

KILNINFORD NEWS

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*Wishing all our readers
a very Merry Christmas
and
Peace and Happiness
In 2013*

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Friday, 14th December – Christmas Coffee Morning and Nativity Play hosted by Kilninver Primary School from 10 – 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall.
Festive Fayre and Christmas Songs from the children. Admission: £2.50

Friday, 14th December - Abba 'Curryoke' Night at 7 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall in aid of the Craignish Church Restoration Appeal Group (CCRAG). Bring a curry dish and wear an Abba costume (optional). Entry £5, family £15.
Contact: Mary Smyth Tel: 01852 500568 (marysmyth@hotmail.com) for details.

Saturday, 15th and Sunday 16th December – Santa's Grotto from 12 noon – 4 p.m. at Arduaine Garden. £3 per child.
See advert.

Sunday, 16th December – Craignish Boat Club Christmas Tree Auction from 4 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.
Contact Kirsty Richardson (kirsty.ardfern@btinternet.com) for details.

Friday, 21st December - Solstice Walk meeting at Lady Glassary car park at 8 a.m. Join Dr Sharon Webb to explore some of Kilmartin Glen's prehistoric monuments. The walk is free, booking essential.
Tel: 01546 510278 E-mail: admin@kilmartin.org

Saturday, 29th December – Christmas/New Year Supper Dance at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall in aid of the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme. Bring a dish to share and your own drink. Dancing to the Archie McVicar Trio.
Tickets £20/£15 (students) from Ardfern Village Store or from Dawn Stewart Tel: 01852 500291

Monday 31st December - Hogmanay Party in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall. 9 p.m. until late. Music, dancing, games and raffle. A good family evening. Please bring your own drinks and snacks for your table. Adults £4.00, children under 12, £2.00

Tuesday, 8th January – Kilmelford & Kilninver Community Association AGM at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.
Contact: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

Friday, 11th January - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.
Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.
Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Friday, 11th January – Beetle Drive and Games Evening from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. 9 year olds upwards. 50p towards hire of hall.
The Games Evenings on 28th September and 9th November were fast and furious, speed making up for numbers. Do come along and keep up the numbers.
Contact: Sarah Edwards Tel: 01852 200555 and Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212

Monday, 14th January – Kilninford Association AGM venue and time to be confirmed.
Contact: Fiona Wyllie Tel: 01852 200227 Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212

Friday, 1st February - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.
Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.
Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Tuesday, 12th February – My Name is Rachel Corrie presented by Mull Theatre at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: cvhartsevents@gmail.com or online at www.wegottickets.com

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

Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Thursday, 7th March – John Peel’s Shed in Craignish Village Hall. TBC

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: cvhartsevents@gmail.com or online at www.wegottickets.com

Thursday, 14th March – The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: cvhartsevents@gmail.com or online at www.wegottickets.com

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

Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Monday, 8th April – Sunday, 14th April – Show Stoppers hosted by the Netherlorn Churches in Kilmelford Village Hall. A week of games and activities for the young of the linked parishes. See further information below.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 Jenny Moody Tel: 01852 200222 Rachel Ross Tel:

ART GROUP

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. All welcome. £2 per session.

Contact: Agnes McColl Tel: 01852 200365

COUNTRY DANCING

We've had some really good dancing this autumn, learnt some new dances and had a lot of laughs – thank you, Mike.

The end of season party will be on Thursday, 20th December. We'll then break for Christmas and start again on Thursday, 10th January.

All welcome. You can come and join us at any time but, if you're a beginner, try and make it in January.

Contact: Bob Fleck Tel: 01852 200258 E-mail: rfleck@btinternet.com

'CRAFTS and THINGS'

For anyone interested in embroidery, tapestry, sewing, knitting, crochet and other similar crafts, meetings are in the Kilmelford Village Hall every Wednesday morning from 10am -12noon. £2.00 per person for each session.

Contact Dorothy Carmichael Tel. 01852 200374 or Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151

MELFORT UKULELES

Weekly classes run from September to May on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall with a break over the festive period: last session will be on Wednesday, 12th December, starting again on Wednesday, 23rd January.

Anyone wishing to learn how to play the ukulele can join the band at any time of the year. The cost is £2 per evening (or £3 for a family - of any size!) and includes music/song sheets and refreshments.

A spare ukulele is often available for newcomers to discover just how easy the instrument is to play. Prior knowledge of how to read music is **not** necessary. However, a good singing voice is essential! Further information is available from the band leader, Peter Salmond on 01852 200 787
E-mail: petersalmond@btinternet.com

MONDAY TEA AND COFFEE CAKE BREAKS – CHERISH FUND (OBAN)

There will be no Monday coffee mornings in the Cuilfail Hotel in aid of the Cherish Fund (Oban) until approximately mid February. Look out for a poster in the Village Hall to find out when they will be starting again.

Contact: Jean Bowman Tel: 01852 200380 Caroline Gillanders Tel: 01852 200388

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

Kilmelford playgroup runs **every Wednesday from 2 – 3.30 p.m.** in Kilmelford Village Hall and costs £2 per child/£1 for babies. This includes a snack and juice and grownups get a cuppa too. There are plenty of toys for the children, not just small toys but Little Tike Cars, Scooters, Climbing Frames, Fancy Dress Costumes, Music, plenty of space to run around and we are trying to have different things to do such as crafts, baking etc maybe once a month.

Any contributions of arts/crafts materials/fancy dress costumes would be very welcome and if there is anybody who has a talent they feel the children might find interesting, then please feel free to contact me at Taniatwilliams@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01852 200574 or Laura Tel: 01852 200532.

