KILNINFORD NEWS

Issue 20

December, 2004



### WISHING ALL OUR READERS

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

### AND

### PEACE AND HAPPINESS

### IN 2005

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS OF ALL THE EVENTS OVER THE

FESTIVE PERIOD INCLUDING

THE HOGMANAY CEILIDH IN THE VILLAGE HALL



#### WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Thursday, 16th December - Scottish Country Dancing Christmas Party at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December – Carols at the Galley of Lorne, Ardfern from 6.45 p.m.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Market in a marguee outside the Galley of Lorne from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact: Lix Armstrong (Tel: 01852 500240)

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Carol Singing around Kilmelford meeting outside the Cuilfail at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Movie Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Music Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> December – Quiz Night featuring the snowball jackpot at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December – Pool Competition at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. Entry £6 or £4 concessions.

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> December – Live Music from 9.30 p.m. at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven featuring Archie MacAllister and Danny Moran.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> December – Hogmanay Ceilidh from 9 p.m. till late in Kilmelford Village Hall. Bring your own booze and a contribution for the buffet. Everybody welcome. Entry £1 per person. Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208).

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> December – Live Music from 7.30 p.m. at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven featuring Dileas (Bed Edom and Debra Carey).

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Live Music from 9.30 p.m. at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Quiz Night in the Galley of Lorne.

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven featuring the snowball jackpot.

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January – The Kilninford Association AGM. Time and venue to be announced. Contact: Cath Manchester, Secretary (Tel: 01852 200272).

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January – A Nautical Quiz at 8 p.m. in the Galley of Lorne organised by the Craignish Boat Club.

Contact Fiona Morrison (Tel: 01852 300249).

**February/March – RBS Six Nations Rugby Tournament** on the big screen television at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall. Please would anyone willing to help or provide baking phone Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) at the beginning of the week.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> February – Video Night at 8 p.m. in the Lord of the Isles organised by the Craignish Boat Club.

Contact Fiona Morrison (Tel: 01852 300249).

beginning of the week.

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> February – Mid Argyll Ball** from 8.15 p.m. till 1 a.m. at the Cairnbaan Hotel. Tickets now on sale at £25 per person or £22.50 per person for parties of 10 or more. Send a cheque payable to "The Mid Argyll Charity Ball" along with a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Dawn Stewart, Craignish Castle, Ardfern, Argyll, PA31 8QS. A bus will run from Oban, picking up en route and returning from the Cairnbaan at 1 p.m. £2 per person. Contact: Dawn Stewart (Tel: 01852 500691).

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> February – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven featuring the snowball jackpot.

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall. Please would anyone willing to help or provide baking phone Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) at the

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven featuring the snowball jackpot.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March – special Easter Market outside the Galley of Lorne (regular Sunday markets will start again in May).

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Please would anyone willing to help or provide baking phone Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) at the beginning of the week.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Boat Jumble and Car Boot Sale from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Contact: Jan Brown, Craignish Boat Club (Tel: 01852 500689)

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven featuring the snowball jackpot.

#### **REGULAR EVENTS IN KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

<u>Country Dancing</u> – these popular sessions are very well attended and, with Mike's expert guidance, the group is beginning to tackle a greater variety and complexity of dances. (NB the use of the word "tackle" not "master"!) Sessions take place most **Thursdays** from **8 p.m. till 10 p.m.** £2.50 per person per session.

Please note that the class for children prior to the adult sessions will be for P4 upwards in order to limit the age range. Mike found it impossible to do justice to each child's level of ability when the group included the very young from P2 and P3. The classes take place most **Thursdays** from **7.15 p.m. till 8 p.m.** £2 per child per class.

The end of session Christmas Party will be on Thursday, 16th December.

NB There will be no dancing throughout January as Mike is escaping to warmer climes. Dancing will start again on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314).

#### ART GROUP

The group meets weekly on Thursdays from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. Unfortunately, the group has, as yet, been unable to find a tutor. Fees are £1 per session without tutor. All welcome. The group will take a break for the festive period from Thursday,  $23^{rd}$  December. Contact: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375).

**EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS** – the weekly **Wednesday** morning workshops from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall will stop on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December and resume on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

#### PLAYGROUP

The Kilmelford Playgroup is still not functioning due to lack of interest and insufficient numbers to justify its operation. However, the Craignish Parent and Toddler Group now meets **every Tuesday from 10 a.m. till 12 noon** in Kilmelford Village Hall while the Craignish Village Hall is being rebuilt. The group caters for all pre-school children (babies to 5 year olds) accompanied by a parent and operates during school term times and during half terms.  $\pounds 1.50$  per family. The group will continue to meet in Kilmelford until at least June, 2005 and anyone interested is very welcome to join the group. Contact: Alex Pollock (Tel: 01852 500563)

#### **BADMINTON AND SQUASH**

Badminton: £2 per hour Squash: 16 years and over £3/hr Under 16 years, OAP's, students and unemployed £1.50/hr

#### CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

**Caretaker**:- Deirdre Campbell Gibson (Tel: 01852 200224). Deirdre will be retiring at the end of 2004 and the search is on for a new Caretaker – any volunteers? A big thank you, Deirdre, for all that you have done for the community in this role – you'll be missed.

**Bookings** should be made during business hours at the Kilmelford Village Stores (Tel: 01852 200271) and at Melfort Club (Tel: 01852 200257), both of whose support is much appreciated.

NB A new Yale lock has now been fitted to the front door of the Hall. Keys are available from Deirdre Campbell-Gibson (Tel: 01852 200224) and Kilmelford Post Office. £5 to existing key holders and £10 to new people requiring keys. The electric meter for the squash court has also had to be replaced and takes a different token from the original meter; obtainable from Kilmelford Post Office.

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

#### Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December – Gift Sunday at 12 noon in Kilmelford Parish Church.

Anybody wishing to bring a gift for distribution by the Social Services Department in Oban should please mark it for either a boy or a girl and the age for which the gift is suitable.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December – Family Service at 12 noon in Kilninver Parish Church with the children of Blast Off Club participating in the service. Everybody most welcome.

Sunday, 19th December – Service of 9 Lessons and Carols at 6.30 p.m. in Craignish Parish Church.

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December – Kilninver Primary School Christmas Service and Nativity Play** at 7 p.m. in Kilninver Parish Church followed by Festive Fare in the school. The school extends a warm welcome to the whole community.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Early Watchnight Service at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Parish Church.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Late Watchnight Service** at 11.30 p.m. (with carols before the service at 11 p.m.) in Kilninver Parish Church.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Service at 11 a.m. in Kilmelford Parish Church.

#### **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES**

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church.

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
December	26 <sup>th</sup>	
January	9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	$2^{nd}$ , $16^{th}$ , $30^{th}$
February	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>
March	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> (Easter Day)
April	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup>	$10^{\text{th}}, 24^{\text{th}}$
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>

#### Please note:

Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.15 a.m. Notices for all Christmas Services will be posted up at the Village Shop in Kilmelford.

#### KILMELFORD CHURCH

The Kirk Session has bought some more Bibles so there can be one for each row of the pews. They are in place in the church now and if anybody would like to sponsor one at the cost of  $\pounds 8$ , money can be left in the offering box on the table by the door.

Bookplates have been printed for the Bibles; if anyone wishes to inscribe a dedication inside, they would be very welcome to do so.

Georgina Dalton

#### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES - St John's Cathedral, George Street Oban.

Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Fourth Sunday – Choral Matins)Wednesday11 a.m. Holy Communion

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES - St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

Saturday	7 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

#### HARRY CLARK

Bell and all of the family would like to thank everyone for the support and sympathy offered to them during Harry's illness and after his death. The kind words, cards and letters were a great comfort and helped make a very difficult time more bearable.

Thank you to everyone who made the journey down to Clydebank Crematorium, and special thanks to Rev Alastair MacLachlan for the lovely service and for all his care and assistance.

Bell is settling well into Ossians Nursing Home, North Connel and although – for us – it is odd not to have them in the Lodge, there are so many reminders throughout the area by way of sheds, fences and garden furniture!

Many thanks once again.

EWEN MACLENNAN died on the 30th November 2004 aged 65.

The whole community was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ewen, a well loved and much respected character. Although born in Harris, he lived and worked in our area for most of his life. Ewen was strong and hard working, and his mild manner and good sense of humour was much appreciated by those he met. Coming across him as he went about the place would always bring some brightness into the day, and sharing with him some of his wide interests left you feeling better. We share our sympathy, and our real sense of loss, with family here and in New Zealand.

