

KILNINFORD NEWS

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After a long, and very wet and windy winter, a glorious spell of spring weather was a welcome change and, once again, gardens beckoned.

A full list of gardens in Argyll, that are open under the Scotland's Gardens Scheme, can be found inside this newsletter. But, why not start off by supporting the following local gardeners, who will be opening their gates to the public and who spend an enormous amount of time and effort, all in aid of good causes.

Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th May from 9.30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Arduaine Gardens (National Trust for Scotland)

Admission: Adults £5, Concessions £4, Under 5s free, Family £14.

40% to The Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, 60% net to SGS Charities.

Sunday 20th May, 1 – 5 p.m.

Duachy – Gill Cadzow

Admission: £2.50, school children free, £4 joint ticket including Kilbrandon Garden on 20th May.

40% to Argyll Animal Aid 60% net to SGS Charities.

Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd June from 10a.m. – 6 p.m.

Maolachy – Georgina Dalton

Admission: Adults £3, children under 18 £1. No dogs please.

In aid of the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution and repairs to Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches.

Anyone wishing to catch the earlier blooms is welcome to visit in May as well, or at any other time of year, but please phone first Tel: 01866844212 (see Georgina's article inside).

Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th June from 2 – 6 p.m.

Achnacille, Kilmelford – Robin and Elizabeth Asbury

Admission: £2.50 Children free.

40% to Scripture Union Scotland (Inner City Kids Adventure Holidays) 60% SGS Charities.

By appointment only

Coille Dharaich – Hilary Hill. Please phone the day before Tel: 01852 200285

Hilary has been unable to tend her garden with the same amount of loving care as in the past. However, she has a wealth of knowledge to share and loves chatting about plants and would welcome visitors.

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Friday, 4th 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, 5th May - Blessing of the Boats at Ardfern Yacht Centre followed by the **Craignish Church Spring Fair** at the Fire Station in Ardfern. Details from Ishbel McNicol Tel: 01852 500277.

Friday, 18th May – Race Night in McTavish's Kitchen, Oban in aid of Kilninver Primary School.

Contact: Sally Inglis Tel: 01852 316271

Saturday, 19th May – “Cyprus” by Peter Arnott presented by Mull Theatre at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Tickets £7 from Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

Friday, 25th May – “Broken Glass” by Arthur Miller presented by Rapture Theatre Company at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Tickets £6 from Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

Friday, 1st 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)

Friday, 1st June – Ceilidh in Craignish Village Hall featuring Skippinish in aid of Craignish Parish Church.

Contact: Ishbel McNicol Tel: 01852 500277

Saturday, 9th June – “Battle of the Bands” in Craignish Village Hall.

Details from Tom Fisher Tel: 01852 500321.

Saturday, 16th June – Masquerade Charity Ball from 7.30 p.m. until late in Craignish Village Hall featuring Bombskare and a ceilidh band.

Tickets £15 in aid of Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

Tickets details from Amber Goudy Tel: 01852 500670 E-mail: a_goudy@hotmail.com and Camilla

Leslie Mob: 07843 384 765 E-mail: midgyleslie@hotmail.com

Friday, 6th 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)

Monday, 9th July – Black Umfolosi 5

Tickets: £9 adults, £5 school pupils, £20 family of 2 adults and 2 children.

Saturday, 4th August – Sunday, 19th August – Elemental Arts Festival including exhibitions and events in Ardfern and Craobh Haven.

Details from Namaste Bevan Tel: 01852 500390 and secretary@elementalarts.org.uk

Friday, 3rd 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)

Sunday, 26th August – Kilmelford and Kilninver Summer Festival from 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. (See Schedule below)

Friday, 7th 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

From 6th May until the autumn – 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 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will be larger Sunday Markets on the three Sundays during the Elemental Arts Festival from 4th – 19th August.

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

See www.craignishboatclub.co.uk for full details.

Monday evenings – Children's Sailing from 6 p.m. Advance booking essential.

Contact: Carol Graham Tel: 01852 500347 E-mail: dg@craignishdesign.co.uk

Wednesday evenings (during the summer) – Laser and Flying 15 sailing/racing

Contact: Guy Neville Tel: 01852 500369 E-mail: guy@buie369.free-online.co.uk Nick Purdy E-mail: carnhouse@btinternet.com

All welcome, beginners, intermediate and experienced sailors.

ART GROUP

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford (no meeting on 3rd May due to the election). Fees are £1 per session. All welcome.

Contacts: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375)

COUNTRY DANCING

This was another very well attended season culminating in the end of session party on the 5th of April in Craignish Village Hall (Kilmelford Hall was closed during this period for maintenance work). Many, many thanks again to Mike for providing such enjoyable Thursday evening sessions. Future arrangements for country dancing sessions will be announced in the September newsletter.

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 group does still meet informally on most Wednesdays through the summer, either in the hall, if there are enough people, or in someone's home. Anyone wishing to join in should contact Dorothy Carmichael Tel: 01852 200374.

FOOTBAL CLUB – coaching and practice for P5s – P7s on **Mondays and Thursdays** from 6 – 7.30 p.m. at Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall if it's raining or at Glenmore Walled Garden if it is fine.

More about the Football Club

The good news is that we have finally found a football coach, Luzas, who works for the Melfort Pier. We really appreciate Luzas' help, time and expertise and without Luzas all this would not be possible, so a huuuuge thank you Luzas!

Coaching has been held at the Kilninver & Kilmelford Village Hall on Monday nights between 6pm and 7.30pm for P5's - P7's.

We have joined the Sunday Football League in Oban and the team has started playing matches every Sunday 10am - 12noon. The team is so enthusiastic and have been so wonderful to watch. They are improving as a team with every match. Do come and support if you are passing.

