

KILNINFORD NEWS

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ARDUAINE GARDEN THREATENED WITH CLOSURE

Early in March, the National Trust for Scotland announced its proposal to close Arduaine Garden as part of an essential cost cutting programme.

Shock is the only word to describe what has been, literally, a world wide reaction to this sudden news. With closure rumoured to be imminent, there was little time to spare, and a very informal “Arduaine Garden Action Group” was hastily formed, with the initial intention of getting a petition underway and of opening up communications with the National Trust for Scotland in order to establish some facts, “buy” some time and to see whether there might be a way of working together with the NTS to prevent the proposed closure. The Group comprises: Robin Asbury, Calum Ross, Rick Potter, Mary Sandilands, John Stannard and other consultees, as and when appropriate.

Given the short time since the NTS announced the proposed closure of Arduaine Garden, the Group has made considerable progress. Of the 11 properties listed by the NTS, (3 listed for closure and 8 listed for radical changes in their modus operandi), The Arduaine Garden Action Group was the first group to form and to act on the NTS’s announcement and the NTS has received more representations about Arduaine Garden than all of the other 11 properties put together; in addition, to date, more than 1,000 signatures have been registered in support of keeping Arduaine Garden open. As a result the NTS has been left in no doubt as to the strength of support for the Garden and has remarked as such.

On the 6th of April, the Group met with the Chairwoman and a Senior Manager of the NTS and, whilst no conclusions were reached, the meeting was felt to be both positive and constructive. The Group made a plea for sufficient time to explore all possible ways and means of keeping the Garden open and the NTS agreed to work with them to this end.

If, in time, the ultimate aim of preventing the closure of the Garden is achieved, the Group would then disband and the whole question of how best to provide on-going support and an interface between the NTS and the local community could be then be considered. However, this is still for the future and much needs to be done before such ideas can be considered.

If you haven’t already done so, and would like to help save Arduaine Garden, please add your name to the petition (full details in the enclosed flier). Please also include your e-mail address (or alternative means of contact) if you would like to be kept informed on the progress of the campaign and of any ways that you may be able to help the cause.

The Group will report to the Community Council at their meeting on the 14th of April. It will be too late to include this in the April Kilninford News but the Minutes of the meeting will be available in the usual places and, if there is any Stop Press news of great importance, it will be included in the flier enclosed with this issue.

Addendum: As part of our policy to support local organizations from funds accrued from adverts in the newsletter, the Kilninford News team agreed to pay for the banner now displayed on the A816 at the entrance to Arduaine Gardens publicizing the proposed closure of the Garden. The Scottish Rhododendron Society has also donated £100 towards the Group’s operating expenses.

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Tuesday 28th April – “Shopping for Shoes” presented by Visible Fictions at Craignish Village Hall. *This is a funny and heart-warming tale of new-found teenage love and a lot of shoes!* A family show for age 10 upwards.
Tickets from Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689) Adults £6 Juniors £5.

Friday, 1st 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, 2nd May - Blessing of the Boats at 11 a.m. at Ardfern Yacht Centre followed by the **Craignish Church Spring Fair** at the Fire Station in Ardfern.
Details from John Stannard (Tel: 01852 200371)

Friday, 29th May – The Tannahill Weavers in Craignish Village Hall. This dynamic quintet play Sottish traditional music at its best. The band's potent mixture of traditional ballads and fiery instrumentals leaves their audiences spellbound. As tight and versatile as any band in the Celtic music scene, The Tannahills can summon rock-n-roll intensity or haunting introspection.
Tickets from Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689) Adults £7 Juniors £5

Friday, 5th 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: Dorothy Bark (Tel: 01852 200370)

Saturday, 13th June – “The Last Cuckoo” in Craignish Village Hall. Using a rich panoply of sound effects and with exquisitely drawn characters “The Last Cuckoo” is both a hilarious and profoundly moving story of one man's life-long passion for birds and the outdoors. Loathed, adored and misunderstood, Harry Baskerville takes us on a fascinating and enchanting journey of discovery. Andrew Harrison's astonishing performance moves and stirs the hardest hearts and provokes laughter, intrigue and enjoyment for all.
Tickets from Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689) Adults £7 Juniors £5

Friday, 19th June – Farewell to Alasdair and Christine at 7 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.
Contributions towards a Buffet Supper of main course and puddings, wines and soft drinks would be much appreciated as well as offers of lifts to those who may need transport.

Friday, 3rd 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)

Friday, 7th 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)

Tuesday, 11th August – “Island Nights Entertainment” presented by Mull Theatre in Craignish Village Hall. Tales of adventure and suspense, tales of foreign lands, tales of those new to this land, tales of those who left and those who came back With drama, readings, poetry and song from and about Argyll, the West Highlands and Islands, an area with an unparalleled history and wealth of literature. There will be laughter, there will be drama, there will be live music and dancing – and it'll finish off with a bit of a ceilidh dance!
For all ages. Tickets from Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689) Adults £8 Juniors £4

Sunday, 23rd August – Kilmelford and Kilninver Summer Festival at 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. An increase in the number of entries last year encouraged the Festival team to continue the tradition of an annual village festival. Do look at the schedule below and put in as many entries as you can – and, Mums, please encourage your children to participate. It's hoped to include a Duck Race this year and also a Tug-of-War if a team (and some worthy opponents) can be mustered. See Schedule and contacts below.

Friday, 4th 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)

ART GROUP

Apart from Christmas and New Year, the group meets **weekly on Thursdays** throughout the year, from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford Village Hall. Fees are £1.50 per session. All welcome.
Contact: Agnes McColl (Tel: 01852 200365)

COUNTRY DANCING

This was another very well attended season culminating in the end of session party on the 9th of April. Many, many thanks again to Mike for providing such enjoyable Thursday evening sessions and to Robin and Georgina who stood in when Mike couldn't be with us. The sessions will recommence in the autumn, date to be announced in the September newsletter.

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS

The group will continue to meet weekly, as usual, throughout the summer on **Wednesday** mornings in Kilmelford Village Hall. Anyone wishing to join in should contact Dorothy Carmichael Tel: 01852 200374.