We look forward to seeing some new faces soon!

MUSIC NIGHTS

All welcome. Come and join in and musicians, bring along your instruments.

Loch Melfort Hotel (Tel: 01852 200233)

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month – from approximately 9.30 p.m.

The hotel will be closed from the 6th of January, 2013 until the 25th of January, 2013

Shower of Herring (Tel: 01852 200345)

Every Monday from approximately 8 p.m.

The restaurant will be closed from the 6th of January, 2013 until the 19th of January, 2013

KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM

A full programme of events can be found on www.kilmartin.org

Information and bookings: Tel: 01546 510278 E-mail: admin@kilmartin.org

CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

For regular events such as Coffee Mornings, “Keep Fit” and “Knit and Natter” please check their website www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk or their Facebook page.

Pre-show meals available – see www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk for details.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: cvhartsevents@gmail.com or buy online at www.wegotickets.com

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, 2nd December

Kilmelford Church

4 p.m. - Xplorers meet to make Christingles and prepare for the Nativity Service

5 p.m. - First Advent Service

Sunday, 9th December

Kilmelford Church

12 noon - Second Advent Service

Wednesday, 12th December

Kilninner Church

6 p.m. - Advent Communion

Sunday, 16th December

Kilninner Church

12 noon - Third Advent Service and Gift Sunday.

Anybody wishing to bring a gift for distribution by the Social Work Department in Oban should please mark it for either a boy or a girl and the age for which the gift is suitable.

Sunday, 16th December

Craignish Church

6 p.m. - Carols by Candlelight

Friday, 21st December

Kilmelford Church

7 p.m. - Community Carol Singing.

A chance to choose to sing old favourites and enjoy some poetry, prose and stories. All ages welcome.

Sunday, 23rd December

Kilmelford Church

12 noon - A Family Nativity Service.

The Xplorers group have been making the figures for the Nativity scene during their last two sessions.

All ages are welcome to come and help set the figures in place and take part in the unfolding of the Christmas story.

Monday, 24th December

Craignish Church

6 p.m. - Early Watchnight Service

Monday, 24th December

Kilninner Church

11.30 p.m. - Late Watchnight Service

Tuesday, 25th December

Kilmelford Church

11 a.m. - Christmas Service

Sunday, 30th December

Kilninner Church at 12 noon

SERVICES IN 2013

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilninner Parish Church and Kilmelford Parish Church. Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.15 a.m.

	Kilmelford	Kilninner
January	6 th , 20 th	13 th , 27 th
February	3 rd , 17 th	10 th (Elder lead service), 24 th
March	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st (+ 8 a.m. Communion)	10 th , 24 th
April	14 th , 28 th	7 th , 21 st
May	12 th , 26 th	5 th , 19 th

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

CHRISTMAS AT A TIME OF RECESSION

Somehow to have “Christmas” and “recession” in the same sentence sounds incongruous. Do we not think of Christmas as a time for generosity, abundance, even extravagance? Recession, on the other hand, makes us think of tightening the belt and cutting back.

Nonetheless, whether we like it or not, we are heading towards Christmas with many families feeling the effects of the economic recession through which we are travelling. Does this mean that Christmas will be disappointing? Possibly it will if we think of it only in terms of material goods and conspicuous consumption.

For many of us, however, Christmas is a time when we remember that there is more to life than the material. It is a season which awakens our spiritual dimension. Then it need not be disappointing.

But it might well stand some of our usual expectation on their head. When Mary the mother of Jesus was contemplating the first Christmas she reflected that God “has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate” and that “he has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty.” (Luke 1:52-53)

The apostle Paul also saw Christmas as being an amazing surprise: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)

We are not the first people to experience economic adversity. The prophet Habbakuk lived through tough times in the 7th century BC. Faith took him through them: “Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.” (Habbakuk 3;17-18) What is to stop us from doing the same?

With best wishes for a very happy Christmas,

Kenneth Ross
Parish Minister

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Ann and Jeremy Clarkson on the birth of their son, Luke, on the 6th of September, 2012.

DEATHS

It's with great sadness that I include the following tributes to Colin Tindal and Margaret Anfield, both of whom contributed so much to our communities.

MARGARET ANFIELD

North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme

Margaret Anfield was the Car Scheme co-ordinator for 8 years, and her recent death brought great sadness to the passengers, volunteers and committee. We all treasure memories of her courtesy, good humour, patience, love of people, and the warmth of her smile. Her commitment and hard work carried through the development and consolidation of the Scheme, leaving an invaluable legacy of goodwill.

While Margaret was off sick the committee covered her work, but now we're happy to say that Caroline Gillanders, a long standing volunteer in Kilmelford, has agreed to manage all aspects of the day to day journey bookings, on a temporary basis, until we are able to determine how best to fill Margaret's shoes.

Caroline can be contacted on 01852 200388. Calls should be made between 9 and 10am Monday to Friday, and if you leave a message Caroline will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you would like to register as a new passenger, or as a new volunteer driver, please contact Christine Wills on 01852 300523.

Christine Wills

COLIN TINDAL

Colin Tindal, hotelier and sailing enthusiast, died on his 70th birthday in Nairn, Invernessshire.

Colin was born in Stirlingshire and during the 1950s his family holidays were taken at Crinan which instilled a lifelong love of the West Coast of Scotland. Having decided to go into the hotel industry and while looking for a location between Oban and Lochgilphead, he stumbled upon Arduaine House which was to become the Loch Melfort Hotel. On one of his many trips to oversee the development of the hotel, he stopped off at the Cairnbaan hotel for lunch and was served by Jane, who made such an impression, they married several months later and this was the beginning of a hugely successful partnership in establishing and running the hotel for 22 years and in family life.

