

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE

SHOPPER-AIDE

This month (April) is our 5th Birthday and we will be celebrating our successes with a 'do' on 28th April. Not only do we continue to grow in client and different project numbers but with volunteers without whom we couldn't work.

To date we have established a shopping and delivery service for older people along with extra help in the home and to get to appointments and social activities.

We set up the Old Pals Network for men and also have the Elderberries for all older people which meet twice per week. Elderberries have a number of weekly activities and information sessions, a walking group and Garry's Gang for men.

Hospital to Home helps those coming out of hospital when they need it most to get help in the home and to get shopping as well as having someone to chat to.

In the last year we have been recognised nationally by winning the Herald Society Award and Age Scotland Award for Supporting Older People. Locally we have been gaining support from a number of organisations with funding and other support which has proved a bonus for staff and volunteers as well as clients.

Kintyre Forum on Community Care and Health and Care Forum

The Forum has a new Committee with Susan Paterson as Chair, Steve Byrne as Vice Chair and Jean Bell as Treasurer. We are still lacking a secretary and any offers welcome.

With monies now in our care from the Fleming Trust it was agreed to provide Toiletries Packs for males and females who are taken to hospital suddenly and have none. This has been done and the ward staff are delighted with this help as it helps the patients in maintaining their dignity.

Next meeting will be arranged for June – date to be announced.

CAMPBELTOWN PICTURE HOUSE

Contractors, Corramore, are now on site and work on the Centenary Project is powering ahead. It is hoped that the Picture House will reopen in late spring next year.

Meanwhile, the monthly film shows are continuing in the Victoria Hall and proving very popular, particularly with young families. CCB is extremely grateful for the help being given by volunteers manning each show and with the set up and take down at the start and end of each weekend. We would be delighted to welcome other volunteers, should you be interested (you are entitled to attend a show free of charge for this assistance!) The Royal Hotel is providing Kiosk facilities.

With the help of the national 5 – 19 year Into Film programme, CCB has started its activity programme with schools. At the end of February trainers were in Campbeltown for three days working with all the primaries and the Grammar School. There were also sessions with KYES and The Hub. Prior to the Saturday lunchtime show of the Peanuts Movie there was a '**CARdboard drive-thru**', an expressive arts activity that allowed children to design their own drive-thru vehicle, which they could sit in to enjoy the film!

CCB will shortly be launching their Heritage Activity programme, which will enable all those interested to participate in exploring the extensive cinema archives, learning about archiving in general, making films, history of film etc.

Two launch events were held to coincide with the contractors moving on site and also to highlight the need to raise a final £200,000 which is required to complete the restoration and development of new facilities at the Picture House. These are some of the areas that we need funding to complete:

- ^ Restore and display historical artefacts, including a rare mercury arc rectifier
- ^ Furnish and equip the education/meeting room/gallery space
- ^ Install video display panels to display historic documents and images
- ^ Install systems for hearing-impaired and sight-impaired audiences
- ^ Install new stage curtains in the historic auditorium
- ^ Refurbish the office block in the rear courtyard

CCB would welcome any help to close this gap: coffee mornings, raffles, seat sponsorship... A sample seat will shortly be set up in the Aqualibrium for everyone to try out.

We also are in the throes of setting up a new website, where you can find all the latest information and book tickets for the next shows. We are very keen to work with other organisations so if you think there is something we can do together, please get in touch.

Jane Mayo, 18th April 2016

KINTYRE CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

KCPP are still raising the Police school road safety signage issue with the CPG in the hope, despite the bureaucracy encountered with A&BC, that it will be resolved as a "partnership."

The Police have confirmed that the CCTV cameras in Campbeltown, whilst being analogue rather than digital, are a very useful resource and are fit for purpose. A query has been sent to the Chief Constable regarding plans, referred to the Scottish Government, for a centralised, digital system and the hope that Campbeltown will be included in any updates.

