

# KILNINFORD NEWS

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## *Summertime*



## *Special !!*

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

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Oscar's Amazing Space Adventure** performed by Mousetale Puppets at 6 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Suitable for all ages 4+. Tickets £4 and £3.

Tickets: Online at [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk), E-mail: [cvh.arts@btconnect.com](mailto:cvh.arts@btconnect.com), Tel: 01852 500746 (leave a message).

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> May - Craignish Church Spring Fair** from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Fire Station in Ardfern.

Details from John Stannard (Tel: 01852 200371)

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night** at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall. Licensed bar.

Finger buffet included. Senior and junior prizes.

Entry fee: Adults £5, children (under 12) £2.50.

Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May – Mr Darwin's Tree**, performed by Andrew Harrison and written by internationally acclaimed writer/director Murray Watts, at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Tickets: Tickets £7 and concessions £5.

Online at [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk), E-mail: [cvh.arts@btconnect.com](mailto:cvh.arts@btconnect.com), Tel: 01852 500746 (leave a message).

The play is already attracting considerable interest because of its focus on the relationship between Darwin (an agnostic) and his wife Emma (a Christian), and its bold treatment of issues around science, faith, love and human issues.

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May – “Garden Adaptation in an Uncertain Climate”**. A guided walk leaving Arduaine Garden Reception at 2.30 p.m. with Head Gardener Maurice Wilkins and Professor Tony Sherwin of the Scottish Association for Marine Science.

Cost: £8.50 including garden entry charge. Maximum 20 – booking essential. Tel: 0844 493 2216.

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May – Big Picnic** at Arduaine Garden as part of National Family Week. Details to be announced.

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Music Evening** at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Church. See more details below.

Contact: Jim Robb and Winnie Campbell (Tel: 01852 200236)

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Friday August 6 - Introduction to weaving with New Zealand Flax (*phormium tenax*)** 10 am -4pm in the large hall, Kilmelford. Learn the basics from Maori weaver, Ruth Port who is visiting the UK at the invitation of the British Museum. Booking essential - contact Pip Weaser 01852 200260

**Saturday August 7 and Sunday August 8 - Make a basket, known as a "kete" in New Zealand with *phormium tenax*.** This follows on from the previous Friday or is for those with some experience. New Zealand flax grows well in our area and is a common feature of many gardens. It is the tall plant looking a bit like the top of a palm tree growing straight from the ground as clusters of fans. Known to the Maori as Hara-keke it is their traditional weaving plant. Ruth is a highly experienced practitioner and teacher and we are lucky that she is extending her UK visit to Kilmelford. Booking essential - contact Pip Weaser 01852 200260.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Music Evening** at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Church. See more details below.

Contact: Jim Robb and Winnie Campbell (Tel: 01852 200236)

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August – Artmap Argyll Open Studio Weekend** when 35 artists open their studios (see [www.artmapargyll.com](http://www.artmapargyll.com) for full details)

Your local artists are Pip Weaser, Basketry (Tel: 01852 200260 [www.scottishbasketmakerscircle.org](http://www.scottishbasketmakerscircle.org)) and Karen Liversedge, Glass (Tel: 01852 200727 [www.karenliversedge.com](http://www.karenliversedge.com))

You can find both artists at Karen's new studio, The Old Smithy Studio, Ravenswood (formerly Scaview) on the Degnish Road. The studio is at the top of the drive where there is some parking. Open 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. during the weekend. An opportunity to see, buy, commission work or just have a nosey! (See article below)

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Music Evening** at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Church. See more details below.

Contact: Jim Robb and Winnie Campbell (Tel: 01852 200236)

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Music Evening** at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Church. See more details below.

Contact: Jim Robb and Winnie Campbell (Tel: 01852 200236)

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sheelanagig** performing in Ardfern Village Hall. Sheelanagig have been honing their eclectic blend of folk, jazz and world music since early 2005.

Tickets: Online at [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk), E-mail: [cvh.arts@btconnect.com](mailto:cvh.arts@btconnect.com), Tel: 01852 500746 (leave a message).

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – Jacobite Country** performed by Dogstar Theatre in Craignish Village Hall.

Tickets: Online at [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk), E-mail: [cvh.arts@btconnect.com](mailto:cvh.arts@btconnect.com), Tel: 01852 500746 (leave a message).

There are a number of events which are planned, but still unconfirmed, in Craignish Village Hall. To keep abreast of the programme you can sign up for e-mails, check the website [www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk) or find the information on Facebook.

## **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)

## **CHERISH FUND COFFEE MORNINGS**

Coffee mornings are held every Monday from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon at the Shower of Herring. Delicious home baking. Donations go to the Cherish Fund.  
Contact: Jean Bowman (Tel: 01852 200380)

## **COUNTRY DANCING**

This was another well attended season culminating in the end of session party on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Many, many thanks again to Mike for providing such enjoyable Thursday evening sessions and to Robin, Georgina and Ali 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 from 10 a.m. till 12 noon 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 IN LOCH MELFORT HOTEL**

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.

## **CRAIGNISH BOAT CLUB**

Craignish Boat Club has had to move from the lagoon and is currently looking for a long term new site. In the meantime, the Junior Sailing will take place from Kintraw. However, arrangements are uncertain and anybody interested should contact the appropriate person below or check the website [www.craignishboatclub.co.uk](http://www.craignishboatclub.co.uk) for details.

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

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

Contact: Carol Graham Tel: 01852 500347 E-mail: [carolatbarfad@live.com](mailto: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](mailto:guy@buie369.free-online.co.uk) Nick Purdy E-mail: [carnhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:carnhouse@btinternet.com)

All welcome, beginners, intermediate and experienced sailors.

## **ARDFERN AND CRAOBH HAVEN ARTS FESTIVAL (ELEMENTAL ARTS FESTIVAL)**

After 10 years of running this ambitious and hugely successful Festival, many of the main organisers have had to step down. However, Marianne MacPhail (Tel: 01852 500702) would love to hear from anybody who might be interested in helping to run the Festival again, even if on a smaller scale.

## **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 UNDER THE SCHEME IN ARGYLL

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 a.m. – dusk**

Arduaine Gardens (National Trust for Scotland)

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

Admission: Adults £5.50, Concessions £4.50, Under 5s free, Family £15, Single Parent Families £10  
40% to The Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, 60% net to SGS Charities.

### **Gardens Open By Arrangement**

<u>Fairwinds</u>	14 George Street, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon PA23 8JU	Spring - Autumn	Tel: 01369 702666
<u>Kilbrandon</u>	Balvicar PA34 4RA	April - October	Tel: 01852 300400
<u>Kinlochlaich House Gardens</u>	Appin PA38 4BD	Christmas and New Year	Tel: 01631 730342
<u>Knock Cottage</u>	Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Mid April - Mid June	Tel: 01546 886 331

### **Gardens Open Regularly**

<u>Ardkinglas Woodland Garden</u>	Cairndow PA26 8BH	All year - Daylight hours	-
<u>Ardmaddy Castle</u>	By Oban PA34 4QY	All year - 9.00am till Sunset	-
<u>Barquillean's "Angus Garden"</u>	Taynuilt, Argyll PA35 1HY	All year	9:00am - 6:00pm
<u>Jura House</u>	Ardfin, Isle of Jura PA60 7XX	All year	9:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Torosay Castle &amp; Gardens</u>	Craignure, Isle of Mull, PA65 6AY	All year - or till dusk	9:00am - 7:00pm
<u>Benmore Botanic Garden</u>	Benmore, Dunoon PA23 8QU	March and October	10:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Achnacloch</u>	Connel, Oban PA37 1PR	31 March - 31 October	10:00am - 6:00pm
<u>An Cala</u>	Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil PA34 4RF	01 April - 31 October	10:00am - 6:00pm
<u>Ardchattan Priory</u>	North Connel PA37 1RQ	01 April - 31 October	9:30am - 5:30pm
<u>Benmore Botanic Garden</u>	Benmore, Dunoon PA23 8QU	April - September	10:00am - 6:00pm
<u>Druimneil House</u>	Port Appin PA38 4DQ	April - October Dawn - Dusk	-
<u>Inveraray Castle Gardens</u> <b>NEW</b>	Inveraray Castle PA32 8XT	Castle & Gardens 01 April - 31 October Daily	10:00am - 5:45pm
<u>Kinlochlaich House Gardens</u>	Appin PA38 4BD	April - September (Mondays - Saturdays)	9:00am - 5:30pm
<u>Kinlochlaich House Gardens</u>	Appin PA38 4BD	April - September (Sundays)	10:30am - 5:30pm
<u>Ascog Hall</u>	Ascog, Isle of Bute PA20 9EU	Easter - October ex Mons & Tues	10:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Oakbank</u>	Ardrihaig PA30 8EP	01 May - 31 August	10:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Crinan Hotel Garden</u>	Crinan PA31 8SR	01 May - 31 August Dawn - Dusk	-
<u>Kinlochlaich House Gardens</u>	Appin PA38 4BD	October - March (Mondays - Saturdays) or Dusk	9:00am - 5:00pm

