

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February

- 6th Community Council Meeting, 7pm at shinty pavilion
- 7th Community Forum meeting, 7pm at Village Hall
- 12th Re-scheduled school Parent Council, 7pm
- 19-21st School mid term break
- 23rd Curry night at Abbeyfield

March

- 2nd World day of prayer, 2.30pm at St Mundas
- 6th Community Council Meeting, 7pm at shinty pavilion
- 29th School Easter Holiday starts

Community Calendar

The Community Calendar is available to see online at

<http://www.ballachulish.org.uk/our-community/community-calendar/>

Not everything is listed yet, so if an event is missing, please contact Rob Malpas. Activities and events are also advertised on our village notice boards and via facebook.

Noticeboard at Co-op

If you would like a poster inserted in the community noticeboard outside the Co-op, please put it in one of the letterboxes at the village hall for consideration. No Small Ads.

Advertising

If you would like to advertise your local business in this newsletter, please get in touch. Adverts will cost £20 per issue, for a quarter page which includes a small banner advert on the Community Website. We will take a maximum of 10 adverts per issue, and can do the artwork for you if that helps.

Ballachulish Community Council, Ballachulish Community Company and Ballachulish Community Association SCIO (SC023308) have worked together to produce this newsletter.

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SLATEST NEWS

Your free community newsletter produced by Ballachulish Community Forum

Edition 7 – February / March 2018



The hall full of Lanterns and their builders on New Years Eve. 18 years in and this event is still getting bigger every year! Thanks to everyone who came along.

*Are you looking for a new challenge this year?
If so, why not turn to the centre pages for local
volunteering vacancies.*

WELCOME!

And a Happy New Year to you all.

Thanks, as always, to everyone who has supplied articles for this edition of Slatest News. The next issue is planned to go to print in March 2018, for delivery at the end of the month. Deadline for submissions is 14th March. If you would like to submit an article, please send anything, and we mean anything to Rob Malpas – rileyrob@btinternet.com; Sheila McLean – sheila@brecklet.co.uk or drop it into the Black letterbox at the village hall.

We are aware that a few people didn't receive the last issue of Slatest at the normal time, or indeed at all, for which we apologise. If in the future you think you have missed your copy of Slatest, it can be downloaded from the Community Council Website (www.ballachulish.org.uk) or contact one of the editors or any of the people on the Useful Contacts page and we will endeavour to get a copy to you as soon as possible.



Christmas Lights Appeal

The Community Council would like to add to the village Christmas Lights – particularly at the entrances to Ballachulish.

Yes we know that Christmas is over for another year, but the spring is often the cheapest time to buy new lights.


Collecting tins will be out in the usual places soon and, of course, all donations will be gratefully received.

If you would like to be more involved with our Christmas Lights, please contact one of the Community Councillors.

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Please note some activities do not meet during school holidays.

Monday

- 10am Step it Up Walking Group meet at TiC 
- After school primary football – Jubilee Park
- 7pm Highland Hustle at School
- 8-10pm Scottish / Country Dancing at Village Hall

Tuesday

- 9.30-11.30am  Playgroup at Village Hall
- 6-8pm Junior Shinty Training at Village Hall / Jubilee


Wednesday

- 6.30-7.15pm Zumba at Village Hall
- 7.15-9pm Youth Club at Village Hall

Thursday

- 9.30-11.30am  Playgroup at Village Hall
- 10.30-1pm Knit & Knatter, Coffee & Crochet at TiC
- 5.30-9.15pm   &  at Village Hall
- Evenings – Shinty Team Practice at Jubilee Park

Friday

- 10am Step it up Walking group meet at TiC 
- After school dancing session at school

Sunday

- 11.30am Church of Scotland Service at St Munda's
- Episcopal Church Service at St Mary's, Glencoe
- Catholic Church Service at St Mun's

As you can see, ours is a very busy community with lots going on. However, if your group isn't mentioned above, please get in touch!

If you are interested in any of the above, we're sure you will be made very welcome. Contact details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, on facebook or simply ask us and we shall pass your enquiry on!

