

Ardentinny Community Trust

Glenfinart Walled Garden

News letter 9

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The garden is now open 7 days 12 - 4p.m.

April 2014

- ♣ All the Spring bulbs bloomed and we have a wonderful display of colour.
- ♣ The paths are ongoing with assistance from Payback. We are hopeful that most of the designated paths will be completed with road planings this summer. Eventually we hope to have enough money to cover the planings and make the paths uniform.
- ♣ Local volunteers, plus some from Dunoon and the National Park turned up on the 17th to help prepare the garden for the Easter Eggstravaganza and Grand Opening of the garden for this season. Thank you to all who participated.
- ♣ The Easter Eggstravaganza was a great success, thanks to the weather and all the support we received in the run up and on the day.
- ♣ **Thank you to everyone who donated baking, crafts, seeds, decorations, garden items and gave of their time.**
- ♣ Many of the seeds donated over the past year were planted and are doing well in the polytunnel

♣ Young vegetable plants have been planted out in the new beds and more await their turn in the polytunnel.

May 2014

- ♣ Although the garden was flooded in January it doesn't seem to have affected the plants. They look healthy and are thriving.
- ♣ Work in the garden continues and priorities for Glyn, our gardener and all volunteers are planting, potting and weeding.

What next:-

- ‡ Monthly Volunteer days with training.
- ‡ We have sourced nets from the Scottish Salmon Company. We now need to source wood for framing and build fruit cages for the soft fruit bushes
- ‡ An advert will be placed on the Argyll & Bute Social Enterprise Network (ABSEN) web site for tenders for a Business Plan and a Feasibility Study which will include a Design and Restoration Plan. If you know of any suitable consultants to approach please contact Jimmy Gordon or Lynn Kerr.

Saturday May 24th

**Volunteer and Training Day
Come along and meet Glyn our
gardener**

**Open 11- 4 with training at 2p.m.
This month: weeds and weed control
Volunteers welcome from 11a.m
Tea coffee and home baking
provided for volunteers**

Volunteers: As we are open to the public 7 days a week, we are looking for volunteers to man the garden along with a trustee, during opening hours. We are also looking for volunteers for the reserve list.

The annual membership fees of £2 for Ardentinny Community Trust are now due. Any enquiries regarding fees please contact the treasurer Dennis Gower on 810220.

For info contact Jimmy Gordon, 810170 or Lynn Kerr on 810275 or email info@glenfinartgarden.org and follow us on Facebook & www.ardentinny.com

Volunteer Training Sessions 2014 All welcome

Glyn is offering training sessions one Saturday each month for the next seven months.

- May 24th Weeds and weed control
- June 14th Summer-flowering plants
- July 12th Understanding plant names
- August 23rd Propagation of perennials by division
- September 20th Composting
- October 18th Plants for autumn colour
- November 15th Propagating plants by hardwood cuttings

We now have plants and vegetable plugs for sale.

Patrons: Emma and Sophie Thompson

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