

KILNINFORD NEWS

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We are so lucky!

Kilmelford and Kilninver have a fantastic Village Hall, the envy of many, which is available for anyone to hire for a modest fee.

Ideal for children's parties, wedding receptions, discos, birthday celebrations, games and meetings, as well as the usual badminton and squash.

Don't forget the regular Coffee Mornings; new faces are particularly welcome. Just turn up and enjoy the home baking!

Further information from Diane Scaife	01852 200208
Bookings via Kilmelford Village Store	01852 200271

WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENTS

It's over two years now since Alex Tweedly kindly set up our local website www.kilmelford.com and it has generated a considerable amount of interest. People who a) subscribed to advertisements with the addition of a photograph and extra text and b) businesses outwith the Kilninford News area who advertise on the website, are now due to pay £10 for a further 2 years.

Our treasurer will send out invoices and it would be appreciated if those concerned would send a cheque made out to The Kilninford Association, by return, if they wish their advertisement to remain on the website. Any new subscribers are welcome to send details of their advertisement to Alex at webmaster@kilmelford.com

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Sunday, 24th April – Soup and Sandwich Lunch from 12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Kilninver Primary School funds.

Donations of sandwiches and home baking would be much appreciated.

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Friday, 6th May – Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Bookstall from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Please bring along any unwanted paperbacks or hardbacks.

Offers of help with baking would be much appreciated. Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Saturday, 7th and Sunday, 8th May – Spring Car Wash at Kilmelford Fire Station (provisional date)

Tuesday, 10th May – Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Association AGM at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Thursday, 12th May – Beetle Drive from 7 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. All ages welcome.

Contact Dorothy Bark (Tel: 01852 200370)

Saturday, 14th May – Blessing of the Boats at 11 a.m. at Ardfern Yacht Centre followed by the **Craignish Church Spring Fayre** from 11.45 a.m. till 2 p.m. in the Fire Station in Ardfern.

Sunday, 29th May – Kilninver Primary School Summer Fayre from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Early June (date to be advised) – Kilmelford Fire Station Open Day and Duck Race

Friday, 3rd June – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help with baking would be much appreciated. Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Friday, 1st July – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help with baking would be much appreciated. Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Saturday, 9th, Sunday, 10th and Monday 11th July – Garden Open with Cream Teas and Home Baking. Also Silent Art Auction and Raffle. Entry by cash donation only in aid of Kilninver and Kilmelford Village Hall and Craignish Village Hall. From 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Scarba Cottage, Arduaine.

Donations of baking would be gratefully received.

Contact Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375)

Friday, 22nd July – Sunday, 7th August – Elemental Arts Festival including exhibitions and events in Ardfern and Craobh Haven.

Contact: Claire (01852 500242) or secretary@elementalarts.org.uk

Friday, 5th August – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help with baking would be much appreciated. Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Sunday, 21st August – Craignish Boat Club Regatta with Fun Races and Barbecue.

Sunday, 28th August – Kilmelford and Kilninver Summer Festival from 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. (See Schedule below)

Friday, 2nd September – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help with baking would be much appreciated.

Contact Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) or Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

From mid May until the end of September – weekly Sunday Markets.

The Sunday Markets, selling Barbreck beef and lamb, Barfad vegetables and home baking, will again operate weekly from mid May outside the Galley of Lorn between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be three larger markets during the Elemental Arts Festival on 24th July, 31st July and 7th August.

From mid May to September – Craignish Boat Club Adult and Junior Sailing

Monday evenings – Children’s Sailing and Canoeing from 6 p.m. **Wednesday evenings (during the summer) – Advanced Children’s Sailing**

Sundays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. (from mid May) – Adult sailing/racing.

Contacts: Tom McCardel (01852 500335) and Ali Macleod (01852 500272)

All welcome, beginners, intermediate and experienced sailors.

COUNTRY DANCING

Another very well attended season culminating in the end of session party on 17th March. Well deserved thanks to Mike for managing to teach us and make the sessions such fun. The autumn start date will be notified in the September newsletter.

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.

Contacts: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375) and Agnes McColl (01852 200365)

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS – the weekly **Wednesday** morning workshops from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall stopped on 23rd March and will recommence on Wednesday, 5th October.

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 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. £1.50 per family. Anyone interested is very welcome to join the group.

The last playgroup this session will be held on Tuesday, 28th June and will start again on Tuesday, 23rd August. During July and August the group organises a programme of “Summer Toddles” (short walks and local outings). Details of these “toddles” will be displayed on the notice boards at Ardfern Village Store and Kilmelford Village Hall. Also in the summer the group is hoping to host a repeat of last year’s very successful “Teddy Bears Picnic” which was organised as part of the Elemental Arts Festival. Look in the Festival programme for details.

