

KILNINFORD NEWS

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KILNINVER CHURCH AND PARISH NEWS

The work at Kilninver Church is almost finished - or, at least, the work paid for by the generous response to our Appeal.

When the figures were computed, we discovered that the work to be done exceeded the amount of money we had, by a small margin, and we trimmed the schedule of work accordingly. What is important is that the necessary repairs to the roof have been completed to a high professional standard and the works trimmed off the schedule are being carried out by local and voluntary labour. Some things remain to be done. It would have been good to tackle the electrical installation, particularly the lighting, to bring it up to the standards required by the Disability Discrimination Act, and some interior work like replacing the carpeting. All in all, thanks to the generous response of those who heeded our Appeal, we now have a strong, secure and watertight roof, with a separate place for the bats in the roof space.

We will be celebrating the completion of the works enabled by the Appeal by a special service to be arranged in the near future.

Over the Easter period there will be services in Craignish on Good Friday at 6.30 p.m., an early morning Communion in Kilmelford at 8.30 a.m. and the service at the usual time also at Kilmelford. There will also be a Communion Service in Kilbrandon Church at 7.45 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, so a full range of services are available in the neighbouring parishes.

As I write this, no date has yet been set for the Introduction Service marking the formal linking of Kilbrandon and Kilchattan parish with the parishes of Craignish and Kilninver and Kilmelford, but that should be happening soon. As I have been reappointed Interim Moderator of Kilbrandon and Kilchattan, I am already fully involved in all three parishes. This means that I will be spread more thinly over the three areas, but with the support of preachers on Sundays and the congregations in the various villages, the work of the Church in this part of Argyll should go on.

As spring establishes itself all around, the area is already noticeably busier. I hope you have a Happy Easter leading to a good summer as it comes.

God bless you all,

Alastair McLachlan

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Friday, 21st April – Harum Scarum and Bonnie ‘Prince’ Billy at Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £10.
Contact: Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689) or janvbrown@btinternet.com

Saturday, 22nd April – Slide Show, Talk and National Geographic Documentary Film “The Longest River” at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. The evening is presented by the co-leader of the first complete source to sea expedition of the Nile River.
Tickets: £6 adults, £3 children.

Saturday, 29th April – Quiz Night featuring the Snowball Jackpot at the Lord of the Isles.

Friday, 5th May – 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 baking greatly appreciated.
Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Saturday, 6th May – Blessing of the Boats at 11 a.m. at Ardfern Yacht Centre followed by the **Craignish Church Spring Fair** from 11.45 a.m. till 2 p.m. in the Fire Station in Ardfern.

Saturday, 13th May – Live Music with The Project at the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 20th May - Quiz Night featuring the Snowball Jackpot at the Lord of the Isles.

Sunday, 21st May – Kilninver Primary School Summer Fair in the afternoon in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Monday, 22nd May – “The Gardener” at 6.30 p.m in Craignish Village Hall. A play with music for 5 – 7 year olds, their parents and grandparents. Tickets £5.
Contact: Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689) or janvbrown@btinternet.com

Friday, 2nd 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 baking greatly appreciated.
Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Saturday, 10th June – Quiz Night featuring the Snowball Jackpot at the Lord of the Isles.

Tuesday, 13th June – The Dogstar Theatre Company present “The Seer” by Ali Smith at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall (more information below).
Tickets available from Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375) and at the door.

13th, 14th and 15th June – Kathakali workshops – Indian and celtic culture, story telling and dance (in conjunction with Craignish Primary School) in Craignish Village Hall.

Saturday, 17th June – Live Music with Rockit at the Lord of the Isles.

Friday, 30th June – “Scott of the Anarchic” presented by Splinter Productions at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £7.
Contact: Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689)

Saturday, 1st July - Quiz Night featuring the Snowball Jackpot at the Lord of the Isles.

Friday, 7th 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Saturday, 8th July – Live Music with Archie MacAllister at the Lord of the Isles.

Sunday, 16th July – Live Music with Deoch ‘n’ Dorus at the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 22nd July - Quiz Night featuring the Snowball Jackpot at the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 29th July – Sunday, 13th August – Elemental Arts Festival including exhibitions and events in Ardfern and Craobh Haven.

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

Saturday, 29th July – Live Music with Rokit at the Lord of the Isles.

Friday, 4th 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Saturday, 12th August - Quiz Night featuring the Snowball Jackpot at the Lord of the Isles.

Sunday, 20th August – Craignish Boat Club Regatta with Fun Races and Barbecue.

Saturday, 26th August – Live Music at the Lord of the Isles.

