

KILNINFORD NEWS

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WISHING EVERYONE A HARMONIOUS
JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



And a Happy New Year!
From all of the Kilninford News team:

Astrid, Gill, Jain, Jane, Mark, Val and Graham

KILNINFORD NEWS - Update from the team

As you know, the Kilninford News is produced by a group of volunteers, using contributions sent to them by individuals and groups (again on a voluntary basis) in order to provide information to the community. We would, however, be unable to provide the newsletter without the kind support from our advertisers and donations. May we give a big 'THANK YOU' to all of those who have contributed their support to us.

Following the Kilninford Association 2015 EGM (please see separate article), held at the Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford (courtesy of Yvonne and Simon) on 4th November 2015, we are pleased to announce that Iain Bark, Jane Rentoul and Astrid van der Kraan kindly offered their services to help with the Kilninford News. Welcome on board!

The Kilninford News team now comprises:

Iain Bark
Gill Phillpots **(Distribution)**
Astrid van der Kraan
Mark van der Kraan **(IT)**
Jane Rentoul
Val Wardle **(Advertising)**
Graham Wardle **(Editor)**

"The primary purpose of the "Kilninford Association 2015" is, as a non-profit organisation, to provide the "Kilninford News" to local residents within the Kilmelford, Kilninner and surrounding areas. - To disseminate information throughout the Community; to ensure that all residents have access to information of interest, use or value, including activities, events, notices, services, and news, in order to increase inclusiveness and to encourage involvement in this widespread, rural Community.."

Although the newsletter has its usual well known contributors we are looking to significantly expand the content to provide a more varied selection of articles and interesting stories from within the community.

(Ed)

**PLEASE - WE NEED YOUR HELP! AND
WOULD LOVE YOU ALL TO CONTRIBUTE
TO THIS NEWSLETTER!**



Please tell us about your experiences:

- Do you have an interesting story to tell about our local area?
- Has something funny happened to you and you would like to share it with us all?
- Are there any young people (or “not so young” people!) who would like to tell us about their hobbies / sports / school / games / ...etc.??
- Is there anyone who could write about interesting historical places within our area?
- Does anyone know any stories about how things were done in the old days here in Kilmelford / Kilniver / Arduaine and the surrounding communities? Please share with us all!
- Do you have any "local gossip" (but of course without committing liable or slander!) , funny stories, observations etc. etc.. in any form (cartoon / story / poem /)??

We would love to hear from you and have your contribution in our future newsletters!!

Contributions may be e-mailed directly to Graham, or via any of the other team members:

Or

Posted directly to Graham (address given on inside cover), or hand delivered to any of our local team (Astrid, Mark, Iain, Jane or Gill). [Please note: If you are unable to access a computer (or typewriter

- we do believe that some still exist) and have a hand written or audio version you may contact any of the team and we will endeavour to help transcribe it into text}.

Alternatively,

Drop it into our Kilniford Newsletter Box at the Kilmelford Village Shop

If anyone wishes to make an anonymous contribution (these are also welcome) - please contact any of the team and we will assure that your anonymity is preserved and will withhold your name and address.

Obviously we would like everybody to keep in mind that our newsletter is potentially read by all ages....

We look forward with eager anticipation to a mail-box full of exciting goodies!!!!



With our sincere thanks ***Astrid, Gill, Iain, Jane, Mark, Val and Graham***

A starter for ten!

Subject: Court room reporting (supplied to the editor by a solicitor many years ago)

ONCE AGAIN.... THE FUNNIEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE TRUE...

These are a few extracts from a book called 'Disorder in the Court'[1], and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters - who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place. Don't miss the last one. For more laughs please see **Reference 1**.

Q: What is your date of birth? A: July 15th.

Q: What year? A: Every year.

Q: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact? A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Q: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all? A: Yes.

Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory? A: I forget.

Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

Q: How old is your son, the one living with you? A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you? A: Forty-five years.

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan.

Q: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo or the occult? A: We both do.

Q: Voodoo? A: We do.

Q: You do? A: Yes, voodoo.

Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th? A: Yes.

Q: And what were you doing at that time?

Q: She had three children, right? A: Yes.

Q: How many were boys? A: None.

Q: Were there any girls?

Q: How was your first marriage terminated? A: By death.

Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

Q: Can you describe the individual? A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male, or a female?

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

A: Oral.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Q: And Mr. Denzington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Q: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

Ref [1]

Richard Ledere

Disorder in the Court - a collection of 'transquips', National Court Reporters Association, June 1996. ISBN-10 1881859118.



We would love to hear from you and have your contribution in our future newsletters!



Winter Opening Hours

	<u>Food</u>	<u>Bar</u>
Saturday	5.30pm – 8.45pm	3.00pm – Late
Sunday	1.00pm – 7.00pm	12.00pm – Late
Monday	5.30pm – 8.00pm	5.00pm – Late
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED	6.00pm-late
Thursday	5.30pm – 8.45pm	5.00pm – Late
Friday	5.30pm – 8.45pm	5.00pm – Late

SUNDAY ROAST AT THE SHOWER

Enjoy a traditional Sunday roast from 1.00pm until 7.00pm



Monday Music Night

Starts approximately 9.00pm until late
Local Performers

Christmas Day Lunch Booking are now being taken
Contact us for more information (limited spaces)

Booking is Advisable – Telephone 01852 200345

The following correspondence was received from the former Kilninford News team (ca. 2000 to 2014). Unfortunately it missed the September edition and is included here since it summarises the financial donations to the community that Georgina, Judith and Fiona achieved through the Kilninford News under their guidance. Once again on behalf of the community we thank them for their efforts.

