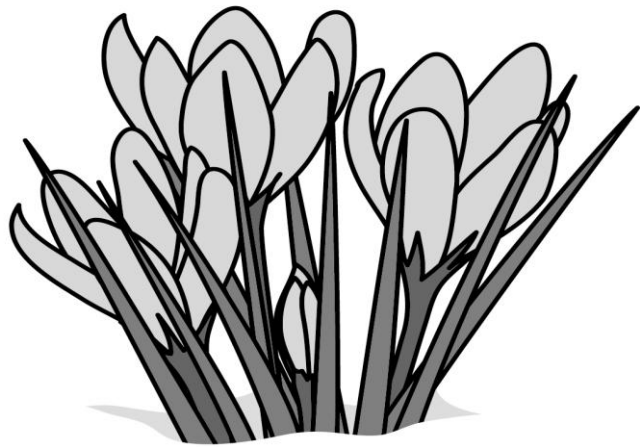


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Contributions to the Kilmelford News

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to this newsletter! Our appeal for “goodies” in our December issue has certainly generated some post in our new letterbox in the Village shop (thank you Sarah and Ruth for having our colourful box on display!). Thank you!

We keep encouraging all our readers to contribute for our future newsletters:

1. interesting stories
2. funny stuff
3. anecdotes
4. info on local history
5. observations etc.

We need you!

Contributions to be emailed directly to Graham, or via any of the other team members, posted in our Kilninford Letterbox inside the Village Shop or delivered to any of our team members. If you have a hand written or audio version you can contact any of the team and we will help to transcribe it.

Anonymous contributions are welcome too - provided that the KN team know who the authors are!. Obviously we would like everybody to keep in mind that our newsletter is potentially read by all ages.

We look forward to receiving lots of exciting goodies!!!

With our sincere thanks... *Astrid, Gill, Graham, Jain, Jane, Mark & Val.*

KILNINFORD NEWS - Update

Good News

As we wondered how on earth we were going to afford to produce the next issue of the Newsletter, someone mentioned the Micro Grant scheme offered by Carraig Gheal Wind Farm. It is a fund for Community projects in our area that are not political or religious but have some benefit for the community. As I read it I thought – well if we don't qualify for that then I'll eat my hat. So I completed the application form, sent it off and I am pleased to announce that the Wind Farm has kindly awarded us £250. This will make a huge difference to our production kitty so it is with many thanks to the Community Council for backing our application and to Carraig Gheal Wind Farm for their generous scheme to give this Easter issue extra promise for the future.

Gill Philpotts

Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The Carraig Gheal Wind Farm is located on the north-west side of Loch Awe and borders 5 Community Council Districts from Glen Orchy in the north-east to Kilmelford and Kilniver in the south-west. The wind farm operators contribute £46,000 per annum into a Community Benefit Fund from which grants are managed and allocated by a Steering Group made up of Representatives from the 5 communities. The Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit fund is divided between two funding schemes; a micro grant scheme with awards of grants up to £250 available to individuals, constituted and non-constituted groups and the main grant scheme with awards of up to £7,000 available to constituted groups only.

There are various restrictions on the grant applications but these are fairly realistic bearing in mind the source of the funds. For example micro-grants have already been awarded for gardening clubs, Christmas parties and now community newsletters! All applications are made on line to the Community Fund Officer who is there to provide any guidance on the application process as required. Do not hesitate to contact your local representatives who are Nigel Mitchell and David Wilkie. The website is www.carraighealwindfarm.co.uk

David Wilkie.

A big thank you to the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm for giving a helping hand to the community via the Kilninford News

Wishing everyone the very best for Easter - Enjoy!

Graham (Ed.)

A NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL OUR CONTRIBURORS

Many thanks to all for you kind contributions and adverts - the Kilninford News would not survive without you all being prepared to give up some of your time to help keep the KN alive. PLEASE NOTE:

**All contributions for the SUMMER EDITION should be with the News team by
2nd JULY 2016.**

ARTICLES: e-mail Text contributions (Headed TEXT (Subject)) to be sent directly to Graham, with a copy to Astrid. ADVERTS: e-mail Adverts (Headed AD (subject)) to be sent directly to Val, with a copy to Graham and Astrid.

CONTACT DETAILS ARE GIVEN INSIDE THE BACK COVER OF THIS EDITION

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

CURRY SUPPER and QUIZ NIGHT

Kilmelford Village Hall 11th March;, 7.30pm

Exotic Indian dishes to delight the palate. A bar will be available. Combined with an entertaining Quiz Night, this should be a night of fun for everybody at £10.00 (to be paid at the door). First prize 6 bottles of wine. Quiz teams of 4-6 people. Proceeds will go to the Village Hall fund.

COFFEE MORNINGS (2016)

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

Friday 4th March, Friday 1st April, Friday 6th May, Friday 3rd June, Friday 1st July, Friday 5th August.

Everyone invited to come and enjoy the delicious home baking. Proceeds in aid of Kilmelford Village Hall and Church. Bring & Buy bookstall. 100 Club draw. Contact: **Diane Scaife 01852 200208**

Bring a friend and come along for delicious home baking and a cuppa. If you would like to help with the baking, or to collect a pensioner please call **Melissa Oatts on 01852 200314.**

March 19th - Craignish Boat Jumble and Car Boot Sale from 10.15 am – 2pm in Craignish Village Hall. Entry £2.50 includes soup and roll plus tea/coffee. 01852 500689 for details. **Jan Brown**

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**

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is on every Wednesday 1:30 - 3.00pm, so Mums can collect siblings from Kilninver 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**

Kilmelford Village Hall

MARCH 11th. 2016 7.30pm

Curry Supper and Quiz Night



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PROCEEDS IN AID OF KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

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

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-7pm. Juice & snack included. The table games will continue on some nights as well. Please check with Helen if the Games Nights are on during holidays.

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

A Games Fest is organised for Easter Monday!!

Easter Monday 28th March; a **Games Fest** in Kilmelford Village Hall 2-4 pm. Have a go at a variety of games ! + pizza tea & prizes Parents welcome to stay and join in. Tea, coffee and cakes provided to keep up stamina.





Kilmartin Museum

We will reopen on the 1st March for our 2016 season

Events

Saturday 5th March 2016 - Seed Swap

10 am to 4pm

Come 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.

Growing our own food is one of the most environmentally friendly things we can do!

Sunday 6th March 2016 – Mother's Day Lunch & Vintage Tea

12 noon to 4.30pm

Mother's Day lunch will be served from 12 noon to 2pm

Two Courses £15.00, Three Courses £18.50

Vintage tea served from 2pm to 4.30pm

£12.95 per person*

*Includes a free glass of Prosecco Fizz for Mum (1 glass per double booking)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL – call 01546 510278

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2016 - Chocolate Extravaganza

10.00 am to 4.30pm

Join us for a day of decadence and luxury at Kilmartin Museum Cafe. Sweet treats, recipe sheets, colouring, face painting and our own special menu.

Treasure Hunt - 10.30 am, Children's Workshop - 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm (make your own

Easter nest cake to take home - cost £1.00)

Sunday Only - Easter Bonnet Competition

Make your own Easter Bonnet at home - Judging at 3 pm

Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop

At Kilmartin Museum Café we pride ourselves on our delicious menu and mouth-watering range of home baked cakes. We source local ingredients wherever possible and take special care to make our menus child friendly. We also cater for a wide range of specific dietary requirements – just ask one of our friendly team of staff.

For a truly unique shopping experience visit Kilmartin Museum Shop. With goods from many local artists, a great selection of books and a wide range of gift ideas, Kilmartin Museum Shop is the perfect place to find something special.

Email: admin@kilmartin.org Telephone: 01546 510278

Website: www.kilmartin.org

Find us on Facebook and Twitter

ACTIVITY REPORTS

STAMP APPEAL 2015

The money raised with the sale of stamps is a vital contribution to funding projects. The stamps collected will go towards the Church of South India education project. Their aim is to educate people about climate change. Monies raised for chicken farm, small dairy, bio gas plant to power kitchens and re-use of rainwater.

Please cut stamps off envelopes with 1/8" border and give them to Georgina Dalton or Mary Clark, or leave them at the shop. Many thanks.

XPLORERS

On the 6th of March at 4 o'clock Kilmelford Church. The theme will be Dorcas, (a lady who was known for her kindness & was a good seamstress). Also, as it is Mothers Day making gifts will be part of the activities.

The leaders with Becky Burton have planned to have an Eggtravaganza Xplorers on Sunday 5th of April 3-5 pm to include egg hunts, hot cross buns & a variety of crafts activities. All welcome & parents invited to join in for refreshments and the play time. As usual children under 5yr old to be accompanied by an adult please.

Contacts; **Georgina 01866 844212, Jenny Moody 200222, Rachel Ross 200235**

Maolachy Garden open 28th / 29th May: 2-6 pm

February 22nd - Today I wander in welcome sunlight to ask the wild garden if it could prepare itself to be open to visitors on 28th / 29th May. Whilst planting out a washing up bowl full of tiny snowdrop bulb seedlings, the answer came of "of course everybody will be welcome. What is out on show only nature knows – what will be – will be." I can almost hear a sigh of relief from the earth basking in the noon warmth of the sun, a respite from the endless rain. The birds are echoing glad tidings in their various songs, thrushes, robins, great tits and a distant wood pecker all tuning up.

