

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 Tel: 01866 844212 Sarah Tel: 01852 200555 Michelle Tel: 01852 316105

Sunday, 5th April – Loch Melfort and Arduaine Beach Clean Day at 2.30 p.m. when the stretch nearest the Village Hall will be cleared. The aim is to have the entire length of the shoreline cleaned up before the end of April. Please contact Diane for bags. Contact: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

Friday, 18th April – Monday, 21st April – Cadbury Easter Egg Trail at Arduaine Garden open from 9.30 a.m. till sunset. Normal admission charges apply but entry to the Easter Egg Trail is free.

Saturday, 19th April – Pirates and Mermaids at Craignish Village Hall. First showing 4 p.m., second showing 7.30 p.m. Recommended for 14+ year olds. Tickets £9, Concessions £6, Families £20. A passionate, moving and funny transatlantic love story set in New York and a small coastal village in Scotland.

Bookings: Tel 01852 500746 E-mail: cvh.artsevents@gmail.com

Sunday, 20th April – Arduaine Garden Support Group Easter Event at Arduaine Garden from 12.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Fun for all the family with special kids' activities by "Funky Chicken", egg throwing competiton (hard boiled eggs!), live music, home baking and refreshments. Normal admission charges will apply. There will be a small charge for some activities but entry to the Easter Egg Trail is free.

Monday – 21^{st} April – Fun Day led by the presbytery youth worker in Kilmelford Village Hall from 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. More details below.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 Jenny Moody Tel: 01852 200222 Rachel Ross: E-mail: rachelandhugh@yahoo.com

Friday, 25th April - BEANS FOR SCENES COFFEE MORNING AND HOME BAKING in Kilmelford Village Hall from 10:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. to raise funds to buy pictures for newly refurbished Macmillan Day Bed Unit in Oban Hospital.

Contact: Jane Rentoul Tel: 01852 200331 E-mail: j.rentoul@btinternet.com or Caroline Gillanders Tel: 01852 200388 E-mail: fergusg@supanet.com

Friday, 2nd May – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall. Everyone invited to enjoy the home baking. Bring and Buy bookstall. Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated. Contact: Diane Scaife – Tel: 01852 200208

Saturday, 3rd May – Craignish Parish Church Annual Spring Fayre at Ardfern Fire Station from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Lots of stalls including plants and baking.

Saturday, 3rd May – Grand Opening of the Craignish Boat Club New Causeway Island Site. BBQ on the island from 12 till 4 p.m. (rolls and salad provided, please bring a contribution for the BBQ) followed by a Ceilidh in Craignish Village Hall from 7 p.m. till late – Licensed Bar and Snacks, Dancing to Archie McAllister's band. Ceilidh Tickets £8 (children £5 or family £20). Tickets available from Carol Tel: 01852 500347 or Kirsty Tel: 01852 500207 See more about the club below and at www.craignishboatclub.org.uk

Saturday, 3rd May and Sunday, 4th May – Kames Bay Garden Open from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. See article below. Full information on www.scotlandsgardens.org Friday, 16th May – Tea and Coffee Cake Break in Kilmelford Village Hall (lesser hall) from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon on behalf of the North Argyll Carers Centre (Cherish Transport Fund). £3. Contact: Jean Bowman Tel: 01852 200380

Thursday, 22nd May – European Election Polling Station in the lesser hall from 7 a.m. till 8 p.m.

Saturday, 24th May and Sunday, 25th May – Maolachy Garden Open from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. See article below. Full information on www.scotlandsgardens.org

Wednesday, 28th May – Budapest Café Orchestra from Harringay at Craignish Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Licensed Bar. Hi-kicking gypsy-beat specialists at the vanguard of the goulash revolution!

Bookings: Tel 01852 500746 E-mail: cvh.artsevents@gmail.com

Tuesday, 3rd June – Police Scotland "Surgeries" will be held in Kilninver at 10.30 a.m. and Kilmelford at 12 noon. At the time of going to press, exact location wasn't available.

Friday, 6th June - 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: Dorothy Bark Tel: 01852 200370

Friday,13th June – Tarneybackle at Craignish Village Hall. Traditional and contemporary folk music from Scotland and beyond. Licensed bar. Bookings: Tel 01852 500746 E-mail: cvh.artsevents@gmail.com

Sunday, 15th June – Blooming Great Tea Party and Ceilidh Dance in Kilmelford Village Hall from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Dancing to the sound of Peter Sinclair and Friends. More details to follow. Look out for posters.

