



# Kilninford News

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**STOP PRESS!** At the meeting of the Carraig Gheal wind Farm Community Benefit Fund steering Group on Monday 1st April the decision was made to increase the available funds for Micro Grants for the coming 12 months only. This means that there is now £2000 available for Micro Grants in our Community with the maximum lifted to £500 for each Grant. So get thinking of how your group could benefit! Look at the website <http://www.carraighealwindfarm.co.uk> and or speak to me with your ideas.  
*David Wilkie 200256*

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# ***KILNINFORD NEWS 21 YEARS 1998 – 2019***

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

## **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.

**Iain barkee@live.com | Georgina 01866 844212 | Gill 01852 316018**

**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**

**Secretary: Astrid van der Kraan**

**Editorial: Headed up by Iain Bark** with **Astrid van der Kraan** and backed by whole team

**Finance: Mark van der Kraan**

**Distribution: Gill Philpotts**

## **Additional Team Members:**

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

“Thanks to the wonderful support from our advertisers + the generous private donations received in the last year, the Kilninford News is able to donate to local causes again.

Do you have a good idea, do you need some money for a local cause/project/group...don't hesitate and let us know!

We invite you to contact any member of the Kilninford News team with your idea.”

***The Kilninford News Team***

## **KEY POINTS FROM THE KILNINFORD NEWS CHAIR REPORT 2018**

### **Thank You:**

At the recent Kilninford News AGM the Chair – Gill Philpotts thanked the various people in the team who produce, collate and distribute the 3 editions per year: Our Production Team Iain, Astrid and Jane. Alex keeping an eye on the website, Mark monitoring the funds and the team of deliverers who get the editions through the doors.

A special thanks needed to go to the Melfort Club who have allowed us to go in and print the newsletters.

### **Current Situation:**

2018 was a tough year because the community didn't offer any items and we thought we might have to close. Fortunately, the rally of great items has kept us going. The current newsletter is looking really smart and it tries to include items that are relevant and for all parts of the community. It is frustrating when there seems to be little interest so we need to find out what makes people offer articles because the last issue was quite different in that items were offered without any prompting which is as it should be.

With many of the committee involved in other aspects of the community there is a cross-fertilization but we are mindful that it is balanced and not hogged by any one aspect. The current mix seems right but we are always joyous if a different sector of our community asks to include an article.

### **Finance:**

Mark had done a brilliant job with the finances which has enabled us all to produce the 3 editions of the newsletter this year but through thrift and good economics, to make a contribution of £400 to the Volunteer Driver Scheme. This year, so long as funds are available, we hope to make another donation to a local cause within our community that needs some help and may not be able to access other funds.

### **Future Plans:**

Produce 3 editions per year, encourage the broader community to participate, accurate distribution, increased take-up of electronic copies and modernise layout and style of the newsletter.

We are always very interested to get items from the activity groups, yesteryear thoughts from senior residents (we can always visit and take notes if people are not up to writing an article), historical items about key events that affected our area – ANYTHING! Contact one of the team if you have an idea. - WE WANT THE NEWSLETTER TO REFLECT THE COMMUNITY – That's all of us.

Our current committee will continue for now, but we are always pleased to hear from other people who might like to join us.

*Gill Philpotts*  
*Chair*

## WHAT IS ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April:** Fire Fighter's Charity Pub Quiz will be held in Cuilfail Hotel on Easter Saturday.

**25-26 May 12-4pm:** Viking Invasion, Dunstaffnage Castle, Dunbeg

**7-8 June 4pm:** Oban Live 2019, Mossfield Stadium, Oban

**10th August:** Mid Argyll Show, Lochgilphead

### **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\_robbs@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, 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

**Music Nights: Friday** All welcome to come and join in. Musicians, bring along your instruments. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, from 9.30 pm at Loch Melfort Hotel Tel.: 01852 200233

**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.

**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 the first Friday of each month: 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August

**EVENTS AT CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL.**

**From 4th April: Catchacarrot Vegan Café** from 11.45-3.30 pm. Every Thursday – Sunday

**20th April: TAKE TODAY** gig

**23rd May, 7.30 pm: Book Launch of: Flesh and Stone.** A poem of Kilmartin Glen and Loch Craignish by Graham Fulton. Free entry.

