

KILNINFORD NEWS

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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



Photo Of Jamie McAndrew taken by Mairi Fleck during WWI Remembrance/Beacon of Light in Kilmelford on the 11th Nov.



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

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 we publish 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.

Kilninford Local Directory Please contact Iain Bark, Gill Philpotts or Georgina Dalton with any changes which will be included in next edition. The Local Telephone Directories are for sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Village Shop or by contacting Georgina Dalton.

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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?

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The Kilninford News team



WHAT IS ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

27th November: Newsletter AGM, 8pm at Village Hall

8th December: Fire Fighters Charity Christmas Pub Quiz, 7.30 pm at Cuilfail Hotel.

12th December: School Pantomime – Kilmelford Village Hall, 6pm Start

(13th December: School Pantomime – Craignish Village Hall, 6pm Start)

21st December: Carol Singing at Kilmelford Church 6pm

31st December: Hogmanay Party at Kilmelford Village Hall, 9pm – late

7th January: Kilmelford and Kilniver Community SCIO AGM, 7.00pm at Village Hall

25th January: Burns Night Spectacular at Kilmelford Village Hall

2nd February: Kilmelford's Got Talent at Kilmelford 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.

Bagpipe Sessions: Tuesday from 8.30 pm at the Cuilfail Hotel

Come and play – or just listen.

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

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

Contact Karen: 07793653080 or isleyoga@gmail.com www.isleyoga.net

'Crafts and Things': Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon

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: Monthly sessions are held on the third Wednesday of each month in Craignish Village Hall. Beginners session 6:30pm, Main session 7:30pm – 9pm. £5 per person. All welcome. 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 or Ali Martin on 01631 564422/07796714672

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**

Kilmelford Country Dancing: Thursday 8pm – 10pm at Kilmelford Village Hall
As the nights draw in a new season of country dancing has just begun. We are a laid-back friendly group meeting on Thursday evenings 8pm until 10pm in Kilmelford Village Hall. All abilities are very welcome and no equipment is required. Just wear a pair of comfortable flat shoes and bring a sense of humour...we laugh...a lot!
For more information contact Shona at shona.jennings@icloud.com or pop along on a Thursday evening.

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 Melfort 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 Diane Scaife: 01852 200208
Coffee mornings are held at the Kilmelford Village Hall, 10.30 am – noon on:
Thursday: 6th December, 10th January, 7th February, 7th March, 4th April

UPCOMING EVENTS AT YOUR VILLAGE HALL IN KILMELFORD:

Hogmanay Party: 31st December 9pm-late at Village Hall

There will be a Hogmanay Party at the Village Hall again this year, great fun for the whole family. Adult £5, child £2.50 (pay at door), raffle, bring your own drinks/food. Raising funds for the village hall. Donations of raffle prizes much appreciated! Any questions/offers of help, please contact Carla on 01852 200507 or Astrid on **01852 200563 / astrid@glenbeg-it.co.uk**

Kilmelford's Got Talent: Saturday 2nd February in Kilmelford Village Hall.

It's great fun, anything goes, singing, dancing, monologues, poetry, juggling etc. Start thinking about what you could do and join in the nonsense.

Proceeds go to Marie Curie and village hall funds.

Bar and raffle.

2 Challenge trophies to be won, for both adults and juniors.

Cuilfail Hotel

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas

New Take Away Menu see separate Ad

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HALLOWEEN EVENT AT HALL 31/10/2018

FEEDBACK

- 1) The village hall looked amazing – many thanks to Astrid and her coven of witches who took a lot of time and trouble to create a spooky atmosphere for the party. From the graveyard on the stairs to the spiders crawling about the hanging web, ghoulish figures hanging on the walls, lanterns and ghosts lurking in corners – It all looked fantastic.
- 2) You did a first-class job – well done
- 3) The décor was a great mixture of horrible things but in a fun and spooky way. Big kids and little ones loved running about, dancing, bobbing for apples and trying to knock the lanterns off of the web as well as passing the parcel.
- 4) It was really good seeing so many locals all dressed up in pretty or revolting outfits. A good party

Georgina Dalton

DAFFODILS AT KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD

Through the generous gift from Grampian Growers, Angus, of 40 kg of bulbs (variety Golden Ducat and Sempre Avanti) both villages will be enhanced come the Spring with welcome colour at the roadside.

We are grateful to Jamie McAndrew for bringing this about and to the planters for getting them in to the ground, particularly Louisa and Peter Llewellyn's spadework at Kilnilver.

WELCOME AUTUMN VISITORS, 5pm 17th October

I said to the dogs “we’ll just nip down the drive and see if the recycle bin collection had been round”. An oaty slice was baking in the oven and the pinger set for 25 minutes. As I put my boots on my companions were already out the door. We set off and to my surprise and delight we interrupted a huge flock of fieldfares guzzling on the hawthorn’s berries. On seeing us rounding the corner they flew off chattering away and slapping their wings showing off the silvery grey undersides. It looked as though someone had thrown a big handful of metallic confetti into the air and it was caught glinting against a china blue sky, in the last of the sun’s rays before it dipped down behind the forestry trees on the west. The whole glen was bathed in an orangey glow so the half turned larch needles contrasted their tan with the Sitka's rather drab end of summer green.

The bin had not been emptied and we returned to find the fieldfares had circled round and were landing back again on the top most branches and twigs of the hawthorns bobbing their heads down and showing off the dark fan of underside of their tails.

What a blessing of an evening, no wind, no rain, a still scent of autumn and the sight of these feathered friends having a good ‘tea’ before their journey south.

At 7.30 pm a P.S. to a very beautiful day. A bright half moon sat quietly with the companionship of Mars laying low on the horizon to the south between Barr Liath and Carn Duchara.

Georgina Dalton

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

The Summer Celebration was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the contributions of music, songs and poetry, especially from Joshua and Kyle.

Unfortunately The Seil Sound Singers couldn’t make it to the Autumnal Celebration on Sunday 4th November, with many apologies. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy them at a future celebration. We are grateful that local musicians stepped in and took part in a very enjoyable evening.

It is planned to have the Carol singing on Friday 21st December at 6pm in Kilmelford Church, so please come along, join in and bring suggestions of a favourite carol to sing.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

Georgina and Krissie

RING-PULL APPEAL

Please save the ring-pulls of your cans and give them to Ivor. Ivor Campbell is collecting the ring-pulls for charity and your help in this is much appreciated. You can drop your collected ring-pulls off at Ivor’s or give them to him via the Cuilfail Hotel or Kilmelford Village Shop. Thank you!