Thursday, 19th June – Plutot la Vie: La Tragedy Comique in Craignish Village Hall. A beautiful, tender, daring adventure for family audiences ages 12+. In English! Bookings: Tel 01852 500746 E-mail: cvh.artsevents@gmail.com

Saturday, 28th June – Royston Maldoon Retrospective, an Edinburgh Choreographic Project in Craignish Village Hall. Inspired by the wonderful contrasting music of some Maldoon's favourite composers: Graham Fitkin, Fasil Say, Gustav Mahler and James MacMillan CBE. Bookings: Tel 01852 500746 E-mail: cvh.artsevents@gmail.com

Tuesday, 1st July – "Aiseag" – the ferryboat - by Mary Ann Kennedy in Craignish Village Hall. As part of the cultural celebrations for Glasgow's hosting of the Commonwealth Games, the PRS for Music Foundation, Creative Scotland and other arts councils have created the first ever UK-wide New Music Biennial. Mary Ann Kennedy is one of the 20 composers selected to bring to life bold and adventurous new musical ideas in collaboration with other artists at home and across the Commonwealth. This is a free event.

Friday, 4th 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. Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated. Contact: Diane Scaife – Tel: 01852 200208

Sunday, 6th July – Parish Walk from Loch Avich to Scammadale. Details to be confirmed. Contact: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 Friday, 18th July – Tea and Coffee Cake Break in Kilmelford Village Hall (lesser hall) from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon on behalf of the North Argyll Carers Centre (Cherish Transport Fund). £3. Contact: Jean Bowman Tel: 01852 200380

Wednesday, 6th, 13th 20th and 27th August – Sumer Music Evenings in Kilmelford Church at 7.30 p.m. Musicians of all standards and non-musicians welcome. Free entry. Contacts: Jim Robb and Winnie Campbell Tel: 01852 200236

Craignish Arts Festival - dates in August to be announced

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 and Facebook once plans have been finalised.

Saturday, 2nd August and Sunday, 3rd August – Melfort House Polytunnel and Garden Open from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. See article below. Full information on www.scotlandsgardens.org

Friday, 8th 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. Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated. Contact: Diane Scaife – Tel: 01852 200208

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Friday, 22nd – Monday, 25th August - Artmap Argyll Open Studios Weekend. Over 40 artists exhibit their work in a number of venues. More information below. Full information on: www.artmapargyll.com

Thursday, 18th September – Independence Referendum Polling Station in Kilmelford Village Hall from 7 a.m. till 8 p.m.

Saturday, 30th August – Macbeth presented by The Walking Theatre Company at Arduaine Garden. This will be the third Walking Theatre Company production organised by the Arduaine Garden Support Group in the Garden. Previous performances were very popular so look out for posters.

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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 1st and 3rd Friday of the month – from approximately 9.30 p.m. Shower of Herring - Every Monday from approximately 8.45 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. It's been FUN.

The end of session party will be on Thursday, 17th April and we will start again in the autumn, 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

<u>PLAYGROUP</u> - Every Wednesday (apart from school holidays) mothers and pre-school children meet from 2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Our small group of mums and babes are still going strong with numbers sometimes reaching double figures! Would love more mums, dads, grans, grandads or carers to bring your wee ones for a lovely friendly afternoon of play and craft.

We had a very successful afternoon tea to raise some funds to pay for the hall, in which we raised nearly £200. Would like to thank all those that baked for us, helped set up and most of all those who came and supported us and donated very generously. Thank you very much.

On a final note, big thanks must go to the mums and grans who attend every week and help muck in, especially Georgina Dalton and Linda Mackinnon, who don't have wee ones with them but still tirelessly help out, thank you.

Any inquiries please phone Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 or alternatively email me at kilmelfordplaygroup@outlook.com

Hope to see you soon, Mellony Mctavish (Hamish's Mum)

CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

For regular events such as Coffee Mornings, "Keep Fit" and "Knit and Natter" please check their website <u>www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk</u> or their Facebook page.

KILMELFORD PÓST OFFICE AND VILLAGE STORE

It will shortly be all change at the Post Office. It's farewell to Ann, with thanks from those she's helped over the years, and welcome to Sarah (Edwards). Please support Sarah in her new venture.

BEANS FOR SCENES – Friday, 25th April from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

At the Macmillan Ward in Oban Hospital recent refurbishment has provided a large room with seven easy/reclining chairs for provision of chemotherapy and haematology treatment for day patients, and two smaller rooms with sofa and chairs as library and privacy room. There is soft lighting, fresh white blinds and pastel coloured walls which are much in need of pictures. The few there already have been very well received by patients, most of whom are required to sit for hours receiving treatment. But more are needed.

