

## **Dores Hall – AGM 30<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm in the hall**

Your Hall is being run entirely by volunteers – notably Gavin Finlay, Clare Cuthbertson and Heidi Seaton (the office bearers) who have been caretaking the hall over the last two years with help from local friends and family and of course Angie McKie who has kept the hall safe by maintaining a high level of cleanliness all through the difficult covid times...and indeed still is!

After the period of lockdown the hall started to be used regularly for taekwon-do training, music rehearsals, and as we opened up more we have had yoga classes, meetings, first aid courses, craft nights and some private birthday party and wedding bookings. The Hall is also used by the Loch Ness Marathon and Etape events as a safe space for First Aid. Not forgetting the ever popular Curry Nights, the new Soup and Pudding Events and the recent Jazz Gig (with wine and cheese!)

During covid we lost the regular Nessie Nipper booking as there were too few children for it to be viable. However this has released both space and times for other bookings and a chance for us to reorganise and improve our own storage spaces.

We feel there is a buzz growing down at the Hall ...and we need more people to help get more events off the ground...there are many ideas about – please come and share yours and let's get more activities for the village going again.

We are aware that the Hall is looking a little dilapidated and there are plans afoot to have the outside painted and to do (yes, yet more!) essential roof repairs. Grants are being applied for. The felling and harvesting of the woodland beside the hall has helped us clarify the boundaries of the land that belongs to the hall (and the community) and given impetus to make plans for its future layout and use. There are many practical jobs that need doing – and we feel that there are many of you out there who could help – it's your hall and we need you to help us make it as attractive as it can be as a community base for your activities and event. It's just too much for the current hall committee. Future plans include developing the kitchen to provide better catering facilities...but first things first – let's get the outside sorted and more bookings in.

So – upcoming events include a Curry Night, a Scottish Harp Music Gig, the return of the New Year's Dance, the Burns Supper and possibly a new kids play session ...and all linked up by yoga, craft nights and anything else folk would like.

So – please come to the AGM and join us – we have lots of ideas but also want your ideas, enthusiasm and most of all - Help...in any way that you can...to help sustain and grow this facility.

We think there are great possibilities and exciting times ahead!

It's a fabulous resource in a stunning location – we need to make the most of it

Gavin, Clare and Heidi