Traidcraft is a company whose mission over nearly forty years has been to apply fair prices and justice, which lies at the heart of Christian faith, to international trade and so helps give support to the world's poorest farmers.

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A Traidcraft stall is put out at most Sunday Kilmelford and Kilniver church services at 12 noon and can be arranged to be on display at the playgroup Wed 1.30 – 3pm or at the Healthy Village Group 10.30 – 12 noon at the village hall.

A Christmas catalogue of groceries, fashion accessories and great artisan gift ideas is available from Georgina 01866 844212 or Helen 01852 200789. just purchasing a couple of items once a month will help the company and in turn bring needed income to the poorest producers and their families.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY & CRAFT FAIR AT VILLAGE HALL

Thank you all for coming to the Halloween Party at the Village Hall, it was great to see such a turn out of scary, spooky, unrecognisable children and adults all having a great time. You didn't make it easy for Karen and Shona to decide on the winners of the best fancy dress outfits and it was also hard to pick the best carved pumpkins! Well done to all and thank you Shona & Karen for being the judges. Elaine did a great job providing the music for the night, what a success! A huge thank you to the locals who donated material, decorations and to those who spent hours making witches broomsticks, spiders, bats, ghosts etc. The hall looked the part thanks to you all! Louisa and Sally made some amazing nibbles and spooky baking which were on offer at the kitchen and went down very well, thank you! The Craft Fair on the 4th November attracted 19 stall holders which resulted in very good selection of hand crafted products for sale. The kitchen provided coffee/tea, sandwiches and home baking which were enjoyed by all. Already stall holders have been contacting the hall committee to be put on the list for next time, so hopefully we will be able to welcome you all back again at the next Craft Fair!

Thanks to your generosity at the Halloween Party & Craft Fair + the fee for the tables at the Craft Fair, the Village Hall raised money towards the ongoing maintenance of the hall. We would not be able to pay all the bills without your huge support, so THANK YOU ALL.

Astrid

Village Hall Committee

COFFEE MORNINGS

Huge thanks to Melissa Oatts who has organised Coffee Mornings in Kilmelford Hall over the Winter months for more years than can be counted. She has been tireless in gathering helpers around her and providing excellent coffee and cake, including her legendary Millionaire's Shortbread.

She is unable to continue due to work commitments and we wish to place on record the community's thanks for all she has done to contribute in this way to funds for Hall and Church over the years.

100 CLUB – 3 CASH PRIZES EACH MONTH!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to win a cash prize every month. The Kilmelford & Kilninver 100 Club holds a monthly prize draw for just £1.00 per entry. There are 3 prizes every month, with half of the entry fees being returned as cheques to the winners. Any profit is put towards the running costs of the Village Hall.

Why is it called a 100 Club? Because it has approximately 100 members entered in each draw, but this is allowed to increase to any number. The higher the entries, the greater the prize money. **Joining is simple:** £12.00 gives you 12 consecutive months of membership. The 100 Club draw takes place at the monthly coffee morning in the Village Hall. You can take part in the draw even if you are unable to attend the coffee mornings of course. Please contact Diane Scaife for payment details.

Tel. 01852 200208 email: kscaife@btinternet.com

THE BATTLE'S OVER – A NATION'S TRIBUTE SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Responding to Argyll and Bute Council's request in the Spring through community councils that there should be local participation in the Beacons of Light tribute marking 100 years since the end of World War 1, Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council sent out the word that they would be taking part.

So it was that on Remembrance Sunday Fergus Gillanders, John McPhee and Jim Robb gathered at the War Memorial in Kilmelford in the dark and silence to play at **0600hrs The Battle's O'er**, watched by a gathering of 20 or so people.

At 12 noon the customary Laying of Wreaths on behalf of the Community and of the Firefighters and short service took place at the War Memorial, followed by the rest of the service in the church. This year our church bell, along with that at Kilninver church, was rung at 12:30 p.m. with others world-wide to echo the spontaneous celebration on 11 November 1918 as news spread of the armistice.



Photo: Roanna Clark

People started gathering around 6:30 p.m. in the car park in Kilmelford to witness the **7 p.m. Lighting of our Beacon of Light** which had been built that afternoon high on the hill above the village. This was followed at **7:05 p.m.** by the **Ringing of our Church Bell** by the four Edwards youngsters – Emily, Adam, Amy and Jamie. All eyes were on the Beacon as

Jamie McAndrew stood alone beside it and the poignant notes of The Battle's O'er floated down to us through the night air. The official part of the evening concluded with **Tribute to the Millions** being read out.

Our committee was delighted at the number of people who attended and enjoyed the Soup, Rolls and Home baking on offer. A collection was made for the four charities chosen by the official organisers and a total of £300 will be divided between them.

A sample of comments made verbally and on social media:

"Very emotional day" "It was a lovely tribute" "Wonderful experience, brilliant community event" "Seeing the beacon and hearing the pipes played from down in the village is something I will not forget in a long time" and "For me the beacon on the hillside and lone piper brought the day to a fitting conclusion. My wife and I along with two neighbours came from Craobh to support the lovely proceedings at Kilmelford and we were so glad we did. An emotional but joyous event and a fitting end to the day"

With thanks to all who willingly set to and supplied the wood, carried it up the hill, built the beacon, erected the tent, made soup and baked cakes and not least piped at dawn and dusk. Thanks go also to our Firefighters who stood by to safeguard the beacon on the hill. We salute all involved in contributing in any way to this unique and historic occasion.

Times in bold indicate the official events which took place at those times local to all taking part around the world. See www.brunopeek.co.uk for detail of the day's events which were four years in the planning.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

The annual Curry and Quiz Night was held on Friday 9th November in Kilmelford Hall and all tables were taken with teams of varying numbers. Our MC for the evening was Yvonne Anderson who along with husband Matthew had set the questions. There was the usual scratching of heads and looking to the ceiling for inspiration and even querying an answer or two – in contravention of the rules which had been firmly stated at the start.

The Ganges question in particular provoked passionate "discussion"!

The first tranche of questions over, we were all invited to help ourselves to a selection of the most delicious curries and sides provided as every year by super cook Matthew.