So please come along on Friday 25th April for coffee, home baking (and lots of chat!) and help us raise funds to buy more pictures to enhance this terrific facility and so bring cheer to those undergoing treatment.

Offers of baking or items for raffle greatly appreciated. Contacts: Jane Rentoul Tel: 01852 200331 Caroline Gillanders Tel: 01852 200388

KILMELFORD COASTAL ROWING

At the beginning of February we held a fundraising Scottish Country Dancing Night at the Cuilfail Hotel, and all present had an excellent night, with a light supper provided by the Hotel. Many thanks to Simon and Yvonne for providing the venue, and we are extremely grateful to Mike Murray for being an excellent Dance Caller on the night.

We unfortunately lost Don and Joyce Bruce from the Committee due to personal reasons, and we give the utmost thanks to them both for their contributions over the past months as Chairman and Secretary respectively. Don has been pivotal in the building of the skiff, and his invaluable experience has helped us get to our present situation, with a beautiful skiff that is a huge benefit to the community.

The first three months of 2014 saw the continuation of what is now officially the wettest winter since records began. We had hopes of getting out and rowing on Loch Melfort on some nice crisp winter days, but as these never materialised we had to wait until better weather appeared. As April began we saw a change in the weather at last, and so on Wednesday April 2nd we managed to get first outing. Even then a strong north-easterly wind sprang up from nowhere, and our planned session had to be curtailed because of the difficulty in rowing. However, it was good to be out rowing on the loch again, and we had a couple of new members with us having their first go in our wonderful skiff.

We need more males to come forward, however, so any men and boys who fancy having a go will be very welcome! The ladies have been a lot more proactive, and with a bit of luck we may have the makings of a couple of female rowing teams already. In addition we have some very enthusiastic younger members taking part, and we'd like lots more!

As the year goes on we hope to take part in some local regattas. The week of April 5-12 should see us joining with the Seil skiffers in getting out together on the water, and between June 25th and June 29th the Loch Fyne Viking Festival is taking place in Tarbert, and the Mid Argyll Rowers have invited us to take part! It'd be nice to be able to field two or three teams, and team members will also have the opportunity to row a Viking longship!

Anyone who wishes to row with us is very welcome, irrespective of age. We have special oars for children, and they are especially welcome with parental supervision.

Any inquiries can be made by email at kilmelfordcoastalrowing@hotmail.com or by going onto the Kilmelford Coastal Rowing Facebook page.

CRAIGNISH BOAT CLUB

All activities this year are at the new Causeway Island site commencing on the 5th of May (Grand Opening on Saturday, 3rd May – see What's On section)

<u>Cadets:</u> Monday evenings from 6 p.m. <u>Racing for adults:</u> Thursdays from 6.30 p.m. SPARS (Sailing, Paddling and Rowing): Sundays from 2 p.m.

Contacts

Commodore/Sailing Captain - Guy Neville Tel: 01852 500369 E-mail: guyaneville@gmail.com Cadet Captain – Laura Neville Tel: 01852 500369 E-mail: lauramneville@gmil.com Secretary – Kirsty Richardson Tel: 01852 500207 E-mail: kirsty.ardfern@btinternet.com

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.

KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM

Full programme can be found on <u>www.kilmartin.org</u> Information and bookings: Tel: 01546 510278 E-mail: <u>admin@kilmartin.org</u>

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 6 th , 20 th (Easter Day)	
April	13 th , 20 th (Communion 8 a.m.), 27 th		
May	11 th , 25 th	4 th , 18 th	
June	8 th , 22 nd	1 st (Communion), 15 th , *29 th	
July	6 th , 20 th , **27 th	13 th	
August ****	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st	10 th , 24 th	
September	14 th , ***28 th	$7^{th}, 21^{st}$	

United Service

** United Parish Service at Kilchattan at 11.30 a.m.

*** United Parish Service at Craignish at 12 noon

Times and venues will be posted locally and on the website www.netherlornchurches.org.uk

**** Wednesdays, 6th, 13th 20th and 27th August – Sumer Music Evenings in Kilmelford Church at 7.30 p.m.. Musicians of all standards and non-musicians welcome.

On the first Sunday of each month, except July and August, children are welcome to join Xplorers and a short Prayz Service at 4 p.m. in Kilmelford Church. Children under 5 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES - St John's Cathedral, George Street, Oban.

Sunday8 a.m. Holy Communion10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Fourth Sunday – Choral Matins)Wednesday11 a.m. Holy Communion

CATHOLIC CHUŔCH SERVICES - St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

Saturday	7 p.m. Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass	

LETTER FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

Hazel Cottage Kilmartin

I think it was the 'People's Friend' that used to have an article entitled, "From the Manse Window."

