BELVILLE BUGLE

BELVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN TRUST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! By the time this issue is out, we should be back in the swing of things, with all our usual booked & drop-in activities starting again (please see the "WHAT'S ON" list for more info).

Case in point: **Garden Club**'s been off to a fantastic start, with our first session of the year involving planning how we'll be reinvigorating key areas of the gardens.

And for those of you who've just recently decided to get involved with all that BGCT has to offer, welcome aboard! Glad to have you! Speaking of lifestyle changes...

WHAT NEW ACTIVITY HAVE YOU STARTED THIS YEAR?

As always, get in touch! You can do so using the following methods:

Pay us a visit! (or **send post**): 53-57 Belville Street, Greenock PA15 4UN
Email us at admin@belvillecommunitygarden.org.uk
Ring us at 01475 276034 or 07841 399873 (phone lines are working again!)
Message us on **social media!**
Our operating hours are **9am-4pm Mon-Thu & 12pm-1pm Fri.**

WHAT'S ON

If something has an asterisk (*), please book in advance

Mondays
Garden Club (1pm-3pm)

Tuesdays
ESOL Classes (11am-12pm)
Tabletop* (1:30pm-3pm)

Wednesdays
Knit & Natter* (1pm-3pm)
Bike Café (10:30am-3pm)

Friday
Soup & a Blether* (12pm-1pm)

Tuesday 28th Feb
The Gay Agenda (6:30pm-8pm)
[Last Session!]

Belville Spotlight

Janet McGeown's been brightening everyone's day as a volunteer at Belville since 2021, usually helping us out in the kitchen, particularly on Fridays for Soup & a Blether, with dessert almost always lovingly-crafted from Janet's own hands!

Janet working with a camera circa Dec 2021
(Serge might have competition as BCGT's resident photographer!)

As always, we asked around Belville for some kind words for Janet, and we got plenty! Here's just a couple of them:

"What can we NOT say nice about Janet?" - Sally

"I love Janet, she's so much fun to work with, funny as hell, so much to talk about and she's so kind & generous" - Kasia

Please let us know who you think should be the next person to headline the Bugle! (really, please ask! we don't bite!)

Grandad, Father, Husband, Chef.
And to Belville, Adrian's a very dear friend.

Our People

This month, we'd like to introduce our Board of Trustees' Staff Liaison, Adrian Guiseppe Magnano.

Adrian grew up on the island of Guernsey but now lives in Inverkip, having originally joined Belville as a volunteer with the goal of engaging in community and giving back to Scotland as thanks for some of the bountiful gifts he's received here.

He joined BCGT's Trustees last year, with his skills in hospitality adding amazing value, particularly with his role as staff liason to the board offering a chance to bring Belville's lifeblood, the leadership, our staff and volunteers, closer together.

New Orchard!: Ever since its inception, one of BCGT's goals has been to take the area the gardens are now located in, and turn it into a sight the local community (and hopefully all of Inverclyde) can be proud of.

This month we've been making progress on that long term goal by planting an orchard of dwarf apple trees with help from the Horticultural MAs from Inverclyde Council plus one of our new volunteers!

A few days after the initial digging/tilling (see first photo with our Environmental Officer Don Thomas), several people linked to BCGT got together to plant the actual trees! (see second photo)

The most impressive part? This was all done in freezing temperatures! Thanks to everyone who got involved!

On a related note, we've restarted our **WIll of the Wild drop-ins** for 2023! Please feel free to contact us for more information!

CUTE ANIMAL PHOTO(s):
Have you met Taylor's pet puppers Penn & Teller?

Yes, they're as magical as their names suggest! (And super fluffy!)

Next issue should arrive around mid-March.
See you all soon!

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