The whole evening was great fun, with over £600 raised for the vital funds which ensure that our Hall Committee has the means to keep the building in such good shape. Grateful thanks to all in the community who came along and supported such an enjoyable event and in particular indebtedness to Matthew and Yvonne for their invaluable input.

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MAOLACHY'S GARDEN

The mysteries of good compost making still haven't quite become unravelled despite attending a weekly garden course over the summer at Blarbuie Woodlands behind Lochgilphead.

Much of our discussions returned to the advised methods of making a wholesome nutritious organic material to add to our garden soil. Layering the components of non invasive root weeds, green plants stems + leaves, contents of the kitchen vegetable & fruit waste bin, grass cuttings and bags of muck are the foremost ingredients. Then there is the rough stem + stick base to allow air in at the bottom plus having the arm power to occasionally turn the whole lot over.

A helpful sign is if the mix is too wet the bin houses a variety of toads, if too dry the mice colonise and build nests and best of all, if it is heating up nicely, as it should, the slow-worms enjoy the warmth under the top cover.

The net result of all my labours to achieve the ultimate, crumbly nutritious texture having spread or dug in two bins worth was the vegetable patches producing one of the best crops of beetroot, parsnip, leeks, cauliflower, cabbages and various beans picked over the summer and some still cropping. All with good flavour.

The early summer's lack of rain kept one busy watering to plump up the tattie crop. There were few slugs, unblemished skins and all were lifted on the last day memorable dry sunny day in mid August.

September's endless damp + October's gale force winds and rain have added to the bleakest weather halting any autumnal clearing, weeding, cutting back etc. Hopefully some time over the winter these tasks can be tackled and the welcome sight of the snowdrops to brighten the new year.

After a great deal of discussion with myself, often taking place in the compost bin, I have extended my garden dates to cover more times of interest from the daffodils on to the autumnal colours which despite this horrible weather have been stunning.

Easter Sat 20 th April	2pm – 5pm
Sat 25 th Sun 26 th May	2pm – 5pm
Sat 29 th Sun 30 th June	2pm – 5pm
Sat 27 th Sun 28 th July	2pm – 5pm
Sat 24 th Sun 25 th August	2pm – 5pm
Sat 28 th Sun 29 th September	2pm – 5pm

Tea, some plants for sale and a treasure sort of hunt for children.

All welcome to come and explore, enjoy tea + cakes etc. and a natter.

No dogs please.

Georgina Dalton

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.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD PARISH CHURCH EVERYONE WELCOME!

2 Dec 1700 Christingle, Kilmelford Church (with Xplorers)

11 Dec 1800 Advent Communion Service, Kilninver Church

16 Dec 1200 Christmas Gift Service, Kilmelford Church

21 Dec 1800 Community Celebration (Carols), Kilmelford Church

23 Dec 1200 Christmas Sunday Service, Kilninver Church

24 Dec 2330 Watch night Service, Kilninver Church

25 Dec 1100 Christmas Day Family Service, Kilmelford Church

XPLORERS

The Xplorers started after the summer holidays with a playz time in the hall on Saturday 8th September and then in the church for prayz time on Sunday 28th October.

The next playz time is on Saturday 17th November 11am – 12.30 pm – in the hall with the usual soft ball, creative crafts and snacks. All ages welcome

The Christingle making at prayz time in the church is on Sunday 2nd December 4 pm. A story and preparations for Christmas. Everyone very welcome to come and join in.

Georgina Dalton

CHRISTMAS – GETTING OR GIVING?

If Christmas did not exist we would have to invent it – we need something to cheer up the darkest days of the year! In fact, holding a festival at the time of the winter solstice is a custom that predates Christianity. It seems that it is something that fits with the rhythm of the year and it shows no sign of losing its appeal.

When the news of Jesus Christ began to spread in our northern climes people had to make sense of the new message in terms of what they already knew. So they began to bring Christian content into traditional customs and celebrations. While the new faith brought a challenge to some aspects of traditional life, there were others with which it seemed to be a good fit. A mid-winter festival was one of them. Light in the darkness and the giving of gifts were familiar themes but now they were employed to express the meaning of Christ's coming.

This dynamic of challenge and continuity is still playing out today. There is much in Christmas that chimes with our shared values – the joy of family life, community togetherness, the fun of celebration, a glimpse of the transcendent amidst the ordinariness of life.

Yet there is also an element of challenge. Currently there are powerful forces at work that aim to turn Christmas into a festival of consumerism – all about what we can get and what we can consume. Here the Christian faith brings a note of challenge – if we make the acquisition of material goods our primary goal we are going to lose out. In fact, Christmas points in the opposite direction – it is in giving rather than getting that fulfilment in life is to be found.

Ultimately, Christmas is a matter of celebrating the giving of God as expressed in the amazing gift of Jesus Christ. This has a new urgency as we become aware of how finite are the earth's resources. If everyone is simply out to grab what they can get there may not be a sustainable future for any of us. Christmas prompts us to live generously – and this may hold the key to our common future.

With best wishes for a very happy Christmas,

Kenneth Ross
Parish Minister

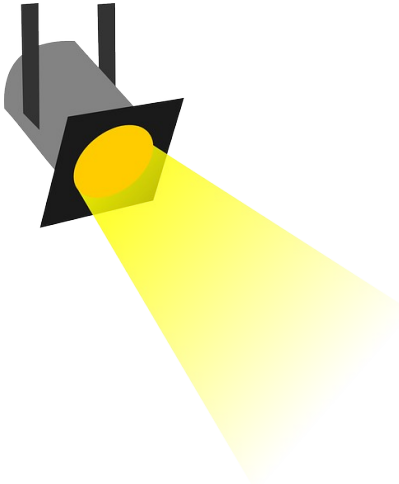


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*The garden remains open
throughout the winter.*

*Shelter belt work is underway &
going according to plan with
felling only taking place one
week in four*

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DO WE NEED A “COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY”?

If we do NOT want to enhance our environment, facilities and village life

– then no we do not!

If however we wish to raise money, receive grants and accept donations for Community projects and benefits then it is becoming more and more necessary (and be more likely to be successful with applications) to do this via a Community Benefit Company.

Many Communities have already established Community Benefit Companies and have acquired land, woodlands, property, built Hydro schemes and even built a school (Strontian) as well as a multitude of other projects large and small.