As I sit here at my computer, I overlook the back garden of our house and like so many of our gardens it is looking wonderful at the moment with so much new life around. The frogs came quite early this year and we had a few days of wonderful activity and now the pond is full of tadpoles. New life all around.

It has been a great privilege to come back to Kilmelford and Kilninver for a few months and to discover so much new life



all around. I have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in morning worship in both churches. It has been

especially exciting being involved again in the Xplorers group in Kilmelford Church and seeing the enthusiasm, not just of the children, but of the many adults who are involved in this group.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all who have given me such wonderful support during these three months. It has been good being with you and I pray that God will continue to bless you all.

With my best wishes, Walter M. Ritchie

BIRTHS

Congratulations to:

Nina Craig and Johnny Bradfield Martin on the birth of their daughter Heidi on the 3rd of March, a sister for Hamish. All well.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2014

The service, written by the Christian Women of Egypt, was held this year on the 7th of March in Kilmelford Church. £100 was raised and given to their organisation for projects in Egypt that they support.

Thank you to Fiona McNicol and Margaret Cross for helping to organise the service.

Georgina Dalton

WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL

Georgina has received a letter of thanks to everybody involved in collecting stamps for last year's appeal.

This year's appeal is raising money to help the work of the Greek Evangelical Church which has recently opened Dorcas, a Refuge House for Women victims of Violence and their children in Milotopos, north Greece. Following an extensive refurbishment programme, the first tenant moves in this spring, but she will never be charged rent. Recognising the need of these women, the Church will cover all the running costs of the house and the money raised from your stamps will help cover these costs.

In 2013 the appeal met its target and raised just over £4,000, all from used stamps. Please continue to save your used stamps and give them either to Mary Clark or Georgina Dalton.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER XPLORERS GROUP

Since the last issue of the newsletter, Xplorers enjoyed lively Christingle making and Prayz Service which was swelled in numbers by friends from our sister parishes joining us on what was the first Sunday of Advent.

Walter and Heather Ritchie have kindly come and been part of the team while Ken is away. Heather's quizzes and story telling and Walter's words and enthusiasm combine to make a great team with warmth, humour and confirmation of faith.

On 25th March the Xplorer's leaders met to plan the 6th of April meeting to co-ordinate the crafts and prayz time with soldiers, particularly centurions, as the theme and also looking to Easter.

E shall be planning ahead for Monday 21st April and ideas for crafts, games and publicity. Leaflets and consent forms to go out before the schools break up for the holidays.

On the first Sunday of February we continued the theme of occupations learning about Paul's shipwreck and the part played by Luke and the centurion. In March it was Dochas and her gift for sewing, weaving and mending clothes especially for friends and neighbours. Dressing clothes peg dolls was popular and enough were made to take one home and leave one in the church to stay in Walter's home made Dochas' house.

The family Nativity Service on 22nd December was well attended by all ages and many thanks go to the young people who read the Christmas story.

The congregation did their bit by holding up cardboard cut out nativity figures including sheep and oxen responding to the highlighted lines in the script. The young people were all given a felt stocking with gifts inside as a thank you and a token to remember who was given as the greatest gift of all.

RE-START FUN DAY in Kilmelford Village Hall on Monday, 21st April from 1 p.m. till 3.30 p.m.

The presbytery youth worker, Paul Beautyman, is coming to lead a Fun Day at the hall for all local young people (adults can have fun too!).

Leaflets and consent forms will be handed round before the school breaks up for the holidays and it is hoped that this will be a lively and learning afternoon to round off the Easter holidays.

An invitation card to the P7 and High School children will be given out inviting them to a Pizza Lunch at 12 noon at the hall and asking them if they would like to help with the various craft makings and games.

It would be helpful to the Xplorer's leaders if the consent forms can be ready completed for registration at 12.45 p.m. for 1 o'clock so that the opening story telling by paul can be heard by everyone.

Children under 5 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Contacts:

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KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair ·	Antoinette Mitchell			
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders			
Secretary	Diane Scaife	Diane Scaife		
Committee members	tee members Matthew Anderson			
	Ellen Coyle			
	Lucy Files	Lucy Files		
	Christine Rawlins	Christine Rawlins		
Caretaker	Colin Gibson	01852 200204		
Bookings	Kilmelford Village Stores	01852 200271		

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 14th January & 11th March 2014. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at <u>www.kilmelford.com</u>.