Sunday, 27th August – Kilmelford and Kilninver Summer Festival from 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. (See Schedule below)

Saturday, 2nd September – Live Music at the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 9th September - Quiz Night featuring the Snowball Jackpot at the Lord of the Isles.

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

The Sunday Markets, selling Barbreck beef and lamb, Barfad vegetables and other produce, will again operate weekly from mid May outside the Galley of Lorn between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Contact: Lix Armstrong Tel: 01852 500

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

Monday evenings – Children’s Sailing and Canoeing from 6 p.m.

Contact: Nicky Gray Stephens (Tel: 01546 603267) or Karen Kerr (Tel: 01546 602116)

Wednesday evenings (during the summer) – Advanced Youth Sailing

Contact: Tom McCardel (Tel: 01852 500361)

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

Contact: Ali Macleod (Tel: 01852 500272)

All welcome, beginners, intermediate and experienced sailors.

COUNTRY DANCING

Another very well attended season culminating in the end of session party on 30th March. Several new faces were welcomed into the group of regulars and impressed everybody at how quickly they got the hang of things. Many, many thanks again to Mike for providing such enjoyable Thursday evening sessions. 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. Fees are £1 per session without tutor and £6 with tutor. All welcome.

Contacts: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375)

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS – the weekly **Wednesday** morning workshops in Kilmelford Village Hall have stopped for the summer. They will start again in the autumn – date to be advised in the September newsletter.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

“THE SEER” BY ALI SMITH, PRESENTED BY THE DOGSTAR THEATRE COMPANY

Tuesday, 13th June at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall

This is an exciting, innovative and hilarious new production from one of our leading Scottish writers, presented by The Dogstar Theatre Company, a dynamic, professional Highland company founded in 1999. The Inverness based company are delighted to include Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall in their Spring Tour 2006.

Their tour venues will include Shetland, the Western Isles, Argyllshire and South West, North East and Central Scotland. Please come and support them at the village hall. It is a great privilege to host a professional theatre company. Tickets will be £7 (concessions £6, school children £5). Recommended minimum age is 10 years. **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OFFER during APRIL AND MAY ONLY** – 2 or more adult tickets discounted by £1 per ticket i.e. £6 (concessions £5). Apply with cash or cheque made payable to “KKCA” please to Clare Howard, Scarba, Arduaine, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4XQ. Tickets also available at the door.

TEAS – REFRESHMENTS – RAFFLE

Donations gratefully received and offers of help would be appreciated

NOT TO BE MISSED

KILMELFORD YOUTH CLUB

Kilmelford Youth Club proved a great success for young people living in the Kilmelford, Kilmore, Scammadale and Ardfern areas with youth workers being overwhelmed with the numbers of young people turning up for the two clubs each week to participate in all sorts of activities.

The decision to close the club over the Christmas period in order to complete the disclosure process and recruit more volunteers to help in the day to day running of the club was taken, with the aim to re-open a couple of weeks later. However, the disclosure process has proved to be lengthier than we could have imagined; with many hold-ups along the way. We are however now a recognised club, and will soon be starting the next part of the process.

We are still very keen to recruit more volunteers from the local community so if you can spare a few hours a month, please get in touch with Roanna Taylor 01852 200268.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL – Sunday, 27th August at 1 p.m.

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.
6. There is a maximum of one entry per person per class.

SECTION A - FLOWERS

FOR THE DALTON TROPHY - Most points Section A and B

To be grown by competitor

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| 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

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| 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)

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| Class 9 | Arrangement using flower(s) and other materials depicting an Argyll village name |
| Class 10 | An arrangement with night lights (tea candles) |
| Class 11 | An arrangement using greens and one colour (3 blooms only), fresh, dried or artificial foliage, or mixture of same |
| Class 12 | An arrangement in a bottle |

SECTION D - PRODUCE

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

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| 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

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| Class 17 | Selection of fresh fruit and/or vegetables from the same garden grown by competitor |
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SECTION F - HANDICRAFTS
FOR THE ARDUAINE CRAFT TROPHY

- Class 18 An item of cross stitch
- Class 19 A hand made scarf
- Class 20 A painting or drawing of Kilmelford or Kilninver Church
- Class 21 A computerised depiction of Kilmelford or Kilninver Church
- Class 22 Photos of the 4 seasons, in Scotland
- Class 23 A Christmas themed gift – under £10
- Class 24 A hand made article – any craft – for a baby

SECTION G - HOME PRODUCE
FOR THE FISH FARM TROPHY

- Class 25 Fish paté
- Class 26 Bean salad
- Class 27 Savoury quiche – any size
- Class 28a Cottage loaf – hand made
- Class 28b White loaf – machine made
- Class 29 Apple crumble
- Class 30 Plain scones
- Class 31 Set recipe “Boiled Fruit Cake” (recipe below)
- Class 32 Summer Festival 2006 Cake – decoration only to be judged
- Class 33 Chutney