### **Gardens Open On a Specific Date**

<u>Benmore Botanic Garden</u>	Benmore, Dunoon PA23 8QU	Sunday 25 April	10:00am - 6:00pm
<u>Strachur House Flower &amp; Woodland Gardens</u>	Strachur PA27 8BX	Saturday 01 May	1:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Strachur House Flower &amp; Woodland Gardens</u>	Strachur PA27 8BX	Sunday 02 May	1:00pm - 5:00pm

<u>Drim na Vullin</u>	Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8LE	Saturday 08 May	2:00pm - 5:30pm
<u>Knock Cottage</u>	Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Saturday 08 May	12:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Arduaine</u>	Kilmelford, PA34 4XQ	Sunday 09 May	9:30am - 6:00pm
<u>Drim na Vullin</u>	Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8LE	Sunday 09 May	2:00pm - 5:30pm
<u>Knock Cottage</u>	Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Sunday 09 May	12:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Knock Cottage</u>	Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Saturday 15 May	12:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Crarae Garden</u>	Inveraray PA32 8YA	Sunday 16 May	10:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Knock Cottage</u>	Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Sunday 16 May	12:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Strachur House Flower &amp; Woodland Gardens</u>	Strachur PA27 8BX	Saturday 05 June	1:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Strachur House Flower &amp; Woodland Gardens</u>	Strachur PA27 8BX	Sunday 06 June	1:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Lip Na Cloiche Garden &amp; Nursery</u>	Ballygown, Nr Ulva Ferry, Isle of Mull PA73 6LU	Saturday 12 June	11:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Lip Na Cloiche Garden &amp; Nursery</u>	Ballygown, Nr Ulva Ferry, Isle of Mull PA73 6LU	Sunday 13 June	11:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Crarae Garden</u>	Inveraray PA32 8YA	Saturday 19 June	9:00am - 5:00pm
<u>Seafield</u>	173 Marine Parade, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon PA23 8HJ	Saturday 19 June	2:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Seafield</u>	173 Marine Parade, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon PA23 8HJ	Sunday 20 June	2:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>The Shore Villages</u>	by Dunoon PA23 8SE	Saturday 26 June	1:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>The Shore Villages</u>	by Dunoon PA23 8SE	Sunday 27 June	1:00pm - 5:00pm
<u>Glecknabae</u>	Rothesay PA20 0QX	Sunday 15 August	1:00pm - 4:30pm

## **MAOLACHY GARDEN**

Georgina had planned to open Maolachy Garden again this year, but she has got a lot on her plate at the moment and, due to this, and the harsh winter, she's decided to delay opening the garden until next year.

## **ARDUAINE GARDEN SUPPORT GROUP**

### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWLETTER**

Firstly apologies that you have had to wait on this – however hope it will be worth it. Maurice mentions the cold spell we are having, and I hope you aren't suffering too much.

However the Group is forging ahead, generating a lot of publicity in the Oban Times and on Oban FM – I have certainly noticed that the car park (which is at the end of my garden) has had more cars this year despite the cold than last, and with the new reception arrangements in the Hotel it has meant the Garden is generating income even in its quiet times.

The main news, for those I couldn't email before Xmas, is that the NTS will not review the future of the Garden now until 2012. This is great news, as it gives everyone more time to do the things necessary to make this review successful, and therefore secure the future of the Garden permanently. The Trust itself is about to launch a major fundraising campaign to build in the Endowment Fund already generated; it is also investing in the Garden (see Maurice's notes re signs etc), which is very positive.

It also allows us as the Group to broaden our base of attack on the awareness campaign. We are looking at targeting niche leisure areas, and have already covered sailing and motorcycling. However if there is anyone out there with contacts to walking, cycling, caravanning, camping or anything similar, who can either help us, or give us contacts to follow up, that would be very helpful.

Our brochure should be ready to go by next week – just waiting for the final proof from the printers. This will be distributed across all accommodation, information, travel and tourist outlets as far through Argyll as possible (we're printing 20000) – again if you know suitable venues that might take this please let me know.

Two local schools have agreed to support animal and bird boxes in the Garden, and we are waiting to confirm dates to formally 'open' these – we hope to have the children and specialist speakers on these days.

However the main event is the Spring Festival, which will take place on selected weekends from and including Easter. The 4 days around Easter will have the Cadburys Easter Egg Trail Friday to Monday, and a range of family events in and around the garden on the Sunday, with egg painting and egg rolling competitions, face painting and other entertainment. The cost of some of these activities will be supported by the funds given by you in membership fees. Subsequent weekends host horticultural, food, photography and other events – for more information on these can be got from [www.lochmelfort.co.uk](http://www.lochmelfort.co.uk) or from the NTS via its link <http://www.nts.org.uk/Events/Detail/525/>

We have had over 120 memberships taken out, both individual and family, giving a total number of members of over 200 – this has allowed us extra funding to print additional brochures etc. Whilst we will still have a balance after this, more members are always welcome (we have many more ideas/activities we want to take forward), so please encourage family and friends to join in if they haven't yet.

And just a quick personal note – the rhododendrons are starting to come out, so if you want a spectacular view, start planning to come and see them this spring – and bring a friend – or two!

Rick Potter  
[arduainegardensupportgroup@googlemail.com](mailto:arduainegardensupportgroup@googlemail.com)  
Tel: 01852 200 358

## **ARDAINE GARDEN EVENTS**

The first of the season's events planned for Arduaine Garden took place over the long Easter weekend. Cadbury runs an Easter Egg Trail (sponsoring through eggs and substantial publicity) and the Arduaine Garden Support Group arranged for Arduaine Garden to be involved. As well as the Trail, the Group organised a lot of additional children's activities including face painting, egg throwing, egg decorating etc and provided volunteers to manage this. The event was a resounding success with Easter Sunday recording the second highest Sunday attendance since the NTS took ownership of the Garden. The response was so positive that it's hoped to be able to offer a "bigger and better" event next year.

The next big event is the Spring Festival over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> April held in conjunction with Loch Melfort Hotel who are offering a weekend package. Unfortunately, the newsletter will probably not reach you in time to publicise the fact that tickets are available for the dinner and speech given by Jim McColl of the BBC's Beechgrove Garden on the Friday and for day passes for the talks and garden tours only, giving locals the opportunity to participate. Other speakers include David Mitchell of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh, Dr Sharon Webb of Kilmartin Museum and Lindsay McKinlay of the National Trust for Scotland.

Note from the Editor: a huge amount of hard work has, and is still going on, to raise the profile of Arduaine Garden and to secure its long term future. Please support their efforts either by volunteering to help, and/or by joining the Arduaine Garden Support Group and the National Trust for Scotland (Arduaine Garden benefits if you join the Trust at Loch Melfort Hotel, where the application forms are available).

## **ARDAINE GARDEN UPDATE**

Well, that was a winter with a difference! After my delight in having some unusual and out of season flowerings in November and December and daring to make much of them in the Oban Times, we then suffered more than a month of low temperatures which did them absolutely no good at all! I have to say that our lowest temperature of -<sup>o</sup>5C was warmer than in most recent winters but the fact that this was prolonged made a major difference! Again, it was proved that proximity to the open sea really does have a beneficial effect on the climate, as I believe that temperatures in Kilmelford were considerably lower.

