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# From the Editor

*Welcome to the first edition of the new-look Arrochar and Luss Community Newsletter.*

**W**elcome to this, the first edition of "The Lantern", an all new-look Arrochar and Luss Community Newsletter. It's my privilege to be the editor of this new publication, which it is intended to publish four times a year.

We have set out to produce a booklet with content that is of interest to everyone within our communities, churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike, as well as to the great number of visitors who pass through Arrochar and Luss each year. And so, within these pages you'll find information not just about events happening in our communities, but also some articles of more general interest.

Most of us will be aware of the RSPB reserve near Gartocharn and volunteer Joe Parker has written an introduction to the reserve, tantalising us with the flora and fauna we might be lucky enough to see on a visit. There is something for everyone during every season of the year, so why not take a trip out there with your family, come back and tell us and the reserve what you saw.

We're lucky to have two distinguished local historians in our midst. Mary Haggarty has written a most interesting and informative article about the old Torpedo Range on Loch Long - "that eyesore" as many

people call it. But did you know of its the important role in the development and sustainability of a thriving community in Arrochar? Part 1 is in this edition; the concluding part will be in the next.



And then, what do you know about crime and punishment in Scotland in the distant past? What do some place names tell us about their function? **Ian MacEachern** touches on the answers to these questions in an article entitled Luss Justice.

I urge you to make a note in your diaries of the events that are happening over the next few months and to come along to support them.

Finally, if there is anything you would like to see included in the next edition, which should be published in the summer, or if you would be interested in placing an advert in the publication please contact me at [arrochar.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:arrochar.newsletter@gmail.com)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhona". A long horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

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## A Little About Us

*Rev Louis Bezuidenhout*



I was born in 1950s Johannesburg, and had the good fortune to grow up in a rural area in northern South Africa where we learned to appreciate nature. To us the Kruger National Park was the closest that you can get to heaven on earth. At that time my parents were both teachers, although my father had always wanted to be a minister in the church but was unable to finance himself through his studies. Eventually though he took the plunge, working as a security guard by night and studying by day, and I remember how proud we were of him when eventually he became a minister.

My older brother decided at an early age to follow in my father's footsteps as a minister, whilst I wanted to study maths and the sciences. In my final year at school though, I began to feel God's calling and

took the decision to join the church as well. One night while I was student, I went to a dance at the nearby teachers' college, and it was there that I noticed a beautiful young lady who I straightaway resolved to get to know a great deal better. It did not take us long to know that we were intended for each other, and Elsie and I were married in 1979 while I was doing my National service in the South African defence force. I later became a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, and was also Head of the Department of Biblical Studies at the University of Pretoria, gaining my doctoral degree with a dissertation on the Book of Job.

20 years ago Elsie and I and our two children Jaco and Andeli moved to Scotland as a family. I did my probation as a Church of Scotland minister in Campbeltown, and since then have served in a number of different parishes and presbyteries, most recently in Glenarary and Inveraray. Our children got married along the way, and live in England, and we are the proud grandparents of granddaughter Anna. For us, to be here ministering to the parishes of Arrochar and Luss is the fulfilment of a dream; there can be no more beautiful place on the whole of God's earth. It truly feels as though we have come home.

And finally, "the question I am often asked": which rugby team do you support!? I must confess that when we first came to Scotland I thought that might be a problem. However, it has not turned out that way at all, and when we watch Scotland playing against the Springboks at Murrayfield, we simply support both teams and just enjoy a first-rate match of rugby!

## From the Minister

*Rev Louis Bezuidenhout reflects on the season*

**I**t is the season of Spring. At this time of the year our part of the earth is turning towards the heat and light of the sun. The days are getting longer and the weather is changing. Nature is responding by producing new life – daffodils and crocuses, new green leaves on the trees, small lambs and calves.



*Rev Louis at the organ during World Day of Prayer – see p. 9*

This is also the time of Lent. The word Lent is an old word meaning springtime. In the Church Lent is the time when we turn our hearts towards the love of God. It is a time to reflect on new life in a spiritual sense: who are we, where are we coming from and where are we going.