Also active locally:

- South Lochaber Bowmen – Archery Club
- Ballachulish Football Club

RBS Mobile Bank

Tuesdays

10:45-11:30 Abbeyfield

11:45-13:00 V Hall

Fridays

10:30-12:00 V Hall



Mobile Library

Thurs 15/2; 8 & 29/3

12:40-12:55 Square

13:00-13:10 Lochside

Cottages

Wed 21/2; 14/3

(13:30-14:25 School)

14:30-15:15 W Laroche

15:20-16:00 Park Rd &

Abbeyfield

16:05-16:30 Albert Rd



USEFUL CONTACTS

If you have any questions about what is going on in the community, or would like to help with anything, please get in touch with someone below:

Community Council: www.ballachulish.org.uk

Our Community Councillors are: Shirley Grant (Vice-Chair), Alisdair Jack (Treasurer), Dave Kitson (Secretary), Rob Malpas, Kath Small, Kevin Smith (Chair), Iain Dickie

Community Association: www.balla-hall.co.uk

Our Trustees are: Brian Dickie (Vice Chair), Rob Malpas (Secretary), Sheila McLean, Isobel Robertson (Treasurer), Sandy Stoddart, Marjie Thornton

Community Company: [on Facebook](#)

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ABBNEYFIELD WINS AN AWARD!

ABBNEYFIELD Ballachulish Care Home was named Care Home Service of the Year in Scotland. Our Local care home was nominated in the Care Home Service of the Year Award category at the Scottish Care Awards and reached the final along with two other central belt services.

Abbeyfield Ballachulish is the first service from the Highland area to win the award.

Care home manager Wilma Allan said:

'On behalf of the voluntary board of trustees and the management in Abbeyfield, I would like to thank all the team that make this such a special and consistently high performing care home, as recognised by Scottish Care with this award. We would like to thank our clients and their families, our local GPs and stakeholders and the wider community for their support of such a small charity in Ballachulish.

The charity continues to improve to provide the best holistic care for each individual who uses its services and, despite the current financial climate, will move forward and enhance its services. The recognition from Scottish Care can only support Abbeyfield Ballachulish in its quest to provide quality care.

Clients, staff and families are delighted to achieve this award and feel proud that the culmination of all their involvement has resulted in the recognition of excellent care and support to all those who use the services at Ballachulish.

An open party was held with bubbly to celebrate the award where the clients took great delight in showing off the certificate and trophy.



Staff News

There have been a number of new faces added to the team in various roles over the last few months. Congratulations to Louise Duffy on her promotion to registered Manager.

We would also like to wish Wilma Allen good luck in her new part time position as director of care.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It is a quiet time of year at the village hall. Hopefully by the time you read this, the painting of the main hall will have been completed, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with this.



Both the Lantern Parade (photo on front cover) and Christmas Market were great successes, and they are becoming firm fixtures on the village calendar. Thanks to everyone who helped, and everyone who came along on the day.

Thank you Jo!

As you may be aware, our Chair, Jo Watt, took the decision to stand down at the end of last year, after many years of very hard work with the rest of the trustees and committee to improve the hall and ensure that it is a viable asset for our community. Most of you will have attended one or more of the fabulous events that she has helped organize over the last 5 or 6 years, and it will be difficult to replace her. However, if you would like to take on a new role in the Community Association, turn to the centre pages. To thank Jo for her many years of hard work, she was presented with some small gifts at the Lantern Parade.

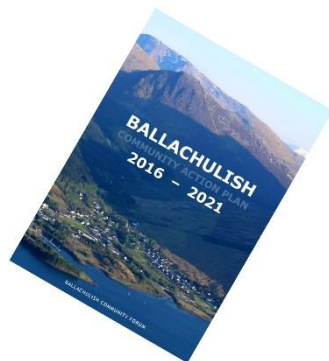


BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY FORUM

Remember the Action Plan?

Our Community Action Plan was created by the hard work of representatives from many groups in the village, working together as the Community forum, not to mention responses from many of you, the people who live here.

It is now time to assess what we have achieved so far, and what we still have to do. We will therefore be holding a Community Forum meeting at the village hall at 7pm on Wednesday 7th February. This meeting is open to representatives from all the local groups, and indeed anyone else who would like to be involved.



action on 19th July 1918, likely during the Capture of Meteren – part of the German Spring Offensive - which took place on that day and involved Angus' battalion.

Archie joined the Machine Gun Corps, and became part of the rather elite 1st Armoured Motor Battery. Going by his service number, he will have enlisted around July 1915 into the Motor Machine Gun Service, who were actively “on tour” in Scotland at that time, recruiting in various cities. There were specific requirements to join the MMGS and the unit was very selective about who it took in: as well as having an interest in and ability to ride motorcycles, Archie would have had to demonstrate knowledge of motorcycle mechanics and the ability to carry out running repairs, and also pass an interview with Geoffrey Smith, editor of ‘The Motorcycle’. The unit arrived in East Africa in March 1916, and Archie died from Blackwater Fever – a complication of Malaria – on 8th May 1917. He was 29 years old.