There are several potential projects within our Community area such as the purchase of Glenmore Hill, enlarged car park at Hall, land for a children's' play area, some sports facilities and more; perhaps providing employment and even housing opportunities.

Grants and Loans from Government, the Council, Scottish Land Fund, the Lottery, charities and other organisations mostly require their funds to be channelled through an independent Community Company.

I have already had preliminary meetings with organisations which have been set up to aid the formation of Community Benefit Companies or Development Trusts and they are keen to help.

In order to establish one we need the agreement of 50% of the community and we intend to gauge the level of support and to ask for volunteers for a Steering Group to formulate a Community Action Plan.

**Please don't turn the page and think, "Someone else can step forward to do that".
Input from the community is needed now!**

For any enquiries or ideas please do not hesitate to contact me on 01852 200256.

David Wilkie



The Shower of Herring Restaurant & Takeaway

Melfort Village, PA34 4XD,

For our Festive Opening times & availability please
contact Kat:

E-mail: showerofherring@gmail.com

Dear Residents,

Christmas is a date that brings people together and where sharing makes us happy, we want to express our best wishes to those who have given us their support and preference for all this time, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our customers.

£9.99 Scampi Offer: Saturdays 5.00pm-8.30pm

10 Wholetail Scottish Scampi; Chips;
Homemade Coleslaw; Homemade Tartare
Sauce; Apple & Red Cabbage Pickle

CALLING THE TUNES ...

As you may have seen **Kilniver Primary School** children and parents are busy raising money for music lessons. We need £840 per term - £2,520 per year – to pay for our fabulous music teacher Sileas Sinclair to come in one day a week. When she is with us Sileas works with all the children right through from pre-school on an individual and group basis. She references Scottish musical traditions and works on listening skills; rhythm and appreciation. Music lessons have been shown to significantly improve social skills; self expression; memory; co-ordination; comprehension; maths and responsibility and apart from all of the above it is good fun and a great life skill for our children to possess.

So far we have raised just over **£1,000** – **huge and heartfelt thanks to all of you who have so far generously donated time, money and helping hands!**

The Karaoke night was a great fun family evening out and we hope to replicate this at our **Burns Night Spectacular** on **Friday January 25th** – also at Kilmelford Hall. Mark your diaries now!

Last word should go to the children who have put pen to paper to describe what having the music lessons means to them – we only have space to print a few but they echo the sentiments that all expressed.

Long Lost Music

*A little while ago we had glorious music lessons.
We had fun with our teacher, Sileas, learning
good rhythms and little tunes.*

*Then it fell apart - the school started to lose dosh.
We could not afford Sileas. That's when you
kicked in; Fundraising money baking cake and
cookies, selling pictures.*

*We are soooooo grateful to you and we just
wanted to say THANK YOU for all the time and
effort you're putting in. Thanks.*

*Thank you for donating a lot of
money so that we can have Sileas to
teach us how to read music and how
to play instruments.*

*It's definitely better than maths and
the whole class loves it. We have
been playing piano and we are all
very good at it .*

*We would love to do more and we
are all very grateful.*

*You're probably wondering where all the money you spent on the karaoke night went. Well,
it's gone to Kilniver Primary School for our amazing music lessons.*

Kilniver primary have piano lessons with Sileas Sinclair who is a teacher at Feis Latharna.

We had lots of fun learning how to read music but very quickly ran out of money.

Music lessons where fun and energetic. If you got stuck you were always helped.

The music always calmed you down.

Now we have some money we will manage to do music lessons again!

Thank you for all your hard work and time!!!

Before the summer holidays we had glorious music lessons from a teacher that works at the Féis and has appeared on BBC Alba. Your donations from the Friday night karaoke will be used to get those amazing lessons back from Sileas.

We wouldn't have these lessons if the parent council for Kilninver hadn't worked so hard to raise the money for the lessons and you, the public, hadn't donated so generously. THANK YOU!

Music Melodies

Thank you for your extremely kind donations. I hope you had a fantastic time at the karaoke night!

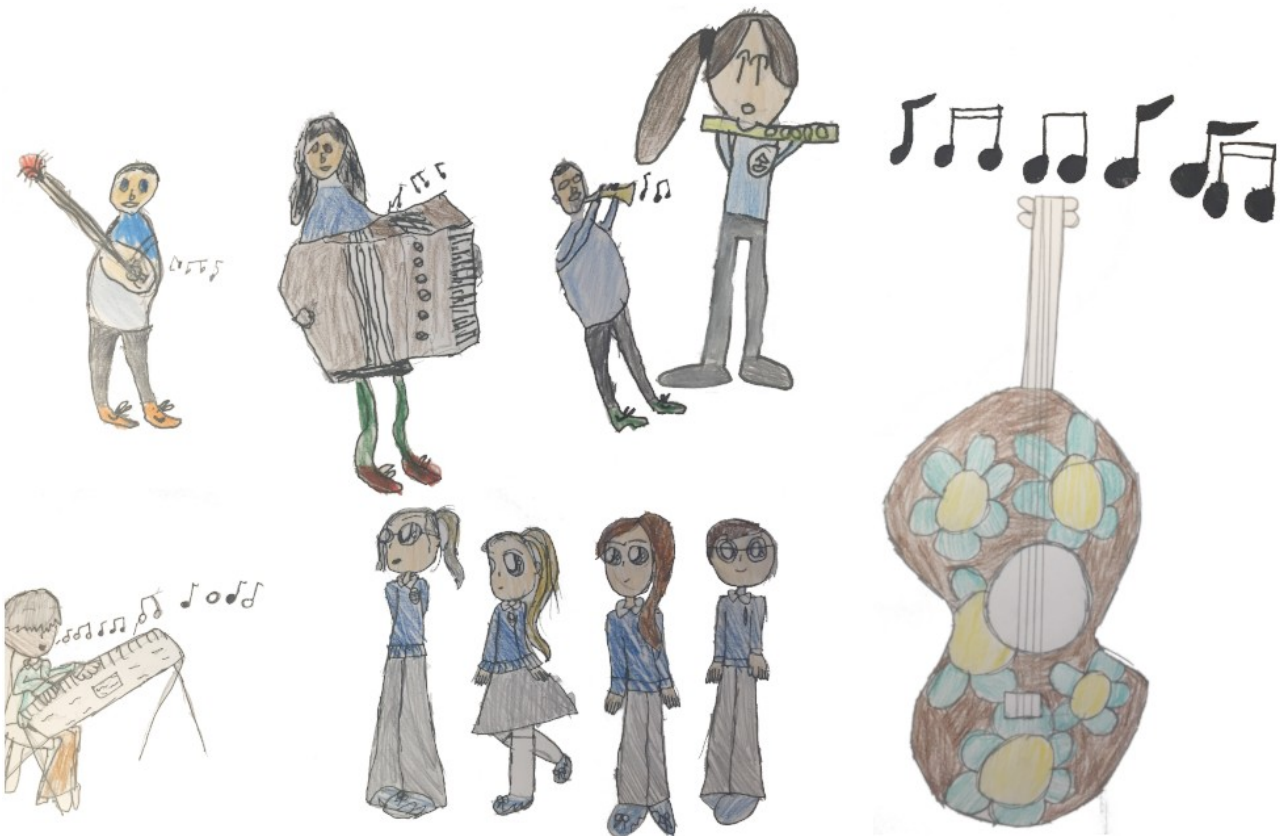
The donations will go to our music lessons and our lovely music teacher Sileas. The music that she teaches takes our mind off things and teaches in a fun way and she is energetic about music. We tried the tambourine, maracas and the triangle.