FOOTBAL CLUB

Coaching and practice for P5s – P7s now take place in Oban on **Fridays** from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the High School pitch and league matches are played on Sundays.
Anybody interested, please contact Sue Johnson (Tel: 01852 200364)

MUSIC NIGHTS

Every **first and third Friday** of each month ceilidh style evenings are held at the Chart Room II at Loch Melfort Hotel. All are welcome, with or without an instrument. The next one will be on 17th April.

CRAIGNISH BOAT CLUB

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: carolatbarfad@live.com

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.

ARDFERN AND CRAOBH HAVEN ARTS FESTIVAL (ELEMENTAL ARTS FESTIVAL)

Details still to be confirmed. Keep a lookout for posters.

SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME

The three main beneficiaries of the Scotland's Gardens Scheme are The Queen's Nursing Institute, The Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland and Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres. Perennial (The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society) and The Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children also receive support annually. These five charities receive 60% net of the money raised from the garden openings whilst 40% gross is allocated to charities of each garden owner's choice.

What more pleasurable way to support these worthwhile causes than a visit to one, or many, of the beautiful and varied gardens open under the Scheme.

GARDENS OPEN WITHIN THE NEWSLETTER AREA

Saturday 9th May and Thursday, 10th September 9.30 a.m. – dusk.

Arduaine Gardens (National Trust for Scotland)

Guided walks at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

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.

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June from 2 – 6 p.m.

Achnacille, Kilmelford – Robin and Elizabeth Asbury

Admission: £3 Children free.

40% to Kilmelford Church Restoration Fund. Net remaining to SGS Beneficiaries.

GARDENS IN ARGYLL OPEN ON A SPECIFIC DATE

Benmore Botanic Garden, Dunoon	Sunday 26 April	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Dunans Castle Garden, Glendaruel	Saturday 2 May	3 p.m.
Strachur House Gardens	Saturday 2 May	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Strachur House Gardens	Sunday 3 May	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Arduaine, Kilmelford	Saturday 9 May	9.30 a.m. – dusk
Colintraive Gardens, Colintraive	Saturday 9 May	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Knock Cottage, Lochgair	Saturday 9 May	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Colintraive Gardens, Colintraive	Sunday 10 May	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Crarae Garden, Inveraray	Sunday 10 May	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Knock Cottage	Sunday 10 May	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Minard Castle, Minard	Sunday 10 May	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Drim na Vullin, Lochgilphead	Friday 15 May	2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Drim na Vullin, Lochgilphead	Saturday 16 May	2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Knock Cottage	Saturday 16 May	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Drim na Vullin, Lochgilphead	Sunday 17 May	2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Knock Cottage	Sunday 17 May	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
An Cala, Ellenabeich	Monday 25 May	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Lip na Cloiche, Isle of Mull	Saturday 13 June	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Lip na Cloiche, Isle of Mull	Sunday 14 June	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Achnacille, Kilmelford	Saturday 20 June	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Achnacille, Kilmelford	Sunday 21 June	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
The Shore Villages, by Dunoon	Saturday 27 June	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
The Shore Villages, by Dunoon	Sunday 28 June	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Seafield, Dunoon	Saturday 18 July	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Strachur House Gardens	Saturday 18 July	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Seafield Dunoon	Sunday 19 July	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Strachur House Gardens	Sunday 19 July	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Glecknabae, Rothesay	Sunday 16 August	1 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Arduaine, Kilmelford	Thursday 10 September	9.30 a.m. – dusk
Crarae Garden, Inverary	Wednesday 23 September	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Dunans Castle Garden, Glendaruel	Sunday 4 October	Guided tour at 11 a.m.
Dunans Castle Garden, Glendaruel	Monday 5 October	Guided tour at 11 a.m.

GARDENS IN ARGYLL OPEN BY ARRANGEMENT

When organising a visit to a garden open by arrangement, please enquire if there are facilities and catering available.

Ardno, Cairndow	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Tel: 01499 302304
Dunans Castle Woodland Garden	Guided tours available	Tel: 01369 820115
Eckford, by Dunoon	Apr/May 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Tel: 01369 840201
Fairwinds, Dunoon	May - June	Tel: 01369 702666
Glecknabae, Rothesay	On request	Tel: 01700 504742
Kilbrandon, Balvicar	On request	Tel: 01852 300400
Kinlochlaich House Gardens	Christmas/New Year	Tel: 01631 730342
Oakbank, Ardrishaig	1 May – 31 Aug 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Tel: 01546 603405

GARDENS IN ARGYLL OPEN REGULARLY

Achnacloich, Connel, Oban	31 March – 31 October	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
An Cala, Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil	1 April – 31 October	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Ardchattan Priory, North Connel	1 April – 31 October	9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Ardkinglas Woodland Garden	All year	Daylight Hours
Ardmaddy Castle	All Year	9 a.m. to Sunset
Ascog Hall, Isle of Bute	Easter – October (closed Mons & Tues)	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Barguilean's "AngusGarden"	All Year	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Crinan Hotel Garden	April to September	Dawn to Dusk
Druimneil House, Port Appin	April to October	Dawn to Dusk
Jura House, Ardfin	All Year	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kinlochlaich House Gardens	All Year Sundays	10.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Kinlochlaich House Gardens	All Year Mondays - Saturdays	9 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Torosay Castle and Gardens, Mull	All Year	9 a.m. – 7 p.m. or sunset if earlier

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, 23rd August at 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall

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 |

SECTION B – PLANTS (Indoor or outdoor plants)

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

- Class 4 Foliage pot plant
- Class 5 Flowering pot plant
- Class 6 Named plant grown from pip, stone or cutting

SECTION C - FLORAL ART

FOR THE BP TROPHY (Not necessarily grown by competitor. Fresh, dried or artificial)

- Class 7 An arrangement for a dinner party with a candle
- Class 8 Posy for a lady, to match partner's tie (both tie and posy to be shown – any occasion)
- Class 9 Homecoming theme, table decoration
- Class 10 An arrangement depicting a foreign country for hall table