The league begins again on Sunday 22nd and anyone interested in playing should contact either Melissa and Alasdair Oatts on 01852 200314 or Sue Johnson on 01852 200364 or do please come to the practices.

The practices are now twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays 6 - 7.30pm either at K&K Village Hall if it is raining or at Glenmore Walled Garden if it is fine.

The Melfort Pier has very kindly agreed to sponsor the team and has paid for the team's football strips - Melfort's Mermaids! Many many thanks.

We have also received sponsorship from the Royal Bank of Scotland, the Fire Brigade via the Youth Club and the Kilmelford Community Association (looking forward to receiving your cheque!). Also from Scottish Country Dancing practises and a coffee morning. So many many thanks to all these bodies because without you the football team would not be possible.

Melissa Oatts

LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

Volunteers required (children and adults) to assist in the annual beach clean of Loch Melfort shoreline

SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2007

2.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We all enjoy the beautiful shoreline of Loch Melfort, so why not give up a few hours of your time to help clean up the litter? Subject to availability, any monies raised will be used for children's charities, groups and activities within Kilmelford and Kilninver Community, with the added bonus of a clean shoreline!

Bin bags and maps of each beach section will be provided on the day

Please turn up to help with friends and family- the more people that join in, the easier it will be!

For further details please contact:-

**Neil Manchester
01852 200272**

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL – Sunday, 26th 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 in Sections 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 (Indoor or outdoor 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 | An arrangement in a spectacles case |
| Class 10 | A corsage for a special occasion |
| Class 11 | An arrangement of flowers with a Scottish Theme |
| Class 12 | An arrangement depicting a song title |

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 root vegetables (one variety: either 4 potatoes or 4 carrots or 4 parsnips or 4 beetroots) |
| Class 16 | Selection of green vegetables, suitable for a side salad (before preparation) |

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

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| Class 18 | An item using odd balls of wool, any ply, any colour, can be mixed |
| Class 19 | An item of hard craft (wood, glass, metal, pottery etc) |

- Class 20 An item of soft craft (needlework, crochet, lace etc but excluding knitting)
- Class 21 A computer generated greetings card
- Class 22 A photo of a view through a gate (not computer enhanced)
- Class 23 A painting or drawing, in any medium, of "My Favourite Things" (no computer art)
- Class 24 A pin cushion

SECTION G - HOME PRODUCE
FOR THE FISH FARM TROPHY

- Class 25 4 sausage rolls
- Class 26 Rice salad
- Class 27 Cheese scones
- Class 28a Plaited loaf, hand made
- Class 28b Wholemeal loaf, machine made
- Class 29 4 short bread fingers
- Class 30 A Victoria sponge (traditional recipe with jam inside and castor sugar on top)
- Class 31 Ginger bread (1lb loaf tin)
- Class 32 Any cake decorated for the "Round Shuna Race" winner (decoration only to be judged)
- Class 33 A jar of jam

CHILDREN'S SECTION

LOCH MELFORT HOTEL TROPHY
UNDER 8 YEARS

- Class 34 A collage of "My House"
- Class 35 A decorated digestive biscuit
- Class 36 A bookmark for a parent

EIGHT TO ELEVEN YEARS

- Class 37 3 rock buns
- Class 38 A short poem about school (handwritten)
- Class 39 A potato man

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN YEARS
FOR THE MELFORT PIER TROPHY

- Class 40 3 ginger bread men with edible decorations
- Class 41 A CD cover design (computer designed)
- Class 42 A CD cover design (without the aid of a computer)
- Class 43 A painted stone

FESTIVAL CONTACTS

- Isobel Smith 01852 200537
- Catriona Smith 01852 200368
- Georgina Dalton 01866 844212
- Clare Howard 01852 200375
- Dorothy Bark 01852 200370
- Toni Mitchell 01852 516131

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 200232.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

Caretaker:- Chris Johnson

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

CHARGES

The committee is due to review the scale of charges for the hire of the hall and they have therefore been omitted from this newsletter and will be published in the September issue.

UNDER 16s

PLEASE NOTE: owing to safety issues, no-one aged 16 or younger can be allowed into Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall without the supervision of an adult.

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair	Robin Grey
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Bookings	Anne Saunders
Committee member	Christine Maclachlan
“ “	Neil Manchester
“ “	Toni Mitchell

The 2007 AGM of the above association was held on 9th January. Committee meetings were held on 9th January and 13th March. The main topics under discussion were as follows:

- 1) The sanding and sealing of the main hall floor is to be carried out by Premier Floorsanding of Inverness, starting on 2nd April. The main hall will be out of action for the whole week. The price quoted for the work is £2525.
- 2) The new electric cooker has been installed. It was not possible to buy a second-hand one. The final bill is expected to be just over £1000.
- 3) The 100 Club Prize Draw presently has 55 subscribers. It is hoped that more people will gradually join each month to boost the much needed income required for the ongoing maintenance work.
- 4) The highly enjoyable Race Night successfully raised £198.
- 5) It has been decided by the committee that no-one aged 16 or younger should be allowed into the Village Hall without the supervision of an adult. Safety issues have to be considered. Problems have occasionally arisen in the past due to unsupervised youngsters.
- 6) Spring Cleaning of the Hall will take place during the latter part of April. If anyone is willing to give a hour of their time, Diane would be most grateful! (tel 01852 200208)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
April	29 th	22 nd
May	13 th , 27 th (Communion)	6 th , 20 th
June	10 th , 24 th	3 rd , 17 th
July	8 th , 22 nd	1 st , 15 th , 29 th
August	5 th , 19 th	12 th , 26 th
September	2 nd , 16 th , 30 th	9 th , 23 rd

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

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

While I was in hospital and recovering from my accident (I broke my ankle while taking out the wheelie bin!) and subsequent complications, I was very aware of the support of many people in the community. Christine in the Village Store received many inquiries as to my progress, and through the Church there were many prayers and good wishes expressed. All these greatly helped my progress and I want through the Newsletter to say my thanks. I still have a fair way to go, and at times the progress is frustratingly slow, but week on week there is progress. Thanks to you all.