Archie and Angus were both unmarried, and their parents had passed away by the First World War, so the Memorial Plaques will have been sent to their surviving siblings. By the 1950s, three of their siblings – Donald, Samuel and Catherine – were living together in Minard Cottage in Tigh Phuir. Samuel and Donald died in 1952 and 1954 respectively. Catherine, twin sister to Angus and last remaining member of the family, remained in Glencoe until her death in 1959, at which point the Memorial Plaques likely passed into the possession of her friend Donald Aitchison, who was named as informant on her death certificate. It was in his house that the Memorial Plaques were discovered some 50 years later.

We are proud to have been able to reunite the memorial plaques with their history, and tell the story of Angus and Archie Cameron for the first time.

We would welcome any more information about the Cameron brothers, particularly regarding where their medals might have ended up (these would also have been posted to their next-of-kin) or if anyone remembers the family. If you know anything that might help us, please get in touch with Catriona at curator@glencoe-museum.com. Thanks to Martin Briscoe for his research into the Kilmallie War Memorial and to David Murdoch from the Great War Forum for his information on the Motor Machine Gun Service.



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BROTHERS IN ARMS

As we move into 2018, the year that will mark the centenary of the end of the Great War, our thoughts turn to all those who gave their lives during those four devastating years, and we consider how best to commemorate local soldiers through the items and objects that they left behind.

Every soldier deserves recognition, and we have an obligation to those who served to ensure that their names are remembered and their stories told.

This brings us to the story of two Memorial Plaques which found their way into our collections, and the forgotten soldiers named on them. Memorial Plaques, or Death Pennies as they were often known, were presented to the next of kin of soldiers who were killed in the First World War. They contain only the soldier's name; no rank, regiment or service number is included, so that the soldiers would remain equal in death. However, this can make it difficult to match the plaque to any one particular soldier, particularly if they have a common name. Our plaques were donated to the museum in 2015, after being discovered in the attic of a house in Glencoe. With no information other than the names Archie and Angus Cameron, we began the challenging task of identifying these soldiers.

Working on the assumption that Angus and Archie were brothers, it was relatively simple to search census records and find households with sons by those names who were around the right age for the war. This eventually led us to a family in Kilmallie, and from there on to the Kilmallie War Memorial. Thanks to the research carried out by Martin Briscoe, we were able to identify two names on the war memorial as being Archie and Angus: 'Pte A C Clark' of the Machine Gun Corps and 'Pte A Cameron' of the Cameron Highlanders. Archie was born Archibald Clark Cameron in 1887, to John and Margaret Cameron; his younger brother Angus was born in 1890. John was a shepherd, and the family lived in Strone Shepherd's House in Kilmallie. By 1911, the brothers had moved away from home. They had two older brothers, Donald and Samuel, both of whom had become shepherds in the local area, so it is likely that the younger brothers had to move away to find work.

When war broke out, Angus enlisted in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, a local regiment that had been raised in Fort William. He was 28 years old when he was killed in



NEWS FROM ST MUNDA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

It was great to see so many people at the 'Community Carols', we'll make sure it's in the diary for this year and look forward to that event becoming a local tradition. During this year we intend to have a couple of 'Songs of Praise' events and a 'Café Church' all in the Ballachulish Hall.

The Church is still a collection point for goods to support refugees in various countries including the UK and we are currently encouraging people to keep 'Jars of Change' - collecting small change until the end of March for WaterAid. Around Christmas we were glad to support a number of charities and pass on gifts to the Food Bank and for teenagers and we'd like to thank everyone for their generosity.

As always I'll be very happy to receive requests to visit anyone at home or in hospital.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Rev Sandy Stoddart (01631 740285)



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



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Friday 2nd March 2018

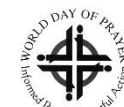
'All God's creation is very good!'

Written by Christian women of Suriname

Every year on (or near) the first FRIDAY in MARCH, Christians around the world (Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals) of all ages (women, men, young people and children) gather in small groups and large congregations using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year on a theme chosen by the World Day of Prayer International Committee.

A warm welcome awaits you at your local services:

In	Duror Church of Scotland	At	10.30 am
In	St. Munda's Church of Scotland	At	2.30 pm



COMMUNITY COMPANY NEWS – Jan 2018

We would like to wish a Guid New Year to all in our community and elsewhere.

