

# KILNINFORD NEWS

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## KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!



Community Council Elections are on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2013.

Nomination packs will be available from the week beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> and can also be downloaded from [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections)

Some of our present community councillors will be standing down. We need Office bearers particularly a secretary, this could be a job share with the minutes secretary. We also need ordinary members. If YOU don't have four councillors YOU will have NO community council.

The Scottish Government expects far more of their local councils than ever before. In turn Argyll and Bute Council are empowering their local councils with far more decision making and they are also listening to their needs. If there is no Community Council for Kilninver and Kilmelford, as individuals we will have little say as to what happens in our community. The Community Council does have a voice and has recently been successful in local decision making.

We urgently need YOU to come forward to be elected on to the community council. It is a very simple process. It doesn't require canvassing, unless we have more than ten of you willing to serve!!!! Serving on the council requires in most cases very little of your time, a couple of hours every two months to attend meetings. We would particularly welcome some younger members from 18 upwards.

If you are interested or prepared to give your community a little of your time, please contact your present Community Council chairman for more information or download the nomination pack.

Nigel Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151

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

**Games Nights** will hopefully take place some Friday evenings throughout the winter from 7 – 8.30 p.m. in Kilmelford and Kilninner Village Hall (Small Hall) for 9 year olds upwards.

Beetle Drives and other games. Prizes, tea, juice and cakes. 50p per head.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212, Sarah Edwards Tel: 01852 200555, Michelle MacIntyre Tel: 01852 316105

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – The Baroness Karen Blixen's Final Affair** presented by Dogstar Theatre at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Recommended for ages 14+.

Tickets: £9, £6 concessions, £20 family (2 + 2)

Tickets available from Ardfem Village Store, by E-mail [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or by phoning

Tel: 01852 500746

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September – Guided Glen Walk of Kilmartin Glen** to celebrate Highland Archaeology Week. No booking required. Sign in at Museum reception before 1.30 p.m. on the day. Lasts approximately 2 - 2½ hours. Dogs allowed subject to some restrictions. This is a free walk, but donations are welcome.

Contact: [admin@kilmartin.org](mailto:admin@kilmartin.org) or telephone 01546 510278

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October - Friendship Lunch** from 12 noon till 2 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall organised by the Dochas Centre. Lunches are free but donations are welcomed.

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Guided Walk, Dunadd and Nature Trail** to celebrate Highland Archaeology Week. No booking required. Sign in at the Museum reception before 1.30 p.m. on the day. Lasts approximately 2½ hours. Free transport provided. No dogs allowed. This is a free walk, but donations are welcome.

Contact: [admin@kilmartin.org](mailto:admin@kilmartin.org) or telephone 01546 510278

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Annual Parish Lunch and Produce Sale** from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

Everyone welcome to come along. A chance to meet up with friends and neighbours, folk working locally and visitors. On offer is home-made soup with vegetarian and gluten-free option, superb selection of filled rolls, tea and coffee, shortbread and biscuits. The plant stall always has a fine selection and there will be plenty of jams and chutneys and home baking to take away. The newly updated Local Telephone Directory will be on sale and the £1 charge per copy will be donated to the church for any bought that day.

Donations to the stalls listed below will be very welcome. It would be much appreciated if contributions to the Plant Stall could be named if possible. Goods for the Baking Stall can be left with Dorothy Carmichael (Tel: 01852 200374) beforehand and for other stalls can be left with the relevant stallholder by prior arrangement. Alternatively, the hall will be open to receive donations from 10 a.m. on the day.

Lunches	Georgina Dalton	01866 844212
Baking	Sally Inglis	01852 316217
Plants	Toni Mitchell	01852 316151
Bottle Stall	Dorothy Bark	01852 200370
Produce	Jenny Moody	01852 200222
Raffle	Jane Rentoul	01852 200331
Handicrafts	Isabel Smith	01852 200537

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October – Mezzanine Allstarts** present their music at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Tickets available from Ardfem Village Store, by E-mail [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or by phoning

Tel: 01852 500746

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October – Giants in the Forest “Dark Wood” Event** at Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve. Be guided along a path of shadows into the ‘Dark Wood’. Tonight we weave a spell of myth and magic...

This will be a guided event around a forest at night so be prepared for all weathers. Each trip lasts around 30-45 mins.

Tour Times: 6.30pm then every half hour with the last tour at 9.30pm. Please bring a torch.

Cost: Adults £3, children £2 (includes homemade soup and bread).

Booking required. Please contact [admin@kilmartin.org](mailto:admin@kilmartin.org) or telephone 01546 510278

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Craft Fair** at 12 noon in Craignish Village Hall (doors open at 10 a.m. for stall holders). There are still stalls available so anyone wishing one please contact Norma Kirk Tel: 01852 500 368 or [normakirk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:normakirk@hotmail.co.uk).

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Car Wash** from 1 p.m. at the Kilmelford Community Fire Station in aid of the Fire Fighter’s Charity.

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz Night** from 7.30 p.m. at the Cuilfail Hotel in aid of the Fire Fighter’s Charity. N.B. The maximum number in a team has been increased to 6.

**End of October – Soup and Sandwich Lunch** in aid of Kilmelford Coastal Rowing. Date and details to be confirmed. Look out for posters.