It was interesting having Christmas all but cancelled because I was off work. For the first time in almost all my adult life I did nothing for Christmas. Fortunately I had bought Christine a present before my accident, so I had something to give her on Christmas day, but that was the extent of Christmas. I did miss the services and the fun, and it was good to be away with my son and daughter-in-law for the few days of the festival, being pampered. This Easter was quite different, and with another Parish added to my already linked pair, I had more services and more things to do. For me Easter is the important festival in the Christian Year, and I did enjoy the various different services I was involved in. The whole message of new life in Christ is what my faith and life are based upon. With the wonderful Spring weather we have had, I hope something of this new life has been real for you.

Finally, after much negotiating and the cancellation because of my accident, we marked the further linking of the two Parishes of Craignish with Kilninver and Kilmelford with Kilbrandon and Kilchattan on the 17th of March. For the Parish on Seil and Luing it was a particularly happy day, and for me it was a joy to have friends from my original Parishes share the day. There will be changes all round for the work of the minister will now be spread more thinly than before. This is all because of the contraction of the Church of Scotland in both membership and resources. The reality of the situation is that each of the three Parishes - Craignish; Kilninver and Kilmelford; and Kilbrandon and Kilchattan - share a minister, but the Parishes are still independent Parishes. Because they share a minister there might be some closer working together, but they are still individual Parishes, with their own life. I will be in Craignish two Sundays in four, Kilninver and Kilmelford each one Sunday in four, and Kilbrandon and Kilchattan two Sundays in four. The other Services will be taken by a team of Readers most of whom are already known in the area. There is a somewhat complicated chart for it all, but the alternation of Kilninver and Kilmelford will continue as before.

One last word; The Kirk Session of Kilninver and Kilmelford has agreed to go ahead with an appeal to people with Kilmelford connections for some £35,000 to make the Church at Kilmelford wind and watertight and suitable for use for the foreseeable future. Some work has still to be done before the Appeal is formally launched, but I tell you this just now so that you can be ready for the Appeal when it comes. The bottom line is that if you want the Church building to be useable then the people who live in the area will have to want to support the Appeal. You will hear more about this soon.

Meanwhile, may God bless you all,

Alastair

OLIVE MAY HALSTEAD – born 20th August 1923, died 12th January, 2007

Twenty three years ago it was Olive's suggestion "let's go down there and look at it straight away" which brought the Halsteads to Tigh-an-Rudha. The property had been poorly advertised by the Estate Agents and did not do justice to the position of the bungalow and its unspoilt loch frontage but Olive had felt that it was well worth going to see.

Olive and Bill settled into a self-contained life on Kames Peninsula, entirely happy in each other's company. They enjoyed regular swims at the Melfort Club and with their faithful support of the church and regular attendances at the Sunday services at Kilmelford, they established a pattern to their lives. Olive enjoyed taking on the extensive garden, looking after the existing roses and shrubs and planting favourites of her own like the "mock orange". The greenhouse, tucked into the shelter of a rock outcrop, produced tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce under her care. Olive was also very fond of cats and dogs and was a long time supporter of Argyll Animal Aid.

The Halsteads had always been interested in travelling by road, generally to those places which others tended to avoid, which meant that they planned many adventurous holidays which took in the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, the Yukon and North West Territories and on several occasions Alaska, where on one occasion the Arctic Ocean was reached. Western America was covered very extensively, especially the Pacific coastline. In the 1950's several tours were made of Arctic Scandinavia when the areas concerned had only partially recovered from the devastation following the second World War.

Olive was possessed of a good sense of humour and she said that it always stood one in good stead.

Their three sons, Tony in Seattle, Mark in Devon and Peter in the Caribbean keep in regular daily touch.

Bill wishes to express his deep gratitude for all the kindness and comfort shown to him from friends, neighbours, the Melfort Club and the Shower of Herring and especially the Rev Alastair. From all the beautifully chosen phrases in the letters and cards he has received, he found the words "kind and lovely lady" very touching and most appreciated.

Georgina Dalton

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WORLD MISSION COUNCIL – USED STAMPS

Georgina has received a letter 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 2006 the Stamp Centre raised a total of £2080.45 to help the elderly in Bangladesh.

In 2007 the World Mission is raising funds for disabled children in China. Many children living in orphanages in China suffer from physical or mental disabilities, or have suffered from chronic childhood illnesses that have hampered their development. There is a critical need for rehabilitation equipment such as crutches and wheelchairs. The Scottish Churches China Group in association with the Amity Foundation aims to provide this, along with necessities like blankets and food, and also playground equipment to help their development.

Please don't chuck your used stamps in the bin – it seems such a waste when they can be put to such good use. Stamps can be left with Dorothy Carmichael, Georgina Dalton, or Christine McLachlan.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 12th December 2006 at the Village Hall.

Present:

Community Councillors: Neil Manchester (Chairman), Robin Asbury, Robin Grey, Alasdair Oatts and Diarmid Campbell.

Also in attendance were Argyll and Bute Councillor Cllr A. Macaskill, and 6 members of the public.

1) Apologies

Jayne Brown, Cath Manchester, Elizabeth Asbury, Beth Nicholson, Fiona Wyllie, John and Judith Stannard

2) Minutes:

After discussion the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th October were approved with the following changes:

- Item 2b. Address of Mr Menzies to be changed from “Brae Lorn” to “Corrie Lorn”
- Item 2c last sentence: “...Water Treatment Works do not always require...”
- Item 3c second sentence: “...that this was both a Planning issue and one for...”