Contact: Alex Pollock (Tel: 01852 500563)

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL – Sunday, 28th August at 1 p.m.

SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

One entry only per person per class.

SECTION A - FLOWERS

FOR THE DALTON TROPHY - Most points Section A and B

To be grown by competitor

- Class 1 Single rose
- Class 2 Single bloom - any variety
- Class 3 Vase of garden flowers - mixed
- Class 4 Vase of garden flowers - one cultivar

SECTION B - PLANTS

To be grown or grown on (minimum one year) by Competitor

- Class 5 Foliage pot plant
- Class 6 Flowering pot plant
- Class 7 Selection of three or more pot plants in one container
- Class 8 Named plant grown from pip, stone or cutting

SECTION C - FLORAL ART

FOR THE BP TROPHY (Not necessarily grown by competitor)

- Class 9 Arrangement using flower(s) and other materials depicting the title of a film
- Class 10 An arrangement with candles
- Class 11 An arrangement using greens and one colour, fresh or dried
- Class 12 An arrangement in a soup ladle

SECTION D - PRODUCE

FOR THE MELFORT FARM TROPHY (To be grown by competitor)

- Class 13 A bunch of mixed herbs
- Class 14 Four tomatoes
- Class 15 Four potatoes
- Class 16 Salad leaves

SECTION E - GARDEN PRODUCE

FOR THE CULFAIL HOTEL TROPHY

- Class 17 Selection of fruit and vegetables from the same garden grown by competitor

SECTION F - HANDICRAFTS

FOR THE ARDUAINÉ CRAFT TROPHY

- Class 18 A cushion cover with pad
- Class 19 Hand knitted poncho – any size
- Class 20 Painting of flowers – any medium

- Class 21 4 photographs of ancient ruins
- Class 22 A decorative wall hanging (any medium)
- Class 23 Christmas gift under £5 – any craft
- Class 24 Hand made article – any craft

SECTION G - HOME PRODUCE
FOR THE FISH FARM TROPHY

- Class 25 Mushroom paté
- Class 26 Pasta salad
- Class 27 Pizza – home made base and topping
- Class 28 Brown loaf
- Class 29 Apple pie (pastry top and bottom) – home made pastry
- Class 30 4 chocolate brownies
- Class 31 Set recipe “Farmhouse Fruit Cake”. (Recipe below)
- Class 32 Nell Gwyn Cake – cake and decoration to be judged
- Class 33 Jar of marmalade

CHILDREN’S SECTION

LOCH MELFORT HOTEL TROPHY
UNDER 8 YEARS

- Class 34 3 decorated cup cakes
- Class 35 Teddy Bears’ Picnic in a napkin
- Class 36 Hand made birthday card for your Best Friend

EIGHT TO ELEVEN YEARS

- Class 37 Healthy lunch box
- Class 38 As many different articles as you can put into a Tic-Tac box
- Class 39 A hand made party invitation

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN YEARS
FOR THE MELFORT PIER TROPHY

- Class 40 “Junk” food lunch box (when Mum’s not looking)
- Class 41 Healthy salad
- Class 42 Sport poster – any sport – by hand or computer

NOTES

1. Cash prizes. First - £1; Second – 50 pence; Third – 30 pence.
2. All entries to hall between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. only.
3. Fee per Class is 30 pence.
4. Each entry to have Class No. on outside of sealed envelope and name of entrant inside.
5. All entries must not have been previously exhibited in this local area.

FARMHOUSE FRUIT CAKE

Set oven to 140 degrees C (Gas mark 3)

6 oz. soft margarine
 6 oz. soft brown sugar
 4 tsps. marmalade
 3 eggs
 12 oz. mixed dried fruit
 9 oz. self raising flour

Put all ingredients into a bowl and mix well (you can use an electric mixer). Put into a greased and lined 8" cake tin. Bake for 1 hour, or until golden brown and firm to touch. This cake is a good keeper and best made two or three days before required. Can be frozen.

FESTIVAL CONTACTS

Isobel Smith 01852 200537
 Georgina Dalton 01866 844212
 Clare Howard 01852 200375
 Dorothy Bark 01852 200370

HIRE OF SUMMER FESTIVAL EQUIPMENT

The sound system is available for hire.

The marquee is no longer available for hire but can be borrowed for use only within the Kilmelford and Kilninver parish.

Contact: Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL

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:- Position vacant. See the insert in this newsletter.