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November - 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, 5<sup>th</sup> November - Friendship Lunch** from 12 noon till 2 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall organised by the Dochas Centre. Lunches are free but donations are welcomed.

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November – David Hughes Dance** in Craignish Village Hall.

Check Craignish Village Hall website for details.

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November – Curry Ceilidh Night** at Craignish Village Hall in aid of church funds. Licence, Entertainment and Music by the Chartroom Band. Bring a suitable dish of your choice to add to a variety table to share with others. All ages welcome. Posters will be circulated nearer the time giving prices, time etc.

Contact: Chris Thornhill E-mail: [c.thornhill@btinternet.com](mailto:c.thornhill@btinternet.com)

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Plan B Dance Company** in Craignish Village Hall.

Check Craignish Village Hall website for details.

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Friendship Lunch** from 12 noon till 2 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall organised by the Dochas Centre. Lunches are free but donations are welcomed.

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December - 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, 13<sup>th</sup> December – Kilninver Primary School Community Pantomime.**

Details from the school Tel: 01852 316236 or E-mail: [enquiries@kilninver.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kilninver.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Santa’s Grotto** at Arduaine Garden from 12 noon till 4 p.m.

### **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – Kilninver Primary School Christmas Lunch**

Details from the school Tel: 01852 316236 or E-mail: [enquiries@kilninver.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kilninver.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

### **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December – C3 Charity Ceilidh in Craignish Village Hall.**

For full details contact: Dawn Stewart Tel: 01852 500291 or E-mail: [dawnstewart44@hotmail.com](mailto:dawnstewart44@hotmail.com)

### **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December - Hogmanay Party in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall. 9 p.m until late.**

A great family evening; music, dancing, games and raffle. Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

Tickets in advance, more details nearer the time. Contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208

### **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**

Mike will be taking these classes again on **Thursday evenings from 8p.m. till 10p.m.** in the Village Hall starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

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

Contact: Bob Fleck Tel: 01852 200258 E-mail: [rfleck@btinternet.com](mailto: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: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151 and ????? Olga Salmond Tel: 01852 200787

### **MELFORT UKULELES**

Classes are held every **Wednesday, September - May incl. from 7.30pm till 9.30pm)** in the Kilmelford Village Hall, Degnish Road.

The costs are £3.00 per person or £4.00 per couple and children under 18 are **FREE OF CHARGE** - if accompanied by a parent - otherwise £3.00 each. Prices include instruction, sheet music and tea/coffee/biscuit at the interval. There is no membership fee. All ages are welcome and no previous musical knowledge is required but a good singing voice is preferred! A spare ukulele is usually available for newcomers to try!

If you are interested, please either phone Peter Salmond on 01852 200787 or e-mail him at [petersalmond@btinternet.com](mailto:petersalmond@btinternet.com) or just come to a class in the Kilmelford Village Hall on any Wednesday. As well as there being village folk in the band, there is a family from Scammadale, a couple from Oban and a mother and daughter from Taynuilt. Come and enjoy the fun of playing in a band and have a say in what songs YOU want the band to sing next!

### **THE CHERISH FUND (OBAN) IN ASSOCIATION WITH NORTH ARGYLL CARERS**

#### **TEA AND COFFEE CAKE BREAKS**

Raising transport funds for the cared for and their carers

The Tea and Coffee Cake Breaks are starting up again in the Village Hall (the lesser hall) from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon once a month as follows:- Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November and Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December.

Contact: Jean Bowman Tel: 01852 200308

## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

Every Wednesday from 2 p.m. till 3.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall

Kilmelford playgroup has resumed after the summer holidays, thank goodness say us mums and dads! After a very successful year of craft, painting, playdough making and general fun we are still looking to welcome more families to join us after sadly losing our older kids to that horrible thing called school. Playgroup is held every Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m till 3.30 p.m in Kilmelford Village Hall for the small fee of £2 to cover hall and afternoon tea costs. A big thank you must go to all the people who have donated toys over the past year, they have been greatly appreciated.

So from Bumps to pre primary school goes come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat and let your wee ones enjoy themselves in a safe and friendly environment. For any more information please feel free to email me at : - [madmelc19@yahoo.com.au](mailto:madmelc19@yahoo.com.au) or phone Georgina Dalton on 01866844212 .

Mellony McTavish (Hamish's Mum).

## 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.

## KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM

A full programme of events 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)

## 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.

Tickets for performances are available from Ardfern Village Store, by E-mail [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or by phoning Tel: 01852 500746

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## 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 Ardfern at 10.15 a.m.

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September	29 <sup>th</sup> (Kilbrandon 11.30 a.m.*)	22 <sup>nd</sup>
October	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> (Harvest Thanksgiving**)
November	10 <sup>th</sup> (Remembrance), 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> (Communion)
December	8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Family Nativity Service)	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>

Notices for the Christmas Services will be announced in the December Kilninford News and will be posted locally and on the website [www.netherlornchurches.org.uk](http://www.netherlornchurches.org.uk)

\* 29<sup>th</sup> September, United Parish Service at 11.30 a.m. at Kilbrandon

\*\* 20<sup>th</sup> October, Harvest Thanksgiving – donations of dried or tinned foods would be gratefully received

### Faith Time

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm: "Christian Unity", Dunearn (home of Mary Sandilands, Easdale)  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm: "Called to Witness", Kilmelford Manse  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov at 7.30pm: "Living with People of Other Faiths", Loch Melfort Hotel

### **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

### **GOD OF LIFE, LEAD US TO JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Who could live in Kilninver or Kilmelford without being moved by the beauty and impressed by the grandeur of the environment around us? As we enter the Harvest season we are struck again by how fertile is the land and how fruitful the sea. Life and growth are all around us – something to celebrate.

