

# KILNINFORD NEWS

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## KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### URGENT

The KKCC is still urgently seeking a secretary for the Community Council. Initially the secretary is not required to be a member of the Community Council, if they would prefer not to be.

It could also be a 'job share', one person to take minutes and produce them, and another person to undertake the work of the secretary.

Anyone willing to take on the position, please contact one of the present community council members.

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDAS AND MINUTES ARE ON [WWW.KILMELFORD.COM](http://WWW.KILMELFORD.COM)**

Agendas, Draft Minutes and Approved Minutes are posted on [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com) under Community Information, Community Council and then Page Navigation on the right to find which you are looking for. Draft Minutes and Agendas are normally posted a minimum of 10 days before the next meeting. This gives people time to read through Draft Minutes before attending meetings and in time to register any discrepancies before Minutes are approved.

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

**Games' Nights** – 9 year olds upwards. Dates to be arranged. Watch out for posters.

Contact: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212

**From now till 4<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz** to do at home in aid of Oban Hospice Funds. £1 entry sheets available at the Quaich in Kilmelford. £10 prize for the first correct entry opened. Finishes 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Contact: Tel: 01852 200271

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April – Annual Loch Melfort Beach Clean.** Meet at Kilmelford Village Hall car park at 10.30 a.m. Refuse sacks and grab handles will be provided. If you would prefer to clean a stretch of beach at another time, just let me know and it can be included in the total. Sponsorship is by the Grab Trust.

Contact: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</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. Delicious home baking and Bring and Buy bookstall.

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

Contact: Diane Scaife – Tel: 01852 200208

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May – Local Gardens Open** 12 noon till 5 p.m.

Kames Bay and Maolachy. See articles below.

Full information on [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – Friendship Lunch** from 12 noon till 2 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. This is a new monthly event organised by the Dochas Centre. Lunches are free but donations are welcomed. See below for further dates. There won't be a Friendship Lunch in August.

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May – Fundraiser for Pandalaba Orphans** organised by Craignish Primary School in Craignish Village Hall.

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friendship Lunch** from 12 noon till 2 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. This is a new monthly event organised by the Dochas Centre. Lunches are free but donations are welcomed.

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Contact: Diane Scaife –Tel: 01852 200208

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June – Cera Impala and the New Prohibition with support from Jillian Shearer.**

Music from 7.30 p.m. onwards. Licensed bar. Adults £9, Concessions £6.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or online at [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – Mike Maran – Platero. Travels with a Donkey** in Craignish Village Hall. Time to be confirmed. Adults £9, Concessions £6.

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**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June – Joint Service for the Netherlorn Parishes** at Arduaine Garden followed by entertainment, stalls and refreshments in the garden organised by the Arduaine Garden Support Group.

**Friday, 5<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. Delicious home baking and Bring and Buy bookstall.

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Contact: Diane Scaife – Tel: 01852 200208

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July – Friendship Lunch** from 12 noon till 2 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. This is a new monthly event organised by the Dochas Centre. Lunches are free but donations are welcomed.

### **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July – Local Gardens Open**

Maolachy and Melfort House Kitchen Garden. See articles below. [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

**Summer Music Evenings.** Hopefully these will again take place once a week throughout August in Kilmelford Church but Jim and Winnie are away at the time of going to press and this is still to be confirmed.

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</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. Delicious home baking and Bring and Buy bookstall.

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Contact: Diane Scaife – Tel: 01852 200208

### **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August - Craignish Arts Festival**

In addition to exhibitions in venues around the peninsula, there will be drama, music, workshops, sports, dancing, singing, guided walks, sailing, riding and Sunday Markets. The full programme will be posted on [www.craignishartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.craignishartsfestival.org.uk)

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August – Murder Mystery Play** presented by The Walking Theatre Company in Arduaine Garden for the Arduaine Garden Support Group. Time to be confirmed.

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August - Artmap Argyll Open Studios Weekend.** 44 Unique Artists, 40 Open Studios, 7 Venues and 12 Artistic Disciplines. See article below.

Full information on: [www.artmapargyll.com](http://www.artmapargyll.com)

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August – Easdale Branch, Royal British Legion Scotland Annual Sale** from 12 noon till 3.30 p.m. in Seil Island Village Hall.

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August – Long Live the Little Knife** in Craignish Village Hall. Time to be confirmed. Adults £9, Concessions £6.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or online at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

**TEA AND COFFEE CAKE BREAKS – EVERY MONDAY** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon at the Cuilfail Hotel in aid of the Cherish Fund (Oban)

Contact: Jean Bowman Tel: 01852 200380

### **MUSIC NIGHTS at Loch Melfort Hotel and the Shower of Herring**

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

**Loch Melfort Hotel - Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** – from approximately 9.30 p.m.

**Shower of Herring - Every Monday** from approximately 8 p.m.

### **REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

#### ART GROUP

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. All welcome. £1.50 per session.

Contact: Agnes McColl Tel: 01852 200365

#### COUNTRY DANCING

As ever, very many thanks to Mike and also to those who have stood in for him during his absences.

The end of session party will be on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and we will start again in October, date to be announced in the September newsletter.

#### ‘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: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151 or Olga Salmond Tel: 01852 200787

## MELFORT UKULELES

Classes are held every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. £3 per adult, couples £4, under 18 year olds free when accompanied by a parent.

New members always welcome.

Classes stop: 29<sup>th</sup> May

Classes resume: 4<sup>th</sup> September

Contact: Peter Salmond Tel: 01852 200787

**PLAYGROUP** - Every Wednesday (including school holidays) mothers and pre-school children meet from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

The playgroup is a friendly place for mothers and toddlers to get together and costs £2 per child. This includes a snack and juice and grownups get a cuppa too.

Contacts: [Taniatwilliams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Taniatwilliams@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel 01852 200574 or Laura on 01852 200532.

## POWER HULA CLASSES

Fridays from 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. £4 a session.

Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

## **CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL**

For regular events such as Coffee Mornings, “Keep Fit” and “Knit and Natter” please check their website [www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk) or their Facebook page.

## **CRAIGNISH BOAT CLUB**

All activities this year are at the old boat club site on the Lagoon in Loch Craignish

Cadets Monday evenings from 29<sup>th</sup> April between 6 and 8 p.m. There are now only spaces remaining for secondary age children who can already sail.