Maintenance of the Village Hall

a) The Village Hall is due for an electrical inspection, and also requires several electrical tasks to be carried out. These include replacement of the extractor fans in the cloakrooms, removal of the faulty dimmer switch on the stage and de-activation of the obsolete electronic entry system. Colin McNiven is to do the work and the cost is estimated to be just less than £1000.

b) Colin Gibson has painted the cloakroom ceilings and replaced the fluorescent tube in the lesser hall.

c) Ian Mackinnon has lopped the overhanging branches of the ash tree in the car-park and noticed that there was some rot inside the branches. This is to be monitored for signs of further decay.

d) The fire inspection was carried out by Adam Fire Engineers, who replaced and refilled the extinguishers as required, and also checked the alarms and emergency lighting.

e) Toni Mitchell is looking into the possibility of obtaining funding for a refit of the kitchen. This would include the installation of a dishwasher, new sinks, worktops and fridge.

NEW DRAPES ARE NEEDED FOR THE WALLS OF THE MAIN HALL TO REPLACE THE OLD BLUE ONES. IF ANYONE HAS ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS OF FABRIC, AT A REASONABLE PRICE, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Fund Raising

a) The Quiz & Curry night went very well and raised over £400.00 A big Thank You to Matthew Anderson for making all of the much-acclaimed curries, and to everyone else who contributed on the night. Thanks, also, to John & Jean Bowman who donated the bottle of whisky for the "roll for the bottle" competition, which raised £38.00

b) The 100 Club provides a small but steady income for the Hall but is always looking for more participants. For just £1.00 per month, anyone over 18 can join and stand a chance of winning one of the three cash prizes.

c) The Annual Beach Clean raises significant funds, please join in if you are able. See below.

LOCH MELFORT & ARDUAINE ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

The aim is to have the entire length of the shoreline cleaned up before the end of April. This can be done at any time for an area of your choice, although we do have an "Official Beach Clean Day" on April 5th at 2.30 p.m. when the stretch nearest the Village Hall is cleared. Sponsorship in the past has been generously provided by the Grab Trust. If you are able to help please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208, who can provide bags if required.

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 $\pounds 25.00$ 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 $\pounds 10.00$ 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

ARTMAP ARGYLL - The Red Dot Trail 22nd - 25th August from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Painters, Sculptors, Glass Artists, Wood turners, Weavers and much more! Artmap Argyll's 40+ artists and venues open their creative spaces for anyone to drop in, take part, have a look, purchase some art and follow the red dots through Argyll's stunning, nature rich landscape.

Many of the artists are inspired by what surrounds them and their proximity to some of Scotland's best National Nature Reserves and Ancient Historical sites is an opportunity not to be missed on the 7th Annual Open studios event.

Venues are found from Tobermory to Campbeltown and from Arrochar to the Isle of Jura. Pick up a printed map and directory or visit www.artmapargyll.com

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

INFORMAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 10th December 2013, at 8pm, Kilmelford Village Hall

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM) (Chair), Antoinette Mitchell (AM), Stuart Cannon (SGC), Colin Clark (CC), Jamie McAndrew (JMcA), Jane Rentoul (JR), Cllr Elaine Robertson (ER). 8 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES - Annie Delap, Louise Glen-Lee, Duncan MacIntyre

It was explained by the Chairman that the Council would not be constituted until after 19th December and so the meeting was not permitted to make decisions.

- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none.
- 3. MINUTES OF MEETING held 8th October agreed to be correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) **Community Emergency Plan** - ER explained the contingency plan and reported that the one in place at Taynuilt had been brought into use there during the previous week's storm. There will be a reliance on local knowledge and a single sheet containing contact details of key people should be drawn up so that chainsaw operator, tractor, emergency telephone numbers etc etc are listed and available for a quick response to any situation arising.

b) Community Council Elections - 7 members were elected and posts agreed were: Chairman Nigel Mitchell, Treasurer Stuart Cannon, Minutes Secretary Jane Rentoul.

c) Accounts - Up to date accounts were handed to SGC.

d) Glenmore Farm (Forestry Commission Scotland) - the Forestry Commission has produced a draft plan which NM will forward upon request. SGC to print it out in A3 form for the sake of clarity.

e) Musdale Wind Farm - Still awaiting SNH report. Community Council asked for time extension as there will be no CC meeting until February 2014.

f) Proposed Development of Two Wind Turbines at Lagganmore Kilninver - David Connell made a presentation of the proposal which he said had included a very detailed feasibility study. CARES (Community and Renewable Energy Scheme) loan funding application would be lodged by 20 January 2014. It would be November 2014/Spring 2015 before they were at the planning application stage.