SECTION D - PRODUCE

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

- Class 11 A bunch of mixed herbs
- Class 12 Four tomatoes
- Class 13 Four root vegetables (one variety: either 4 potatoes or 4 carrots or 4 parsnips or 4 beetroots)
- Class 14 Selection of green vegetables, suitable for a side salad (before preparation)

SECTION E - PRODUCE

FOR THE CULFAIL HOTEL TROPHY

- Class 15 Selection of fresh fruit and/or vegetables from the same garden grown by competitor

SECTION F - HANDICRAFTS

FOR THE ARDUAINE CRAFT TROPHY

- Class 16 A knitted hat
- Class 17 An item of hard craft (wood, glass, metal, pottery etc)
- Class 18 An item of soft craft (needlework, crochet, lace etc. but excluding knitting)
- Class 19 A computer generated greetings card
- Class 20 A photo of a named local view
- Class 21 A painting or drawing including a dry stone dyke
- Class 22 "Here is something I made earlier" (not perishable e.g. food)

SECTION G - HOME PRODUCE

FOR THE FISH FARM TROPHY

- Class 23 Savoury dip
- Class 24 Pasta salad
- Class 25 Banana bread
- Class 26 4 cheese scones
- Class 27 4 rock buns
- Class 28 Fatless sponge sandwich filled with butter cream or jam
- Class 29 Upside down pudding
- Class 30 Jar of chutney

CHILDREN'S SECTION
LOCH MELFORT HOTEL TROPHY

UNDER 8 YEARS

- Class 31 3 fairy cakes
Class 32 Design a party outfit. This could be done by drawing or paper cuts
Class 33 Design a party invitation, computer enhanced

EIGHT TO ELEVEN YEARS

- Class 34 3 fairy cakes
Class 35 Design a party outfit. This could be done by drawing or paper cuts
Class 36 Design a party invitation, computer enhanced

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN YEARS
FOR THE MELFORT PIER TROPHY

- Class 37 3 fairy cakes
Class 38 Design a party outfit. This could be done by drawing or paper cuts
Class 39 Design a party invitation, computer enhanced

FESTIVAL CONTACTS

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

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL

CHARGES

SPORTS

- Squash: 16 years and over £4 per hour
 Under 16 years, OAPs, students and unemployed £2 per hour
Badminton: £3 per hour all categories
Junior Football: £3 per hour
Indoor Tennis: £3 per hour

HIRE CHARGES

	LESSER HALL	MAIN HALL
Charity Fund Raisers	£1.50 per hour	£3 per hour
Social use other than charities	£3 per hour	£6 per hour
Commercial use	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

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

Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for preparation of hot food is £10 per event.

Evening Dances and Functions	5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (1 a.m. for dances)
Charity	£65/session Deposit: £20
Private	£65/session Deposit: £20
Commercial	£90/session Deposit: £50

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

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

Residents of Kilmelford, Kilninver and Arduaine may hire equipment, those resident outside the area by special arrangement.

Tables: £2 per day. Chairs: £1 per day. Prices of cutlery and crockery on request.

A full list of rates and availability can be obtained from the Hall Caretaker.

Hire is subject to a minimum charge of £10.

HEATING CARDS FOR MAIN AND LESSER HALLS AVAILABLE IN THE SHOP – TOKENS NO LONGER VALID

MEMBERSHIP AND LOST KEYS

£10 each

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

Caretaker:- Colin Gibson

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

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.

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

Chair	Toni Mitchell
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Bookings	Anne Saunders
Committee member	Matthew Anderson
“ “	Ellen Coyle
“ “	Lucy Files
“ “	Christine Roberts
Caretaker	Colin Gibson

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 27th January and 11th March 2009.

- The committee were pleased to appoint the new Village Hall Caretaker, Colin Gibson, who started his duties on 1st January. He will be responsible for maintenance tasks and cleaning all the year round, and lawn mowing during the summer months. Bookings for the Hall will still be made via Kilmelford Stores.
- Matthew Anderson and Christine Roberts were welcomed on to the committee. Robin Grey has stepped down after many years of service.

c) The 100 Club is running successfully and has 82 members at present, but this varies slightly from month to month. If anyone wishes to renew their membership or to join in for a chance to win a share of the prize money, please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208. This is an important source of income for the Village Hall.

d) The relocation of the electric heaters in the main hall has been completed. They are much more effective and efficient in their new positions. The replacement meters in both halls now require a card for payment instead of a metal token. They are on sale at Kilmelford Stores.

e) Argyll & Bute Council are now charging £194.00 per annum to empty the Village Hall wheelie bin as this is classified as commercial use.

THE ANNUAL LOCH MELFORT BEACH CLEAN

This is getting underway. Volunteers generally get together in small groups and clean a stretch of shoreline of their choice on a day to suit them. If you are willing to help, please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208 who is attempting to co-ordinate the efforts. Sponsorship is being looked into; any local offers would be much appreciated. All funds raised go to support community causes.

A WARMER VILLAGE HALL?

By the time this goes to print Phase ONE of a warmer village hall should have been successfully completed. After much deliberation the KKCA committee decided, that in order to make the main hall warmer, with immediate effect, it was best to remove the existing heaters from their lofty heights and place them on the walls around the hall. This was deemed to be the cheapest and most effective solution.

Long term and renewable energy options run into thousands, even tens of thousands of pounds, although of course grants are available. These options will still be considered but could take years to achieve. The present solution cost approximately £1,300 +VAT. and those of you who have used the hall recently will have noticed the improvement, we hope.

Our grateful thanks must go especially to Fergus Gillanders who has been the main 'point of contact' with McNiven's Electricals in this installation change, and believe me it has not been without it's tensions and dramas. In time we will have new digital/card meters which will replace the old and inefficient token boxes. This will also allow us to have separate weekly and weekend charges.

However, as pleasant as it is to be so much warmer in the main hall, we as a committee are mindful of the fact that we are still heating a 'barn' which has virtually no insulation, this is both costly and environmentally unfriendly. So phase TWO is to insulate the metal walls and roof. At present we are investigating and seeking advice on the most appropriate and efficient type of insulation, and also looking into the grants we may be entitled to for this work.