Anyone happy to come & help: being on the door or pouring tea etc. will be most welcome and this would be much appreciated. Funds raised will go to the Scottish Gardens Charities & Hope Kitchen Oban.

Georgina Dalton 01866 844212

ARGYLL GARDENS OPEN IN 2016

Gardens Open On a Specific Date

Benmore Botanic Garden, PA23 8QU	Sunday 24 April	10:00am - 6:00pm
Arduaine Garden, Oban PA34 4XQ	Sunday 8 May	9:30am - 5:00pm
Braevallich Farm, by Dalmally PA33 1BU	Sat/Sun 14/15 May	11:00am - 5:30pm
Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA	Sun/Wed 15/18 May	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Strachur House Flower & Woodland Gardens, Strachur PA27 8BX	Sat/Sun 21/22 May	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA	Sunday 22 May	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA	Wednesday 25 May	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Saturday 28 May	1:30pm - 5:00pm
Maolachy's Garden, Lochavich, PA35 1HJ	Sat/Sun 28/29 May	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ	Sunday 29 May	1:30pm - 5:00pm
Braevallich Farm, by Dalmally PA33 1BU	Sat/Sun 4/5 June	11:00am - 5:30pm
Torosay Castle Gardens, Craignure, Isle of Mull PA65 6AY	Sunday 5 June	10:00am - 5:00pm
The Shore Villages, by Dunoon PA23 8SE	Sat/Sun 25/26 June	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Caol Ruadh, Colintraive PA22 3AR	Sat/Sun 23/24 July	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Little Kilmory Cottage, Rothesay, PA20 0QA	Sat/Sun 30/31 July	10:00am - 5:00pm
Ardchattan Priory, North Connel PA37 1RQ	Sunday 31 July	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Torosay Castle Gardens, Craignure, Isle of Mull PA65 6AY	Sunday 7 August	10:00am - 5:00pm
Torosay Castle Gardens, Craignure, Isle of Mull PA65 6AY	Sunday 2 October	10:00am - 5:00pm

Gardens Open Regularly

Achnacloich, Connel, Oban PA37 1PR	25 Mar - 31 Oct	10am - 4pm Sats only
Ardchattan Priory, North Connel PA37 1RQ	25 Mar - 31 Oct	9:30am - 5:30pm
Ardkinglas Woodland Garden, Cairndow PA26 8BG	Daily	Dawn - Dusk
Ardmaddy Castle, by Oban PA34 4QY	Daily	9:00am - Dusk
Ascog Hall, Ascog, Isle of Bute PA20 9EU	1 April - 31 Oct	10:00am - 5:00pm
Barguilean's "Angus Garden", Taynuilt PA35 1HY	Daily	9:00am - Dusk
Benmore Botanic Garden, Benmore, PA23 8QU	1 Mar - 31 Oct	Closes Apr-Sep 6pm, March & Oct 5pm
Crinan Hotel Garden, Crinan PA31 8SR	1 May - 31 Aug	Dawn - Dusk
Druimneil House, Port Appin PA38 4DQ	25 Mar - 31 Oct	Dawn - Dusk
Fairwinds, 14 George Street, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon PA23 8JU	1 April - 31 Oct	10:00am - 6:00pm
Inveraray Castle Gardens, Inveraray PA32 8XF	1 April - 31 Oct	10:00am - 5:45pm
Kinlochlaich Gardens, Appin PA38 4BD	14 March - 14 Oct	10:00am - 5:00pm
Oakbank, Ardrishaig PA30 8EP	1 May - 31 Aug	10:30am - 6:00pm

Gardens Open By Arrangement

Kinlochlaich Gardens, Appin PA38 4BD	1 Jan- 3 Mar & 15 Oct-31 Dec	T: 07881 525754
Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ	15 April - 15 June	T: 07554 869239
Braevallich Farm, by Dalmally PA33 1BU	16 April - 30 June	T: 01866 844246
Eas Mhor, Cnoc-a-Challtuinn, ClachanSeil, Oban PA34 4TR	1 May - 31 August	T: 01852 300 469

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS WWW.SCOTLANDSGARDENS.ORG

Cuilfail Hotel

Take Away Menu

Available until 8.30pm

Mains

Prices valid to 31/05/16

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

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

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Due to our alcohol licence

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult



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Kilmelford Wildlife News (A personal perspective)

We drove to Degnish on Feb.18th, an unplanned visit as we only intended casting our votes in the village hall, and as we came out, realised it WAS NOT RAINING, so continued along the loch side . The landscape had a bleached flattened appearance after all the weeks of wet weather, but there was low morning sun, and in a few favoured places along the roadside, there really was new Spring growth, startling green patches of garlic and bluebells, and fresh wood rush.

I hoped I might see the odd roe deer snatching a late breakfast in the warm patches of sunlight in the woods, but no luck! We arrived into Kilchoan Bay, and along the SW coast, quite close inshore, was a Great Northern Diver, floating serenely along and looking for all the world like the avian equivalent of a cruise ship, huge, unhurried, and undeniably there! Presumably looking for something to dive for down amongst the Kelp. On our return journey along the shore, there was no sign of the diver. It might have moved further out into the loch, and a combination of reflected sunlight off the sea and a bit of a chop on the water rendered it invisible. Perhaps it had gone back to Spitzbergen!

One thing that I've appreciated this winter have been the arrival of woodcock in the area, in rather larger numbers, I thought, than recent years. I became aware of them over the Christmas/ New Year period (perhaps I spent more time wandering about then) and they are still with us. A good time to look for them is a frosty morning when the ground is hard, as they feed along burn-sides and other wet places where the flow and splash of water has kept the ground soft, and there they can probe for worms and other insects. Wonderfully camouflaged birds - they always see you first, and leap into the air and jink away into cover, and sometimes they wait until you are only 2-3ft. away before they flush (I usually leap too!)

Always worth a look is Loch nan Druimnean, just North of the village along the Oban road. There are nearly always Dabchicks (aka Little Grebes) to be seen on the water, mostly close inshore, and often among the Phragmites stalks (the very tall water grass) if the weather is wild. Small birds, approx 10 inches long, and look even smaller out in open water (classic 'bath-duck' shape), frequently diving for food, and resurfacing like a bath-duck too, a sort of visual 'pop'. It's worth listening for them too, as this time of year they start to make their mating calls, a strange whiffling whistle, quite unlike anything else. I haven't heard them yet this year, perhaps because I haven't been out and about much for the last 2-3 weeks, but mid February onwards is quite usual.

There were 5 pairs of Tufted Duck on the loch all last week too, and the odd Goldeneye, and occasionally one or two Merganser. And look out for Long Tailed Tits, flitting and feeding through the scrub willow between the loch side and the road.. On the whole, more is to be seen if you are walking rather than driving, but there are no footpaths along the road, and it's safer to take to the forest edge along the opposite side of the road, and get into the trees. The wildlife is less likely to see you, too.

Annie Delap

Nature in harmony.

By March, many of our wintering birds will have left for their breeding grounds in the north and east. Our breeding birds will soon be en-route back to the UK in time to start their breeding season. Whilst the weather plays a big part in when they return, there are other factors that play an intricate role in the timing of the breeding season and they are all closely linked. We will soon see lengthening daylight hours and it is this increased daylight that releases hormones and triggers the breeding instincts in most of our native creatures. As the sun rises higher in the sky and warms the soil, plants come out of

there winter dormancy and this stimulates the sap to flow and create new growth. Most insects lay their eggs so that they hatch in time for the new buds sprouting from the trees. The caterpillars and other soft bodied larvae take advantage of the sugar laden buds before the buds mature and develop tannins that protect the leaves. Plants indulge in chemical warfare to help protect themselves and there is an arms race as the insects and plants evolve new poisons and antidotes, so the fresh new buds are the best for the newly hatched insects. In turn, our garden birds, a Robin or Blue Tit for instance, time their eggs to hatch when there is lots of food available to feed their hungry brood. Timed perfectly to take advantage of the Caterpillars and aphids that are feeding on the new flush of growth. The chicks require vast quantities of the soft bodied insects for them to thrive and it is no accident that they are synchronised to hatch when caterpillars and aphids are to be found in great numbers feeding on that new flush of growth.

In turn the bird that preys on them, the Sparrowhawk, has to synchronise its eggs hatching just as the garden birds are leaving their nests, allowing for easy prey at the time food for their chicks is needed in volume. Robins and Blue Tits produce large clutches as many of the fledglings will be predated on. The young Sparrowhawks fledge in mid July when there is a second clutch of songbirds on the wing learning to fly. Easier prey to learn their skills on. That said, even in a good year 75% of Sparrowhawk chicks will not survive to see their first birthday.