g) Proposed Fish Farm at South West Shuna - SGC gave an update on the current position.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Farm House Arduaine - Erection of 11 KW wind turbine 24.9 metres high Ref 13/02593/NMA Ardenstuir House Melfort Kilmelford - Increase in height of boathouse Ref 13/02444/NMA Glenbeg Farm Kilmelford - Erection of agricultural shed Ref 13/02104/PNAGRI

Land west of Hilltop Melford Pier Kilmelford - Erection of dwellinghouse Ref 13/01820/PP Eathie Arduaine - Erection of replacement dwellinghouse and Det garage/studio Ref 13/01740/PP

Loch Melfort Hotel - Site for the erection of dwellinghouse Ref 13/01713/PPP

all above applications permitted.

Glenbeg Kilmelford - Erection of agricultural shed (amended site relative to planning permission Ref 13/02104/PNAGRI) (See above) Ref 13/02467/PNAGRI

Land East of Tigh na Ghlinne Kilninver - Erection of dwellinghouse and det garage Ref 13/02246/PP the above two applications pending consideration

6. CORRESPONDENCE

War Memorials Trust

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The team producing the Kilninford Newsletter will stand down after publication of the 50th issue in December 2014. There are four posts to be filled: Editor, Advertisements, Distribution and Treasurer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th February 2014 at Kilmelford Village Hall at 8 p.m.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014 8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Stuart Cannon (SGC); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Nigel Mitchell (NM); Jane Rentoul (JR). 7 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES - Colin Clark; Cllr. Louise Glen-Lee; Cllr. Elaine Robertson; Constable Jeremy Moore.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - SGC and JMcA Agenda Item 4(g)

3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS held in October and December 2013 were approved as true and accurate representations of the meetings held. 8th October meeting: Proposed by SGC and seconded by JMcA; 10th December meeting: Proposed by AM and seconded by JMcA.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Community Emergency Plan - NM had received resilience pack and appealed for someone to volunteer to be the initial point of contact in an emergency. Folder explaining operation of contingency plan passed to JMcA for consideration by him to undertake to be the nominated person for our area. Concern raised regarding breakdown in communication by telephone, internet etc. owing to storm damage as had happened over a wide area and for a long period recently. AM undertook to write to BT expressing these concerns.

b) Community Council Elections - The following posts were allocated:

Chairman - Nigel Mitchell

Vice-Chairman and Treasurer - Stuart Cannon

Secretary - Antoinette Mitchell

Minutes Secretary - Jane Rentoul

Planning - Nigel Mitchell

Licensing - Antoinette Mitchell

Copies of Model Constitution and of Best Practice Agreements had been circulated to all members.

c) Musdale Wind Farm - Awaiting Environmental Impact Assessment and report from SNH. Community Council unable to put in representation until these are forthcoming and feedback received.

d) Glenmore Farm - Forestry Commission have replied to members of the public whose comments followed the meeting last September. SGC gave a powerpoint presentation on the Forestry Commission document. Type of fencing proposed and access were questioned. Community Council to recommend longer term tenancies of the farmland to prospective tenants and/or purchase of the farmland by members of the local community. SGC to draft letter to Community Council members for comment before submitting to Forestry Commission.

e) Raera Forest Plan - NM has copy of the Scoping Report which is available for anyone to see. Concern from community regarding the use of bridge over the Euchar at Kilninver.

f) Scammadale Wind Turbines - NM outlined the proposal which had been presented at December meeting. To date there had been very little community awareness of the proposal, other than consultation only with those within 1km of the site of the turbines. The Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) connected with the project is funded by the Scottish Government and requires community engagement and discussion.

If successful, £16,000 or a greater amount would be available for community benefit and which would be channelled through a Community Trust, yet to be set up. The Community Council has to await loan approval.

g) Proposed Fish Farm South West Shuna - SGC took the meeting through a detailed presentation of the proposal and answered questions from the floor. The application will be submitted early March.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Land East of Tigh Na Ghlinne Kilninver - Erection of dwellinghouse and garage. Ref 13/02246/PP **Permitted**

Land South West of Glenmore Farm Kilmelford - Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage, upgrade of existing access and formation of new vehicular access (amended design, siting and new altered access relative to planning permission 13/01485/PP) Ref 14/00125/PP **Pending Consideration**

Glenmore Power Station Glenmore Kilmelford - Certificate of Lawfulness (existing use) - Power Station. Ref 13/02635/CLAWU Pending Decision

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Carraig Ghael - NM reported that the fund offered to the community will be backdated.