“FINAL ACCOUNTS AND DONATIONS – KILNINFORD NEWS ASSOCIATION (to 2015)

We are very grateful to all those who advertised in our issues of the Kilninford News. After all printing costs etc were accounted for we were left with a surplus of £917.09. The team wanted to donate these funds to organisations which benefit all of the communities that the newsletter covered and donations have been made as follows:-

The new Kilninford News account:- £243.59 (paid for the costs of the first print run in April 2015)
Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall:- £250 (to be used for costs associated with the provision of new drapes for the Village Hall)
Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council:- £250 (to be used for costs associated with the provision of defibrillators for the local communities)
North Argyll Voluntary Car Scheme:- £173.50

The Kilninford News Association account has now been closed. When paying for your advertising space, please ensure that you use the details of the account set up by the new Kilninford News team.

Very many thanks again for all the support we received over the years.

Georgina Dalton, Judith Stannard and Fiona Wyllie”
September 2015

Please note the proposed future distribution dates for the Kilninford News

Issue #	Edition	Deadline for all contributions to editorial team due:	Estimated distribution date (week commencing)
54	Easter 2016	20 February 2016	14 March 2016
55	Summer	02 July	01 August
56	Christmas	05 November	28 November

Cuilfail Hotel

Take Away Menu

Available until 8.30pm

Mains

Prices valid to 31/01/16

Haddock & Chips	£7.00
Lasagne & Chips	£7.00
Beef Burger & Chips	£7.50
With Cheese	£1 extra
With Bacon	£1 extra
Steak & Ale Pie & Chips	£8.00
Chicken Curry, Rice	£7.00
Macaroni Cheese & Chips	£6.00
Scampi & Chips	£7.00
Chicken Goujons & Chips	£7.00

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Pizza 12"

Cheese & Tomato	£6.00
Toppings:	
Ham, Salami, Tuna, Haggis	£1.50
Mushroom, Peppers, onion & Pineapple	£1.00
12" Garlic Pizza, tomato & Garlic	£5.00

Sides

Garlic Bread	£2.30	Garlic Bread with Cheese	£3.20
Onion Rings	£3.00	Potato Wedges	£3.00
Chips /Cheesy	£2.50/£3.40	Mushy Peas	£1.50
Side Salad	£2.50	Rice	£2.50

Soft Drinks & Alcoholic Drinks
Please ask for availability at the bar

01852 200274

Due to our alcohol licence

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult



WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Forthcoming events

COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings at Kilmelford & Kilninver Hall (10.30am – Noon) on :

Friday 4th December 2015

Friday 15th January

Friday 5th February

Friday 4th March and

Friday 1st April 2016.

Bring a friend and come along for delicious home baking and a cuppa.

Funds in aid of the Church and the Hall. If you would like to help with the baking, or to give someone a lift, please call **Melissa Oatts on 01852 200314.**

KILNINVER SCHOOL PANTOMIME

Please support our budding thespians in Kilninver School's pantomime - "**A lad in a Cave**". To be held in the Kilninver & Kilmelford Village Hall. A Christmas treat for all of the community to join it. Please make a note in your diary, and don't let it be a case of "It's behind you" !

Tuesday 15th December at 7pm

Melissa Oatts on 01852 200314

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - CHRISTMAS

Traditional carol singing will be held at Kilmelford Church on Friday 18th December at 6pm.

GIN & WHISKY TASTING

Every Wednesday: 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 ish p.m. at The Shower of Herring

Come along and try your gins in a completely different way, or try whiskies with a professional.

Olwen and Fergus will tell you about the history and methods. £14 per person.

Please book through **Melfort Village; 01852 200257**

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

Thursday evenings from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

All welcome. You can come and join us at any time.

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

'CRAFTS and THINGS'

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

Contact: **Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151 Olga Salmond Tel: 01852 200787**

MELFORT UKULELES

Wednesday evenings: Melfort Ukuleles - 7.30-9.30pm Kilmelford Village Hall. All welcome, from beginners to experienced musicians. Spare ukuleles available to try. £4 per person £6 per couple, children under 18 free when accompanied by an adult. Fee includes tuition, music, tea/coffee biscuits.

Contact: **Sarah Whittle Tel: 01852 500790**

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is on every Wednesday 1:30 - 3.00pm , so Mums can collect siblings from Kilniver School (apart from school holidays) in Kilmelford hall. We are now a very small group of mums and babes and would gladly welcome new people to join us for a lovely afternoon of fun, craft and play. Thank you all for your continuing support and help. Best wishes to all , and roll on the sunshine!

For more information contact please contact **Georgina Dalton on 01866 844212 or email afrobb@hotmail.co.uk**

GAMES NIGHTS

The Friday evening games of Kilmelopoly & Beetle Drives have been enjoyed by various children and now with the help of Brian & Helen Laws, weekly Badminton sessions are planned. All children aged 8 years upwards welcome £2 per head. 6pm – 7.30 pm. Juice & snack included. The table games will continue on some nights as well.

Contacts: **Lucy 200722, Michelle 316105, Helen 200789, Georgina 01866 844212**

All welcome to any of these events.

Please note. Last meeting for 2015 is on 11th December, and then restarts in 2016 on 8th January.

MUSIC NIGHTS (Mondays)

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

The Shower of Herring:

Every Monday from 9pm.

BAGPIPE SESSIONS

Come and play - or just listen!

The Cuilfail Hotel

Every Thursday from 8pm.

MUSIC NIGHTS (Fridays)

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

Loch Melfort Hotel (Tel: 01852 200233)

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

KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM

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

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

CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

For regular events such as Coffee Mornings, “Keep Fit” and “Knit and Natter” please check their website. www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk or their Facebook page. E-mail: cvhartsevents@gmail.com or by phoning Tel: 01852 500746



Winter Opening Hours

Sunday 1st November to Wednesday 23 December 2015

The Museum and Café will be open from 11.00 to 4pm during November and December, closing on 23rd December reopening on Tuesday 1st March 2015.