Rev T Alistair MacLachlan

#### **KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

#### **MEETINGS**

Committee meetings were held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004. The main points under discussion were:

- a) Owing to a failure of the electronic locking system on the front door to the Hall, a new Yale lock has been fitted. Keys are available from Deirdre Campbell-Gibson (01852 200224) at a price of £5.00 to existing key-holders and £10.00 to new people requiring keys.
- b) The electric meter for the Squash court has also had to be replaced. It takes a different token from the original meter; obtainable from the Kilmelford Post Office.
- c) At the end of 2004, Deirdre Campbell-Gibson will be retiring as Hall caretaker after many years of diligent service. We are all very grateful to Deirdre for the work she has done on behalf of the community and are presently looking for a replacement caretaker.

d) A big Thank-you also goes to Diane Galt, who is now leaving the committee, in appreciation of everything she has done on the fund raising side.

Diane Scaife

#### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Chairman	Neil Manchester
Treasurer	Robin Grey
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Bookings	Ann Saunders
Committee Member	Dorothy Bark
Committee Member	Anne Grey
	i iiiie Grey

Caretaker

Deirdre Campbell-Gibson

#### VILLAGE HALL CARETAKER REQUIRED

Duties will include the control and issue of hall keys, hall bookings, and the supervision of maintenance. This role is fully supported by the Village Hall Committee. Operational expenses will be covered. Interested? Please contact Neil Manchester, Chairman, Village Hall Committee on 200272.

#### **RECYCLING FACILITIES**

The recycling facilities at the Kilmelford Village Hall now cover plastics, bottles and cans. It is hoped that a paper bank will be added early in 2005. To ensure the continuation of these facilities, it is vital that they are used as much as possible (come on, it's everyone's social responsibility!), but most importantly, used properly. There have been examples of non-recyclable material left in the car park, notably an old mattress has recently been dumped next to the containers, which only means that someone else has to tidy up. Large items of domestic waste should either be taken directly to the council tip, or retained until the bulk refuse service returns (dates are published in the Oban Times and in Kilmelford Post Office). Please can everyone ensure that only the correct recyclable material is placed in the relevant container, and that no rubbish or waste material is left alongside.

#### KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 2004 (Minutes not yet approved)

An ordinary general meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004. In attendance were 4 Community Councillors, 2 Argyll and Bute Councillors and 19 members of the public.

The matters arising were dealt with first: The issue of the telegraph poles at Blaran road end will only be resolved by a change in legislation, which Cllr Macaskill is currently applying for. There are still some concerns over the safety of school buses stopping at the road end, and plans are to be scrutinised regarding the re-routing of the access road. The school car park at Kilninver is sometimes overused, which prevents local residents from parking safely. The Community Council notice board has still not been erected. An application for a 5,000 tonne timber extraction licence from Scammadale has been rejected, as previous extractions left the road in a poor state. It is hoped that funds will be available for training sessions under the Argyll Biodiversity Partnership. The Scottish Executive is inviting tenders for broadband installation for rural communities. The current NHS consultation document had been reviewed, and was generally considered to be a deterioration in services for Argyll and Bute. The Argyll and Bute Council had objected to the proposals, but a new Solutions Group had offered a sensible way

forward, which was likely to be accepted by NHS Highlands. Scottish Power had not yet submitted a fresh application for the wind farm at Inverliever, but that a lengthy consultation process would follow. The matter of the proposed Loch Melfort marine park trust was discussed, and it was noted that the Crown Estate had refused to grant the lease of the entire seabed of Loch Melfort to the trust. It was noted that legislation is coming in to pass control of all fish farm applications to local authorities, thus allowing all statutory consultees to get involved at first stage. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Various planning applications were discussed, and it was noted that the current draft local plan was being used to assess validity of applications, and also that previous representations to the draft plan, submitted by the Community Council, were taken into consideration by the planning department.

Other business discussed included: paper bank in Kilmelford would be in place during 2005; safety of the new bus shelter in Kilmelford was under review; the safety railings and flashing lights at Kilninver school would be reviewed; the organiser of the Argyll Voluntary Car scheme would be invited to address a future meeting; bus timetables were under review, and local views on suitable times were sought by Cllr MacIntyre (If anyone has any specific views on the current public transport timetables, please come along to the next meeting and let the Community Council know).

The next meeting will be held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 14th December 2004.

Neil Manchester, Secretary

#### COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES, 2005

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2005 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Copies of approved minutes of all Community Council meetings are available on the Kilmelford website. In addition, once the Community Council notice board is erected in Kilmelford (near the village shop), a copy of approved minutes and all relevant Community Council notices will be displayed.