Yet we are also aware of how vulnerable life is. Our hearts are broken by the tragic loss of life in Syria. Our minds are troubled by the threat of ecological catastrophe. Our spirits are disturbed by the extreme poverty which continues to be the lot of more than a billion of our fellow human beings.

It is against this background that in November 2013 the World Council of Churches will convene its 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly with a theme which is also a prayer: "God of life, lead us to justice and peace."

The World Council of Churches was formed soon after the Second World War as a forum in which churches could confer with one another, seek greater unity and develop a common agenda. It has a good track record for being on the cutting edge of fresh thinking and challenging its member churches.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly will meet in Busan, South Korea, a part of the world where the division and threat of the Cold War continues to cast a long shadow. It aims to inspire fresh urgency in the quest to care for life and seek justice.

Living in Argyll gives us a great opportunity to be sensitive to the wonder of life. Does it not then also inspire a commitment to defend life whenever it comes under threat? This is an agenda which the churches are taking to heart, with the hope that many will join them in taking it forward.

Kenneth Ross  
Parish Minister

### **FAITH TIME – AUTUMN 2013**

Faith Time is an opportunity to explore the meaning of faith in an informal setting through sharing experience and discussing issues of concern. This year we plan to follow the World Council of Churches "Pilgrimage to Busan: An Ecumenical Journey into World Christianity", with three evenings in the autumn and three in the Spring. This will provide an opportunity to consider some of the major concerns of Christians worldwide today. All are welcome, whether churchgoers or not, and the first evening will provide an introduction to the series. Dates, topics and venues are:

17 Sept 7.30pm: "Christian Unity", Dunearn (home of Mary Sandilands, Easdale)  
17 Oct 7.30pm: "Called to Witness", Kilmelford Manse  
21 Nov 7.30pm: "Living with People of Other Faiths", Loch Melfort Hotel

## **KILMELFORD CHURCH – PILOT HEATING PROJECT**

The heating of Kilmelford Church, like many other small country churches that are used intermittently, causes concern both for Kirk Sessions and users. Many systems do not heat the Church to a comfortable level when they are in use and when not in use the building becomes damp which is not good for the fabric and contents. A further considerable cause for concern is the running cost of the heating system. Historic Scotland is aware of these concerns as they relate to other listed churches and buildings and is investigating means of economically heating appropriate buildings to an acceptable level. To that end Kilmelford Church has been fortunate to be selected by Historic Scotland to receive funding for an infra red heating pilot project. The project objectives are to assess the effectiveness of a new radiant system, procure and install such a system and evaluate its effectiveness over a 12 month period. A key output for the project will be Refurbishment Case Study published by Historic Scotland. In addition the funding allows for the Consulting Engineer to investigate the feasibility of installing a PV array (solar heating) in the vicinity of the Church. The installation of such an array is not funded under the grant.

The consulting engineer appointed for the project is Andrew MacOwan Associates who have advised the Church of Scotland on heating matters for a number of years.

The success of the project is not guaranteed by Historic Scotland who have stressed that the project is a pilot but there are high hopes that at least there will be a considerable improvement in the comfort levels within the Church.

The Kirk Session is delighted to have received this grant from Historic Scotland and hopes that on completion of the project it will stimulate greater attendance at services during the winter months and generally increase activities within the Church.

Peter Cross  
Property Convenor  
22 August 2013

## **SCOTLAND'S PILGRIM JOURNEYS**

Scotland's Churches Trust has developed a series of Pilgrim Journeys to enable visitors to travel through Scotland and through time, in the footsteps of saints and sinners. Scotland's Pilgrim Journeys are designed to connect ancient traditions with contemporary life.

The St Columba Pilgrim Journey follows a route from Ireland to Kintyre, through Argyll to Iona and on through the Great Glen to Tain and Portmahomack. This route incorporates Kilmelford and Kilninver Churches.

For further details visit: [www.scotland'spilgrimjourneys.com](http://www.scotland'spilgrimjourneys.com); [www.comcolmcille.org](http://www.comcolmcille.org) and [www.stcuthbertsawayway.info](http://www.stcuthbertsawayway.info)

Travellers are able to download a free Pilgrim Passport to record their journey and experiences from the website. The Passport gives details of the locations of 'hub' churches where the Pilgrim can have the passport officially stamped to provide a memento of the journey.

Scotland's Churches Trust has chosen Kilmelford Church as a 'hub' church being approximately half way between Lochgilphead and Oban. The stamp and historical information about Kilmelford and Kilninver Churches and a leaflet about all of the Journeys are to be found in Kilmelford Church.

This initiative is an exciting development which will raise the profile of Churches on these historic routes and it is hoped will bring an increase in tourism to the areas through which Pilgrims travel.