Winter Talk Programme;

Tuesday 8th December 2015

Dr Sharon Webb; Archaeology in Argyll: a Snapshot of the Symposium

Following the research symposium held in November which brought together professionals researching the archaeology and history of Argyll, museum curator Sharon Webb will give a snapshot of this event.

Tuesday 12th January 2016

Roddy Regan; Old Sites – New Discoveries; Recent Archaeological Work in Argyll

Tuesday 9th February 2016

Phillip Price; Is Argyll the Best Place in the World to Watch Wildlife?

Tuesday 8th March 2016

Dr Clare Ellis; Middle Iron Age Native Glass Toggle Production of the Western Seaboard

All talk will be held in the Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin, Argyll PA31 8UN from 7pm – 8.30pm. See our website www.kilmartin.org for further details.

Seed Swap

Saturday 5th March 2016 - 10am to 4pm at Kilmartin Museum Café

Come along to Kilmartin Museum with your saved seeds or surplus commercial seeds. Swap them and try something new or make a donation if you don't have anything to swap.

Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop

Drop by Kilmartin Museum Café and join our team of enthusiastic staff for delicious, fresh food served in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Whether it's decadent cake and coffee or a luscious lunch you seek, you can be sure that you'll find a warm welcome awaits you as well as a delicious menu!

See what's on offer at Kilmartin Museum's shop. With goods from many local artists and new and exciting ranges arriving throughout the year, the shop is the place to pick up that perfect gift or treat for yourself!

All profits made from Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop goes to support Kilmartin Museum's work.



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Melfort Ukuleles

**The group meets every Wednesday,
starting 31st September 2015
7.30-9.30pm in Kilmelford Village Hall**

£4 per person or £6 per couple

Children under 18 Free of Charge (if accompanied by a parent)

No Membership Fee. Price includes instruction, music and tea/coffee/biscuits.

All ages welcome – no previous musical knowledge is required and there's usually a spare ukulele available to try.

Melfort Ukuleles focuses on enjoying music together, laughing, singing and learning a great little instrument at the same time.

Call Sarah Whittle on 01852 500790 or email sarah@musicforlife.info if you have any questions, or why not just come along one week to give it a try.



ACTIVITY REPORTS

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - HARVEST (Sunday 27th Sept 2015.)

Many favourable comments have been made, by people of all ages, who joined in the celebrations at Kilmelford Church for the first Community Celebration harvest. It was great to have so many contributions of : music, songs, poetry and reflection; in order to help bring everyone together to show appreciation of the gift of a good harvest - for which we give many thanks.

Georgina Dalton

PARISH LUNCH & PRODUCE SALE (8th October 2015)

Out of curiosity Georgina looked up her note books from the previous Parish lunch day: The first one was called a Parish Lunch and Potting Shed Sale held in September 1996. Averaging 80 lunches for each year makes a mouth watering total of 1600 bowls of soup in 20 years of fund raising. Thanks are due to everyone who helped raise the wonderful sum of £1,411 at this year's event. A happy band of folk from Kilmartin came as a social day out to join us along with friends from Netherlorn. All enjoyed a good banter and making purchases from the various stalls. The Kirk session is very grateful for all the support and generosity from the community which helps make the event such a success.

STAMP APPEAL 2015

The Church of Scotland HIV programme currently supports 29 projects in 17 countries. The projects we support at home and overseas run education awareness programmes, support orphans and vulnerable children, train volunteers to provide home-based care, facilitate support groups for people living with HIV so that they can live positively in every sense of the word. They also challenge the stigma and discrimination which so often accompanies an HIV+ diagnosis. The monies from the sale of stamps is a vital contribution to funding this valuable work. Please keep all stamps throughout the year & collections can be left with **Georgina Dalton or Mary Clark or left at the Shop**. Please note. any used stamps collected from the Christmas mail are used to fund a World Mission charity. - Many Thanks.

XPLORERS

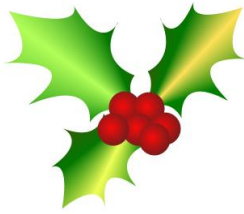
The first three monthly sessions provided enjoyment in the learning about Jesus' disciples and the roles they played bringing Christianity to communities.

Board games, treasure hunts, wall friezes and theatre making & acting a short play have all been part of our activities to which the children have joined in with enthusiasm. Our thanks to them and to the Ukuleles for their lively, musical contribution to the Playz Time song. Contacts: **Georgina 01866 844212, Jenny Moody 200222, Rachel Ross 200235**

BIRTHS

Hearty congratulations to:

- Philip Peterson and Shona McCorkindale of Scammadale are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Isla Alison on 12th September 2015 weighing 8lb 6oz in Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.
- Chris and Alice Crobbe (Campbell-Gibson). A daughter born 11th November 2015 in Portland, Maine. Emma Elizabeth a sister for Isla.



NOTES FROM ARDUAINE GARDEN

As I write early in November the rain is bucketing down; observant readers may recall this opening sentence from the last report – only the month has changed! It's the morning after Storm Abigail was supposed to hit us overnight, but a walk around the garden this morning has shown nothing untoward but heavy rain; maybe Abigail should have been name Abirain!