CHILDREN’S SECTION

LOCH MELFORT HOTEL TROPHY

UNDER 8 YEARS

- Class 34 3 chocolate crispies
- Class 35 Sandwich for Mum
- Class 36 Decorated jam jar

EIGHT TO ELEVEN YEARS

- Class 37 Unbaked, tray bake – 4 squares
- Class 38 1st April, breakfast tray for Mum
- Class 39 A hand made party invitation

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN YEARS

FOR THE MELFORT PIER TROPHY

- Class 40 A pasta salad
- Class 41 A congratulations card for a Scottish sporting personality
- Class 42 A garden sculpture made from re-cycled materials

BOILED FRUIT CAKE

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| 6 oz. margarine | 4 oz. dates |
| 8 fl. oz. water | 2 oz. glace cherries |
| 8 oz. soft brown sugar | 3 eggs |
| ½ tsp. cinnamon | 12 oz. plain flour |
| ¼ tsp. ginger | ½ tsp. bicarbonate of soda |
| ¼ tsp. nutmeg | |
| 1 lb. mixed dried fruit | |

Put margarine in a pan with water, sugar, spices, dried fruit and dates. Bring to the boil stirring occasionally, then simmer for 3 minutes. Put aside until cold. Beat eggs and stir into the cold mixture. Put chopped cherries into a bowl with fruit and bicarbonate of soda sifted together, add fruit mixture and mix thoroughly. Put into a greased and lined 8" tin. Bake at 150 degrees C (Gas 3) for 1½ - 1¾ hours. Turn out of tin and cool on a wire rack.

FESTIVAL CONTACTS

Isobel Smith 01852 200537
 Catriona Smith 01852 200368
 Georgina Dalton 01866 844212
 Clare Howard 01852 200375
 Dorothy Bark 01852 200370
 Tony Mitchell 01852 516131 (a welcome addition to the committee)

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 Kilniver 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:- Chris Johnson

Bookings should be made during business hours at the Kilmelford Village Stores (Tel: 01852 200271).

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

1. 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).
2. 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.

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chairman	Anne Saunders
Treasurer	Robin Grey
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Committee Members	Dorothy Bark
	Christine Maclachlan
	Neil Manchester
	Christine Roberts
	Roanna Taylor

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 10th January and 28th March and the AGM was held on 28th March 2006.

The committee are pleased to welcome Chris Johnson as the new Hall caretaker. Chris is responsible for the maintenance, repairs, security and cleaning of the Hall. The bookings are still to be taken at Kilmelford Village Store.

The wooden floor in the main hall needs sanding and treatment as the surface is wearing thin in places. An estimate is to be obtained for the work. The washbasins in the cloakrooms have insufficient support, and an estimate is being sought to replace them with pedestal basins.

The Treasurer's report indicated that donations to the Village Hall fund were down last year, as were the proceeds from fund raising events. The overheads will be greater this year as the Caretaker's salary has to be found and the ongoing maintenance work has to be paid for. Lettings have been fewer since the new Craignish Hall opened. The Treasurer emphasised the necessity for some rigorous fund raising in the coming year to avoid running at a loss.

It is hoped that the Annual Beach Clean will raise some funds, also the comedy being staged at the Hall by a professional travelling theatre company on 13th June.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
April	2 nd , 16 th (Easter Day Communion at 8.30 a.m., Service 12 noon), 30 th	9 th , 23 rd
May	14 th , 28 th	7 th , 21 st
June	11 th (Communion), 25 th	4 th , 18 th
July	9 th , 23 rd	2 nd , 16 th , 30 th
August	6 th , 20 th	13 th , 27 th
September	3 rd , 17 th	10 th , 24 th

Please note:

Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.15 a.m.

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 on the birth of Arabella Sarah Elizabeth Files on 16th November, 2005, a contented daughter and sister for three older brothers (Kilninver) and to Matthew and Elaine Mitchell on the birth of their first child, Joshua James on the 13th of February, 2006 (Kilmelford).

OBITUARY

ROBERT CARMICHAEL, former minister of Craignish and Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches retired to the village of Kilmelford in June 1991. Brought up in Glasgow, where his father was a Post Office engineer, Robert was often reminded as a young boy that his great grandfather had been a Sea Captain, and his grandfather on the other side of the family had been a slate quarrier at Easdale. His earliest desire was to go to sea, but he contracted polio and was left with weak legs. The church was calling him to her service - he told me once that if he had not been able to enter the ministry he would have become a teacher - and he succeeded after his M.A., Glasgow in going to Trinity College, Glasgow and was ordained and inducted to Lochranza and Pirnmill on the Island of Arran in 1948. There are memories of him on the island, getting around his scattered parish on a bicycle - he was always determined not to be kept back by his infirmities. After ministries in Brodick and Corrie, and Eassie and Nevey with Newtyle, he came to Argyll in 1975. Throughout his service in the church he was known as an interesting preacher and a good pastor.