Anyway, we have to accept it and move on. We've lost nothing that was really unexpected and although losing anything is annoying, when many years go by without such losses it's well worth trying again. We've enjoyed *Echium candicans* in flower for many years but it's so spectacular that beginning again from seed seems to be well worth doing. We might get fifteen years out of it, we might get one, but we'll try again!

As usual, the early spring period has been marked by blustery weather, but with a great deal less rainfall than we normally have to put up with. We don't record rainfall here, but there's no doubt that this winter has seen far less precipitation here than we would expect, March being a particularly wet month in most years. I don't think that we've had much more than an inch of snow over the whole winter either which was good, though even half an inch of snow which thaws and refreezes can and did turn many of our paths to rivers of glass, necessitating the close of the garden for a while – it was simply impossible to stand up and I was very aware of the tragedy of the schoolgirl in England who died after slipping on ice outside her school. Please be patient in such circumstances – we're very concerned with visitor safety.

But all that, I sincerely hope, is behind us and we can look forward to a good season. The snowdrops have come and gone, the cyclamineus narcissi are in flower on the middle lawn and daffodils are flowering here and there about the garden, including a number of old varieties in the Long Border. As I write on 12<sup>th</sup> April there are many camellias and rhododendrons in full flower with even more of the latter about to open – as always, some plants have their off years, the large-leaved species in particular. The old *Rhododendron macabeanum* at our gate doesn't have a single flower this year, though the dead seed heads are witness to a good display last spring.

Perennials too are up and about – it's always good to see familiar shoots poking through the soil and equally sad to realise that some old friends won't be returning for one reason or another. Usually with perennials it's winter wet, though this time it might be prolonged winter cold. We'll just have to wait and see! I hope to see many of you in the garden this season – there's always something new!

Maurice Wilkins  
Head Gardener

## **KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Unfortunately, there will be no Summer Festival this year due to a lack of committee. If anyone is interested in forming a new committee, please contact me or Georgina.

We would like to thank all those who have helped and supported us in the past to make it an enjoyable occasion for everyone.

Please would all of last year's cup winners return the trophies either to Georgina or myself.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton (Tel: 01866 844212) Isabel Smith (Tel: 01852 200537)

Isabel Smith

## **KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL**

### **CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL**

**Caretaker:-** Colin Gibson

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



## 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

	<b>LESSER HALL</b>	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
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	<b>5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (1 a.m. for dances)</b>
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

### 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
Committee member	Matthew Anderson

“ “ Ellen Coyle  
“ “ Lucy Files  
“ “ Christine Roberts  
Caretaker Colin Gibson  
Bookings Kilmelford Village Stores

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 12<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010.  
The full minutes of the meetings can be found on [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com)

#### a) INSULATION OF THE MAIN HALL

In an attempt to make the main hall cosier and more energy efficient, systems of improved insulation have been looked into. The lowest estimate received was given by Alternative Insulation Services who, after inspection of hall, quoted £27,000. The work would involve the construction of a timber frame inside the walls and ceiling of the hall; the space between being filled with insulating material.

This is way beyond our budget, but sources of funding for the project have been extensively investigated. Community Energy Scotland may be prepared to grant a proportion of the cost; also the Government Rural Program may offer some funding as part of an ongoing strategy of upgrade for the Village Hall. At the present time, a grant is being applied for from the local LEADER Program and a detailed application has been submitted. We are waiting, with fingers crossed, for the reply.

#### b) MAINTENANCE

During the exceptional cold spell over the Christmas period, a water pipe burst in the roof space above the disabled cloakroom. This was soon detected and repaired but some water damage ensued, which has now been made good. Since then, a hatch has been fitted to allow access into the roof space above the disabled cloakroom to enable more efficient lagging and inspection of the water pipes in this area, which were previously difficult to reach. The cost was £221.33.

#### c) FUNDRAISING

A Quiz Night with licensed bar and buffet supper is being planned for 14<sup>th</sup> May. This proved very popular last time. Full details under Forthcoming Events.

The 100 Club is running smoothly and reached a height of 90 members last month. We would love to make it to a hundred. If you would like your chance to win a share of the prize money, please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208. This is a useful source of income for the Village Hall, especially with so many expenses just now.

**LOCH MELFORT SPRING BEACH CLEAN**  
**TO JOIN IN AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL AND**  
**VILLAGE HALL PLEASE CONTACT DIANE SCAIFE**  
**TEL 01852 200208**

\*\*\*\*\* RECYCLING AT THE VILLAGE HALL \*\*\*\*\*

The caretaker has reported that some rubbish is being deposited beside the bins for which we do not have recycling facilities. These include cardboard and plastics other than milk and drinks bottles. The bad news is that we have to pay for the disposal of these items, so would be very grateful if you would not leave them with us!

**HAVE A LAUGH** ..... (but there isn't any excuse for the dumping of rubbish at the hall!)

Donna Challice, a thirty-year-old single mother of three from Devon, has appeared in court accused of failing properly to recycle her household waste. Mrs Challice was being prosecuted for "contaminating recyclable rubbish" under the Environmental Protection Act. She has now been released on bail and will next appear on 5 June 2006 for a pre-trial review.

The Environmental Protection Act specifically states which types of recyclable items must be cleaned and placed in which containers on which days. Mrs Challice has been accused of putting items in the wrong bins on six separate occasions over the last year. She claims that the rules are confusing and that any offence that she may have committed was completely by accident.

Arthur Dimson, Director of Waste Disposal for the Exeter City Council, has dismissed Mrs Challice's claim, saying that: "It's quite simple really. On the second and fourth Monday of each month, plastics go in the red bins and aluminium in the blue bins. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month - providing there has already been a first Monday - paper goes into the red containers and other non-aluminium metals go in the blue containers. If there hasn't been a first Monday, the schedule is pushed back a week. On alternating Wednesdays, glass goes into the red cans and miscellaneous recyclable refuse goes into the blue cans. On Thursdays, non-recyclable refuse may be put into either the red or the blue receptacles. All discards must be washed except clothing - which may be either washed or drycleaned depending on the fabric - and paper. Paper with coloured printing should only be placed in the red cans on the first Tuesday of each month. Paper with only black ink may be placed in the red containers on any other qualifying Tuesday. On weekends the bins are to remain empty for cleaning. These rules are all posted on the bottom of each recycling bin. So it's not as if people have to memorise them." "Mrs Challice could wait until the weekend and look in the bottom of the empty bin to refresh her memory on the rules."

## BURNS' NIGHT

Another successful Burn's Night was held at Kilmelford Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January raising the fantastic sum of £1,457.50 to boost the Kilninver and Kilmelford Church Funds. Our usual large group of volunteers worked hard setting up the hall, preparing menus and producing and serving quantities of tasty food and drink.

Our guests, James MaLaren, Mathew Anderson and Olwen Goulding had obviously put a great deal of preparation and inspiration into their toasts. We were rewarded with a smoothly run and enjoyable evening with various performers giving solos, duets and, eventually, a band performance which ran on into the wee hours. Rabbie would have loved it!

Jim Robb

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	<b>Kilmelford</b>	<b>Kilninver</b>
April	11 <sup>th</sup> (MW), 25 <sup>th</sup> (CT)	4 <sup>th</sup> (KR), 18 <sup>th</sup> (KR)
May	9 <sup>th</sup> (KR), 23 <sup>rd</sup> (JM)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (MW), 16 <sup>th</sup> (CT)

N.B. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May there will be a Joint Service at 12.15 in Craignish Parish Church. There will be no services in Kilmelford or Kilninver Churches. It's hoped that a Joint Service will be held approximately quarterly (on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month that has 5 Sundays) in each church on a rotating basis.

	<b>Kilmelford</b>	<b>Kilninver</b>
June	6 <sup>th</sup> (RR), 20 <sup>th</sup> (KR Communion)	13 <sup>th</sup> (CT), 27 <sup>th</sup> (CT)
July	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>
August	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>
September	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>

KR = Kenneth Ross, RR = Robert Rae, MW = Martin Waddell, JA = John Alexander, CT = Chris Thornhill, JM = James McLellan

**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

**KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD CHURCH – NEW MINISTER  
THANKS FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

By the time that this edition of the newsletter has been published, it will all have been done and dusted – Ken Ross will have been inducted as the new minister of the local church, and the other churches with which it is linked. When you think that Alastair, our previous minister, retired only last June, it is nothing short of miraculous that we should have a new minister so quickly.