Contact: Carol Graham Tel: 01852 500347

Kayaking sessions to be confirmed

Contact: Alex Pollock Tel: 01852 500563

Racing for adults

Contact: Guy Neville Tel: 01852 500369

Membership Fees

Family £63

Individual £42

Junior/Cadets £32

N.B. For insurance purposes, you/your child must be a member of Craignish Boat club to be able to take part in a watersports session.

Contact Membership Secretary: Janet Corlett E-mail: [janet.corlett@gmail.com](mailto:janet.corlett@gmail.com)

## **KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM**

Full programme can be found on [www.kilmartin.org](http://www.kilmartin.org)

Information and bookings: Tel: 01546 510278 E-mail: [admin@kilmartin.org](mailto:admin@kilmartin.org)

## **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES**

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
April	28 <sup>th</sup> United Parish Service	21 <sup>st</sup>
May	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>
June	9 <sup>th</sup> (Communion), 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> *	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>
July	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
August	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>
September **	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> **	8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>

\* Craignish United Parish Service

\*\* Kilbrandon United Parish Service

Times and venues will be posted locally and on the website [www.netherlornchurches.org.uk](http://www.netherlornchurches.org.uk)

### **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

### **COMFORT THE DISTURBED AND DISTURB THE COMFORTABLE**

Spring brings us to the high point of the Christian year with the celebration of Easter. This year the weather patterns have kept us on our toes but our Easter celebrations have been memorable – from the quiet but moving early Easter morning communion service in Kilmelford Church through to the Xplorers less quietly rolling their painted hard-boiled eggs down the hill in the manse garden through to the week of “Showstopper” holiday club activities with a visiting team from Inverness.

Stopping to think of what Easter is all about I find that it is geared to have a double effect – to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable.

If our images of Easter involve dreamy thoughts of a green hill far away it might be a shock to the system to think of its disturbing aspect. Yet when we stop to think of what was involved in the crucifixion there would be something wrong if we were not disturbed.

If we are completely comfortable with the world the way it is, Easter makes it clear that God isn't. For God has taken costly action to disturb the status quo.

Yet strangely enough, it is the action of Easter which also brings comfort like nothing else can. Reflecting on all that Africans have suffered Gabriel Setiloane has this verse in one of his poems:

*And yet for us it is when He is on the cross,  
This Jesus of Nazareth, with holed hands  
and open side, like a beast at a sacrifice:  
When he is stripped naked like us,  
Browned and sweating water and blood in the heat of the sun,  
Yet silent,  
That we cannot resist Him.*

As Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote from his Nazi prison cell: “only the suffering God can help”.

Life is complicated and I guess that many of us are a bit of both – comfortable and disturbed. We have our comfort zones which might need to be disturbed for the sake of justice and life. And, truth be told, we have our sore and bruised bits which cry out for healing and hope. Either way the events of Easter can transform our lives – Christ is risen!

Wishing you happy and fulfilling days in the Spring and summer.

Kenneth Ross  
Parish Minister

## **BIRTHS**

Congratulations to:

Ruth and Ian Gartwell of Scammadale on the safe arrival of Caiden Lewis, a brother for Isaac.

Colin MacFadyen and Jo Ackerley on the birth of their daughter, Abbie, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April weighing in at 6lbs. 1oz. All well.

**DEATH** – Margaret Kennedy 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1951 – 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

It's with great sadness that I type the announcement that Margaret (Mags) gave up her long struggle, so bravely borne, on Mothering Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Her family meant the world to her and our thoughts are with them and with her friends who miss her gentle warmth and caring nature.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2013**

Although cold weather obviously deterred some, nevertheless there was a reasonable attendance at Kilmelford Church for the above event on 1st March. This year the Leader was Rhona Thomson from Craignish and the theme was: "I was a Stranger and you welcomed me."

Although Christians in France wrote the service, we too can easily relate to this theme and have some understanding of the difficulties faced by immigrants and other strangers to a new country. Also, by means of what we read and hear on the media, it is obvious that citizens of the host country are often found wanting.

In role play, examples of the difficult experiences of immigrant women were revealed, and responses to them contrasted with instructions in the Bible on how Christians should behave. We are asked to examine our own consciences in this regard.

The offering of £111.10 has been sent off to the WDP Committee for distribution to their usual charities.

Thanks are also due to the hospitality shown in Ken and Hester's home after the service, when the blue, white and red cake (the French colours), made by Isabel, soon disappeared from the scene!

All those who took part, in whatever role, are sincerely thanked but now we must look forward to next year when the writing country is to be **Egypt**. (It occurs to me that we may well be able to make use of the Bedouin tent and Shepherd models made by the Explorers Group for the Christmas services last year!)

We would dearly like some more assistance next year and anyone who would like to take a hand in the (not very demanding) organization please get in touch with Margaret Cross at 01852 200588.

## **SHOWSTOPPERS**

A big heartfelt thank you to everyone in Kilmelford and Kilninver who generously gave financial contributions, baking, soup, snack biscuits, etc., craft materials and most of all their time, which all blended together to make "Showstoppers" a success.

It was a true West Coast welcome to Jonathan and his young group from Hilton Church, Inverness. Thank you too to the Hall Committee, Colin Gibson and the other groups hiring the Hall who willingly made space and shared the kitchen.

The "Showstoppers" were very appreciative of the delicious meals prepared for them, ("never thought we would be so well fed" was one comment) and the welcome that they received from everyone in the home team helping to organise events in our Hall on Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday and Friday afternoons it was especially good to see the groups in the afternoon, Pre-school, and Primary 1-7; all ages working together, sharing projects and helping in the craft time.

The week's programme focussed on the idea of a theatre performance, hence the title, "Showstoppers".  
 Monday – Craignish, God is a powerful Producer.  
 Tuesday – Luing, the story of David and Goliath; God is a clever Costume Designer.  
 Wednesday – Kilmelford, Daniel; God is a dazzling Director.  
 Thursday – Seil, The birth of Jesus; God is an amazing actor  
 Friday – Kilmelford, Jesus' death ; God is an amazing award winner  
 Games, challenges, Bible readings and the day's teaching followed from a short play shown on a DVD.  
 The craft sessions followed and were related to the day's story.

The teenage evenings gave some local young an opportunity to express their thoughts and tested the skills of the East-coasters in a rapid, competitive Beetle Drive. The big Tenga blocks reached a record 25 bricks high before collapsing with a loud clatter.

Throughout this week there was a happy atmosphere of friendship, fun, fellowship and laughter brought together with God's grace and community spirit.