If all goes well and the weather plays ball, then there should be a good breeding season. But occasionally, things do go wrong.

A storm hit Argyll in May 2011 with 100mph winds, just after the trees had budded. It lasted just one day but the result was devastating for our local bird life. It looked like it was autumn with the leaves brown and some trees bare of foliage, as a result there was no food for the insects. With no insects there were hardly any songbird chicks, and with few chicks, no young Sparrowhawks. With the food chain broken at the very bottom, at the tree buds stage, all the rest of the food chain failed. It shows just how fragile nature can be.

A few birds have adapted to a different breeding strategy, or at least able to do so.

The Raven, for example, nests very early in the year so it can take advantage of winter casualties. One Deer carcass is said to be enough to rear a clutch. With a winter like this one there will be plenty of casualties to choose from.

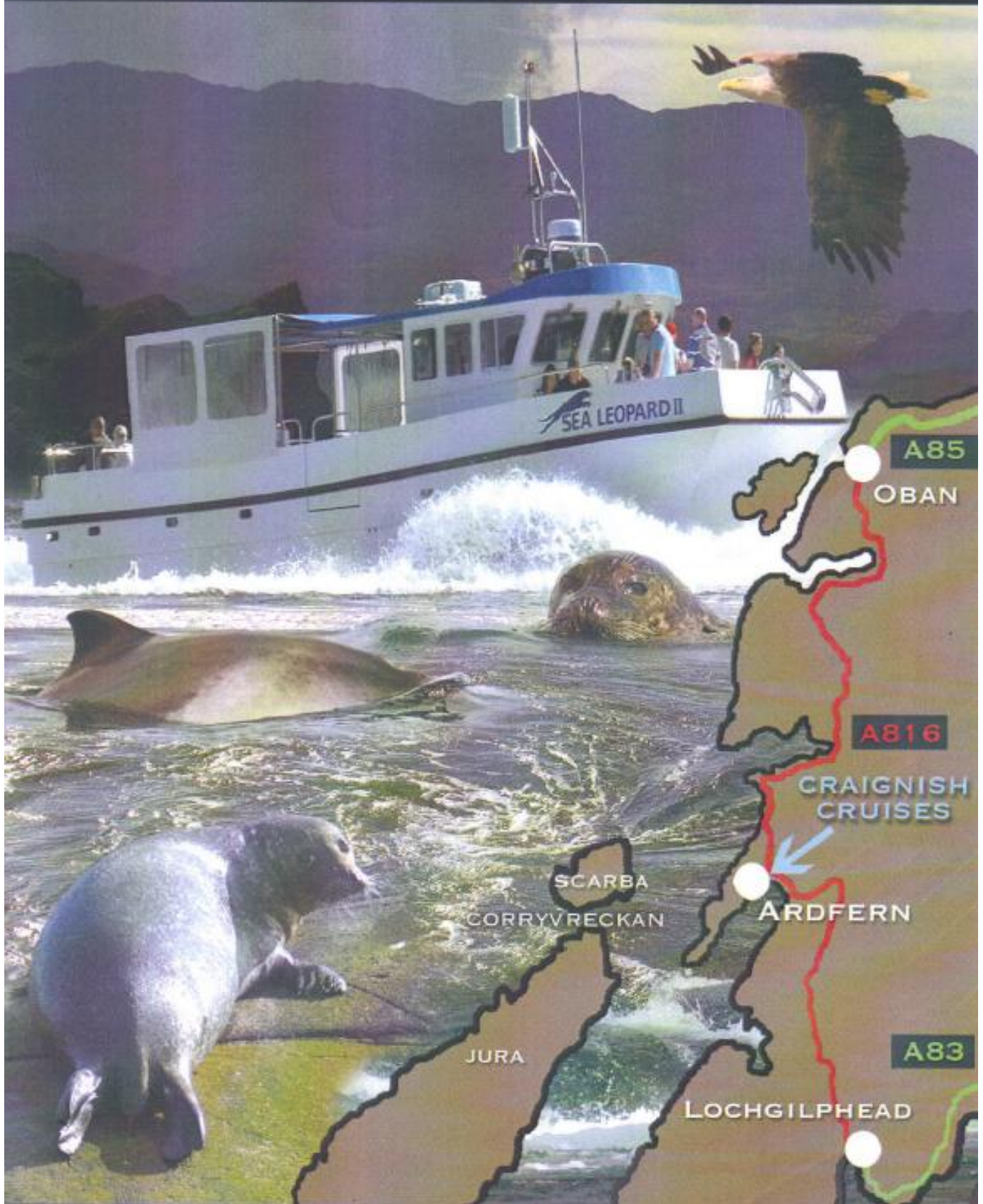
Another bird that can change its habits to take advantage of an abundant food source is the Barn Owl. The Barn Owl is known to nest in any month of the year in lower latitudes, but even here in Scotland, it can nest in the middle of winter if there is a good food source. I have witnessed this on a farm I worked on. We had an epidemic of mice, and the Barn Owl took full advantage and reared five chicks in January. Other birds like the Wood Pigeon, Blackbird and Great Crested Grebe can also have chicks in any month of the year.

One bird, the Eleonora's Falcon, has taken opportunism to another level. This medium sized Falcon nests on the Islands and coastline of the Mediterranean Sea. Most birds nest in the Spring, but this bird takes advantage of the millions of migrant birds that pass from Europe to Africa in September and October, so they time their breeding to coincide with this bounty. It's changed their habits too. They have no need to hold a territory like our birds of prey, as the food is so abundant, not only that, but they nest communally, hundreds of nest together, very unusual for a Falcon.

So, this spring, listen out for the bird songs and watch for the displays, and consider how all of nature works in harmony to create new life this breeding season.

John McAvoy

SEE CORRYVRECKAN AND IT'S WILDLIFE ON BOARD SEA LEOPARD II



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Kilmelford - speeding, overtaking and safety for pedestrians

Most of us will be aware of the fact that the 30 mile an hour zone through Kilmelford is not being taken serious by many drivers. We can daily witness cars, lorries and vans speeding through our village and sometimes even overtaking on the long stretch near The Glebe. This atrocious behaviour was discussed at the last Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Council meeting on the 9th of February. During this meeting it was agreed that action needs to be taken. The roads department will be asked to come and discuss the many issues that were raised at the meeting and hopefully the right measures will be put in place as priority items. The police are aware of the speeding and are checking speeds in Kilmelford as often as possible. They fully support the fact that we, concerned locals, want something done to force drivers to do 30 max.

The dangerous situation at the bridge between The Village Shop and Cuilfail Gardens is also to be looked at to see if a one way system would be possible there. There have been many near misses when pedestrians were crossing the bridge and cars were speeding past. The footpath at The Glebe and the lack of a barrier to avoid children getting onto the road there was also discussed and it was agreed that this issue is a huge priority. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is distributed a barrier has been put in place!

During the next council meeting (**12th of April at 8 pm in Kilmelford Village Hall**) these items will be on the agenda again. The Road Department and Police will be invited to attend. Hopefully, many locals will come to this meeting - it is important for us all to make sure the right measures are in place as soon as possible to avoid accidents. In the interim: please would residents report any courier/ haulage / waste /log lorries etc. that they witness speeding; You can either phone the company direct and complain, noting day and time....or let Sarah know at the shop and she will call the offending company. Hopefully, this will have the desired effect...a safer village for us all!!

There have been reports of some near misses recently near the bus stop... Children have been seen getting of the bus and crossing the road before and behind the bus...not paying attention to the fact that cars are in the meanwhile trying to overtake the bus. Would all parents please make sure that their children wait at the bus stop until the bus has gone and it is safe to cross the road?

Concerned locals (names supplied to KN team)

Please keep dogs away from our sheep!

The following contribution to the Kilniford News has been received from our local farmers. and although the issue of sheep worrying by dogs is a constant threat it is particularly distressing at this time of the year.

(Ed.)

Could dog owners please keep their dogs well under control, on a lead and preferably well away from our sheep? Another case of sheep worrying took place in February at Melfort: people on holiday had their dog off the lead...and the dog decided to chase the pregnant ewes. Both dog and owners were lucky not to have the dog shot there and then, as they managed to get the dog back just in time... The dog had been worrying the ewes for half an hour and it remains to be seen how many ewes will abort as result of this worrying.

Regrettably, both locals and visitors to our area have failed to have their dogs on leads near sheep in recent years. Even if your dog doesn't chase sheep, the sheep don't know this, so any dog loose among sheep will cause them stress.

It would be great if owners of holiday houses, B&B's, hotels could remind their customers with dogs of the do's and don'ts, as some people seem to have no clue! Livestock is our livelihood and over the last few years many dogs have been seen worrying pregnant ewes / ewes with lambs at foot...causing injury, death, abortion and abandoned lambs. Thank you!

The local farmers (names supplied to KN team)

Continuing on this theme, the following is a short article from PC Jeremy Moore in respect of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act: 1953. He was asked about the legislation and the work that he does in regards to livestock protection in the local area. He hopes that this will clarify any doubts anyone may have,

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act: 1953.