Colin was a very keen yachtsman, who welcomed passing sailors to pick up a mooring and join the festivities of the Chart Room bar. Over the years he also owned several McGruer wooden yachts which he enjoyed sailing, with staff and guests, around the West Coast at every available opportunity. Colin and Jane became close friends with numerous employees, recruited from all over the world, several of whom met and married while working at Loch Melfort.

Colin was a member of the Royal Highland Yacht Club, acting as Commodore from 1983-85 and then as a long serving trustee of the Club. He was also a Justice of the Peace in Argyll for many years and the session clerk at Kilmelford & Kilninver Parish.

After the Loch Melfort Hotel, Colin and Jane moved to Clachan Seil, while they also established Number 20, a small delicatessen in Oban. Their next move was to Tiroran House on the Isle of Mull which they ran as a Country House hotel for 7 years.

From Tiroran, Colin and Jane semi-retired to Crinan where Colin enjoyed watching the boats passing through the canal and working in the Boatyard Chandlery, enabling him to swap sailing stories with the customers. He helped establish the Crinan Classic Regatta, acting as Race Officer each year.

In September 2011, Colin and Jane moved to Nairn to live with their daughter, Jennifer, son-in-law, Neil, and four granddaughters. He fought his illness with courage and never lost his positive outlook and ability to show keen interest in those around him.

Neil Watson

THE XPLORERS

The September Xplorers was one of the busiest sessions with eighteen children enjoying crafts and activities linked to Harvest Thanksgiving. Wee pots of flowers, a fishing boat and net collage and a Palestinian house with a grape vine climbing up the balcony were created before a rock bun and harvest tea break.

The October session's theme was the wise man building his house on rock and the actions of the Prayz Time song were very much enjoyed.

November's session started the making of the nativity figures, sturdy shepherds and bright angels will hopefully be joined by kings, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus as we continue on December 2nd.

Our traditional Christingle making will be in production on 2nd December, the first Sunday of Advent. Ken and the leaders hope very much that those involved in the Xplorers and our supporters from the village will join us for the Family Nativity Service on Sunday, 23rd December at 12 noon.

Many thanks to the Ukulele players who accompany our Prayz Time, allowing us to try and keep time with our home made percussion. Merry music and singing is enjoyed by all.

Georgina Dalton

PARISH LUNCH 5th October, 2012

The record number of people turning out to support the parish lunch and all the generous donations of soups, rolls, the fillings, raffle prizes, baking, produce, plants, crafts and bottles for the bottle stall helped to raise the tremendous sum of £1,510.

The beautiful "guess the weight" cake was won by four very pleased winners and the search for the Teddy's birth date and treasure on the island all added to the fun and entertainment. The playgroup playdough table kept the youngest very busy and content. Future cake bakers?

Ken, our minister, and members of the Kirk Session are very grateful for everyone's generous support and for coming along to the hall to make such a happy day.

With many thanks to everyone.

Georgina Dalton

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN THE HALL

In an endeavour to appeal to all tastes and all age groups the Hall Committee provided something a little different on the Sunday before the Christmas Fayre. The evening of Sunday the 18th of November saw the Lesser Hall filled with the strains of Christmas Music as Carmen, Catherine Nardiello, an international pianist, entertained a select group of villagers to her Christmas concert.

This was part of her UK and Swiss tour. She had been in Moffat on the Saturday and was off to Somerset on the Monday. It was a pleasant relaxed affair with tea, coffee and delicious cakes being served in the interval, provided by some of the hall committee. This was purely a community event, not a fund raiser, and one hoped that a few more could have joined us to enjoy Catherine's piano repertoire.

I know she would like to return in 2013, perhaps around Easter time. If anyone would be interested please let one of the committee know as it would not be worth her while if the turnout was to be too small.

Antoinette Mitchell

SHOWSTOPPERS!

Get ready to lift the curtain on the greatest show on earth!
Something for everyone, from the most experienced actor to the most stage-shy
– come and join us at Showstoppers, a holiday club for Easter 2013.
Storytelling, games, crafts and activities for pre-school to teens.
An opportunity to make new friends
while getting to know more about Jesus and his love for us.
Organised by the Netherlorn churches
working with the young people of Hilton Church, Inverness.
More details to follow!

With the kind consent of the Village Hall Committee the Netherlorn Churches have booked the Kilmelford Hall from the night of 7th April to the afternoon of 14th April, 2013 so that they can host a week of games and activities for the young of the linked parishes.

The squash court will still be available for hire and the Sewing and Art mornings are welcome to use the small hall for their Wednesday and Thursday sessions.

The event will be on a similar format as the Fun Day held on Seil in August this year at which several Kilmelford and Ardmaddy children very much enjoyed themselves.

Paul Beautyman, the Presbytery Youth Worker, and Jonathon Fraser from Hilton Church, Inverness will organise a programme which will be publicised with posters and leaflets early next year. Jonathon will be bringing his team of young people to help host “Show Stoppers” and the hall will be their base for the week.

Events will be held at Craignish, Seil and Luing as well as Kilmelford and help with transport will be arranged.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 Jenny Moody Tel: 01852 200222 Rachel Ross Tel: 01852 200235

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair	Toni Mitchell
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Committee member	Matthew Anderson
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	Ellen Coyle
	Lucy Files
	Christine Roberts
	Olga Salmond
Caretaker	Colin Gibson
Bookings	Kilmelford Village Stores

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 4th September and 13th November 2012. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at www.kilmelford.com.