The sea was always in his blood, and he had a small sailing boat while on Arran, and later a larger yacht based at Craignish. He is remembered as a good and tidy sailor who did many things to help youngsters take an interest and learn. Navigation was his particular love and he gained his Yachtmasters

qualification. Robert was an enthusiastic and respected member of the Royal Highland Yacht Club, taking part in many of its activities afloat and ashore.

His funeral was held in Craignish Parish Church on 18th January, after which he was buried in Kilmaree Cemetery, in pouring rain (a sort of minister's revenge for inclement funerals endured in the past!) We extend our condolences to his family in the community and beyond.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WORLD MISSION COUNCIL – USED STAMPS

Georgina has received letters of thanks from the World Mission and would like to pass on their gratitude to all those who have collected used stamps for this worthy cause.

In 2005 the Stamp Centre raised a total of £2005.71 for the provision of insecticide treated mosquito nets for Chigoria Hospital in Kenya.

In 2006 the World Mission will be raising funds for the Church of Bangladesh's Golden Jubilee Project. This project provides somewhere for abandoned elderly relatives to meet, eat, receive medical care, learn new skills, and pray. To provide them with a meal costs just the price of a first class stamp.

Please don't chuck your used stamps in the bin – it seems such a waste when they can they can be put to such good use.

Stamps can be left with Dorothy Carmichael, Georgina Dalton, or Christine McLachlan.

OBAN HOSPICE

Georgina has also received a letter of thanks to all those who supported the carol singing which raised a total of £135.74 for the Oban Hospice.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday the 14th of February at Kilmelford Village Hall.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Community Councillors; Neil Manchester (Chairman), Robin Asbury, Robin Grey, Diarmid Campbell (Secretary). Argyll & Bute Councillor Duncan McIntyre.
Also in attendance were 20 members of the public.

Apologies: A & B Councillor Macaskill, Community Councillors Alasdair Oatts and Jane Brown, Kevin Moffat, Deirdre Campbell-Gibson, David Wilkie, Georgina Dalton and Christine McLachlan.

1. Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 14th of December were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising:

Glebe Completion Issues: The Chairman reported a letter copied by Cllr Allan Macaskill from David Baldwin, Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, which stated that the children's play area had been turfed and fenced as required. The Chairman noted that no equipment was allowed for in the agreement with the developer. There was a statement from the floor that the fence was not high enough.

Kilmelford Car Park: D. Campbell reported that he had discussed the cables under the parking area with the Hydro office and showed the plan they provided. He agreed to provide a new drawing, showing the cables in relation to the grading, at the next meeting.

Bus Shelters: The Chairman noted that the newly installed bus shelter did not match the existing one on the opposite side of the road. Cllr. McIntyre agreed that they should match and took note. He stated that the new shelter for Kilninver was now ready to be installed, but there was a delay waiting for a response from Mr Curry, the landowner.

Land at Kilmelford Village Hall: Robin Asbury advised that he had written to John Tilley about the Community Council wishing to tidy up the area opposite the village hall, and make available for overspill car parking and recycling bins. No response had been received as yet.

Kilninver Speed Limit Signs: It was noted that the flashing 20mph signs had not been fully installed as yet.

Fencing at Kilmelford: The Chairman was asked whether A&BC could stipulate standardised fencing along the main road at The Glebe. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with Cllr Macaskill and report back.

Marine Park Issue: The Chairman advised that David Wilkie was involved in this process, and had agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Dial a Bus Scheme:

Robin Asbury has the questionnaire and will put that in the April Newsletter.

Transportation Strategy Questionnaire: Secretary to obtain a new copy from Kilmory.

Cllr. McIntyre mentioned that the strategy for the Rural Committee has to be in by the end of April.

3. Outcome of the Community Council Complaint regarding the Oban, Lorne and Isles Area Committee Hearing 7th December 2005: The chairman advised that he had written to Argyll and Bute Council on the 15th of December highlighting concerns that the views of the Community Council had been ignored, and that the conduct of the meeting, and in particular the Planning Officer was unacceptable. The Chairman noted that due process had not been followed at the end of the meeting when the final decision had been taken. The Chairman also noted that the Roads Dept had not been consulted on the access issues raised in the Community Council objection. The Chairman advised that subsequently trees were being felled despite being subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

The Chairman advised that a letter had been received from Charles Reppke (Corporate Services) and Cllr Macaskill, refuting all the complaints but offering a letter of apology from the Planning Officer for his behaviour towards a member of the community. The letter advised that the Community Council should have contacted all Council departments, such as Roads, to highlight objections to any application.