Antoinette Mitchell

THE THIRD KILNINFORD RACE NIGHT

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of 29 people the Race Night, after expenses, raised £231.39 profit. The very select company enjoyed another great evening intended to raise funds for the current heating work that has been carried out, as well of course to have a fun time.

It is always difficult for the KKCA committee to come up with new fund raising ideas and we believe that Race Night is a 'winning' formula, and it really could be with more support. It is also disheartening for those people who put so much time and effort into making these fund raising evenings a success when so few of you attend.

YOUR village hall needs funds to stay open. Just to maintain operating costs runs into thousands per year. e.g. £196 pa is paid to the council just to empty the bin, and we have no need to tell you how electricity costs have soared. We want to keep hiring costs as low as possible, so we need to generate funds from somewhere. We feel these evenings are a pleasant and a painless way of doing this?? Please if you have any better suggestions let the committee know. We are considering another Quiz Night, like the Curry Quiz night of last May, perhaps Mexican food this time?? We would welcome suggestions as to a good time to hold it, May or September? Your thoughts and support on this one and any other ideas would be much appreciated.

Antoinette Mitchell

Has anyone got any framed pictures, photos or prints of the local area that they don't want, that they feel they could donate to the village hall? Again with the aim of making it look more user friendly.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
April	12 th (Communion), 26 th	5 th , 19 th
May	10 th , 24 th	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st
June	7 th (Communion), 21 st	14 th , 28 th
July	5 th , 19 th	12 th , 26 th
August	2 nd , 16 th , 30 th	9 th , 23 rd
September	13 th , 27 th	6 th , 20 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

OUR MINISTER RETIRING

For Alastair and Christine, leaving his coastal parish will not be easy. They have formed strong attachments throughout the communities of his linked charge and made many friends.

He has been involved with Community Council meetings as well as enjoying the social buzz of the coffee mornings, not to mention a sweet tooth for the baking!

The depth of his faith and commitment to the wellbeing of the parish has been shown in many quiet ways.

The three Kirk Sessions of Craignish, Kilninver & Kilmelford and Kilchattan & Kilbrandon agreed with Alastair that "one party would be enough" and so extend an invitation to everyone to an informal

gathering at Kilmelford Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday 19th June 2009 to mark his retirement, celebrate their time with us and say a fond farewell.

Contributions towards a Buffet Supper of main course and puddings, wines and soft drinks would be much appreciated as well as offers of lifts to those who may need transport.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton 01866 844 212
Ishbel McNicol 01852 500 277
Douglas Gibson 01852 314 230

Anyone who would like to contribute to Alastair's retirement gift please put a cash donation into an envelope clearly marked "**Minister's Retirement Collection**" and either give it to one of the elders or leave in the offering plate after a service at Craignish, Kilninver, Kilmelford, Kilchattan or Kilbrandon.

Elders for Kilninver and Kilmelford: Robin Asbury, Dorothy Carmichael, Georgina Dalton, Angus MacFadyen and Mary Sandilands.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE for the appointment of a new Minister

The members elected to represent the Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish are Winnie Campbell, Louise Glen Lee and Hazel MacCorkindale.

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

One of the delights of living and working in this part of the world is observing the changing of the seasons as the year revolves. Winter brings a view of the countryside unimpeded by the green vegetation of trees and shrubs and often clear crisp days when far off detail can be seen with astonishing clarity. With frost or snow on the ground so many familiar scenes take on new and unexpected appearances. The coming of spring is heralded by an almost unnoticed greening of the branches and the brave display of daffodils and that wonderfully delicate shade of the primroses. By the time summer comes, the lambs and calves in the fields have settled down, the skies are full of birds foraging for their young and nature is a riot of colours. Perhaps the most beautiful time is autumn with its reds, browns and yellows and the fallen leaves carpeting the countryside all around. All the time the sea and the far off islands and mountain vistas are constantly changing, from morning to evening and from season to season. How rich it all is. I hope that we will always be excited by the wonder of it all.

Having come to this area from city and urban settings, I have so much enjoyed being in a place where human habitations with streets and street lighting do not obliterate so much of the detail of the countryside. There is a story told about a pious minister who was talking with a parishioner who was a keen gardener. Extolling the beauty of the plants and flowers he remarked on what a wonderful garden the Creator and the gardener had made between them. The gardener's reply was something along the lines of, "You should have seen it when the Creator had it all to himself!" It is so easy to blame the intervention of humankind into nature for all the evils of the world. Can you imagine the view of Loch Melfort without the yachts or of Mull from the mouth of Loch Feochan without that little white building? So much of the value of our countryside is found in a sensitive cooperation between Nature and humankind, just as so much of the beauty of the countryside is the result of agriculture and settlement over thousands of years.

Jesus taught us to learn from nature and creation. He encourages us to see the hand of God in so much around us. Perhaps the most valuable lessons he gave to us were about balance. "Love God and love your neighbour as yourself." "Live in peace with one another." If our leaders internationally, nationally and locally had learnt the advice of loving God, loving neighbour and loving oneself in a balanced kind of way, the world would be a better place and certainly we would not be in the political and financial mess we are currently in.

W H Davies wrote:-

“What is this life if, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad day light,
Streams full of stars like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty’s glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.”

These joys I have found since I came up to be minister in these lovely parishes. Christine and I have enjoyed our time here so much. It has given me back my health, and ministry and a joy in communicating the Gospel that I thought I had lost before I came here. We will miss so many things, but nothing more than the wonderful people that we have come to know here. Thank you seems an inadequate way of expressing my feelings as we prepare to leave. May God richly bless you all and give you renewed vigour in being the Church in this place.

Alastair

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD PARISH

Research into the history of the Parish

Recent research into the history of Kilninver and Kilmelford churches has led us down all sorts of avenues and given an interesting insight into the past life of Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish. One of these is coming across different references to the Gunpowder Works at Melfort in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

During this research into material for the booklet on Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish, which will be published shortly – see elsewhere in this newsletter for details – Jane took herself off to the Oban Times archive and discovered reports on explosions at the Gunpowder Works which resulted in the tragic death of a number of workers, some of whom were boys.

