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A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS NEWSLETTER!

The Kilninford Newsletter Team would like your input!

Please come to our AGM on the 27th November, 8pm at the village hall in Kilmelford. We would very much appreciate to hear your views on the newsletters we have been publishing. The Kilninford News Team consists of volunteers and a lot of work goes into publishing 3 issues a year.

Would you like us to continue the way we do? Would you like to see different information in the newsletter? Let us know! And even better...come to our AGM on the 27th November, we will put the kettle on.

Thank you!

Kilninford News by email

If you would like to receive the newsletter in digital form from now on, please let us know by email, contact details of the Kilninford News team members are stated at the back of this issue.

The 2018 Local Directory will be out in September. Please contact Iain Bark, Gill Philpotts or Georgina Dalton with any changes asap. The Local Telephone Directories are for sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Village Shop or by contacting Georgina Dalton.

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Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Wil, Mollie and all the staff at **The Lord of the Isles (LOTI)** in Craobh Haven with their win at the Scottish Hospitality Awards 2018! LOTI won Casual Restaurant Dining of the Year for central region, and restaurant manager Siobhan MacMillan took home the award for Best Restaurant Manager. Well done to all, a great achievement!

Thank you Yvonne and Simon Fletcher for your hospitality at **The Cuilfail Hotel!** The coffees were much appreciated by us all during our newsletter meeting in June.

Thank you Melfort Club, and especially the ladies at reception, for letting us print the Kilninford News at your office again.

Who is your Kilninford News Team?

Chairperson: Gill Philpotts

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Jane Rentoul and Alex Tweedly, both have skills we need and appreciate.

The Kilninford News team

WHAT IS ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

4 th August	Ceilidh Hop at village hall 7pm – 11pm
6 th August	Body Boosting Bingo, 2pm at village hall
11 th August	The Great Oban Bay Raft Race
11 th August	Mid Argyll Show, Kilmory, Lochgilphead
23 rd August	Oban Games / Argyllshire Gathering, Mossfield Park, Oban
23 rd September	World Stone Skimming Championship, Easdale Island
3 rd October	Parish lunch & produce sale, village hall 12pm – 2.30pm
31 st October	Halloween Party at village hall, 6pm – 9pm
4 th November	Craft Fair, 11am – 3pm at village hall
9 th November	Quiz & Supper Night at village hall, 7.30pm
27 th November	Newsletter AGM, 8pm at village hall

Music Night: Mondays from 8.45 pm at The Shower of Herring

All welcome to come and join in, free entry. Musicians – bring along your instruments. Food served till 10.30 pm.

Yoga Class: Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.45pm at Kilmelford Village Hall

Restarts 4th September. Open class, all welcome. Please bring yoga mat if you have one and a warm blanket. Drop-in £8 or 6 classes £45 Karen offers private 1:2:1 sessions during July and August as normal. **Contact Karen: 07793653080 or isleyoga@gmail.com**
www.isleyoga.net

‘Crafts and Things’: Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon (restarts in September)

For anyone interested in embroidery, tapestry, sewing, knitting, crochet and other similar crafts, meetings are in the Kilmelford Village Hall. £2.00 per person for each session.
Contact: Toni Mitchell 01852 316151 or Olga Salmond 01852 200787

Mothers and toddlers Playgroup: Wednesdays 1.30 -3 pm at Kilmelford Village Hall

All preschool, babies and bumps welcome. We get to have a chat and a cuppa while the kids play or do crafts. It would be great to see more parents / grandparents and their little ones. Holidaymakers are also more than welcome, it's a great way to spend a rainy Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there. **Contact: Ann af_robb@hotmail.co.uk or Georgina 01866 844212**

Melfort ukuleles: Beginners workshops will be offered over the summer.

Weekly sessions begin again in September on Wednesday evenings in Craignish Village Hall. Please see the Melfort Ukuleles, Craignish or Kilmelford Facebook Pages for details or **contact Sarah Whittle 01852 500790, Email sarah@musicforlife.info**

Kilmelford Healthy Village Group: 3rd Thursday each month from 10.30am – 12.00 at Kilmelford village hall. North Argyll Carers Centre and Argyll TSI are working in partnership to bring people in rural Argyll together, to share knowledge, learn new things, and help reduce loneliness. **Contact Mairi on 01631 564422/07795434499, email: mairi@northargyllcarers.org.uk, and Toots on 01631 564839/07759293040, email: toots@argylltsi.org.uk**

Art Group: Thursdays

The art group meets weekly on Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4.30 p.m. Would you like to join or find out more details, please **contact Agnes McColl: 01852 200365**

Country Dancing: Thursday 8pm – 10pm at the Kilmelford Village Hall.

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

Contact: Bob Fleck 01852 200258 email: rfleck@btinternet.com

Bagpipe Sessions: Tuesday from 8.30 pm at the Cuilfail Hotel

Come and play – or just listen.

Music Nights: Friday

All welcome to come and join in. Musicians, bring along your instruments. **Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, from 9.30 pm at Loch Mel fort Hotel Tel.: 01852 200233**

Coffee Mornings:

Everybody invited to come and enjoy the delicious home baking. Proceeds in aid of Kilmelford Village Hall and Church. Bring & buy bookstall, local jam & garden produce, 100 Club draw.

Helpers and offers of baking are very welcome, please contact either Diane or Melissa.

Coffee mornings are held at the **Kilmelford Village Hall, 10.30 am – noon on:**

Thursday: 2nd August, 6th September

If you would like to help with the baking, please contact **Diane Scaife: 01852 200208**

Thursday: 1st November, 6th December

Offers of help and baking are much appreciated! Please contact **Melissa Oatts: 01852 200314**

Annual Parish Lunch & produce sale: Wednesday 3rd October

12 noon – 2.30 pm at Kilmelford Village Hall

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT YOUR VILLAGE HALL IN KILMELFORD:

4th August: Ceilidh Hop, 7pm – 11pm

A ceilidh night for all to enjoy. Music from CD's and hopefully local musicians will come along with their instruments too! Raffle. BYOB. Donations at the door. Raising funds for hall + for plants for the tubs in Kilmelford and Kilninver.

31st October: Halloween Party, 6pm – 9pm

Fancy dress party for young and not so young with popular music. Prizes for best fancy dress, raffle, bring your own food & drinks. Fee at door: Adults £3, children under 14 £1.50 Raising funds for hall. See posters nearer the time!!!

4th November: Craft Fair, 11am – 3pm £10 a table, bookings taken via the Kilmelford Village Shop (01852 200271), home baking, teas & coffees, sandwiches available at kitchen. Free entry. Come along to do some Christmas shopping while supporting our crafts people. Raising funds for your village hall.

9th November: The famous Quiz and Supper Night, 7.30 pm

Licensed bar. Teams of up to 6 people. Details nearer the time.

GREAT DAYS OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

11th August: The Great Oban Bay Raft Race

Put your raft making skills to good use and come join in the fun. Oban town centre beach. Start time approx. 2pm.

