

# KILNINFORD NEWS

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## THE FUTURE OF THE KILNINFORD NEWS

Sadly, nobody has volunteered to put together a full team to continue the Kilninford News so the December newsletter, Issue 50, will be the final newsletter produced by the current team.

We are grateful for the two offers of help that we have had, including one from a newcomer to the area. Unfortunately, neither of the volunteers is in a position to put together the full team that is needed to continue the newsletter. Anyone interested in helping out with editorial, advertising, distribution or accounts, please contact Fiona who will put you in touch.

Regardless of any outcome, we will distribute most of the remaining funds, accrued through advertising, between local, charitable organisations leaving a small start-up fund should the newsletter continue in future under a new team.

Georgina, along with Iain, has kindly agreed to continue producing the Local Directory each year.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

Please apply by post or by e-mail to Fiona Wylie, Traighuaine Ard, Arduaine, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4XQ

E-mail: [mail@fionaw.co.uk](mailto:mail@fionaw.co.uk)

Include the name of the organisation and a brief breakdown of what the money would be used for.

Maximum award will be £250 so that several organisations may benefit.

## KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

These two organisations are increasingly influential in shaping the future of our community. After December you will no longer receive printed copies of the CC Minutes or a synopsis of the Village Hall meetings by way of the newsletter.

In order to access Minutes of meetings etc. you will need to:-

1. Attend meetings.
2. Read the Minutes on the notice boards in Kilmelford or Kilnilver.
3. Check online at [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com)
4. Register to receive e-mails from the Community Council.

At the CC meeting in August, the CC agreed to set up a group of e-mail addresses for all those that sent forms to me with their e-mail addresses and their permission to use these for CC communications. The intention is that, by registering to receive information by e-mail from the CC, you will receive Agendas and Minutes of meetings, advance notice of extraordinary meetings, notice of major planning applications that fall between CC meetings, and any other information that the CC consider to be beneficial. In other words, for those with e-mail addresses, this will be the easiest way to receive information promptly.

In order to register, please e-mail Fiona at [mail@fionaw.co.uk](mailto:mail@fionaw.co.uk) with your name, address, e-mail address and your consent for your contact details to be used by the Kilnilver and Kilmelford Community Council. All information given will be held securely and will be used solely for the purposes of the K & K CC. It will not be disclosed to any third party without explicit consent.

After November, you will need to contact community councillor Jamie McAndrew E-mail: [hatchery@kames.co.uk](mailto:hatchery@kames.co.uk) in order to register to receive e-mail communications from the CC.

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

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September – World's Biggest Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Shower of Herring in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Tel: 01852 200257 or E-mail: [reception@melfortvillage.co.uk](mailto:reception@melfortvillage.co.uk)

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October - Pop up World War 1 Museum** presented by Kilninver Primary School in Kilmelford Village Hall. Look out for posters.

**Wednesday 8th October 2014 – 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 the famous Parish Lunch 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 buy and 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. The hall will be open to receive donations from 10 a.m. on the 8th and if you are unable to come along on the day, goods for the stalls can be left with the relevant stallholder by prior arrangement.

LUNCHES	GEORGINA DALTON	01866 844212
BAKING	SALLY INGLIS	01852 316217
BOTTLE STALL	DOROTHY BARK	01852 200370
HANDICRAFTS	ISABEL SMITH	01852 200537
PLANTS	TONI MITCHELL	01852 316151
PRODUCE & PRESERVES	JENNY MOODY	01852 200222
RAFFLE	JANE RENTOUL	01852 200331

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October – Head in the Clouds** presented by Ipdip Theatre at 10.30 a.m. in Craignish Village Hall. This is a play designed for 0 – 4 year olds and their families. Tickets available from Lucy Tel: 01852 500746, E-mail: [cvh.artsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvh.artsevents@gmail.com) or [www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk) £5/£3

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Local By-Election** from 6.30 a.m. till 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall (lesser hall)

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October – Childrens' Hallowe'en Party** hosted by Kilninver Primary School in Kilmelford Village Hall - all ghouls and ghosties will be made most welcome.

**Friday, 7<sup>th</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. Delicious home baking. Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November – An Evening of Modern Dance** presented by the Edinburgh Choreographic Project at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets available from Lucy Tel: 01852 500746, E-mail: [cvh.artsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvh.artsevents@gmail.com) or [www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk) - £9/£6/£20.

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November – Experience Life Behind the Lens** with wildlife photographer Doug Allan in Craignish Village Hall, time and further details to be confirmed.