We still have vacancies for the Board and would be delighted to chat with anyone who has an interest. Please feel free to contact any Director or the Interim Chair Jimmy Waugh on 01855811540.

The new board have approved the Office bearers as Jimmy Waugh Interim Chair (Shadowed this year by Angus MacInnes for learning purposes), Simon Ingram as Treasurer/Company Secretary, David Kitson as Minutes Sec, Kevin Smith as Community Council Rep, Brian Dickie as Ballachulish Community Association (SCIO) Rep and Councillor Niall McLean as the Highland Council representative as per our constitution. Morgan Smith shadowed the Chair last year for learning purposes and is now a director without portfolio.

Currently we are all heavily engaged professionally or in Community matters and we have agreed as a Board to try and move forward with Green Highland Renewables on discussions on the Glenachulish Hydro Scheme as to the community taking a major part in this. Local Energy Scotland, the Scottish Government Agency, have been working with us on this re feasibility and possible funding streams.

However we need to find some slack or persons to join us and take the lead on this to fully commit if the community decides it wishes to.

Jimmy Waugh

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Riverbank Path

We are still working with the council to try and resolve the erosion on the path from Albert Road to the Underpass. At a recent site meeting, it was felt that some progress is being made, and the council will be ensuring that the path remains usable in the long term. However, in the short term please take care on the path, especially when the river is in spate, and report any issues to the community council as soon as possible.

Community Spring Clean

In the next issue of Slatest you will find details of our annual village spring clean. In addition to the normal weekend, we will be trialling a couple of evenings in the summer this year.



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THE PARISH OF LISMORE & APPIN 1952

By the Rev Iain Carmichael (revised in 1958)

- In the course of the last hundred years the population has fallen by one quarter – 1851: 4097; 1951: 3014
- Some crofters and Cottars are unwilling to move to better council houses. The differences in rent being annually a few shillings to £10 compared with £24-30.
- Primary Schools – Ballachulish Public has 63 pupils & 3 teachers; Ballachulish Episcopal has 23 pupils with 1 teacher. Secondary schooling up to 3rd year at Kinlochleven. 53 pupils travel by bus. After 3rd year – Oban – travel by bus or train and could stay in hostel.
- Only about 20 workers now employed quarrying slates in Ballachulish. Competition from lighter, less durable but cheaper slate from elsewhere.
- Some 90 men and women travel daily from Ballachulish and vicinity to Kinlochleven Factory.
- More than 60 parishioners (Lismore & Appin) are employed by the Forestry Commissioners who have already built some 2 dozen new houses.
- Since 1908 Kinlochleven has been well supplied with electric power. In 1951 Electricity was introduced to Ballachulish.
- Three Doctors serve the parish and hospitals are located at Ballachulish and at Glencoe.
- There is a youth club and W.R.I. in Ballachulish, which is also notable for shinty and can put in the field junior and juvenile teams.
- Those imbued with enterprise and the boldness to take risks have emigrated – leaving few men or women of marked ability and intelligence (but these are sophisticated and have a fuller, more modern life.)
- The Welfare state has tended to destroy initiative and independence; the emphasis today is on rights rather than duties.
- It cannot be said that the people are unreligious, but they lack the spiritual depth and knowledge of the fathers. Churches are sparsely attended.
- This is an age of sobriety in the parish; there is little excessive drinking... No obvious cases of poverty exist... (All) are well clothed and shod, though the cloth and leather are not so good as formerly. The population is law abiding and no serious criminal offences occur among the native residents.

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BALLACHULISH HERITAGE

In the last issue of 'Slatest News', we put out a request for any photos, documents etc relating to the history and culture of Ballachulish that could form the foundation of a community heritage centre/archive - a project the community indicated, via the action plan, that they wanted to see developed. So far, a few items have been offered, but we have plenty of space for some more. We would like to reassure anyone out there donating material that they would retain ownership unless otherwise stated.

If anyone wishes to keep items in their possession but thought they could be useful, then this material could be scanned and returned so that printed copies could be made in the future.

If you have anything at all relating to the village we would love to hear from you.

Please give Marjie a ring on 01855 811123



SOUTH LOCHABER BOWMEN

How about resolving to do something different ... call in and share an Archery session

Offering you the opportunity to learn the Ancient skill of Archery.

Based in the Leven Centre, Kinlochleven. Coaching and practice sessions are offered to interested people.