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.

HALL HIRE CHARGES

Lesser and Main Halls	Lesser Hall	Main Hall
Charity Fund Raisers	£1.20/hr	£2.50/hr
Non profit making uses other than Charities	£2.20/hr £2.50/hr after 5 p.m.	£4.20/hr £5/hr after 5 p.m.
Profit making events	£5.20/hr	£10.50/hr

Above charges **include** kitchen power and use of equipment for light refreshment and drink preparation only.

Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for food preparation can be made at the following rates: £10 per event.

Evening Dances/Functions	5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (1 a.m. for dances)
Charity	£50/session Deposit: £20
Private	£50/session Deposit: £20
Commercial	£75/session Deposit: £50

N.B. Charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for food and refreshment preparation.

Hire of Equipment

- Crockery, tables and chairs etc may be hired from the Caretaker who has a full list of the rates. Charges will be reduced by 50% for non profitmaking local members e.g.
Tables (12) = £1 per table (50p each for non profitmaking events by local members)
Chairs (120) = 50p per chair (25p each for non profitmaking events by local members).
- Hire is subject to a minimum charge of £10.

Membership and Lost Keys

£10 each

After each use the Hall must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do this will lead to a further charge of £50.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
April	17 th	24 th
May	1 st , 15 th , 29 th	8 th , 22 nd
June	12 th , 26 th	5 th (Communion), 19 th
July	10 th , 24 th	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st
August	7 th , 21 st	14 th , 28 th
September	4 th , 18 th	11 th , 25 th

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.

KILNINVER CHURCH APPEAL

After an inspection of the Kilninver Church building serious problems in the roof were revealed. The Kirk Session decided that an Appeal should be made to the community of Kilninver and to those whose roots were in that area asking people to pledge their support for the restoration project in specific financial terms.

The original target figure was £22,000, and by the middle of February over £17,000 had been pledged. I am delighted to report that the figure now stands at approximately £18,500, and that nearly £5000 of these pledges has already been made over to the Appeal.

Applications have been made to various grant aiding organisations, and again I am delighted to report that we have received promises of three grants totalling £5500, including one of £3500 from the Church of Scotland General Trustees, who told us that they were making the grant because of the enthusiastic response from the community.

The Presbytery of Argyll, the local Church's governing body, has approved that the repairs be done on the grounds that funding should be available, and have given us their blessing on the whole matter.

All of this has given the Kirk Session and the whole congregation an immense amount of encouragement and the decision has been made to put the work out to tender. It might be some time yet before visible work is seen around the building - the roof work at one end cannot be done while a resident colony of bats are breeding or hibernating, and we must be able to engage contractors who are experienced in working on Church buildings.

What has delighted us most in all of this matter has been the enthusiastic response from the community, who have made it clear that while attending church on a regular basis is not part of their lifestyle, having the church and a church building in the community is of real importance to them.

Through the pages of the Newsletter, I wish to thank everyone who has responded so generously of time, interest and money for this Appeal. We feel that once the repairs are finished, the building should be secure for generations to come, providing a witness to the Church's presence in the Kilninver community.

Many thanks to you all,

Alastair McLachlan

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)
Wednesday	11 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

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Clare and Neil on the birth of Andrew John Campbell on the 24th of December, 2004 and to Melissa and Alasdair on the birth of Imogen Audrey Shian Oatts on the 30th of December, 2004. Neither of them are going to thank you, in years to come, for the dates of their birthdays!

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meetings were held on 18th January, 1st February and 8th March 2005. The main points under discussion were:

- a) Replacement of four of the heating elements in the main hall at a cost of £607. The fitting of a new lock in the front door of the Hall at a cost of £388, including the new keys.
- b) The need for ongoing fund raising was emphasised by the Treasurer in view of the expenditure so far incurred this year.
- c) Deidre Campbell-Gibson has retired as Hall caretaker and a replacement caretaker is being sought. This is to be offered as a salaried position, unless a volunteer can be found. In the meantime, the committee are working a rota of caretaking duties between them. Annie Saunders in Kilmelford Village Store is dealing with all bookings and keys. Robin Grey is collecting hire fees, some of which are paid via the shop.
- d) A cheque for £655 has been received from the Prince of Wales Trust for the Beach Clean done by local volunteers in April 2004. This money is available for projects involving young people. Additional committee members are being sought to help to promote these activities.

DATE OF THE AGM: Tuesday 10th May 2005 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Please turn up and express your opinions!

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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

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 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, 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

The last meeting of the current Community Council was held on Tuesday 8th February 2005 at Kilmelford Village Hall, with 26 people present.