The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act is the legislation used in relation to sheep worrying on crofts and farms in Scotland.

- All livestock are valuable assets and any harm to them impacts heavily on an owner/farmer's livelihood.
- Most dogs have an instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals.
- Consequently, all dogs should be kept under proper control by the owners / handlers whether they are in an urban or rural area. In respect of sheep, it is an offence for a dog just to be present or "at large" in a field containing sheep.
- Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to livestock, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of chasing or worrying as it is known by dogs can cause animals to die and pregnant stock to miscarry.
- Livestock fleeing from dogs are often killed or seriously injured or drowned by their panicked attempts to escape, often causing significant collateral damage to fences and field boundaries in the process.
- Dogs chasing ewes with lambs usually separate them on occasion this results in the ewes rejecting the lamb or becoming lost resulting in starvation.

A summary of the legislation.

The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 provides that: if a dog worries livestock, the owner of the dog (and/or the person in charge of it) is guilty of an offence. It also provides that if livestock or the land on which the stock is grazing belonging to that person, that person or anyone acting on his behalf may kill any dog worrying or is about to worry livestock in that field. If a dog is killed or injured in this way the circumstances must be reported to the Police within 48 hours of the incident.

Dog Control notices

Argyll and Bute council have a dog warden that can also assist with advice and assistance and be contacted through their website. The Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act: 2010 provides that each local authority is required to appoint an "authorised officer" who can serve a written Dog Control Notice (DCN) on owners who do not keep their dogs under proper control and where the dog's behaviour gives rise to alarm or apprehensiveness in respect of an individual's own safety, the safety of another person or the safety of an animal other than the dog in question. The intention of the Dog Control Notice is to emphasise the importance to the owner of the need to control their dogs before attacks happen and to encourage more responsible ownership. The DCN may include any or all of the following measures:-

- Muzzling the dog whenever it is in a place to which the public have access to
- Keeping the dog on a lead in a place the public has access to
- If the dog is male, neutering it
- Keeping the dog away from a place, or category of places, specified in the notice and Attendance and completion of a course of training in the control of dogs.
- Any other requirement deemed necessary by the local authority authorised officer in order to keep the dog under proper control.

I will be glad to assist in any way that I can

PC Jeremy Moore L342 (Oban district)

Please remember the onus of responsibility is with the dog owner/handler. Any failure to control a dog may lead to distress both to the livestock and to the farmers. Furthermore, the keeper of the dog which causes damage by killing or damaging livestock will be liable for the damage caused. This fiscal cost may, however, seem minor to the dog owner's emotional distress if the dog is SHOT!

(Ed.)

Kilmelford Village Shop

Cafe open from 08-March!

Spring is around the corner, WE HOPE! Here at the village shop we have been busy giving the cafe a makeover, ready for the new season. We are going to be displaying and selling local arts and crafts, as well as hosting exhibitions of local art, beginning this May with David Graham. Come along for some great coffee from Thomsons of Glasgow: home made scones/cakes and light lunches. This year we welcome back the lovely organic bread baked in the village by Karen. We will continue to stock the now famous JB Homebake pies and cakes, Paradise Kitchen jams & chutneys and locally produced salad and veg. **Many thanks for all your support!**

Sarah

Shop open;	Monday – Saturday	9.00 - 5.30
	Sunday	9.00 - 3.00
Cafe open;	Tuesday – Saturday	10.00 - 4.00 (due to open Tuesday 08-March)
	Sunday	10.00 - 3.00 (Closed Mondays)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

We hold services every alternate Sunday in Kilmelford and Kilninver 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. Kilninver Church is half a mile off the A816 road to Oban. Take the turning to Easdale. You can park along the roadside.

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, Ardfern at 10.15 am. Times for the United Services and notices are posted locally and on the website www.netherlorncchurches.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.

Christ Is Risen!

Many years ago I had the opportunity to celebrate Easter in the city of Iasi, in Romania. In keeping with the Eastern Orthodox custom, the season of Lent was observed very seriously so it was cabbage for supper in the run-up to Easter. Good Friday was observed with due solemnity. Then on Easter Saturday everyone made their way to church around 9.00pm in the evening (rather like going to the watchnight service on Christmas Eve).

They wanted to be together in church as the midnight hour approached when it would be Easter Day. Then, just before midnight, everyone poured out on to the streets so that when midnight struck they could proclaim that, "Christ is risen". It is an announcement, in their tradition, that is not to be kept within the walls of the church but needs to be taken out to be proclaimed to the whole wide world.

My mind has often gone back to that vivid enactment of something that is true in all times and places. The resurrection of Christ, of course, is preceded by his crucifixion. For Jesus there was pain and darkness and death to be endured before the joy of Easter morning. For many who follow him today, this chimes with their own experience. We can take inspiration from our contemporaries in troubled parts of the world, who speak out of great suffering of what the resurrection of Christ means to them.

All of us, in one way or another, are made aware of the dimensions of our human life and experience that chime with Good Friday. Let's not miss, this year or any year, the announcement that Christ has risen. This sheds new light on everything and brings unquenchable hope to even the bleakest situation.

Yours in Easter hope,

Kenneth Ross (Parish Minister)

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair	Antoinette Mitchell
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Committee members	Matthew Anderson Ellen Coyle Lucy Files Maggie Morsley

Caretaker	Colin Gibson	01852 200204
Bookings	Kilmelford Village Stores	01852 200271

Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Association Chair's Report 2016

This year has certainly been a busy one, as usual starting with a successful Hogmanay party 2014/15, enjoyed by locals and visitors, which raised £592, this has become one of our main fund raising events. Thanks to Neil Goulding and Philip Coyle. As a committee we need to work extra hard to make sure the local community is very aware that unless they support the hall fund raising events and various group activities which take place in the hall, they may not have a hall to use. I am conscious that the same people constantly work hard at putting on a range of activities with often very apathetic responses. This is disheartening for those who have worked so hard and also not good for our finances.

The success of Hogmanay followed a real low. Sadly due to a duplicitous booking of the village hall, it was once again trashed by pupils from Oban high school during a post Jingles party in the week leading up to Christmas 2014. Owing to the school, refusing to accept any responsibility for a 'private' party this time we had to involve the police to aid us in getting money out of those concerned to cover the damage. Unfortunately local parents knew it was going on but failed to warn us in time to stop it. It is down to everyone to be vigilant during the last three days of the school term, so that we can avoid any hall bookings. Fortunately this December 2015 we foiled three attempts, at booking the hall for one of these teenage parties.

Early in the year the grant from Awards for All Scotland came through for the kitchen upgrade and Jim Smith and his team started this work in February. For the first time we had to pay the full 20% VAT as this was not an energy saving project which reduced our money from £10,000 to £8,000 effectively, with the combined costs of the new fire curtain and the dishwasher it left us with very little for the rest of the upgrade. However, by dipping into our own hall funds and using the old carcasses of the kitchen units and just having new doors, we were able to ensure all old units matched the new ones and with a complete new work surface, sink units, wash basin and a re-paint of the ceiling and walls etc. and With new glass in both kitchen windows, which had blown, I think we all feel the best has been done with the present size kitchen. It certainly looks good and is more user friendly. There were a number of teething problems with both the new fire curtain and dishwasher but although causing me some sleepless nights, I think these have been ironed out and both work well. Of course there are always the critics but by and large it seems to have been a very successful project and of course in keeping with our Business plan.

The Spring Cleaning bug hit us this year as the few hours that Colin does is not sufficient to really maintain the hall in good condition. Over a two week period a number of us on the committee and stalwart helpers from the community scrubbed, polished and even re-painted areas most in need. The

re-painting of the notice boards particularly gives the Corridor a much needed lift. I am grateful to all who helped us achieve this good in depth clean.

Unfortunately, some unexpected electrical work had to be done this year, every building has its maintenance hiccups and this year money had to be spent on a number of items like faulty trip switches and a new control box, and fire alarm control box, this unexpected cost was over £1,000. Hence there is a need for well supported fund raising events to help with these unexpected occurrences.

Our new curtains for the hall costing an anticipated £2000, is on hold. The Book of fabric samples has been ordered by Alison MacColl, but the donated funds to this project still only stand at £600, so the curtains need to wait until more donations for this particular project are forthcoming. I am also very aware that something needs to be done about the front hall glassed entrance lobby. Sealant alone does not appear to work and the seeping in of water makes me aware that this is another Jim Smith Job with possibly some new glass and front door, which I feel is far from secure, and may put our insurance in jeopardy.

All this year Fergus has valiantly pursued AVA regarding the Community Association becoming a SCIO. Lost paperwork by the Bank of Scotland and various other bureaucratic anomalies has made the progress really slow as well as most frustrating for Fergus. However, by the time of this report being presented on January 12th we will hopefully be a SCIO. As Fergus has explained to our committee and to the community via the Kilninford News, the committee has felt this is the way our association should progress in the light of the number of significant government legislative changes which have been imposed on charities such as ours. It is thanks to Fergus' vigilance and hard work that this change has taken place. I can only thank him on behalf of us all and the community for the many, many hours of work that he has put in to bring this SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) into being. THANK YOU Fergus.