Proposed by: Robin Asbury Seconded by: Neil Manchester

3) Matters arising:

- a) Kilmelford Car Park: Costings to be sent to Malcolm MacFadyen – Community Services at Kilmory.
- b) Blaran Road End: No action. Discuss again with Cllr MacIntyre for comment t next Meeting
- c) Kilmelford Waste Water Works: No further comment
- d) Kilniver School Parking: No further action to report at this time. To be carried forward.
- e) Loch Avich Road Passing Places: letter sent to Neil Brown and reply that road will be examined. Carry forward.
- f) Melfort Farm Planning Application: There will be no action by the Council as the reply from Angus Gilmour states that Neil Brown is of the opinion that a road survey is not required. In addition it was stated that a Public licence granted to the Mermaid Restaurant would not increase traffic on the Degnish Road.
- g) Dog fouling: A response is still required from Derek Crook. Carry forward.
- h) Degnish Road: Passing Place signposts had been erected. Potholes and drain covers are to be inspected.

Additional items from AOB:

- i) Recycling: Cllr Macaskill stated that future arrangements for recycling were subject to Council discussion of a Paper being prepared by the Strategic Policy Committee.
- j) Degnish Road: It was noted that there as still no response to the suggestion of creating a walkway/bridleway along Degnish Road at least as far as the bridge over the Oude at Melfort Farm. This is a safety issue which needs to be resolved; as is the issue of the lack of a passing place between the Oude Bridge and Melfort Pier. Cllr Macaskill stated that any additions to passing places had to go through the Council.

k) Rural Access: Beth Nicholson had provided Robin Asbury with both a book and pamphlets concerning rural access and “best practice”. It was agreed that these should be posted on the Village Hall Notice Board.

4) Land Reform Act and Community Land Purchase:

There was nothing to report at this stage but the Chairman will report further at the next Meeting.

5) Planning Applications:

Alasdair Oatts reported as follows:

a) **Special Meeting on 26th November 2006** re Macleod’s planning application for 42 houses on the Glebe at Kilmelford: A very animated discussion had taken place with no objection to the principle of building in the Glebe but many suggestions being put forward for consideration. These had been incorporated in a letter to the Council and contained the following points:

The bronze age sites; access from the A816; a possible exit onto the Degnish Road; the timescale of the development with a phased programme; Infrastructure priorities – Sewage/water/power; completion of the three sites in the North Glebe; Screening from, and uniform fencing on the A816; flood appraisal; use of renewable energy, affordable housing should not be distinctive, and finally, a suggestion that Macleod’s may like to present to and address the Community.

On that last point, Cllr Macaskill pointed out that to ensure such a meeting (prior to the matter being discussed by the Area Committee – which is unlikely to take place before March)) there would have to be 10 or more objectors.

NOTE: The Chairman offered to speak to Macleod’s on the matter and depending on their response may then seek the required number of objectors.

Since the Meeting a letter had been received from the West of Scotland Archaeological Agency stating that the Developer is required to arrange for a full site survey to be carried out.

- a) 06/02139/NMA – Melfort Pier & Restaurant – alter location of LPG tank – no objections
- b) 06/02143/DET -Melfort Pier & Restaurant – installation of septic tank – no objections
- c) 06/01062/DET – Melfort Farm – Siting of residential caravan – no objections
- d) 06/02361/OUT – Nicholson’s – Kilninver House – Demolition of existing building on land North West of dairy cottage and erection of dwelling house. – no objections
- e) 06/02417/OUT – Kilmelford Yacht Haven – Erection of staff dwelling House on Boatyard Land – no objections

6) Correspondence

Robin Asbury confirmed that he was still in correspondence with Mr J Tilly about land around the Village Hall.

7) Any Other Business

a) Marine National Park

A meeting was to take place later in the week in the Argyll Gathering Hall but no one was available to attend. (In Mull 200 people attended with only 2 in favour). The Meeting felt that more information and consultation should be available before decisions should be required. Also that costs would far outweigh benefits. On a proposal by the Chairman seconded by Robin Grey it was decided that a letter of objection should be sent.

b) School Lights – Kilninver

Lindsey Davies provided an update as to when and how the school flashing lights are meant to operate but it was noted that they disappeared from the Kilmelford end of Kilninver.

c) Footpath at North Glebe – Kilmelford

A request was made that a letter be sent to Neil Brown to ascertain who had ownership and responsibility for the upkeep of the small footpath from the A816 beside the first house “Kilburnie.”

8) Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 13th February 2007 at 8pm in Kilmelford Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 3rd April, 2007 at the Village Hall.

Present: Community Councillors: Neil Manchester (Chairman), Robin Asbury, Robin Grey, Alasdair Oatts.

Also in attendance were Argyll and Bute Councillors A Macaskill and D MacIntyre, and 24 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Christine MacLachlan, Margaret Cross, John and Jane Rentoul, Fiona Wyllie, Judith Stannard, Annie McGregor and Beth Nicholson

The Chairman apologised for the debacle of the February meeting, when a quorum had not been reached and the meeting was cancelled on the night, and advised that in the immediate aftermath there had been resignations from the Community Council: Diarmid Campbell and Jayne Brown.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 12th December 2006

Proposed by Alasdair Oatts and seconded by Robin Grey

3. Matters arising from the last meeting:

Kilmelford Car Park- the Chairman advised that a design proposal and costs had been submitted to Malcolm MacFadyen at Kilmory for review. Continue on agenda.

Blaran Road End- Cllr MacIntyre advised that the council had reached an impasse with BT, but were actively pursuing this since the issue of errant telegraph poles was a problem in many places on the A816. Cllr MacIntyre advised that there was a STAG appraisal currently under way, which would review the possible realignment of the A816 in critical places, and suggested that the Community Council should wait for the outcome before considering further action.