- Monday nights from 18:30 – 19:30 for our younger members 5-11 years (Cubs and Otters)
- Monday nights from 19:30 - 20:30 11-17 years (Juniors)
- Tuesday nights from 19:00 – 21:00 17+ (Seniors)

During each month on Tuesday nights, there is a friendly competition within the Senior Club with a wee perpetual trophy as well. (Returned at the end of each month to be presented to the new winner). It is a bit of fun and interest and allows each member to see improvements in their skill

We also accommodate all abilities persons.

Club meets are available all year round. Fees apply to all sessions. Enquiries can be made through the Facebook pages which are available for both Junior and Senior clubs.



STEP IT UP WALKING GROUP

Winter may be closing in on us, but our intrepid local walkers are still out and about making the most of this time of year.

Friday Walk Report

Our Friday walks last about an hour. Recently we walked around Glencoe Lochan in the snow; a bit chilly but with lovely views of the frosty trees and some icy reflections in the water.

During this cold, snowy or frosty weather, we all appear several sizes larger as we add the layers of clothing to keep us warm; then we get too hot with the exertion.

When we got back to the TIC, we walked down to the pier car park to see the sun shining on the snowy mountains of Ardgour.



Monday Walk Report

Our Monday walks are more ambitious & last about 2 hours. Recently we have walked up past the Waterfalls at Inchree, explored some of the Glencoe Orbital Track and climbed to the mast above Duror & Kentallen Hall.

Come and Join Us

We meet at 10.00am at the TIC to arrange car sharing and usually finish at a café, where the next week's walk is planned, before returning by car to the TIC.

Reports by Hilary Malpas.

RUN BALLACHULISH/GLENCOE AND LOCH LEVEN OPEN WATER SWIMMERS

How are those New Year's Resolutions working out? Is your body still a temple?

If the dark winter months are testing your motivation, why not connect with some like-minded locals and make a date to get out and do your sport? If you've made the commitment to train with someone else, (and even better documented it in front of witnesses) then it's much more likely to happen...

If you're into running or open water swimming, or would like to get started, there are two local Facebook pages that might just help you out:

- Run Ballachulish/Glencoe
- Loch Leven (Glencoe) Open Water Swimmers

Each page serves as a friendly and informal platform for members to share articles, ask questions and most importantly arrange to run or swim.

New members are welcome to join either page, simply search them up on FB. You'll find a mix of abilities, personalities and a friendly welcome.

If you're looking to run for the first time, then Run Ballachulish/Glencoe often runs a weekly Couch to 5k session which is open to all.

New swimmers are very welcome too!

We look forward to seeing you on a trail, or in the Loch soon.



OSS Responsibility Statement Loch Leven (Glencoe) Open Water Swimmers operate all swimming activity under the OSS Swim Responsibility Statement guidelines. The Loch Leven (Glencoe) Open Water Swimmers group is purely a network of people interested in swimming with others at entirely their own risk. We maintain to be an open and welcoming group for swimmers of all abilities.

Do you have a sporting group – share your information in the next issue!



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CONGRATULATIONS!



Ronnie & Joan McLauchlan, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 18th January 2018.

They were married at Logierait Church, Ballinluig, Perthshire in 1958 (below).

Love & best wishes from all the family.



Ho-Ro win BBC Music Award

Congratulations to local group Hò-rò (below) from the Ballachulish Community Association on winning the BBC Scots Trad award 'Up and Coming Artist of the Year' 2017.



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Cubs 8-10½ years, 6.45-7.45pm

Scouts 10-14 years, 8-9.15pm

All groups meet at Ballachulish Village Hall

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all back after the Christmas break, and got straight into the program with some exciting activities, including a visit from the South Lochaber Bowmen, who provided an excellent evening of Archery. We have had a couple of Beavers move up to Cubs, and also Cubs up to Scouts, each with their Bronze and Silver Chief Scout awards.

Co-op Fund

As mentioned in the last Slatest, the Scout group is one of the three local groups that the Co-op are currently raising money for through your Membership Cards. We will be using the money (awarded in October 2018) to take our Scouts to the Scouts Outdoor Centre at Lochgoilhead next winter, so please spend generously. We last visited the centre 2 years ago, and enjoyed Kayaking (above), Raft Building, Canyoning and other activities over the weekend. Next time, however, we will be taking a different group of younger Scouts with us. If you would like all your pennies to go to the Scouts (or either of the other groups), remember to go online and register your choice on the Co-op Membership site. Thank You.



Ballachulish Rainbow Baby & Toddler Group

We provide a fun, interesting environment for pre-schoolers to play together at the Village hall.