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November – Babylon** presented by The Flanagan Collective at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. This is “a romping, stomping folk musical from a rolling, strolling rag tag bunch of folk”. Tickets £9/£6/£20 available from Lucy Tel: 01852 500746, E-mail: [cvh.artsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvh.artsevents@gmail.com) or [www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk)

**Pre show dinner** £5. Please pre book by 18<sup>th</sup> November with Janine on 007906 818 230 or [janinecalder@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janinecalder@hotmail.co.uk) Licensed bar.

**Friday, 5<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. Delicious home baking. Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December – A night of hilarity** with comedian Paul Sneddon and friends at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. BYO booze, drinks and nibbles.

Tickets £9/£6/£20 available from Lucy Tel: 01852 500746, E-mail: [cvh.artsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvh.artsevents@gmail.com) or [www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk)

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December - Hogmanay Party** in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall. Tickets available in advance. 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 from the 9<sup>th</sup> of October onwards. We're going to start with a party this time since the end of session ceilidh in April had to be cancelled – so bring along a bottle and some food to share.

All welcome. You can come and join us at any time but, if you're a beginner, try and make it at the beginning of the season and what better way to start than with a party.

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

**GAMES NIGHTS** will hopefully take place some Friday evenings throughout the winter from 7 – 8.30 p.m. in Kilmelford and Kilninver 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

#### **MELFORT UKULELES**

The group meets **every Wednesday from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.** £3 per person or £4 per couple, under 18 free (if accompanied by a parent). Price includes instruction, music and tea/coffee/biscuits. See advert.

Contact: Sarah Whittle Tel: 01852 500790 E-mail: [sarah@musicforlife.info](mailto:sarah@musicforlife.info)

## **MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP**

Kilmelford playgroup meets every **Wednesday afternoon 2 - 3.30 p.m. (apart from school holidays)** in Kilmelford Hall. Please feel free to come along for a coffee, cake and a friendly chat. Once again we have lost two of our wee ones to 'big school' so would more than welcome any parents, carers or grandparents to bring your babes along for a lovely afternoon of fun and play.

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 Lucy Tel: 01852 500746, E-mail: [cvh.artsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvh.artsevents@gmail.com) or [www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.ticketsource.co.uk)

## **KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 13<sup>th</sup> May & 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com).

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

- a) Colin McNiven has completed the electrical work at the Hall, including the fitting of new extractor fans in the cloakrooms, which are now activated by motion sensors.
- b) Quotes have been received for kitchen improvements, including the installation of a dishwasher. A grant is being sought to finance the work, which is expected to be in the region of £10,000.
- c) An estimate has been given for the length of fabric required to make new drapes for the walls of the main hall. Types and prices of fabric are being looked into.

## Fund Raising

a) £605.00 has been received from the Grab Trust for the annual Loch Melfort beach clean. A big Thank you to everyone who helped by cleaning a stretch of beach. The payment depends on the length of shoreline cleared of litter; so every little bit helps!

b) The 100 Club is running smoothly, but as always, is looking for a few more members. If you would like the chance to win one of three prizes every month, please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208.

c) The Hogmanay Party will be planned to follow the same format as last year, with tickets being available in advance.

## KILMELFORD & KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

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

### SPORTS

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

### HIRE CHARGES

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

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

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

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

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

### HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

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

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

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

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

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

## **HOW TO TAKE FORWARD KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (KKCA)**

### **Background**

Since it was established KKCA has been administered for the wider benefit of the community as an “unincorporated” charity organisation, under the auspices of the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), governed by its own approved constitution through a committee of elected trustees. The rules applied by OSCR allow these unincorporated associations to be set up, continually assessed and audited at a simpler level than many of the larger and more prosperous community bodies, which have to adopt a higher degree of management control and scrutiny. A particular benefit of this particular status for us is that it makes the annual audit requirements of the KKCA accounts much-quicker, less bureaucratic and less costly to complete.

### **Present situation**

Over the years this has become a popular method by which most of the smaller rural communities in Scotland have run their community associations or groups, many of which typically involve the ownership and management of a village hall and perhaps other assets associated with it (eg. sports facilities). This arrangement has served our community well, and it is a status some community associations or groups may decide to retain. However, a number of significant legislative changes have been imposed on charities by the Scottish Government over the past 3 years, some of which may have a longer-term effect on the KKCA. One of the outcomes of this legislation has been the establishment of a form of “incorporated” organisation called a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which is very similar to the existing “unincorporated” one, however it has a different legal status, requires a higher degree of external scrutiny and offers the means to provide a greater level of local participation in the management of local community bodies.

In summary, there are 3 broad aims behind these legislative changes:

1. To enable community-derived constitutions to be more flexible in adapting to future legislation.
2. To promote a wider level of community involvement in local charitable bodies.
3. To enable charitable bodies to more easily benefit from the increasing number of funds available to local communities from sources such as renewable energy, forestry and land developers.