My favourite was the triangle.

Once again..... thank you!

Extreme Music

Music is fun. It's exciting. Thank you parents !



**BIG THANKS AGAIN – YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED
BY ALL THE CHILDREN & PARENTS!!**

WINTER MESSAGE FROM SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

By the time you will be reading this the colder darker nights will have set in but our new Rapid Response Unit (RRU) will be “On The Run” one of only 2 such vehicles in Argyll vastly increasing the specialist capabilities of the Firefighters at Kilmelford. There are still vacancies at Kilmelford Community Fire Station so if you wish to join the crew and do something really special and worthwhile for your community, come along to the fire station on a Thursday night between 19:00 and 21:00 and speak to “THE GAFFER” Crew Manager Donald Smith or any member of the crew at any time for further details.

WINTER SAFETY

Get ready for winter. Make sure you have working smoke alarms.

If you wish to have a Home Fire Safety Visit Call 0800 0731 999 Text ‘FIRE’ to 80800, talk to your local Firefighters or me.

If you’re tired or have been drinking you will be less alert to the signs of fire, more likely to fall asleep and less likely to wake up if a fire does start, particularly if you don’t have working smoke alarms in your home. Cooking or smoking and alcohol can be a recipe for disaster with smoking being one of the main contributory factors to causing deaths or serious injury from fire.

FESTIVE SAFETY TIPS

- *Check your smoke and heat alarms are working. Replace batteries if necessary.*
- *If you have an open fire make sure your chimney is swept before winter. Always use a fire guard, secured in position, to protect against flying sparks from hot embers.*
- *Never place Christmas cards or decorations around the mantelpiece.*
- *Check your fairy light plugs are fitted with the correct fuse, don’t overload extension leads and ensure all electrical devices are BEAB approved. Always unplug them before going to bed or leave your home.*
- *As with all electrical appliances, always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.*
- *Decorations can burn easily – don’t place them near lights or heaters.*
- *Never leave cooking unattended, especially when using hot oil.*
- *Take time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are at greater risk from fire, particularly if they suffer from ill health or disability.*
- *If you’re using candles, always place them on a heat resistant surface, away from Christmas trees, cards, ribbons and other decorations. Never move a lit candle and always extinguish candles before going to bed or leaving your home.*

FIRE FIGHTER’S CHARITY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Don’t forget the Pub Quiz taking place in Cuilfail Hotel on Sat 8th December at 7:30pm. A great night of fun and head scratching with Christmas related questions and chocolate Santas to win for each round. Teams of up to 6 still at the unbelievable low cost of only £3:00 per head. Keep the date in your diary and look out those thinking heads.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Dave Millward

PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE ON 3RD OCTOBER

It is always good to hear the buzz of friends meeting up at the hall for the Parish Lunch. Stall holders were kept busy with sales and the kitchen team managed to keep up with the requests for choice of soup, filled rolls and offering tea and coffee. Many thanks to everyone who put so much effort into making the day run smoothly and enjoyed by all there.

The numbers were a bit down on last year but a successful sum of £1450 was raised. My apologies for not writing more personal notes of thanks this year, everyone's commitment, generous donations and giving of their time is very much appreciated by myself and members of the kirk session.

Georgina Dalton

NORTH ARGYLL VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME - (NAVCS) Registered Charity No SCO37509

Many thanks to Malcolm and Dorothy Bark who very kindly donated the sum of £255 which was collected at their Golden Wedding celebration. Our many congratulations to them!

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.

NEW VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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

STAMP APPEAL

The Reformed Church in Transcarpathia (Ukraine) helps to run a number of day care centres which provide educational, emotional and physical support for children and young people with disabilities. The World Mission Council's Stamp Appeal will support the young people to live life in all its fullness, and to enjoy opportunities to participate in society and family life.

Carol Finlay – World Mission Stamp Appeal

It would be wonderful if you could save the stamps from the Christmas cards and any other post with a 3 mm border for this appeal. Please give them to Mary Clark, Georgina Dalton or leave them in the shop. Every stamp helps.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS 2019 KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL & KNIPOCH HOTEL

MAIN MEETINGS 8 p.m.	INTERIM MEETINGS 7 – 8 p.m.
TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS
Public Meetings	Committee Meetings
	10 JANUARY
12 FEBRUARY KNIPOCH HOTEL	
	14 MARCH
9 APRIL	
	9 MAY
11 JUNE	
	11 JULY
13 AUGUST	
	12 SEPTEMBER
8 OCTOBER	
	7 NOVEMBER
10 DECEMBER	

The INTERIM meetings are informal meetings of the committee only. Members of the community are encouraged to contact committee members with any issues that arise between the main meetings so that they can be addressed at these interim meetings.

Agenda and approved minutes of previous meetings 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.

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Loch Melfort Hotel

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Christmas Day: 12:30- 3:30pm

Gourmet Five Course Christmas lunch £49pp

Boxing Day and New Year's Day:

7pm - 9pm

Loch Melfort Legendary Seafood Buffet £49pp

New Year's Eve:

Hogmanay Banquet £74pp

Hogmanay Ceilidh in the Bistro

10:30pm-1:00am

£10pp entry to non-residents

Booking essential on 01852 200233

or reception@lochmelfort.co.uk

21st December – 5th January except

Christmas Day and New Year's Day:

Teas, Coffees and Home Baking are available

in the Hotel Lounge all day 10am-10pm,

plus Soup and Sandwiches 12pm-3pm.