Maintenance of the Village Hall

- Toni Mitchell has successfully managed to secure funding for the insulation of the cloakrooms from Awards for All. A cheque for £9000.00 has been received and paid into the village hall bank account. The work, as before, is to be carried out by AIS, and is expected to start in January. AIS will also fit a vanity unit under the existing washbasins in the ladies'. This is to support the basins and provide storage space.
- Quotes have been obtained for a replacement fire door. The price for a wooden fire door with push handles and hinges will be approximately £295, excluding the fitting. The door at the end of the corridor, which is badly warped will be replaced, with the one from the main hall being done when finances allow.
- The frayed edge of the carpet between the corridor and the main hall has been secured.

Fund Raising

- The Christmas Fayre, enthusiastically organised by Lucy Files, went very well and was enjoyed by all who attended. It successfully raised over £800. Thanks go to all who worked so hard on the day, and to all those who donated the generous raffle prizes and made soup.
- The Hogmanay Party will follow the same format as last year with Neil Goulding again starring as MC.
- The 100 Club is running smoothly, but more entries would be welcome. There are three prizes a month to be won. Contact Diane, 01852 200208

Thank you! James and Sally Inglis have generously donated a tea urn to the village hall. It will be well used!

AGM The Village Hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th January at 7.30 pm in the lesser hall. Everyone is welcome, especially anyone wishing to join the committee.

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE AT KILMELFORD VILLAGE STORES Tel 01852 200271

SPORTS

Squash:	£5.00 per hour all categories
Badminton:	£5.00 per hour all categories
Junior Football:	£5.00 per hour
Indoor Tennis:	£5.00 per hour

HIRE CHARGES

	LESSER HALL	MAIN HALL
Charity Fund Raisers	£2 per hour	£5 per hour
Social use other than charities	£4 per hour	£7 per hour
Commercial use	£8 per hour + £25*	£15 per hour + £25*

The £25.00 charge is for the Caretaker to set up the tables and chairs beforehand, and clear up afterwards. Above charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for light refreshments and drink preparation only. Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for preparation of hot food is **£10.00** per event

EVENTING DANCES & FUNCTIONS	5 p.m until 11 p.m (1 a.m for dances)
Charity	£65.00 per session Deposit £20.00
Private	£65.00 per session Deposit £20.00
Commercial	£90.00 per session Deposit £50.00

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

After use the Hall must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do this will lead to a further charge of £50.00

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

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

Tables £5.00 per day. Chairs £3.00 per day. Prices of cutlery and crockery on request.

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

HEATING CARDS FOR MAIN & LESSER HALLS - **£1.50 each**

HALL CARETAKER - Colin Gibson Tel: 01852 200 204 or 07825 987 696

VILLAGE HALL PROJECT 2012

Three years ago, when I started to search for funding for the insulation of the village hall, it became apparent that many funders required a business plan from the projects seeking funding. It was at this stage that Community Links Scotland (CLS) helped the KKCA at NO cost to community or Hall to write that business plan. Before the composition of the plan CLS sent out to a cross section of the community a very comprehensive survey, basically seeking the opinion of the community as to what they would like to see from their hall. There was a 30% response to this survey and among the responses were some constructive ones which the committee have done their best to take on board. A number of people commented on the unappealing look of the hall, and one youngster has since likened its grey appearance to a building in Soviet Russia. It was suggested that a general 'make over' may help, the Hall committee agreed. However at the time we were more concerned with making the interior warmer and more User friendly, as this appeared to be the community's priority.

In August 2011, Fergus and I attended the 2nd Village Hall's Summit where we met up with Stephen Singer, chief executive of CLS who suggested that if we still wanted to decorate the exterior of the hall, we should apply soon as it was likely that the Employability Team would be disbanded at the end of 2012. At the August Committee meeting 2011 all committee members concurred, the only concern noted in the Minutes was the cost of the paint. It was agreed that this should be seen as part of a maintenance programme and not just a cosmetic project. I applied immediately for the Employability Team to carry out this project and learnt in May of this year that we had been successful. It was only then that a few locals started to raise concerns as to the wisdom of painting the exterior of the hall. Among some of the misinformation was the idea that we were going to jet wash all the harling off, not just give it a power

wash clean. It was also thought that the exterior had a life time guarantee, in fact having looked through all the paper work no guarantee of any sort can be found. Naturally as these concerns were raised the committee at their May meeting discussed the project in full again and the majority were still of the opinion that as the exterior had never been touched and was getting very dirty, with mould and lichen growing in places and render beginning to fall off, that the project should go ahead. We appreciate a number of residents are concerned that once the exterior has been painted it will need re-painting. As with the exterior of any building maintenance has to be considered and generally we feel a painted surface will be easier to maintain and keep looking nice than the original surface has been. As a committee we don't feel there will be any excessive cost to the hall or the community in the future. As it is, this project once again has cost the community NOTHING. Funding was sought and obtained. All CLS has asked for is a contribution of £250.00 towards the paint and materials, this cost has also been covered by a generous donation from a Kilmelford resident who at this stage wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you for your generosity. Sadly a further incident, after work began, meant the team were pulled off the job for 3 weeks until this was resolved and the committee had further discussions at their July meeting and were still of the opinion that painting should go ahead.

Now that the project is complete we hope the community will feel the results were worth the hassle and inconvenience of being without the squash court for a few weeks. Paint and scaffolding had to be stored there. We only had the choice of white or magnolia paint and we felt the latter was sympathetic to the brown wood work which has also been re stained.