#### AGENDA FOR MEETING ON TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 2004

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2004 8.00 pm at the Kilmelford Village Hall

Apologies

- 1 Minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004
- 2 Matters arising from the last meeting:
  - Blaran Road End
  - Community Council Notice Board (Stuart Cannon to report)
  - NHS Consultations in Argyll and Clyde
  - Bus Shelters/ Hitrans (Cllr MacIntyre to report)
  - Bus Timetables (Cllr MacIntyre to report)
- 3 Planning Applications at Scammadale (Minutes of special meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November to be tabled)

- 4 Scottish Power Wind Farm Application at Inverliever
- 5 Proposals for the Protection of Loch Melfort
- 6 Planning Applications
- 7 Correspondence
- 8 Any Other Business
- 9 Date of Next Meeting

Neil Manchester Secretary Tel. 01852 200272 Fax. 01880 770730

#### COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman	Mr Angus MacFadyen	Tel: 01852 316220
Vice Chairman	Mr Colin Clark	Tel: 01852 200259
Secretary	Mr Neil Manchester	Tel: 01852 200272
Treasurer	Mrs Jayne Brown	Tel: 01852 316229
Planning	Mrs Dorothy Carmichael	Tel: 01852 200374
Committee Member	Mr Stuart Cannon	Tel: 01852 200205
Committee Member	Mr James Mellor	Tel: 01852 316297

#### **COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Alan Macaskill	Tel: 01631 710133
Cllr. Duncan McIntyre	Tel: 01631 770218

#### **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have had a busy and interesting time at school this term with many new faces to get used to and exciting activities to participate in.

#### NEW STAFF

Our new head teacher is Miss Berni McMillan. Mrs Seonaid Campbell teaches P5, 6 & 7. Miss Kim Bossard who will be with us until the end of this term teaches P1, 2, 3 & 4. As Miss Bossard is leaving for Australia in the new-year, we will have another temporary teacher until Mrs Douglas returns from maternity leave in the spring.

Our new secretary is Mrs Jenni McFadyen who joins us from Kilchattan Primary on Colonsay. Mrs May Petrie joins us as classroom assistant.

As you can see most of the team are new, but there are still a few familiar faces around Mrs Sue Walford (Art), Mr Dave Mason (Instrumental instruction) and in the kitchen Mrs Susan MacDonald is still preparing our lunch. Miss Lee McKillop remains as Cleaner and Janitor.

#### SPORT

Various pupils have participated in sporting activities recently.

Liam and Amelia took part in the Mid Argyll Athletics event coming 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective sections. Well done to you both.

A group of eight swimmers from P6 & 7 took part in the Oban & Lorne Active Schools Day gala at Atlantis. Although we did not bring home any medals, a great time was had by all and we're looking forward to next year's races already. Mr Dale Cupris who is our local coordinator for Active Schools has helped us to identify activities that we would like to take part in locally. Mrs Oatts has kindly agreed to run tennis training sessions and many of us have signed up for these already.

#### <u>MOD</u>

Congratulations to Amelia Ingles on winning the 5-8 girls solo at the National Mod in Perth. This is an outstanding achievement Amelia – well done!

#### **ROAD SAFETY**

Last week you may have spotted us out and about in our bright yellow high visibility jackets. Every year at this time we reinforce our road safety skills. Under the instruction and close supervision of Mrs Sue McLean from the Education section of the Roads Department P7 helped the P1s and 2s to cross the road at the Glebe. P3 and 4 practiced crossing the bridge at Kilmelford while P5&6 were introduced to the issues involved in walking safely on a single track road.

#### NATIVITY PLAY

Our Christmas service will be held in Kilninver Parish church on the evening of Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec. The service will start at 7pm and will be followed by Festive Fare in the school. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the whole community and look forward to seeing you then.

#### **T-TOWELS**

Our School Board have kindly organised the production of T-Towels. These will be available from the school.

#### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May School closes School re-opens In service days School closes School re-opens School closes School re-opens School closes School closes School re-opens

#### BLAST OFF CLUB

Stops: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

Starts again: Monday, 10th January

#### EASDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Tel: 01852 300223

#### **New Surgery Hours**

Monday	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	4p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	4p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	
Friday	8 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	4p.m. – 5 p.m.

**N.B.** The Surgery will be closed on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January and Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January.

#### MELFORT CLUB FACILITIES - CLOSURES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The Melfort Club facilities will be closed from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December till Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 inclusive and from Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January till Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 inclusive.