**29th May, 6.45 pm: Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham in concert.** Licensed bar. £16.50 (£10 under 24/student/Young Scot) **SOLD OUT**

**12th June: The Moira Monologues.** Comedian Alan Bissett at his best / an amazing show – brilliant acting / it's a play and a stand up in one.

For more info on these events and more visit: [www.craignish.org.uk](http://www.craignish.org.uk)

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## **KAMES BAY GARDEN, KILMELFORD**

We are opening our garden again for the Scottish Gardens Scheme on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Ticket price for adults is £4.00, and children under 16 are free, with all proceeds going to St Columba's Church, Poltalloch, and the Scottish Gardens Schemes charities. We would be delighted if you would like to come and explore the garden.



Over the past 37 years, Kames Bay garden has evolved from two acres of scrub and bracken on a loch side hill into a natural, almost wild, garden, spread over thirteen acres, blending into the contours of the coastal landscape. A garden where visitors can wander at peace on woodland and hillside walks, discovering hidden benches to enjoy the magnificent views over Loch Melfort, and the Isles of Shuna, Luing and Scarba. A garden full of vibrant colours all year, with more than 100 varieties of azaleas & rhododendrons, wild primroses & violets in the spring, with hydrangeas, fuchsia, roses and agapanthus in the summer, and



with acer, prunus and sorbus in the autumn. A garden which offers the best of both worlds – the beauty of cultivation softening the wild edges of the natural landscape.

There are three main walks. The pond walk is the easiest, surrounded by rhododendrons and azaleas in the spring, and by hydrangeas and agapanthus in the summer. The hill walk goes through a hazel tree path, lined with primroses and violets, then up the hill behind the house, ending up at the cream Jubilee bench, which has a fantastic view down Loch Melfort. The woodland walk is quite steep, but is worth the climb when you reach the top and see the stunning views across to Luing and Lunga (weather permitting).



We will be serving old-fashioned teas in the Conservatory, and there will be a plant stall in the Barn. We would recommend sturdy walking shoes as access is up a steep drive.



We look forward very much to welcoming you to Kames Bay Garden, and let's hope we have a warm, sunny, spring Argyll weekend

**Stuart Cannon**



## SCOTLAND'S GARDEN SCHEME: GARDENS OPEN IN OUR AREA

Maolachy's Garden, Lochavich, by Taynuilt PA35 1HJ	20 April, 25/26 May, 29/30 June, 27/28 July, 24/25 August, 28/29 September	2pm-5pm
Kames Bay, Kilmelford PA34 4XA	4/5 May	2pm-6pm
Dal an Eas, Kilmore, Oban PA34 4XU	29/30 June	1pm-6pm
Ardmaddy Castle, by Oban PA34 4QY	Throughout the year	9am-Dusk
Barguilean's 'Agus Garden', Taynuilt PA35 1HY	Throughout the year	9am-Dusk
An Cala, Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil PA34 4RF	1 April – 31 October	10am-6pm
Ardchattan Priory, North Connel PA37 1RQ	1 April – 31 October	9.30am-5.30pm
Oakbank, Ardrishaig PA30 8EP	1 May – 31 July	1pm-6pm
Crinan Hotel Garden, Crinan PA31 8SR	1 May – 31 August	Dawn-Dusk
Braevallich Farm, by Dalmally PA33 1BU	Sunday 19 May 12:30 – 5 p.m. Sunday 9 June 12:30 – 5 p.m. & on request	01866 844246 philip@brae.co.uk

## GARDENS OPEN BY ARRANGEMENT:

Ormsary House, Ormsary, Lochgilphead PA31 8PE	on request	01880 770738 mclithgow@ormsary.co.uk
Barochreal, Kilninver PA34 4UT	1 May- 30 Sept	01852 316151 toni@themitchells.co.uk
Dal an Eas, Kilmore PA34 4XU	1 May- 31 July	01631 770246 dalaneas@live.com
Eas Mhor, Cnoc-a-Challtuinn, Clachan Seil PA34 4TR	1 May- 30 Sept	01852 300469 kimbra1745@gmail.com

**FOR THE FULL LIST OF ALL GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY IN  
ARGYLL AND BEYOND, PLEASE VISIT**

**[www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)**

## **MAOLACHY'S GARDEN**

The sight of a pair of bullfinches hastened on the task of netting the black currant bushes up to the top of the job's list, in mid February. That month's weather was a complete contrast to last year and has brought on not just the fruiting buds but all the spring growth.