Rev Dr Kenneth Ross has come to us after a varied and fruitful career as a parish minister in Shetland, a writer and a university teacher, a Church of Scotland Mission Partner in Malawi, and Secretary to the Church of Scotland's World Mission Council. He and his wife Hester have three grown-up sons. His application to be our new minister, together with his written references (including one from a former Moderator of the General Assembly!) indicated real qualities and gifts which would be invaluable to our linked congregations. When the Nominations Committee had the privilege of hearing him lead worship, and subsequently interviewing him, it quickly became clear to us that he was indeed the right person for the job. Happily, when Ken preached as Sole Nominee, everyone else seemed to agree! We can only be grateful that our prayers for a new minister have been answered so quickly and so richly.

This was a joint effort by everyone on the Nominations Committee, and as Convener I would like to place on record my own appreciation for all their hard work, and also the way in which we were able to work so closely as a team. It has been a wonderful example of how our three linked congregations can work together, even though we cover such a wide geographical area. On the Committee's behalf, I would also like to thank all those in our congregations who have supported the Committee and have remembered our work in their own prayers, and also Walter Ritchie, our Interim Moderator, whose help and advice have been invaluable. I'm sure that we've all been delighted to welcome Ken and Hester into our midst and are looking forward to working with them in the years that lie ahead.

Martin Waddell, (ex) Convener, (ex) Nominations Committee

**LETTER FROM OUR NEW MINISTER**

I am writing in the warm afterglow of my Induction Service at Craignish Parish Church and the social which followed in the Craignish Village Hall. So my first word must be one of sincere thanks to all who contributed, in a whole variety of ways, to make it such an encouraging start for the new ministry. For Hester and I, and our family, we could not have been made more welcome.

While I will be based in Kilmelford, the area I will cover as parish minister extends all the way from the Craignish peninsula to the isles of Seil and Luing. I regard it as a very positive development that church life will depend on many people using their gifts and talents rather than the "one man ministry" which sometimes defined local church life in the past. My job is to mobilise and encourage the gifts of all so as to strengthen our witness to the risen Christ throughout Netherlorn.

A changing pattern of leadership in church life might point to deeper challenges which lie in front of us. The Christian faith which has inspired some forty generations here in Argyll has somehow lost its grip on our imagination. Many find that inherited patterns of worship "do not work" for them. It is as if we need a new discovery of Christianity. Thankfully, this is exactly what has occurred in many different parts of the world during our lifetime. Why not here? It can happen. But I suspect it will need input from all of us, from those most scunnered with the church to those most devoted, before it will. Whatever the journey ahead, I look forward to sharing it with you.

I hope you might have seen the lights in the manse and realised that we are now in residence. Please feel free to come and say hello. Or contact me on 200565 or at [KennethR.Ross@btinternet.com](mailto:KennethR.Ross@btinternet.com) We look forward to getting to know many of you in the weeks and months which lie ahead.

Kenneth Ross  
The Manse, Kilmelford

### **THE MANSE AT KILMELFORD**

The Manse at Kilmelford provides accommodation for the Minister who serves Craignish, Kilmelford, Kilninver, Kilbrandon and Kilchatten Churches.

Upon the retiral of Alastair McLachlan in June of last year the Manse lay empty awaiting the arrival of a new occupant. Towards the end of the year it was learnt that a new minister was likely to be appointed to the Charge early this year. Accordingly plans were made to carry out all the maintenance work required to bring the Manse and its garden ground into a good state of repair which included meeting the requirements of the Presbytery.

The schedule of work was lengthy and a remarkable number of people gave of their time and talents to achieve a position where Kenneth and Hester Ross were able to take occupation during the last week in March.

The thanks of the three Kirk Sessions are given to all those who took part in any way to achieve a very satisfactory result.

Peter Cross  
Fabric Convener – Kilninver & Kilmelford

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, KILMELFORD CHURCH, 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Margaret and Jenny would like to thank all of you who so willingly took part in the service this year. The service had been written by Christian people in Cameroon, a country that few of us know much about. The theme was 'Let everything that has breath praise God' and we tried to make our service reflect that. In spite of many problems the people fill their worship with singing, dancing, joy and happiness. Some of their vibrant music was played from a CD before the service started. This is a lesson for us who have so much to praise God for.

A significant contribution towards praising God came from the children who had had an activity afternoon in Kilninver the preceding Saturday based on the theme of prayer. Large colourful capital 'E's were cut out and each child was encouraged to write a short prayer on them. Mrs Tegner then described some of the exuberant worship she had taken part in whilst in Africa. Colourful paper flowers decorating the church at the Friday service, suggested by the women of Cameroon, were made by the children. A washing line was

strung out in front of the pulpit and the children came forward to peg their E-prayers on it thus sending them 'on-line' to God. This line of E-prayers is now decorating the front of the balcony for all to see.

Our Interim Moderator, Walter Ritchie, told us one of his entertaining 'wee stories' basically bidding us not to take anything for granted, even household objects. We are grateful to him for coming from Kilmartin for us.

Thanks are also due to Winnie the organist; those who helped with the children; refreshments; cleaning; flowers (particularly Andy from the Cuilfail for the magnificent pedestal display), and all who encouraged us, prayed for us, and generally smoothed our way.

Margaret Cross and Jenny Moody

## **SUMMER MUSIC EVENINGS**

These popular evenings, consisting of a great mixture of local talent covering singing, playing of various instruments and storytelling (mainly but not exclusively Scottish), will again be organised by Jim Robb and Winnie Campbell on each Wednesday evening in August (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30 p.m. (for an hour, or sometimes longer) in Kilmelford Church.

The keynote of these evenings is informality. People are welcome to come and go as they wish and entry is free.

## **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.

The Appeal raises money for a small project run by one of their Partner Churches which otherwise would not be funded. Each year in March a new project is launched and a poster and information sheet are produced. These can be downloaded from the resources section of the website [www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worldmission](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worldmission). The amount raised each quarter is also posted on the website.

The Appeal, which runs from March 2010 to February 2011, is raising money this year to help fund the Girls' Hostel at St Columba's Religious Training Centre in Sialkot, Pakistan. The hostel accommodates up to 400 girls while they study. As well as accommodation, girls receive supervised study, Christian education, and access to a computer lab. The girls come from poor Christian communities in rural Punjab where there are limited opportunities for education. Recently, food and utility costs have increased, putting additional strain on the hostel's budget.

You can help provide safe accommodation for the girls while they study simply by collecting your used stamps which are sold on to raise money

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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at the Village Hall.

**Present :** Nigel Mitchell(NM) chairman, Matthew Anderson(MA), Colin Clark(CC), Lindsay Davies(LD), Sarah Edwards(SE), John MacLean(JM), Antoinette Mitchell(AM).

Also in attendance were Cllr Donald MacDonald, Gemma Cummins (Argyll and Bute Council Registrar) and 11 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Elaine Robertson.

**2. Introduction of New Community Council:** Nigel Mitchell introduced the new Community Council, himself as chairperson, Lindsay Davies – secretary, Matthew Anderson – Treasurer, Antoinette Mitchell – Planning and Licensing, Colin Clark, Sarah Edwards and John MacLean. He also offered a vote of thanks to the previous Community Council.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting:** It was noted that item 3a should read rang not wrote. This withstanding the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed SE, 2<sup>nd</sup> TM.

**4. Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- a. Speed limit in Kilmelford-Robin Gray has passed this information to MA. This item is still under review and therefore ongoing.
- b. Bus Shelter- not repaired. Action – NM to contact Douglas Blades, LD to provide contact details.
- c. Core Paths- Decision made to ask Jolyon Britton to do presentation at CC Meeting. Action- NM to contact.
- d. Roads Issues- Acknowledgment made of all work completed on stretch of road from Kilninver to Clachan Seil. Dorothy Bark raised issue of unlevelled pile of bitumen on Degnish Road in lay-by by Maelstroma. Several potholes along Degnish Road and along Oude Dam section of road were also noted. Action- Colin Clark to contact Graeme Brown.