Matters discussed included the Community Council notice board, which had still not been erected although the chairman promised to ensure this was completed by the next meeting.

The issue of the unfinished bus shelter in Kilmelford was raised, and it was agreed that the council should be urged to complete these works to a satisfactory level at the earliest opportunity. Public opinion is sought to determine the ideal bus times with the community, and the possibility of a dial-a-bus scheme was discussed.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was passed whereby the Community Council would object to the Inverliever wind farm application on the following grounds:

- a) The application was outwith current planning criteria and was setting a dangerous precedent
- b) There would be an adverse effect on tourism
- c) There would be a severe environmental impact in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Further planning applications by the Trustees of Andrew Sandilands, in the Scammadale area, were discussed, and it was agreed that the Community Council should object to the current application on the following grounds:

- a) That the recent application was on a site of local historical significance, and as such should not be approved without further consideration (*provided that Jamie Mellor obtains verifiable evidence of this statement*)
- b) That the Community Council is concerned with the number of applications from the one source, and that the proposed large scale development is not compliant with Local Plans.
- c) That the Community Council wishes to meet, on site at Scammadale, with the developers, representatives of the Planning Department and local residents, to agree an acceptable development area and scale of such development, to prevent time and money wastage on numerous, unsuitable applications.

The parlous state of the road between Kilninver Bridge and Kilninver School was highlighted, and it was noted that the Roads Department would be investigating this in due course. Details were announced of a proposed 20mph speed limit outside Kilninver School. It was agreed that the Community Council would support the proposal that the current full time 30mph speed limit should be retained, and that a variable 20mph speed limit, automatically controlled to coincide with school arrival and exit periods, was welcomed.

The chairman reported that he had received a letter from Susan Mair, Head of Legal and Protective Services, Argyll and Bute Council, in response to correspondence from John Christlieb over his position regarding attendance at Community Council meetings. The chairman noted that Ms Mair was merely restating her earlier views that a ban on Mr Christlieb's attendance would not be appropriate, but that members of the public were only entitled to speak at the chairman's discretion. The chairman noted that as such, until an apology was received, Mr Christlieb's status remained unchanged.

It was noted that the Community Council elections would be held shortly, conducted by Argyll and Bute Council. Nominations were to be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Wednesday 16th February 2005, with Election Day on 7th April 2005.

The lack of parking space at the village hall was discussed, and an approach will be made to John Tilley regarding the hard standing area next to the fire station. Various roads issues were highlighted, all of which will be considered by the Roads Department.

Future dates for meetings of the Community Council are:

Tuesday 14th June 2005 (including the Annual General Meeting)
 Tuesday 9th August 2005
 Tuesday 11th October 2005
 Tuesday 13th December 2005

Neil Manchester

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2005

Following the election conducted by Argyll and Bute Council, the new Community Councillors are as follows:

Kilmelford sub-area: Robin Asbury
Neil Manchester
Alastair Oatts

Kilninver sub-area: Jayne Brown
Robin Grey

There is one vacant position in the Kilmelford sub-area, which will be filled by an election run by the new Community Council.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 19th April, when the office bearers will be elected.

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.

COUNCILLORS

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

LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

The 2004 annual beach clean was a huge success, and thanks to the generosity of Melfort Village, Melfort Pier and Harbour, Ardenstur Cottages, and the Argyll and Bute Trust, a whopping £850 was raised. It was a great effort by those who helped in the shore clean, and one that will be much appreciated by all those who enjoy the beauty of Loch Melfort.

The monies raised over the years have been used primarily to improve and support the use of the hall by local children, and especially the Kilninver School pupils. The Village Hall Committee is currently considering future projects, so it is vital that as many people as possible support this activity.

This year's beach clean will be held in early May- watch out for posters soon, and next time that you are walking, sailing or driving past the unspoiled shores of Loch Melfort, please spare a thought for the few who make the effort each year, and make a resolution to spare one afternoon and come along to help us!

KILMELFORD FIRE STATION

It has been a fairly quiet winter, thankfully, with not too many call outs. There have been a few shouts that we have dealt with, all of which, happily, resulted in no injury to any persons. Our fund raising for last year totalled £776.31 to be split three ways as normal to National Fire Service Benevolent Fund, Strathclyde Fire Brigade's Widows' and Orphans' Fund and to a local cause. On the subject of the local cause, if there is a local group, particularly for young people, who would like some monitory assistance, please contact myself or any of the crew and we'll see what we can do. This year's fund raising will commence, as normal, with the spring car wash which, provisionally, will be held at the fire station on the

weekend of 7th/8th May with the annual duck race and open day to be, probably, in early June. Watch out for local posters nearer the time for confirmation of these dates.