The Employability Team were not, as some people think, a group of ex-cons, this idea they find very offensive, as in fact they are a group of professional tradesmen at present unemployed. Among them were painters and decorators, joiners and builders. I found them delightful, helpful and as unobtrusive and considerate of the community and environment as they could possibly be. They undertook a number of little tasks not in their remit, like repairing render, woodwork and drain pipes, they strimmed the grass and cleaned the windows outside. The team power washed the building clean. Then they painted on a sealant before applying the topcoat. This sealant will of course prevent damp entering the building and make the application of future paint easier. Many people have already commented favourably on the new look. We appreciate we cannot please all the people all of the time but as a committee we strive to consider all opinions and then like all committees have to make a decision. The majority of us believe this to be the right one and hope that most of the community will enjoy with us how good we feel the outside of the hall now looks.

Antoinette Mitchell

ARGYLL AND BUTE "COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN"

At the October Community Council Meeting Nigel and Cllr. Elaine Robertson brought to the attention of the Kilninver and Kilmelford Community the existence of a new initiative by Argyll and Bute Council, that of the 'COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN'. This was created on the back of the last serious storm when many communities were without power for many days, some without water. The document produced outlines the various actions communities can take to safeguard against certain 'disasters' and also gives helpful suggestions as to how each of us can help within the community if a 'disaster/emergency' occurs. There was a meeting on the 13th of November at the Corran Halls, which as the only member of the community council available I attended on the communities' behalf. I gleaned a lot of useful information but it is apparent that rather like the Community Action Plan, it will need a group of willing people to set up a committee to co-ordinate the plan successfully. I feel as Kilmelford is by far the biggest community out of the five comprising Kilninver and Kilmelford parish, it should be someone from there?? In the meantime I have given the relevant emergency agencies my number to contact e.g. SEPA Floodline. Please therefore if I send/email information which you are already aware of or that doesn't concern you forgive me, I am only trying to help. I hope someone will come forward to take on this Co-ordinators position, possibly someone who already works in one of the emergency services. In the meantime I thought the following may be of use to you.

SP Energy Networks is responsible for the safe delivery of electricity to your home through the electricity network in Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and central and Southern Scotland. They are responsible for all of the overhead lines, underground cables and substations in these areas. If there is a power interruption they are the people to contact to get the power back on. Telephone: 0845 272 7999 ALIENERGY a registered charity is also prepared to give you confidential and impartial energy

efficiency advice. They are particularly willing to help anyone in fuel poverty. That is anyone spending more than 10% of their income on heating their home, which is a significant issue in Argyll or those who totally rely on electricity for all their heating. Telephone: 01631 565183.

For those of you needing travel information, for road closures or any sort of travel disruption please contact. Telephone: 01546 604040 or www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/winter-weather-ready

SEPA is as you know the floodline agency and will provide you with flood alert warnings. Anyone can ask to be on their flood alert list, it is simply a matter of filling in a very simple form. I have done this as the community council contact but urge you to do it for yourselves if you are in an area of particular risk. Their telephone number is: 0845 988 1188

There are a number of other organisations willing to help. 4x4 Land Rovers is a more recent one, a full list I am sure is available from the Argyll and Bute website.

I know many of you are better informed than I, and trust that not too many of you will feel this introductory article is 'patronising'. I am doing as a community councillor what Argyll and Bute has asked their community councils to do and hope that in the spirit of 'community' one of you will come forward to co-ordinate this plan.

Antoinette Mitchell

CHRISTMAS FAYRE on 25th November

The Christmas Fayre on Sunday 25th November was a great success, making front page news in the Oban Times no less! Despite the lure of the Oban Winter Festival on the same day, the hall was buzzing with folk and over £900 was made towards Hall and Kilninver School funds.

A big thank-you to committee members, Bernie and the school mums and all those who helped on the day, gave donations or contributed to stalls and events. A particular vote of thanks is due to Lucy Files and Olga Salmond who put in a lot of work in planning the event, and to Matthew Anderson and his team of Elspeth Campbell, Matt and Cornelia in the kitchen. The support provided by the Melfort Club was also much appreciated, as were the wonderful soups provided by the Loch Melfort Hotel, The Cuilfail Hotel and The Shower of Herring.

Fergus Gillanders

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 14th August 2012 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chair; Antoinette Mitchell (AM) Planning Officer; Lucy Files (LF); Jane Rentoul Acting Secretary; Sarah Edwards (SE); John MacLean (JM); Stuart Cannon (SC)

Also in attendance were Councillors Elaine Robertson (ER Cllr. ABC); Louise Glen-Lee (LG-L Cllr. ABC); Iain Angus MacDonald (IAM Cllr. ABC); Charles Reppke (Head of Governance and Law, ABC) and 24 members of the public.

Not Present: Colin Clark and Piet Hammick

1. Apologies: Matthew Anderson (MA)

2. Minutes of Meeting on 12th June 2012: All present were given the opportunity to read through the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th June 2012.

3. Declaration of Interest :

Sarah Edwards declared an interest in the PDA application at Kilmelford Yacht Haven.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12th June 2012

John Christlieb questioned why he was not allowed to speak. NM replied that he had subsequently removed a previous ban and had apologised to John Christlieb for the ban still being in place. JC then asked that the Minutes (of the meeting held on 12th June) be amended to include that he had been banned from speaking. NM confirmed that it would be done.

Ewan Kennedy read out an email dated 11th August which he had sent to KKCC councillors and which he afterwards handed to the acting Secretary. He asked that the Minutes be altered on the website and 2) he understands the Minutes are a corporate entity, not personal.