Peter Cross  
24 August 2013

## **MORAG MACDONALD – 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1920 – 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2013**

Charlie and Morag MacDonalD came to Kilninver, from Mull after the second world war. After a time at Raera they moved to Dairy Cottage. Charlie ran the sheep and cattle on Kilninver estate, then owned by Arthur Nicol, and Morag was in charge of the dairy. In 1968 Charlie retired and they moved to the newly built Cnoc an Daraich. Morag for a time also worked at the Tigh an Truish and at Lagganbeg. She and Charlie were enthusiastic gardeners and both at Dairy Cottage and at 3 Cnoc an Daraich their gardens were a tidy riot of colour. After Charlie's death, Morag continued to live at Kilninver until a few weeks before she died on 6<sup>th</sup> July this year, shortly before her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. She was a proud and devoted mother of Catriona and Iain, grandmother and great-grandmother, a constant worshipper at Kilninver, a committed member of the Fellowship, and a friend to all.

Morag was a native gaelic speaking Tirisdeach, regularly listening to the gaelic radio, and always maintaining her connections with Tiree. She had a marvellous sense of humour and with her amazing memory, which remained with her to the end, for 65 years of Kilninver history, she will be sorely missed. Her funeral at Kilninver on 13<sup>th</sup> July was attended by many friends and family.

## **ACKERLEY - MACFADYEN**

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Joanne Catherine to Colin Aonghais at Kilninver Parish Church on Saturday 27th July 2013.

## **THE XPLORERS GROUP SUMMER REPORT**

The theme of buildings in the Bible reached its conclusion on the last Sunday before the summer break and focused on the Synagogue. Ken congratulated the group leaders for their use of recycled materials in the craft activities. At the previous Xplorers the oldest group had made a temple from an old cardboard box and now it was turned upside down and became a synagogue complete with chest, [Ark], scrolls seven candles and covered seats for the 2 leading figures. The children in all groups made scrolls and read out some of the "Laws" they had written on them. The oldest group also made mosaic cards they could take home.

The intermediate group listened to the story of the woman Jesus healed on the Sabbath when he visited the Synagogue and then created one large scroll, complete with cover and "mantle. Also individual small scrolls were constructed to take home plus two prayer shawls, complete with the knotted tassels; and finally a prayer hat.

After listening to the story the youngest group also made mosaic cards, because some synagogues had mosaic floors, and then had great fun using building bricks to make walls and even more fun knocking them down, very noisily.

The children were asked by Ken to show and describe what they had made and they willingly joined in the closing grace.

The Xplorers are very grateful to Peter Salmond the Ukulele Players for accompanying the songs during Prayz Time and everyone's singing seems to be improving!!

Xplorers leaders will meet on 19<sup>th</sup>. August to plan and discuss the theme and the necessary materials for the next session; meetings to be held on the first Sunday of every month when we look forward to welcoming friends, old and new on 1<sup>st</sup>. September.

The picnic at Barnacarry held on June 16<sup>th</sup> was earlier than usual to accommodate a school function the following week and the departure of many families on holiday the first weekend of July. As you will see from the following report the change of date proved to be very advantageous.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Xplorers; our very best wishes for happy holidays.



## **XPLORERS PICNIC AT BARNACARRY ON 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2013**

There was a certain amount of feeling that we go to the beach, "come rain or shine" this year as the prospect of adjourning to the village hall was not appealing unless it was "bucketing it down".

So it was with much excitement and gathering of equipment, such as tents, picnics, wet suits, towels, spare clothes that cars loaded and set off for the beach. No we were not going on an Arctic expedition just an Argyll beach in June. Once there we joined more of our number who had come directly from the Brownies night camp over on Seil. Not much sleep had been had there.

High cloud, blue skies and sunshine made a perfect day and even though the tide was high on arrival much paddling, splashing and dares of who could sit the longest in the not so balmy water ensued until a call to lunch rallied everyone and picnics were unpacked.

A "home rules" game of rounders in the field just above the beach followed and was enjoyed by everyone; no losers everyone a winner (home rules again)

As the tide went out a "Kilninver Island" was revealed and again the water beckoned with Ken and Matt acting as lifeguards.

Tea and coffee was brewed and more cake tins were discovered and the contents rapidly consumed as they were shared.

A very happy day had by all and hopes that those who could not be with us this year will make it next year.

Our thanks to Patricia Wakeford for allowing our cars down her drive to park at the barns; otherwise we might have needed pack mules.

## **MUSIC EVENINGS IN KILMELFORD CHURCH**

Our August Wednesday Evening Entertainments this year provided an even greater wealth of locals and visitors performing in Kilmelford Kirk. The wide range of ages and talents of performers provided genuine variety in the programmes. Thanks to all who contributed and to those who came along to listen.

The church performed beautifully again with the acoustics enriching the music and voices. Peter Cross announced that the building is to have an experimental heating system installed by Historic Scotland to make it even more suitable for this kind of weekday activity. It will be interesting to see how the community makes use of this asset.

Once again audiences were generous and over £200 was donated towards maintenance of the building. The post concert music sessions in the Cuilfail Hotel were particularly enjoyable this year with an international flavour.

The prime benefit of the Evenings, however, is that the church is used by the community and that it provides another meeting place for visitors and locals to have a blether.

See you next year!