### **The Way Ahead**

The KKCA trustees have been considering the implications of this legislation for some time. The Chair and other trustees have attended village hall seminars sponsored by OSCR and supported by the Scottish Government at which the new legislation was presented and discussed. Having sought advice from OSCR, Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) and other agencies, the committee now believe the time is right to future-proof our Community Association by bringing our constitution up to date and converting the KKCA into an SCIO. Therefore, AVA have been approached to provide assistance in bringing this into effect. The process of producing a revised constitution and making an application to OSCR for conversion of the KKCA into an SCIO will take a few months, so in reality it will not be in place until early 2015. Hopefully, this will allow the constitution to be endorsed at the 2015 AGM.

### **What does this mean?**

The legislation behind these changes can be a bit baffling, and some people may ask why should we change to an SCIO if the current status of the KKCA has worked well. There is a very useful guide to the different types of charitable organisation on the OSCR web site, however in simple terms the community will not see any difference in the way the village hall is run or the trustees carry out their business on behalf of the community. If there is one significant difference an SCIO will bring, it will be in providing a more structured means of enabling people to participate in the running of our community association, should they wish to do so.

Of course, more information will be promulgated as things develop. In the meantime, the following points are provided to show what it will mean to the KKCA:

1. The existing Scottish Charity number, tax, rateable values, insurance status and nil band community charge for the village hall will be retained.

2. To avoid confusion with “unincorporated” bodies that remain, the name of the KKCA will have to be changed to include “Incorporated Organisation” (eg name of bank account etc).
3. The changes to the constitution will largely be aimed at bringing it in line with new legislation, however a requirement of an SCIO is that its constitution should also incorporate a Code of Conduct.
4. As well as an annually-elected governing committee of Trustees (as exists for the KKCA), an SCIO also allows for people in the community to join a “Register of Members”. This involves a very simple localised “registration” process, and once on the Register members of the community may attend and provide a “vote” (if the need arises) at meetings, and offer themselves for posts or as general members of a committee. It also allows for “Members”, with or without Trustees, to form a sub-committee, if there is a need to establish one for a particular purpose. Those who do not wish to join the Register of Members may of course continue to provide input to the SCIO through a Trustee, and may attend the AGM, but would not have a direct “vote” as such.

## 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	14 <sup>th</sup> , *	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>
October	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> (** Harvest Thanksgiving), 19 <sup>th</sup>
November	9 <sup>th</sup> (Remembrance), 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Communion), 16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>
December	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> (Family Nativity Service)	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <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)

\* 28<sup>th</sup> September, United Parish Service at 12 noon at Craignish

\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> October, Harvest Thanksgiving – donations of dried or tinned foods would be gratefully received

## 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 6 p.m. Vigil Mass  
 Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

## LIFE AFTER THE REFERENDUM

At the time of writing, we are within a week of the Referendum which seems likely, one way or the other, to be a watershed in Scotland’s modern political history. I hope that when we look back on the campaigns we will feel that there is much of which to be proud.

At a time when we were supposed to be living in a cynical age where people were politically apathetic, there has been passionate intensity to the debate as people of all ages and backgrounds have engaged with the issues. The sense that responsibility is ours and that it is up to us to shape our political direction is something that I welcome and which I hope we can sustain.

I have been particularly impressed by how vigorously many people have been committed to thinking

things through for themselves. The “democratic intellect” in Scotland is not dead yet. In fact, it appears to be reviving and taking new forms. This is something that is full of promise for our future.

At the same time, the intensity and vigour of the debate do carry certain risks. Inevitably, given the binary nature of the choice in the Referendum, it has been divisive. Division can lead to ill feeling and it would not be realistic to imagine that we would get through such a process without some strong words being exchanged. Nonetheless, in terms of struggles for independence Scotland’s must be one of the most peaceful ever – something else of which we can be justly proud.

The church has had a lot of experience of handling division. Read the Epistles of the New Testament and you will find that from its earliest days the church was riven by splits, factions and intense debates. On the positive side, this is a sign of life. It shows that people care passionately about their faith – how it is lived and expressed. At the same time it poses a challenge – how will people with different views be able to remain one community?

One answer is found in humility. As Oliver Cromwell once put it to some dogmatically-minded Scots: “I beseech you by the bowels of Christ, think it possible you may be mistaken.” Human finitude is such that it is always possible we might be wrong – worth remembering that. Another answer is found in love – and specifically the kind of love that unites us not only with PLU (people like us) but with those who see things very differently. The church has been at its best when it has been humble and loving. Can I commend these qualities as we emerge from the excitement of the Referendum?