11th August: Mid Argyll Show at Kilmory, Lochgilphead

The Mid-Argyll Agricultural Show is a major event held annually on the second Saturday in August. Hundreds of exhibitors enter competitions in Baking, Produce, Crafts, Flowers and Vegetables as well as the Dog and Livestock classes.

A large crowd of spectators enjoy an excellent Show watching the judging of **Cattle, Sheep, Dogs, Horses, Ponies and Poultry** competitions. Other regular attractions are the display of vintage tractors and the delightful Pets section continue together with the Terrier Racing competitions. Also on the day there will be the digger challenge where the winner will receive a cash prize.

After the success of last year's Gun Dog Scurry this competition will once again take place from 11am onwards. Entries taken on the day and open to all breeds.

Judging of **Clydesdale Horses, Highland Cattle and Dog classes and various other Horse Classes.**

At approx 3.00pm **Judging of Supreme Champion**

The many **Trade Stands** give an opportunity to browse and buy everything from crafts, clothing, toys and produce to agricultural machinery and equipment. Children's competitions plus many roundabouts and bouncy castles, trampolines, climbing wall etc. ensure that families enjoy a great day out.

The system of using the School car park and free shuttle buses taking people from Lochgilphead Front Street up into the show ground, via the school car park will operate again as it proved popular.

No Class Entry Fees will be payable this year. A Field entry fee per person is payable as follows: Adults: £7.00 Concession & Children (5-15): £3.00 Under 5s: FREE

Home Industries: baking, dairy & preserves, flowers, vegetables, handicrafts, walking sticks and crooks. Also children's sections in different age groups. For more info and the Home Industries Schedule + entry forms: www.mid-argyllshow.co.uk

23rd August: Oban Games / Argyllshire Gathering at Mossfield Park, Oban

Every year, on the fourth Thursday in August, the people of Argyll gather with family and friends in Oban to celebrate the skill, strength and endurance of the Highlander.

As one of Scotland's premier Highland Games, world-class challengers from across the globe flock to Oban to do battle. You'll see heavyweights with the caber, stone or hammer and lighter athletes on the track, field and hill. Amid the emotive skirl of the pipes and the flash of clan colours on kilts, the rich history and traditions of this noble people is told in Scottish dance and music. www.obangames.com

23rd September: World stone skimming championships 2018 on Easdale Island

Easdale Island is the smallest permanently inhabited island of the Inner Hebrides. It was once the centre of a thriving Scottish slate mining industry, and one of the disused quarries forms a perfect arena for the World Stone Skimming Championships..

The championships are held every year on the last Sunday in September. Anyone of any age and any level of skill can enter. Each competitor is allowed 3 skims using specially selected Easdale slate skimming stones.

For a skim to qualify the stone must bounce at least three times – it is then judged on the distance achieved before it sinks.

Registration for the championships takes place at Easdale Island Community Hall from 10.00am until 1.00pm on the day OR when we reach a total of 350 entrants. If you would like to compete just turn up as there are no qualifying rounds.

The competition starts at 12 noon – get down to the quarry side early to avoid the queues!

On the Saturday night before the event, come and warm up at the Pre-skim Party in Easdale Island Community Hall where there will be a licensed bar, live music, and where children are most welcome. For more information: www.stoneskimming.com





KILMELFORD'S GOT TALENT

Kilmelford's Got Talent 2018 was a great success, thank you again for your tremendous support. 2019 is on the cards (date to be decided but Feb time). This coming year we are making it a bit more to play for, we are having 2 shiny trophies. Yes 2!!! One for the adults and one for the under 16s. The winner will have their name engraved on it and you can have it on your mantle piece for the year then returned and handed over to the next winner, so excited.....(the Fabba Girls are already in rehearsal and clearing a space!!!!) So get your thinking caps on and come up with some fabulous talent we know it's out there!!!! See you there and good luck.

Sarah and Ruth

KEEP KILMELFORD BEAUTIFUL

Kilmelford is beautifully kept, thanks to the dedication of a team who step forward every year to trim, strim, plant and generally do a great job.

Thanks go to Rory Campbell-Gibson, Colin & Cameron Carmichael, Ian & Gordon MacKinnon and Duncan Macmillan for cutting verges along roads & keeping the grass in the village in order and to Sheena Hammick for the lovely tubs of flowers.

We salute you all!

Cuilfail Hotel

Take Away Menu

Available until 8.30pm

Mains

Prices valid to 30/9/18

Haddock & Chips	£8.50
Lasagne & Chips	£8.50
Beef Burger & Chips	£9.00
With Cheese	£1 extra
With Bacon	£1 extra
Steak & Ale Pie & Chips	£9.50
Chicken Curry, Rice	£8.00
Macaroni Cheese & Chips	£7.00
Scampi & Chips	£8.50
Chicken Goujons & Chips	£8.50

Pizza 12"

Cheese & Tomato	£7.00
Toppings:	
Ham, Salami, Tuna, Haggis	£1.90
Mushroom, Peppers, onion & Pineapple	£1.50
12" Garlic Pizza, tomato & Garlic	£6.50

Sides

Garlic Bread	£2.30	Garlic Bread with Cheese	£3.20
Onion Rings	£3.00	Mushy Peas	£1.50
Chips	£2.50	Cheesy Chips	£3.40
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



4-10-00-20-10

UPGRADE TO KILMELFORD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

If you are a BT customer you may already be aware that the Kilmelford telephone exchange has been upgraded, so you should now have a more reliable broadband connection. Where possible, BT may have been able to increase your broadband speeds. This is of wider interest to everyone, not just BT customers, as all landline subscribers are served in our area from this exchange, which is owned and managed by BT Openreach.

BT advise that it might take up to ten days to settle down as the network establishes the best possible speed for your line. You can help things along over this period by leaving your BT Home Hub on and using your broadband as much as you can during this time.

If you experience unexpected problems with your broadband or phone services, try the usual trick of turning your BT Home Hub or other router off and then on again, but if you still have problems, go to bt.com/help/broadband or call 0800 111 4567 (or 0330 123 4567 from a mobile).

The upgrade has been achieved by a combination of the new Kilmelford UAX (UHF) Mast and installation of internet-based switching and Openreach FTTC (Fibre to the Cabinet) technology at the exchange, which means speeds of 10-20 Mbps should be provided. This is a great improvement, especially for those who live at a distance from the exchange, however don't confuse FTTC with Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) which is a different, (currently unfunded) programme.

Fergus Gillanders

KILMELFORD TELEPHONE KIOSK



Our village has been enhanced recently by the very smart newly painted telephone kiosk. Piet Hammick is responsible for this very welcome work and we are extremely grateful to him for undertaking the task so willingly.

Inspection of the interior will show that work needs to be done to provide a suitable surface on which to pin information notices. Since there is no longer a noticeboard at the shop the kiosk will be the only place for such information to locals and tourists alike. It is therefore important that we get this up and running.