Jim Robb and Winnie

## **WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL**

Georgina has received a letter thanking everyone who has donated used stamps to this appeal. In 2012 the appeal raised almost £3,300 so please don't chuck your stamps – please give them to Dorothy Carmichael Tel: 01852 200374 or Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212.

This year's funds will be going to support the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren in the village of Horni Krupá in the Czech-Moravian Highlands where they have started an exciting ecological project.

### **KILMELFORD COMMUNITY FIRE STATION**

Since I last wrote in the newsletter we have lost 2 of our crew members, Steve and Ruth Morely. I would like to say a thank you to them both for their service over the years they were part of my crew and hope they enjoy their "retirement" which will inevitably involve classic cars, motor bikes and archery. Thanks both. With 2 places created in the full compliment of 10 we were lucky to have FF Andrew Shann move to Kilmelford from Seil. Andrew was a member of the Seil Volunteers and, after familiarisation with our appliance and some retraining, he quickly became a full member of our crew. The 10th place will shortly be filled by Gemma McCowan. Gemma has passed all the criteria to become a member of "Kilmelford's finest" and is waiting for her initial training dates. In thanking Steve and Ruth and welcoming Andy and Gemma, it would be a good time in my text to thank all the crew for their dedication, commitment and professionalism. Make no mistake, the work of a modern operation fire station can, at times, be emotionally tough and hard work not to mention taking over your life at times. The emotional rewards, however, can be equally as great.

At the beginning of the Spring, you may remember, several large hill fires in our area some of which Kilmelford were required to attend. These kind of fires are always challenging with firefighting usually being carried out using beaters as most are too far from a road to make use of pumping appliances. A fairly quiet spell then followed but only for a short while when, in common with many parts of Argyll, we had to attend a number of road traffic collisions (RTC). These can be the most harrowing of incidents to be called to but, happily and so far, there have been few serious injuries. It has been a bad season for RTCs generally in Argyll and I would ask you to please take great care when driving on our roads.

Fund raising for the Fire Fighter's Charity has been up to the usual standard, for which I thank you, proving to the area officers of the charity, and this has been commented on at several meetings, that it's not the size of the town or village that counts but the people in it. Kilmelford is known in the Scottish Area as the small village with the big heart. This, of course, includes the population of the entire area who come and support our fund raising from Oban, Seil, Kilninver, Arduaine and Ardfarn. Thank you all for your support.

For the future, we will be running our Autumn Car Wash at Kilmelford Community Fire Station on 13th. October 2013 starting at 13:00 as usual and the next Pub Quiz will be on Saturday 19th. October 2013 starting at 19:30. A slight change to the rules this time being that, due to popular demand, the teams can be of up to 6 people and not 5 as was previously the case. This is always a great night with the only casualty usually being my voice the next day.

The winter will be here soon bringing it's own difficulties with road travel, open fires being lit in our homes and dark mornings and evenings. Please take extra care so that you don't meet your local fire crew professionally and I will go and start to plan our Christmas dinner (it's just around the corner you know).

Stay safe.

Dave Millward  
Crew Commander  
Kilmelford Community Fire Station

### **KILMELFORD COASTAL ROWING**

The official launch of the club was held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August and 84 people from the community attended. Boat owners from Kilmelford Yacht Haven kindly donated £90 to celebrate the occasion. Our Minister, Ken Ross, dedicated the boat to Gill Wilkes and we toasted the boat with whisky.

The community has embraced this project with huge enthusiasm and grateful thanks go to Kilmelford Boat Yard for providing the excellent facilities for the building of the boat, to all those who gave their

time and skills to build the boat, to Craobh Haven Marina for providing the life jackets, to the Cuilfail Hotel for providing a venue for fund raising events, and to all those who have donated money to make the project happen. Over £5,000 has been raised including over £500 at the Soup and Sandwich Lunch at the Village Hall and over £750 at the 60's and 70's Music Night and the Music Bingo Night, both held at the Cuilfail Hotel. Funds are still needed, a priority being insurance for the boat. Another Soup and Sandwich Lunch is planned, probably for the end of October (look out for posters with details).

We have formed a rowing club to manage the rowing and have elected a committee for this purpose. The annual fee for rowing members is £25 and children (up to 16), who are our future, are free. Children must be accompanied by a parent, not just an adult, as this would require disclosure. Life jackets are provided as are shorter oars for children.

The boat has already been used by children, women and men on a number of occasions and we are making good progress keeping in time with each other. At the time of writing women are the most regular users and are doing well. During September we have been rowing at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays and anyone is welcome to join us. As the days grow shorter, the Wednesday evenings will be dropped. The boat is available for use by members by contacting the Cuilfail Hotel, time of use subject to the state of the tide and availability of a member of the committee to accompany you.

From now on the boat belongs to the Community and is yours to enjoy.

Donald Bruce  
Chairman

#### **KILMELFORD COASTAL ROWING COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Donald Bruce	Tel: 01852 200729
Vice Chairman	Eamon Keyes	Tel: 01852 200542
Treasurer	Christine Robers	Tel: 01852 200542
Secretary	Joyce Bruce	Tel: 01852 200729
Diary Secretary	Simon and Yvonne	Tel: 01852 200274 (Cuilfail Hotel)
Member	Sarah Edwards	Tel: 01852 200555

#### **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 14<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com).