It is a time to reflect on the life of Jesus and his impact on our lives. Lent is a journey – at the end we will find ourselves somewhere different from where we started. It is an opportunity to let go of those things that are redundant and that weigh us down. It is a journey of enlightenment and liberation, leading us to peace and fulfilment. It is an opportunity to explore what is the nature of the Kingdom

of God on earth and to discern how we are called to work for it. Jesus said, in John chap 10 v 10: *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

In our church services during Lent we will be prepared for the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On the first 3 days of Holy Week we will have a series of Bible Studies on the meaning of Lent. No preparation is necessary. These 3 Bible studies will start at 7pm and will be held in the following venues:

Monday 15th April in Luss Pilgrims' Centre,  
Tuesday 16th April in Arrochar Church Hall  
Wednesday 17th April in Luss Pilgrims' Centre

On Maundy Thursday, 18 April we will have an informal communion in Arrochar Church at 7.00pm. On Good Friday 19 April we shall hold a Tenebrae Service in Luss Church at 8.00pm. It is a short service that begins in the light and ends in darkness and silence.

On Easter Sunday, 21st April there will be a short early morning open air Easter service at 8.00am at Tarbet pier. After that we will have the usual services at 10am in Arrochar and 11:30am in Luss. Everybody is invited to attend any or all of these events.

## A walk with a spiritual dimension

One damp Saturday morning in late January members of Arrochar and Luss congregations, accompanied by two dogs, joined the Rev Louis Bezuidenhout and his wife, Elsie, on a walk with a spiritual dimension.

We were sustained physically en-route thanks to the foresight of Louis and Elsie who provided drinks and biscuits for us all. Spiritual sustenance was provided by Louis, who read Bible texts at appropriate places on the walk.

Starting at Arrochar and Tarbet Railway Station we walked uphill, passing fallen trees:

*“For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease  
Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant”*

**Job 14: 7 & 9**

*“As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God”*

**Psalm 42: 1 & 2**

*“Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:*

*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life”*

**John 4: 13 & 14**

As we clambered over stony ground and muddy tracts, the way was not always easy but with the encouragement and support of others we reached the high point of the climb, from where we could see the open sky, God’s majestic sky dome:

*“Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary”*

**Psalm 150**

and look west towards the Cobbler:

*“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help”*

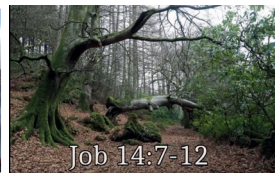
**Psalm 121**

Further walks are planned and each walk will become a pilgrimage walking on sacred ground; nature is also God’s sanctuary.

Louis made a short video of the walk. From the Loch Kirks website, [lochkirks.org.uk](http://lochkirks.org.uk), click on “Nature” then scroll down to find the video.



Psalm 121



Job 14:7-12



Psalm 42



Answers to the above questions. 1. Chicken Marengo, 2. Alaska, 3. The Corrs

## Quiz Night - 23 February

Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the Three Villages Hall, Arrochar, these evenings are always very popular with some fiendishly difficult questions. Do you know the answer to these?

- 1 What French dish was named after a battle fought in 1800?
- 2 Which became the 49<sup>th</sup> state of the USA in January 1959?
- 3 Which group is made up of Andrea, Sharon, Caroline & Jim?

It was lovely to be able to welcome people from across the community, and also some visitors staying in local hotels.

A big 'thank you' to Stuart Greenwood for setting the quiz and acting as quiz master. Thanks, also, to everyone who took part and supporting the event in different ways. £227 was raised for the church.

The winning team was Five Sheets to the Wind, unfortunately they were disqualified for having one too many human team members and a dog on their team. Fork Handles, who amassed an impressive 72/120 points, were declared the winners. Well done to them and to everyone who took part.