Georgina Dalton

### **KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER XPLORERS GROUP**

The Xplorers group recommenced their activities on February 4<sup>th</sup> returning to the journey of the Kings to Bethlehem mentioned in the Nativity Service just before Christmas. As we considered the significance of their gifts to Jesus we also considered how we could express care and love for others. The solution was that the group produced 3 beautifully decorated boxes suitable for the Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal.

In March "Fairness/Unfairness" was the topic under investigation and this was illustrated using the story of Zaccheus and references were made to Fairtrade fortnight. Our snacks were made using as many Fairtrade products as possible. The young people enjoyed making models of Zaccheus, the wee man, climbing the tree to see Jesus.

The Sunday after Easter saw us considering the breaking down of barriers which tied in with the ideas considered in Feb and March. The Young people made models of the tomb Jesus was buried in, Herod's Temple in Jerusalem with the barrier between God and his people ripped from top to bottom. Eggs were painted and, as it was a glorious afternoon, they were rolled with great enthusiasm down the grassy bank in the Manse garden.

Thanks go to our many helpers, those who bake and brew the tea and especially The Melfort Ukulele Band who so loyally accompany us each month. We look forward to seeing young and not so young in Church the first Sunday of May and June and at our summer picnic at the beginning of July; details of which will be circulated nearer the time.

The Easter Club which took place under the auspices of the Netherlorn Churches was enjoyed by many children and a report is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

Jenny Moody

### **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	01852 200204
Bookings	Kilmelford Village Stores	01852 200271

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 8<sup>th</sup> January & 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com).

### **Maintenance of the Village Hall**

- a) The insulation and redecoration of the ladies', gents' and disabled cloakrooms has now been completed by AIS. The grant of £9,000 from Awards for All has covered the cost of this. The only money, an amount of £500, to come out of Hall funds was the cost of the cupboards which have been fitted under the washbasins, the boxing in of water pipes, and a repair of a section of the roof which had been the cause of a damp patch on the ceiling of the gents' cloakroom.
- b) A new fire door has been fitted at the end of the corridor to replace the old one which was warped and allowing the ingress of water.

### **Fund Raising**

- a) The Quiz and Curry Night held in March has established itself as an unmissable event and was very well attended as usual. Thanks go Christine Roberts as chief organiser, Toni Mitchell who compiled the Quiz and to all those who produced the excellent selection of curries and other dishes on offer, and to everyone else who helped on the night. It raised over £700.
- b) The annual Loch Melfort beach clean will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, starting from the Village Hall carpark at 10.30 am. Sponsorship is by the Grab Trust and is based on miles of shoreline cleared of rubbish anywhere between Degnish and Arduaine. If you would prefer to clean a section of beach in your own time, this can be included in the total, just let me know which stretch you will be working on. (Diane Scaife 01852 200208).
- c) A two day Music Festival is being planned by Christine Roberts at the Village Hall for late summer/autumn. Look out for details nearer the time. This is likely to be a very popular and well attended event.
- d) The 100 Club is running along smoothly, but could do with a few more members as the numbers are sliding below 90 just now. If you have not renewed your membership yet or wish to join as a new member, please contact Diane. The Hall requires this steady income for paying the ongoing bills!

### **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**

	<b>LESSER HALL</b>	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
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



EVENING 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

#### NEW LOOK LOOS

First my apologies to all regular hall users for the inconvenience, no pun intended, caused by the toilets and changing rooms in the village hall being out of action during the month of February. I do believe there was always at least one toilet available. I hope that now the refurbishment has been completed that you will think it worthwhile?

Once again Danny Sumison from Alternative Insulation Solutions has done us proud. The toilets, showers and changing rooms have been insulated and redecorated making them warmer and aesthetically more pleasing and we trust user friendly.

This project was due to another grant obtained from 'Awards for All Scotland', part of the big lottery Fund and covered the £9,000+ cost of this refurbishment. We did as the project progressed ask if Danny could build a vanity unit in the Ladies, to support the wash hand basins, always tending to come away from the wall, secondly giving us useful storage space and of course finishing the look of the area beautifully. This he happily did and also boxed in the basin pipe work in both the gents and disabled toilets. This did have to come out of hall funds as it was an afterthought but considerably cheaper doing it with the other work than getting it done as a later project. The committee feel it was worth the extra cost as were the new curtains etc in the shower cubicles.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March's coffee morning brought very variable comments from 'users' in fact it was so warm in the ladies we had to turn the heating off!!!!!! A first I think.

This should be the last of the insulation projects for the hall and put us in a variable position to pass the 'test' for the erection of solar panels, on the wonderful south facing roof. We have secured quotes for 40 panels which should cover our electricity costs, by far the halls biggest annual expenditure. However, we have run into one rather major problem. When seeking funding I was told if I obtained a grant from somewhere like 'Awards for All' or 'Community Energy Scotland', used before, as they were publicly funded we could not then benefit from the feed in tariff!! We have to secure funds from private organisations. If anyone has any bright ideas as to such organisations please let a hall committee member know. Thanks!

Antoinette Mitchell

## **KILMELFORD COASTAL ROWING**

JANUARY – Snow covers the mountain tops. The ground is hard. Dozens of birds are being fed in the garden, but when the sun makes the days longer and the sea sparkles across the loch, Loch Melfort is the ideal place to row a St Ayles skiff.

I quote from an article in the Guardian, Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 “it has to be hand built from plywood and larch and comes in a flat pack. Ever since it was designed for the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Fife in 2009 the small boat, crew of 4 plus a cox, has been snapped up by coastal villages and towns across Scotland.” This seems ideal for a community project in Kilmelford where many people have close ties to the sea in some way.

The basic kit costs £1340 and about £5000 is needed to put the vessel in the water, complete with trailer, cover and extra larch for the stern, keel, seats and rudder. The Scottish Coastal Rowing Association was formed in May 2010 and supports the enterprise. Building and rowing such a boat involves and unites people of both genders, all ages, skills and levels of experience all over coastal areas of Scotland.

Already we have sold 26 shares in the boat and have had considerable response from local people who would like to help build and row such a boat. We thank every one of these enthusiasts and would be grateful for more support. We have been given a space to build the skiff by the generosity of David McColl at the Kilmelford Boat Yard. He has the thanks of everyone involved. A kit has been ordered and, by the time this is in print, construction should have begun.

We would like to thank everyone who has already supported this community project in its early stages and still welcome anyone who feels they can help this worthwhile community project.

Finally we shall be making applications for grant assistance where these are appropriate. If you have a facebook page look for the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund supporting warm hearted people and projects and please give us your support.

