Horsburgh on 01360 620362 or email stephen_horsburgh@yahoo.co.uk

Women's Rural Institute (WRI), second Monday of each month 7-10pm; for further details contact Irene McGill on 01360 622643 or email Irene@changemasters.co.uk

Yoga every Monday 8-9pm; for further details contact Claire Smart on 07983 225199 or email csmart441@btinternet.com

Tuesday

Childminders. Tuesday 9.30-11.30am for further details contact Gillian Sangster

Teenscene 6-8pm (upper hall)-this is a private invitation only group

Wednesday

Badminton, 1.30-3pm. For further details contact Irene McGill on 01360 622643 or email Irene@changemasters.co.uk

Beavers, Wednesday 6-7pm. For further details contact Margaret McIvor on 01360 622610

Cubs, Wednesday 7-8.30pm. For further details contact Cathie Downie on 01360 620583 or email cathieandy@hotmail.com

Pre-5s, 9-11.30am.

For further details contact Kelly Colquhoun Kelly.Colquhoun@hotmail.com
01360 621999

Scouts, Wednesday 8-9.30pm. For further details contact Cathie Downie on 01360 620583 or email cathieandy@hotmail.com

Thursday

Brownies, Thursday 6.15-7.30pm. For further details contact Fiona Marshall marshallrusell@btinternet.com

Guides, Thursday 7.30-9pm. For further details contact Jo McKain on 01360 622315 or email jo_mckain@hotmail.co.uk

Teenscene, 6-8pm (upper hall). This is a private invitation only group.

Friday

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