We had already found the headstone of William MacDonald from North Uist, aged 22, and that of Donald Reid from Fortrose, aged 27 or 37, (the inscription is unclear) leaving a widow, Mary. Both men were killed in the same explosion on the 10th of September 1860.

An explosion in November 1866 caused the deaths of a man, James MacFarlane, and two boys: James Sherwood, an orphan, and one named only McFarlane. All these are buried in Kilmelford churchyard. The Oban Times reports that this explosion was the third accident “*of a like nature*” since the Gunpowder Works were started in 1853 and that by the end of 1866 ten lives had been lost. It is entirely possible that further research will show that the total number is greater than this as it was another eight years before the works finally closed.

A photo from a James Valentine postcard from around 1879 which the late Hugh Campbell-Gibson kindly gave us shows the forestair which gave access from the outside to the balcony in Kilmelford Church. This was removed in 1890 when the church was extensively renovated.

Bridget Oatts has also found a postcard taken from a slightly different angle which clearly shows the stables at the roadside and a gate on the Loch Avich road.

Both these early postcards give one a picture of village buildings and the church at Kilmelford before restoration and, since to date no other plans have been found, are of great interest. Close study with a magnifying glass is very rewarding.

An intriguing sketch dated 1859 is the only pictorial evidence we have showing the recorded outside stair at Kilninver Church.

Some of the above have been reproduced in the forthcoming Parish booklet.

Georgina Dalton and Jane Rentoul

PARISH BOOKLET

It was tempting to fill more pages and expand the booklet but we had to keep within budget and timescale. It is our hope to build up a looseleaf folder for each church, to which more photos and articles etc. may be added as they come to hand. We would be grateful for contributions of memories, stories or photographs (to be copied and originals returned) to start this off, as an informal folder would sit well beside the Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish booklets which will be on sale for £3 from the beginning of May. This is a 24 page booklet with laminated cover and illustrations and is full of fascinating facts about the parish, which has been a linked charge since before 1550.

We are hoping that Hotels, Self-Catering and Bed & Breakfast establishments, Shops and any other outlets will stock this exciting new publication. It will also be available from Jane Rentoul (telephone 01852 200331; email j.rentoul@btinternet.com) or Georgina Dalton (telephone 01866 844212). All proceeds will go to church restoration funds.

Georgina and Jane

KILMELFORD GRAVEYARD

Diarmid Campbell has very kindly taken the time to measure and draw up an accurate plan of the Kilmelford Graveyard on to which we will enter numbered stones and slabs. The inscriptions will be available in a leaflet in the proposed looseleaf folder in the church, thus making it easier for visitors to identify the various graves by surname and number.

This final piece of matching grave positions and inscriptions will require a spell of fine weather and we hope to have completed this task well before the next Newsletter is published.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Parish booklet and given such enthusiastic encouragement in our task.

Georgina and Jane

SUMMER MUSIC EVENINGS

Following the last two years' successful Wednesday evening entertainment in Kilmelford church, when we heard a great mixture of local talent covering singing, playing of various instruments and storytelling (mainly but not exclusively Scottish), Jim Robb and Winnie Campbell are willing to lead and help organise again for this year.

The dates are: Wednesdays 5th, 12th (Visiting Storyteller – Rev. Russell McLarty, Chair Scottish Storytelling), 19th, 26th August and 2nd September.

The keynote of these evenings is informality. They start at 8 p.m. for an hour, but sometimes go a little beyond that. People are welcome to come and go as they wish and entry is free. For the past two years there has been a packet of Alastair the Minister's tablet which was always very well received.

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. A total of £1,487.11 was raised in 2008 to help girls in Kalimpong, India get back into mainstream education.

In 2009 the World Mission is raising funds for the Roma people in the Czech Republic. The Roma are a subset of the Romani people, sometimes known as “gypsies”, who, ethnically, originate from South Asia but who have lived in Europe for centuries. They live primarily in central and eastern Europe. Despite some efforts by the government since the “Velvet Revolution” of 1989, the United Nations says that the Roma's situation in the Czech Republic is getting worse. They are a minority who live on the edges of society and are subject to various forms of discrimination and prejudice. They suffer from a lack of educational opportunities and from poverty.

The proceeds from the 2009 World Mission Stamp Project will support an Outreach Programme among the Roma people organised by their partner church in the Czech Republic. Since 2003, they have run projects for children and young people (pre-school education and a drop-in centre); for parents (evening classes and social events); and for older people (a home care service). They wish to strengthen and develop these outreach resources.

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 or Georgina Dalton

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 9th of December 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Robin Grey (RG) Chairman, Lindsay Davies (LD), Nigel Mitchell (NM), Alasdair Oatts (AO). Also in attendance were Cllr Donald McDonald, P.C. Andrew Simpson and 10 members of the public. P.C. Andrew Simpson, introduced and gave a little background on himself. Based in Oban for 7 years and now taken over from P.C. Kevin Moffat. Contactable by email on Andrew.Simpson@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk and directly by phone (for non emergencies) on 01631 510500 asking for the Community Team.

1. Apologies: Robin Asbury, Cllr Elaine Robertson.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting on the 14th of October were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed NM. Seconded LD.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Roads issues - RG feedback from RA notes- Graham Stone, Roads dept, has confirmed that white lining is subcontracted and needs fair weather. This will not be done before February. RA to agitate in March.
- b) Speed limit in Kilmelford - No action at present. To carry forward.
- c) Bus Shelter in Kilmelford - Now in situ. Timetables in both Kilninver and Kilmelford out of date.
- d) Insurance for Kilninver notice board - RG feedback from RA notes, we are covered by Council insurance policy.