### **Foot Note**

APRIL - Since January remarkable progress has been made on the skiff by a group of dedicated volunteers. Most of the planks are on the mold and the keel has been constructed. A fund raising soup and sandwich lunch in February made £502.00 and we are grateful to all the people who supported the event. In June, date not yet decided, there will be a musical evening with buffet supper in the Cuilfail Hotel. We hope this will prove popular. We continue to need funds because a trailer for the boat will be expensive and a cover will be needed. Only one share remains unsold but donations will always be accepted with gratitude.

Contacts: Sue Johnson Tel: 01852 200364 and Christine Roberts Tel: 01852 200542

## **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.

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

Conceived by a number of working artists and makers in Argyll in 2007, Artmap Argyll artists have 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.

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.

You can find more information on the group website: [www.artmapargyll.com](http://www.artmapargyll.com)

**KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

KILNINVER and KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup>. At 8pm. Kilmelford Village Hall

PRESENT: Nigel Mitchell (NM) (Chair) Matthew Anderson (MA) (Treasurer) Lucy Files (LF)  
Antoinette Mitchell (AM)

Cllr Elaine Robertson Cllr Duncan McIntyre.

APOLOGIES: Stuart Cannon Colin Clark John MacLean  
Cllr Louise Glen-Lee Cllr Ian MacDonald

1. DECLARATIONS of INTEREST. There were none.
2. MINUTES of MEETING of 9<sup>th</sup>.OCTOBER 2012 were approved as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by LF and seconded by MA
3. AGM MINUTES of 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER were agreed. Proposed by LF and seconded by AM
4. MATTERS ARISING from the last MEETING.
  - a) Clachan Wind Farm As of the 11<sup>th</sup>. February 2013 the Scottish Government have received no appeal. The 30<sup>th</sup>. of January 2013 at midnight was the cut off date.  
The chair has recently received an email letter from one of the adjacent landowners to the site declaring he is not interested in negotiating with Mr Rory Young regarding access across his land.
  - b) Speed Limits. The marking out of the new proposed speed limit signs 30mph have already begun in Kilmelford Village, and they should be in place by the end of February. The road narrow signs at the bridge are already in place. STAGE 2, the extension of the 30mph limit has still to go through the consultation period. This was confirmed by Cllr Duncan McIntyre.
  - c) Community Emergency Plan. AM reminded the community of the CEP she had spoken about at the October Meeting and confirmed that she had attended the meeting held at the Corran Halls on Nov.13<sup>th</sup>. 2012. Mr Terry Haggerty from Argyll Voluntary Action was introduced and he spoke at some length on the subject. He stressed that the idea of a community led Emergency Action Plan was a Scottish Government initiative and they appeared to have chosen Argyll and Bute as the council to take the lead as their population was fairly evenly divided between rural and urban communities. He intimated that the islands appeared to be better prepared than mainlanders. AM pointed out that in this parish it was difficult as there were 5 separate communities. Mr Haggerty suggested that there should be different groups to make plans for each area and to regard it as a community building exercise. He went on to say he was there to give advice and help. There were funds that could be applied for to help with emergency items e.g. torches, gas fires, etc. the form applying for these items had to be completed by the end of the week. MA agreed to apply.
  - d) Ardmaddy Fish Farm. A and B Planners have now confirmed that this application is live again as SEPA have completed their deliberations and given their approval and granted Marine Pen Fish Farming their Licence. NA advised that previous letters to the planners of support or objection would still be considered. Should anyone else wish to write they could do so, but that the council could only consider planning concerns, for example those of light and noise pollution, size of barge, panoramic quality etc. A Discussion raised a number of further concerns to those of pollution namely the fact that Fish farms were self-regulatory and that SEPA did not have the resources to monitor. NM would contact Ian MacKinnon Environmental Health to see if a watch could be put on the fish farm. A further letter will be sent by the KKCC regarding the communities' additional concerns.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The chair NM has received a letter from Stuart Cannon concerning his KAMES fish farm. Kames had a SEPA application in last week's Oban Times this is a Technical variation to Kames current licence, which marine Scotland had requested that they obtain. This was to enable them to treat any trout that they hold prior to harvest, with any medicines that the fish may need during that period. He went on to say that KAMES had been holding fish there for many years without EVER having to treat or medicate fish. However, they had to comply with regulations and have things in place.

Land around the hall. The Planners have confirmed that this site is zoned as a new PDA and is for Community Facility development. The Public consultation period has now started and finishes on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Representations must be made before then. There is a public drop in event being held in Oban on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Feb 2013 between 3pm and 8pm in the Corran Halls, which is open to all and is an opportunity for the public to talk to planning officers about the LDP. All relevant documents are available for viewing on the council web site, Oban Library and council offices, Oban.

Erection of private dwelling house and formation of access. Land at Melfort Home farm Kilmelford. Pending consideration. Ref: No: 13/00007/PP

Local Review requested for.....removal of condition number 5 of planning permission 01/94/0409 restricting occupancy. Harbour Master Melfort Pier and Harbour Kilmelford. Ref: No: 12/01624/PP and site for the erection of a dwelling house and installation of a septic tank land NW of Arduaine farm. Ref: No: 12/00361/PP

Exploratory drilling of up to 30 sites over a period of 3 years for mineral deposit identification. Lagalochan Forest Kilmelford ref. No. 12/02675/PP

Concerns were raised by Mrs Dalton, on this last application, as to the roads suffering from large vehicles, the road to be traversed was only a C class road. A discussion was held and it was agreed that the KKCC should write to Roads flagging up the concerns. AM agreed to write.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. HEALTH CARE Points were raised concerning health care issues. The chair admitted that he had been approached about a number of things. People not being seen, and not on time, Staff leaving etc. Cllr. Elaine Robertson stressed that if people were concerned they must contact their care managers. She also said a paper was being brought to the attention of A and B council. A list of people who receive care was being compiled for community councils.

### 2. HISTORIC SCOTLAND

NM has received information from Historic Scotland stating that they wish to re-schedule the site of the cairn at the back of the hall.

### 3. SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

NA has been approached by Dajit Singh from the Scottish Community Foundation and has met with him concerning the benefits to KK that could arise from the already permitted Carrick Gael Wind farm. Kilninver and Kilmelford are one of a number of neighbouring communities who are entitled to a percentage of the WF's income. NM has agreed to join a community panel with other community councils to set up a charitable trust. Once the WF comes on line then the Scottish Community Foundation would work with the KKCC rep to set up KK Charitable Trust enabling us to receive our possible benefits.