A sad end to an unsettled season in a way, particularly as the weather improved significantly after my last report in August. September and October were generally good – looking back over my diary I see regular 'Sunny, warm' and 'Dull, dry' and quite a few 'Dull at first, sunshine later' and on the whole we had a satisfactory autumn. This has resulted in a greatly extended flowering season and those wonderful hydrangeas which began so well back in August went on and on and on; may are still producing new flowers even now! It was likewise a great season for the fuchsias, with many flowers still out and more to come – it hasn't been cold yet though the mercury fell to zero a couple of times in October. All the late summer flowers did well – agapanthus, kniphofia, crocosmia and especially the nerines, many of which are still in good flowering condition even now. Even today a wonderful flower on the prickly bromeliad, *Ochagavia carnea*, is there to be seen on the bank above the lawn.

The mild weather has rather prolonged leaf-fall this year though, with some trees completely bare of leaves and others, such as *Magnolia campbellii*, still totally green. Oak and beech are hanging in there, as are the Japanese larches. I much prefer those years when the nights are cold, the leaves fall rapidly, and we can clear everything up and be done with it instead of raking and blowing day after day! Being open all year round necessitates this sort of continuing maintenance – we have to make sure that everything is safe every day.

I'm hoping for a reasonable winter to be able to finish a number of projects which are still to be completed, steps and paths mainly. My decision to retire at the end of February has seriously concentrated my mind and I don't want to walk away leaving unfinished work, though inevitably there are many things I would like to have done and now will not be doing. In more than twenty-three years we've made many improvements, I hope, but I have to leave something for my successor! In the meantime I'm trying to record everything I can think of for the benefit of those who come later! Many details may seem trivial now, but I often wish that I had more interesting these no doubt stories from previous owners! We're not moving far away, only to Oban, so I'm sure we'll bump into many local folk here and there!

Finally a date for your diary! Santa is coming back to Arduaine a little earlier this year – he blames parking problems for his reindeer and sleigh. He'll be at Arduaine from 1-4pm on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th of December. There'll be gifts for the kids and warming drinks and snacks on sale plus a fun and easy reindeer hunt – sorry, not with real reindeer! Entry for children will be £3, free for accompanying adults if they bring their grandparents with them!

Well, after some wonderful hail storms this morning the sun is shining brightly through the office window, so that's it for this issue. I hope that some of you might make it down the path to the garden over the winter - we'd love to see you. We'd love to have more interaction with the local community generally too, so if you have anything to say, offer or ask, do get in touch.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

We hold services every alternate Sunday in Kilmelford and Kilniver Parish Churches to which all are welcome. Services are held at 12 noon.

Kilmelford Church is in the middle of the village and the car park is behind the church.

Kilniver Church is half a mile off the A816 road to Oban. Take the turning to Easdale. You can park along the roadside.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Sunday	6 Dec	17 00	Kilmelford	Christingle
Tuesday	8 Dec	18 00	Kilniver	Advent Communion
Wednesday	16 Dec	18 30	Kilbrandon	Advent Service
Friday	18 Dec	18 00	Kilmelford	Community Celebration – Christmas carols.
Sunday	20 Dec	12 noon	Kilmelford	Family Nativity Service
Sunday	20 Dec	17 30	Craignish	Carols by Candlelight

24 Dec CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

23.30	Craignish
23.30	Kilniver
23.30	Kilbrandon
19.30	Kilchattan

25 Dec CHRISTMAS MORNING

10.15	Craignish
11.00	Kilmelford
11.00	Kilbrandon
11.30	Kilchattan

Sunday	27 Dec	12 noon	Kilniver
Sunday	3 Jan	12 noon	Kilmelford
Sunday	10 Jan	12 noon	Kilniver

Onwards alternate Sundays

Easter 2016

Sunday	27 Mar	8.00	Kilmelford	Early Communion
Sunday	27 Mar	12 noon	Kilmelford	

Every Sunday there is a service of worship at Craignish Parish Church, Ardfarn at 10.15 am. Times for the United Services and notices for Christmas Services will be posted locally and on the website www.netherlornchurches.org.uk.

On 1st Sunday of each month except January, July & August children are welcome to Xplorers and a short Prayz Service at 4pm in Kilmelford Church. Children under 5 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult.

O come let us adore him

One of the many good things about living in Argyll is the opportunity it presents to enjoy the night sky. Whether you are knowledgeable and can trace the different stars and constellations or whether you just gaze in awe at the magnitude and splendour of it all, it is hard not to be moved when you witness the starry sky on a still night. During the autumn season some of us have also been stepping out at uncustomary hours to see the eclipse of the moon or the Northern Lights – yet more to strike wonder in our hearts.

Now the long nights are upon us and we look forward to the lights of Christmas. Here we are referring to light that speaks to us in a different way, as R.S. Thomas captures in his poem “Nativity”:

The moon is born
and a child is born,
lying among white clothes
as the moon among clouds.

They both shine, but
the light from the one
is abroad in the universe
as among broken glass.

For our situation, for our world, we need more than the natural light which breaks upon us in such beauty. We need a light that will shine into dark places in such a way as to transform them. A light that will shine “as among broken glass”.

There is much in our world that is broken; Christmas speaks of mending. There is much in our world that is shattered; Christmas speaks of wholeness. There is much in our world that is dark; Christmas speaks of light.

A child has been born, a child who changes everything for us and for our world. “O, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.”

May you and yours be richly blessed in the Advent season and the Christmas celebration to which it leads.

Kenneth Ross (Parish Minister)

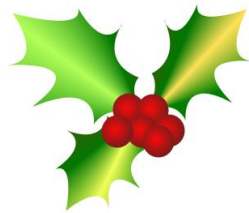


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KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2015 – CONTACT LIST

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MINUTES OF MEETING - TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2015

8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); 5 members of the public. In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER)

1. APOLOGIES - Councillor Duncan MacIntyre; Constable Jeremy Moore; Keiron Green (Jamie McAndrew was unavoidably detained at work and unable to advise of this as out of mobile phone range.)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. AGREE MINUTES OF AGM OF 9th June 2015 - Item 6. Election of Officers for 2015/2016.
Penultimate line: alter "We have six members at present" to "We have seven members at present."