- e) Problem weeds in Scammadale - No further information. Cllr MacDonald has asked Andrew Law for some money to be considered to tackle invasive weeds for next year. To await budget allocation.
- f) Sight lines in Arduaine - RG confirmed fence has been moved. John Stannard to keep eye on. New enforcement officer Daniel Addis.
- g) War Memorial - LD feedback from RA notes. RA has discussed with Sandra Duncan and she is consulting contractors currently working on the church, who have the required machinery. Awaiting a response.
- h) Data Protection Act - LD confirmed we do require to register and she has begun the procedure. She asked of the Cllrs present re possible payment, by the Council, of the £35 annual subscription. Some Councils are paying for all of their CC. LD to write to Cllr MacDonald request this be raised in Area Meeting.
- i) Wee Green Grant Application - Toni Mitchell confirmed this had been successful and all works carried out with the Hall now looking very good. The grant paid for the labour and the Kilninford News paid for the paint. Thanks were given to Toni for all her work.
- j) Kilniver Bridge - awaiting repairs. NM confirmed this has had another knock. Roads dept informed and this should be fixed in next few weeks. Cllr McDonald to enquire as to whether any long term plans.
- k) High Tide Marker - RG feedback from RA notes. Sandra Duncan has provided stainless steel inserts which are now with RA. Ian and Gordon MacKinnon along with RA will fix in January 2009.
- l) Glen Euchar development - LD confirmed this had been refused at the Area Committee meeting last week on the grounds of departure from the Local Plan and unsuitable style for the area. Ian McIntyre, planner, suggested that as the applicant put in many planning applications perhaps a meeting with them and the planning department would clarify where developments would and would not be granted.

4. Land around Kilmelford Village Hall:

RA has sent a letter to Cllrs following our last meeting. No response received. Cllr McDonald has pursued this but it has been refused for the foreseeable future i.e. 5 years. despite the benefits to the local community. Local Plan should be approved by the Spring at which point there is a procedure then to look at this issue again. Cllr McDonald hopes that the Glebe development will ultimately support the gains to the community with the development around the hall. There is still benefit to individuals writing in support and the Community Council perhaps lobbying the MSP to gain support.

5. Planning Applications:

- 1. M and K MacLeod, application to move condition 7, flood plane fences. No issues.
- 2. Erection of 6 houses and sewerage treatment plant at East Kames, Kames Farm Ltd. All neighbours have lodged objections on basis of housing need, departures from RUR1 and RUR2, density, housing style and building of another road access. Amenities and right of access an issue and issue to do with plot size and an existing covenant and aspect. RG stated seems a large development and the addition of another road would be undesirable. AO asked re whether the covenants were still in existence. If so then this could affect progress of the application. AO confirmed that having spoken to the planners no decision will be made until the Community Council has made representation. AO to write to planning department opposing this development based on all the above points.

6. Correspondence:

- a) Scottish Executive - Climate Change Consultation, questionnaire.
- b) Public Document Pack- Oban Lorn and Isles Area Committee.
- c) NHS Highland – survey on racial discrimination.
- d) Notification and Agenda for Community Engagement Meeting- NM attending 11.12.08.

e) by email, numerous items relating to Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils (AABCC) regarding Community Council review. To discuss in AOCB.

f) by email to RA, re WHHA. To discuss in AOCB.

g) by email, introduction of new Community Policemen PC Andrew Simpson.

7. Any Other Competent Business:

- a) AABCC- LD feedback re many communications regarding review of Community Councils the implications of which are – elections being put back to September 2009, 56 CC possibly being condensed into 18 with Kilninver and Kilmelford becoming part of Oban and the hinterlands down to Arduaine. RA has proposed that we join the Association and support the views of the Chairman of the Association as many of these discussions appear to be occurring without consultation with the CC.
- b) WHHA-Following the last meeting RA wrote to the West Highland Housing Association. Letter and response read out.
- c) AO raised the issue regarding salt being left at side of the road. Cllr McDonald to ask. A resident of the Glebe has been told that we can request a grit bin for the Glebe and was told the Glebe was not on the gritting route. A request has been put in by PC Simpson to grit the Loch Avich road which supports G.Dalton's request as they are unable to get out at all. Gritting profile in situ which prioritises routes. Cllr MacDonald to forward this and RG to correspond with the Council re difficult routes in our area.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 10th of February 2009 at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 10th of February 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Robin Asbury (RA) Chairman, Robin Grey (RG), Lindsay Davies (LD), Nigel Mitchell (NM), Alasdair Oatts (AO).

Also in attendance were Cllr Donald McDonald, Cllr Elaine Robertson and 7 members of the public.

1.Apologies: No apologies.

2.Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting on the 9th of December 2008 were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed by RG Seconded by NM.

3. Matters arising:

— a) Community Policeman-LD informed those present of the change in PC Simpson's duties which means that he is no longer assigned to us as Community Policeman but back on the beat in Oban. We still have the services of the Community Policing Team and hopefully in the future Andrew will be re-assigned to us. We will pass on the emails from Andrew to Fiona Wylie for inclusion in Kilninford news.

b) Roads issues- Thanks to Cllr MacDonald and PC Simpson for the resolution of gritting issues.

c) Speed limit in Kilmelford - No action. To be carried forward.

d) Bus Shelter in Kilmelford - Now in place, RA to phone re out of date timetable.

e) Problem weeds in Scammadale - Budget allocation yet to done by Andrew Law. Cllr Elaine Robertson confirmed there always was a budget for this.