Once again let me say that, if anyone is looking for any advice about fire safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the crew and we can put you in touch with our Community Safety Department.

For simple advice, including the fitting of smoke alarms, please contact myself and I will assist you in any way I can.

Remember, if you discover a fire, GET OUT - STAY OUT AND CONTACT THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE, as we are now to be called, BY DIALLING 999.

Stay safe.

Dave Millward

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Unfortunately, staff and pupils only returned from the Easter holidays on the day before this issue was due to be ready for printing. As a result, it was impossible for them to produce the usual write up on school activities and achievements in time for the deadline.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 24th April – Soup and Sandwich Lunch from 12.30 p.m. till 2 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of school funds.

Sunday, 29th May – Summer Fayre from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. in Kilmelford Vilalge Hall.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Monday, 18 th April	School re-opens
Friday, 29 th April	School closes
Tuesday, 3 rd May	School re-opens
Thursday, 30 th June	School closes
Thursday, 18 th August	School re-opens
Friday, 23 rd September	School closes
Tuesday, 27 th September	School re-opens

LOCAL GARDENS OPEN UNDER THE SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME

Under this scheme 30% of funds raised go to the Queen's Nurses Scotland, 30% to the National Trust Gardens and 40% to a charity of the choice of the owner of the garden.

Saturday, 7th May and Sunday, 8th May – Arduaine Gardens (National Trust for Scotland). Entrance fees on these two days are donated to Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

Arduaine Gardens are open all year round from 9.30 a.m. till sunset.

Tel: 01852 200366

Saturday, 18th June and Sunday, 19th June – Achnacille, Kilmelford from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. Teas and plant stall.

Tel: 01852 200377

USEFUL INFORMATION

MOBILE BANKING SERVICE

The mobile bank visits the area every Friday as follows:-

Craobh Haven, Kilmelford and Cuilfail Hotel between 11.15 and 12 noon.

Ardfern between 10.30 and 11 a.m.

Clachan Seil and Balvicar between 12.40 and 1 p.m.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service is provided on a Wednesday every four weeks. Next dates are 27th April, 25th May and 22nd June.

Anyone wanting the driver, Neil McIntyre, to stop at or close to their house should contact him via the library in Oban (Tel: 01631 571444).

All times in the following timetable are approximate:-

9.30 a.m.	Tullich Farm
10 a.m.	Loch Melfort Hotel
10.30 a.m.	Tuckers' house
10.45 – 11 a.m.	Craobh Village Shop
11.15 – 11.25 a.m.	Kilmelford Village Hall
11.30 a.m.	Melfort Pier
11.40 a.m.	Melfort Club
12 noon	MacLeod Homes, Kilmelford
12.30 p.m.	Council houses, Kilmelford
12.45 p.m.	Kilmelford Post Office
1 p.m.	Cuilfail Hotel
1.15 p.m.	Council houses by Kilninver Primary School

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

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 11 th May	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 12 th May	14.00 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 20.00
Wednesday, 10 th August	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 11 th August	14.00 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 20.00
Wednesday, 9 th November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 10 th November	14.00 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 20.00

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 18 th May	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 17 th August	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 16 th November	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

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	Kilninner	16.30 – 16.45
Alternate Tuesdays		Alternate Tuesdays	
April – 12 th , 26 th		April – 5 th , 19 th	
May – 10 th , 24 th		May – 3 rd , 17 th , 31 st	
June – 7 th , 21 st		June – 14 th , 28 th	
July – 5 th , 19 th		July – 12 th , 26 th	
August – 2 nd , 16 th , 30 th		August – 9 th , 23 rd	
September – 13 th , 27 th		September – 6 th , 20 th	

STOLEN – ONE B & B SIGN

The sign is oval, painted green with a cream line around the outside edge and cream lettering saying “B & B”. The sign has two metal loops screwed to the board and two stainless steel fixings where it was attached to the house sign at the bottom of the drive. If anyone has any information, or knows of its whereabouts, please contact Fiona Wyllie on 01852 200227.

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 the Kilninford News box in Kilmelford Post Office or with Dorothy Carmichael or Georgina Dalton.

LOCAL DIRECTORY UP-DATE

Mike and Lisa Campbell Hill House, Arduaine, PA34 4XQ Tel: 200209
N.B. delete Tel: 200233 which was entered in error.

The Directory (up-dated in October, 2004) 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.**

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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 September. 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.

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