Gone are the days when we used to put the first daffodil stems, with flowers still to come out, into a jam jar on the kitchen table on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

This winter's project has been to replace the first bridge crossing the burn in the wild garden. The telegraph poles had rotted on the far side. With Christophe's construction skills and me as assistant we carried the three 18 ft 8×2 beams down the path and handed them across the water managing not to get our feet wet. The slats and handrail wood cut on site and the design of the 'pointy bits' made up as we went along. The final result is really pleasing.

As every garden owner in the yellow book, for Scotland's garden scheme, must feel choosing one's best day to be open in September the year before is a bit of a lottery. I try not to fret about what will be out or not as what will be will be and the character, warmth and welcome of the garden is part of its natural charm. No two gardens are ever the same.

Various tasks like planting out in the vegetable patches, weeding borders, summer pruning and taking cuttings will be on going during the summer plus being mindful of baking cakes and goodies for the tea house for the open days.

**Come and enjoy,**

***Georgina Dalton***

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## **STAMP APPEAL 2019**

Join with us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of both the World Mission Council Stamp Appeal and Chigodi Women Centre (Blantyre, Malawi).

By collecting stamps we will be supporting the Chigodi Women Centre to deliver a broad range of skills training to address the challenges faced by women in Malawi. The Centre aims to improve the women's socio-economic status and increase their future chances of employment.

**World Mission Stamp Appeal**

It would be wonderful if you could save/collect the stamps from any post you receive with a 3 mm border for this appeal.

Please give them to Mary Clark, Georgina Dalton or leave them in the shop for them to collect. Every stamp helps.



## CHURCH SERVICES IN KILMELFORD & KILNINVER

The services will continue on the alternate Sundays at 12 noon. Special service dates will be advertised on posters and on the website.

The Presbytery have appointed Mrs Alison Hay as our interim moderator and she will work with the kirk sessions to provide worship leaders. Some services may be taken by the elders.

### Services in Kilmelford:

7<sup>th</sup> April | 21<sup>st</sup> April (Easter) | 5<sup>th</sup> May | 19<sup>th</sup> May | 2<sup>nd</sup> June | 16<sup>th</sup> June  
30<sup>th</sup> June | 14<sup>th</sup> July | 28<sup>th</sup> July | 11<sup>th</sup> August | 25<sup>th</sup> August

### KILMELFORD CHURCH EASTER DAY SUNDAY 21st APRIL

There will be a service at 12 noon to which all are very welcome.

Please Note: This year there will not be the customary 8 a.m. Easter Communion Service owing to our Minister having recently left the Parish and all possible candidates on duty elsewhere.

### Services in Kilnilver:

14<sup>th</sup> April | 28<sup>th</sup> April | 12<sup>th</sup> May | 26<sup>th</sup> May | 9<sup>th</sup> June  
23<sup>rd</sup> June | 7<sup>th</sup> July | 21<sup>st</sup> July | 4<sup>th</sup> August | 18<sup>th</sup> August

### Please contact any of the elders:

Sally Inglis, session clerk 01852 316271

Mary Sandilands 01852 300313

Jean Campbell 01852 300380

Rachel Ross 01852 200235

Georgina Dalton 01866 844212

## **XPLORERS SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 3PM-4PM AT KILMELFORD CHURCH**

We shall miss having Ken sharing the activities and prayz time. He left giving us his best wishes and hopes that the Xplorers' gatherings will continue. Please note the earlier time for starting as previously it was a bit late for younger children. We will start with the Easter story followed by lots of egg fun – decorating, rolling and hunting for. Parents are welcome to stay or join us for refreshments and prayz time at 3.45pm. Children under the age of 5 year must be accompanied by an adult.

**Contact: Helen 200789, Shirley 200702 OR Georgina 01866 844212**

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### **A FOND FAREWELL**

We came with the daffodils and we leave with the daffodils. It was in March 2010, at the end of a severe winter, that we arrived in Kilmelford to begin a very happy and fulfilling nine years.