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th June 2015 - AM proposed and CC seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) **Carraig Gheal Community Fund** - A further meeting is proposed for August. Treasurer (SGC) to advise NM of bank details and proposed method of distributing funds.

b) **Street Numbering Glebe Kilmelford** - ER has spoken to Graham Stone who agrees it is a good idea and has the matter in hand.

c) **Community Council Elections** - 17 August Nomination papers available. 3 September 4 p.m. Close of Nominations. 8 October Election Day. 9 October Count of Votes. If there is more than one candidate, which would bring the Council up to full strength of eight members, there will be an election. Discussion took place regarding ways of attracting people to serve. Georgina Dalton reported that she had approached around 12 people to encourage them to come forward and suggested they attend this evening to get a flavour of meetings but disappointingly none had attended. The meeting was grateful that Iain Bark offered to put himself forward. NM reaffirmed his wish that members on the Community Council take on more of the duties which he alone performs. He is prepared to offer advice and assistance but does not wish to continue with the heavy workload as at present. It was agreed that a meeting of the community councillors would be held subsequently in order to discuss this matter. Holders of present posts would remain in place for now.

d) **Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries** - ER stated that this is a huge issue and of grave concern to everybody. The Scottish Government has reduced the number of councillors representing us from 4 to 3 in order to increase the number in Dunoon from 3 to 4 as it is designated a deprived area. This decision is not negotiable. Removing a councillor will place a much greater burden of work on the remaining three, not only concerning the geographical spread involving lengthier and more time-consuming travelling but compromises the two levels at which all councillors function, namely strategic and local. It would inevitably mean less time for contact with local people. Of further very serious concern is that the Scottish Government has decided that we will no longer be in Ward 5 Oban North and Lorn but moved to Ward 3 Mid-Argyll and administered from Lochgilhead. The concerns are many: Oban is our natural hub, is the administration centre for us, and our services come from Oban, along with our Area Committee. All this will be centred on Lochgilhead if the change goes ahead and local links built up over many years will be broken. It was stressed that socially, culturally, commercially and historically we have always had stronger links with Oban than Lochgilhead and to change that would be a very disturbing development to the community as a whole. It was observed that the Scottish Government policy is to support rural communities and enable them to flourish. Removing a councillor, expanding the ward boundary and transferring us to Mid Argyll is flying in the face of such a policy. This is a matter for individuals to address and express their concern - it is not just a community council matter. There is a booklet available describing these changes which is available from NM by email: Nigel@themitchells.co.uk or phone: 01852 316151. Discussion took place regarding how to inform people and spread the word as widely as possible so that individuals respond, rather than the community council. Suggestions were: Piece in the September Kilninford Newsletter, flier to be delivered in our area - by post or volunteers, possible meeting to be addressed by Argyll & Bute Council officer or Kieron Green who has taken a great interest in this matter, encouragement of discussion and of people to submit their views to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. 2 ER undertook to find out if a consultation form was available at Albany Street. If not, we would create our own and encourage people to make their views known as weight of numbers would count. The consultation period ends on **Thursday 22nd October**.

In writing: **Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD.**

By email: lgbc@scottishboundaries.gov.uk

Online: www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk.

e) **Celtic Sea** - ER reported that Roddy McCuish had followed up the matter of debris on the shore at Celtic Sea with Iain Mackinnon, Environmental Health officer. A site meeting with Stuart Cannon is proposed.

f) **Community Emergency Plan** - JMCA not present to report.

g) **Glenmore Farm Woodland Creation** - People who had showed an interest had not received the latest plans. Feedback had not been positive. Tommy McGrory, at Forestry Commission Tel 01546 605097, is the person to contact for a copy of latest proposal.

h) **Defibrillator Kilniver School** - ER reported that Malcolm McFadyen, Estates Education Department, approves in principle to have it installed at the school. Community Council to meet with Head Teacher to discuss siting and management of the machine.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Consideration: Land to East of Hill House Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XQ -

Renewal of planning permission Ref 12/01179/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse) Ref 15/02118/PP

Pending Decision: Lagganmore Farm Kilniver Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4UU - Demolition of two buildings Ref 15/02132/PNDEM

Permitted Development:

Kilmelford Telecommunications Mast Kilniver Argyll and Bute - Installation of 2 preplacement panel antennas on existing 15 metre high lattice tower and replacement ancillary apparatus. Ref 15/01433/TELNOT

Kilniver Telecommunications Mast Kilniver Argyll and Bute - Installation of 2 replacement panel antennas on existing 18 metre high lattice tower and replacement ancillary apparatus. Ref 15/01434/TELNOT

Application Permitted:

Farm House Arduaine Oban Argyll Bute PA34 4XQ - Change of use of dwellinghouse to general agricultural store. Ref 15/01281/PP.

Arduaine House Arduaine Oban Argyll PA34 4XQ - Alterations and erection of entrance porch. Ref 15/01287/PP

Pebble Beach View Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XD - Extension to dwellinghouse Ref 15/01938/PP

Land South East of Tigh Na Bata Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute - Renewal of planning permission Ref 12/00907/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of new access) Ref 15/01443/PP

Note: The following, listed on planning list of 10 June 2015 as **Pending Consideration**, does not appear on planning list of 11 August 2015:

Lagganmore Kilniver Oban Argyll and Bute - Site for the erection dwellinghouse, demolition of existing buildings and amendments to existing access tracks. Plot 3 Ref 15/00702/PPP; Plot 4 Ref 15/00703/PPP.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) is undertaking a review of police call handling across Scotland, deadline 23 August 2015.
- b) Forestry Commission. Consultation on licence application for further clear felling at Loch Seil.
- c) Understanding Community Renewables and Shared Ownership Opportunities. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday 9 September 2015 at Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.
- d) reen Energy UK Direct Ltd. - wish to identify green or brown field sites for solar farm in the area which would benefit the community by reduced tariffs, long term revenue stream etc.
- e) Scottish Cabinet will be in Oban 24th August. Timings and venues to be advertised in the Oban Times.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2015.