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

There have been no major problems to report recently, with just a few ongoing tasks still to be carried out. Draught excluder is to be fitted around the new fire door and one of the hot taps in the kitchen needs to be replaced or repaired.

#### **Fund Raising**

a) The Annual Loch Melfort Beach Clean, which was carried out in the spring, raised a total of £625.00. This sponsorship was generously provided by the Grab Trust, and was based on the number of miles of

shoreline cleared of litter. A big thank you to everyone who played a part in cleaning up a stretch of beach, as it all counted towards the grand total and made a big difference to the lochside.

b) The monthly Coffee Mornings still continue to be enjoyed by local people and visitors alike, especially as the baking is of such a high standard. The bring & buy bookstall is very popular: if you have any unwanted books please drop them off at the Village Hall when passing.

c) The 100 Club is running along smoothly, but could do with a few new 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. This offers monthly prizes to the lucky winners as well as being a steady source of income for the Village Hall.

## 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

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

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

Tuesday April 9th 2013, at 8pm, Kilmelford Village Hall

**Present:** Nigel Mitchell (NM) (Chair), Antoinette Mitchell (AM), Stuart Cannon (SGC), Colin Clark (CC), John MacLean (JMacL), Cllr Elaine Robertson (ER),

**Apologies:** Lucy Files (LF), Matthew Anderson (MA), Cllr Duncan McIntyre, Cllr Louise Glen-Lee, Cllr Ian MacDonald

1. DECLARATIONS of INTEREST. There were none.
2. MINUTES of MEETING 12th February 2013 were approved as a true and accurate representation of the meeting (with typos amended). Proposed by AM and seconded by ER.
3. MATTERS ARISING from the last MEETING.

Speed Limits

The Kilmore infrastructure is in place and the speed limit is now up and running, but the Kilmelford new limit is not yet in place. However, legality is in place for the original 30 speed limit on the Kilmelford road and the signage should be up in the near future.

The Second Stage has yet to be advertised, but there are no changes to the original proposal. It then has to be advertised for any other comments and takes 8-12 weeks after advertising, (speed limit as shown in red on the plan).

Community Emergency Plan

The Equipment pack has been applied for and delivery is expected anytime. The plan is still to be drawn up. A copy of the Dunbeg Community Plan has been given to the Council and we can use this as a guide, but the whole idea is that it reflects the needs of the K & K Community. Matthew (MA) is to progress the grant for the equipment pack, but he isn't writing the plan.

There is some urgency in getting this done, in a much as no one knows when it will be needed. Still need someone to write the plan and take it on board, Matthew agreed to get grant for initial equipment, but others will possibly be needed to get the actions all pulled together.

It was suggested that the emergency pack was kept at Kilmelford, with the Village Hall as the base, however, there is no phone/WiFi at the Hall. It was suggested that use could be made of the VHF at the Boat Yard.

The whole ethos of the plan is to protect vulnerable people in the neighbourhood. We need to obtain a list of these people and ensure it is up to date.

The advice from those who have done these things before is Keep it Simple.

Need a copy of the local phone book in the kit.

How would the plan integrate with Fire / Police (police would need a copy of the plan).

Looking for a champion to take it on board.

Ardmaddy Fish Farm

The next A&B Planning hearing is the 24th April 2013 at the Main Corran Halls at 10am, some changes to original application, feed barge reduced in size.

Planning Applications

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Exploratory drilling of up to 30 sites over a period of 3 years for mineral deposit identification Lagalochan Forest Kilmelford Argyll & Bute Ref. No 12/02675/PP – Received: Wed 05.12.12 – Validated: Thu 13.12.12 – Status: Pending Consideration

Local Review requested for Harber Master Melfort pier .... Removal of condition No. 5 of Planning Permission 01/94/0409 restricting occupancy. This was appealed and refused and therefore still has planning permission for the restricted use.

There were no other planning applications to consider.

#### Public Right of Way at Melfort Pier

The Council have been approached to help with the claims of public right of way at the Melfort Pier. A Mr Douglas Grierson of A&B Council, who is the Access Officer, has been directed to look into the claims of a public right of way at Melfort Pier and servitudes of access. A form has been distributed to the community to seek peoples opinions and information regarding public pathways, walks etc. Send back the forms with any queries or questions to Mr Grierson who will take this matter forward through the council.

#### Historic Scotland – Cairn at the Back of the Village Hall

Historic Scotland have amended the documents and issued a new deed and these are held by NM and will keep in a safe place. Scottish Ministers have agreed to include land around the Cairn to preserve the land and also further remains of interest which they have included with the Cairn Land Monument. Metal detecting law has changed with regards to monuments and the land, including your own land and the operator needs to check the new laws and confirm that it is legal to detect. Detecting is policed by the Police and Historic Scotland – finders are not keepers, even if you are the landowner.

#### Wishing Trees

NM has received an email from a Phd Student from the University of Manchester, at Ardmaddy Estate to dig for Wishing Trees. If anyone interested in taking part or know of any other Wishing Trees, let NM know. Coins buried when wishing are excavated and this helps with the dating of the tree. This is to take place in the summer.

#### Accounts

Not quite correct, as they don't show the car parking fee of £1, although paid. Still waiting for a grant form for this year. NM emailed copy of accounts to council so that K&KCC can get grant for previous year. So NM has had to approve accounts with the exception of the £1 discrepancy. When Matthew back, will try to get accounts amended by the £1. Community Council Grant is for £300 and £35 discretionary payment which has now been claimed by NM.