If anyone is prepared to undertake this fairly straightforward task, would they please contact Jane Rentoul or any member of the Community Council – contact details on page 30 of this Newsletter.



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BLUE-GREEN ALGAE IN LOCAL LOCHS

It's that time of year when hopefully the sun has returned to Argyll for the summer! May was a glorious month which has prompted signs to be put up around some local lochs warning of '**blue – green algae**' with messages to keep dogs, and humans, out of the water.

What is 'blue algae' and why does it mean we have to be so cautious about entering the lochs?

'Blue-green' algae is the term used to actually describe a group of bacteria called 'Cyanobacteria'. These bacteria are larger than your normal bacterial cells and grow together forming either long chains or mats.

The organisms are called algae due to their appearance in the water when the chain or mats clump together making them appear like green flakes/bundles or brown spots. Blue-green algae are freshwater organisms, but they can also be found at the edges of sea lochs where recent rainfall has run off the land and into the loch making the water less saline.

In the right weather conditions these cells can multiply rapidly, they are commonly found in non-flowing water such as lakes, ponds and stagnant pools during periods of hot weather when there is little rain. In such conditions the cells will 'bloom' – increasing in numbers to dangerous levels very quickly. The blooms can look like scum on the surface of the water, or 'pea soup' if you like. They can also build up at the edges of the loch or pond where it appears to look like foam.

Blooms of blue-green algae can produce toxins (poisons), for which there are no antidotes. Not all blue algae are dangerous but without testing of the water it is impossible to tell, so better to stay out and be safe rather than sorry!

In the case of dogs the toxins can stop the dog's liver from functioning, exposure to these toxins is often fatal, or at the very least they can commonly cause long term health issues for the dog. The toxin build up occurs not so much through the dogs swallowing the water when swimming but most likely from the blue algae getting caught in their fur and the dog ingesting large numbers of the algae whilst cleaning themselves.

According to vet websites symptoms for dogs affected by blue algae toxins are:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Seizures/fits
- Weakness collapse/unconsciousness
- Disorientation/confusion
- Drooling
- Breathing difficulties

These symptoms can be linked to lots of other conditions but if you know your pet has been in lochs or pools during hot weather the advice is to call your vet and say that you are concerned about blue-green algae toxins. The vet will most likely flush your dog's system by inducing vomiting.

For us (humans) a toxin build up is rarely fatal, but it has been known, affecting the liver function in just the same way as with dogs. For us symptoms are more likely to be:

- Skin rashes
- Sickness
- Stomach pains
- Fever
- Headaches

Children will be more at risk than adults.

Algae numbers and the type of algae will vary throughout the summer months meaning that the water may not always be harmful, but it is best to be cautious. If you see signs at your local loch advising you keep out, please don't ignore it!

IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE SPOTTED BLUE-GREEN ALGAE IN THE WATER BUT YOU DO NOT SEE ANY WARNING SIGNS THEN PLEASE REPORT YOUR SIGHTING TO WWW.SEPA.ORG.UK

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MAOLACHY MID SUMMER'S EVENING

A pale serene half moon with one eye looking down the glen lies in a soft cool blue sky. It has just gone 10 o'clock, the evening has a certain chill and not a Mid Summer's warmth. By keeping up the watering in the tunnel I have been rewarded by the first early Duke of York tatties producing enough for two helpings for supper, from one plant, plus some left over for a salad the next day. Not a blemish on the skin and that morish sweet flavour that tempts to put one more on the plate.

The snow & cold winds of last winter took their toll on only the most tender of shrubs like the white Abutilon. Everything else has come out in a profusion of blooms and cascades of flowers. Masses of buds on the roses & day lilies still to come, feeding up with muck and compost plus clearing out dead stems has benefited all the shrubs, plants for our enjoyment.

Now we are in the full rich greens of summer's growth. The May garden opening weekend seems long past. A happy memory will be the excitement on the children's faces as they found the "treasures" to put in their buckets, working out the clues with the map and being able to eat some of the contents. Thanks to very generous donations and everyone who came up to have a wander round the gardens, join in the tea house banter and buy plants. The rewarding sum of £863.10 was raised for Scotland's Gardens Charities of which £517 went to HOPE kitchen.

With many thanks,

Georgina Dalton

KILMELFORD COASTAL ROWING

Hello Everyone,

Kilmelford Coastal Rowing is up and running for the season ahead of us. At the moment we meet every Wednesday at 6.30 pm at Kilmelford Boat Yard. As the weather has been so kind to us we have enjoyed quite a few long rows so far this season. We have welcomed a couple of new rowers who are now in the swing of rowing and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

We do plan to meet on a Sunday afternoon as we progress into the summer, time to be determined but if we go by last year it was around 4 pm. We are always keen to recruit new members and even if you have not rowed before we will coach you and I am sure you will enjoy yourself as much as we do. Family membership is available at £25.00 per year. Why not come and join us on a Wednesday evening and try out our beautiful skiff.

Sue Johnson

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



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.

XPLORERS

At our last gathering, till we meet again after the holidays, on 24th June a beautiful multi coloured coat was created for a figure of Joseph. An active group of young who all joined in the song, prayers and questions. Thank to the grown ups for their help especially Sarah, Becky for music, song and prayers. Flyers and posters will be put out & up for the date of the next Xplorers and all hope for a fine day for 8th July picnic at Barnacarry

MAKING A DIFFERENCE – SEED FOR LIFE

The calling of the church is to be very local yet utterly global. It puts down its roots and grows in local soil but it can never become narrow or parochial. Always it is called to look outward, recognising it is part of a global community of faith and that the needs of the world are close to its heart.

In 2011 this prompted our churches in Kilninver and Kilmelford, along with the wider network of churches in Netherlorn, to form a partnership with a congregation at Bemvu in Malawi. Making a link with one particular place, in a very different context to our own, was one way of expressing that global identity.

The partnership built up slowly, sometimes with long gaps between communications at first. One thing that became apparent was that the Primary School was central to life at Bemvu and it was a great boost when the Kilninver and Craignish Primary Schools began to make connections with their counterpart school in Bemvu.

Meanwhile it became apparent that some of the smallholder farmers at Bemvu were struggling as they could not afford the agricultural inputs needed for successful crops. A Harvest Fund was started and it became possible to supply fertiliser to 40 smallholders,

many of them grandmothers who were bringing up their grandchildren single-handed after their parents had died of AIDS.

A major step forward came with the visit of Dikirani Gwaza and Sydney Hambeyani to our parishes in 2016. Spending time with them led to deep friendships being formed. It also spawned new ideas.

When we learned that some children who did well at Primary School were not able to continue to Secondary School because they could not afford the fees, this prompted the formation of a Scholarship Fund. Now there are 20 children attending Secondary School on the strength of a small scholarship funded by generous folk in Argyll.