Kilmelford Wastewater Works- the Chairman noted that an application had been submitted by Scottish water for the siting of a temporary steel shed to allow some development work. However, there was no indication that the facility would be operational in the near future.

Kilniver School Parking- Robin Asbury reported on behalf of Mrs Beth Nicholson, to clarify and correct as follows the item contained in the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th October:

- a) Mrs Inglis had not been present at the Meeting and therefore comments attributed to her were incorrect, but Mrs Nicholson had stated that the school hoped that a sign referring to school parking would be erected so that staff and parents could safely park.
- b) No agreement has been reached with A&BC Roads Department, nor has Mrs Nicholson had any direct contact with that department.
- c) A representative of Mr and Mrs Nicholson has been in contact with Argyll and Bute Council legal department on this matter.

Cllr Macaskill asked why the Community Council doesn't ask the council to purchase the car park for the school. Robin Asbury agreed to discuss with Mrs Nicholson and report to the next meeting.

Loch Avich Road Passing Places- the Chairman reported no change to this item, but agreed to raise the issue with Neil Brown again.

Dog Fouling in Kilmelford- the Chairman advised that a new dog warden, Peter McLuckie, had been appointed and would address the issues raised in the near future. The Chairman advised that anyone seen not cleaning up after their dogs could be reported to Mr McLuckie on 01631 562125.

Proposed Glebe Development- the Chairman advised that this application was pending consideration by A&BC, but that he had been in contact with Jane McLeod of M&K McLeod to discuss some of the issues raised. The Chairman felt that there was a reluctance to meet with the Community Council at present, but that the points raised would be considered by M&K McLeod. The Chairman also advised that the West of Scotland Archaeological Service (WOSAS) had reported that the suspected Bronze Age burial sites were either spoil piles or previously desecrated sites, and as such WOSAS were not opposed to the proposed development. The next Area Committee meeting is on 26th April, but Cllr Macaskill advised that it was unlikely that this application would be discussed at the meeting.

Footpath at North Glebe- the Chairman reported that Jane McLeod would confirm the legal status, but it was considered most likely that this footpath belonged to the Glebe residents and therefore should be maintained by the residents.

1. Land Around Kilmelford Village Hall and the Possible Improvement of Recreational Facilities

The Chairman advised that Robin Asbury had been in correspondence with John Tilly for some time, and had arranged a meeting last month, between Mr Asbury, Mr Manchester, Mr Tilly and his son, to discuss the acquisition of land adjacent to the village hall. The Chairman reported that Mr Tilly had offered to gift two areas of land for community use (the surplus car park area next to the fire station, and an area of land on the field behind the village hall suitable for development as a sports facility. In addition, Mr Tilly would also make available the land immediately behind the hall for community development of sheltered housing. In return, Mr Tilly was seeking support from the Community Council for a planning application for six houses on the remainder of the field. The Chairman asked the meeting to consider the proposal.

John Stannard expressed full support for the proposal, in that it would provide excellent recreational facilities for the village, but also offer an opportunity to provide much needed affordable or sheltered housing, which was lacking in most of Argyll.

Nigel Carmichael asked whether this would increase traffic volumes on the Degnish road. Elisabeth Asbury suggested that the access could be such that it avoided the single-track section of the road. The Chairman noted that a condition might be the provision of a footpath along the field front.

Cllr Macaskill noted that there might be issues with residential homes being located close to recreational areas. Cath Manchester said that plot purchasers would have full knowledge prior to purchase anyway.

Alasdair Oatts stated that he fully supported the proposal, since it represented a significant gift to the community, and advised that the Community Council were seeking support in principle at this stage only.

Ken Scaife noted that there would be a cost to developing these areas.

James Adams noted that supporting Mr Tilly was no guarantee that the land would not be sold to a less sympathetic developer.

Cllr Macaskill advised that he rated the chances of the council accepting such a proposal as nil.

Cllr MacIntyre was supportive of the proposal, and stated that it was sensible to take it forward to the next stage, especially since the current Local Plan was only fixed for a five-year period.

Robin Asbury agreed to revert to Mr Tilly and advise that the community supported the project in principle, and take discussions to another stage.

The Chairman thanked the members present for their support.

2. Land Reform Act (Community Right to Buy) Discussion

The Chairman advised that the development of recreational areas was a big project which would require a dedicated group of community members, but that since there had already been some discussions on the subject of Community Right to Buy, perhaps this might be the vehicle under which

all community land and property management may be operated. The Chairman then outlined the provisions of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, and advised that other areas of ground had already been considered. The Chairman described the steps to be taken to set up a Community Body, registered as a company.

Alasdair Oatts expressed support in setting up the Community Body; even if it remained dormant it would still be worth setting up.

Ken Scaife said there would be a cost to this proposal, and asked if the Community Council knew what was involved. The Chairman advised that there would be some start up administration costs, such as legal fees in purchasing an 'off-the-shelf' company and changing the name, although this would be relatively cheap to do. In addition, there would be ongoing administration costs similar to that of the current Community Council, plus any specific project costs that would require targeted fund raising etc.

Alasdair MacLachlan advised that Craignish had already set up such a body, comprising 200 members who each paid £1 annual subscription, but that with the right management such a body could have an enormous positive impact on the community.

Cath Manchester advised that the Kilninford newsletter had a small surplus of funds at present, and that at the recent AGM of the newsletter committee, it had been agreed that some of these could be used as start up funding for this type of project.

Angus MacFadyen advised that there was some £200 lying dormant in the football club account that would be provided to the community company to assist with the start up.

The Chairman thanked both Mrs Manchester and Mr MacFadyen for their generous offers.