Chris Liversedge requested that the Minutes be amended re Declaration of Interest and read out his proposed amendment - which he later handed to the acting Secretary - before asking NM for a definition of Declaration of Interest. NM then outlined precisely what a declaration of interest was and whom it affected. NM confirmed his explanation of said D of I with Charles Reppke who introduced himself to the meeting and agreed that what NM had said was true.. He said that, speaking generally, he acknowledged that office-bearers on community councils are volunteers. In terms of processing and preparing minutes etc. it is to obtain a sense of the meeting and it cannot be asserted that it will be 100% correct. Decisions should be recorded, not quoted. The Chair should rule on matters of competence. If it is not possible to come to a conclusion the meeting should adjourn. Argyll and Bute Council would not change previous Minutes: they would update them. He went on to say that People remember different parts of a meeting; small nuances come forward. Minutes should accurately reflect what took place, as far as possible. Points should be considered and then Community Councillors decide what goes into the Minutes.

Peter Stott asked that the Minutes be withdrawn and re-written and stated his case, laying out his recollection of the last meeting where a vote had been taken which was a major point but it was not recorded in the Minutes. Discussion then ensued between Peter Stott, NM and Charles Reppke regarding what should take place. NM stated that it was for the CC to decide whether a vote should be taken not members from the floor and it was therefore regarded as an incompetent motion and not recorded. The chair decided that he would withdraw the Minutes and amend as there was now no secretary.

LF spoke in detail of the difficulty of taking minutes when there are contentious issues, saying she was careful to record accurately and feels she has been unfairly accused of bias and that is why she felt she could no longer carry on as secretary for the CC.

Ewen Kennedy said he was happy to allow the Community Council to put things right.

Building land on the Glebe - Georgina Dalton reported that the area had been tidied up and she had written a thank you note to Macleods.

Ardmaddy Fish Farm

SEPA has issued a report which is possibly on the website. There is a 21 day period for representation. NM asked SC to have a look at report. SC explained procedure in such an application which involves issue of licences and is therefore a long way off being finalised.

Clachan Wind Farm

Roads department have requested an impact assessment. The Application will not be heard at an August meeting - will possibly be September one.

Kilmelford Speed Limit

John Christlieb expressed concern regarding narrow road at Cuilfail bridge and said that warning signs were needed. Sue Johnston, Jenny Moody, Chris Liversedge and LG-L agreed, the latter due to attend a Liaison meeting on the 16th where she will raise the matter. In September the proposed 30 mph speed limit will be advertised in the press. John Christlieb made a forceful request that traffic lights be installed immediately.

PDA Sites within KKCC

NM asked the Community Councillors to comment:

Kames - removal of PDA. The Planners latest recommendation was approved.

Kilmelford Yacht Haven - Concerns were raised about the number of properties.

Land around Village Hall - NM explained that after last meeting of the Community Council he had withdrawn the PDA on behalf of KKCC. SC, LF, NM, AM and JM agreed that the land should now go

through as a PDA. There were no comments from the rest of the committee. LG-L explained the land could possibly be used for a school. The funds were there but not for use in the immediate future. John Christlieb read out a prepared statement outlining his opposition to the development of the field and a printed copy was handed to the acting Secretary. Christine Roberts said people should be glad to welcome new development. Jenny Moody had reservations about the working of a possible play area and the finance to develop it, saying that situations are fluid and perhaps it is not feasible. NM summed up by confirming that the land around the Hall is no longer anything to do with the Community Council. On a separate issue NM stated that the forest at the back of Kames would not be going through the PDA system.

Accusations made against the Community Council

NM outlined the background to the Community Action Plan discussion which had taken place at the last meeting of KKCC and the controversial content of part of the Minutes of that meeting. NM had asked LG-L to organise a meeting with Ewen Kennedy and himself to attempt to resolve the situation. To general agreement LG-L said that since Ewen Kennedy stated all was well we should move on. Discussion followed during which Ewen Kennedy stated that he had put in writing that the error contained in the CAP flier should be corrected. Charles Reppke stated that it should be minuted that Ewen Kennedy said that he had no intention of calling AM a liar and that KKCC should adjust the record to take account of Ewen Kennedy's statement. ER reiterated that a line should now be drawn under the matter.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

AM read out the most recent applications there were no objections.

SC told the meeting that there are two applications by Kames Fish Farm in the pipeline. One is to formalise sites in Kames Bay which have been in place for years - this is simply to comply with the regulators. The second is for a new site for halibut/salmon on the west side of Shuna which is at the scoping document stage. He will keep the community informed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

NM informed the meeting of the following:

Long term forestry plan for Barachuile - contact NM if anyone interested. Comments to be in by 23rd August.

Core Paths - plans finalised for Lochavich to Loch Feochan and the Bridge at Clachan. Any comments should go to Core Path people.

Cairn at Hall field, Kilmelford - Historic Scotland mapping at present and will come back to NM.

Wind Farm Musdale - at pre-application stage. Plenty of time to discuss this matter later.

Femto form from Vodaphone

Land around Hall, Kilmelford - Reiterated that since last meeting Community Council no longer officially involved. NM has sent email to that effect to John Tilly and to Fergus Murray and Adrian Jackson-Stark of Argyll and Bute Council.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Sue Johnston asked if the community was interested in looking into raising around £2000 to build a skiff to be used by the community. Seil Island had done this and raised the funds by selling 64 parts of the boat at £60 each. Ewen Kennedy said that he had been involved in the Seil Island project and that boats have been built at Islay, Ullapool and Lochgilphead, among other places. Discussion followed as to where it would be built (Kilmelford) and where it would be kept (Kilmelford boatyard - outside in the dinghy compound). It was thought to be an excellent community project in which all could be involved and the Community Councillors agreed it could be a good idea they needed to know far more details to which Sue Johnson said a letter would be distributed.