There is a varied programme of activities with Crafts, singing and storytelling.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 – 11.30

£1.50 per child; 6months & under - free

(includes a snack)

Everybody welcome!

Contact Julie-Anne Moran

07919285243



BALLACHULISH VOLUNTEERING VACANCIES

Overleaf are a selection of volunteering opportunities that are currently available within the community. Many of our local groups and organisations are always keen to welcome new members – whether you can offer an hour a day or an hour every other month, every minute helps spread the workload.

If your group would like an advert in the next issue of Slatest, please get in touch with the editors.

LOCAL TRANSPORT NEWS

Citylink Services

Contrary to some local rumours, the Operations Director for Citylink has confirmed that there are no changes planned for the services through Ballachulish.



Loch Leven Community Minibus

Headquarters: The Leven Centre, Kinlochleven
Now with new Management. The area serviced by this bus, for interested persons / groups wishing to avail themselves of it, spreads from Kinlochleven, "Around the Loch" to include Duror and Kentallen, Glencoe and Glen Etive and of course Ballachulish.

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BALLACHULISH VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

Ballachulish Community Association

are looking for enthusiastic people to fill the following roles by the AGM in early April: These roles could be taken by several people, or combined.

The **Trustee** role will involve quarterly trustees meetings, the AGM and dealing with issues in between via e-mail.

The **Bookings Secretary** will be responsible for maintain the bookings diary and dealing with enquiries via phone and e-mail, as well as liasing with the trustees as required.

The **Events Facilitator(s)** will be responsible for organizing one or more events through the course of the year and liasing with the bookings secretary and trustees for outside groups providing public events at the hall.

If you are interested, please contact the secretary, Rob Malpas, on 811574 or at rileyrob@btinternet.com by 25/2/18.



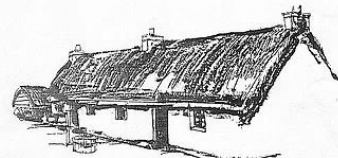
Your Museum Needs You!

If you love the history of the local area and want to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with others, then you would be perfect in a Front-of-House position, meeting and greeting museum visitors. This is a great chance to meet people from all over the world and help make their visit to Glencoe a memorable one.

If you would rather take a more hands-on role at the museum, we also have opportunities to join our Collections Team, where you can get up-close with our objects by photographing and cataloguing items – you never know what you might find!

Volunteers are integral to the continued running and development of our museum. Since opening our doors 50 years ago, we have involved volunteers in every aspect of museum life, including manning the front desk, collections audits, exhibition work, events, craft demonstrations, day-to-day housekeeping and research. Volunteering with us is a great way to expand your horizons, whether it be socially by meeting lots of new and different people every day, or professionally, by developing new skills and gaining invaluable museum experience.

For more details, please contact Catriona at curator@glencoe-museum.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

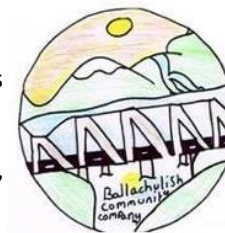


Ballachulish Community Company

are looking for new directors to help take the company forward.

This will involve monthly meetings and communication via e-mail in between times. The company is slowly progressing a number of exciting projects within our community, which should bring long term benefits to us all. However, without new directors to help with these projects, it is inevitable that some will be delayed as the limited resources are prioritized.

If you are interested, please contact the chair, Jimmy Waugh, on 811540 or at jamesjimmywaugh@aol.com.



Ballachulish Patient Participation Group

You could make a difference!

If you would like to get involved in promoting healthy lifestyles and have an input into local health issues, you might like to consider becoming a member of The Patient Participation Group of the Ballachulish Medical Practice. We meet approximately every six weeks either in the medical centre or in Abbeyfield. So far volunteers have raised funds for defibrillators, increased local awareness of bowel cancer and promoted healthy living.

Further details and info on the PPG is available from Ruth McCormick at the surgery (01855 811226); Bill Strachan at m3zrt@btinternet.com or Meg Pollock.



Ballachulish Community Council

are looking for associate members, with a view to standing as councilors at the next election in November 2019.

This will involve monthly meetings and communication via e-mail in between.

Our community council should have 7 members, but we currently only have 6, one of whom have indicated their desire to stand down at the next election.

We would like some new people to come on board and help with projects such as the Public Entertainment Licence for the Quarry.

If you are interested, please come along to one of our meetings, on the first Tuesday of every month at the Shinty Pavillion.