Food scarcity at Bemvu was a major source of concern when Dikirani and Sydney were visiting and this prompted a still more ambitious effort – a project that has become known as Seed for Life – Feed for Life (<http://www.seedforlife.org.uk>). This is a microfinance project – it supplies small loans to 126 farmers to enable them to purchase high-quality seed and fertiliser. From the resultant yield they repay their loan, contribute to provision of school meals and keep some of the produce to feed their own families.

25 June 2018 was the big day when school meals were served at Bemvu Primary School for the first time. It is well known that hungry children do not learn well at school. The provision of a nutritious meal each day can be transformative. Now the challenge will be to keep up supplies to enable this to be delivered.

Meanwhile friendship continues to develop with smartphone technology enabling a steady stream of communication between both churches and schools. Still, you can't beat spending time together and from 30 June to 16 July 2018 Jane King and Jenny Fothergill are visiting Bemvu. They have gone laden with gifts for church and school, already they are receiving amazing hospitality and we can look forward to the partnership moving on to another level when they bring their experience back.

On a global scale this initiative is very small. But better to light a candle than curse the darkness. And there are many households in Bemvu for whom it is making a big difference. We might be small communities in this part of Argyll but here is one way in which we can look out to the wider world and play our part in making it a better place.

Kenneth Ross
Parish Minister



KILNINVER PRIMARY

We have had an action packed term this season. Here are just a few of the things we have been getting up to.....

Baby Bird Bash

The season for swallow chicks has come and they're livelier than ever! On the outside wall of Kilninver primary, swallow chicks have grown into fledglings and their amazingly cute baby feathers have turned to sleek adult feathers. With all the noise they're making, it sounds like a party! When they go Kilninver primary will miss them, but for now let them grow.

60 Books in the bag!

Thanks to our reading efforts, we won a prize of six different books, ten of each. Mrs Douglas won the books by writing a survey about the amazing effects of Authors Live, a live show with famous authors giving their top tips and sharing their inspiration.

Adventuring through Landmark

On the 8th of May Primary 5, 6 and 7 from Kilninver went to Aviemore. They first stopped at the Highland Wildlife Park to see the baby polar bear called Hamish. Then they stayed at the Hilton Colyum Bridge hotel.

On Wednesday and Thursday morning they had a breakfast buffet!! There were waffles, pancakes, bacon, eggs, black pudding and lots more! After the buffet they went to Landmark. At Landmark they all went around the red squirrel trail. A lot of them went on small safari go karts and the Skydive.

Murder MYSTERY!!!

(A forensic science topic)

Something has happened during a normal Kilninver lunchtime!!

Katerina Robertson, a mindfulness teacher, has been murdered!

Investigators are still trying to find the culprit and bring justice!!

An apple and orange with bites out of them, fingerprints and different powders were found at the scene.

Investigations are ongoing.

New computers

Kilninver Primary has had 4 new HP, ProBook, Core i3, 7th generation and windows 10 computers, delivered on Thursday 20th to replace old faulty computers. The new computers have multiple new functions like shutting down faster and opening faster. Also have updated applications like word, PowerPoint, Access and excel 2013 instead of the 2011 version.

POEMS

2 pupils from Kilmelford won prizes in the Festival of the Sea Poetry Competition and were awarded prizes at the Phoenix Cinema in Oban on 19th June.

2nd Prize – Calmac Vouchers - £40 went to “I love to watch the sea” by Keira MacCall, P6.

Most Amusing Poem - £10 Calmac voucher plus Viking Necklace was awarded to “Rubbish on the Beach in Egypt” by Kyle Carroll (7), P2

Josh was given a book for turning up at SAMS and reading his poem out to an audience.

Well done you all!

I Love To Watch the Sea

I Love to watch the sea
How it splashes so violently
The whale cries overtake my heart
How do they make such beautiful art?
What have you done to my favourite thing?
The anger makes the bells in my head ring.
Oil, plastic, glass and sewage.
What have we done to the sparkling fluids?
The colour in the ocean has faded away.
I see it when I walk down Oban Bay.
Oh how I love to watch the sea.
Don't ruin it any more please!

By Keira MacCall P6

Rubbish on the Beach in Egypt

Plastic bags in the sea
Out of the supermarket
They got them for free!
Blown away by the wind.
It is depressing
tin cans in the sea
very bad to see.
There you are!
A broken guitar!
A hermit crab comes out of his pool
and makes a rock band.
The other crabs are dancing!

Kyle Carroll P2 Kilninver Primary

The Solution to the Pollution

I see a whale-shaped figure
deep down in the water
wrapped in a blue substance.
300 years old at least!
“What is that?” I ask.
A sheet of thin plastic that I
HATE! HATE! HATE!
500 more years of pollution
with no solution
that I know of!

Then I dive down deep
in my yellow submarine to
find astonishing stingrays,
massive sharks and colourful fish,
struggling to breathe, to eat.
I wish everyone hadn't thrown
rubbish in the sea!
I wish I had a secret key
to unlock the solution to pollution!

by Josh Olds P4
Kilninver Primary



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NEWS FROM KILMELFORD COMMUNITY FIRE STATION



As I write this today the sun has come back after a few days rest following the 7 weeks of virtually all dry and sunny weather. Great news for most but for the fire service it means an increase in wild fires. Thankfully there have only been a couple in this area so far this year (he said touching wood) but huge hill and forest fires occurred in Skye, Torridon and other parts of the Highlands. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will always attend to these fires but it would be so much better and safer for our firefighters if they did not occur at all. Many wildfires start by events like carelessly discarded cigarette ends, camp fires etc. and, sadly, deliberately putting Firefighters, members of the public and their property at risk. As the weather settles to days of sunshine again SFRS asks you all to be vigilant and help prevent these wildfires.


The Fire Fighter's Charity quiz in Cuilfail Hotel on 23rd June raised £297 and was enjoyed by all who attended. My voice suffered a little but recovered the next day. A huge thank you to all who came, donated raffle prizes and for Simon and Yvonne for the first prize of a bottle of malt whisky and the use of the room. My next FFC quiz will be in early December with a Christmas theme, well the longest day has passed and the nights are drawing in.

In Kilmelford we have lost 2 of our Firefighters, namely Allan and Gemma Strang, who have moved to Dunbeg. They will be missed but we wish them and Freya all the best in their new home and I'm sure they will not be strangers in Kilmelford.

With Allan and Gemma leaving there are vacancies at the Fire Station for more Volunteers Firefighters so check the posters within the village and at the Fire Station or simply come along on a Thursday night between 19:00 and 21:00 to have a chat with Crew Manager Donald Smith about joining this important service and to pick up an application form. In the near future Kilmelford will be one of only two station in Argyll to run with a Rapid Response Unit (RRU) which will carry various pieces of specialist equipment "Cold Cut" lance, cutting equipment for use at road traffic collisions, water rescue gear, breathing apparatus and other bespoke equipment to enhance the capability in our area allowing SFRS to respond to the ever changing demands on a modern fire and rescue service.