Kilniver and Kilmelford Community Emergency Action Plan

As we are now into the time of year when our weather can be somewhat changeable and challenging, it is a good time to make the community aware of the Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Argyll and Bute Council asked local communities to create a plan to show how they would cope in an emergency situation if they were cut off from the emergency services. As a result, most communities now have a plan in place to deal with such situations and Argyll and Bute council achieved an award for its work.

Some communities have chosen to create an extensive plan of how they would deal with everything from hurricanes to flu epidemics. It was agreed by the Community Council that for now the document would be best suited if it was kept simple and highlighted the important aspects of looking after each other and making the community aware of what resources we have in our area to deal with such emergencies.

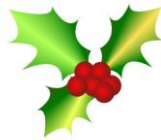
The plan is broken into 4 sections:

- Aims and objectives of the plan
- A brief risk assessment
- A list of some of the resources which may be available in an emergency
- Plan for the co-ordination in such an event

The plan highlights the importance of looking after our neighbours and the vulnerable members of the community. Some of the most helpful features of the plan are the map of our area on the front page and the list of resources which includes contact numbers. At its December meeting the Community Council will be issued with a pack including high visibility waistcoats and torches.

Copies of the EAP will be distributed to local businesses, Community Councillors and anyone else who wishes to receive a copy.

For more information or suggestions, please contact **Jamie McAndrew (hatchery@kames.co.uk)**.



NEW START OBAN

New Start Oban (NSO) is a local charity totally committed to people who are/or have been homeless, set up new homes with basic items, most of us would take for granted. Please see the advertisement.

We believe no homeless person should move into their first property without access to affordable good quality household items for the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

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NSO is an inter denominational Christian Organisation, supported by Scottish Churches Housing Action and we wish to continue to reflect God's care for people in need.

How can you help?

By donating new or good quality items, make a financial donation to pay for the items, and or volunteer to join the committee. If interested in any way please contact:

Antoinette Mitchell (Chairperson) 01852 316151.

OR

David James (Treasurer) 01631 562431

Goods Needed New Start Oban

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Glasses, Mugs & Crockery
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Cutlery

Washing-up Liquid & Bowl
Kitchen Utensils
Kitchen Cleaner
Tea Towel



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Single & Double Sheets
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Blankets
NEW Pillows



Bathroom

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Soap & Deodorant
Bathroom Cleaner
Toilet Rolls
Shampoo
Towels

Utilities

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Bucket & Detergent
Duster & Cloth
Broom & Mop
Eco Light Bulbs
Alarm Clock



Contact

Antoinette Mitchell
01852 316151
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OR

Take items to GlenCruitten House

KILMELFORD VILLAGE SHOP

I have now completed my first year as the new owner of Kilmelford Village Shop, it has been a tough first year, lots learnt with plenty of helpful advice from people for which I am very grateful. The café was opened in June with the help of John and Jean Bowman, a huge thank you to them both. We are now working on getting some local arts and crafts into the shop, if you are interested in selling/exhibiting some crafts please let us know, all ideas welcome.

The café will remain open throughout the winter months, we are also doing takeaways, soup, sandwiches, pies, burgers etc .

We aim to keep the shop well stocked, fresh meat from Ian Darling, Butcher in Oban, a selection of great pies and cakes, made locally by JB Homebake, Mull Cheeses and wonderful Jams and Chutneys from Paradise kitchen on Seil Island. We can offer a box delivery service if required, just call us and let us know when and where.

The shop incorporates a post office with a free ATM cash withdrawal service.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the residents of Kilmelford and the surrounding area for all the support they have given us during this first year, and hope that you will continue to support us . Special thanks go to, Ruth, my very loyal assistant and PA , John and Jean Bowman, Don and Joyce Bruce, Davey the post, Mandy Carmichael, Cameron and Adam Gordon Lynda and Iain McKinnon and my wonderful dad for his hard work in making the place look fab.

Sarah

SKIFF

This summer has been a bit of a washout, we enjoyed a fair bit of rowing at the start of the season but bad weather and commitments prevented us getting out much more after that. We are hoping to get out over the winter, weather permitting. We are also hoping to take the boat out on boxing day. Last boxing day we enjoyed a row out, calling in for coffee and Christmas cake at the Gillanders residence! If anyone is interested in joining us for some fun rowing sessions please do contact either The Cuilfail hotel on 01852 200274 or myself on 01852 200555.

Sarah.

KILNINVER NEWS - DISTRIBUTION

**A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU TO THE KILNINFORD
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(A festive message to the Kilninford Elf Service)**

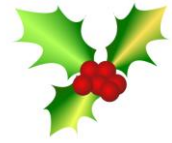
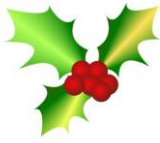


A Very Merry Christmas

To all the people who deliver bundles of Newsletters through the various doors of our area throughout the year so that we can each read about activities and events on our doorstep.

**Annie, Biddy, Caroline, Dorothy, Fiona, Georgina, Mary (C), Mary (S), Rosemary, Ruth,
Sarah, Shian & Vicki**

Warmest thanks from Gill Philpotts.