2. Police Scotland - the role of traffic warden had been withdrawn from 3rd February.

3. Police Scotland - closing police stations. Restructuring will take place over next 2 years. GPS technology will be used in future.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Concern was raised over the size and positioning of the newly erected sign in Kilmelford concerning Loch Melfort Hotel and Arduaine Garden and Coastal Viewpoint. People living in the village wished that it be moved to a position opposite the Degnish road end in order that it was obvious that the destinations on the sign were further out of the village along the A816, thereby avoiding the confusion that has arisen in the past when people, seeking Loch Melfort Hotel and Arduaine Garden, end up at Melfort Village on the Degnish Road.

2. Thank you letters be sent to Councillor Elaine Robertson (redundant signpost removal) and to Jim Smith, Roads Department (dislodged boulders removal A816).

3. Request that the Community Council pays for the poppy wreath (costing approximately £30) that is laid annually on Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial in Kilmelford. Proposal approved by SGC and seconded by JR.

4. The matter of the shrubs obstructing clear view of the Cuilfail bridge on A816 travelling north was raised, having been brought to the attention of previous meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

School News

We are very proud of our children for their recent efforts at the Burns Competition in The Corran Halls. There were over 400 entries and our children did very well to win.

Recitation:	1st P7 section Adam Edwards
	1st P6 section Calum Warnock
	2nd section Amy Edwards
	3rd section Hugo Hoevelmann
Singing:	1st P6 section Rory Johnson
	1st P5 section Hugo Hoevelmann
	3rd P5 section Stephen MacPherson
Musical Instrument:	P6 section 3rd Calum Warnock.

A big thank you to Alasdair Oatts for helping them to prepare and to all the Mums, Dads and friends from the local community who came along to our Burns supper event to watch us perform and get over our nerves.

Our Poly Tunnel has finally arrived and is being erected, we look forward to starting to grow things very soon.

We had a wonderful time at the Scottish Opera in Easdale where our P4 - P7 children did a wonderful performance of the Macabre Opera.

Our P4 -P7 children will be competing in the OLI Inter-school orienteering Championships on the 25th April at Dunstaffnage Castle. We wish them well.

School Dates

Tuesday, 22nd April - School re-opens Friday, 27th June – School closes

Berni McMillan

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.

KAMES BAY GARDEN open 3rd and 4th May from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m.

Kames Bay garden was begun in 1982 on a steep hillside, where the only vegetation was scrub and a very good crop of bracken. The 13 acre garden has been developed around the contours of the coastal landscape, full of colour and interest in all seasons, but at its best in the spring with many species of vibrant rhododendrons, azaleas and ornamental trees. There is a gentle walk around the 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. It is a natural, almost wild garden where visitors can wander around, discovering hidden benches where they can sit down and enjoy the special views in peace and quiet.

Admission

£4, accompanied children free. Homemade teas are available

Access

Sturdy, waterproof (if this wet weather continues) 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 dependent).

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 or buggies.

Shelagh and Stuart Cannon

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ARDUAINE GARDEN

The Beginnings of Spring

They say that it's been the wettest winter on record. I wouldn't have thought so, maybe as we've had a great deal of light rain and showery days but not so many of the constant downpours that we've experienced in other winters. Record or not, it's certainly been wet and as I write this on 6th April it shows, no sign of letting up. The mower is serviced and ready to go, but after some slightly drier weather we're back to sodden lawns again. I just hope we get the opportunity to cut the grass before Easter when we'll hold our usual Cadbury Easter Egg Trail over the four days of the holiday, with events for the young 'uns on Easter Sunday.

One of the major tasks of the winter has been the taking down of trees in the Woodland Garden which have been loosened by the wind, and the cutting up of those that have blown down. Our tree surgeons are very good, if a little hard to pin down, but they've done a lot of work for us this winter including the grinding out of a large Griselinia stump above the main lawn. The huge griselinia has been breaking up over the last year and we finally had it taken down, leaving a very large space in a very prominent position – an excellent planting opportunity. The stump grinder, known affectionately as 'Stumpy', is remote controlled, the operator having a console hanging around his neck from which he operates the machine. The purpose of this is largely to get away from the problems of struggling with a large and heavy piece of equipment, with the associated problems of HAVS, or 'Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome', which is a very real and problematic affliction.

I had plans for a number of changes to the herbaceous borders this spring, but unfortunately the wet weather has put paid to this. We may still get the opportunity, but time is moving on and the weeding season will soon be upon us. I've had quite a bit of time away from the garden too, or time away from gardening I should say, having had a hip replacement at the end of January. It will still be a while before I dare do anything too heavy!