Kenneth Ross  
Parish Minister

## MESSAGE OF THANKS

Many readers of the Kilninford News will be aware that I had a losing argument with a mountain early in the summer, which ended up with some broken bones and a lengthy period of being manse-bound. I take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to every one who offered support in the form of cards, letters, emails, messages, phone calls, cakes, biscuits, drinks, books, eggs, seedlings, jam and, most of all, love and prayers. In my working life I often see how the community rallies around to offer care to people in times of need but now, having been on the receiving end myself, I am even more aware of how good it is to belong to a community where this is the case. Many thanks to one and all.

Kenneth Ross  
Parish Minister

## XPLORERS

The team leaders met at the Loch Melfort Hotel to discuss ideas for the next year’s group meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. at Kilmelford Church except January, July and August. Ken suggested the themes taken from the seven “I am” sayings of Jesus and with Christingles for December and preparations for Easter they would fit neatly into the nine monthly sessions.

“I am the Good Shepherd” was the first saying and became the theme for the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Ken brought his crook and told the shepherd’s story to the first arrivals and others joined in as we split into groups. The older group discussed lines of the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm and the role of the shepherd in Jesus’ time as well as the present day. Sheep mobiles, a frieze, crook making, sheep badges, word searches and figures to fit into a matchbox from David the shepherd’s story were made and models taken home.

Thank you to the Ukuleles for accompanying the song during the praise times. It was a happy and industrious start to the monthly gatherings.

Georgina Dalton



## **XPLORERS PICNIC AT BARNACARRY on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2014**

Dark clouds were reported to be looming over the Oban area but those of us who gathered at the hall were in a buoyant beach and picnic mode and decided not to be put off. We set off in various cars to meet others who were making their way straight there.

Patricia Wakeford kindly gave us permission to park by the barns and twenty children and thirteen grown-ups shared the carrying of food boxes, water bottles, swimming gear and rugs etc and made our way down to the shore.

The threatened rain stayed north of Loch Feochan and left us in warm watery sunshine and a gentle breeze which kept the midges at bay. Buckets and spades went into action making sandcastles, moats or cool pools for sitting in in wet suits to keep bodies warm.

Everyone shared their picnics, the barbeque eventually got going and hot water from the volcano kettle provided welcome mugs of tea and coffee.

The afternoon ended with a rather mad game of rounders and a decision not to stay too long so that all were home in time for tea. A very happy afternoon.

Georgina Dalton

## **MUSIC EVENINGS IN KILMELFORD CHURCH**

Once again Kilmelford and District turned out for the August Wednesday Evening Entertainments.

The evenings have taken a recognisable form with the regular supporters of the project being helped out with some fresh faces. Ruaridh Litster Campbell proving a hit with some lively piano playing and the ever present Georgina Dalton showing her new skill on fiddle.

The wide range of ages and talents of performers provided genuine variety in the programmes. We had music and song from Austria, South Africa and a Lybian folk song played on the "Oud". Thanks to all who contributed and to those who came along to listen.

The church performed beautifully again despite the new installation of the new heating being in full flow during the proceedings. Thanks are due to Peter Cross for arranging the experimental system installed by Historic Scotland. This will considerably increase the scope of the church building making it even more suitable for this kind of activity throughout the year. I will be interested to see how the community makes use of this asset.

But overall good fun and a genuine local ceilidh atmosphere. Donations amounted to over £220 towards upkeep etc.

I hope we do it again next year.

Jim Robb

## **WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL**

Georgina has received a letter thanking everyone who has donated used stamps to this appeal. In 2013 the appeal raised just over £4,000. Please don't forget this appeal because you are no longer receiving reminders in the newsletter and please don't chuck your stamps. You can continue to give them either to Mary Clark Tel: 01852 200259 or Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212.

This year's funds will be going to support the Greek Evangelical Church which has recently opened Dorcas, a Refuge House for Women Victims of Violence and their children in Milotopos, north Greece.

## FEEDBACK ON BT COMPLAINTS

Thank you to all those of you who returned the feedback slip that was enclosed with the last newsletter. I'm afraid I didn't get round to collating the information and writing to BT as soon as I should have (busy summer). However, I wrote to BT last month and, amongst other things, asked for a definitive answer as to when the infrastructure serving Kilmelford and Kilninver will be upgraded to an acceptable standard – this appears to be the only solution to our problems. I've received confirmation that BT has forwarded my letter to BT Openreach and that I will receive a reply. I will let you know the outcome in the December newsletter.

Fiona

## LETTER

Dear Editorial Team,

I am sad to think this Kilninford Magazine Issue is probably the penultimate one! I was upset to learn at the recent community council meeting that no new production/editorial team had been found.