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THE SLATE ISLAND CENTRE. ELLENABEICH, EASDALE, SEIL ISLAND

Truly outstanding Natural Beauty, and much, much, more.

For two centuries, the natural attractions of Easdale have attracted and delighted visitors. The sea and landscapes are outstanding: with neat, white, conservation villages on each side of the water. Seek out the fast-vanishing industrial history, now peaceful, romantic and fascinating in its decay. Easdale is indeed very special.

A memorable attraction.

The Slate Islands Heritage Centre, in Ellenabeich, on Seil, is an easy and accessible place to be both entertained and informed. Wildlife, history and human stories are depicted in wonderful photographs, and displays. Military, marine and agricultural artefacts abound. Run by the Scottish Slate Islands Heritage Trust, it's very professionally laid out and beautifully maintained: entirely staffed by dedicated local volunteers. The Trust is supported only by donations from satisfied visitors, with no charge for entry. Typical reactions from visitors include surprise, fascination, generosity and delight. Housed in just one of the quarry worker's cottages, this little place has enormous appeal, and a huge welcome.

They Roofed the World

Easdale lies some eight miles south west of Kilninver via the beautiful and ancient, high-arched "Bridge over the Atlantic" to Seil Island. The little passenger ferry runs to Easdale Island from Ellenabeich, about three and a half miles after the famous bridge. Here on Seil the old Easdale Piers, most no longer in use, were used by the passenger steamers and cargo ships that served both Seil and Easdale Islands. Thus the name "Easdale" spread to both sides of the narrow channel. Eventually slates from all the quarries, on all the Scottish Slate Islands, bore the Easdale brand. Those cargoes, exported worldwide, fed the expansion of the Empire overseas, and the growing industrial cities of Britain: Indeed, "The Islands that Roofed the World".

The long standing appeal of Easdale.

The world's first commercial passenger steam ship, The Comet, was featured in the 1820 timetable of regular services to Easdale. Such was the importance of the Slate Islands. (An interesting item in the recent Kilninford News describes the sad loss of PS Comet). Those early holiday visitors probably inspected Easdale largely from the deck of their ship: slate quarrying was enormously black and noisy. Today it's very different: all is peaceful and relaxing: but it's not dull. Boat trips run from the pier, and there are a variety of food, drink and shopping. Visitors can enjoy both good facilities and tranquillity, while enjoying these fascinating islands. The secret is to visit both sides of the water, allowing plenty of time to enjoy the Slate Islands Heritage Centre.

THE CHAPEL AT KILCHOAN

St. Comghan's Chapel "has been conceived as a symbol of unity, for our common destiny, open to all."

On the 18th of July 2018 the inauguration of the new Chapel at Kilchoan takes place.

The chapel was built by the new owner of Kilchoan estate, Nicolas Ibañez Scott. He is one of three brothers of Chilean descent whose great-grandmother came from Glasgow, hence the name Scott. In the Spanish custom, the female name is placed at the end of the surname.

The brother's father had created businesses including a chain of supermarkets. When he died, the eldest son inherited the family estancia, being more interested in herds and crops. The younger brothers ran the supermarket chain. This, in recent years, and nearing retirement age, they sold to the US company Wall-mart. The consequences are that managing their investments has become a considerable task.

The middle brother studied at Edinburgh University, where he met and married a Scottish girl. As a result, Nicolas visited and fell in love with Scotland, its history and its beauty. He became particularly enthusiastic about Edinburgh with its traditions of the Scottish Enlightenment and the Isle of Iona, the cradle of Columban Christianity.

Already having Highland Cattle in Chile, Nicolas was keen to acquire a farm or estate where he could establish a fold in Scotland and also re-establish his Scottish roots. In June 2015 he visited the Royal Highland Show where he was impressed by the bulls on display. He also visited Edinburgh Castle, where he was much moved by the very touching little Chapel of St. Margaret. Built on solid rock on the crown of the Castle, the chapel is the oldest surviving building in Edinburgh. The Chapel has been traditionally held to have been used by Margaret, Queen of Malcolm III, known as *Caen Mor*, King of Scots, yet was likely erected in the early 12th century (eleven hundreds) by Alexander I or David I Kings of Scots.

For Nicolas, it is possible that these experiences to some extent coincided with the small and extremely beautiful, if time-worn, estate of Kilchoan coming onto the market. The place had been held by the Henderson and then the related Keate family for just under a century. Up to the late 19th century it had been a part of the lands of the Campbells of Melfort who had acquired it from the original MacLachlans, known for their Gaelic scholarship. The Campbells of Melfort were granted lands about Caenlochmelfort in the fourteen hundreds. Their descendant Rory Campbell-Gibson recently sold some of his lands on the north side of Loch Melfort to Nicolas, so extending the lands of Kilchoan.

There used to be a Chapel at Kilchoan, founded by monks from Iona. The very name 'Choan' evolved from the early Christian Chomgain or Chomghan, making allowances for the difference between Gaelic spelling and English pronunciation. Chomghan (Choan) had likely founded a contemplative community in the era of Celtic spirituality, less organizational and more freely spiritual than what would follow. In his day, the seaways

were the highways, there being no roads, only tracks in the Highlands, so he was not in isolation.

Nicolas' deep interest in cattle, the beauty and history of Kilchoan, and his finding St. Margaret's Chapel remarkable, may all have come together to make the purchase of these lands attractive. Certainly a core influence on him must have been his visits to Iona from where he took the style of architecture also found at St. Margaret's.

An Edinburgh architectural firm with local connections (a partner being half brother of Colin Lindsay MacDougall of Lunga) was commissioned to produce a replica of St. Margaret's on the shores of Loch Melfort at Kilchoan. The young project architect was Neil McAllister, originally from Glasgow. Neil had previously worked with the chosen contractor, Ardle Construction from Perthshire, due to their experience in restoring historic buildings with traditional methods. Creating such a building from ground up today is extremely rare.

Sited close to the shore, the floor level had to be raised to allow for the sea level now rising by 25 mm (an inch) each decade. At Kilchoan, in addition to the St. Margaret's model, the north side entrance is protected by a porch in the Norman Style and a Scots-style Kirk belfry has been set on the apse gable. One of the stone masons was local craftsman Ben Weaser. Hugh McFarlane of Oban set the rafters. The estate has employed more local people on other buildings.

The plan of the Chapel is simple and consists of three spaces; a square porch, a rectangular nave and a semi-circular sanctuary. The stone-vaulted interior has the rectangular nave (the main space for the tiny congregation) opening traditionally at the east end through a chancel arch to an apsidal sanctuary. The Apse is a half moon curved bay beyond the arch and with a half-dome stone vaulted ceiling. Although there are great pine rafters above the stone vault over the nave to carry the slated roof, and the porch is ceiled in oak, all else in the building is mainly of granite from the Tormore quarry on Mull, with the carved stone vaults, quoins and arches being of Forth sandstone. The walls are massive masonry.