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WINTER WILDLIFE

We are now into December and many of us will be looking forward to the festive period and the overindulgence that invariably comes with it. But whilst we are putting weight on in our warm cosy houses, just outside our door the wildlife that has chosen to winter here, are fighting the elements just to survive. If we are cold we can turn up the heating or put another log on the fire, and go to the cupboard for a snack when we are hungry. Our wildlife does not have this luxury. Many birds will have flown south for the winter, including most of our summer garden birds, and they have been replaced with birds that have flown in from the north and east. Some from as far as the Arctic and Scandinavia others from Central Europe in the hope that winter will be kinder here. But no two winters are the same, even if the weather is not severe they still face a major challenge. All their winter food is harder to find and there is much less of it. The winter daylight hours are down to about a third of the summer daylight hours. So our diurnal creatures have to find a reduced food supply in much less time. This is made even more desperate because the cold winter weather requires a higher intake of calories just to keep the body temperature normal.

They may have to withstand frosts that freeze their food and drinking water. Snow that hides their food and gales and rain that make life more arduous and the colder and wetter it gets the more food they require just to keep warm. Many will not survive a hard winter. We can help by feeding our garden birds at this time of year and assist them get through the winter and survive until spring, the time of plenty. If you do not already feed your garden birds then here are a few ideas to help our wintering birds, and if you do decide to feed them it will not be long before they find the food and visit your feeding station daily: You can make a very simple bird table, just a tray with a raised rim to retain the food and a gap on the corner to allow rainwater to drain will suffice. This will suit most birds and most foods types. You can also use feeders to hang in trees or on sheds, fences etc.

- Peanuts are always popular and there are feeders that will hold several days worth of nuts. Good for Woodpeckers, Finches, Tits and Starling.
- Mixed seed, Sunflower seed and other seed feeders will pull in the Siskins, Greenfinches Tits etc.
- Nyger seed need a fine meshed feeder and the Goldfinches love this seed.
- Ground feeding birds, Thrush, Chaffinch, Dunnock etc will feed on the food spilt from the feeders.
- Fat balls are also a popular food for birds, avoid getting the fat balls in nets, as the birds feet and occasionally the tongue can become entangled.
- Also, if you are using feeders ensure that you put the lids on properly as birds will go in the top and can get trapped.
- In frosty weather fresh water is vital for the birds. Another tray or bowl with a rock in it will provide both drinking water and a bath.
- It is very important to disinfect the feeders, water containers and bird tables at least once a fortnight with a weak disinfectant. Ideally move your feeding station every two weeks to a fresh area.

If you are interested in wildlife photography you could make a feeding station on a trolley so you can move it around the garden to take advantage of the light and the backdrop, the birds will soon get used to their feeding station being in different places. Using a shed, or another permanent fixture as a hide works very well as the birds expect it to be there and you will be astonished how close you can get to the birds. You do not need a huge lens for this type of nature photography even a phone camera can give good results. Take some time each day just to watch the antics of the different species and encourage your children to take an interest, most of all, enjoy your garden birds. Merry Christmas!!!

John McAvoy (SSPCA)

For the attention of all young readers of the Kilninford News

CHICKEN HOUSE - YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION!

LOOK! - If you are a young budding wordsmith, you will not want to miss this opportunity!

Barry Cunningham, OBE (Publisher and Managing Director of Chicken House) is a frequent visitor to our local area. He has kindly offered to help out the Kilninford News, by making a donation, and more importantly to all of you potential writers - to give you the opportunity to enter a story competition and win a great prize. (£50 worth of Chicken House books). There will be two age ranges (7-12 YO) and (12- 17 YO) - one prize for the best entry within each age group.

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The story can be on any subject that you chose.

(However it must be suitable for children within your same age group).

Make sure that it is submitted by 14th February 2016

(see separate advert for submission details).

The prizes will be judged and awarded on the basis of both **Originality & Creativity**

For the winning authors, in addition to the prize, you will receive:

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&

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Barry Cunningham has had an impressive career in publishing, and noting (from his on-line bibliography) a quote 'from J K Rowling (whom he signed up for Bloomsbury Publishing - *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*) "If it wasn't for Barry Cunningham, Harry Potter might still be languishing in his cupboard under the stairs ... I doubt any of the writers with whom he has worked could be more grateful to him." J.K Rowling'

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Terms and Conditions

1. All entries should be the individual work of the entrant - and signed and entered with their parent's permission if under 16.
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VILLAGE HALL SOLAR PANELS

Three years ago I looked into installing Solar Panels on the Village Hall Roof. Of all the renewables these seem the most logical for our needs, I have looked into both wind turbines and Bio mass. The halls situation facing south with no over hanging trees and pitch of roof makes it very suitable for solar panels. Also the switchboard room is easily accessible from the roof. At the time I sort to put 40 panels the most one can have without getting into the management problems of commercial obligations. I then went to search for a grant unaware at the time that if we wanted to take the feed in tariff (FIT) for the hall I could not receive public money twice. This meant all the Funders that I have received our other grants from were unavailable to me it had to be private funding. I endeavoured to seek private funding and failed and confess I rather put the idea on the back burner while I concentrated on looking for funding to re vamp the toilet facilities and more recently the kitchen.

However, just over a week ago I received a phone call from someone in Argyll and Bute council alerting me to the fact that the FIT was being reduced from approximately 12% to 2% at the end of December 2015 . At the same time I was made aware that at long last the Carraig Gheal wind farm funding had just gone on line. The maximum grant £7,000.

In discussion with other members of the hall committee it was thought if I could get the grant then 16 panels would be better than nothing. I returned to my original Solar Panel company Absolute, and they were prepared to do another survey and came up with £7,835. for 16. Whilst appreciating this is not the cheapest for panels, we have them on our barn roof and we are pleased with them, and, two other local companies I originally approached were not interested because of grants etc. Also time is brief. I have now done all the paper work and applied for this CG grant. I have made it clear to Carraig Gheal that time is of the essence and these panels need to be up and working before the end of the year.