#### Musdale Wind Farm

Public Exhibition invitation for Kilmore Musdale wind farm: Ford Village Hall 16th April between 1pm and 7pm, Dalavich 17th April between 1pm and 7pm, Kilmore 18th April between 1pm and 7pm Not likely to be an ordinary planning application as it will be over 50 megawatts, so it will be going through the Scottish Government, but presume will be a public meeting. Plan is for 16 turbines at a height of 130 mtrs, approx. 54.4 megawatts at Musdale. It's a major infrastructure application to the Government.

#### Home Care

NM has had a report through from Councillor Elaine Robertson which goes through the process and how things are done, quality control etc. Not heard of anyone in the community having a problem with their

care, but if anyone knows of anyone having problems, let NM know and he can highlight it forward (problems might be social worker or nurse not turning up for appointment). One of the things brought to NM attention is that on Luing a house is being rented for a nurse on Luing, whereas prior to that someone from Seil or Easdale used to go across as all done locally. Some time ago due to the logistic difficulties it was decided that home care would be managed by a district nurse and in conjunction with social services, and this worked very well. Problems should be reported to the care manager assigned to them if they have them, or Carrogon (care providers), or social workers or Shaun Davidson, but needs details of the problem, i.e. missed appointment and details of date and time. This process of communication needs to be put in place. Fiona Wyllie to put a note in the community newsletter.

#### Scottish Southern Consultation Document

NM has been given a consultation paper involving innovation for a green and more efficient future. If anyone is interested or has any comments, let NM know. Local Plan Still open for anyone to put comments in until 29th April 2013.

#### 4. AOB

- Comment raised that on the Local Plan the hall field has been reduced in size by a rectangular / square area next to the hall. This is there to stop any obstruction to the Cairn, (which was originally erected there for navigation purposes), so there can be no obstruction in front of it, i.e. building. Representation should be made to the planners, and is it in the public domain? PDA 4008 – shows all the land around the hall. The square next to the Cairn needs to be designated as an open space protection area. Plan will need submitting by NM when making application.
- The amount of litter from the Moleigh Tip coming out of Oban, in the trees and bushes. Kilmore meeting raised this also. Duncan was going to arrange a litter pick. Elaine is going to chase this up and find out what is happening.
- There are changes in the area regarding police services in the community. Strathclyde is no longer and now all forces come under Police Scotland. Hopefully the community will notice no difference. Jeremy is still responsible for the community, and normal service will carry on. There is a new email address for Jeremy which is [jeremy.moore@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jeremy.moore@scotland.pnn.police.uk) (this will go in newsletter) and is the best way of contacting Jeremy for non urgent matters. Jeremy hopes everything else stays the same from service upwards. Jeremy doesn't expect any change. New telephone number for contacting local police is 101 – there is a flat rate charge and the service is manned 24/7 – (this will go in the local newsletter). If non emergency situation ring 101, minor car accident, property damage, road closure duration, etc., and they will contact Jeremy who will get in touch as soon as he gets the message.
- Dog Fouling – Members of the public must inform Derek Crooks and Peter McLuckie (01631 569185) as to who's dog did what when and where to get action taken, and phone Street Scene 01631 569184
- Blue Porta Cabin on McLeods waste ground - has anything been done about it? Gina Dalton sent in the question. McLeods will be contacted by Jeremy.
- Speed of traffic going through the village was raised. Police have been present and issued tickets, but if the speed is building back up, Jeremy suggests giving more attention to it, before the summer season gets up and running.
- Scottish Community Foundation Wind Farm at Carrick Gael – it was asked is there anything new to report, and NM said no, there was nothing new.
- Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

- Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 11th June 2013

## APPROVED MINUTES

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**Present:** Nigel Mitchell (NM) (Chair), Antoinette Mitchell (AM), Stuart Cannon (SGC), Colin Clark (CC), Lucy Files (LF), Cllr Louise Glen-Lee, Julie McLeish (Oban Police)

**Apologies:** John MacLean (JMCL), Cllr Elaine Robertson (ER), Matthew Anderson (MA), Cllr Duncan McIntyre, Cllr Ian MacDonald

1. DECLARATIONS of INTEREST. There were none.

2. MINUTES of MEETING 9th April 2013 were approved as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by SGC and seconded by AM.

3. MATTERS ARISING from the last MEETING.

### Speed Limits

This has now been advertised in the Oban Times for the speed limit extension, any and all objections to be received by 28th June to Argyll & Bute District Council.

### Community Emergency Plan

Matthew (MA) wasn't present at the meeting, so this action was carried forward. Matthew has asked for any volunteers. Julie McLeish, Oban Police, asked if we needed any help with the Community Emergency Plan.

### Ardmaddy Fish Farm

The A&B Planning hearing was the 24th April 2013. The fish farm was approved.

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There were no other planning applications to consider.

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### Public Right of Way at Melfort Pier



The Council have been approached to help with the claims of public right of way at the Melfort Pier. This is ongoing and our only involvement is to pass on information. There is no closing date. Douglas Grierson is handling it, so pass any comments you receive to him. K&KCC are not getting involved.