It would take something special to persuade me to leave a church and community where I have come to feel so much at home. I was not necessarily expecting it but something special came in the shape of an invitation to return to Africa where I worked before, in the late 80's and 90's. This time it will be in a mentoring capacity – hopefully contributing to the formation of leaders who will serve their churches and countries in days to come. It was a challenge that I could not resist, though it is proving to be big wrench to uproot from our magical landscape and inspirational community life here in Argyll.

One consolation as we bid a fond farewell to so many good friends is that I can expect to have opportunities to return. The appointment is with the Church of Scotland and includes responsibility to share my experiences and perspectives with churches in Scotland, including in Argyll. I hope that this will bring me back at regular intervals and look forward to keep in touch as much as possible.

Meanwhile, I am grateful to the Kilninford News for allowing me the opportunity to express thanks to everyone for nine wonderful years. As parish minister I have had special opportunities to share in the ups and downs of life with many people as well as the enjoyment of just being part of things in our small but vibrant community.

Hester joins in me in sending very best wishes to all readers of the Kilninford News.

We shall be back!

**Kenneth Ross, Parish Minister**

## FAREWELL TO THE REV DR KENNETH ROSS

From the early days of Ken coming to be our Minister it was good to see the Manse and its garden becoming the Ross's family home.

Ken and Hester's creative gardening skills led to raised beds for vegetable, a new herbaceous border and a shady area of plantings at the side of the building, using chunks of wood and ferns to create character.

On the front steps a cast-off pair of walking boots became a home for geraniums and general big flower pots were filled with bulbs and summer annuals to make a colourful welcome.

A knock on the outer door gave Ken time to leap out of his Mastermind-style chair behind his desk and be opening the inner door to greet you; no time ever seemed inconvenient.

Soon their home was filled with interesting mementos of travels abroad including the carnival masks from Venice and the herd of wooden elephants on the windowsill in the loo, plus two of the largest and most comfortable armchairs in the sitting room.

Ken's mother Dorothy became a frequent visitor and was known for her determination to attend all of the services at Christmastime and not to be put off by inclement weather or ferries. She was an independent and strong personality with a firm hand at the helm of her own boat – a characteristic which Ken perhaps inherited.

My first sighting of Ken was this figure

striding purposefully up the path at Kilninver Church with members of his family. He was wearing what was to become a familiar olive green fleece jacket and carrying a small black case containing his cheerful blue robe and a brightly embroidered stole.

Our first Kirk Session meeting was held on a bright and sunny afternoon, just too good to be indoors so we sat around the front steps of the Manse on newly moved in garden furniture. Ken commented that he hadn't held a Session meeting outside before. This novelty was followed by him finding that his then Clerk wrote the Minutes by hand, wasn't the best at spelling and didn't do emails. And I never heard him grumble!

Ken's first request was to meet everyone in the three parishes, later to be referred as Netherlorn. Elders took turns to take him on a tour of islands, glens, villages and out of the way homesteads. If folk were not at home Ken wrote a note to leave in the letterbox with the wish to make personal contact at a later date.

From the beginning of his ministry with us Ken showed an amazing ability to remember people's names and asked after family and friends if their troubles were mentioned at a previous meeting. He treated everyone as an equal and put people at their ease – a very genuine and kind man.

At the root of all his involvement in parish life has been his deep and unquestionably strong faith which must support him in all the ups as well as the down times of his ministry.

Ken happily became involved with our Xplorers group for the young, adding to his skills with making paper flowers, wielding a needle and wools for tapestry or taking acting parts in our play. He would draw out answers to questions he put to the children and put them all at their ease. It was with enthusiasm that the children volunteered to help say the grace with the hand actions at the close of the gathering.

Our Session of Kilninver and Kilmelford is a Quoad Omnia and meetings could be quite lengthy to cover both pastoral matters, property and finance business. One item that we never minuted was the fact that we had our "elder in residence" and she was Zara – the Ross's family cat. She used to wander in to the sitting room and select the lap with the least papers on it and ever so gently climb up and settle down to a soft purring during the Bible reading and prayers. Thus constituted, she could if necessary be co-opted to form a quorum.