So if by the Christmas time you see panels you know we have been successful with the Carraig Gheal grant and the following is important. If no panels then my appeal is pointless and the whole project sadly abandoned. If successful we will have to pay the additional £835 from hall funds. This would make us rather short of money so I promised Fergus our treasurer I would appeal to the Community for donations towards our solar panel funds. If time were not against us this would not be necessary, I rather pride myself in rarely having to ask the community for money for our hall projects, but this time hopefully you will see this as a worthwhile project and contribute PLEASE!

Antoinette Mitchell

FIRE STATION

Hi folks,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new community fire station crew manager. Most people in the area will know who I am, but for those who don't , my name is Donald Smith and I have had 34 years experience in the Kilmelford fire service, I have seen the change from a small fire hut in the village to a fully equipped community fire station. As you may know we lost Ian and Mel MacTavish as well as our mascot wee Hamish in the summer and we wish them well in their new life in Australia. I am taking on the challenge of crew manager from Dave Millward who retired from the station after 20 years service.

We are actively recruiting new members to bring us back to full strength so if anyone is interested in joining, please contact me on **01852 200 284** or drop into the station on a Thursday night and have a chat.

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KILNINFORD NEWS

EGM notes: Kilninford Association 2015 (KA2015)

The Kilninford News is a newsletter produced entirely by volunteers, and its income is derived only from advertising and donations. The KN is produced under the auspices of the KA2015. An EGM was held at the Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford (courtesy of Yvonne and Simon) on Wednesday 4th November

At this meeting were the incumbent news team consisting of: Gill Philpotts (distribution), Mark van der Kraan (IT), Val Wardle (advertising) & Graham Wardle (editor) along with eight members of the local community. Graham, Val and Gill gave presentations on (i) the current state of the Kilninford Newsletter (ii) advertising, and (iii) distribution, respectively. Minutes of this meeting (kindly recorded by Gill) will be provided at a later date.

At this meeting the current members of the news team (and founder members of the KA2015) were elected to stand as the main committee until 2018. Additionally, Jane Rentoul, Astrid van der Kraan, and Iain Bark were proposed and seconded to join the KA2015, and thus by implication would become members of the KN news team. Under the KA2015 constitution there is still one remaining committee place available - should anyone wish to volunteer! At the meeting Annie Delap (patandannie@gmail.com) kindly agreed to help with the distribution of the Kilninford News.

Following the presentations, and formation of the committee, attention turned to the main questions of the night to be posed to the community of:

- How can the Kilninford News best benefit the needs of the community?
- What should the KN include within its pages?
- How often and when should it be produced?
- How is it to be financed?
- To whom and how should it be distributed?"

These questions are currently being considered following discussions with those attending the EGM meeting. The expanded KA2015 committee will meet in the new year (probably January 2016) and proposals will be considered. These proposals will be made available to the community for comment at a later date.

It is hoped that all of our Kilninford News contributors and advertisers will attend future KA2015 AGM meetings along with members of the local community. These events provide an opportunity for us all to meet in friendly surroundings and get to know each other. They give us all an opportunity to build on established relationships and to form new ones that will enable the Kilninford News to achieve its objective of "... disseminating information throughout the community; to ensure that all residents have access to information of interest, use or value, including activities, events, notices, services, and news....".

Once again on behalf of the Kilninford News team and KA2015 members, may I thank all those who attended the EGM, and Best Wishes to all of the community for the forthcoming festive period.

Graham (ed)

KILNINFORD NEWS TEAM (Contacts etc.)

Please send any adverts to **Val (e-mail: ceonamara@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07730 590 813)** - adverts should be in a format which can readily be inserted into a MS Word document without any need for alteration. If in doubt please ask for advice. Short entries for Forthcoming Events and all other contributions should be sent to **Graham (e-mail: warhelle@blueyonder.co.uk)**. For any distribution issues please contact **Gill (e-mail: Gill@thephilpotts.me.uk)**. **Mark (mark.van.der.kraan@inergy.nl)** will be looking at IT issues relevant to the newsletter in the future.

Your local KN contacts are:

**Iain (barkee@live.com),
Astrid (astrid@glenbeg-it.co.uk) and
Jane (j.rentoul@btinternet.com)**.

It is hoped that issues of the Kilninford News will be produced the first week in April, August and December. Please note that **all contributions** should be with the Kilninford News team by the end of the first full week of the preceding month (see table below).

Advertising rates: (subject to change)	Private ads.	£1 each
	Commercial ads.	£5 each per quarter page
		£10 each per half page
		£20 each per whole page

For those who wish to provide adverts, contributions, articles, letters etc. other than by e-mail (in a suitable form for printing) may also snail-mail them to Graham at the KA2015 contact address given in the front inside cover of the Kilninford News:

Please note: Time-frames for contributions and distribution of the Kilninford News are currently:

Issue #	Edition	Deadline for all contributions to editorial team due:	Estimated distribution date (week commencing)
54	Easter 2016	20 February 2016	14 March 2016
55	Summer	02 July	01 August
56	Christmas	05 November	28 November



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**The Kilninford News
relies on contributions from many
sources and is entirely funded by
advertising and kind donations.**

**May we thank all of our contributors
and advertisers for your continued
support - have a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.**

**If you would like to advertise with us
please contact any of the team.**

Best wishes to all for the festive season - ENJOY!

***Astrid, Gill, Jain, Jane, Mark,
Val and Graham***





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excluding Christmas Day and

New Year's Day.

Teas, Coffees and Home baking are available in the Hotel Lounge 21st December- 3rd January.

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will return
Easter 2016