MY DEAREST BELL

I am sorry I haven't written to you for so long but things have been pretty mad here. I was very glad to receive your last letter and am pleased to hear you are happy at your new job in the munitions factory in Bishopston, how funny to think that it is disguised as a hill, hopefully that will confuse the German bombers, you were so unhappy as a land girl, I'm sorry that didn't suit you. I know it must be hard having to travel an hour in the train to get to work, especially as it is pitch dark because of the black-out, but I know you will be brave.

We have finally arrived in Burma.

It was a VERY long, hard journey, first sailing from England to South Africa where some blighter took offence to me at a dance and broke my nose. Don't worry, it hasn't spoiled my good looks!

We then sailed to India and took a train to Burma. I nipped off the train while it was stopped to boil a kettle for a pot of tea and the train left without me, I had to run very fast to catch it and all my pals were shouting and pulled me up.

Now I am in Burma, I am an advance scout which means I have to go ahead of the normal troops to find targets for the artillery. We are alone in the jungle a lot of the time apart from the Gurkha's who go ahead of us at nights. As they pass us by, they feel for our hat badges and when they recognise that we are friends they say 'alright Tommy'. We often find trenches of Japanese soldiers with their throats cut. We are fond of our Gurkha friends.

My squad has managed to find a pet monkey, he looks very sweet but is very evil and bites everybody who tries to pat him, I think we will try to pass him onto another squad very soon.

The gossip in our regiment at the moment is about a commander, who was very unpopular to say the least. He would order his troops into very dangerous situations and then he would retreat, leaving his men to face the danger alone. The word is, last battle he was shot and killed but there is every chance it wasn't an enemy bullet that killed him.

Yesterday I managed to boil up a bit of water to have a bath as best I could in an old biscuit tin, unfortunately there was an enemy air raid in the middle of my bath and I had to run to shelter with no clothes on, I got well and truly teased by my pals. Unfortunately, I took a bit of shrapnel to my neck and I am in the infirmary at the moment but they say I should make a quick recovery.

I am happy to hear that you saw my name in the Dispatches in the London Gazette. I am not able to tell you exactly what happened but let's just say that my squad was in a bit of bother with the Japanese and I managed to get most of them to safety. There is talk of a medal.

Anyway, my dear, I am always glad to receive your letters even if they take a very long time to reach me. Think of me often as I think of you and I can't wait until I come home and I can finally make you my wife.

All my love,

Harry xxx

298 3621 GAR (actg Bdr.) H. Clark began the war in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He served in the South of England until after Dunkirk when he was moved to The Royal Artillery and The Chindits.

The Chindits, known officially as the Long Range Penetration Groups, were special operations units of the British and Indian armies, which saw action in 1943-1944, during the Burma campaign of World War II.

Harry Clark, my Great Grandfather, made it home from Burma safe and sound. Unfortunately the doctor who was inoculating the soldiers on the ship returning from India, was in too much of a hurry and didn't change needles between patients. Pappy contracted malaria from this. On his discharge from hospital he was advised to work in the open air to help with the malaria and he worked on, and managed farms after the war.

He married Bell after the war and they went on to have five children, three girls and two boys. They were devoted to each other for the rest of their lives.

One of my mums' earliest memories is sitting on Pappy's lap looking at the tattoos he got while in Burma and listening to his stories.

Flora Allan (aged 12)

LIZ & ALAN THOMPSON'S GRANDDAUGHTER



KILMARTIN MUSEUM REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In May this year, as you may know, Kilmartin Museum's Redevelopment Project was awarded £3.2 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), which was a very exciting development. Since then we have been working hard on fulfilling the conditions set out by funders in order to start the delivery phase of the project. The conditions included ensuring that our fundraising target was met and also carrying out an organisational and business plan review. We also chose to have the café and retail forecasts and architectural plans reviewed by consultants, which will serve us well in the future. We are readying ourselves to meet with HLF to discuss our permission to start and are certain of a positive response. We are excited about the future and look forward to the next stage!

In the last few months, we have been working hard on closing the fundraising gap for our permission to start. Whilst we have achieved that target, we are still fundraising and we have a private individual's target of £84,133, so every penny is very much appreciated. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for any events we have coming up and any ways in which you may be able to assist us on our journey.



Kilmartin Museum

Winter Opening Hours

Thursday 1st November to Sunday 23 December 2018

The Museum and Café will be open from 11.00 to 4pm during November and December, closing on 23rd December, reopening on Friday 1st March 2019.

Events

Tuesday 13th November 7 – 8.30pm

Evening Talk with Archaeologist Roddy Regan

The Archaeological Excavations undertaken by Kilmartin Museum during 2018. To held in the New Church, Kilmartin, formally the Living Stones Christian Centre.

This will be followed by further talks on the second Tuesday of the month through to 12th March 2019, see our website for further details.

Monday 3rd December 10.00 – 12.00 noon

Mug Decorating Workshop with Mary Stewart

£15.00 per person – booking essential. Price includes all materials, hot drink and a spiced biscuit! Email admin@kilmartin.org or phone 01546 510278 for more details and booking.

Tuesday 4th December 7.00 – 9.00pm

Year of Young People Photography Exhibition in the Café Conservatory

A first viewing of photographs taken by young people of Kilmartin Glen before going on sale in the museum shop.

Saturday 2nd March 11.00 – 3.00pm

Seed Swap in Kilmartin Cafe

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

Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop

Our café has a delicious menu and a mouth-watering range of home baked cakes, whilst our shop is stocked with a great selection of books and a wide range of gift ideas, the perfect place to find something special.