### 4. BUDGETS.

Nigel has received information concerning the new budget proposals as per the SNP led administration paper for this Thursday.

The roads Operation budget to be reduced by £510,000 (7.1%) and the loss of 21 FTE jobs (15.3%)

The Street scene budget to be reduced by £400,000 (8.1%) and the loss of 14 FTE jobs

A and B are holding a meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to discuss the budget and its implications.

## 7. A.O.B.

It was asked if Mcleods could be asked to deal with the overgrowing vegetation and trees at the Degnish Road end of the Glebe. Cllr Duncan McIntyre agreed to approach them.

A discussion ensued concerning the trees obstructing the visibility at the bridge at the north end of the village and the possibility of obstruction to new signs. NM suggested that we should wait to see what clearing was done when the new signs were erected and deal with everything at one time.

It was commented that the new road narrows signs were too small. Most people agreed that they had missed them. A lorry has already hit one.

Meeting Finished at 9.42pm.

DATE of NEXT MEETING Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

## **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### School Dates

Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closes
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School re-opens
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August	School re-opens
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed (in service day)
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	School re-opens
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes

### School News

#### Burns

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February the organizing committee for the local schools Burns event met for the second time to confirm their plans for the day. The representatives from Rockfield, Lochnell and Kilninver's Pupil Councils printed certificates and organized nametags and presentations and made arrangements to ensure that the day would run smoothly. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February over 200 children from the Lorne area came together to compete in a range of Burns competitions that had been organized by the Pupil Councils of Rockfield, Lochnell and Kilninver Primary schools and over 400 entries were received. The event was held in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls and the adjudicators came from the local Burns Club who had donated £500 towards the costs of the day.

#### Rural Schools

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March our P4 and P5 children were chuffed to bits to qualify for the Oban schools athletics competition. This is the first time we have made it into the final. Some of us jumped and threw further than we have ever managed before. With a bit of training, who knows, we might make the medals next year.

#### Heartstart Assembly

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of March we held our Easter assembly, we based it around the theme of helping your neighbor. The children demonstrated how to phone for an ambulance, put someone into the recovery position and do CPR if necessary. The parents followed the instructions the children gave them and asked lots of questions about the Heart Start programme.

#### Rag Bag

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March we emptied the Rag bin and have managed to raise £99. This is our highest total yet. We set our team of organisers the challenge of making the bags weigh as close to 5kg as possible. We weighed the bags to make sure that they were round about the same size. If they were very heavy we

shared their contents among the smaller bags. In the new term we are going to buy new playground toys with the money raised.

### Red Nose Day

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March children at Kilninver Primary raised £30 for Comic Relief. The Pupil Council organized a day of hilarious activities. We built houses for our dinosaur noses from K'nex, designed placemats and played a whole school game of pass the parcel to tell a joke. We had a lot of fun and know that the money raised will go to help a good cause.

### Kilninver Spring Fayre

The parents of Kilninver Primary organized a Spring Fayre on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. The coffee afternoon and table top sale was well attended by the local community. The children sold the Easter crafts they had made. The bookmarks turned out to be the best seller. The parents organized this year's Eggybition. The winners were Archie, Neve and Georgie. Well done to all who submitted entries.

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – the children will be taking part in the Music Festival at Corran Halls.

## 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

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS [WWW.SCOTLANDSGARDENS.ORG](http://WWW.SCOTLANDSGARDENS.ORG) Charity No: SCO11337

#### Gardens Open On a Specific Date

Stratholm, Clachan PA29 6XL	Sat 20 / Sun 21 April	10:00am - 5:00pm
Benmore Botanic Garden, Benmore, Dunoon PA23 8QU	Sunday 21 April	10:00am - 6:00pm
Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA	Sunday 21 April	10:00am - 5:00pm
Kames Bay, Kilmelford PA34 4XA	Sat 4/ Sun 5 May	12:00am - 5:00pm
Maolachy's Garden, Lochavich, PA35 1HJ	Sat 4 / Sun 5 May	12:00pm - 5:00pm
Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Sat 11/ Sun 12 May	1:00pm - 5:30pm
Arduaine, Oban PA34 4XQ	Sunday 12 May	9:30am - 6:00pm
Colintraive Gardens, Colintraive PA22 3AR	Sat 18/ Sun 19 May	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Drim na Vullin, Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8LE	Saturday 18 May	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Sat18 / Sun 19 May	1:00pm - 5:30pm
Drim na Vullin, Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8LE	Sunday 19 May	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Dal an Eas and Dalnaneun, Kilmore, Oban PA34 4XU	Sat 22 / Sun 23 June	1:30pm - 6:00pm
Seafield, 173 Marine Parade, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon PA23 8HJ	Sat 13 / Sun 14 July	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA	Sunday 21 July	10:00am - 5:00pm
Barochreal, Kilninver, Oban PA34 4UT	Sat 27 / Sun 28 July	12:00am - 5:00pm
Maolachy's Garden, Lochavich, by Taynuilt PA35 1HJ	Sat 27 / Sun 28 July	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Melfort House Kitchen Garden, Kilmelford, By Oban PA34 4XD	Sat 27 / Sun 28 July	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Ardchattan Priory, North Connel PA37 1RQ	Sunday 28 July	12:00am - 4:00pm

## Gardens Open Regularly

An Cala, Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil PA34 4RF	1 April - 31 October	10:00am - 6:00pm
Ardchattan Priory, North Connel PA37 1RQ	25 March - 31 October	9:30am - 5:30pm
Ardkinglas Woodland Garden, Cairndow PA26 8BH	Daily	Dawn - Dusk
Ardmaddy Castle, By Oban PA34 4QY	Daily	9:00am - Dusk
Barguilean's "Angus Garden", Taynuilt PA35 1HY	Daily	9:00am - Dusk
Benmore Botanic Garden, Benmore, Dunoon PA23 8QU	1 March - 31 October	10:00am - 6:00pm
Crinan Hotel Garden, Crinan PA31 8SR	1 May - 31 August	Dawn - Dusk
Druimneil House, Port Appin PA38 4DQ	29 March - 31 October	Dawn - Dusk
Fairwinds, 14 George Street, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon PA23 8JU	All summer	9:00am - 6:00pm
Inveraray Castle Gardens, Inveraray PA32 8XF	29 March - 31 October	10:00am - 5:45pm
Kinlochlaich House Gardens, Appin PA38 4BD	Daily	9:30am - 5:00pm
Oakbank, Ardrishaig PA30 8EP	1 May - 31 August	10:30am - 5:30pm
<b>Gardens Open By Arrangement</b>		
Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ	15 April - 15 June	T: 01546 886331

## ARDUAINE GARDEN UPDATE

I cannot tell a lie – I'm sitting in my office on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April listening to the roar of the wind in the trees, the lashing of rain on the window and the banging of the door. Spring must be here at last! I can rarely resist a quote – Dr Johnson in this case: "It is commonly observed, that when two Englishmen meet, their first talk is of the weather; they are in haste to tell each other what each must already know, that it is hot or cold, bright or cloudy, windy or calm." Well I think we can discard the 'two Englishmen' and say 'several British people' in this instance – as none of us can help ourselves when it comes to discussing the climate; this appalling weather goes on and on!