The hill behind the Manse was often used as a keep fit challenge, either running up or down or cycling. He also joined the Kilmelford skiff crew to row back and forth across Loch na Cille. He surprised

the children with quick, neat footwork when playing softball in the village hall.

It was when he was very reluctantly chair bound after his dramatic fall off a mountain that Ken admitted it was quite an experience to be on the receiving end of care, for which he expressed his deep appreciation. The table beside his chair was soon covered with chocolates, home-made cakes, books and the odd bottle of uisge beatha.

Another sustenance came in tablet form – not the home-made sweet, but in digital communications via emails across the parish or involvement in World Mission. Equally, Ken was at home with Gaelic conversations with Shian, Mary and Sandy. We were soon used to seeing the neat flat red iPad discretely placed on the lectern and the scroll finger in action during the sermon.

Ken extended his faith and friendship to everyone in Argyll and it is with much sadness that we must say a heartfelt thank you and a very fond farewell to Ken and Hester, Greg, Barney and Cait Anna, Elliot and not forgetting Zara.

May God's blessing keep them all safe on their travels.

*Georgina Dalton*

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To Ken Ross,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your contributions to and support of the Kilninford News over the years.

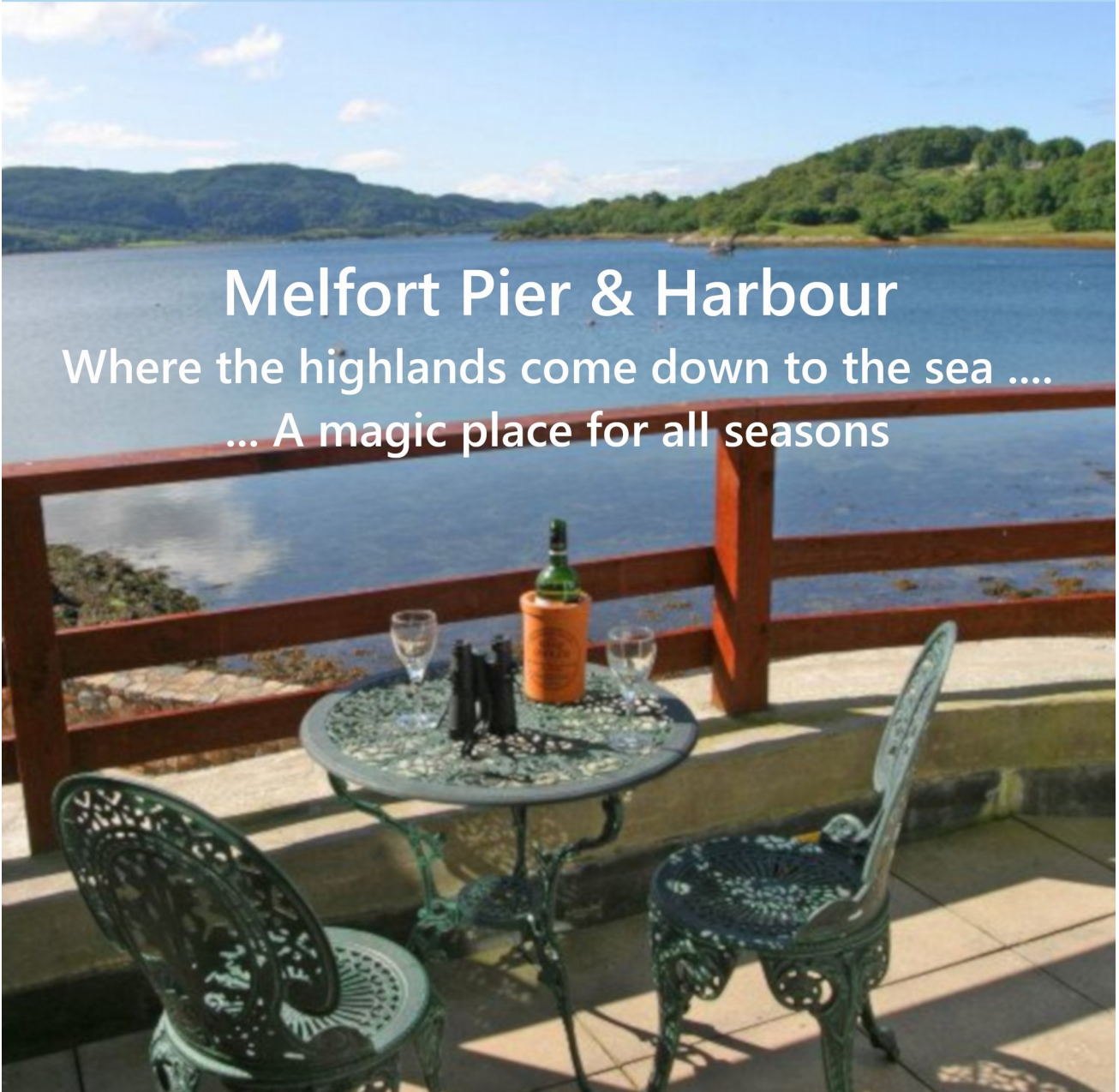
The Kilninford News Team wishes you all the best in your work with the Church of Scotland in East Africa over the next four years.