Robin Asbury advised that the minimum number of community members was 20, but that non community members could be co-opted to provide any necessary skills required for any particular project. The Chairman noted that it was considered normal for at least one A&BC councillor to be co-opted onto such a body. Cllr Macaskill advised that there were disadvantages to involving councillors in this type of project, and that the Community Council would have four councillors to contend with after the May elections.

The Chairman asked the meeting whether there was sufficient support to continue with this proposal. There was unanimous agreement that this project would be of benefit to the community. The Chairman issued an advice note of the Land Reform Act, including a questionnaire to confirm individual support. In addition, the Chairman noted that there would be an article in the forthcoming newsletter on the same. The Chairman thanked all present for their support.

3. Vacancies on Community Council (appointment of Returning Officer & notice of election)

The Chairman repeated that there had been two resignations from the Community Council last month, and that he was keen to fill these places at the earliest opportunity.

Robin Asbury proposed that Dorothy Carmichael be appointed as Returning Officer, seconded by Alasdair Oatts. Mrs Carmichael agreed to this, and the Chairman thanked her.

The Chairman advised that there were two vacancies, one in Kilnilver and one in Kilmelford, and that nomination papers were available from the Returning Officer. Nominations should be lodged by April 12th, and if required an election would be held on May 3rd.

4. Planning Applications

Alasdair Oatts advised of the following applications since the last meeting:

Cuilfail Hotel- the Chairman advised that the Community Council had no objection to the application. Isobel Smith stated she had objected for various reasons, including removal of a heritable and irredeemable right of access to the south of the hotel. Rory Campbell-Gibson felt that the Community Council should object on that ground alone. The Chairman felt that the proposed access into the hotel was a safety improvement, but accepted that it could create issues over access rights. After discussion, there was unanimous agreement that the Community Council should write to the planning department expressing concern over the proposal in this respect.

Arduaine Campsite- Alasdair Oatts advised that the plans not been received. The Chairman advised that since it was sited between the two already approved properties, both of which failed to conform to

any standards or previously proposed conditions, there was little to discuss on the new application regardless of its nature.

Cattle shed at Bragleenbeg- Alasdair Oatts noted that this application had already been approved.

5. Correspondence

The Chairman advised that until further notice, correspondence would be directed to him. The Chairman advised that there had been no correspondence of note since the last meeting, and that appointment of a replacement secretary would be delayed until the Community Council was back to full strength.

6. Any Other Business

a) The Chairman read a letter from Annie McGregor reporting concerns over the state of the Degnish road, namely the lack of passing places and the lack of safe pedestrian access. Jenny Moody advised that cars had to use private driveways to allow passing, yet the A&BC refused to support maintenance of these areas. Mrs Moody was unsure whether there was any liability in the event of vehicular damage or an accident while using private driveways for this purpose. Cllr Macaskill advised writing to Neil Brown requesting a plan of the road showing existing passing places, and suitable areas for possible new ones. Cllr MacIntyre advised that he supported the concept of a pathway between Kilmelford and Melfort Village, and suggested that a site visit between himself, Neil Brown and representatives of the Community Council would be useful. Christine Roberts advised that the Melfort Club had already written to Neil Brown on these issues, but were still awaiting a reply. Cllr Macaskill suggested that all potential MSP's be lobbied on provision of additional roads funding prior to the May elections. The Chairman agreed to raise these issues with Neil Brown.

b) Cath Manchester asked whether the old passing place poles on the Degnish road could be removed now that new signs had been erected. The Chairman agreed to raise this with Neil Brown.

c) Angus MacFadyen noted that a cattle grid on the Scammadale Road needed immediate repair. The Chairman agreed to raise this with Neil Brown.

d) Elizabeth Asbury noted that the first section of the Degnish road was covered in 'mud' and was virtually impassable on foot. The Chairman questioned James Adams present as the person responsible for the current mess, and Mr Adams agreed to brush the roads clear at the earliest opportunity.

e) Jenny Moody noted that the developers at Kinloch were leaving materials on the roadside, which presented a hazard to road users. The Chairman agreed to mention this to the property owners and request that the road be kept fully clear at all times.

f) Dorothy Carmichael noted that brush cutting was required at the Oude dam to keep sightlines clear. The Chairman agreed to write to Neil Brown and the landowners, suggested by Angus MacFadyen to be SSE, to request that this work be carried out.

g) Jenny Moody noted the same comments at the Degnish road junction onto the A816. The Chairman agreed to raise this with Neil Brown and Tullich Farms.

h) Dorothy Carmichael noted that the railings on the Kilmelford Church war memorial were in a parlous state. Cllr Macaskill advised that this was the responsibility of the Roads Dept. The Chairman agreed to write to Neil Brown on this matter.

i) Dorothy Bark asked whether the council would provide a skip in the village for large domestic items as in previous years. Cllr Macaskill advised that European funding for that type of project had been withdrawn, so a skip would not be provided.

j) Cllr Macaskill advised that if the community were to embark on any project requiring funding, that an application be submitted to the council at the earliest opportunity.

k) Cllr Macaskill advised that the Area Committee meeting on 25th April would discuss the change of use of part of Kilmelford Boatyard (aka Boatyard Paddock) from commercial use to residential, thus allowing the approval of the current planning application for a single dwelling house.

l) Colin Carmichael advised that two drains at Loch nan Drumnain, which had been repaired last year, required urgent attention. Christine Roberts noted that the stretch of road alongside the loch needed attention. The Chairman agreed to write to Neil Brown requesting immediate attention.

m) Cllr Macaskill noted that this was his last Community Council meeting, and that he had been attending for the last thirty years, having seen many Community Councillors come and go. Cllr Macaskill said that he had always tried to provide sound and realistic advice, but accepted that his comments were not always welcome. Cllr Macaskill wished to thank all Community Councillors past and present, and all members of the public who had supported him over the years.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Macaskill of his support and contribution over the years, and wished him well in his retirement.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th June 2007 at 8.00pm Kilmelford Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Angus MacFadyen proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Neil Manchester
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Kilmelford sub-area: Robin Asbury
Neil Manchester
Alastair Oatts

Kilninver sub-area: 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.