Georgina Dalton drew the meeting's attention to the lovely flower displays in the village for which Sheena Hammick was responsible. It was agreed that she should be thanked.

Various people spoke about the dreadful state of the verges in the village. The matter of the general untidiness at Lower Glebe was raised and ER undertook to take the matter up with West Highland Housing Association.

Colin Carmichael was commended for cutting the verges on Degnish Road. The meeting was informed that it was likely there would be a plan of verge cutting next year.

Georgina Dalton referred to the hill to be planted at the back of Kames Farm and was keen to see hardwood incorporated in any scheme. SC is monitoring the situation and will keep KKCC informed of any planting plan, which should come forward in 2013.

NM told the meeting that Lucy Files had resigned as Secretary and appealed for someone on the Community Council to take it on, or any other member of the community.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Kilniver and Kilmelford Community Council which will include the AGM will be held at Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 8 p.m. The Chair (NM) thanked all present for attending. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

KILNIVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chair; Antoinette Mitchell (AM) Planning Officer; Lucy Files (LF); John MacLean (JM); Stuart Cannon (SC); Jane Rentoul, Acting Secretary

In attendance: Councillors Elaine Robertson (ER Cllr. ABC); Duncan McIntyre (DMcI Cllr. ABC) and 14 members of the public

Not Present: Colin Clark; Piet Hammick; Sarah Edwards

Apologies: Matthew Anderson; Councillor Louise Glen-Lee; Councillor Iain Macdonald; Inspector Julie McLeish

1. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

2. Minutes of Meeting on 12th June 2012: Amended Daft Minutes of meeting held on 12th June 2012 were circulated and taken as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by SC and seconded by AM.

3. Minutes of Meeting on 14th August 2012: Draft Minutes of meeting held on 14th August 2012 were circulated and taken as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by LF and seconded by JM.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting:

a) **Clachan Wind Farm** - NM announced that a Hearing would be held in Corran Halls on 31st October, Argyll and Bute Council giving notice of this to those who have made representations.

b) **Fish Farm** - SC explained that the planning application had been lodged in June 2011 and the SEPA application in January 2012. It is not surprising that nothing has been determined yet as it is a complicated procedure. SEPA will carry out a rigorous risk assessment concerning various criteria covering water quality, crustaceans, dolphins, environment etc and this may well take a year or more. In addition there will be a visual survey, SNH will be involved and generally it is a very slow process. NM said that Richard Kerr, Senior Planning Officer, would let him know once the application is ready to go live.

c) **Speed Limit** - DMcI said that consultation ends 26th October. The village wishes extension of the speed limit and so people must write in to support this.

5. Planning Applications: AM read out current applications relating to the Kilninver and Kilmelford area. No comments were forthcoming.

6. Correspondence:

FEMTO - We have not been put on the list and will remain on shortlist.

Kilmelford - overgrown grass - ER had met with WHHA. Scottish Water will not part adopt land - this will only happen when the McLeod development is complete. WHHA have agreed to cut the next time the contractor is in the area.

Guide to Helping your Community - community councils are being asked to prepare emergency plans and carry out risk assessments etc in case of floods, fire and other emergencies. AM & LF volunteered to take this on. DMCI advised that the community could apply for funds as, for example, Kilmelford Village Hall could be used in case of power cuts, snow etc. The community should have an input into setting up a resilience fund in the case of a local emergency. ER said that after last winter the Scottish Government wished to go to the local community to have a plan in place. She told the meeting that there will be an Information Day (Drop In) on 13th November in the Corran Halls from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. where there will be representatives from the power and water companies and the Scottish Government to advise. Every community council has received an information pack and community councils are expected to go along. LF & NM volunteered to attend. The aim of the initiative is to make communities more resilient and to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies.

LF said that the Community Council had bought a printer for correspondence as she did not possess one, secretaries generally using their own machine and claiming expenses. She has now resigned as Secretary and wishes to buy the current printer at the price paid originally. MA and NM had agreed to this course of action at the meeting NM further agreed.

7. Any Other Competent Business:

Ian Tegner thanked the Community Councillors for their time, energy and commitment and expressed his gratitude, to applause from those present.

AM announced the good news that funds of over £9,000 would be forthcoming to insulate the loos and changing rooms in Kilmelford Village Hall - work to start January/February 2013.

Jane Rentoul wished it put on record that AM be commended for her efforts to obtain the funding which resulted in the recent painting of the exterior of the Kilmelford Village Hall.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held at Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 11th December at 8:00 p.m. NM cautioned that if there is no Secretary, there will be no meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Dates

School closes on 21st December and reopens on 7th January 2013

School closes on 12th February with in service on 13th/14th and pupils return on 19th February

School closes on 28th March and reopens on 15th April

School closes on 3rd May and reopens on 7th May

School closes on 28th June

School News

COMMUNITY NATIVITY ON FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER – This will be a community Nativity Play and will incorporate a coffee morning run by the parents. All welcome.

XMAS FAYRE – Thank you to all the people who came and supported our stall at the Xmas Fayre. We raised a total of £89.00 and the children had a great time at this event.

LOCAL AREA SWIMMING GALA – The children attended a swimming gala held at Atlantis Leisure. All the children had a great time and Calum Warnock received a silver medal for winning the 50mts backstroke.