Diane and Melissa and helpers continue to work hard providing us with monthly coffee mornings. The dates printed in the Kilninford News. Please try to attend these and pass the word around to others. For some elderly folk it is a good opportunity for them to meet people. It is a lovely social event for the community as well as being a very important fund raiser for the churches and hall.

Diane continues to work hard with the 100 Club. Numbers appear to be fairly constant but it would be nice to be just over the 100 rather than just under. These funds are a constant help and so needed, please try to persuade family members who do not belong to join. Also Diane's work with the GRAB, trust the annual beach clean. Not only a worthwhile environmentally good thing to do, but it awakens the awareness of the community to the state of the coastal area, brings people together in a common cause and of course we get paid. An added bonus. Thanks to Diane and husband Ken also for all the work they continue to do behind the scenes, and sometimes in front, with setting up, running the bar, raffles etc etc when we have fund raising events. I am so aware that none of these events could be managed without them. Thank you both.

In March our curry Quiz night now an annual event raised £480 for the hall.. The winning team once again from Seil, however, a few home grown teams gave them a run for their money. The curries as always were brilliant and it is thanks to Matthew Anderson for these. We also have to thank him for the wonderful Italian food he provided for the Concert night in October. This was an unexpected success. A young friend of mine Marek Kochmansky is a wonderful concert pianist, he agreed for a reduced fee to give us a recital. The turnout was rather poor but those who did come agreed that not only was the food delicious but the pianist phenomenal and they want this type of evening repeated. The atmosphere was terrific and it really was a lovely, lovely evening. The highlight for me was watching Lucy's two youngest spellbound as they watched Marek's hands flying over the keys. Sadly after expenses only £94 towards our hall curtains project was raised. We must do better this year.

It has been good to see the increased use of the Squash court in 2015, hopefully this will continue.

Towards the end of October I was contacted by a member of Argyll and Bute Council alerting me to the fact that at the end of the year the FIT (Feed in Tariff) for Solar panels was dropping from 12% or 12p in the pound to 2%. She asked if I was any further forward with panels for the village hall. I explained that a private grant had proved impossible for the amount we required. However, she alerted me to the fact that Green Power had just come on line with their community grants re- Carraig Geal wind farm. As Nigel is on the Community steering Group administering these funds, I was able with his assistance to apply for one of the main grants maximum £7,000. I had obviously to revise my original idea for 40 panels and reduce these to 15, which the original company Absolute was prepared to install. The total cost was £7,850, at the time of writing the hall has to find the remaining, £850.

I am hoping my appeal to the community in the Kilninford news will bring in some additional funds for this project. Time was not on my side having to have both the project and the paper work completed by the 31st. December 2015. Although simple by the standards of many applications, additional questions from Green Power and hoop jumping took time. However, as I was the first to apply for one of these grants I suppose teething problems are to be expected, but nevertheless worrying when I had a dead line to meet. Eventually the panels were fitted at the beginning of December. However, the inverter, the electrical works were not done until Christmas week, a whole day of chasing up and down from Kilmelford, to Oban and home etc ensured we went on line and were generating on December 21st. However, there was still another 16 pages of paperwork to be completed by Absolute and myself. This was not completed until the 30th as we had to await our ENP (Energy performance Certificate) it was nail biting waiting for this. At last it came through, everything being done on line, on the evening of the 30th. I am delighted to say we were rated with a D, which means we can claim the full FIT of 12%. Nigel thankfully, computer literate scanned all the paperwork and sent it to SSE that evening so on our part we met the dead line. During the lead up to Christmas we devoted many hours to this and I have to thank Nigel for his assistance because I know without his help this project would not have been completed on time probably not happened at all. I agree we could perhaps, if I had had time, sort a cheaper quotation, but we know Absolute and Green Power know them as a reputable company. We also wanted to ensure that we had the best possible inverter, which is the expensive part and probably the most important component of the installation, so we are guaranteed several years of use. It is not easy to predict our electricity savings, as we mainly use the hall in the evenings when we will not be generating. This is why the maximum FIT was important and this should bring in a few hundred a year. We won't really know for a year by which time we should have four quarterly amounts to tally up and reach an annual fee. I think this is a good thing. The solar panels hardly show, so should not offend those who may criticise spoiling the look of the building. The project is obviously green and will help with future improvements with new heating and lighting as will the EPC, which we would never have got without all the recent insulation projects and finally of course it is in keeping with our Business Plan.

I would like to thank those in the shop particularly Ruth and Sarah who look after our hall diary and take bookings, I am conscious without the Good will of the shop the successful running of the hall would be very difficult, true community spirit.

A lot has happened this year, I certainly feel some of us have worked harder than ever to achieve our goals. Mostly a really positive year for the hall thanks to you the committee. I repeat my thanks particularly to Fergus and Diane for constant help and to our caretaker Colin, although I do feel as caretaker he must be more accessible. I find him very elusive. Perhaps an answer phone at home on which to leave messages would help. Anyway thanks to you all and here is to another successful year for our village hall. We must enjoy it as well as work for it.

Antoinette Mitchell (chair of the KKCA)

An Update on the Kilmelford & Kilniver Community SCIO

In the summer 2015 edition of the Kilniver News notification was given of the intention to convert the Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association (KKCA) into a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). At the recent KKCA AGM it was reported that this process had been completed, and the Scottish Charity Regulator has registered our new body as the Kilmelford and Kilniver Community SCIO (KKCS). The new Constitution, which significantly updates the previous KKCA document, has been approved and a Code of Conduct produced. Both of these documents will be made available on the Kilmelford.com web site.

What does this mean for our Community?

Apart from the name change, and improved compliance by our new organisation with legislative changes, no other noticeable impact will be felt by those involved in the management of the hall, by users of the facilities or by the wider community. However, the one significant difference it is hoped that the SCIO will bring is to provide a more structured and straightforward means of enabling people to participate in the running of our community SCIO, should they wish to do so. Members of the community have always been welcome to attend past KKCA AGMs and to submit ideas or concerns to the hall committee through a committee member, however such attendance has been sparse to say the least over recent years and this is a wider trend reflected in many communities. Another aspect to consider is that whilst the KKCS is mainly concerned with running the village hall, an SCIO provides communities with a legally-established body which can seek, receive, manage and distribute funds from various sources to be used in many different ways for the benefit of the community.

Participation in the KKCS.

As explained in the summer Newsletter and at Community Council meetings, as well as the Board of Trustees forming the KKCS committee, the SCIO allows for people in the community to join a "Register of Members". This involves a very simple, free "registration" process, whereby any person aged 16 or over wishing to become a "member" simply contacts the KKCS Secretary (Diane Scaife) or another committee member to have his/her name recorded on a maintained list of "members". Once on the Register "members" may submit issues for consideration and provide a "vote" (if the need arises) at meetings, and offer themselves for posts or as general members of the KKCS committee. It also allows for "members", with or without KKCS Trustees, to form a sub-committee, if there is a need to establish one for a particular purpose, or for a short-term requirement. Those who do not wish to join the Register of Members may of course continue to provide input to the KKCS through another "member" or a Trustee, and may attend the AGM, but would not have a direct "vote" as such.



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New chef, new outlook at Shower of Herring Restaurant

The Shower of Herring in Kilmelford will see in the 2016 tourist season with a fresh outlook driven home by its new chef David Glancy. David, a veteran of the hospitality industry, says his vision for the Shower of Herring is simple, quality food at an affordable price. He joined the “Shower” team at the beginning of February and says he wants to position the restaurant’s offering between the fine pub food available at Kilmelford’s Cuilfail Hotel pub and, fine dining. “It’s a nice comfortable restaurant where you can enjoy a lovely piece of fillet or great seafood. Good honest food, freshly prepared on the premises from the best Argyll has to offer,” he says.

David hails most recently from Aviemore where a vibrant tourist industry kept him busy stirring the pots since 1995. “Before that I’ve worked at the Caledonian in Edinburgh and the Balmoral, also in Edinburgh, both front-of-house and in the kitchens. Later I joined the design and concept team that opened the Mountain Cafe in Aviemore and spent many years in Aviemore.

“But the Shower of Herring has so much potential that I couldn’t overlook the opportunity to move to Argyll. This is Scotland’s larder. We have Argyll beef, Argyll lamb, fine cheeses, great seafood and more, all right on the shore of a beautiful loch and surrounded by wild Argyll itself.

“Roll on summer. In addition to the local-is-great theme, I plan ethnic theme evenings, carnivore feasts from charcoal grills, seafood specials and frequent changes of menu. In fact, we have already made the latter change and the menu now changes mid-week so that holidaymakers at the Melfort Village can dine out twice during their 7-day stay but eat from two different menus. “ David says in spite of the fact that The Shower of Herring is situated in a timeshare village, he wants Kilmelford to embrace it as their own. “Come and talk to me about your ideas and requirements. With some advance notification I’ll even prepare a special meal for just one table. “

The Shower of Herring is located in the Melfort Village on the Degnish road accessible from the A816 just outside Kilmelford. Hours: (See following advert).