The Chairman asked if Cllr MacIntyre was able to comment on this matter. Cllr. McIntyre stated that he was not present at the meeting in question, but felt that generally due process had been followed. However, Cllr MacIntyre felt that under the circumstances, a motion should have been proposed and a vote taken at the end of the meeting, especially on such a sensitive issue. Cllr MacIntyre also advised that the Roads Department had not been consulted on this application, but it was not the Community Council's responsibility to notify Council departments directly. Cllr MacIntyre advised that if the Community Council were still dissatisfied with the matter, they should write to the Chief Executive of the Council and copy the letter to George Lyon MSP, and to the Roads, Water and Planning departments.

4. Planning Applications:

House at Cuildarrach Kilninver (Near Scammadale road end)

The Chairman noted that it was in close proximity to both the road and the river and was not in an area assigned for development, but that if the application was in contravention of planning regulations it would not get passed anyway. It was agreed that the Community Council had no valid objection to the application.

This raised the issue of the repeatedly delayed 'Local Plan' and any likely completion date. Cllr. McIntyre was asked when the finalised Local Plan would be issued, and he stated delays were in part due to the Helensburgh area plan probably going to a Public Hearing. The other parts of the plan will go forward in the autumn. Any areas still not resolved will be worked in the interim by those parts of them that can be approved. The long delay was due to the number of comments received.

Conservatory to existing house at Lagganmore in Scammadale Glen
The Community Council had no objections.

Extension to Mussel Farm Storage Shed at Arduaine (Celtic Seafoods Ltd)

Alastair Oatts had advised that the proposal would double the size of the existing shed to 430 m² of storage area in a business expansion expected to add 5 jobs with the company. The Chairman advised that since the current development was reasonably unobtrusive, and that there was evidence of local employment, there was no valid grounds for objection. Ken McColl commented that industrial type developments on the loch shore, which were highly visible from the sea, should be screened by tree planting at the expense of the owners.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the planners asking for adequate screening by planting saplings of a native species.

5. Correspondence:

Police Safety Questionnaire; no comment

GRAB Trust; no comment

Canine Cards; no comment

Assoc. of A&B Community Councils; no comment

MacDougall Collection Museum; Secretary to send letter of potential visitor support.

6. Other Business:

Isabel Smith had noted that A&B Council has threatened to withdraw the Library Van service. It was agreed that the Secretary would write letter to complain about this proposal.

Alex Tweedly raised the issue that there was a given period in which the community could register an interest in the right to buy land if it were put up for sale. Of suggested interest were the Kilmelford Village Hall area and Playing Field area. The Chairman noted that he had been in correspondence with an organisation that provides support and advice for this type of project, and would seek further details.

Robin Grey advised that he had met with Scottish Water to discuss the new Kilmelford Sewage Treatment Plant, who are awaiting SEPA approval before commissioning. Scottish Water has agreed to clear the working area and restore the car park and verges.

Peter Menzies noted dissatisfaction that there had been no improvements to Blaran Road End for many years. Cllr. McIntyre agreed that it was a very dangerous area and stated that it was first a Police issue, although the Council and BT are still in dispute over who is responsible for the poles. The Chairman suggested that Peter Menzies write to Neil Brown at the A&B Council, but would also follow this up with the Councillors. Robin Grey agreed to talk to the MacDonalds about overhanging trees at the roadside. It was also noted that Raera Forest owners should clear storm-felled trees from the road side.

Mr. Vennell brought up the need for volunteer drivers to help elderly people and mentioned how on Seil 20 people had signed up for that task. The Chairman advised that the issue would be on the agenda for the next meeting, where Margaret Anfield will give a brief presentation on how this system works in practice.

A suggestion was made regarding the flower tubs in Kilninver, that since they are safely in the parking area and not on the roadside, the school children could be asked maintain them. Cllr. McIntyre mentioned that surplus plants could be obtained from the A&B Council.

Cllr. McIntyre stated that the Scottish Executive have a discussion paper on the future of Community Councils. He added that in the next A&B Council election the area will be split into two Wards, with Seil and Kilmore as a separate Ward. The Chairman noted that no correspondence on this proposal had been received by the Community Council, and asked that this be put in the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council in 2006 would take place on the 11th of April at the Kilmelford Village Hall at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Kilmelford sub-area: Robin Asbury
Neil Manchester
Alastair Oatts

Kilninver sub-area: Jayne Brown
Robin Grey

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.