## Arrochar Church Organ

At a recent Kirk Session meeting in Arrochar Church it was agreed to have the beautiful pipe organ in our church restored. This will cost an estimated £3000. The Kirk Session is keen that work on it should start as soon as half the cost has been raised. Donations towards the restoration of the organ can be made at the church or sent to the minister, the Rev Dr Louis Bezuidenhout, 3 Havoc Road, Dumbarton G82 4JW or to the Session Clerk, Dr David Pollard, Oakbank House, Arrochar G83 7AA





## World Day of Prayer 2019 – Friday 1 March

Each year Christian women from a different country plan and write the service. World Day of Prayer was celebrated at Arrochar Church on Friday 1 March when members of the congregations of both the parish church and the Church of Saint Peter & Saint Paul participated in a service planned by the women of Slovenia. The theme for this year's service was "Come - everything is ready" based upon the text Luke 14:15-24.



You might be interested in the recipe for a traditional Slovenian yeasted walnut bread, to be found at <https://worlddayofprayer.net/slovenia-2019.html>

### World Day of Prayer – How It All Began

The concept of the World Day of Prayer began in the United States of America and Canada in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Christian women initiated cooperative activities to support women's involvement in missionary work at home and overseas particularly working with other women and children.

In 1920, the first Friday in Lent that year, February 20, was celebrated as a joint day of prayer. In 1927 the title The World Day of Prayer for Missions was adopted, shortened the following year to The World Day of Prayer

In 1930 the order of worship was written for the first time by a woman outside the USA. Helen Kim of Korea holds that honour; from these roots the current



*The World Day of Prayer logo was designed by women in Ireland for the 1982 service planned by women from both sides of the Irish border. The logo depicts arrows converging from the four points of the compass, four women kneeling in prayer, a Celtic cross and a circle, representing the world united.*

format has evolved. The first services in the United Kingdom were held in Scotland in 1930.

From 1969 the World Day of Prayer has been celebrated on the first Friday in March. There were two main reasons for the change. It was realised that in northern climes, when the first Friday in Lent could be as early as February 6<sup>th</sup>, weather conditions might make it hazardous for people to come together. The other reason was that not all Christian churches celebrate Easter on the same date and so the first Friday in Lent would not be the same throughout the Christian world.

## What's happening in Arrochar and Luss . . .

The Three Villages Hall plays a hugely important role in the life of the Arrochar community, and hosts a range of regular activities. A list of these can be seen on the noticeboard outside the Hall; otherwise, pop in and ask for more information.



### Coffee and Cake

is served each Saturday between 10.30 and 12.30 in the Three Villages Hall. Come along and enjoy some freshly brewed coffee, freshly made tea and delicious home baking at a very reasonable cost. All proceeds from these coffee mornings go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall

### The Over 55s Lunch Club

is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 12.30 in the Three Villages Hall. A nourishing and warming meal is served at a cost of £4 and you can enjoy some convivial conversation. Vegetarian options are available if advance notice is given. Contact the Hall (01301 702669) to book your place.

### Bingo and a Blether

takes place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Three Villages Hall. It starts at 2pm and tea and biscuits are provided. The cost is £2.

## Craft and Chat Circle



The Craft and Chat Circle meets every Wednesday between 1.00 and 3.00 in Arrochar Church Hall. Many ladies bring knitting or embroidery but some just come to chat. In addition, Rev Louis is keen to establish an Art Group which would also meet then.

The Craft and Chat Circle welcomes members of all faiths and none.

During this time we open the church to visitors, so whether you would like to come and join the Craft and Chat Circle or visit our lovely church and take the opportunity for some peaceful reflection, followed by a cup of tea, you will be most welcome.