SHOWER OF HERRING

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Opening Hours

	<u>Food</u>	<u>Bar</u>
Saturday	5.00pm – 9.00pm	3.00pm – Late
Sunday	1.00pm – 8.00pm	12.00pm – Late
Monday	5.00pm – 8.00pm	5.00pm – Late
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED	6.00pm-late
Thursday	5.00pm – 9.00pm	5.00pm – Late
Friday	5.00pm – 9.00pm	5.00pm – Late

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

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

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

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

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

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

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

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

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

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KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL – CONTACT LIST

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MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015

8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); David Wilkie (DW) 15 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Constable Jeremy Moore; Kieron Green

The Chairman welcomed David Wilkie to the committee as a result of the By-Election held 8th October 2015.

1. APOLOGIES - Stuart Cannon

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11th August 2015 - Item 5 d) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries - The second sentence should read 'The Scottish Government has reduced the number of Councillors in Argyll and Bute from 36 to 33 in order to increase the number in designated deprived areas'. With this amendment AM proposed and AD seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Carraig Gheal Community Fund - DW advised that since the August meeting we had been waiting for the main organisers to finalise their paperwork. This they have now done following a company board meeting but with further alterations which situation is prompting DW to write a letter outlining his concerns. It is hoped to go live with application forms online concerning the two grant schemes (major schemes up to £7,000 and micro ones up to £200) by end October. Organisations or individuals would then be able to apply. The Community Council would be asked subsequently by the Community Fund people for its approval of any application made. This is a change from what was agreed previously, namely that Community Councils would be the conduit for such applications and is in the interests, apparently, of saving us work.

b) Street Numbering Glebe Kilmelford - ER reported that Graham Stone advised that the signs were ordered and would be installed once physical sources were available.

- c) Community Council Elections and Post Allocation** - A meeting of the Community Councillors would be held Tuesday 3rd or Tuesday 10th November to discuss individual duties within the Committee.
- d) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries** - see below after Any Other Competent Business.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Decision:

Melfort Pier and Harbour Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XG - Discharge of planning obligation in relation to planning permission reference 01-95-0311 Ref 15/02206/PP

Prior Notification - no objection: Lagganmore Farm Kilninver Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4UU - Demolition of two buildings Ref 15/02132/PNDEM

Application Permitted:

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

Loch Melfort Hotel Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XG - Erection of dwellinghouse Ref 15/02239/PP

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Historic Scotland has advised that as from 1 October 2015 Historic Scotland and The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) will cease to operate and will be replaced by a new organisation, Historic Environment Scotland (HES). This notice has been given to the Community Council in relation to the cairn behind the village hall, Kilmelford and full information can be found at <http://data.historic-scotland.gov.uk> then inputting SM followed by Index Number 3778.
2. Leaflets available regarding Adoption in Argyll and Bute.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 1) In the event that the local authority potential cuts might include the mobile library service it was asked that the Community Council would support the retention of this service which is particularly valuable to the elderly and housebound. The meeting agreed that it would do so.
 - 2) Extraordinary General Meeting at Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday 4 November to receive feedback from the public regarding the Kilninford Newsletter.
 - 3) It was reported that the light in the telephone booth in Kilmelford is not working. AD undertook to contact BT.
 - 4) ER undertook to speak to Macleods who as landowners are responsible for trimming back the gorse bushes which are growing over a significant portion of pavement in the Lower Glebe, Kilmelford.
 - 5) The newly installed wind turbine above Arduaine was noted to be particularly visible on the skyline and noticeably flashing in sunlight.
 - 6) The issue of difficulty of couriers/carriers finding certain houses was raised. The possibility of producing a map showing all house names in the Kilninver/Scammadale/Kilmelford/Arduaine area was discussed. ER finding out if such a map, likely to be held by the Planning Department, might be available to the general public. Privacy protection and copyright might be an issue for any map newly produced. It was suggested that free online maps are available at present. DW suggested that producing such a map, if feasible, could be the sort of initiative that would qualify for funding under the micro grant scheme from the Carraig Gheal Community Fund.
- 4 d) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries** - AD asked if there would be a possibility of having the consultation period extended beyond the deadline of 22nd October. Kieron Green advised that this was extremely unlikely. He then passed around copies of maps showing the changes in boundaries and explained that a press release had gone out to Oban Times, For Argyll and Press & Journal. It was hoped that the Oban Times in particular would put it on the front page rather than at the foot of page 3 as in the issue of 13th August. It was confirmed that there is no procedure in place with the Boundary Commission for any appeal. Community Councils for the area, numbering around nine, will submit not only a joint response to the proposals but also a letter to the Chair of the Commission

complaining about the way they have been consulting with communities and inviting them to come and meet people face to face to see the impact of an Edinburgh based proposal on those living in a rural situation and having to deal with the geography, public transport issues and road conditions in winter etc. etc. which are all very different in reality from an urban based perspective.

In the hope of encouraging people to write/email to the Boundary Commission, letters with suggested points had been prepared and would be available from the next day in the village shop, along with addressed envelopes bearing stamps, which the meeting agreed could be paid for out of community council funds.

ER responded to a question from the floor, confirming that cutting our councillor number from 4 to 3 was a done deed and non negotiable. Kieron Green further explained that cutting the total number of councillors in Argyll and Bute from 36 to 33, after consultation with Councils, was the basis for removing one of the councillors for our area and for the newly drawn boundaries. It is hoped that if the responses during the Ward Boundary Changes consultation period show that there is no possible way that having 33 councillors will work then the decision to reduce the number will have to be revisited. Also, ripping communities from their social hub etc would demonstrate they have got it wrong and would have to go back and think again. There followed much discussion and questions from the floor, with comprehensive explanation by Kieron Green on the various aspects of the proposal for change.

Police boundaries at present reflect council ward boundaries and Constable Moore explained that the emergency services and the police do not recognise boundaries as such when someone is in need of help. It would be a strategic problem if Sheriffdoms, which are set in statute, police and ward boundaries were to change.

In response to a question relating to Kilninver Primary School, Kieron Green said that catchment areas will remain as at present but in the longer term, if we are in the mid-Argyll ward, Argyll and Bute Council might change the situation.

ER outlined the added pressure likely to fall on the three councillors who already have their duties at strategic level along with ward work and said that council officers will be looking now at the likely extra burden on these councillors. Kieron Green stated that the ward boundary changes, if they go ahead, would come into effect after the 2017 elections when the political make up of the council might be completely different from what it is at present.

The Secretary read out the letter which she had sent to the Boundary Commission on behalf of the community council and which was applauded by the meeting. She had also written a piece which has appeared in the current Kilninford News.

It was agreed that letters from individuals would be very effective and it was noted that we had nine days left before the deadline of 22nd October. Copies of these letters should be sent to our elected representatives such as our MSP Mike Russell, Highland and Islands MSPs, as the ultimate decision on the boundary changes lies with the Scottish Government. Kieron Green undertook to supply contact details by email at the request of anyone present.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 8 p.m. Kilmelford Village Hall.

MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015

8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMCA); David Wilkie (DW) 6 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Kieron Green

1. APOLOGIES - The Chairman reported that Councillor Duncan MacIntyre had resigned owing to ill-health. It was agreed to write to him, thanking him for his invaluable support during his many years of service to the community.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th October 2015 - CC proposed and AM seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Carraig Gheal Community Fund - Major grant funding of £7,000 has been secured for installation of solar panels at Kilmelford Village Hall, with work due to start 9th December. Any request for micro grants (£250) should be made sooner rather than later and need not be from a registered charity. It can be from an individual, provided an application meets the criteria.

b) Post Allocation - A sheet listing the responsibilities of each committee member was distributed.

c) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries - ER reported that we will not hear the progress until probably well in to the New Year. She reported that Argyll & Bute had made more representations than any other local authority. Kieron Green said that he understood that a third of responses across Scotland were from Argyll & Bute.

ER reported:

(1) She was very appreciative that Graham Stone of the Roads Department had acted immediately on the issue of overgrown bushes in the Lower Glebe, Kilmelford, which was raised at the October meeting. AM reported that the member of the public who raised the issue initially wished to record her thanks for such a speedy and satisfactory response.

(2) That Graham Stone has now received the new signs for the Glebe in Kilmelford which will be put in place once he has the manpower available. The meeting wished the community's thanks to be conveyed to him.

(3) She has obtained from the Planning Department a map of Kilmelford which will hopefully assist with the problem of couriers etc being unable to find certain dwellings. In response to a question about the availability of a map including the whole area of the Parish, ER said she would investigate further.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Decision:

Melfort Pier and Harbour Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XG - Discharge of planning obligation in relation to planning permission reference 01-95-0311 Ref 15/02206/PP

Pending Consideration:

Plot 3 Lagganmore Kilninver Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4UU - Site for the erection of dwellinghouse Ref 15/03210/ PPP

Permitted Development:

Kilmelford Telecommunications Mast Kilninver Argyll and Bute - Installation of 1 dish antenna on existing lattice tower Ref 15/03214/TELNOT

(Extracted from official list dated 8 December 2015).