Winter didn't start off too badly – the usual windy, showery, sunny, dry, cold, overcast etc. After Christmas it continued much the same until February when the emphasis changed to dry and cold, and the lack of precipitation became very noticeable. Weeks of only gently sub-zero temperatures overnight did nothing to prevent our rhododendrons coming into flower before February was out, and by early March we had a wonderful display. The night of the 11<sup>th</sup> brought this all to a sudden end though, as -7.5°C overnight destroyed the lot, flowers and opening buds. This was the coldest night for some years! How frustrating to be a rhododendron!

It was certainly quite a novelty to see mud around the pond margins in March and April and to see the natural leafy mulch drying up and disappearing from the top of the hill and ending up in thick piles at the bottom! Quite amusing too to see *Primula denticulata*, the drumstick primula, flowering almost at ground level, presumably because of the lack of moisture to extend the stems. Never mind, every spring is different, and we carried on, clearing up the winter debris from the garden, particularly from the woodland, where even the lightest wind seems to bring down more twigs and branches from the larches. This long job was finally completed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the week before Easter, and we were all set for an influx of visitors along our carefully raked and leaf-free paths – until, that is, that very night when an easterly gale, from which direction we are really unprotected, brought down more debris from the trees than I have seen in 21 years! The following morning showed a scene of utter chaos, with two large trees and several others down. The paths were cleared again for Easter and the dangerous areas taped off – some of the damage has been cleared but the rest will have to wait!

We've had no further infections from *Phytophthora ramorum* for a while, and although we're not being complacent, we're hopeful that we might be over the worst. But who knows!

So when this weather decides to settle down and the sun returns, all those wonderful plants that delight our visitors will be there to enjoy – do come along!

Maurice Wilkins April 2013

## **BARROCHREAL GARDEN**

I have been prompted to write this article as on the weekend of July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 we have been asked to open our garden for the National Garden Scheme of Scotland. As this is a charity event we would love to see as many of you there as possible. For those of you really interested or not able to visit, may we urge you to go to our web site, [www. Barochreal.co.uk](http://www.Barochreal.co.uk) and on the garden page you will see a pictorial account of the before and after scenario of each section of the garden. There are so many beautiful gardens in this area, I feel sure many are asking why we should have been asked to open ours. The simple answer is it is a very young garden 7 years this year and many people we are told are interested to see what can be achieved when starting literally from scratch.

In the Spring of 2006 we, Nigel and I, started on clearing an area we wanted to be our garden. We filled a skip with metal alone! Nigel and Andrew Sandilands then erected the 700m of fencing and gates which would define the garden area from the rest of Barochreal land. We had to clear a lot of the area of scrub grass, builder's bonfires and debris and plant some trees for height. We only inherited a few, a Copper Beech, a Eucalyptus, an old crab apple, a minute Tulip tree and Medlar. While Nigel tackled the area in front of the barn planting fruit trees and ornamentals, I made a start on the bed in the front and the area to become the rock garden. During the summer Nigel started creating the tiered garden, 7 beds of different colours, not quite how it turned out. Severe winters and nature has had other ideas! The construction was completed by the end of August and filled with manure dug from Scammadale Farm midden, and then planted up. Towards the end of the year we turned our attention to 'The Fank' which was to become our formal Rose garden.

In March 2007 the new bell mouth entrance to Barochreal was constructed and at the same time Nigel and Andrew defined the drive edges with sarking and between us we shovelled and spread 52 tons of gravel on the drive area alone. No wonder bad backs are the order of the day! At the same time due to May sales we planted up the front bank with Rhododendrons and Azaleas. In June we added the water feature to the Rock garden and Andrew dug out the bed in front of the fank and I the one at the base of the back slope. We call this the Jenny and Terry Moody bed as they gave us most of the shrubs contained therein and a number on the back slope and back fence line. We finished the construction work on the Rose garden. At the end of the year the cedar barn doors went on and the conservatory was completed.

In March and April 2008 Nigel started working on the back walls and raised flower beds which stretch all along the back of the house. He had completed a stone walling course the previous Autumn at Kilmartin Glen Museum. The bank behind the house was constantly collapsing, and while rebuilding it properly these beds were also established. During this time we had to remove many Sitka Spruces which the previous owner had planted all over the slopes at the back!! Many trees and shrubs on the back boundary fence we re-planted in 2009 as we lost all our Leptospermums in 08 and my lovely Lupin tree in 09. When Nigel had finished the walling he hired a digger to create a space outside the conservatory to form a patio overlooking the burn. He then dug a small burn in the field to drain into the existing Allt Gleasan, the fields to the north outside the garden were very boggy. He also constructed the small pond, bridge and weir. He then cleared the area to the north side of the fank. This area and the area behind the fank was a mass of collapsed walls and rubbish. It had been used for holding and drip pens and the sheep dip, one could not walk over it. It is now the area of the Green house, raised seating area, raised vegetable beds and Japanese garden. In the Spring we had planted up the Rose garden, this has needed several re-plantings in some beds and we created a fernery on the north facing walled bed. In 2009 Nigel cleared the area where the Greenhouse now stands. This took a long time as the area had to be levelled and many walls re-built. Andrew, Nigel and Philip Coyle all helped to build the greenhouse. In the meantime I was working in the Rock garden. The two Philip Coyles senior and junior helped Nigel build the bridge across the burn from the patio. A very wet summer and poor Nigel's back hindered further progress that year. The new slate Arch was constructed to the entrance of the Rose garden. In 2010, the area behind and to the side of the greenhouse was completed, steps built and the rubble mound levelled off for the raised seating area. Raised vegetable beds at the back of the seating section were constructed. The sheep dip was buried but the drip pen was rebuilt to become a little Japanese garden. In June Nigel built the steps from the bridge up the other side of the bank to the 'wild garden', which in 2012 was to house the Bee Hives.