This local magazine has been in production for 17 years I believe and I have been receiving and enjoying it for 9 of those years. I have found it at times amusing, inspirational, spiritually uplifting and always informative and I will very much miss the three times a year delivery.

Although reasonably computer literate, for my age, I still, like many others, prefer to read the printed page rather than a computer screen. I also believe there are many in the community who appreciate this personal and tangible way of keeping in touch with the community especially as our Parish of Kilninver and Kilmelford is such a spread out community and not close knit in the physical sense. As secretary of the Community Council and Chair of the Community Association I feel I do my 'bit' for the community and trust the present team will understand why, when approached, I declined to offer my services, self preservation as much as anything. However, I feel there must be other community minded members of our parish who would be willing to carry on this worthwhile project.

I heard one of the present team say if it does not carry on that they feel their 17 years has been wasted. No, please don't feel that way it has brought pleasure and information to hundreds of us for many years and has always been appreciated. Nigel and I would like to thank the team for their years of hard work and hundreds of hours of time given to the production of the Kilninford News for the community.

I think the best way for the community to thank the team is to carry on their good work and make sure that in 2015 there will be future issues of the Kilninford News. So please come forward.

Antoinette Mitchell

## KILMELFORD COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

Well September is upon us and I hope you enjoyed Summer. It has been a busy time getting used to the single Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which replaced the 8 F&RS that used to cover Scotland. It has, however, been a quiet year for turnouts at Kilmelford but some of the jobs we have had were challenging and required all our training. This Spring was the first in my memory that we were not called out to any hill fires. I think the ground was so wet from the weeks of rain at the start of the year that nothing would burn. All good news, however, as every time we turnout it means someone is in need of assistance or in peril, so that can only be a good thing. Our latest recruit, Firefighter Gemma MacCowan has now completed her basic training, her Breathing Apparatus training and the first of her live fire training and is now a "turnout ready" member of our fire crew. The addition of Gemma, once again, brings our compliment of 10 back up to full strength.

This will be my last full year as Crew Commander at Kilmelford. *Tempus fugit* as they say and next year I will be 60 so will be hanging up my helmet and boots. 2014 has been a really great one for me having

been nominated for the Daily Record "Our Hero" awards held in Glasgow and "Firefighter of the Year" at the UK wide Spirit of Fire awards in London. I was judged to be a runner up at both these events but, third time lucky, I, together with Firefighter Gareth Strang from Oban Community Fire Station, have been successful in receiving the Brave@Heart award from the First Minister at a ceremony to be held in Edinburgh Castle in October. Gareth and I provided immediate trauma care for a road accident victim whilst off duty and travelling home from work in July 2013. Our intervention was highlighted by the attending *Helimed* Doctor who contacted the fire service to confirm that our intervention had directly prevented a tragic outcome at the scene. We were both happy enough to see the people we had helped up and about but are pleased to accept our awards as the "icing on the cake" and you know how much firefighters like cake !!

Our car wash in Spring was the usual success with our regular "washees" plus some new "customers" and we have been running our usual Pub Quizzes in Cuilfail Hotel, with the generous assistance of Simon and Yvonne, all of which were well supported by many locals and visitors. Watch out for dates for the up and coming Autumn Car Wash and Pub Quiz which will be advertised in the usual way. Our fundraising total for the Fire Fighter's Charity (FFC) will be boosted this year by one of the crew Firefighter Ross Stewart who will be climbing Ben Nevis in fire kit on 14<sup>th</sup>. September, with a small but beautifully formed support team to ensure he makes it to the top, all in aid of the FFC. If you wish to donate to this feat there are sponsor sheets in Cuilfail Hotel and at the Fire Station on a Thursday evening (even if you are reading this after the 14<sup>th</sup> it isn't too late). There is also an on line giving page at [www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com) where you can donate.

In early September the crew at Kilmelford were nominated for the "Ice Bucket Challenge" which was duly carried out in the form of an **ILL DISCIPLINED** drill which was fun to do and, I'm reliably informed, was also fun to watch. If you would like to see Kilmelford's finest raising a little laughter, donations going to Motor Neuron Scotland and MacMillan Cancer Support, you can check us out on *You Tube* by searching on L71 Kilmelford Ice Bucket Challenge, enjoy.

So I'd like to close by wishing all a safe and incident free Autumn and Winter, thanking you for all your support for any of our charity fund raising events and reminding you not to hesitate to call 999 if you are in need of the fire and rescue service at any time day or night. We are here for you.

Dave Millward  
Crew Commander  
Kilmelford Community Fire Station

## **KILMELFORD COASTAL ROWING CLUB**

KCRC is now a year old and we have enjoyed some fantastic rowing sessions this season and spotted porpoises, seals and sea eagles whilst out on the water.