#### Veteran Road Show Seminar

For information contact Nigel or visit [www.veterans-assist.org](http://www.veterans-assist.org)

#### Accounts

As MA was not present, this was carried forward.

#### Review of Community Council

The proposed changes are

**Co-option** We could co-opt people onto the Council, who will then have full voting rights for up to 6 months, so we can decide if we can use this to set up the Emergency action plan or a setting up the trust or something like that. After 6 months there would be a by-election.

**Meetings** As K&KCC come under the electorate of 500 or under, in addition to an AGM there should be a minimum of 4 meetings as opposed to 6.

**Accounts** These can now be administered by 1 person, instead of 2.

**Notices of Meetings** In the past the notices calling meetings has been a bit of an issue, this should now be reduced from 10 to 7 days prior to the meeting date. We have also been advised of changes as to when the K&KCC AGM is to be held. All AGM's are now to be held in April, and therefore we need to move our AGM from August to April, this means that K&KCC should extend the period for Accounts to end in April. Elections for the CC are in November 2013 for the next 5 year period. The number of members on the K&KCC is going to go down to 8. This is likely to be approved 27th June 2013.

Wind Farm at Portsonachan – information available if anyone interested.

#### 5. AOB

- Verges outside the new Houses at Kilmelford: Who is responsible for keeping them tidy. West Highland Housing Association.
- Concrete has come out of a lorry on to the road. From the Hotel/Bridge to the school house. We can raise this with Argyll & Bute Council to get it cleaned up, it's possibly from a lorry cleaning the cylinder out and it's come out as he drove up hill.
- Has there been any response from MacLeods on the blue containers/porta cabin. Councillor Glen-Lee to ask MacLeods to remove it.
- Meeting Closed at 8:55 pm
- Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 13th August 2013

### **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### School Dates

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October – School closes

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October - School reopens

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December - Community Pantomime

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 1 p.m. for Christmas holidays

## School News

The children are going to apply for a Junior Climate Challenge Fund Grant this term. The purpose of the project is to encourage the children to be more aware of the effect our daily actions have on the environment and to encourage them to take practical measures to reduce their carbon footprint. This exciting environmental project is in the early stages of planning. We will be holding a presentation in the Kilmelford Hall to give the local community an insight into the possible benefits of our project, the opportunity to voice opinions and to become more involved. Dates and invitations will be circulated when available.

We plan to stage a pantomime in the village hall on Friday 13th Dec. All help gratefully received. If you would like to be part of the cast of Peter Pan meets Cinderella, please register your interest with the school.

Berni McMillan

## SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME

### Barochreal Garden

Toni and Nigel Mitchell would like to thank again all those who helped with the opening of Barochreal Gardens at the end of July. Those who helped on the Plant stall, Argyll Animal Aid stall and raffle, with the car parking, on the gate, in the Barn tea room and the mass of baking beforehand. A profit of well in excess of £400 was not bad for a first time opening for the Scottish Gardens Scheme and could not have been achieved without you. Thank You!

### Maolachy's Garden

I'm not sure what other gardeners think but I've felt this year, so far, has been one of the most challenging and yet full of surprises. The strong cold easterlies in the new year broke branches, crisped new shoots and sent the toughies like hydrangeas into a complete decline of bare dead twigs. Shrubs in the most sheltered corners being sort out and scorched by the wind. Easterlies can bring snow but even at our height it had run out its course somewhere nearer Dalmally and left the Argyll coast clear. No snow also meant less rain so the ground was wonderfully dry and easy to barrow bags full of muck for the roses and compost for the shrubs.

The first April showers watered the earth and we waited with bated breath to see how deep the frost damage had gone. The winter's good feeding paid off as shoots appeared, buds fattened, the grass grew and everything took off and soon we were staggered by the jungle like growth in what I thought were neat corners of interest in the garden.

I netted the blackcurrants for the first time to thwart the destructive bullfinches and it paid off by the well fed bushes bursting out through the top nets and growing quantities of fat juicy berries.

The tatties loved this season and crop was clean and plentiful. The beetroot, pea, beans, leeks with extra watering in the dry spells are fat, full podded and taste delicious. The tender courgettes which shivered in May enjoyed June's warm sun and are not in glut mode.

If one could predict the weather it would be easier to choose what dates to open the garden. As it turned out we were 4 weeks behind this year so the May 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> weekend still had plenty of daffodils out and early azaleas on their way to book but there was definitely a feel of "wait and see". In contrast 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July was full of bursting growth everywhere and the pre-weekend tidy up was a serious amount of cutting back and hauling heaps to compost or bonfire.

Thank you to everyone who came up over the open weekends and paid kind compliments. It was good to swap garden talk and glean ideas for projects.

The tea house was as usual a source of good chatter and generous donations which brought the total to £907.50 to be divided between Kilmelford Village Hall, Erskine home and Scotland's Gardens charities.

With many thanks.

Georgina Dalton

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### 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, 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
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

#### Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Dates of future blood donation sessions are posted on [www.scotblood.co.uk](http://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](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. Many thanks to Iain Bark who helps Georgina with the Directory.

**KILNINFORD NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM**

Please send any adverts to Ann Clarkson – adverts should be in a format ready to be inserted in the newsletter without any need for alterations. If in doubt, please ask Ann for advice. 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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