During these years Nigel had also been working on the fields and slopes, ridding the area of bracken and with the help of the flayer creating paths to make the rest of the land more accessible. Walks now up to the area of 'Burns Meet' and 'Castle Rock' and the waterfalls are a pleasant walk and not a struggle. This work will continue for many years to come. As bracken is cleared we discover banks of wild orchids and banks of sedum, many wonderful wild flowers and even springs we didn't know we had.

2011 was mainly spent in replacing a lot of plants we had lost in the severe winters of 2009/10. Clearing a lot of the wild garden of unwanted Sitka Spruce and re-painting the whole of the outside of the house seemed to take up most of this year. Remembering that during all these years we had also been doing some renovations inside the house as well, so we weren't slacking! In 2012 we took a rest from more construction and concentrated on trying to improve what we had, and Nigel's time was rather taken up with building beehives and learning how to look after them. His back had taken a real hammering. He did however create a wild flower area at the back by the track up the hill. Now in 2013 we are looking to change the area immediately in front of the conservatory to the south of the property, making the area around the ornamental cherry a flower bed with another set of steps down to the burn and trying to tier the very steep bank. This we hope to plant up with more plants that bees love as well as Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

With this work to house and garden, our work on the hall Committee and community council, we wondered where we got the idea that we came to Scotland to retire! A garden will always demand adding to and improving, so please drop in and watch the changes. We hope if you do that you will appreciate this is still a young garden in its infancy, suffering from 2 hard winters when hundreds of young plants and trees were lost. However, we would like to thank friends who have provided us with gifts of plants namely Terry and Jenny Moody, Georgina Dalton and Ellen Coyle.

40% of the funds raised from the garden opening will go to our local charity, Argyll Animal Aid, the cats down at Balvicar. We hope to welcome all Kilninford News readers at the end of July and if by then we are walking with sticks you may understand why.

Antoinette and Nigel Mitchell

### **KAMES BAY GARDEN OPENING 2013**

For the first time we are opening Kames Bay Garden for Scotland's Gardens Charity. The garden was begun in 1982 on a steep hillside, where the only vegetation was a very good crop of bracken. Over the past 36 years we have developed the garden, which is full of colour and interest in all seasons but is at its best in the spring with many species of vibrant rhododendrons, azaleas and ornamental trees. There is a gentle walk around our pond, lined with rhododendrons and hydrangeas. There are two more challenging woodland walks, lined with wild primroses and violets, and with stunning views down Loch Melfort. The garden is usually in full bloom at the beginning of May, but it is difficult to tell what it will be like this year, after our extremely cold and dry February and March.

Sturdy (and possibly waterproof) footwear is recommended. Access is by foot up a steep private drive, with parking at the bottom of the drive either on the road or in a field (weather dependant). There is limited disabled parking for the not so nimble at the top of the drive. Dogs on a lead are welcome. The garden is not suitable for wheelchairs. Garden benches are situated all around the garden so that you can sit down and enjoy the views in peace and quiet.

Kames Bay Garden will be open on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from noon to 5 pm. Admission is £4, accompanied children free. Homemade teas are available.

### **MAOLACHY GARDEN**

April 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. Back to normal today and the wild wet breezy weather is almost a relief after one of the longest dry spells for years. The days were accompanied by a tough easterly which blew almost constantly and often near gale force. A lazy wind as Jimmy Hawthorn used to call it, "blows right through you and can't be bothered to go round the figure in its way."

So far, no storm damage but buds are reluctant to come out and have stayed safely closed in folds by their home stem. The Lent lily daffodils' stalks are only about 2.3" high and one can almost hear them say "keep your heads down".

By the first weekend in May hopefully some warmth and watering will bring out signs of spring.

Maolachy's garden is open 12 noon – 5 p.m. both the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May and 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July. Although not officially doing teas, a family cuppa will be available even if a bit of self service.

40% of funds raised from the garden open will go towards Erskine homes, local Kilmelford charities and the net remaining to the Scotland's Gardens beneficiaries.

### **MELFORT HOUSE KITCHEN GARDEN**

Melfort house is a family home and country house dinner, bed and breakfast on the shores of Loch Melfort, set in a mature two acre garden with specimen trees, a water feature and a variety of rhododendrons and azaleas. In the quest for the most exquisite tastes and flavours for our table we were inspired to 'grow our own'. Two years ago the kitchen garden was born. Now over 40 types of vegetables are grown from seed, including rarer heritage seed varieties, in a 54' long polytunnel. Whatever the weather, the polytunnel has become a place to relax and enjoy the colour, texture and aromas of the whole growing experience from seed to plate.

The Kitchen Garden will be open on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, July from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Teas, local produce and live music. Admission £3. 40% of funds raised will go to local Kilmelford charities, the net remaining to Scotland's Gardens beneficiaries.

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND – EASDALE BRANCH**

Our branch meetings are held on the second Saturday of every alternate month, starting from January. Our next meeting is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm, and is held in the side room at the Tigh & Truish Inn, Clachan Seil.

We do not have any members at present from the Kilmelford area, but we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be willing to join us. At present, if you have a Services background, you would be an Ordinary Member, if you are non Service, but interested in supporting us in raising funds for Service Charities, the annual Poppy Collection, and attending the War Memorial at Kilmelford on Remembrance Sunday, then you can become an Associate Member. Membership costs only £7 per year.

We are a small group, and apart from meetings we hold an Annual Sale in August, and usually a Book Sale in the winter months. If you would like to know more, please contact Jean Alexander, Hon. Secretary, Tel 01852 314242 or email [j.alexander42@btinternet.com](mailto:j.alexander42@btinternet.com) Thank You.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **POLICE SCOTLAND GOES LIVE**

Police Scotland assumed responsibility for policing throughout the country at midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. At midnight, as the new Service came into effect, Chief Constable House was on foot patrol in Edinburgh's Princes Street along with T/Sgt Karen Reid. Chief Constable House and members of the Command Team then gathered at Tulliallan in the morning before making visits to police stations across Scotland. The Command Team travelled to a number of towns and cities from Stranraer in the south-west to Stonehaven in the north-east and also the Isle of Skye. Chief Constable Steve House said: "Police Scotland is up-and-running and is now wholly responsible for the delivery of policing to our communities, from local response to tackling the highest tiers of criminality. " We will do this in a way which is very visible, accessible and which truly connects with public priorities and operational demands." " Scotland has a proud history of policing. Police Scotland will take that record into a new era."