TIME MACHINE – The children are enjoying their topic on time travel. We have had several members of the public in visiting who have travelled back in time to become characters from Scottish history including St Andrew, David Livingstone and Flora MacDonald.

XMAS HOLIDAYS – The school closes at 1pm on Friday 21st December 2012 and reopens on Monday 7th January 2013.

You can keep up to date with the children's learning online through our website www.kilninveryprimary.com

Berni McMillan

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ARDUAIN GARDEN

The National Trust for Scotland is still deliberating on how to carry out the requirements of the Forestry Commission with regard to the felling of the larches, some of which have been tested positive for Phytophthora Ramorum.

More news in the April issue.

POPPY SCOTLAND COLLECTION

On behalf of the British Legion I would like to thank you for taking part in the Poppy Scotland collection this year. The Easdale Branch of the British Legion collected a grand total of £1536.85.

The amount collected in the Kilninver and Kilmelford area was £502.67 and, in conjunction with Dorothy Bark, the Kilmelford tin collected £125.60.

Thank you for your help in achieving this splendid total.

David Stevenson

USEFUL INFORMATION

MELFORT CLUB FACILITIES – CLOSURES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Tuesday, 25th December – Office and Swimming Pool closed

Wednesday, 26th December – Office and Swimming Pool open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st January – Office and Swimming Pool closed

Wednesday, 2nd January – Office open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Swimming Pool open 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, 6th January, 2013 – the Club and facilities close for annual maintenance at 12.30 p.m.

Saturday, 19th January, 2013 – Office and Swimming Pool reopen at 9 a.m.

EASDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Normal working hours for phone calls are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01852 300223.

In case of emergency outside normal working hours, dial 999 for an ambulance.

For health advice, phone NHS 24 Tel: 0845 24 24 24.

The surgery will be closed as follows:-

Tuesday, 25th December, 2012

Wednesday, 26th December, 2012

Tuesday, 1st January, 2013

Wednesday, 2nd January, 2013

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE
BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2012

Tel: 0845 90 90 999 or 0141 357 7700

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 6th February, 2013

16.00 – 19.30

Thursday, 7th February, 2013

13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 27th February, 2013

14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Dates of future blood donation sessions are posted on www.scotblood.co.uk under “Where to Donate”

In order to meet hospital requirement for blood and blood products, 1,000 blood donors are needed every day in Scotland. Only 5% of the eligible population currently give blood. New and returning blood donors are urgently needed.

MOBILE BANKING SERVICE

The mobile bank operates five days a week all year round (except Christmas day and Bank Holidays) and visits the area every Wednesday as follows:-

Galley of Lorn car park, Ardfern	11.15 – 11.50
Craobh Haven Marina	12.05 – 12.35
Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford	14.10 – 14.15
Easdale	14.50 – 15.00
Balvicar	15.10 – 15.20

The Mobile Bank can accept pay-ins, cash withdrawals and payment of bills and has on-board customer phone facilities for contacting central areas for loans, mortgages, credit cards etc.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library is in the area on Tuesdays, every 4 weeks.

All times in the following timetable are approximate:

Kilmore Area	10.30 a.m	Tulloch Farm	2.00 p.m
Kilniver	11.30 a.m	Craobh Haven	3.00 p.m
Kilmelford	1.00 p.m		

Contact: The library in Oban (Tel: 01631 571444) or the driver, Gordon Tel: 0799 0773102

LOCAL WEBSITE www.kilmelford.com

A big thank you to Alex Tweedly who administers our local website and to others who upload information on a regular basis. Please e-mail editor@kilmelford.com if you have any articles, news etc. for the website and these will be posted on the website (subject to the suitability of the content) and forwarded to the Kilninford News team for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

LOCAL DIRECTORY

The Directory was up-dated in October and is on sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Post Office or by contacting one of the Editorial team. Many thanks to Iain Bark who helps Georgina with the Directory.

KILNINFORD NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM

Please send any adverts to Fiona Wyllie at mail@fionaw.co.uk – adverts should be in A4 format ready to be inserted in the newsletter without any need for alterations. If in doubt, please ask Fiona for advice. Short entries for Forthcoming Events and all other entries should be sent to Fiona

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Please hand in any adverts, letters, articles etc for the newsletter at the counter of Kilmelford Post Office. Alternatively, send them to the Editor, in plenty of time for the next issue. The team is very grateful to all those who kindly help with the printing and distribution of the newsletter.

ADVERTS

Advertising rates:-	Private ads	£1 each
	Commercial ads	£5 each per quarter page
		£10 per half page
		£20 per whole page

We owe some of our advertisers an apology for the poor quality of some of the images, for the loss of some text and for some of the adverts not being lined up correctly in the last couple of issues. These have been problems at the printing stage of the newsletter and NOT the fault of the advertisers – hopefully we have learnt from our mistakes and all will be well from now on.

HELP NEEDED

Unfortunately, Peta is unable to continue coordinating the advertising for the newsletter and we are looking for someone to take on this role. It really isn't a very onerous task and only involves a bit of time three times a year preparing for the December, April and September issues.

It's the role of the person dealing with the advertising to contact advertisers before each issue to check whether they want an advert and to obtain the advert from them. They then need to insert and arrange the layout of the finished adverts in the newsletter which will have been sent to them by the Editor when she has completed all the text for the newsletter. The person taking on this role therefore needs to have a degree of computer literacy but nothing too high powered. Help would be at hand during the handover phase.

We would love to hear from anyone who might be willing to volunteer.

Please phone: Fiona Tel: 01852 200227 or Georgina Tel: 01866 844212