### Luss Church Summer Fayre

Will be held on Saturday 3 August, from 11.00 - 3.00. All the usual stalls will be there, and new stalls and ideas and (especially!) help will be extremely welcome. Speak to me, May MacDonald, or email me on [maymacdonald59@btinternet.com](mailto:maymacdonald59@btinternet.com)

## ... Community events and dates for your diary

### Stained Glass Workshop

In both of our Churches, Arrochar and Luss, we are blessed with beautiful stained glass windows. These windows have inspired us to try out a stained glass workshop. Have you ever wished that you could do it? If so, this is your opportunity to have a go. We shall meet in the Pilgrims' Centre in Luss at 7.00pm on 22 April for a free introductory session, at which our stained glass artist Janine Smith will give details of what the workshop will entail. Follow-up sessions will take place on 29 April, 6 May and 13 May; a charge will be made to cover materials but it will be minimal. Everybody is welcome - if you're interested, please contact the Minister, Louis Bezuidenhout (01389 763317, [lbezuidenhout@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:lbezuidenhout@churchofscotland.org.uk)).

### Plant Sale

This year will be our fourth annual plant sale and it will take place on Saturday 1 June outside the Three Villages Hall, Arrochar between 10.30 and 12.30. Tea, coffee and home baking will be available inside.

The plant sale has become increasingly popular over the years and helps to raise significant funds for the church. It's not too late to divide your plants or take cuttings. If you would like to help by donating plants, pot plants, compost or other garden items, please contact Ann Maceachern (07909 818162). Ann is also willing to help with lifting or dividing plants if required.

Ann is extremely knowledgeable about all kinds of plants, the conditions they like, which ones will thrive or struggle in our climate, and which are deer-proof, so come along and ask her for advice and buy some plants too. There's always space in your garden for another plant!

### Quilting/Sewing Group

If anyone is interested in joining a quilting/sewing group please contact Ann Maceachern on 07909 818162. Ann is also willing to run a short course teaching basic sewing skills, so now you won't have to throw out that favourite dress or pair of trousers because you don't know how to hem them or replace the zip

## HOLY WEEK LISTINGS

Monday April 15	7.00pm	Holy Week Bible Study	Luss Pilgrims' Centre,
Tuesday April 16	7.00pm	Holy Week Bible Study	Arrochar Church Hall
Wednesday April 17	7.00pm	Holy Week Bible Study	Luss Pilgrims' Centre
Thursday, April 18	7.00 pm	Informal Communion	Arrochar Church
Friday April 19	8.00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Luss Church
Sunday April 21	8.00am	Early Morning Easter Service	Tarbet pier
	10.00am	Easter Service	Arrochar Church
	11:30am	Easter Service	Luss Church

## Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

*Joe Parker (Residential Volunteer) writes about his work and the rewards it brings*



The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is the largest nature conservation charity in Europe. RSPB Scotland Loch Lomond is located on the south-east corner of Loch Lomond, forming part of the Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve (NNR). The reserve offers breath-taking views and fantastic opportunities to experience a variety of

wildlife whilst delivering important nature conservation.

Recently acquired by RSPB in 2012, the site is still young and consists of a stunning mix of woodlands, wetlands and grasslands. Two trails starting from our Nature Hub have been in place since 2017. The Viewpoint path (200 m) is fully accessible and leads

to our Scottish Scenic Routes structure, named Gaels View. It's a beautiful spot to view the site with a spectacular backdrop of the surrounding hills. The Airey Woodland trail (950 m) winds through a coppiced alder woodland and out onto a wildflower meadow. It's beautiful in all seasons and the magical carpet of bluebells in May is particularly special. The Shore Wood

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path explores ancient oak woodland along the loch shore, boasting stunning views of Conic Hill. Access is via Aber Right of Way which can be very muddy at times, with parking at the Millennium Hall, Gartocharn.

The changing seasons bring opportunities to experience a variety of nature spectacles. In spring, the reserve is filled with the symphony of birdsong and carpets of sweet smelling bluebells. Moving into summer keep an eye out for fishing ospreys, darting dragonflies, fluttering butterflies and buzzing

bees. Autumn marks the arrival of our winter thrushes, fieldfare and redwing. A stroll through the ancient woodland reveals the beautiful colours of autumn and the wonderful world of fungi across the woodland floor. Thousands of geese spend the winter around the reserve, moving between their favourite feeding and roosting grounds. An early morning watching the sun rise over the hills, illuminating a snow-capped Ben Lomond and experiencing several thousand geese depart from last night's roost is a

spectacle worth the early start.