Otherwise life goes on. I do hope to be able to get on with some planting this season, having a large number of shrubs growing on and looking for homes. As a keen lover of plants, it's always a difficult decision when some astonishing plants becomes available – to buy or not to buy. Somebody once advised the acquisition of plants only when the space was available; it may have been Vita Sackville-West, though I'd be surprised if such a keen plants person could suggest resisting something so very tempting. A garden without a brimming nursery would say something about the gardener, I think.

A way round this problem, of course, is to propagate plants from seed or cuttings, knowing that the inevitable day of planting out is a long way ahead. I have many seedling rhododendrons in the glasshouse which regularly remind me of this, as well as numerous pots of sown fern spores which one day will need homes. There's always next year. . . . !

One serious difficulty facing me this spring is the lack of a receptionist to cover Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Several adverts have produced a few results but all have come to nothing. As we are going over to EPOS (electronic point of sale) shortly, the use of volunteers is out of the question as the electronic till system is too complicated to pick up in a short time and its use, once begun, is a necessity. If anyone out there is looking for a part-time job until the end of September, please get in touch!

In spite of the atrocious weather currently, we do have a very good selection of plants in flower as the recent winter has been so mild. We've not fallen below $-\circ 1C$ and consequently many rhododendrons and magnolias have come into flower early. If the rain stops and the wind falls do come on down – you won't be disappointed!

Thanks for all your support – and if you feel that you have some spare time to assist in any way, please do get in touch.

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MELFORT HOUSE GARDEN AND POLYTUNNEL open 2nd and 3rd August, 2 p.m. - 5p.m.

Tunnel Talk

Melfort House Polytunnel and garden is open to visitors again this year. 54ft long and 18ft wide, the tunnel accommodates a prolific peach tree surrounded by 4 growing beds with over 40 types of vegetables and flowers including some rarer heritage varieties. The produce provides guests with delicious, fresh vegetables and salad leaves, all year round. Whatever the weather, the polytunnel is a place to relax and enjoy the colour, texture and aromas of the whole growing experience from seed to plate. Please come and join us for tunnel tour with tea & cake.

Yvonne and Mathew Anderson

MAOLACHY GARDEN

A winter of various kinds of wet, horizontal sheets, solid downpours, low grey mists or just dreich days, has left the herbaceous borders still to be tidied up – muck awaiting in bags before spreading.

The vegetable patches puddle within a couple of minutes of rain falling with last years foot prints from harvesting crops turning into wee lochans.

On the upside there is always something to do in the garden whatever the weather and the completion of the woodland walk became inviting while the winds blew varieties of rain up or down Lochavich.

The far end of the wild garden was a little shelter of its own and so, with Christophe's help, his chainsaw and my bushman plus a box of matches we set to to complete the project. Oh yes, I lived up to my nickname a friend gave me - "one match Murray" - and we had two grand bonfires.

The path chosen for this woodland walk is to be as maintenance free as possible and hopefully foot falls and the odd bracken bash will work. No plans to plant shrubs up this way but I have slipped in snowdrops kindly given from a local friend's garden. I would like to try a patch of hellebores just to see if they will be happy under the beech mass. Snowdrops everywhere are such a delight to the eye in spring especially after such a grey winter.

The bird box making department cobbled up another tit box and one more open "des res" for the yellow wagtail or best a dipper. I see one of the open front boxes was nested in last summer by a spotted fly catcher. It's a real joy to find that feathered friends have taken up residence and reared their young.

The garden is open 24th and 25th May - £3.50 for the garden and the cottage tea room will be open and provide a seat, mugs of tea, coffee or juice and choice of cakes. Donations for HOPE kitchen open. I look forward to welcoming friends or visitors.

Georgina Dalton

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, 21st May, 2014 Thursday 22nd May, 2014 16.00 - 19.30 13.30 - 15.45 and 17.15 - 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 4th June, 2014

Dates of future blood donation sessions will be posted on www.scotblood.co.uk under "Where to Donate"

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Craobh Haven Marina	12.05 - 12.35
Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford	14.10 - 14.15
Easdale	14.50 - 15.00
Balvicar	15.10 - 15.20

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library is in the area on Tuesdays, every 4 weeks. Contact: The library in Oban (Tel: 01631 571444) or The driver, Gordon Tel: 0799 0773102

LOCAL WEBSITE www.kilmelford.com

A big thank you to Alex Tweedly who administers our local website and to others who upload information on a regular basis. Please e-mail <u>editor@kilmelford.com</u> 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.

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