**5. Land Around Village Hall:** Application refused. Email from John Tilly read out. This states that he has no plans to sell land and it is for the community to decide if they wish to pursue. He would be prepared to drop the application to 5 despite the fact that this reduces the viability of the whole project. Feeling amongst those present was that this project was worth pursuing. Cllr MacDonald commented that a review of the Local Development Plan was commencing. A form for this was passed to AM, to be completed by 31.01.10. Angus Gilmour, in the Planning department has also offered an opportunity to discuss the way ahead with this project. Further discussion round all issues. MA asked re Public Open Spaces designation. Cllr MacDonald stated the amendment to the local plan would be the route to addressing this. Action- NM to arrange to meet with Angus Gilmour to discuss way ahead and amendments to current business plan.

**6. Proposed Wind Farm, Raera Forest:** NM had received an email from Karen Fox of NPower stating planning application to go in week beg. 14.12.09 Hard copy of 3 volume document to be lodged in the Kilmelford Post Office. CD version to be sent to Community Council, hard copy cost £250, NM asked whether possible for Hardcopy and CD version to be swapped for a time to enable all CC's to view, no objections raised. NM has liaised with Taynuilt CC who have experience of Wind Farm development and associated benefits. NPower issuing newsletter to every household in the area re planning application. MA asked for confirmation that Taynuilt were sole beneficiaries, this was confirmed. NM suggested doing survey within the community to gauge opinion. Discussion of pros and cons of best way of completing this, face to face contact vs. questionnaire vs. open meeting. Consensus opinion was for new CC to complete phone or face to face contact to introduce selves and ask whether for, against or don't mind regarding wind farm, based on electoral register which has been requested by LD. People not in would be left a contact leaflet. NM to complete flyer to pass to Fiona Wylie to put in with Kilninford News explaining forthcoming contact from CC. Robin Asbury suggested this happen after newsletter from NPower received. Karen Fox has indicated willingness to assist with public meeting if wished. Action- NM to forward flyer to Fiona Wylie, CC's to participate in door to door or phone survey to gauge local feeling.

**7. Planning Applications:** None.

**8. Correspondence:** All correspondence left on display. The following highlighted

- a. Contact details re Service points- contact number for Council Services to deal with customer enquiries at first point of contact. **Action- to be held by LD.**
- b. Confirmation re contact re Oude dam re-alignment. Request for bus shelter to be considered passed to contractor. Update from Cllr MacDonald- now on hold until at least 2012.
- c. Notice of Alan Reid MP visiting Kilmelford as part of constituency tour – arrived after date of visit.
- d. Email notification re Future Development considerations re Local Development plan- **Action- AM to action form.**
- e. Adopt a Kiosk scheme- BT offering adoption of red telephone kiosk that are under utilised. 3 identified in KKCC area- Kilmelford Village, Arduaine Village and by old Post Office Kilninver. Discussion re this has also taken place at Area Committee level questioning validity of project as already identified an obligation to provide access to calling emergency services where poor mobile network coverage exists, which applies in our case. **Action- LD to write indicating need of community to keep the telephone provision and requesting lighting is maintained.**

**Any Other Business:**

- a. Pilot Study into Community Services. Action-SE to complete.
- b. NM raised issue of forth coming meeting 14.12.09. Community Planning Partnership Meeting where voluntary and public sector bodies are being encouraged to work together on a Strategic Level .There will be the opportunity for 3 Community Councillors to represent all of the Community Councils on this. There is no date as yet for the next Community Engagement Meeting. Cllr MacDonald added that there is a possible date of mid January for an update meeting regarding Planning. **Action NM, AM and JM to attend CPP meeting.**

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 8pm.

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

**DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 at the Village Hall.

**Present:** Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chairman, Matthew Anderson (MA), Lindsay Davies (LD), Sarah Edwards (SE), John McLean (JMCL), Antoinette Mitchell (AM).

Also in attendance were Cllr Donald MacDonald, Cllr Neil MacKay, Cllr Elaine Robertson and 39 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Colin Clark.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2009 were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed- SE, Seconded- AM.

**3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- a) **Speed Limit in Kilmelford** – Review ongoing. Action- carry forward to next meeting.
- b) **Bus Shelter in Kilmelford** - Plan is for seat to be put in tomorrow and shelter to be repaired by the end of February. Action- review at next meeting.
- c) **Roads** – CC has received email notification from Graeme Brown that all potholes and damage from recent severe weather to be fixed in due course. No specific issues raised.



#### **4. Core Paths Presentation:**

Douglas Grierson, Access Officer with Argyll and Bute Council delivered a presentation on The Core Paths Scheme that is undergoing a Consultation Process at present following the introduction of the Land Reform Act. This Consultation will be completed in July of this year so individuals and communities are still able to make representation if they feel a particular area could benefit from a Core Path or signage put in place to direct users to an existing pathway. Within the Kilninver and Kilmelford area there are 3 Core paths identified – 1) Kilmelford village over to Loch Avich. 2) Loch Avich over to Loch Scammadale and 3) Kilmelford village to Achnasaul.

This scheme can put signage up or create new paths with funding from e.g. Scottish Natural Heritage, Paths for all and some match funding through the council. It is envisaged that the individual communities will seek the funding through various initiatives to create the paths they want. Core paths hope to eventually produce a user guide to where the paths are and for what users they are suitable i.e. walkers, cyclists, horse riders, disabled users etc. and this is a resource that can be useful for individuals, visitors or community groups. The Core Paths documents and CD rom is held by the Community Council for reference. NM thanked Mr Grierson for his informative presentation.

**5. Land around the Village Hall:** On 21.01,10 NM and AM met with Richard Kerr and Fergus Murray in Kilmory to discuss the future of this project. The project has been refused because the Community Benefits are not seen to be great enough to approve the development. Now the new Local Development Plan has begun and nothing regarding this development will now happen until 2012 and we have had confirmation that no more than 5 houses will ever be approved. According to the Planning department the solution would be for the land to be gifted, without the plans for the games pitch, and with a lump sum of between £50 and £100 thousand. AM and NM have approached John Tilly, who stated he would not rule it out as a solution but wished it to be discussed at the Community Council meeting and to gain community opinion at this meeting.

We, as a community, would be required to identify the land for the new Local development plan in paper by 31.03.10. It was asked if previous stipulations such as John Tilly getting a percentage of profit should the community decide to sell the land in the future still apply. Robin Grey confirmed there is a written agreement in place that would stand no matter how the development proceeded, which included this issue.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands in favour of proceeding. This showed approximately 50% and the decision was made to carry on with the negotiations.

AM brought everyone's attention to the questionnaires distributed around the hall re the Local Development Plan and encouraged everyone to complete. It was asked if the issue of the land around the hall warranted more time than available at tonight's meeting. AM added this was not a new issue and it was opinion regarding continuing with what has been a lengthy and much discussed issue already.

Cllr MacKay added it was important to consider all areas in Kilninver and Kilmelford by 31.03.10 and if it was not highlighted at this stage it could jeopardise future planning issues.

**6. Proposed Wind Farm at Raera:** Attending for this part of the meeting were representatives from NPower and associates as detailed.

Karen Fox- Developer.

Jennifer Gascoigne- Developer.

Katy Woodington- Community Benefits Officer.

Gary Parker- Community Consultation Consultant.

Gareth Mills- Planning Officer.

The application for the proposed wind farm is now in and the period for opinions to be lodged with the Council closes in 2 days time.