N.B. The next community council meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th June.

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Alan Macaskill Tel: 01631 710133
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DIAL-A-BUS SCHEME

The Dial-a-Bus Scheme is a Community based scheme whereby any person may request the use of the Community Bus, by appointment, as and when required. The cost is the same as for a normal service bus i.e. those with free bus passes would pay nothing.

A Scheme currently operates on Tiree and in Campbeltown with each bus being used in broadly the same way but with added services relevant to each Community.

The “core” activities are: to/from Airport/Ferry; to/from Supermarket (on a particular day of the week); Health centre/hospital/cemetery visits etc.

The bus in each case is suitable for wheelchair access and will go anywhere that has a reasonable surface and turning capacity.

The Community Council has been asked to ascertain if there is a requirement for such a service in our area. Please take a few minutes to complete the simple Questionnaire enclosed so that there is a good representation of opinions for discussion at the June meeting of the Community Council.

LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

Please volunteer to do a stretch of beach by contacting Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208) who has all the information about areas to be cleaned, arrangements for the collection of filled bags etc.

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, 6th May and Sunday, 7th 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

SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME GARDENS OPEN IN ARGYLL IN 2006

26 Kilmartin , Lochgilphead	1 June – 30 September	10.30 a.m. – Dusk
Achnacloch , Connel	Daily 8 April – 31 October	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
An Cala , Ellenabeich	Daily 1 April – 31 October	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Ardchattan Priory , North Connel	Daily 1 April – 31 October	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Ardkinglas Woodland Garden	Daily all year	Daylight hours
Ardmaddy Castle , by Oban	Daily all year or by appointment	9 a.m. - sunset
Ascog Hall , Isle of Bute	Daily (except Mons & Tues) Easter – end October	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Ardnow, Cairndow	By appointment	
Barguilean's "Angus Garden"	Daily all year	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Cnoc-na-Garrie , Ballymeanoch	By appointment April - Sept	
Druimavuic House , Appin	Daily, April, May & June	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Druimneil House , Port Appin	Daily 1 April – 31 October	9 a.m. 6 p.m.
Eckford , By Dunoon	Daily 9 April – 6 June	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Glecknabae , Isle of Bute	By appointment Spring - Autumn	
Jura House , Ardfin, Isle of Jura	Open all year	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kildalloig , Campbeltown	By appointment	
Kinlochlaich House Gardens , Appin	Open all year Except Sundays Oct – March Sundays April - Sept	9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. or dusk 10.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Torosay Castle Gardens , Isle of Mull	Open all year	
Benmore Botanic Garden , Dunoon	Sunday 23 April	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Strachur House Woodland Garden	Sat 29 and Sun 30 April	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Arduaine , Kilmelford	Sat 6 and Sun 7 May	9.30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Crinan Hotel Garden , Crinan	Sunday 7 May	Noon – 5 p.m.
Achara House , Duror of Appin	Sunday 14 May	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Stachur House Woodland Garden	Sat 27 and Sun 28 May	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Crarae Garden , Inverary	Sat 10 June and Sun 11 June	9.30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Strachur House Woodland Garden	Sat 1 and Sun 2 July	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Ardhattan Priory Fete , Connel	Sun 30 July	Noon – 4 p.m.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 18th January P1, 2 and 3 participated in a puppet show / drama production called 'The Big Bag of Worries' in Easdale Primary. When we got back to school the children developed the concepts covered during the session by examining the digital photos we had taken, drawing pictures and writing reports. This was a very good way of helping young children to cope with the day to day worries that we all carry around with us from time to time.

The School Board held a Coffee Morning in the Kilmelford hall on the 20th of January. We'd like to thank them heartily for raising £70.50 for school funds.

We had a very good turn out for our Burns Night on Friday, 27th January. As well as a fantastic evening of hospitality and entertainment we raised a colossal £490 into the bargain. Thanks to all the local families and businesses who helped us along the way. A big thanks also to Mrs Winnie Campbell for playing for the dancing; the floor was packed for almost every dance and the evening went with a 'reel' swing.

P5, 6 and 7 enjoyed a fun filled afternoon at the Fishy singing session on Tuesday, 14th February. This took the form of a rock concert and was based on a Personal and Social development theme of friendship.

A fun time was had by all the pupils who took part in Save the Children concert held recently in Oban. The group were bossed around beautifully by Charlotte Oatts in role as 'The Grumpy Teacher' and amused the audience with their witty replies and hilarious costumes.