There is much symbolism, making use of numbers; three for the Christian Trinity of Father Son and Holy Spirit, and seven for the Creation and Sunday rest. The chancel arch in Norman style is built with a keystone, symbol of the Christus, according to the gospel of Matthew, with six stones each side of it as the twelve apostles. The Romanesque Norman chevron pattern over the chancel arch has with it the Celtic Key pattern.

The stained glass windows, specially made for the chapel, depict concepts of St. Margaret herself, welcoming you in the porch, and moving up the nave, St. Kentigern, St. Columba and St. Comghan. Behind the massive altar stone the east window of the apse depicts Mary, known in Christian iconography as 'Mother of God' and holding the Christ Child.

Nicholas' vision for Kilchoan reflects his passion for the beauty of the setting, its history and natural evolution. He has a strong desire to understand, reinvigorate and celebrate the landscape and to create an enduring sense of peace.

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NEW GP CONTRACT – UPDATE

Message from Mary Phillips, Practice Manager, to all Easdale Medical Practice Patients:

"Thank you for all your efforts and correspondence to the powers that be.

We have had no formal notification of any changes proposed however we believe that there is some reconsideration going on, thanks we are sure to the volume of correspondence and interest from all Easdale Medical Practice Patients.

Dr. Alan McDevitt Chair of the BMA's (British Medical Association) Scottish GP committee who negotiated the New GP Contract and who has been writing letters to the Oban Times, phoned the surgery in person, which is highly unusual.

The LMC (Local Medical Committee) have indicated there may be reconsideration on the use of the "Work Load Formula" for Phase 2 (in 3 years time) and The Rural GP Association of Scotland (RGPAS) have been invited to join the Short Life Working group. Both of these possible developments are positive."

KILMELFORD HEALTHY VILLAGE GROUP

North Argyll Carers Centre and Argyll TSI are working in partnership to bring people in rural Argyll together, to share knowledge, learn new things, and help reduce loneliness.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month in Kilmelford Village Hall, from 10.30am – 12.00 noon, with something different every month.

And we always have cakes!

It's your group – what would you like to do?

Contact Mairi on 01631 564422/07795434499, email: mairi@northargyllcarers.org.uk, and Toots on 01631 564839/07759293040, email: toots@argylltsi.org.uk

Have some fun with people you know, and people you don't know.

Thursday 19th July is our Annual Strawberry Tea in the main hall, and we'll also have a table selling Fair Trade Goods, manned by Georgina's volunteers.

Other things to look forward to in the coming months include a fascinating illustrated talk by Dr. Iain McNicol from Appin, about the local Prisoner of War Camp, Musical Bingo, and a film about the Fleck's latest trip to Nepal in December 2017.

We look forward to seeing you there 😊

Healthy Villages Project

Working in partnership to bring people in rural Argyll together, to share knowledge, learn new things, and help reduce loneliness. Carers & cared for – have some fun with with people you know and people you don't know



2018 DATES

15th February 15th March
19th April 17th May
21st June 19th July
16th August 20th September
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Did you know that there is an Outreach worker employed by North Argyll Carers Centre to support unpaid carers in the more remote parts of mainland Argyll, including Kilmelford, Kilninver & Arduaine?

Our Outreach Carers Support Worker, Ali Macleod, is happy to visit carers at home for a chat, to offer support, and provide information and advice.



Our Training & Activities Coordinator, Mairi Fleck, runs Training sessions for carers & would like to hear what you would enjoy taking part in.

Please phone her on 07795434499 or e-mail:

mairi@northargyllcarers.org.uk

Would you like to improve your knowledge, skills and confidence? Increase your ability and confidence to handle your caring situation? Find ways to improve your own health and well-being? Have an opportunity to meet others in similar situations? Try a new craft?

We'd love to help you.

If you would like to speak to Mairi or Ali,

please call North Argyll Carers Centre on 01631 564422

Or pop into the Centre when you're next in Oban – We have a Carers Coffee Morning every Tuesday from 10.30am. We're in the wee flat roofed building next to the car park, opposite the Police Station in Albany Street.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE NOTICEBOARDS AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND THE KILMELFORD VILLAGE STORE FOR POSTERS ADVERTISING OUR WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS.

THANKS TO THE MITCHELLS

Thanks from the communities of Kilninver and Kilmelford are due to Nigel and Toni Mitchell for their years of service on the Community Council as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

They came on to the committee when few showed any interest and thanks to them a committee was able to be formed, thus allowing representation of the two communities in matters of public interest.

This committee is up to full strength, with two newly elected representatives who are from the Kilninver area, namely Louisa Llewellyn and Gill Philpotts – both from Scammadale.

David Wilkie.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2018 14 August: 9 October: 11 December

Meetings take place in Kilmelford Village Hall at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of alternate months throughout the year, lasting between an hour and an hour and a half, and all are welcome.

Younger members of the community are particularly encouraged to come along and have their say – they will be most welcome.

Agenda and approved minutes of previous meeting are published on www.kilmelford.com Minutes are also available on noticeboards at Kilninver and at the Shop and Hall in Kilmelford and 2 printed copies are left at Kilmelford Village Shop.

Committee Members & Responsibilities

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Community Engagement	ALL	Planning	Jane Rentoul
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Environmental Protection	David Wilkie	Community Action Plan	Jamie McAndrew
Fisheries	Stuart Cannon Jamie McAndrew	Notice Boards - Posting Agendas, Minutes, etc.	Louisa Llewellyn/Gill Philpotts Kilninver Colin Clark Kilmelford

ONCE UPON A TIME

People across Argyll and Bute are being encouraged to take part in a unique project that will help to preserve tales and fables about the area for future generations.

Argyll and Bute Youth Services is calling on people of all ages to help gather stories, film clips, photographs and objects about the area to celebrate the uniqueness of Argyll and Bute.

The Digital Storytelling Project is part of the national Year of Young People and aims to bring together our younger and older generations to share their stories and folklore tales of yesteryear.

Argyll is teeming with folklore tales, from giant serpents and mermaids being spotted on our coastlines in years gone by, to stories of haunted caves and bloody battles – we've got a lot to talk about.

Digital Beez will support us with a workshop which will be held in August where, having gathered everything they need, our young people will be able to create a platform for uploading the content.

If you would like to take part, or help gather content for the project, contact Roanna Clark, Youth Participation Officer, on 01546 604752 or [email roanna.clark@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:roanna.clark@argyll-bute.gov.uk)



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DIGITAL STORYTELLING

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young people.

Once collected, these stories will be made into an
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WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL

I am writing to thank you for the used stamps which you have kindly sent to raise funds for the World Mission Stamp Appeal. Please thank everybody involved in collecting these stamps for their continued support and hard work. It is through your support that vital funds are able to be raised to help our partners worldwide. In 2017 we raised an amazing £2,194.00 that will be used to support Giffen Institute of Theology (GIT) in South Sudan run by our partner the Church the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS).