From the telephone call survey (detailed below in Planning Applications) made a compilation of questions had been presented to NPower and they had produced a handout detailing the questions and answers. Copies of this handout were distributed at the meeting with a copy being held with the Community Council for reference. Questions leading on from the discussion that followed the exploring of this handout and new questions were dealt with by the NPower team and also led on to lengthy discussion within the room. The main areas of concern were –

1. The application for the turbines is the application that has been lodged but this does not include the proposed jetty that will be required in Loch Melfort for the turbines to be transported to or the power lines that will be required to remove the generated electricity from the turbines. It was felt that it is difficult to consider the development when not all the information is present regarding all 3 facets because they will be proposed as 3 separate planning applications. Regarding the proposed jetty Karen Fox pointed out that this is the subject of a Scoping Exercise happening at present so there is information within the public domain about this. Appendices to the application also detail alternative proposed routes to Taynuilt (likely point for introduction to the grid) on wooden poles carrying overhead lines.
2. Effects on Health.
3. Traffic and transportation.
4. Height of turbines and visual impact. It would appear that the proposed height is higher than those in the pictorial montages.
5. Effects on local tourist industry.
6. Felling of some ancient woodland and quantity commercial forestry removal.
7. Noise levels during construction period.
8. Community Benefits.

Karen Fox, on the issue of height of turbines suggested that if individuals care to supply her with the name or location of a wind farm they are familiar with she will ascertain the heights of those turbines for comparative purposes. She also left with the Community Council a copy of the Seil Community's Question and Answer handout.

Also issued was a leaflet re Community Benefits Packages. NPower broadly state they work along with Argyll and Bute Councils Policy of £2,000 per megawatt installation on an annual basis for the duration of the wind farm.

## **7. Planning Applications:**

1. Proposed wind farm at Raera Forest comprising 15 turbines of height 125m.

The Community Council, as decided at the last Community Council meeting, have conducted a straw poll of the community. It was intended to obtain an up to date copy of the Electoral Register to do this, however, as a Community Council we are only entitled to a copy of the unabridged Electoral Register for election of Community Councillors. For our purpose we could only purchase the edited version that many people opt out of which would have been inaccurate for our task. It was decided to use the Kilninford Phone Directory as this was deemed to be the most accurate representation of our community. People were contacted by telephone, with messages left where possible and recalls done where no answer gained. It was acknowledged that this was not a standardised or all encompassing survey as only 55% of the community had been able to be made contact with by the 5 members of the Community Council completing the survey. The intention was to try and gauge the general feeling of the community at large for the Community Council to see if there was a strong feeling for or against this proposed development. Of the 168 people whose opinion was gained the following results were obtained (the electorate as of 01.04.09 was 305)

For = 63

Against = 74

Don't know = 31

Lengthy discussion ensued as to how best use this information accepting its limitations. Of those present in the hall the majority opinion was against the proposal, with 19 people stating they had not been contacted and of those 1 was for and 18 against the proposal. Again, discussion ensued as to how best to utilise this information in a valid way.

It was decided that AM would write to the Planning Department listing the areas of concern regarding the development as discussed in the previous part of the meeting.

Cllr MacDonald added it was useful to strenuously comment on the 3 elements of the development as separate planning applications causing difficulty in considering the overall proposal.

Cllr MacKay clarified that should more than 20 individual objections be received then an automatic public consultation process would begin. He added that, the exception of himself, due to Planning Committee obligations, the Local Councillors can be petitioned and asked for support and advice on planning issues.

Cllr Robertson commented she felt the Community Council had endeavoured to consult with the community and encouraged the community as individuals to write with their concerns.

2. Application for erection of dwelling house at Lagganbeg, Scammadale. Concerns raised by neighbouring properties regarding the operational basis of this building on an historical basis (permission granted in the past for houses on operational need then changed in subsequent application) and on the basis of proximity to other dwellings. Also, on basis of very large footprint of proposed farmhouse. Concern also raised re application for the barns as there exist barns on this farm land already with permission granted in previous application to knock down and redevelop with 3 houses. Action – AM to write to Planning Department supporting concerns.
3. MA raised a concern on behalf of Isobel Smith regarding an already approved application for the Microbrewery at Cuilfail Hotel. Now added to this development is a gate across the access which Mrs Smith shares with the hotel but will impede her own and services access to her property. It is unclear as to whether this is a planning or roads issues or indeed anything that the Community Council can assist with. Action- NM to discuss with the Planning Department and feedback to Mrs. Smith.

AM made reference to the subject of the Local Development Plan consultation as discussed in item 5. She encouraged everyone to consider local facilities and potential future developments and to complete the questionnaire as circulated.

### **Correspondence:**

LD brought to everyone's attention the correspondence laid out on the table and highlighted the following correspondence received by mail and email

1. Notification of New Land use Planning Consultation Meeting
2. Notification of Community Planning Seminar 12.01.10.
3. Notification of training available for Community Councillors.
4. Notification of by-election for unfilled Community Council seats, same displayed in community but no nominations received for KKCC.
5. Request from Public Catalogue Foundation for notification re works of art owned by CC. LD to respond in the negative.
6. Notification re Severe Weather payment. All those eligible will be paid automatically.
7. Notification of prolonged absence of Ian MacIntyre, Team Lead Planning Officer and cover arrangements in place.
8. Health Issues in the Community Course- notices displayed on notice boards.
9. Notification of consultation regarding provision of respite care in area.
10. Notification of consultation regarding forest and woodland.

11. Letter from local resident regarding his personal opinion on several matters raised in last CC meeting. This included comment regarding statutory requirements of CC. For clarification the CC is required to advertise their meetings 10 days ahead of the meeting occurring. This is done by posting a copy of the Agenda and draft minutes from the previous meeting on the CC notice boards in Kilninver and Kilmelford. The CC also chose to display the same on the Village hall notice board or door and also post and agenda on the large tree on the right on the road into Scammadale. Our approved minutes are lodged with the Council, sent to the web manager of the Kilninver, Kilmelford and Arduaine village website for inclusion, published in the Kilninford news and a hard, signed copy retained by the CC. KKCC does not own or participate in the running of the Kilninford News.

NM reported he has received LD resignation from post the position of secretary and Community Councillor. He offered his thanks to LD for her work as secretary over the previous 3 years. He asked those present to consider if any one would be able to assist in the role of Minute Secretary. This task does not require election to the Community Council.

**Any Other Business:**

None raised.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of April at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11pm.

**LETTER SENT TO THE PLANNING OFFICE BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
PROPOSED WIND FARM, RAERA FOREST**

Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council

c/o 'Barochreal'  
Kilninver, By Oban, Argyll PA34 4UT

February 10th. 2010

Application No. 09/01874/PP  
RAERA WIND FARM

Dear Ms. Knox,

As the Planning Officer for the Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council it is incumbent upon me to write on behalf of the community council to register the communities concerns/objections to the above application. I would like to thank you for extending that period of registration thus enabling me to present the views of the two village communities as fairly as possible.

In an attempt to alert everyone in our community and invite their comments, a flyer was put into the Kilninford Newsletter/Magazine before Christmas 09, (this is received freely by all households in the community), inviting people to contact their local councillors with their opinions as to the proposed erection of a wind farm in the Raera Forest. This met with a number of phone calls, but not a sufficient number to gain a good enough general feeling on which to base this letter. So those of the councillors who were able to took it upon themselves to contact members of the community either face to face or by phone. The result of

this poll was that 166 people were contacted, over half the community, of which 31 had no opinion either way, 63 were for the wind farm and 74 were against.

On the evening of the 9th. February at the bi-monthly community council meeting, 5 representatives of 'RWE npower' attended and answered questions put to them by the community. I enclose a copy of some of those questions and their answers on which a number of our concerns/objections are based. Apart from the 5 npower representatives, 6 community councillors and 3 Argyll and Bute Councillors, there were 41 members of the community in attendance. The vast majority of those in attendance certainly over 80% were against the project and wished me to register their collective objections. It would also appear that those supporting the Wind Farm are understandably and mostly those least affected by it. However, I think it would be fair to say that some of the objectors would not necessarily object to all wind farms but are objecting to this one for the reasons I will be giving below. In a similar way there are supporters of the project that have some real concerns about this wind farm as described in it's present application.

The concerns/objections listed below are not in order of importance but just some of the many questions that the community generally feel have not been addressed satisfactorily by npower as yet.