Our weekly after school sessions have drawn to a close for this term so we say a fond farewell and thank you to our session leaders. Blast off - thanks to Mrs Asbury and Mrs Gray for your kind and thoughtful activities, cakes and quizzes. Tennis - Senior pupils recently enjoyed after school tennis sessions in the Kilmelford Hall. We would like to thank Mrs Melissa Oatts for her expertise and time in running these sessions. P5 and 6 have benefited from football training sessions organised and delivered by a trained coach. This block of 8 lessons will continue after the holidays.

We have become more active in the playground recently. P6 and 7, our Playground Buddies, have been trained as part of the Active Schools Programme. They organise team games and activities for us 3 mornings a week. It's great to see games like 'Who's got the time Mr Wolf' making a come back and all children having the opportunity and support to participate in games of this nature.

On a similar theme we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for collecting and donating your Tesco sport equipment tokens to the school. The equipment we ordered has arrived. We now have new hula hoops, 8 new lolo balls (which are a bit like space hoppers without the ears), table tennis equipment for use in the classroom on wet and windy afternoons when we can't get out to run around.....and loads of other fun things that we can use in the summer term.

And talking about Tesco Tokens,we have already managed to collect many blue computers for schools tokens and will be delighted to receive any more that you can collect on our behalf. There is an additional aspect to this scheme this year; Tesco will give us 40 tokens to recycle an old mobile phone and 10 tokens per inkjet cartridge (not Epsom). Just forward these to the school and we will do the rest.

This year we have invested in various instruments including a flute, drums and keyboards. We have bought in a tutor for Keyboards and hope to be in the position to offer drum and rhythm training in the summer term. Some of the older pupils have made good progress with folk guitar and are practicing hard as a band.

Berni McMillan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th April – School Board Meeting
21st May – Summer Fair
30th May – 1st June – P7 trip to Glasgow
29th June – End of term assembly at 11 a.m.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Tuesday, 18 th April	School re-opens
Friday, 28 th April	School closes
Tuesday, 2 nd May	School re-opens
Thursday, 29 th June	School closes
Monday, 21 st August	School re-opens

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. The next visit will be on 10th May. 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, 10 th May	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 11 th May	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 9 th August	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 10 th August	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 8 th November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 9 th November	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

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

14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Wednesday, 15th November

14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The Mobile Police Office is now back on the road and will visit 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.

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 Tuesdays		Alternate Tuesdays	
April – 25 th		April – 18 th	
May – 9 th , 23 rd		May – 2 nd , 16 th , 30 th	
June – 6 th , 20 th		June – 13 th , 27 th	
July – 4 th , 18 th		July – 11 th , 25 th	
August – 1 st , 15 th , 29 th		August – 8 th , 22 nd	
September – 12 th , 26 th		September – 5 th , 19 th	

NORTH ARGYLL VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME

The scheme is now in operation in our area but is dependent on more drivers volunteering, even only one hour a month, before the service can be extended to more users. Volunteer Registration Forms are available from Fiona Wyllie (Tel: 01852 200227) and anyone wishing more information about the scheme should contact Margaret Anfield (Tel: 01852 300368).

A LETTER FROM THE WILD GARDEN

The first tree that we planted, outside the deer fence which enclosed the vegetable plot and herbaceous part of the garden, was a slender copper beech, about eight foot in height. This, in 1975, began the wild garden on the slopes of the hillsides narrowing down to the burn. The only other trees there were some ashes lining the water's edge where the burn ran out into the fields below the house; and a group of tough hazels on the side of the bank, hanging on around some rock outcrops. Bracken up to seven feet tall gave it a jungle-like quality in the summer, thriving in the deep loamy soil.

The copper beech now has a tall fan shape, making an eye-catching contrast with its surroundings; deep reds in the full leaf season or bare-branched against the greens of the background hills. We planted two rowans on each side of the gateway, with no actual gate, to make an entrance to the wild garden.. These have now grown enough to be woven into an arch that at first I thought would look 'twee' in its surrounds. But in fact they make the 'gate' that was never there. Here began the path that leads around the side of the hill to where the burn tumbles over rocks, forming a pool that became the destination for many picnic and paddling 'xpotition' when the children were small.

The original shelter belt of larches, planted shortly after the copper beech, have been thinned as they were shading the shrubs on the twentyfive steps. The steps were made at my request by a team of friends who

stayed for a weekend to celebrate twenty-five years at Maolachy. This flight takes one up from the beginning of the middle path to meet the end of the top one. The friends asked what they could bring as a contribution to the weekend and my answer was “plants”. They came armed with shrubs, mostly without labels – a white *Rhododendron*, one with soft peach colours and darker flecks, a *Pieris*, a pink *escalonia*, a variegated *Elaeagnus*. These have happily grown with each other creating a bank of welcoming spring colours and later autumn tints.