- f) Sight lines in Arduaine - Hedging plants still in place. John Stannard to watch. Will be removed from next agenda unless becomes a problem. Sight lines at the Mussel Farm now overgrown with vegetation. RA to put in letter re enforcement.
- g) War Memorial - Contractors to action when go ahead given. Sandra Duncan has now left, RA to approach her replacement? Robert Pollok.
- h) Data Protection Act - LD has completed the forms for this. Cllr MacDonald took our query of payment to the Area Committee but at present Argyll and Bute Council will not be paying this fee for us. This is an issue that will be discussed as part of the Community Council Review. We will now submit our paperwork with the relevant fee.
- i) Kilninver Bridge - Cllr MacDonald has raised this issue with the Roads Department and the appropriate repairs are being actioned. A study of the ability of the bridge to take the loads it currently bears has been completed and no action has been deemed necessary. The same has been done for the Oude Bridge and this is now in the design stage, due for replacement in November. Cllr MacDonald encouraged the local community to report hits and near misses to assist in the monitoring process.
- j) High Tide Marker - This has now been repaired. A vote of thanks was given to Ian and Gordon McKinnon for their hard work
- k) Community Council Review - As part of the Community Council Review the Constitution is to be suspended this week and the review to commence. RA attended Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils (AABCC) latest meeting on Saturday 7th February. Highlighted at this meeting was the aim to develop communication between the Council and the Community Councils. The final draft of the Review to be out this week and AABCC will agree to use it as a document to work from. Responses to this draft document to be in by the end of March, which is before our next meeting. RA sought the opinion of those present as to whether we should have an open meeting or the Community Councillors review and comment. The Local Councillors agreed that this is a big issue for Community Councils but added they have had very little input to this point. This is a statutory requirement for the Council and should be done in line with COSLA guidelines. Cllr Robertson emphasised that there are several organisations looking at this review at the moment all producing lots of information and that it is important for all the information to be pulled together into something meaningful. We have a contact David Price as a link who is putting together a power point presentation looking at the review. Cllr MacDonald added that the intention of this review was positive, to give Community Councils more responsibilities and promoting collaborative working. Cllr Robertson hopes that whilst the wording in one of the drafts indicates we may lose our Community Council the intention is not to lose CC's but for the CC's to be able to feed in more with our local services. A date will be set for an open meeting when the draft document arrives.
- l) West Highland Housing Association- the offer had been made for a representative to come and talk to the Community re the development in the Glebe. It was not deemed necessary to accept this offer as the letter from WHHA had answered most queries. In reply to a query from RA re an item in the press re additional monies for Housing Association developments Cllr Robertson informed us this did not apply to the Kilmelford development.
- m) Grit Bins - now in place in the Glebe and at the Village Hall.

4. Land around Kilmelford Village Hall:

No update at this time.

5. Planning Applications:

3 applications from Npower Renewables for temporary anemometry masts for a period of 36 months, Raera Forest. Discussion about the positioning of these masts in a constrained area. No objection to be lodged.

Erection of 3 11,000-watt wood poles for New Housing Development, in Kilmelford. No issues.

Non-material amendment to site chimney externally relative to extension, Bragleenbeg Cottage, Kilninver. No issues.

Change of use from storage building to dwelling house, Croft Cottage, South of Barrachuile, Kilmelford. No issues.

6. Correspondence:

- a) Newsletter from North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority.
- b) Public Document Pack-A&B Council Area Committee 17.12.08 and planning Meeting 11.11.08
- c) Notification from The Royal Society of Edinburgh of public event re. The Future of Scotland's Hills and Islands 19.01.09.
- d) Acknowledgment of our letter of objection to planning permission re 6 houses, access road and sewerage treatment plant at Kames.
- e) Notification from Npower renewables of Potential Wind Farm Development, Raera Forest, Loch Melfort. To invite to April meeting.
- f) Letter from the Scottish Parliament re leasing 25% of Scotland's Forestry Commission estate. Cllr MacDonald added that a public meeting re this issue was planned, provisionally 23rd February.
- g) Invitation from Association of Scottish Community Councils, Regional meeting, Saturday 21st March, Elgin.
- h) Notification from Association of Scottish Community Councils of vacancy for ASCC Area Representative in the Argyll and Bute local authority area.
- i) Receipt from Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils re membership.
- j) Public Documentation pack- A&B Council Area Committee 11.11.08, 17.12.08 and 04.02.09.
- k) Notification of Building Standards, Annual User Forum, 11.02.08.
- l) GRAB Trust newsletter.
- m) Notification of Scottish Ferries Review, Consultation seminar 17.02.09.
- n) Climate Change calendar from SNH
- o) Email correspondence- many notifications of the meetings that we requested we be informed of. Not many issues relevant to Kilninver and Kilmelford.
- p) Email correspondence re Review of Community Councils.

7. Any Other Competent Business:

- a) Communication from Cllr MacDonald useful suggestion for emergency situations. Suggestion that paramedics arriving at accidents often do not know who to contact. If people were to keep a space in their mobile phone for ICE (In case of Emergency) those assisting at an accident would have a contact.
- b) Kilninford News - RA passed on our thanks to the Kilninford News Team for their work. The Local Councillors passed on their thanks for receiving a copy.
- c) Village Hall Committee - RA passed on his thanks to the Village Hall Committee for all their work. Especially Mrs. Toni Mitchell.
- d) Mrs. Toni Mitchell asked of the Councillors why when they have Charitable Status do they have to pay to have their wheelie bin emptied. Cllr MacDonald to pursue.
- e) Jane Rentoul asked to highlight the state of the road north of Ardfern road end. Cllr MacDonald stated the roads in Argyll have a £2million pound backlog of road repairs and officially have the worst roads in Scotland. He added that they are required to act on hole notifications within a week. He advised that we keep roads issues as an ongoing issue and regularly update the Council for actioning. A & B Council have been using a hot box and this appears to be both effective and cost effective. There is a STAG survey going on at the moment that should highlight areas most in need of repair.
- f) There is a Public Consultation on the Core Paths on Monday 9th of March in the Corran Halls. There will be an advert in the Oban Times.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April 2009 at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

E-MAIL FROM ANDY SIMPSON PCL 448

Hello, it is with much sadness that I have to tell you that I am no longer the Community South Officer and will be returning as a beat bobby in Oban. The decision was made by management in order to boost manning levels in the town. Although my post was for an exceedingly short time I would like to thank you all for making me feel most welcome and I am hoping that in the future I may be able to return and assist you. Let me assure you that this does not mean you will not have assistance from the police now, the police Community South Team will be tasked to assist you with any policing matters that need addressed. Even though I am going back to the shifts, I am still only an e-mail or phone call away and will be more than happy to assist you all. Many thanks again.

Andy Simpson PCL 448

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVENTS AND SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Monday, 20 th April	School re-opens
Thursday, 23 rd April	Miss McMillan presenting at education conference in Glasgow
Friday, 1 st May	HIMDF
Monday, 4 th May	School closed
Monday, 11 th May	Outdoor Education week for P5, P6 and P7
Tuesday, 19 th May	Miss McMillan at HT meeting
Thursday, 28 th May	Miss McMillan at HT meeting
Thursday, 4 th June	School closed for European Parliamentary elections
Saturday, 6 th June	School presenting ICT work at Inverary
Mon, 8 th to Wed 10 th June	High school transition for P7 (3 days)
Tuesday, 30 th June	School closes

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 is in the area on a Wednesday every four weeks and will be here on, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 29th July, 26th August, 23rd September, 21st October, 18th November, 16th December.