The Police have been unable to confirm the cost of domestic alarms for vulnerable women because the contact person has left.

Representatives of the KCPP attended the Police initiative "Choose Wisely" at Campbeltown Grammar School on 30th March. This was very informative regarding substance misuse and it is hoped to repeat in 10 schools in Argyll and Bute.

Campbeltown Community Council Tangy Wind Farm Trust kindly sponsored a further 200 torches and these have been distributed to vulnerable people throughout Kintyre.

The Facebook page is still under development.

Our AGM was held on 16th March and Eva MacDonald, Vice-Chair, was congratulated on 30 years' service as a volunteer with the KCPP.

DALINTOBER AND MILLKNOWE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Margaret Burgess, Housing Minister, recalled her visit to Campbeltown as her most memorable, being the only occasion where she was welcomed by a piper. ACHA website will in future have regional newsletters from housing associations.

DMTRA MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB

Monday Social Club has 15 active members who have been very busy learning new crafts, demonstrated by eager volunteers. They have had interesting talks from Police Scotland, Fire Service and Zero Waste Heroes. The tea dance scheduled for springtime has been postponed due to illness. Members of the Club have been invited to visit Erskine Hospital.

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A traffic survey is being undertaken in Campbeltown in the near future. Members of the Community Council are continuing to fight to have the bell from HMS Campbeltown displayed in Campbeltown Museum.

CARR GOMM

Carr Gomm provides 530 hours of care weekly in Campbeltown and Mid-Argyll. They are actively recruiting staff to enable them to increase service use. 20 members of staff are employed in Campbeltown, with new recruits training next week. Drivers are urgently needed.

MACMILLAN CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE

MCISS now has a presence in Campbeltown, Rothesay, Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh. Volunteers are becoming increasingly hard to find, an experience shared by many voluntary organisations at the moment. Service hours have had to be cut to Thursday afternoons only in Campbeltown library. The service continues to be valued by many people.

CHOOSELIFE

Choeselife continue to run free courses across Argyll. These are frequently poorly attended and there is a risk they will be discontinued unless uptake increases.

SOUTH KINTYRE SENIORS` FORUM

SKSF meets on the 3rd Friday of every month in Lorne and Lowland New Hall. Speaker at April`s meeting was Catherine Wilson of Zero Waste Heroes. Happy Bus trips are running weekly and a group attended Age Scotland`s Conference in Perth, where they were delighted to see Shopper-Aide win the award for Service for Older People of the Year.

BEFRIENDERS

Befrienders continue to match young people with volunteers and at the moment, have a number of young volunteers registered. This is very gratifying as a large pool of volunteers is essential to find suitable matches.

SALTIRE

The number of Saltire registrations stands at 150 and increases monthly. 12 awards were distributed to pupils in March and 18 in April. Access to a notice board at Campbeltown Grammar School has been provided, which will enable young people to check new volunteering opportunities more easily.

KINTYRE FOOD BANK

During the pilot year of Kintyre Food Bank, 70 adults with 33 dependent children were provided with food. The number of 3-day parcels given out to people in need was 325. The food bank is considering moving to larger premises to facilitate more privacy for clients. To raise funds for such a move, a Fashion Show is being held in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Saturday 14th May.

LINK CLUB

Link Club members enjoyed a day trip to Tree Zone, Loch Lomond , during April. They regularly link up with members if Heads Up in Lochgilphead. Therapies are available for members and model-making in conjunction with Community Education is being considered for future activities. Funding is an issue, with several applications awaiting decision.

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND GARDEN

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was attended by 10 people compared to the usual 40, probably due to the atrocious weather conditions. An open afternoon with Zero Waste Heroes is to be held on Sunday 1st May. Later in the season, produce will be on sale from the garden and at Farmers` Markets.

HOME-START MAJIK

Home-Start has appointed a new co-ordinator based in Campbeltown to cover Kintyre. She is presently undergoing training, as are several new volunteers.