Our annual events programme has something for everyone: guided walks, wild food foraging, bat nights and more. Our trails make Loch Lomond a great day out for families young and old. Pack a picnic and enjoy exploring, pond dipping, den building and more. For more information about the reserve, the work we carry out and a full list of our events visit [www.rspb.org.uk/lochlomond](http://www.rspb.org.uk/lochlomond)

*Photographs © Bob Shand*

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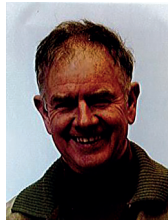


## Luss Justice Gallowhill Cottage and the Gallow Tree.

By Ian MacEachern

About three miles south of Luss is a cottage called Gallowhill. The above picture dating back to 1869 shows the cottage beside the Gallow Tree and Gallow Hill.

The feudal practice of Pit and Gallows was exercised in Scotland whereby a baron had the right to drown a woman in a pit or other convenient piece of water or hang a man from a tree. Luss still has its hill of the gallows, called *tom na croich* with the nearby mound of *tom na mhoid*, hill of justice. These were where the Chief of the Clan Colquhoun tried culprits who could be enemies or tenants and exercised the sentence of capital punishment. Writing in 1869 Fraser said that the present Sir James Colquhoun recounted that his father remembered the identical tree to the one shown in the picture from which



the hangings took place; it was a Scots pine but it decayed and was removed and replaced.

There is an account of a man being led to the Gallows in the north of Scotland who grabbed the sword from one of his jailers and leapt into the pit brandishing the sword and daring anyone to come and get him. After several hours of trying to coax him out his wife was sent for as a last resort. Apparently, her plea to him was "Cam aw'a out Donal, and dinna anger the laird"

Fraser also records that there was a minute book -*The Court of the Lands of the Baronry of Luss* with entries dating from 7 October 1663 to 28 December 1792. It is said that in 1602 two MacGregors were hanged for killing a sheep which, if true,

was a possible forerunner to the Battle of Glen Fruin.

Possibly records exist of other occasions when the Gallow Tree was used – however it was there as a constant reminder of the power of the laird until 1747 when the use of the Pit and Gallows was rescinded. The last person to be hanged by a chief in Scotland was a MacLeod in 1728.

Another form of justice was administered by the Barony Court which was presided over by the laird or his baillie. It comprised of a jury of tenants who were known as the birleymen. The Barony Court served two purposes: first, as a place where tenants could come together to interpret customs; and second, as the laird’s private court where he could compel payment of rents and services due to himself and punish crimes.

Many of the tacks compelled tenants either to serve on the baron court or to attend when summoned to do so. In one recorded instance dated 28<sup>th</sup> November 1570 “*Sir John commands his officers lawfully to summon two of his tenants of the lands of Kirkmichael-Buchanan to compear before him, or any of his baillies in the Baron Court of Luss to be held in the Port of Rossdhu*”.

There is also a reference to Robert Colquhoun on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1505 resigning his lands to his son at the Port of Rossdhu; possibly an indication that this was a permanent location of the Barony Court

After the 1746 Jacobite Rebellion the powers of the baron courts were reduced to such an extent that they ceased to exist by the end of the century.



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## RNTR Arrochar-The Range, Part 1

By Mary I Haggarty

It is true to say that very few people on arrival at or departure from Arrochar Parish Church fail to lift their eyes to look across Loch Long at the rugged panorama of the Arrochar Alps which contains the first sight of a Munro on the West Coast and one of the most climbed Corbetts in Scotland, Ben Arthur (better known as The Cobbler). However, after remarking on what a beautiful view they have just beheld the next question is always, "What is that derelict site, straight across the Loch?" They are referring to the remains of the RN Torpedo Testing station sold by the Ministry of Defence



to a developer thirty years ago who has left the buildings to crumble into a tangled 'Heap of Rust' providing wonderful hangers for wind-borne litter to perch on, along with its only inhabitants, the seagulls. There is, nevertheless, a deeper aspect to this twisted mess, the reason not only

for it having been there but the important role it played in the formation of our village. This aspect is now barely remembered, far less talked about, but without the Range having been situated here at the Head of Loch Long, our village may always have remained as described by the history books – a watering hole.