The Appeal which started in April 2018 is raising money for The Hungarian Reformed Church in Transcarpathia (Ukraine) which gives valuable support to children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities. They help to run a number of day care centres which provide educational, emotional, and physical support for children and young people with disabilities, allowing them to live life in all its fullness, and to enjoy participating in society and family life.

These centres provide a wonderful opportunity for young people to be a part of a community where their needs are met, where they are able to be themselves, and their families are supported. Unfortunately, the Ukrainian government is unable to provide support for people with disabilities due to economic constraints. The church is therefore relied upon to provide these valuable services for young people. We are pleased to be able to support their important work with money raised from this year's stamp appeal.

Carol Finlay – World Mission Stamp Appeal

Please cut stamps off envelopes with a 3 mm border and give them to either Georgina Dalton or Mary Clark or leave them at the shop. Thank you so much. Every stamp helps...

WWOOFING WORKS

The space we are lucky to have at Bragleenbeg has allowed us to join hosting programmes for people to come and work for bed and board. One of these is WorkAway and the other is WWOOF. For us it's been a wonderful way to welcome young and enthusiastic travellers who have pitched in on various tasks here including painting; cutting back rhododendrons; bracken & bramble clearing; cutting back rhododendrons; path-laying and pruning; cutting back rhododendrons; pond digging; stump removing; cutting back rhododendrons; wallpaper-stripping; floor sanding; cutting back rhododendrons and... you get the picture.

A quick tally shows in the last 18 months we have hosted: 15 French; 7 Austrians; 6 Danes; 5 Germans; 4 Brits; 4 Americans; 1 Belgian; 1 Israeli and 1 Hungarian. They have largely been students but also electricians; teachers; painters; shoe-makers; architects; musicians; town-planners; engineers; welders; animators and pastry-chefs. There have been plenty of adventures – but with only one broken window and one trip to A&E no real misadventures. Although there was the time a Frenchman with a fondness for Buckfast went up a hill with an American and a German. He came back alone, unwittingly and unconcernedly leaving them frantically searching all the gullies for an hour and a half until in near darkness they chanced upon a pocket with a phone signal and made a panicked call to discover the errant wanderer was sitting here with his feet up and a glass of the monks' finest.

Alongside the hard work there were a lot of large lunches and dinners – sometimes a challenge when meat-eaters, gluten-free, dairy-free and vegetarian might all be around the same table! Not to mention the only Frenchman I have ever met who didn't like cheese. He cooked us a lasagne one night – which was very kind if excruciatingly inedible.

Many of our visitors idea of – and indeed desire to see - Scotland was borne out of watching Outlander. But there were plenty with family connections who were pre-warned about midges and mud. And we think we managed to surprise & delight a few with trips to Glen Coe, Gigha, Kerrera, Morar Sands, Ardnamurchan and Craignish point. There was a participant in the Easdale stone-skimming – whose hopes and heart sank – much like his stones - on seeing the amazing Japanese skimmer's arm-twirling antics. And another who took part on spec at the Inveraray Games – coming in 5th in the 5000m and winning £15 which he promptly and generously donated to the children. One couple uttered about 8 words for their entire visit – but expressed themselves through delicious baked offerings. A young German supplanted every family member in our dog's affections for the 21 days he was here. Another self-styled, fire-loving hillbilly - proclaimed himself from Deliverance country in one breath and, fittingly, in the other revealed he regularly played with Seasick Steve. Heart-warmingly, last we heard, we can even take credit for one trans-Atlantic romance.

Many have been much hardier than us and braved the waters whether they be river, loch or sea for a dip and all of them have enjoyed (or said they did) their immersion in the Scottish landscapes. Most kindly only mentioned the weather – and its best efforts to repel all non-natives – on average twice a day.

This summer we look forward to a promised return visit from a French favourite and friends of last year's visitors are now coming to see for themselves (before we know it, it will be their children!). Our kids seem to have relished having additional adults to enjoy – or should that be annoy – standing on no ceremony and generally treating them as part of the family. Which is how we feel too. We now have a much extended and dispersed family who all have a bit hopefully a somewhat precious and cherished bit – of Bragleenbeg in them.

Louisa & Peter Llewellyn, Bragleenbeg House, Scammadale



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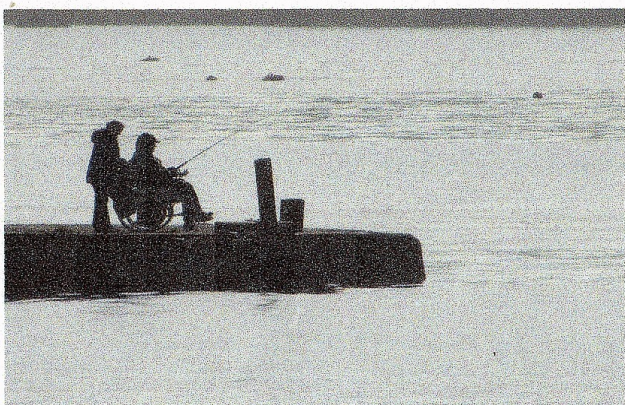
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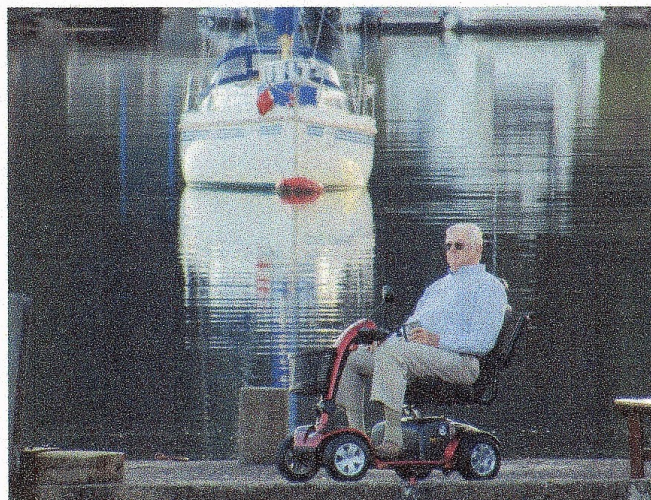
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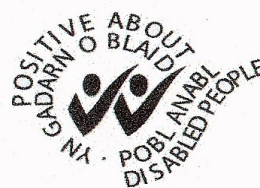
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We are not quite there just yet: we still have a £100k funding gap that we have to raise by September. If you can help us, please have a look at our donation page on our website.

<http://www.kilmartin.org/redevelopment/donations/>

Guided Walks

Every Wednesday until the end of October: Guided Walk of Kilmartin Glen

Meet at the museum at 1.30pm

Meet at the Museum reception before 1.30pm – no need to pre-book, though places are limited. The walk lasts approximately two and a half hours and is free (donations welcome). Sorry no dogs.