## 101 NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

The 101 non-emergency number replaces the range of non-emergency numbers used by former Scottish police forces.

101 gives the people of Scotland a new way to contact the police, seek advice, speak to a local officer or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example:

- ü car theft
- ü damage to property
- ü a minor traffic collision
- ü suspected drug use or dealing
- ü information about crime in their area

The 101 non-emergency number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It costs a flat rate of 15p per call and connects the public to a police service centre in their local area. The number has already been launched successfully in England and Wales and is widely used.

The key reasons for introducing the 101 non-emergency number in Scotland are to:

- help keep people safe by giving them one easy-to-remember, easy to dial number for contacting the police, wherever they are in Scotland
- make the police more accessible, while reducing pressure on the 999 system
- help the police cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information
- support the creation of a more efficient and effective police service for the people of Scotland
- increase interoperability with England and Wales, with 101 becoming the nationally recognised non-emergency number for contacting the police across the UK

We would be grateful if you could help promote this valuable new number within your local communities wherever possible.

The public should continue to call 999 in an emergency - when a crime is in progress, when someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when a life is in danger or when violence is being used or threatened.

The new website can be found at [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

Jeremy Moore, PC L342.  
Oban community police  
[Jeremy.Moore@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jeremy.Moore@scotland.pnn.police.uk)  
Call centre Tel: 01631 510500

## **DOG FOULING**

Complaints about dog fouling, particularly in Kilmelford, are still being voiced.

For further information, or to make a report, contact Street Scene Tel: 01631 569184 or Peter McLuckie Tel: 01631 569185

## **HEMECARE**

This is now mainly provided in Argyll by Carr Gomm. In order to arrange for the provision of Home Care, Argyll and Bute Social Work Department (Tel: 01546 605517) should be contacted in the first instance so that they can arrange a visit to assess the needs. Once home care is in place, any issues should be reported to the Care Manager whose number should have been given to the person receiving care and/or their relatives. In the case of problems that are not resolved through the Care Manager, Carr Gomm should be contacted on Tel: 01546 603072

**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, 22<sup>nd</sup> May , 2013 16.00 – 19.30  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 16.00 – 19.30  
Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Dates of future blood donation sessions will be posted on [www.scotblood.co.uk](http://www.scotblood.co.uk) under “Where to Donate”

**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. Next visit is 29<sup>th</sup> April and then as follows:

27 <sup>th</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> June	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> August	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec		

All times in the following timetable are approximate:

Kilmore Area 10.30 a.m	Tulloch Farm 2.00 p.m
Kiln inver 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## **KILNINFORD NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM**

We are delighted to welcome Ann Clarkson to the team to deal with advertising. Thank you Ann for volunteering. Please see her contact details below and send any adverts to her. Short entries for Forthcoming Events and all other entries should be sent to Fiona.

The newsletter is dependent on the income from advertisers to cover our costs and we are very grateful to all those who advertise with us. We, on the team, are all busy with jobs etc. and we put the newsletter together on a voluntary basis in the hope that it provides our community with useful information. We would really appreciate it if contributors and advertisers would take this into account and provide information promptly, without having to be chased, and in the format that is requested.

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Local website: [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com)

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  
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£10 per half page

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## **QUIZ IN AID OF OBAN HOSPICE FUNDS**

£1.00 entry sheets  
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in Kilmelford.

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correct entry opened.

Finishes 4<sup>th</sup> May

CONTACT 01852200271

## **TEA AND COFFEE CAKE BREAK**

**At the Cuilfail Hotel**  
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*Every Monday 10.30 until 12.00*  
*Commencing 15th April 2013*

Tea or coffee and delicious home  
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**Everyone Welcome**







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# THE QUAICH SHOP AND CAFÉ

The winner of our Easter  
Bunny competition  
was Amy Edwards  
*Well done Amy*

*our café is open now*

**10.00 'til 4.30 Tuesday 'til Saturday**

*fresh espresso coffees, home baking, light lunches and home-made puddings.*

We are running a **new loyalty system** for customers who support our shop, this month for every single shopping transaction over £25.00 we are offering a free espresso coffee in our café, for single transactions over £35.00 a free coffee for two.\*

\*offer excl purchases of cigarettes & finishes end of May

We are also going to be running a

**Quiz with all proceeds going to Oban Hospice,**

Which is, in our view, a very underfunded and important facility in this area. The quiz sheets will be available from the shop to complete at home, please support this good cause.

**OUR CURRENT SHOP OPENING HOURS**

9 am to 6.30pm Mon to Sat & 10am to 1 pm Sundays .

Whether it is a wedding, private party, intimate family occasion or a corporate function we can advise you and cater for all aspects of your event, no matter how large or small. However, if you want something different we love being creative and we love a challenge so if you fancy a themed event let us know.

GW Services is based in rural Argyll.

Telephone 01852200273 email  
g.wilson007@btinternet.com



## **Kilmartin Museum 2013**

### **Guided Glen Walks.**

Lead by knowledgeable volunteer guides, these walks are designed to enable visitors to the Museum to get out into the Glen and learn about the monuments, cairns and standing stones that make Kilmartin Glen special. Every Wednesday throughout the season starting at 1.30pm from the Museum reception.

### **Exhibitions**

We are holding three exhibitions as part of our Year of Natural Scotland celebrations. Kilmartin Museum will be exhibiting work from both professional and amateur talent from across Argyll, with a different focus on art mediums for each. These exhibitions will be open 7 days a week - (10am - 5pm), throughout the season. Please refer to our website for more details.

Kilmartin Cafe has opened for the 2013 season with some fresh faces and a delicious updated menu. Treat yourself to some of our scrumptious homemade cakes, whilst enjoying the view from our green oak conservatory.

Kilmartin Museum's shop stocks a wide and varied range of specialist books, cards and postcards, rock art jewellery and many other gift ideas. We aim to support local artists and craftspeople where possible, so why not call in to see what's on offer.

Email: [admin@kilmartin.org](mailto:admin@kilmartin.org) Telephone: 01546 510278

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## KILMELFORD



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**INTERESTED? ..... PLEASE PHONE US ON 01852 200257**

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[www.melfortvillage.co.uk](http://www.melfortvillage.co.uk)

**(\*At the Manager's discretion and subject to residents having first priority)**



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