We had been fortunate in the 1800s to have had a boost to the tourist industry through the paddle steamer trade during the summer months and likewise the West Highland railway using Tarbet as a station when the railway passed through our area in 1896. Neither of these two changed the structure of Arrochar in the way the Torpedo Range did. Although, it must be said that these two elements, the railway, and the tourist trade are still active here today.

The Range was not accepted with open arms when first mooted. Both the Glasgow Herald and the Helensburgh & Gareloch Times newspapers expressed the people's thoughts on such an industry being sited at the Head of Loch Long. Nonetheless by the middle of the first decade of the



*The Range Bridge late 1800s. Photo provided by Linda Kinibrugh*





*RNTR Arrochar 1920 with Admiralty Cottages in the background.*

twentieth century building of the torpedo testing site had been started by McAlpine Construction. The Admiralty was determined to challenge the growing German naval menace.

This brought the start of social as well of physical changes to the village. The prospect of what today would be classed as a 'living wage' was being earned by the men of the village through the employment created. It was soon recognised that accommodation would be required as initially it would be necessary to bring skilled workers to the area until training could be given to

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men living in the locality, many of whom would have been living in a tied house which they would have to vacate. To provide this housing, not long after the building of the Range started Admiralty Cottages on the east side of Loch were built. These houses were originally

called the 'Glebe Cottages' as the land they now occupy was part of the Glebe attached to the Parish Church. Their name changed again when the first tenants, who were mainly from Portsmouth arrived, and so they were then referred to as the 'English Cottages'. However all official documents regarding the dwellings record them as the Admiralty Cottages as they are now called.

The sixteen houses were built in an Arts and Crafts design taken from the William Morris group. These were spacious houses with the first twelve of them comprising

four bedrooms, a sitting room, a kitchen and a toilet with the bathrooms not being added on until the late forties. The last four only had two bedrooms.

By the end of the First World War the RNTR Arrochar was now well established as the main place of work in the village and what it was offering to the community was invaluable. When the Range opened its gates in 1912 the opening ceremony photograph shows about sixty workers most of whom look like labourers; this would be related to the building works still being under construction.

By 1920 the firing range, itself, had been constructed together with the 'single quarters' and the two police houses, but no sign of the main pier that we see the remnants of today. Apprentices were being taken on to be trained in all types of trades - electricians, mechanics, welders, joiners, plumbers. This was a wonderful opportunity for boys living locally as cars were not so plentiful back then to enable the youth to leave the villages for work. These apprenticeships were all hands-on with training and qualifications being gained in the

workplace. This type of employment was a direct entrance into the Civil Service which provided job security on the level unheard of in our villages before.

With the head of the household and their sons bringing in steady wages, along with some desk and cleaning work for women, work at the Range gave the village residents a better spending power which in turn enabled the

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grocers, the butcher, the baker, the shoemaker all to survive. The two schools, Arrochar and Glencroe, saw their pupil numbers rise. In all, the Range was coming into its own in supporting and building our community.

Because of the influx of the workers from Portsmouth during the 1930s an English Church was established with its congregation worshipping in the Oratory at Glenloin House before taking up

residence in Benreoch under the guidance of Canon Little.

From 1930 until 1971 the manufacture of the torpedoes for testing moved from Greenock to the RN Torpedo Factory at Alexandria. The Range continued to expand and by the early 1920s we saw the building of the Weir Cottages along with the Range Houses, these twelve houses were built within the Range boundaries and were occupied by Range employees.