*Kilninford News Team*

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## Melfort Pier & Harbour

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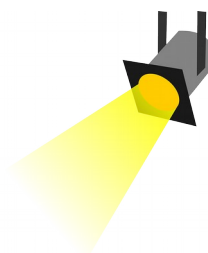
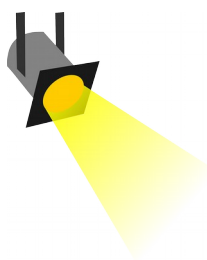
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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A new restaurant to try with family and friends.



Room At The Top

## Restaurant

Located above Kilmelford Village Shop

*“Friendly and relaxed atmosphere,  
the place to enjoy good food and good wines!”*

The restaurant opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and has already attracted return custom. Sarah-Jane Edwards and chef Michael Hinds have been working hard to source as much local produce as possible to use in the elegant dishes. The ever changing and expanding menu includes fresh local seafood, local lamb & venison and of course vegan and vegetarian dishes.

Every Sunday boasts an amazing roast dinner with Michael’s fantastic home-made Yorkshire puddings.

**Open:**

**Wednesday to Saturday 5.30pm to 9pm  
Sunday roast available 12pm to 5pm**

**Fully licensed. Booking is advisable.  
Contact us on 01852 200271**

**Find us on Facebook & Trip advisor**

*“We had a Sunday roast here last week. The food was brilliant (with excellent vegan options) and the service superb. We’re hoping to rebook this week to show it off to visiting relatives!”*      *feedback from happy customers*

**The restaurant displays art work by the renowned wildlife artist Colin Woolf.  
Colin’s artwork is available for purchase.**



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

In our report in the Christmas Newsletter of events to commemorate the ending of the First World War, we omitted to list Donald Campbell from the Isle of Seil as one of the four stalwart pipers present at the 0600 hrs. tribute around the Kilmelford War Memorial at the Church that day. We apologise for this oversight and in mitigation plead that vision was rather limited that very dark Winter morning!

Donald has sent us this moving piece which we are very pleased to reproduce below:

"It was quite poignant for me as I was playing my grandfather's pipes, Pipe Major John T Park of the 15th Highland Light Infantry. He survived the War but was invalided out in August 1918 after a gassing incident.

I was also wearing the medal ribbons of my Great-Uncle, Lt. William A Henderson of the 4th Pioneers Australian Imperial Force. He was decorated for bravery but unfortunately was killed in action in April 1918, at Dernancourt near Amiens, on my birthdate.

Sadly he is one of 11,000 Australian troops who were killed and have no known grave but is commemorated at the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux where I played the same pipes in 2014. He emigrated in 1912 and joined up at the very start of the war, survived the horrors of Gallipoli, sent to France where he was mentioned in despatches and decorated on the field by the King of Italy, ultimately meeting his death in 1918. Sadly, he never had a chance to wear his 'honours' in life."

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## COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

The Spring Celebration on Sunday 24th March was very well attended with an enjoyable mix of music, song and storytelling. The Seil Sound Singers were a welcome addition and hopefully will join us again at future events. A new performer and one to watch out for is Kieron who is an accomplished young classical guitarist and currently living in the village. Neil Goulding acted as an entertaining and humorous MC for the evening.