1. The majority of land in Argyll and Bute suitable for the erection of wind farms has already been allocated. It would now appear that the renewable companies are trying to encroach upon the constrained areas. Raera Forest is a constrained area and one of Panoramic Quality. Should permission for Raera be granted it then lessens objections to other constrained areas being developed not only for WF's but other projects, and has made a number of people question if anywhere is 'safe' from development? Guidelines for these areas were obviously put in place for good reason, it makes people nervous if they see 'major companies' being allowed to flout those guidelines.

2. Originally we were told by npower at their exhibition in August 2009, that they proposed to 'keyhole' the turbines in Raera Forest. The application now states that 720 hectares of forest is to be removed, as well as some ancient woodland. Even some of those strongly in favour of this project are alarmed by this prospect. Whereas we appreciate that this is a mature forest and possibly ready for felling, to be removing this amount of forest so quickly, in less than 18 months, with no intentions of replanting is unacceptable for countless reasons, better addressed by SEPA, The Forestry Commission and the RSPB. We acknowledge that the Forestry Commission also object to this application in it's present form. Forests have a very significant role when it comes to tackling climate change and we believe the Scottish Government's Forest strategy is to expand the woodland cover of Scotland from 17% to 25% over the 21st century. This felling of Raera without the routine re-planting does not address the Scottish Government's 'Policy on control of Woodland Removal' and the majority of us find this unacceptable.

3. Another Government Guideline which 'npower' seem happy to ignore is the Scottish Planning Policy PAN 45 which advises that all dwellings both multi-settlements and single dwellings should be outside a 2Km radius of the WF. This was suggested for a 20meggawatt wind farm. The proposed Raera WF is 45meggawatts which one would naturally suppose would increase this distance.

However, there are 8 dwellings, possible more well within the 2Km radius of 8 of the 15 turbines, one only 1.1Km away from 2 of the turbines, and a whole village and Primary School within 3Km radius. This 2Km radius has obviously been ignored. This was an issue hotly debated at the meeting on the 9th, as presumably this distance is considered necessary for health reasons. It is interesting to note that a number of European countries now are only considering erecting off shore WF's not onshore for health reasons. When npower was asked about the studies on Wind Farm Syndrome, and there is a lot of scientific and independent research being carried out by Universities both here at home and abroad, the answer we were given is that there was 'no real proof that wind farm's caused any health problems'. Surely it is not for the public to prove that WF's can adversely affect people's and animal's health, but for Wind Farm developers to prove that they don't. I know one cannot prove a negative but we need substantially more reassurances. So for those of us so close to these turbines health issues remains a very real concern.

4. At the exhibition in August 09. We were shown a number of photos of Wind Farms, but none of these showed any turbines of the height proposed at Raera Forest. At the time I personally asked that the community be given photos of 125m turbines, as many people find it difficult to imagine this size. This has

not been done. We are told that these 125m or 360ft. turbines would be the biggest in the UK and are among some of the biggest in Europe. Twice the height of those at Beinn Ghlas, which most of us are familiar with and 4 times the height of Lismore Lighthouse. This is a real issue for a number of the objectors who may find the project more acceptable if the turbines were only the height of those at Beinn Ghlas. This could then, maybe, negate some of the problems, certainly some of the visual ones.

5. Question 5 on the enclosed sheet refers to the often vague semantics of the application, which to one who has read all the statements appears to rely upon a lot of 'guesstimation'. When this was discussed at the meeting we were told that of course the representatives there had not written the document but that it was given over to 'experts' in the field of composing such 'tomes'. As none of these were naturally available for comment it again left most of the audience feeling unhappy about many issues.

6. Whereas most of those interested in the proposed WF appreciate that the problem of transmitting the electricity to Taynuilt has to be a separate application, nonetheless we find it difficult to separate the two as one is dependent upon the other. There are some people who would be more inclined to support the wind farm but object because of the thought of hundreds more poles and wires stretched across our glorious countryside, and particularly if the chosen route happens to be the iconic and as yet unspoilt Braes of Lorn.

Likewise while appreciating again that a separate application has to be made for the possible erection of a Pier at Loch Melfort, clearly a different site, again it is difficult to consider all the implications of the WF without considering this too.

This would change a Yacht Haven into a commercial port, as it would be permanent, and a lot of other people would find this unacceptable, even if they support the WF. Again I appreciate it is a separate application and should not be commented upon here, but you can understand the community's frustration and their even greater confusion on learning that separate applications will have to be made for the borrow pits?? Some people are inclined to feel that this is neither necessary and perhaps an 'unconventional' way of n'power trying to manipulate the outcome of the project in their favour, as well as presumably involving the community in the study of yet more applications with requests to register opinions. It makes one lose the will to live!

7. Another very heated debate has been the noise implications for which there is very little evidence that the general public can understand to assure them that they will not be affected. A number of people including myself have stood under turbines and had a conversation, but this has been a brief interlude during the day. At night, when most of our world in this area is silent the constant thrum of these enormous turbines has been likened to a Jumbo jet taking off at source, this based upon the decibels and tables produced by n'power themselves. Whereas this may be alarmist it remains evident that for this size turbine the non-technical/scientific amongst us have no real assurances that for those living within a few kilometres of them noise and subsonic noise won't be a real issue.

8. The sheer size of these turbines poses a very real concern for all the objectors and some of the supporters when they consider the visual implications upon this glorious county of Argyll. The A816 is a scenic route and a much used tourist route down to Kilmartin Glen, especially Glen Gallian and the Oude dam area where in the applicants own statement 8.88 of the Technical Report the turbines 'would cause a prominent change in the character and quality of the view.' For many of those living and visiting Argyll for the scenery this is unacceptable.

9. However, altruistic renewable companies would like to appear to be, they are businesses and into renewables to make money and to gain their government certificate which allows them to operate. Their prime concern is not the planet or CO2 emissions and the answer to Q8, in the light of other independent studies is vastly different.

The fact that none of the electricity produced would benefit the communities of K and K, that the WF affects, but is being sold on to England, does little to add to it's support. If the local community was to receive 'green' or 'free electricity from this project then doubtless it would have many more supporters. The so called 'monetary' enhancement that the communities could be offered will always fall far short of the enormous profits the developers and the landowners would receive from such a project, and a number of

locals object to the scarring of their landscape to provide England with electricity and to the lining of the pockets of non local investors.

As the Turbines are produced outside the UK and the Towers in England the local economy will receive very little boost from local employment and that only over the construction period. Many feel this will not compensate for the loss of income that could be felt from the possible decline in tourists. Little was said to re-assure us that the tourist industry won't be affected even if only marginally by the WF. Many supporters of WF's don't choose to holiday near or in site of them and this area is very dependent on Tourism. It is interesting to note that none of the Council's promotional videos that show the wonderful views of Argyll shows a wind farm!

10. As yet n'power cannot tell us whether they are extracting north or south. So which village will have the 44-52 HGV movements a day for the 18 month construction period and the noise and CO2 pollution accompanying those movements. Whatever they decide I think all the community both for and against this project have very, very real concerns as to how the A816 is ever going to cope with this additional traffic movement, clearly it won't. Although at the meeting they have said that they would make the Kilmelford Village Bridge suitable to take the width, weight and length of the enormous turbine lorries they are not prepared to do anything to the bridge at Oude dam. At the moment we fail to see how this can possibly be negotiated and apparently n'power are waiting for the council to re-locate this bridge, a project I believe has now been put off until 2013 for financial reasons? The whole torturous route of the A816 from Loch Feochan through to Kilmelford is a dangerous road at the best of times with all these additional HGV movements, the community is gravely concerned about the number of serious/ fatal accidents that could happen.

From the last 3 pages you can see that there are a number of 'real' concerns that the community of Kilninver and Kilmelford have about this proposed Wind Farm in Raera Forest. In general the feeling seems to be that there are still so many unanswered questions and uncertainties that as it stands at the moment the application should be rejected. However, if there is a public meeting at sometime a number of other questions may be raised and hopefully answered, as the above are just a few of the questions that I have been asked most often and that I feel are of predominant importance to our communities. Again I reiterate that there are a number of people who support the general idea of Wind Farms but not this one mainly because of the site, the size of the towers and their proximity to the community of Kilninver.

I thank you again for extending the period of time to allow us to register these concerns and objections with you and thank you for your patience in considering them.