When the Housing Act was passed in 1937 Kirkfield Place, the first of the 'non-tied' housing, was built by Dunbarton County Council to a design by Joseph Weekes - the design was three sides of a square, symmetrical around a pen, with a sinuous slated roof. Both Kirkfield Place and the Admiralty Cottages at Tighness have in design managed to capture the diminutive scale of the original thatched cottages that would have been seen about Arrochar in days gone by. Although Kirkfield Place was not built purposely for the Range a large number of the allocated houses went to Range workers. *The story of the Range continues in the next edition.*

## Luss Village Hall - we need your help

Around 2010, the Hall management committee raised funds to restore the outside of the hall - new roof, new windows, exterior painting etc. Now we need to raise funds to carry out a much needed internal upgrade to address, amongst other things

- **the toilets**, which are in very poor condition especially for groups like Luss Tots and the School to use
- **the kitchen**, which is very basic, meaning that catering is limited for hall users
- **the room used for consultations with the doctor** which badly needs to be improved to meet NHS standards.



We need to do this for 3 main reasons

- to ensure we retain the regular consultations of Dr Gary Johnson of Alexandria, who provides a vital service for the local community.
- to improve the facilities for our local hall user groups such as Luss Tots, Luss Primary School, the SWI, Luss & Arden Community Development Trust, the Community Council and Luss Church guild.
- to promote greater use of the hall, thereby boosting income and helping to sustain the hall for future use by individuals and community groups.

60% of the funding is coming from the Hall management committee and the Trustees. Although we were recently awarded a contribution from the Lottery Awards for All, for a further 11%, we are still £20k short of funding. We have another few applications pending and if successful, hope to be able to go ahead in October this year.

We have a small, but dedicated management committee of 5 local people and 3 Trustees, however we do require more help with this project and with the ongoing management of the Hall. If you'd like to assist we would be pleased to hear from you either on [lussvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:lussvillagehall@gmail.com), or [www.facebook.com/LussVillageHall](http://www.facebook.com/LussVillageHall), or come along to our coffee morning on Sat 4 May to see the plans and find out how you can help.

	<p><i>Ben Arthur's Bothy Main Street Arrochar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New menu coming soon</i></li><li>• <i>Freshly prepared Food Served</i></li><li>• <i>Large Table bookings upon request</i></li><li>• <i>Sky Sports</i></li><li>• <i>Friendly Service</i></li><li>• <i>Dog friendly public bar</i></li><li>• <i>Entertainment</i></li><li>• <i>Follow us on Facebook for up to date info</i></li><li>• <i>Call 01301 702241 <a href="mailto:benarthur01@aol.com">benarthur01@aol.com</a></i></li></ul>
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## **Baptisms at Luss**

*Sunday 7 October 2018*

Ayla Montague MacLennan

*Sunday 21 October*

Lucy Petrauskaite

*Sunday 28 October*

Katy Margaret Jean Wilkie

*Sunday 4 November*

Leila Sarah Ford

*Sunday 10 February 2019*

Eliza Jane MacEwan Buxton

*Sunday 17 February*

Rose and Ruby Philpott

*Sunday 17 March*

Brodie Lewis Hamilton McKeown

## **Weddings at Luss**

*Saturday 27 October*

Derek Somerville and Eleanor Taylor

*Saturday 3 November*

Andrew Boag and Stephanie Melvin

*Saturday 10 November*

Andrew Campbell and Emily Davies

*Saturday 17 November*

David Jardine and Jacqueline Burlison

*Saturday 2 February 2019*

David Bannatyne and Lauren Bowman

*Saturday 23 February*

Jonathan Scarth and Estelle Weir

## Forthcoming Weddings at Luss

*Saturday 4 May*

Grant Cowie and Sarah Howitt  
Philip Kent and Gemma Stewart

*Saturday 25 May*

Colin Garvie and Vivienne Forrest

*Saturday 1 June*

Derek Paton and Diane Connell

*Saturday 8 June*

David Harvey and Natasha Broadway

*Saturday 22 June*

Andrew Devaney and Claire Hart  
Richard Matthews and Sarah Finlay

*Fri 28 June*

Vic Lally and Maddy Sclater

*Saturday 29 June*

Callum Scott and Line Kammen