The Chairman stated very clearly that he wished a letter be sent to the Planners, critical of the department's handling of numerous different plans put forward over the years for development at Lagganmore, Scammadale. Since no communication expressing these concerns officially had been received by the Community Council nor anyone from Scammadale had attended any Community Council meetings to raise the matter over the years, it was agreed that no action be taken.

ER advised that Councillor Roddy McCuish had sent out a message, to be relayed through councillors to all community councils as statutory consultees, that the Planners would appreciate guidance as to the

public's views on planning applications. A single email covering multiple applications would suffice, simply stating approval, objection or no comment to each item.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Argyll and Bute Council Planning our Future Public Consultation Document - Caroline Gillanders, Co-ordinator, North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme (NAVCS) addressed the meeting and explained the role of NAVCS in enhancing the lives of its over 100 passengers throughout a wide area surrounding Oban, namely Seil, Easdale, Luing, Kilninver, Kilmelford, Taynuilt, Avich, Kilchrenan, Dalavich, Glenorchy, Innishail, Dalmally, Eredine and Lochawe and set out the implications of the proposed removal of the discretionary community transport grant funding (currently £9,500 per annum) under the proposed Budget Cuts which are out for consultation until 31st December 2015. This funding is key to financing NAVCS as support in this way from the Council allows other funding to be pulled in. Its proposed removal makes the future look uncertain, if not bleak. She urged as many people as possible to comment online, on paper (copies available at Council Offices) or write to Douglas Hendry, Executive Director, Customer Services. Of especial value is filling in the comments box, as this gives depth and a clearer picture of a particular issue, rather than just ticking boxes. ER said she intends to make a submission as she has been totally supportive of NAVCS over the years since its inauguration, recognising it as being a very important scheme. She stated that the Council as a whole finds itself in a very challenging position over the entire range of proposed cuts and unpalatable choices are going to have to be made.

2) In connection with proposed budget cuts, the possibility of increasing revenue to the Council by rating village halls was raised. The Treasurer of Kilmelford & Kilninver Community Association, which oversees the operation of the Kilmelford Village Hall, undertook to contact ER by email outlining how the imposition of rating would affect the operation of the Hall.

3) Community Emergency Plan - ER produced the large emergency bag provided to Kilninver and Kilmelford and a photograph was taken of the handover, as required by the Contingency Planning officer at A&BC.

4) The issue of cuts in provision of electricity was raised, there having been two instances of one hour and of four and a half hours on two separate days the previous weekend. JMCA requested that, from the Community Emergency Plan standpoint, we would like to have feedback, possibly through the Community Council, from SSE as to why an incident occurred and what SSE will do to ensure it doesn't happen in the future etc. The meeting agreed that it is of concern that we have a deteriorating service with undoubtedly more power cuts now over the winter months than there were twenty or so years ago. A promised phone call from SSE to JR was due to take place the following morning. JR was asked to obtain details of the Community Liaison Officer so that the information can be fed in to the Community Emergency Plan.

5) Defibrillators - SGC reported that new funding from Kames Fish Farming now allowed for a third defibrillator to be provided at Kames Fish Farm which will serve Arduaine, Loch Melfort Hotel and Kames peninsula - in addition to the ones already allocated to Kilninver School and Kilmelford Village Hall. Discussions are ongoing to decide exact location and management of the machines and encouragement of people willing to come forward to familiarise themselves with the equipment, which has simple instructions displayed, will be sought. SGC responsible for taking this forward.

6) ER reported that owing to the resignation of Councillor MacIntyre there will be a by-election, possibly at the end of February 2016.

7) Oban Bay Regeneration Project update - Open Evening - Tues 15 Dec Corran Halls - 7 p.m.

8) Argyll Countryside Trust (access in and around the countryside) - Open Meeting - Tues 15 Dec 11 a.m. location to be advised.

9) Water Treatment Works, Oban - Open Session - Wed 16 Dec Glencruitten Church Hall 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

10) The Council is urging homeowners over the age of 60 to take advantage of the Help to Adapt scheme.

11) Warmer Homes for Scotland - leaflet outlining eligibility for grants.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9 February 2016.

Defibrillators for Kilninver, Kilmelford and Kames

We are currently waiting on a final Quote for the defibrillators complete with cabinets. The aim is to get the defibrillators in the next 6-8 weeks (end of April / mid May).

One will be at the school in Kilninver and will be in a robust water proof cabinet, number 2 will be mounted on the wall of the Village Hall to the left of the door. Again in a robust and water proof cabinet with the option of being able to lock it with either a key or combination. This will serve the residents living in Kilmelford and staff and visitors of the Time share.

Number 3 will be inside the canteen at Kames Fish farm (first building you see as you turn in the gate). It will not be in a cabinet because it will be inside and protected from the elements. The canteen, which is under 24 hour surveillance, allows direct access to the unit. This unit will serve the residents of Kames and Arduaine and provide cover for the staff and visitors at Kames fish farm and Loch Melfort Hotel.

The first two will cost approximately £1500 and the 3rd one £900. They are more expensive than the basic module because they will be much easier to use with greater instruction so that almost any one will be able to operate them, with no training. However, it is recommended that some locals get a basic training in how to operate them. Anyone interested can contact Stuart Cannon.

Due to the fact that the defibrillators are a bit more expensive than previously anticipated, more funds are needed. Anybody willing to donate towards this good cause, is friendly requested to contact Stuart Cannon.

Stuart Cannon (KKCC); stuartcannon@kames.co.uk 200205 / 200286

Written by Astrid (newsletter team) with information provided by Stuart and KKCC

North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme - (NAVCS)

On behalf of the committee , I would like to thank the previous newsletter team for their generous donation with which we have purchased six ' Handybars ' for use by our Kilmelford & Kilninver volunteer drivers . This is an implement which can be used in the event of an accident to break a window or cut a seat belt but also incorporates a handle which can be swiftly attached to a car door to aid ease of getting in and out. The NAVCS provides transport for residents of designated areas of North Argyll who are unable to use, or have difficulty with access to public transport, and do not have suitable access to a private car. We organise volunteers to provide transport in their own cars to passengers who are registered with the scheme.

The scheme is not intended to replace buses, taxis or emergency services for those who would normally use them. We only undertake journeys within North Argyll and passengers are asked to make a small contribution to driver costs. If you would like further information about the scheme please do get in contact.

Caroline Gillanders – Co-ordinator 01852 200760 carolinenavcs@gmail.com

Bird Brained?!

When my son was in Primary School I asked the teacher one day “Is he above or below or just average intelligence – should I give him special coaching in any area?” The reply was “Only the clever ones tell lies like that!” So I challenged young Duncan next time he was spinning a yarn “I hope you realise that I know as well as you do that all this is not true.” He replied “It's funny mum how you can always tell and Teacher never can”.

In those days we kept hens in an old ruined house across the road and fed the horses on a concrete area behind it. I would be first over in the morning to feed the hens and then go round to clear up the horses droppings. Bit later the working student would arrive and ask “Did you feed the hens?” - I did - “Well they told me you hadn't so I fed them again.” – So the hens are clever enough to tell lies like my son. One day the student had a day off and I did about half the clearing up and went back for breakfast – when I returned to finished the job the hens did NOT ask me to feed them again – so like my son they knew who not to tell lies to!

I am too old for the story writing competition, but thought this anecdote was worth sharing.

Shian

Chicken House Books Young Writers Competition ----The result----

'We had some great entries - everything from dangerous Tomatoes to Werewolves, Goblins and real life adventures - but Arabella's story stood out for me. She had carefully constructed the end of each chapter to create a cliff hanger, added in some funny extra 'author's voice' comments - and included adventure, evil forces and even a hint of romance too! So I felt her story had everything - and I never guessed the strange growths would turn out to be pegasus wings, Arabella. Well done!

Barry Cunningham OBE Publisher Chicken House Books

The winner is ARABELLA SARAH ELIZABETH FILES (10) - 'Meeting Arabella'-

There are two equal runners up:

ELLIE MACGINTY (11) -'The great war' -

JOSHUA MITCHELL (10) - 'When tomatoes ruled the earth' -

These 3 young writers will receive the special letter and certificates from Barry Cunningham / Chicken House Books and Arabella will be able to choose her books!!

A section of the winning entry “Meeting Arabella” by Arabella, for us all to enjoy:

Chapter Six- Up to the Sky on a Winged Horse

Striding past the gates of Berry Grove were Gillian and Esme seated upon their flashy mounts. I came strolling in on Deji, my chestnut mount. Dismounting as I trundled into the stable barn, there seated upon my dear Arab was Peter Stafferson. Unearthly twinkles shone in my hazel eyes. Standing before my very own eyes was Arabella. Fully grown and long wings in which were folded. Coaxing her to give a

flap of the wings, Peter sighed. Brushing her hoof against the ground (that shows boredom) Arabella noticed me and sounded a soft whinny. Peter not noticing me, I drummed my fingers of my right hand on the loosebox door.