Email: admin@kilmartin.org Telephone: 01546 510278

Website: www.kilmartin.org

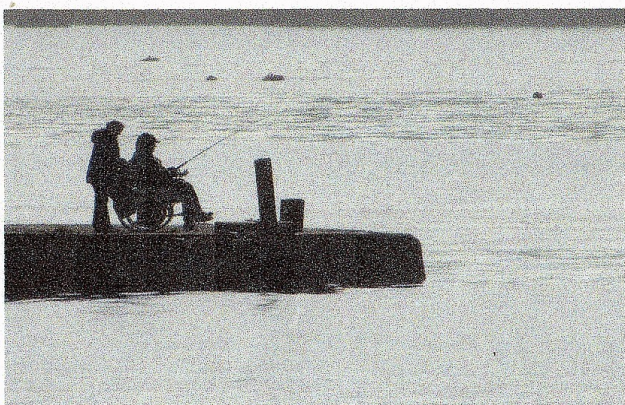
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MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Iain Macleod, I am a constable in Police Scotland currently based in Oban.

I have recently been appointed as the designated community officer for Kilmore, Kilninver, Kilmelford and the Easdale and Luing area.

I am sure many of you will be acquainted with Constable Jeremy Moore who has served in your area for many years. The torch has been now past to me as Jeremy has now taken up a specific role which is based in Oban.

I have been in the Police for 21 years, and have previously served in Wick, Fort William, Mallaig, Glen Coe and Lochgilphead. I am a native of Oban and am proud to live and work in the area I call home.

I look forward to meeting you and assisting with any issues or concerns which are relevant to your communities.

I can be contacted at ***ObanNorthLornCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk***

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND IF YOUR ISSUE IS AN EMERGENCY OR REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE THE 999 OR 101 TELEPHONE NUMBERS SHOULD BE USED.

AUTUMN

*This autumn has been a stunner, fantastic colours courtesy of dry, chilly days.
Late sunshine adds a special sheen but the air has that ominous bite.
It's so beautiful when you see birch leaves quivering in an afternoon breeze
Light twinkles on loch and land looking magical after an evening's freeze.*

*Crops are gathered in and we can celebrate our Harvest festival
We've already had some Halloween fun with pumpkins, vampires and ghosts
The local Craft Fair once again showed the talents of our friends on display.
Baking and knitting and carving and toy making fill me with dismay.*

*This year we have a special commemoration – and a time for us all to reflect
A hundred years since the end of World War 1 – golden poppies for us to wear
So many people lost their lives so 100 years this November
We will be lighting a beacon on the hill and gathering just to remember.*

*So, it may be autumn but it certainly isn't gloomy, there's plenty going on
Parties and festivals AND some fireworks too and even chances to sing
Meeting up for a quiz and a curry a chance to laugh with friends
So, let's celebrate all our community and appreciate our glens.*

Gill Philpotts



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and otherwise by arrangement,
please phone.**



For Year of Young People 2018, young people in Scotland told us how important it is to have their voices heard and to be able to express themselves. In recognition of the importance of this co-designed core objective for the year, Young Scot is delighted to present My Story 365, a platform to share the amazing stories of young people across Scotland every day of the year throughout Year of Young People 2018.

My Story 365 will support Scotland's young people by providing them with a platform where they can talk about their journeys, aspirations and inspirations, to remove negative attitudes and stigma towards young people in Scotland, all whilst showcasing the diversity of thought and experience in young people across Scotland.

There are lots of ways for you to get involved with My Story 365. Follow the hashtag #MyStory365 on Twitter and Instagram, like and share stories, or get in touch and tell us your story! If you would like to find out more about My Story 365, get in touch with us by contacting mystory365@young.scot.

If you are aged 8-25, and currently live in Scotland, you can also tell us your story by sending us a video of yourself answering the My Story questions below;

- 1. Which young Scot inspires you, and what makes them so inspiring?*
- 2. What is the best thing about growing up in Scotland and why is it so important to you?*
- 3. What would you most like people from older generations to know about young people and why?*
- 4. What is your biggest achievement to date and what made it such a big achievement?*
- 5. What would you most like to achieve in the future and why would it mean so much to you?*
- 6. What advice or message would you want to give to other young people in Scotland and why is it important to you?*

Send us your completed film along with your name, age and town/city, to mystory365@young.scot to share your story!

Alternatively, you can complete the form online, <https://bit.ly/2Owh6mA> or download and complete the form from the Young Scot website, then send your completed story along with a picture of yourself for your blog, to mystory365@young.scot.

Roanna Clark Youth Participation Officer

KILNINVER 1928 – 1968

It is exactly fifty years since my Mother, Peggy Tegner (née Nicol), sold Kilnilver estate to David and Vanessa Kilpatrick. It had been owned by our family for just forty years. I first came to Kilnilver on 14th August 1933 at the tender age of five weeks.

Kilnilver and the surrounding farms were historically owned by the Earls of Breadalbane, whose west coast seat was Ardmaddy. Much of the Breadalbane lands was sold during the 1920s. My grandfather, Arthur Nicol, was a Glaswegian who had prospered in India, the Yukon gold-rush and various business ventures in London. In 1928 he was persuaded by his friend, Guy Mellor of Knipoch, to buy four farms, Kilnilver, Barrochreal, Barnacarry and Lagganmore, for his retirement. He only told my grandmother after the event!

Kilnilver House was at that time a rather ramshackle shooting lodge. My grandparents converted it, starting with a new east wing to provide quarters for six indoor servants. The original front door opened onto the road, and they added two south gables facing on to the garden to provide a new entrance and a drawing room and extra bedrooms, as well as extending the dining room. They moved to Kilnilver in April 1930, bringing with them from the South their butler, William Atkins (a cockney who quickly adapted to west coast life) and his wife, the cook. In 1935 they added the west wing, creating the sun-filled morning room and main guest bedroom. There was a splendid but very noisy Kelvin diesel generator, which woke us up early each morning, and a central heating system which lasted until the end of the century.

Lagganmore was tenanted by the Livingstone, and then MacDiarmid, families, and Barrochreal by Geordie MacDonald. Barnacarry was initially farmed by the MacAskill family, but Grandpa took it in hand in 1935. At that time the Barnacarry land stretched across the hill on the landward side of the Seil road.

There were fourteen men employed on the farm and the salmon fishings. Willie McBain was the farm manager, living at Park which had always been the farmhouse for Kilnilver. Alan MacLean was shepherd and cowman, at Dairy Cottage. There was a gamekeeper, George Lamond who lived at Keepers Cottage, and Hugh MacDougall was gardener and ghillie.

Hugh was brother to Sarah, the Kilnilver post-mistress. Their sister was married to Mr Clark who had built the “new” (now “old”) Post House around the turn of the century, moving business from the low white cottages alongside. Mrs Clark kept the shop after her husband died. Alick and Donald Clark, their sons, also worked on the estate, whose sisters, Jessie and Maggie, subsequently ran the shop and post office until it closed on 31st March 1978.