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Alan Macaskill Tel: 01631 710133 (until retirement)
Cllr. Duncan McIntyre Tel: 01631 770218

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

Enclosed within this newsletter is a flier with the following information and a questionnaire. Please make your opinions known by completing the questionnaire.

What does the Act do? The Community Right to Buy provisions of the above act allows community groups to 'register an interest' in land or property within the

community. In this case, the definition of 'land' includes fields, football pitches, shops, houses, woodlands, lochs, farms, estates, pubs, shops..... in fact any land or property.

Who has this right?

The rights described in this Act can only be exercised by community bodies incorporated as Companies, with an open and democratic membership based on the electoral role. The community body must comprise at least 20 members of the public, of which the majority must be on the electoral role.

Why would we want this?

There is a wide range of purposes that we might use this legislation to the benefit of the community, including:

- To manage community land and assets for the benefit of the community as part of the protection, and sustainable development, of Scotland's natural environment.
- To provide, or assist in providing, facilities for recreational and other leisure time occupations in the interests of social welfare.
- To promote rural regeneration, including the creation of employment, advancement of education and training opportunities, provision of affordable housing, maintenance and improvement of public amenities, preservation of historic sites or buildings, provision of recreational facilities, protection of the environment, and the provision of other social welfare facilities.
- To preserve, educate and promote the community about its environment, culture and history

At Community Council, we have already identified the desire to obtain additional car parking space at the village hall, to preserve the existing car parking within the village, plus the provision of developed recreational areas either at the hall or on the Glebe field. Suggestions for additional projects are invited.

It is important to remember that registering an interest does not oblige the community body to purchase, but confers upon it the right of first refusal as and when the property is made available for sale. At that point, the community body would decide whether to proceed with the purchase (assuming community support), and would then have a period of time to fund any such project.

What next?

Provided that there is sufficient interest within the community, the first stage is to set up a community body, incorporated as a company (and separate to the Community Council), appoint an interim board of directors to register the Company, and hold an inaugural meeting to appoint the Board of Directors and set the objectives of the Company.

Neil Manchester
Chairman
Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council

ARGYLL'S SECRET TREASURE

It's a little known secret, but within an hour's drive of Kilmelford there is a venue that hosts world class musicians and singers, as they compose, record and perform music of a standard rarely experienced outside the cities of the world.

Located in a remote corner of the Kintyre peninsula, with panoramic views across the windswept coastline of the Sound Of Jura and enjoying glorious sunsets over the Paps and Islay beyond,

discovering the magic of Crear has been a revelation for a small group of us from Kilmelford, and certainly opened up my eyes (and ears) to a whole new level of musical experience.

It's a secret to be shared, so discover it for yourself. When you've been once, you will go back!

Crear Summer Concerts 2007 at Crear, Kilberry, by Tarbert, Argyll

Aly Bain (fiddle) and the **Scottish Ensemble** with **Jonathan Morton** (violin)
playing a programme of Bartok, Lutoslawski, Piazzolla and Sommerro – *Follow the Moonstone* with
Aly Bain
2.30pm on Sunday 27 May 2007

Jenny Bacon (soprano), **Joyce May Tobin** (soprano), **Cerys Jones** (mezzo), **Nicky Spence** (tenor),
Viktor Rud (baritone), **James McCorum Campbell** (baritone), **Alisdair Hogarth** (piano) and
Catriona Beveridge (piano) performing songs by Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, Wolf, Rachmaninov,
Debussy and Poulenc
2.30pm on Sunday 10 June 2007

Scottish Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble
playing a programme of Barber, Françaix, Ibert and Caplet
2.30pm on Sunday 8 July 2007

Rosemary Joshua (soprano), **Olivier Lallouette** (baritone), **Phoebe Carrai** (cello), **Paula
Chateaufneuf** (theorbo) and **John Butt** (harpsichord)
playing a programme of Purcell, Handel and Lanzetti
2.30pm on Sunday 12 August 2007

Paco Peña (guitar)
playing a programme of Flamenco Guitar Solos ranging from traditional to original composition by
Paco Peña
2.30pm on Sunday 26 August 2007

Drinks and canapés will be served

Advance tickets only: £20 (school pupils free) T 01880 770 369

Support Crear and save 25% with a transferable season ticket: £75 (tickets also available at the Argyll
Book Centre, Lochgilphead and the Luckenbooth, Tarbert)

Ann Murray (mezzo), **Philip Langridge** (tenor) and friends invite you to a dinner and recital at Crear
on Friday 27 July 2007 to celebrate the launch of the charity: Crear – Space to Create, and to raise
funds for art and music education in Argyll
Please call or email for further information:
T 01880 770 369 E concerts@crear.co.uk

Neil Manchester

MAOLACHY'S GARDEN

Our three acre woodland garden, with a tumbling burn, was created in a small glen over thirty years ago, and will, for the first time, be open to the public on Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of June from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The main path is gravelled, but some others are narrow, steep and not for the faint hearted! Sensible shoes are advised and no dogs, please.

Directions to Maolachy

At Kilmelford it is exactly four miles to Maolachy drive. Turn uphill between the shop and church, signposted Lochavich 6 – a steep and twisty road with a hairpin bend shortly after leaving the village.

Cross three cattle grids; after the third, ignore the forestry tracks to left and right. Continue downhill into Lochavich, and Maolachy is up on the left – the first house after Kilmelford.

