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Easdale Island Community Development Group

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PANTO MADNESS



A fantastic cast and crew performed **'Snow White & The Four Dwarfmen of The Apocalypse'** despite for the first year ever the Easdale panto having to be postponed due to horrendous weather conditions. The show finally went ahead and was a great success raising £200 for community funds. Huge thanks to all who came, helped out and took part and especially to those who changed their travel plans to allow the performance to go ahead.

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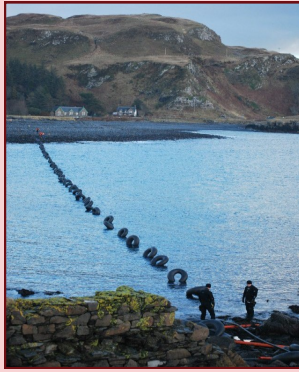
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Easdale Island Electricity Cable

On Saturday 21st December the power supply to the island dipped leaving many properties on a reduced power supply. By Sunday morning the power went off completely and we were told the sub sea cable was damaged. Weather conditions were atrocious and only a tiny weather window existed on the Monday which allowed Shane Cadzow to deliver a temporary generator onto the island from SSE. Our fabulous ferrymen Alan & Tom worked tirelessly bringing fuel over from the mainland and keeping the generator running through the holidays especially when the island was busy. We are very grateful for all their help and hard work. The weather finally improved and allowed work to start on the new cable being installed and full power was reinstated on Friday 24th January just in time for some magnificent thunder & lightning.....thankfully the power stayed on!!

Eilean Eisdeal would like to thank the following on behalf of the community; SSE, Briggs Marine, Argyll & Bute Council, ASP, Shane Cadzow, Iain Mitchell, Alan MacFadyen & Tom Tinney.



Beach Tyre Defence Trial

The 'Bull' has taken a real pounding over the last few months with what seems like constant high tides and storms. Mike MacKenzie undertook some emergency work during Parliamentary recess but it's an on-going battle to save our harbour. We are very grateful to Mike for giving up his time to do this voluntarily.

We have taken the decision to trial a Tyre Defence system. A group of volunteers will begin work in February and we will keep you updated on progress. We would like to thank Tony & Jess for the donation of fuel while the 'Bull' was stabilised.

NEW YEARS DAY CEILIDH

A fantastic evening of entertainment was hosted once again by Tommo and enjoyed by all. Brilliant to see so many of our talented youngsters take part....lots of proud mums and dads! Thanks to Tommo and Wee for making it all run smoothly.

A star in the making!



Our talented youngsters stole the show!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT. 15th MARCH 10am - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION WITH HISTORIC SCOTLAND (see item below).

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST - ATLANTIC ADVENTURE DAY

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER - WORLD STONE SKIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

Historic Scotland

Eilean Eisdeal received an unexpected letter from Historic Scotland at the beginning of December stating that their plans to schedule a large part of the island as an ancient monument were at an advanced stage. The Directors were completely unaware of these plans and requested a meeting with HS to discuss the implications for the island, and suggested that they visit the island for a full community consultation. We have also informed the Community Council who were also unaware of these plans. HS have agreed to a community consultation on the island on Sat. 15th March at 10am. We would urge anyone who has an interest in the future of the island to come along. If you are unable to make it please feel free to send any questions to secretary@easdale.org and we will raise them on your behalf.

AGM

Eilean Eisdeal & Easdale Island Trading Company AGM was held on Saturday 28th December. Following the chairs and treasurers report Jan Fraser was re elected onto the board. Topics raised by members present included prioritising protecting the bull and harbour, museum, social housing and future community consultation.

Arts Programme Funding Success

We are delighted to announce that Eilean Eisdeal have been awarded £5000 from Creative Scotland towards the 2014 Arts Programme. Funding is becoming increasingly competitive so we are very grateful to have received this amount.



New Years Day Football 2014

Eilean Eisdeal is the community development group for Easdale Island, the smallest permanently inhabited inner Hebridean island. The directors are all volunteers, and rely on their members for support in fundraising to enable us to maintain our magnificent Community Hall and continue the Arts Programme. The island Folk Museum and the historic harbour are also owned by the community and managed by Eilean Eisdeal as valuable community assets. We welcome ideas which would help us improve the sustainability of this unique island community.

The current Directors are: Keren Cafferty, Duncan Smallman (treasurer), Jan Fraser (secretary), Iain McDougall, Alex Mac Rae

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