



## Update for Members and Friends – Christmas 2017

**New appointment!** Last Wednesday five interviews were held for the post of Trust Development Manager, funded by Big Lottery and the Robertson Trust. As a result Jane Churchill was offered and accepted the post starting in March. Jane is already known to many of the community as she has been working as consultant to the Lorn Islands Partnership for the past two years and successfully bid for the 'Celebrate Volunteers' funding earlier this year.

There has been a long gap with no management level post in place for the Trust at the Centre, so we look forward to the renewed dynamism that will result from having a manager again. When the complete funding package is in place for a three year period, there will be at least one other management post to be filled.

**Christmas Dinner:** Last Saturday evening's event was enjoyed by those who attended. A three-course traditional meal was much appreciated by the diners, with a chance to relax and enjoy an occasion, with the light entertainment of a raffle with nearly as many prizes as diners! We thank all the Café staff and the donors of the prizes for the evening.

**Opening hours:** The Centre is still open seven days of the week during the winter, **except** Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and the 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

Monday to Friday 11 am to 4pm

Saturday 11 am to late (actual time will depend on booked meals and demand)

Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm

**Membership subscriptions:** Final reminders to those Members and Friends who have overlooked paying for their subscriptions are in hand. The Trust relies on its members and friends to be involved and show there is support for the various activities it undertakes and to suggest ways forward.

**Trading Company:** As part of the strengthening of the business side of the Atlantic Islands Centre, there is to be an external assessment of the business, funded by Scottish Government through Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and carried out by Just Enterprise, a project set up to deliver such support to Third Sector organisations. Their first visit to Luing was this week, and in due course they will produce a report to the Trust board.

### Future Events and Activities on Luing:

A questionnaire designed to find out what future events and activities island residents would like to see at the Centre will be delivered to your doorstep soon. There will also be an option to complete this online. Please complete and return it so we know what types of event you would like to come to.

***The directors of the Trust  
wish you all a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.***



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