#### **GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2005

#### Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 9th February	16.00 - 19.30
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February	14.00 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 20.00
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	16.00 - 19.30
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	14.00 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 20.00

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 16th February	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

#### FIREWORKS

Would those who would like to celebrate the New Year (or any other occasion) with fireworks <u>please</u> consider your neighbours with pets and/or small children and perhaps give them a call with advance warning? And please remember that it's an offence to set off fireworks after 11 o'clock at night.

#### **CRIME ALERT**

Just because we live in a peaceful, rural community, please don't be complacent about the risk of crime. Recently, a <u>local</u> resident was conned out of a large sum of money by bogus tradesmen. So, be aware!

There has also been a growing number of reports of e-mail confidence tricks targeting accommodation providers in the area, seemingly as a money laundering exercise. A variety of approaches are used, one being the offer of up-front payment of amounts exceeding the amount due followed by requests to either return the balance or send it to some unknown recipient. The Tourist Board is aware of these scams and has notified its members. A similar tactic has also been used locally on an unsuspecting victim when they advertised their car for sale.

There are also a number of e-mail/telephone scams on the go trying to elicit your bank details and/or full credit card details including the security numbers. Don't be fooled into giving these, however plausible the approach appears to be.

An excellent booklet "Your Practical Guide to Crime Prevention" is available from the Mobile Police Office where you can also seek crime prevention advice.

Note: I would like to assure everyone that, in discussing the above incidents with me, the police did not reveal the identities of the people concerned.

The Editor

#### **MOBILE POLICE OFFICE**

The Mobile Police Office visits our area on the dates and times listed below. The vehicle has most of the facilities of a modern police office, where you can report incidents, and hand in found property etc. The officers will also be available to offer crime prevention advice.

There may be occasions when the Mobile Police Office is unable to attend due to other operational commitments. However, such occasions will be notified in advance.

The full list of dates and times for 2005 are on the noticeboard outside Kilmelford Post Office.

Ardfern	14.40 - 15.20	Kilmore	14.25 - 14.40	
Craobh Haven	15.30 - 15.45	Balvicar	15.10 - 15.25	
Arduaine	16.00 - 16.15	Easdale	15.40 - 16.00	
Kilmelford	16.30 - 17.00	Kilninver	16.30 - 16.45	
Alternate Tuesda	ys	Alternate Tueso	lays	
December $-21^{st}$ December $-14^{th}$ , $28^{th}$		28 <sup>th</sup>		
January – 4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> January – 11 <sup>th</sup> , 25th		5th		
February – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>		$2^{nd}$		
March $-1^{st}$ , $15^{th}$ , $29^{th}$		March $-8^{\text{th}}$ , $22^{\text{nd}}$	March $-8^{\text{th}}$ , $22^{\text{nd}}$	
April – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>		April – 5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>		

#### PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE, 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004

Thank you very much to everyone for all the kind donations of soup, rolls, fillings and contributions to the stalls all of which combined to make a very successful day raising the sum of over £1,100. All the hard work in setting up, manning the stalls, running the kitchen, waitressing and clearing away was greatly appreciated.

We hope it was enjoyed as a social gathering and opportunity to meet and make new friends.

With many thanks from the Kirk Session.

Georgina Dalton

#### **USED STAMPS**

The World Mission of the Church of Scotland has asked for people to save their used stamps, especially over Christmas. The sale of them helps to raise funds for their projects worldwide. Stamps can be left in a box beside the Kilninford News box in Kilmelford Post Office or with Dorothy Carmichael or Georgina Dalton.



#### THE SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL 2004

Thank you everyone who helped to raise the grand total of £471.98 (last year's total was £488.30).

Clare Howard Local Area Convener, Earl Haig Fund (Scotland)

#### LOCAL DIRECTORY UP-DATE

Campbell	Neil and Claire	Garbhein, Kilmelford, PA34 4XA	01852 200550
Files	Angus and Lucy	Home Farm, Kilninver, PA34 4UT	01852 316149
Morrison	Gillian and Mike	Tigh-Na-Roin, Kilmelford, PA34 4XA	01852 200211
Rowell	Clare (Mrs)	6 The Glebe, Kilmelford, PA34 4XF	01852 200571
Smith	Donald and Ann	Kilburnie, The Glebe, PA34 4XF	01852 200284

The Directory (up-dated in October) is on sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Post Office. Alternatively, send your request to Cath Manchester at Eas a' mhuilinn, Kilmelford, Oban PA34 4XA enclosing an s.a.e. and your £1 payment.