It was a warm community and a glorious place in which to spend my childhood years.

Initially the ploughing, reaping etc. was carried out with two massive Clydesdale horses, Prince and Stella. I can picture them in my mind’s eye today, silhouetted on the top of the

raised beach above the house. Before and immediately after the war Kilninver was a hill sheep and cattle farm, while oats, potatoes, hay and neeps were grown on the low ground. The sheep were blackface, and the cattle were crossed to the Aberdeen Angus bull, Jed. There were several milking cows at the dairy, and I regularly “helped” with the milking and butter making. There were always a few grouse and hares on the moor, and excellent salmon and sea trout fishing in the Euchar. Rabbits swarmed everywhere, consuming vast quantities of scarce grass and oats, but providing me with endless sport. I had my first gun at the age of eleven.

Originally there were two salmon netting stations, one on either side of the river estuary. Grandpa only worked the one on the east side, one tide a day, and it was a gorgeous way to spend an evening (in spite of the midges), looking out of the mouth of Loch Feochan to the mountains of Mull.

I have a fascinating photograph taken around 1930 of the coal puffer grounded on Craig na Marbh, with a long queue of nine horse drawn carts waiting to collect their coal supplies.



During the war my family spent a year living at Barnacarry, a wonderful time of freedom before I had to succumb to school life, starting at Kilninver School under Helen Campbell.

After the war things became very difficult. Grandpa was getting old (he was born in 1870). He sold Lagganmore to the McKessacks, and then, in 1952, Barnacarry to Ronnie and Barbara Kerr.

Three men (and a tractor) on the estate replaced the fourteen men and two horses. When Grandpa died in 1958 my Mother inherited Kilninver and, when my father retired in 1960, they came north to live there. But they were unable to cope with the need for new ideas and enterprises, and we took the agonising decision to sell, retaining Keeper’s Cottage as our link with our much loved Kilninver and its community.

Ian Tegner, November 2018.

KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL
KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair: Astrid van der Kraan | Secretary: Diane Scaife

Treasurer: Carla Banham | Minutes Secretary: Gill Philpotts

Committee Members: Matthew Anderson | Louisa Llewellyn

Caretaker: Colin Gibson 01852 200204

Hall charges, bookings + heating tokens: Kilmelford Village Shop 01852 200271

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

www.kilmelford.com

For a copy of the AGM minutes or Chair Report, please contact

Astrid 01852 200563 or Diane Scaife 01852 200208

Facebook: Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall

The Kilmelford Village Hall has a main hall (with stage and balcony) suitable for indoor sports, dances, meetings etc., a lesser hall, a well equipped kitchen, tables, chairs, sporting equipment, a squash court, toilets / showers, parking. Wheelchair friendly.

We would like to thank Ruth MacCowan for her time spent with us on the Committee and for her input, help and ideas. We wish Ruth all the best with her new life in Oban and hope she will stay in touch and will continue to come to future events in the village hall with her family.

Since the previous issue of this Newsletter several events have taken place at the Village Hall. It is great to see so many people enjoying themselves and supporting the hall at the same time. Thanks to your generous donations and support we have been able to get the soffits and fascias replaced and several bills paid. We are happy to let you know that The Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Association received a micro grant from the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Fund to help fund a new, easier to use PA system for the hall. We hope this new system will be in place by the time this Newsletter is printed/distributed and will prove to be a success.

The Hall Committee comprises local volunteers and we are always keen to hear your feedback, ideas and of course we would love to welcome more enthusiastic people onto the committee to help with planning events/fundraising/maintenance of the building. The Committee meets once every 2 months. Anybody who would like to join us, would like more information or has great ideas...please don't hesitate and contact any member of the Committee.

We would love to hear from you!

The Village Hall Committee

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

SPORTS	Squash & Badminton	£5.00 per hour all categories
	Junior football & indoor tennis	£5.00 per hour

HIRE CHARGES	LESSER HALL	MAIN HALL
Charities and regular groups (non profit-making)	£2.00 per hour	£5.00 per hour
Social use, children's parties	£4.00 per hour	£7.00 per hour
Profit-making tuition	£6.00 per hour	£9.00 per hour
Commercial use	£10.00 per hour £15.00 minimum charge	£20.00 per hour £25.00 minimum charge

Evening functions (non profit-making)	17.00- 01.00 use of both halls & kitchen	£95.00 (deposit £50.00)
Evening functions (profit-making enterprises)	17.00 -01.00 use of both halls & kitchen	£120.00 (deposit £50.00)
Wedding hire all day & evening	use of both halls & kitchen	£200.00 (deposit £50.00)

After use the Hall must be left clean & tidy. Failure to do so will lead to loss of deposit.

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OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Easdale Medical Practice: The Surgery, Clachan, Seil, **01852 300223**

www.easdalemedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk

Consultations: Mondays: 9.00 – 10.00am & 3.30 – 4.30pm | Tuesdays: 08.30 – 10.00am

Wednesdays: 9.00 – 10.00am & 4.00 – 5.00pm | Thursdays: 9.30 – 10.30am

Fridays: 08.30 – 10.00am & 3.30 – 4.30pm | **CLOSED 25th, 26th Dec & 1st, 2nd Jan**

Late appointments possible on Monday and Wednesday at 6pm, please phone

The surgery is open from 9 am till 12.30 pm Monday – Friday and 2 pm till 5 pm (except Thursday) to receive phone calls and to dispense medicines.

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

www.lornmedicalcentre.co.uk

Opening hours: Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 6.00 pm | **CLOSED 25th, 26th Dec & 1st, 2nd Jan**

Out-of-Hours Medical Service: call NHS 24 on **111**

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Vets Lochgilphead: Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, **01546 602240**

Power Cut: call **105** to report or get information about a power cut in your area

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Cuilfail Hotel

Take Away Menu Available until 8.30pm

Mains

Prices valid to 31/01/19

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

Sides

Garlic Bread	£2.30	Garlic Bread with Cheese	£3.20
Onion Rings	£3.00	Mushy Peas	£1.50
Chips	£2.50	Cheesy Chips	£3.50
Side Salad	£2.50	Rice	£2.50

Soft Drinks & Alcoholic Drinks

Cans from £1.00

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Due to our alcohol licence

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

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