Events

Guided Tours of Arichonan Deserted Settlement: Friday 27th July & 24th August

Meet at the museum at 11.30am

Meet at the Museum reception at 11.30am where a mini bus will take you to Arichonan for a tour of the village and return to the museum for 3pm.

Booking essential. Sorry no dogs.

Nature Detectives with Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation at Barrandaimh

Thursday 19th July: drop-in from 1.30 – 3.30pm

Activities include science and crafts activities along with a mini beast hunt

Ancient Cooking Demonstration at Kilmartin Museum

Thursday 26th July: drop-in from 1.30 – 3.30pm

Come and see how our ancestors may have eaten

Butterfly Fairy Trail at Taynish NNR: Friday 3rd August between 1.30 – 3.30pm

Follow the clues along the woodland trail before making your own fairy garden and listening to fairy tales!

Bronze Age Style Pottery: Thurs. 16th August: sessions running from 1.30 – 3.30pm

Discover more about Bronze Age pottery and create your own pot to take home

Booking essential.

Ancient Spinning & Weaving demonstration: Thursday 18th October: drop in from 1.30 – 3.30pm

Try your hand at these ancient crafts.

Halloween @ Barrandaimh: Friday 26th October, details tbc

Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop

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Arduaine Friends work closely with Arduaine Garden owners, the National Trust for Scotland, to raise awareness of the garden. Arduaine Friends membership fees and donations are used directly to promote awareness of this historic and beautiful garden.

Extract from Arduaine Garden's Head Gardener Gregor Anderson June Blog entry.
Visit <http://www.arduainegarden.org/from-the-garden> for the full article

The fine weather over the last few months has been very welcome for garden staff, particularly after last year's washout of a summer. Last year at this time ponds and ditches were overflowing and paths were washing out after daily endless downpours. What a contrast this summer has been with hardly any rain and dry sunny weather. Ponds are very low, ditches that run almost all year round are bone dry and even the spring that provides the gardens water supply has been reduced to a trickle.

Visitors to the garden have been enjoying the cool shade of the woodland garden and the clear views over the Islands and down towards Jura from the viewpoint. Garden staff have been busy upgrading the viewpoint, winching out huge stones to create a level area and allow more visitors to enjoy the stunning view over the islands and the sea.

We have been upgrading an extremely worn out path in the cliff garden which is being resurfaced and improved. This is a tranquil part of the garden, cut through with an impressive volcanic dyke and we hope to have this section open again in July.

Work begins in September on the first main phase of the gardens Japanese Larch removal project. The presence of *Phytophthora ramorum* in some of the gardens 850 mature Japanese Larch trees that form much of the woodland garden and shelter belt, has meant that the garden is subject to a Statutory Plant Health Notice from the Forestry Commission. To comply with this all of the Larch within the garden has to be removed in case of further outbreaks which have the potential to spread the spores of *P. ramorum* to other areas. The timber from the Larch will be milled on site to produce timber for garden projects in Arduaine and other trust properties and a programme of replanting will follow on, which will remain open and accessible throughout the project. Replanting areas formally under Japanese Larch with interesting trees and shrubs from around the world will enhance the already considerable and renowned plant collection here and will see the garden enter an exciting new phase in its continual development.

Preparatory work for this project begins in July with the widening of the internal road to accommodate the transport of timber to various saw milling points within the garden. Regular visitors to the garden will notice that the lawn area above our conservatory glass house has been reduced to accommodate the construction of the new road surface and will be reinstated once the road has been completed.

Thistle camp volunteers led by Kenneth Leiper and Barry Craven helped garden staff at the beginning of May, with groups clearing the fence line at the sea, removing brambles, removing old fences and creating new access paths through the windbreak so that Larch trees in there can be accessed and removed safely. Their contribution to the maintenance of the garden is greatly appreciated by all the staff here and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm. Anyone interested in volunteering for our Thistle camps can find out more information at nts.org.uk.

There is a lot to see in the gardens just now like yellow flowering *Tropaeolum polyphyllum* from Chile is growing through purple leaved *Cotinus coggygria* 'Grace' above the

conservatory glasshouse. Many perennials are coming into their own now with metallic blue *Delphinium* and *Morina longifolia* with its thistle like prickly leaves flowering in the long border. Yellow flowered *Primula florindae* is at its best just now on the pond edges and burns. There's also the last of the red *Asteranthera ovata* flowers scrambling on banks and climbing on Larch in the woodland.

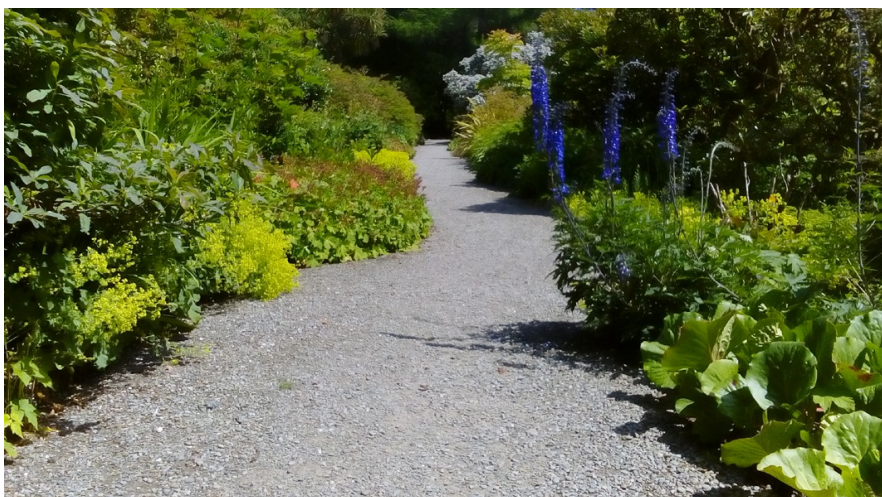
There's always something to see here and the gardens are looking particularly stunning just now in the fine weather.

Gregor Anderson. 27th June 2018.



**Climbing rose
in pastel border**

**Arduaine Gardens
Viewpoint**



**The long border
with Delphinium**

KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL
KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The minutes of meetings held by the Association, the code of conduct, the constitution, hall charges and all other information regarding the Village Hall can be found on

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For a copy of the AGM minutes or Chair Report, please contact
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The Village Hall Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS AT YOUR VILLAGE HALL IN KILMELFORD:

4th August: Ceilidh Hop, 7pm – 11pm

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31st October: Halloween Party, 6pm – 9pm

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4th November: Craft Fair, 11am – 3pm £10 a table, bookings taken via the Kilmelford Village Shop (01852 200271), home baking, teas & coffees, sandwiches available at kitchen. Free entry. Come along to do some Christmas shopping while supporting our crafts people. Raising funds for your village hall.

9th November: The famous Quiz and Supper Night, 7.30 pm

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New Surgery Times from 2nd July 2018

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Lorn Medical Centre Oban: Soroba Road, Oban, **01631 563175**
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