#### **KILNINFORD NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM**

Elizabeth Asbury	(Treasurer)	Tel:	01852 200377
Georgina Dalton	(Distribution)	Tel:	01866 844212
Cath Manchester	(Advertising)	Tel:	01852 200272 (Home)
		Tel:	01852 200257 (Work)
Fiona Wyllie	(Editor)	Tel:	01852 200227
·			
Local website:	www.kilmelford.com		
E-mail:	editor@kilmelford.com		

The Kilninford News post box is on the floor in the corner under the window in the post office. Please put your adverts, letters, articles etc. in the box, or send them to the Editor, in plenty of time for the next issue in April. It would also be helpful if people advertising in the Kilninford News would make their payments when they submit their copy or make sure that they put the money in the post box or give it to Cath so that she doesn't have to spend time chasing payments.

The team is very grateful to all those who kindly help with the distribution of the newsletter.

#### ADVERTS

Advertising rates:-	Private ads	£1 each
	Commercial ads	£5 each per quarter page

#### FOR SALE

APRICOT MITSUBISHI COMPUTER CD ROM, 17" MONITOR, MODEM, KEYBOARD AND MOUSE COMPLETE WITH ALL CABLES, SOFTWARE, INSTRUCTION MANUALS ETC

£120 o.n.o Tel: 01852 200227



# VACANCY

### FOR

## **HOME CARER**

### **KILMELFORD, ARDUAINE & CRAIGNISH**

# Providing personal and domestic care to a wide range of clients.

You should have relevant experience and be able to work flexibly on a rota covering 7 days per week. Access to your own transport is essential, due to the rural location.

The basic rate of pay is £5.9341 per hour plus enhancements for weekend working (currently under review)

FOR INFORMAL ENQUIRIES & APPLICATION FORM PLEASE CONTACT:

Gill Fairclough, District Nurse 01852 300 212 or

Jenni Hodgson, Home Help Organiser Social Work Dept. Soroba Rd, Oban, PA34 4JA Tel: 01631 563068



### **KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM**

### Events from 1 January – 30 April 2005

Jan 6: Museum re-opens : Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon only 10am-3pm Jan 28: Great Auks Children's Club 6.30-8pm February 5&6: 2 day Felting Workshop £48 10am-4pm Feb 12: Acrylic workshop-Winter Landscapes around Kilmartin £24 10am-4.30pm **Feb 16&17:** 2 day Basket Making workshop £48 10am-4pm Feb 25: Great Auks Children's Club 6.30-8pm **Feb 26:** Introduction to Permaculture £10 10am-4pm Mar 1: Museum open daily 10am-5.30pm Mar 18: Great Auks Children's Club 6.30-8pm Mar 18: Stan Beckensall Rock Art book launch and talk t.b.c Mar 23: Kenneth Steven Poetry reading evening 7.30-9pm Apr 2: Live Music event-Andi Neat in concert 7pm t.b.c Apr 5-8: Children's Holiday Activity Week (details from Museum) Apr 9: Archaeology 'Time Walk' round Knapdale 10am-3pm Apr 11: Textile/Collage Workshop £48 10am-4pm Apr 20&21: 2 day Jewellery Making workshop £48 10am-4pm Apr 27&28: 2 day Drawing workshop £48 10am-4.30pm Apr 29: Great Auks Children's Club 6.30-8pm

> *NB Items in italics MUST be booked* Also, there is no café facility available over the winter

Tel. 01546 510 278 for enquiries and bookings www.kilmartin.org museum@kilmartin.org



The Crafty Kitchen Ardfern, Lochgilphead Argyll, PA31 8QN

Tel: (01852) 500303 www.craignish.co.uk/craftyk

### Seasons Greetings to all our Customers, from Laura, Taryn & the team.

### December Opening Times

Saturday & Sunday Only 10am - 5pm (Last Orders 4:45pm)

### Christmas & New Year weeks as follows:

Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	11-5pm		
Wednesday	$22^{nd}$	11-5pm		
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11-5pm		
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	11-2pm	Special Opening for last minute gifts & cakes!	
Saturday	$25^{th}$	CLOSED		
Sunday	$26^{th}$	CLOSED		
Monday	$27^{th}$	CLOSED		
Tuesday	$28^{th}$	11~5pm	Sale Starts in the Shop - BIG Bargins	
Wednesday	$29^{th}$	11-5pm		
Thursday	$30^{\text{th}}$	11-5pm		
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	11-3pm		
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11-3pm	Famous Hang-Over Brunch - Bring your own Panadol!!	

We Look Forward to Welcoming you next Season



MAIL ORDER AVAILABLE