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August we held our Rowing Regatta. Seil Island and the Mid Argyll came and joined us for a fun day of racing and we all enjoyed a BBQ and a well earned drink. The children had great fun cheering on the ducks in the duck race and leaping into the loch from the pontoons!!. We are still rowing so please come along and give it a go, complete beginners welcome, life jackets and gloves provided. The focus is on having fun and enjoying the wildlife and scenery from the Skiff.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the following for their much appreciated support this year; Don and Joyce Bruce, Simon and Yvonne at the Cuilfail, Gordon and Beverley Wilson, David McColl at KYH for letting us use the Yard, Hamish Gillanders for his fireman lifts into the skiff (preventing my feet getting wet) and Melfort Pier for letting us use their buoys as race markers. And a big thank you to everyone else that has supported us and turned up to row come rain or shine.

Sarah Edwards  
Chair  
Tel: 01852 200555

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014, at 8pm, Kilmelford Village Hall

**Present:** Nigel Mitchell (NM), Stuart Cannon (SGC), Antoinette Mitchell (AM), Colin Clark (CC), Annie Delap (AD), Jamie McAndrew (JMCA), Cllr. Elaine Robertson (ER)

**Apologies:** Jeremy Moore, Jane Rentoul, Fiona Wyllie

A note of thanks was proposed for retiring Louise Glen Lee for her contribution to the K&KCC.

1. DECLARATIONS of INTEREST.

2. SGC & JMCA KFF proposed fish farm.

3. MINUTES of MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were approved as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by NM, approved by AM and seconded by AD

4. MATTERS ARISING from the last MEETING.

**BT Phone Number** No further comments regarding telephone number for Open reach given to them by Elaine. Number was distributed and down to individuals to pursue.

**Road Signs** The Tourist sign in the Village still no word from A&B Council on re-location. The 30 mph sign in the gateway. Land owned by Shian. When she has been approached let Cllr E Robertson know the outcome.

**A: Community Emergency Plan** JMCA gave an outline of where he currently is. He's using the information provided by Nigel and the examples from other councils, so to follow what other councils have done already.

There will be 4 sections:

- Section 1: Aims and Objectives of the Action Plan, it's a live document and should be updated and reviewed every year

- Section 2: What Are the Risks for the Community, what could happen that would cut the community off. Scenarios are fallen trees, flooding, landslips, long term loss of power.

- Section 3: What Resources does the Community have in the event of being cut off? Do we have use of a generator? Matthew Anderson has emergency packs, e.g. high viz jackets. A list of contact numbers for emergency services needs to be drawn up. Still need to research if we have any doctors or nurses locally or trained 1st Aiders (mentioned that most staff at the fish farm are trained first aiders now), and anyone who has skills or equipment, e.g. forklifts, tractors, 4x4 etc., who would be prepared and available to help in the event of a crisis, i.e. a bad tree falling storm.

- Section 4: How would an operation be coordinated? Would the Village Hall be the operations centre, food/hot drinks, accommodation, problem solving and pointing in right direction. Hopefully have a draft ready in time for next meeting. How will the plan be made available? Website? Village notice board? Printed booklet? Laminated details for homeowners (to put on a fridge for example). JMCA stressed that the most important thing is that we look after each other. So whether we send a card round with the fact that we've got an action plan. JMCA suggested that a list of vulnerable people is not put together, as updating the list would be onerous. Suggested that people voluntarily perhaps put forward their details if they felt they would need help in a situation of crisis. Also suggested that holiday cottages are included in making sure the information (emergency numbers etc.) is available.

**B: Proposed Fish Farm – South West Shuna** SGC updated the floor and the Council on the developments of the application. Since the planning application went in there have been various comments from stakeholders. The most significant comment was from the Hebridean Wales and Dolphin Trust and after discussions KFF Ltd have decided no to use any ADD's and KFF Ltd have revised their predator control plan. SGC & JMCA then left the room. AM read out an email from Jane Rentoul in support of the farm proposal.

The floor was in favour of the proposal. The CC agreed with the proposal 2 against, 3 in favour and supports the application. An email will be sent to Richard Kerr to this effect. There was a discussion about the cumulative effect of the number and size of fish farms in the area and whether Marine Scotland is monitoring this. Thanks from the floor for Stuart's openness with his presentation. SGC and JMCA were re-admitted to the meeting and NM advised SGC the CC had no objections to the proposal and in fact was supported.

### **C: Celtic Sea Wind Farm**

Planning have advised them to withdraw the application and revise their plan and come back with a smaller turbine.