Tony gave me two *Moysii* geranium roses for Christmas some years ago and they arch their spray of bright reds into the canopy of laburnums above. There are two laburnums that we had grown from seed, and a double pink May tree, planted for Auntie Joyce. *Rhododendron luteum*, *Kerria japonica*, *Daphne* and a deep pink *Escalonia* have also taken well and now need their light and space. Below, double snowdrops and Lent lilies are a joy to find spreading and seeding themselves. I invested in an electric shredder and now that the needles of the felled larches are falling off I must clear the heaps before the bulbs appear. Tête à têtes shine under the May tree and a taller mixture of daffodils have begun to line the edge of the middle path. I was hoping to establish Lily of the Valley but it has been slow to get going – maybe it is too shaded or the soil too rich.

After the felling of the larches, the light and space released is giving me an excuse – and a treat – to find different shrubs to fill the gaps. *Diervilla lonicera*. *Potentilla* and perhaps a *Photinia* for its contrasting red leaf colours. This corner could be the place for my rescued *Eucryphia*. I found it strimmed to a stick in a garden that I was looking after for one summer, took it home and potted it up. It happily flowered this year and emerged as one of my favourites and well worth the wait to see its delicate blooms.

The centre piece must be my first own-grown cutting of an azalea which has beautiful soft apricot-coloured flowers. The leaves are just turning a deep crimson and it has three strong stems and healthy roots. I felt an inner warmth and satisfaction transferring it from the pot to its new home.

This area of twenty-five years growth and tending has taken on its own shape and seems happy as it settles into its next quarter of a century. I feel content to watch it grow.

Georgina Dalton

TULLICH FARM

Here at Tullich an exciting new thing is happening – children with special needs are coming on a regular basis, not to do RDA, but to ‘play’ with ponies – making friends, building relationships, learning non verbal communication skills and friendly ways of using ropes and sticks and halters and even a big football.

It’s likely with the growth of the village that there are many people who are not familiar with farming and are unaware of what is going on in the fields and hills around us.

First I would like to say a big and public ‘thank you’ to all the kind observant people who notice animals stuck in brambles or straying on the road or ill and maybe dying and come or phone and tell me. I cannot be everywhere at once and I am most grateful to these people – often their timely warning has saved a life. Thank you very much all of you.

This is a sheep farm and our year begins in October when the oldest ewes are drawn off the hill to conceive and rear one more crop of lambs on the lush in-bye pastures. They are nervous at first having been on the hard hill all their lives and never seen traffic so they panic away from the road when lorries go by. The only time they will have seen people with dogs will have been when they got gathered in to be dosed or dipped or clipped or injected vaccines. So of course they panic whenever someone with a dog does by. It takes a while for them to calm down. The tups go with them in November/December and we hope they are all pregnant by the end of the year and tamer and more settled.

In January they all have to be dosed again for liver fluke and we gather them off the hill in batches of 200 or 200. We work as a team walking in a big circle using the dogs to guide the sheep till they run together in a big flock that we can travel home to the fank where we can pen them and dose them.

We are only able to do this because of their wild instinct to run together into a 'flock' from what they see as the 'danger' of people with dogs. We walk in ways that influence them to run the way we want them to go. Imagine then our dismay when we find someone out for a walk with their pet all unwittingly panicking them in wrong directions. Once they are off their 'tram lines' they can be very difficult to bring back again. Or again imagine we have gathered together a big flock and are travelling homeward along a loch shore or through a steep ravine and right in the way we are driving them there are people and dogs innocently picnicking, fishing or just walking. The sheep in front stop in confusion and are pushed from behind because we and the dogs cannot see yet that there is a 'road block' ahead. This can result in sheep panicking and bolting in any direction even into the loch where their heavy fleeces quickly water-log and drown them. These things have happened especially at the pre-lambing gather in March when they are heavily pregnant and at their weakest after the winter months of severe weather and scarce grass and the spring growth not really plentiful yet. Then comes April and lambing time and don't we all love to see them frolicking amongst the daffodils. Danger is here too though – Hoodie crows and Black backed gulls and foxes are all hungrily awaiting the opportunity to grab a new born delicacy so it is essential not to disturb a ewe while she giving birth. If startle or frightened in the first moments before she has had time to bond with her baby by licking it and suckling it the predators may get their chance. If you see a sheep lying down and getting up again and turning round and lying down again and pointing her nose to the sky and heaving, she is in labour. Make a wide detour and not disturb her. Tomorrow you will be rewarded with the sight of skipping lambs and wagging tails.

Shian MacLean

LOCAL DIRECTORY UP-DATE

The Directory (up-dated in October, 2005) 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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