I remain,  
Yours sincerely

Antoinette N.M. Mitchell, BA, ACP, TEFL.  
(Planning Officer for Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council)

## **ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Planning System has been subject to considerable changes recently in an effort to make the process more efficient and transparent. As a result the council must prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP). The LDP is an updated and combined version of the existing Structure Plan and Local Plan and will replace these two documents in due course.

The LDP will set out policies and proposals for the use and development of land and property in your local area. It will influence housing, shopping, business, industry, transport and the built and natural heritage, and will aim to guide future developments to the most appropriate locations. It will provide, we are told, clear guidance on what forms and scales of development will or will not be allowed and where they will be located. The decisions the council planners will make on Planning Applications will be made primarily in accordance with the LDP. In these challenging times, with increasing pressure on budgets and resources and

requirements for developments to be sustainable, the planners feel it is important to identify and focus on the main issues affecting development within Argyll and Bute when producing the LDP and not make changes for changes sake.

To this end the council wish to be seen as more 'user friendly' and want to involve communities in some of the decision making where practicable. They want communities, at this early stage of the process, to identify the main issues to be included in the Main Issues Report, which is one of the first stages in preparing the LDP. In particular the planners are keen to identify what has NOT worked previously. They would welcome your views on what could be improved upon in relation to the policies in the current Structure and Local Plan. They also want you to tell them how you see your community in 20 years time.

For sustainable and to minimize cost, the council would prefer to contact you by email where possible.

More details about the process and timescale for preparing the LDP are contained in the Development Plan Scheme. You can view it at:

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentpolicy/3270329/3270340>

They have produced a questionnaire which you can complete on line, which they are really urging people to do. I have included the on line address below as well as an address to contact for those of you not familiar with computers.

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentpolicy/3270329/3292083/3291852>

Sheila McKenzie, Development Policy, Development Services, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT (Tel: 01546 604312).

At our KKCC meeting on February 9th. I handed out a page from the questionnaire which I felt most relevant, for people to answer.

For instance what do you consider the top 5 issues in your area. One had to select from a tick list. I felt it was an easy but useful exercise.

I feel that the council are really doing their best to engage with communities and if we don't try to respond, then we will not be in such a favourable position to object if 'things' happen that we don't like. if we have informed them of local issues and had dialogue with them throughout a planning issue we are hopefully more likely to be happy about the outcome.

Antoinette Mitchell  
(Kilniver and Kilmelford Community Council Planning Officer)

## **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### EVENTS AND SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parent Forum meeting
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Music Festival in Oban
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closed
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	P6 and P7 to Choices for Life event in Glasgow
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Orienteering competition
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 at Oban High School for induction days
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	P4 – P7 science event “Up, up and away”
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Festival of the Sea parade
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	P5 – P7 outdoor trip
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 – P4 science event



Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August

School closed for in-service training  
School closes for the summer holidays  
School re-opens for the autumn term

As you will see from the article below, we have had a very busy term. We have participated in many locally run events and have taken the opportunity to further our learning through a wide range of activities.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> January the children hosted a very successful Tartan Tea. We'd like to thank everyone who helped us with practical hands on support and those who came along to celebrate with us.

Our Pre 5 children have enjoyed a 6 week block of soft play at Atlantis Leisure. This has given them the opportunity to let off steam and to engage in physical play in a larger environment.

A team of P7's participated in the annual Mathsfest at Oban High. We were chuffed to bits, that once again a Kilninver team tied for first place. Well done Ruaridh, Cameron and Catrina.

P4-P7 enjoyed a drama session entitled "The History of Numbers". This was led by Argyll & Bute's Cast team.

The children from P4 & P5 worked hard to win a place in the local area finals of the athletics competition. This is a fantastic achievement and individual children produced some really top notch performances. In particular Kelsey showed great promise in the long jump.

Our teaching staff has now been trained to access Glow – the Scottish Schools Digital Network. This will give us access to top quality resources to support teaching and learning.

As you will have seen from the Oban Times we recently visited Barcaldine Primary. In addition to playing on their playground equipment we took the opportunity to practise our orienteering skills for the local area competition in May. The younger children went foraging on the beach for stones to decorate and produce healthy snacks and smoothies to sustain us through the afternoon.

P1-P4 has been researching pets this session. Following a successful visit from the vet and an albino garter snake called Charlie, we joined the children of Oban Campus to watch "Mouse Tales" Puppet show. The children were inspired by this experience to use creatures they have made during role-playing in our very own pet shop.

Three scientists from SAMS came to deliver workshops based on the sea. This will help us when it comes to taking part in a wide range of local events that have been organised for the summer term to celebrate our lives beside the sea.

A highlight of recent weeks for P5-P7 has to have been participating in the Community Concert at the Corran Halls. Our ceilidh band did themselves proud as they opened the evening with a bold and melodic rendition of the march 'Sweet Maid of Glendaruel' and 'Margaret's Waltz'. They then joined with the Bach Orchestra to play a Scottish medley on recorder

We are well on our way to achieving our first Green Flag for our development work on Eco issues. P5-P7 attended the Sustrans day and a group of dads have volunteered to build us some raised beds to grow this year's vegetables in.

Many thanks to all who have helped us to gather "leaves" for the Generation Green" scheme operated by British Gas. We have already managed to access a wide range of resources including strawberry planters, water butts, ant houses, bug suckers and pedometers.

As this busy term draws to a close we're all looking forward to this year's Eggybition which will be held on Thursday followed by a well earned rest over Easter.

Berni McMillan

## ARTMAP ARGYLL

Artmap Argyll provides a unique opportunity, to visit and meet working artists, makers and designers in their, generally private, studio spaces or homes - the wellspring of their inspiration... in the midst of what is one of our most idyllic, beautiful and historic coastlines in the world.

You will find an extraordinary variety of contemporary and traditional art media on display in painting, sculpture (stone, glass, wood), glass engraving, printmaking (woodcut, intaglio, silkscreen), graphic arts, basketry, woodturning, weaving, mixed media and more...

The 2010 brochure and artists directory will serve as, both the official guide to this four day open studio event, and also as an ongoing resource for contact details throughout the year. Feel free to browse online in advance of your visit; the website will shortly be including this year's new members and any change of addresses.

Kilmelford artists include Pip Weaser, Basketry and Karen Liversedge, Glass. They will be holding their joint open weekend at Karen's new studio, The Old Smithy Studio, Ravenswood (formerly Seaview) on the Degnish Road.

Conceived by a number of working artists and makers in Argyll in 2007, Artmap Argyll has this year grown to encompass 35 participating artists and their venues. This has created a collaborative network to promote a broad variety of original artworks directly to the public, while raising artistic and cultural awareness of the rich and diverse arts activity in Argyll. Just follow the map to plan your own art trail journey. The red dot numbers next to the artist's names correspond to the dots on the map in the brochure, showing their respective venue locations. Look out for corresponding numbered red dot signs at roadsides with arrows pointing the direction you should take.

Please note, that while some of the artists participating will only be available on the open events days stated, many others would encourage the touring public to inquire individually as to visiting by appointment for private viewing, commissions, and/or art purchasing at mutually agreed times.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Kilmelford open studio weekend.....an opportunity to see, buy, commission work or just have a nosey! Open 13th – 16th August 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Karen Liversedge and Pip Weaser.  
[www.artmapargyll.com](http://www.artmapargyll.com)

## 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. 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 2010**

Tel: 0845 90 90 999

**Corran Hall, Oban**

Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

N.B. There are normally sessions in Oban in mid August but, due to accommodation problems at the height of the tourist season, there will almost certainly not be any in August this year. There will be a session in August in Lochgilphead.

**Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead**

Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

**BIRTHS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:-**

Sarah Milton on the birth of her son, Finlay Alexander, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March – all's well and Finlay is much loved and welcomed by all the family and friends.

James and Michelle MacIntyre of Scammadale on the birth of their fourth daughter, Emma Jessica, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009 – all happy and well.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:-**

Alice Campbell-Gibson who was married to Chris Crobbe on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 in Flagstaff, Arizona. The happy couple will return to Melfort in May for a Blessing of their marriage at Kilmelford Church.