### **Planning Applications**

Site for the erection of dwelling house Land East of Traighuaine, Arduaine, Argyll and Bute Ref. No.: 14/01313/PPP Received: Thu 22 May 2014 Validated: Thu 22 May 2014 Status: Pending Consideration

Change of use of agricultural land for the storage of timber (retrospective) Land South East of Clachan Farm, Kilninver, Oban, Argyll and Bute Ref. No.: 14/01033/PP Received: Thu 24 Apr 2014 Validated: Wed 14 May 2014 Status: Pending Consideration

Removal of caravan and erection of replacement log cabin Kames Fish Farm, Kilmelford, Argyll and Bute Ref. No.: 14/01050/PP | Received: Tue 22 Apr 2014 | Validated: Tue 29 Apr 2014 | Status: Pending Decision

Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse Land South West Of East Kames, Kilmelford, Oban, Argyll and Bute PA34 4XA Ref. No.: 14/00973/PPP | Received: Thu 17 Apr 2014 | Validated: Fri 23 May 2014 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **Correspondence**

#### **Training for Community Councillors**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July – anyone on the council wanting to look into it, 4 modules: 1) Community Engagement, 2) Governance, 3) Planning, 4) Web Site development and Social Media.

#### **Scottish Government**

A change in boundaries looks like they are trying to reduce Argyll & Bute Council from 36 to 33 members.

#### **Musdale Wind Farm**

Nigel has been contacted by a lady called Kirsty. NM has stressed before that until they are at their final plan, K&KCC didn't really want to get involved but they wondered if it might be possible for Jamie Grant from the proposed wind farm, to brief the K&KCC in the near future. NM asked the council if they wanted to hear this man speak. JMCA said it is important that both the council and community is kept informed, and no point in shutting your eyes to it. NM said he would ask him to come to the next meeting in August.

#### **100 Year Celebration of WW1**

Councillor Maurice Corrie who is the Councils Armed Forces Champion has requested to send specifically to Community Councils to raise in their meetings to help promote within the community, and there are details of certain things they are going to look into, and get involved with. There's an exhibition about Argyll and Southern Highlanders 8th Battalion which will visit main branch libraries. Possibly look into the names on the war memorial and get some history of that. G Dalton was asked if she could, look into this further and research the history of those who died in the war and their families. There will be a big event on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, commemorative service, military bands etc. It was confirmed the war memorial is in good condition and was repaired by council a few years ago. In Kilninver church there is a full list of everyone who went to the 1<sup>st</sup> WW, whether they died or not.

#### **Police Scotland – Monthly Report**

There were 566 incidents, resulting in 116 crimes. If anyone interested, drop Nigel an email and he will forward the report. There are some phone numbers, particularly Roads and Lighting Faults - 01546 605514. Might be useful for blocked roads or accident on road. Alternative routes around Oban. General discussion took place, particularly around the route Avich/Dalavich and the lack of signs for passing places and that

these types of routes are unsuitable for camper vans and caravans, and that perhaps signs at the Kilmelford and Dalavich end of the road could indicate this.

Question asked from the floor: Highways Agency to be asked to check the bushes at the end of the Degnish road onto the A816 as lack of visibility is dangerous at present.

**Meeting Closed at 9:15 p.m.**

**Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

John McGregor then introduced himself, standing as Independent in the next bi election on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014. He went on to ask the audience what they wanted in a councillor and what are they looking for in the councillor's performance. NM then said that the role model is Elaine Roberts, which JMcG said was the same he heard wherever he goes. Keiran Green, the Labour Candidate also introduced himself.

## **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### School News

We are delighted to welcome Millie, Sonny, Josh, Bella and Emma to Kilninver. They have all settled well into P1 and are enjoying making new friends.

The school has entered into a joint headship arrangement with Craignish Primary for the trial period of 1 school year. Both schools will retain their own identity and will share one head teacher. The children are looking forward to working together on practical subjects one day per week. This will commence after the October holidays and will focus on PE, Science, the Gaelic language and Outdoor education in the first instance. You can keep up to date with developments via our online blog. This can be accessed at <http://kilninver.edublogs.org/>

### First World War Pop up Museum

We would like to welcome you all along to the village hall on the morning of Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October to our Pop up World War I Museum. The P 5-7 children have been studying the First World War and will be in role as curators. They have researched a range of artefacts, prepared their presentations and will be prepared to answer any questions you may have about their exhibits. Tea, coffee and entertainment will be provided. This event will be advertised locally closer to the time.

### Hallowe'en

We will be hosting a childrens' Halloween party on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October in the Kilmelford Hall - all ghouls and ghosties will be made most welcome.

### School Dates

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September – school closed for Referendum Day polling station

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October – school closes at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October – school re-opens at 9.15 p.m.