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.	Tulich 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 2009

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 13 th May	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 14 th May	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 12 th August	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 13 th August	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 11 th November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 12 th November	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 20 th May	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 19 th August	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 18 th November	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The Mobile Police Office is currently only being used for special events and does not visit the area on a routine basis.

NEW START OBAN

New Start Oban, is literally a brand new initiative by the churches in the Lorn and Oban area, in conjunction with Scottish Churches Housing Action. The aim is to help people moving from homelessness on to permanent housing. Many new tenancies fail in the initial stages because the people concerned move into an empty dwelling and their lack of financial resources makes it difficult, even impossible, to settle into a new home.

NSO, will provide a Starter Pack Plus, thus helping to eliminate the 'revolving door' scenario and aims to assist around 50 families per year. The starter packs are free and will provide someone with essential household items such as crockery, cutlery, linen etc.

To insure the success of this venture NSO is looking for a small-medium sized room, with space for shelving around the edges on which to store the goods, and enough space for 2 tables in the middle, with 2 volunteers at each; one team working on unpacking donated goods, the other team on making up the starter packs; with enough space for people not to keep falling over each other. It needs to be somewhere central, on the ground floor, and easily accessible by car as well as on foot. It needs to be dry, for the benefit of the bedding as well as the volunteers! Reasonably warm, with access to loos and tea/coffee making facilities. And preferably free, or very low rent. We don't want much, do we?!

Can you help in any way or do you know of anyone or anywhere who can?

I have recently been elected to this new charity's committee and thought the Kilninford News was a good place, firstly to advertise it's existence and secondly to appeal for help. Can you spare time to volunteer? Can you give some goods for the packs? Can you give some financial donations that will be used to buy new kettles, pillows and duvets? We could also do with some additional committee members thus ensuring we always have a quorum.

WHAT GOODS ARE NEEDED?

Kitchen:

Kettles, Mugs, Glasses, Kitchen knives, Dinner plates, Tea plates, Cutlery, Scissors, Potato peelers, Tin openers, Bowls, Saucepans, Frying pans, Toasters, Serving spoons, Kitchen utensils.

Utilities:

Brushes and dustpans, Light bulbs, Tea towels, Washing up bowls, Scourers and dishcloths, Washing up liquid, Kitchen cleaner, Mops and buckets, Bathroom cleaner, Toilet cleaner, Toilet rolls, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant.

Bedding and Linen:

Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Pillows (new), Pillow cases, Duvets (new), Duvet covers, Alarm clocks, Curtains.

I believe it is Hamish and Val from the Baptist church in Oban, who have, for 15 years, been running the Lord's larder. They have kindly agreed to contribute a food parcel to be included in the starter pack.

If you feel you can help in any way, the best people to contact at the moment are:-

David James on 01631 562431 or david.james.855@internet.com

Liam Griffin on 07733007342 or HYDROTASK@SKY.COM

Hilary Adrian on 07768 895260 or opendooroban@yahoo.co.uk

Elizabeth Mullen on 07767876633 or elizabethlori@btinternet.com

THANK YOU in anticipation of your support and generosity.

Antoinette Mitchell

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Vicky (née Wallace) and Ronnie Stevenson who were married on the 17th of March at Park Circus, Glasgow.

LOCAL DIRECTORY

The Directory (up-dated in October, 2008) 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 2008, will be available in October/November 2009.

UPDATE

Willie and Lottie Wilson have a new telephone number, 01852 200397

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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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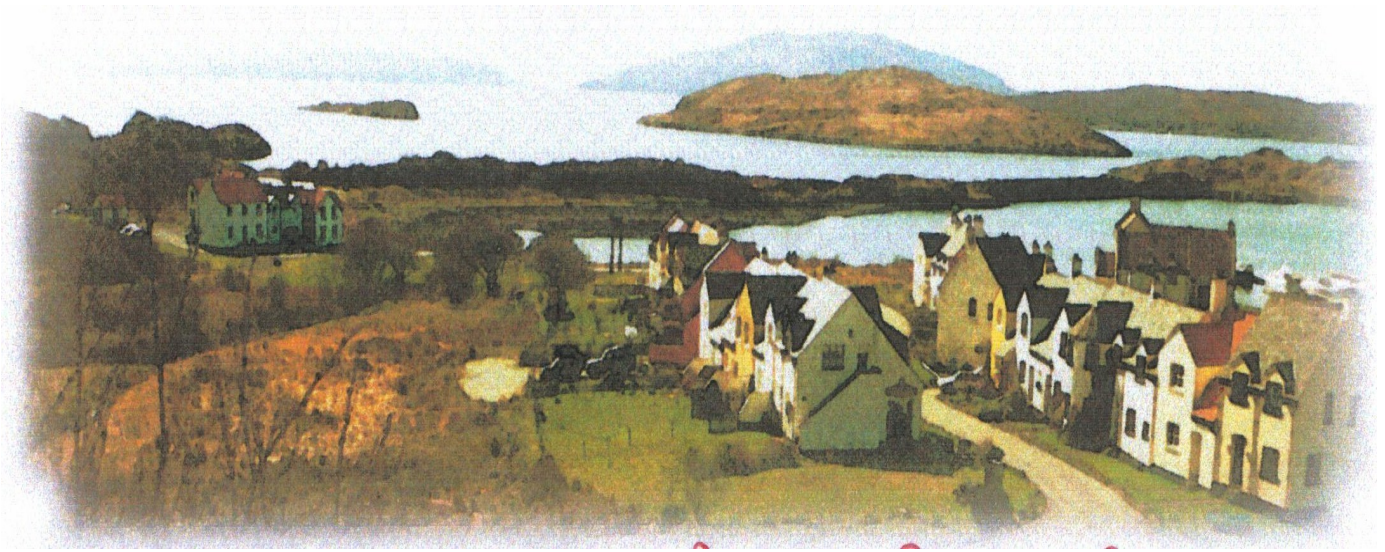
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