Coming from Lochaweside, turn at the T-junction just north of Dalavich, signposted Kilmelford 10 – Maolachy is 6 miles away, 1 mile after leaving Loch Avich.

Parking at the house is a bit limited, so those able to walk up the drive please park in the field where marked.

Entry: Adults £3, children under 18 £1. Tea, coffee, juice and home baking are included. There will be a limited amount of plants and preserves for sale. The proceeds will go to the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution and repairs to Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches. The RSABI provides practical and financial assistance, in confidence, to relieve hardship among people whose livelihoods or families have depended upon agriculture and other rural occupations.

There is something to see all year round and one of the joys of Argyll is the surprises she pulls out of the “weather hat”. After what seemed to have been a long grey winter a wonderful bright skied, cool aired but sun warming spring has arrived.

Maolachy is usually two weeks behind the coast and now we seem to be two weeks ahead of our own seasonal appearances. Our growing calendar is judged by the first daffodils which used to be picked as pencils and would come out on the kitchen table for Tony’s birthday (31st March). This year they, the all yellow varieties, are full out outside with the jolly multi-coloured ones still to come.

This spring rush is looking to bring forward the early azaleas and rhodies with their bright colours and fresh scents. They make a lovely contrast between the young green leaves of the summer’s shrubs and trees.

If anyone would like to come earlier in May as well as the June open weekend, or at any other time of year, you would be most welcome. The kettle will be on for tea or coffee and some baking in the tin. Please telephone first (01866844212).

Georgina Dalton

KILMELFORD COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

Sunday 25th. March saw your local fire crew limbering up for what turned out to be our busiest car wash event yet with some 30 cars being washed between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock to raise funds for the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund. We had several donations from people who were unable to attend, for which we are very grateful, which boosted the total raised for the fund to £ 185.

Many thanks go to the "Melfort Mermaid" restaurant newly opened and run by local sisters Helen and Caroline MacGinty who have adopted the "Ben Fund" as one of their charities. The restaurant donated a large percentage of their profits from the special pancake week held earlier in the year. Other local businesses who help us in our fund raising are Cuilfail Hotel and Kilmelford Village Store & Quaich who promote the fund and have collection boxes strategically placed to relieve all of their loose change. Thank you to all who came to the station and donated funds at the car wash and the three local businesses above who support and donate to this very worthwhile cause.

On the "shout" front, it has been a winter of chimney fires and road traffic collisions (RTC) from very local to Kilmelford to Dalavich and Taynult. Happily there have been no serious injuries in our area during this time.

If anyone would like a home safety visit or any advice regarding fire safety in the home or business premises please do not hesitate to contact me. Stay safe in your vehicles and your homes and have a good and safe summer.

Dave Millward

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we didn't receive any school news in time for going to press.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Monday, 16 th April	School re-opens
Thursday, 3 rd May	School closed (Elections)
Monday, 7 th May	School closed
Friday, 29 th June	School closes
Thursday, 16 th August	School re-opens
Friday, 5 th October	School closes
Monday, 22 nd October	School re-opens

USEFUL INFORMATION

MOBILE BANKING SERVICE

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

Galley of Lorn car park, Ardfern	11.15 a.m. – 12 noon
Craobh haven Marina	12.15 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.
Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford	2 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service is provided on a Wednesday every four weeks. 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 2007

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 9 th May	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 10 th May	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 8 th August	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 9 th August	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 7 th November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 8 th November	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 16th May 14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 15th August 14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 14th November 14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The future of the Mobile Police Office is currently under review and any developments will be reported in the September Kilninford News.

RACE NIGHT FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY

Overheard in the shop the morning after....

“Oi tell you wot, you missed yourself last night.”

“Wot woz that then?”

“The Race Night – dahn the village ‘all.”

All the geezers woz there. ‘Onest Rob wiv ‘is mate, Neelie, woz there – they woz doin’ the tote, like – y’know the bettin’ fing. An Big Ferg, ‘im wot woz in the Navy, ‘e woz keepin’ ordah an’ all. Tellin’ all them birds – sorry, Fillies, when to go to the start.

At the off, it were great – well, not if yer ‘orse didn’t get off the blocks, it weren’t. But, see that Isobel – she’s a real goer. An Ellen, too, an all.

An’ that bird from dahn Arduaine way – she’d done some real noice picters for the walls – an’ made all the ‘orses – dead clever she is! An’ Big Noige an’ Georgie Gal – they woz keepin’ all ahr wistles wetted they woz.

Oi tell you, it were a great night.”

“Sahnds great, mate. Wen’s the next one, then?”

Dateline 10 February 2007

From our Racing Correspondent

LOCAL DIRECTORY

The Directory (up-dated in October, 2006) 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.** A reprint of the Directory, including all the changes since October 2006, will be available in October/November 2007.

UPDATE

Love & Cook	Robbie and Jenny	1 Cuilfail Cottages, Kilmelford, PA34 4XB	200305
Williams & Newlands	Mike and Carla	Anahorish, 5 The Glebe, Kilmelford, PA34 4XF	200288
Dick	John and Rita	Bothanuaine, Arduaine, PA34 4XQ	
	200204		

New phone number

Van der Kraan	Mark and Astrid	Glenbeg, Kilmelford, PA34 4XA	200563
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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.

ADVERTS

Advertising rates:- Private ads £1 each
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Spare jam jars with lids

1lb or smaller

Tel: Georgina Dalton 01866 844212

FOR SALE

2 Seater Sofa Bed

Good condition

£50

Dining Room Table

Circular – seats 4, extends to seat 6

Solid wood top, cream painted pedestal base

Pristine condition

£95

Chest of 4 Drawers

Stripped pine, antique style

£50

Tel: Elizabeth Asbury 01852 200377