"Let her out into the field." I told Peter. Startled by my sudden appearance, Peter turned around.

"Let her out into the field, have you gone bezerk? The other horses and ponies will freak! And besides, she would fly away!" he cried as he dismounted. Not having space to reply, Peter told me solidly, "You shall be given Wayne, our Appaloosa." He said as he creaked open the door and stumbled out. Back turned as he strode off, I gently opened Arabella's loosebox door and led her out. We both crept behind the stable barn, Arabella rearing and spreading her wings. Making myself look bigger than her I brought her back down again. When she was able to mount, I scrambled on. It was a hassle mounting, but I got through it. Sitting upon a Pegasus, NOT a mythical creature but a MYSTICAL creature, I took a deep breath. Wings slowly unfolding, tail swishing, Arabella at a trot, the trot soon broke into a canter, wings spreading fully across, and we were nearing the fences. Closer...closer! I closed my eyes. I felt a slight bump. Opening my eyes again, I looked down and realized we had taken lift off!

"All right!" I cried, Arabella's ears suddenly rotating round. Cold air whipping our bodies, a smile appeared on both faces. A flock of Pigeons passed, feathers coming off. Wind in my hair and in Arabella's mane and tail, we both we both lunged forward as though we were about to do a jump and up and up and up we flew, until Arabella came to a sudden halt. The last strong gust of wind flew through my wavy brown locks. Wings flapping, I whispered in awe,

"Up to the sky on a winged horse." I smiled

She's a Pegasus now? Please don't feel jealous. Think about it, your friends will probably be jealous if they heard you were deep in this Pegasus-packed fun-filled story.

Chapter Seven- Queen Gorrianna Has Returned

Looking down on the long stretches of England below, I and Arabella were having the time of our lives. Flocks of birds flew by once every ten minutes and clouds sauntered over our heads. All was peaceful and I nearly fell asleep on my lovely mount. WHOOSH, WHISTLE! An ear-piercing noise sounded. The snowy white clouds oozed into a depressing grey as a huge shadow fell over the top covering up long stretches of England. A woman's demonic cackle came flying into my ears as a hideous screaming neigh nearly burst my eardrums. There to my right hand side a startling sight met my eyes. A lady in dark armour was seated upon a ghastly looking black Pegasus whom was also done up in heavily protected armour. The demonic neigh sounded again as this lady glowered at me. Her black Pegasus's legs were black that melted into grey, into white and vanished at the fetlock

"Raven, let us seize thee!" her deep voice echoed. Making a dive out of the sky, I coaxed Arabella to go faster. "You can run, but you can't hide!" her eerie voice cried. Her voice dying out, I and Arabella were two-hundred feet from the ground and our eyes were shut. Looking up above I saw the lady fading away along with her Pegasus, Raven. Gasping with relief, I swept my cold hand across my face as we neared the ground. Coming into sight I realized we were going to crash into the generator house at the turn-off of Peacock Lane. Closing my eyes, tears darting upwards as they escaped past my eyelashes, I lunged forward and held on tight. Plummeting to the ground, I cried out aloud....

NORTH ARGYLL CARERS CENTRE

(THE CHERISH TRANSPORT FUND)



The Cherish Transport fund at North Argyll Carers Centre continues to support people from Oban, Lorn and Isles area in their transport needs. The benefits of this fund to those that use it are great, and the flexibility of the fund allows it to be used in a variety of ways with better transport options continuing to be at the heart of how it is used.

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Quote from an older man with a long term condition attending an appointment in Glasgow:

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Lately we have been working with Marie Curie as they have developed a guide for transport to support people getting to appointments across Argyll and Bute. We are delighted that The Cherish Fund is included in this latest publication. Copies are available online or at North Argyll Carers Centre.

We thank our local community for ongoing support and as ever continue our efforts to raise money for this fund. Watch out for further news of our exciting raffle that will take place later in the year with some fantastic prizes, all in aid of this worthwhile cause.

We remember Alyson Bowman who inspired this fund and celebrate the legacy that is helping people throughout the area and if you would like to help in any way with the Cherish Fund, please get in touch with Jean or Morag at North Argyll Carers Centre.

NOTES FROM ARDUAINIE GARDEN

You will notice that there is an unfamiliar space left in the Kilninford News due to the retirement of Maurice Wilkins (February 2016). Maurice was a regular contributor to the KN. However, after twenty three years of involvement with Arduaine Gardens he deserves to soak up the sunshine without raking up his cache of treasured anecdotes. Even the weeds (aka unloved and uncultivated flowers) are now hoping for some R & R. We hope that his successor will provide the KN with notes on the delights of Arduainie Gardens. On behalf of the KN team (past and present) may we wish Maurice all the best with his new endeavours - ENJOY!

(Ed.)

USEFUL INFORMATION

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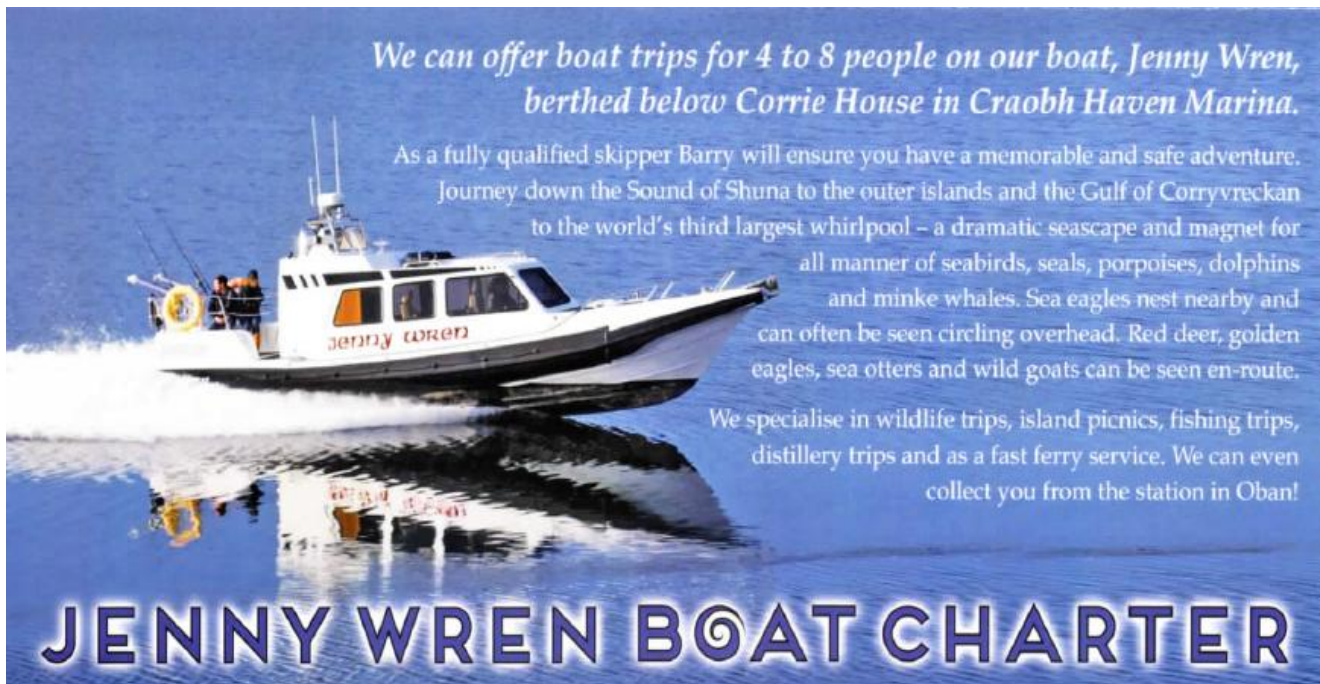


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HELLFOR LEATHER PRODUCTS

Leather craft now available in Kilmelford

Hellfor Leather products, previously only available in Oban and Kilmartin, are now also available in Kilmelford. Leather crafter Johan Bornman says his products are now available from the Kilmelford Cafe and that his products will be on display and for sale in the Cafe gallery. Up to now it was only available from a tourist shop in Oban or from the Kilmartin Museum Shop.

“My production has increased now that I’m settled in the village and I’ve established better links with local suppliers,” says Johan. “Thanks to the newly-renovated Kilmelford Cafe that was redeveloped around the concept of a cafe-cum-gallery, local crafters and artist like me an opportunity to display and make our goods available locally,” he says.

Hellfor Leather products available at the Kilmelford Cafe include handbags with an Argyll theme, classic leather shopper bags, purses, iPad-compatible messenger bags, sporrans and belt bags, journals and a variety of spectacle cases.

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Short entries for Forthcoming Events and all other contributions should be sent to **Graham (e-mail: warhelle@blueyonder.co.uk). e-mail Text contributions (Headed TEXT (Subject)) to be sent directly to Graham, with a copy to Astrid.**

For any distribution issues please contact **Gill (e-mail: Gill@thephilpotts.me.uk).**

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