Berni McMillan

## **ARDUAINNE GARDEN**

A couple of weeks without rain is a fairly serious problem for us at Arduaine. The garden is not equipped to deal with drought and the plants themselves rely on regular doses of rainfall to keep going. Normal rainfall patterns make us complacent - we tend to plant at any time as we can rely on the odd shower to keep things moist. At the moment we're having to water recent plantings with a can, which is rather slow as you can imagine! I'm told that rain is on the way so I'll try to believe it!

The warm dry weather has been good for the visitors, of course, and people have been delighted at the number of plants in flower in the borders in the last few weeks. There's really no excuse for flowerless borders in September and October as there's good range of perennials and shrubs to continue on from the summer flowering. As I write in mid-September there are many beautiful plants flowering; from memory and to save going for a walk down the Long Border, we have Japanese anemones, *Chelone obliqua*, *Eupatorium maculatum*, *Schizostylis coccinea* and its cultivar 'Mrs Hegarty', *Nerine bowdenii* and several cultivars thereof, *Strobilanthes attenuata*, several *Sanguisorba* species, *Crinum x powellii*, *Tropaeolum speciosum*, several *Kniphofia* species and cultivars, a number of asters, various *Crocasmia* cultivars, loads of *Agapanthus*, *Acanthus spinosus*, *Morina longifolia*, *Eucomis* cultivars, *Helianthus decapetala* and *H. 'Lemon Queen'* – I must stop as it's beginning to sound just a boring list. There are also various *Hydrangea* cultivars still in flower, of course, both *macrophylla* and *paniculata* – sorry, I promised to stop! But the point of it all is that there's a huge number of plants of all types which can light up the garden in late summer and autumn, helped, of course, by some sunshine.

We're hoping to make some changes in these borders this autumn, taking out some of the rampant plants and encouraging the more spectacular and possibly less vigorous, trying to make more of plants with special characters. There are a lot of pushy thugs about; sometimes it's not easy to tell until they really get going. Many invasives have started off as 'interesting new plants'!

*Phytophthora ramorum* is still very high on our list of worries, although we've had no new infections in the shrub collection for some time now. The larches continue to be a concern, though by this time of year, when the needles are beginning to colour, it's hard to identify symptoms and we'll have to wait until spring to renew the regular inspections.

All-in-all, a season of mixed fortunes, variable weather and many weeds! It's a rare season when we get any hoeing done, but we have done this summer!

Do come down to see what's going on. Our reception closes at the end of September but the garden is always open, and tickets for both NTS members and non-members will be available from the Loch Melfort Hotel.

Maurice Wilkins.

## SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME

Maolachy Garden open 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

I'm not sure which is my worse fear about opening the garden, the unreliable weather, the unpredictable course of nature or the uncertainty of how many people will venture out to come.

I really enjoy the preparation and work towards getting the garden ready apart from putting up the signs. Why is it that on hammering in a post I choose the one underground stone which blocks its descent or it goes in squint?

I am very grateful to the friends whom I asked if they would help with the teas, all agreeing with positive delight. The family very happily sampled the cakes and tray bakes in the days beforehand. "Just checking the quality" for one excuse for lifting a tin lid for a second time.

Thankfully not choosing the weekend before, which turned out solid wet, the Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> was a wonderfully typical Argyll day, bright sun, easterly breeze, highlighting all the colours in the glen. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> brought more visitors and a sudden downpour, which lead to brollies being distributed, midges coming out after the cloud burst and the tea room crowded and steamed up.

The very generous donations added up to £290 to Hope Kitchen plus £206 from the 40% of the entry and plant sales with the remaining £300 for Scotland's Gardens charities.

There are bridge and step repairs to be done so I think I should be wise and not open next year till I see how the spring works out. Like the weather the decision could be changeable.

With many thanks to everyone.

Georgina Dalton

## AFTER THE REFERENDUM

Throughout my time editing the newsletter I've refrained from using it as a forum for my own opinions. However, seeing a referendum sign vandalised just outside Kilmelford village has prompted me to "put pen to paper", not to give my personal opinion on how I've voted but to say how sad I find it that anybody should behave in this way – it has done the cause they support no favours.

As I write this, on the day of the referendum, the result is still unknown. With such a historic decision to be made, it's understandable that people have strong opinions; that these should become divisive and lead to acts of vandalism, is a sad reflection on our community - or was the perpetrator from elsewhere?

I hope that any divisions that have been caused in the lead up to the referendum will be put to rest, whatever the result – we're all entitled to our own opinion – is it too much to ask that we respect the right of others to have a different opinion to our own?

Fiona  
Editor

## 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, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

16.00 – 19.30

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

13.30 – 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.