**Many thanks to all who participated.**



**The Old Cottage**

**BED AND BREAKFAST**



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**The following description of a child's life at Kilninver in the 1930s and 1940s was written by Elma Lennox (née) MacLean, daughter of Alan and Nellie MacLean of Dairy Cottage, Kilninver.  
Alan was the shepherd and cowman at Kilninver.**

Part 1.

Kilninver will always be a very special place to me, having been born in the Dairy cottage beside the Old Post House. I attended school there until I went to Oban High School, cycling there and back each day. My friend was Doris Atkins, whose father was butler to the Nicols at the Lodge. We had a wonderful childhood and the summer days were never long enough for all we wanted to do – climbing trees, paddling in the river, playing at “wee houses”. We were never bored. When Scammadale and Shellachan were let in the summer we delivered telegrams for Miss MacDougall, the post mistress, walking there and back, for which we got 3d (old pence) each. Often we were asked to meet the bus and collect day-old chicks to deliver to Reray (as it was then spelt) or Lagganbeg. I remember having to collect a goat and walk it up to Reray on a rope. He was a real nuisance as he was always wandering and had to be brought back from as far away as Barnacarry.

Our first teacher at Kilninver school was Miss MacGregor. In my time there were never more than eight or nine pupils. In winter she made cups of cocoa for us. In our lunch break we collected firewood for the school fire. We had school picnics at either Scammadale or Lagganmore and a party at Christmas with a real tree and candles Hugh

MacDougall was always Santa Claus and we had to pretend we did not recognise him. To celebrate the coronation in 1937 Mrs Nicol presented the school with a young birch tree and I helped to plant it. It grew to a good height, but later had to be cut down for some reason. Sandy MacKenzie gave me a log from it as a keepsake.

The highlight of our year was the arrival of Salvona's Circus. They were allowed to park on the green in front of Dairy Cottage. They stayed for two or three nights and put on a show which brought people from Easdale, Clachan and Kilmore. There were side-shows, a shooting gallery etc. and they had a wonderful performing pony called Zingara. One of the daughters was an acrobat, and we were enthralled by the things she could do. One year the Zingaras had a monkey which escaped up a tree at the back of the Post Office. Miss MacDougall spied him and roped in Doris and I but the monkey was more agile than us. I still can hear Miss MacDougall calling on her sister to bring a banana. My mother and I were always invited to tea with Mrs Salvona in her caravan which was filled with the most exquisite china. They were lovely people and when they left the green was left spotless. Once war started we never saw them again.

Another highlight was the annual shooting match which took place in the field below the Post Office.

Competitors came from far and wide. A marquee was erected and my aunt and Mrs Glendinning from Barandromin (sic) attended to the catering by means of two primus stoves and loads of corned beef sandwiches – and of course there was always a dram or two!

The Post Office House was partly let during the summer months and the Clarks moved out to the little old cottage. Mr Clark would stand in front of the fireplace with a handkerchief knotted at each corner on his head, humming psalm tunes. They were wonderful neighbours, as were Miss MacDougall (Auntie Sarah to us) and her brother Hugh. Mrs Clark, Miss MacDougall and Hugh were sisters and brother. I believe they were born in the little old cottage and built the Post Office when Mrs Clark married. The Clarks had the shop and Miss MacDougall became the post mistress. Hugh was gardener, ghillie and handyman at the Lodge. We depended on Clark's shop for essentials, and of course our 1d worth of sweets. Mr Clark

made little “pokes” out of grease-proof paper to hold whatever took our fancy – black striped balls or peppermints, etc.

The Clarks had four of a family – Jessie, Maggie, Alec and Donald. Alec sadly died at the age of forty-nine. He was chauffeur for the Nicols as well as odd job man. Jessie kept house for her parents, and later took over as postmistress. Maggie was teacher at the little side school at Bragleen until it closed. She travelled up and down on a motor cycle until she acquired a car. It was a bit erratic and had to be pushed to the top of the wee brae before running down to the bridge where it coughed into life. Maggie was a great lover of cats and dogs. Donald was our soul mate and we spent hours with him in the garage adjoining the wee cottage while he tinkered with bits of motor bikes, and played records on an old gramophone. When he went out on his bike, the older folk would shake their heads and say he would come to a sticky end with the speed he went at! Probably no more than 20mph!

Elma Lennox (née MacLean)

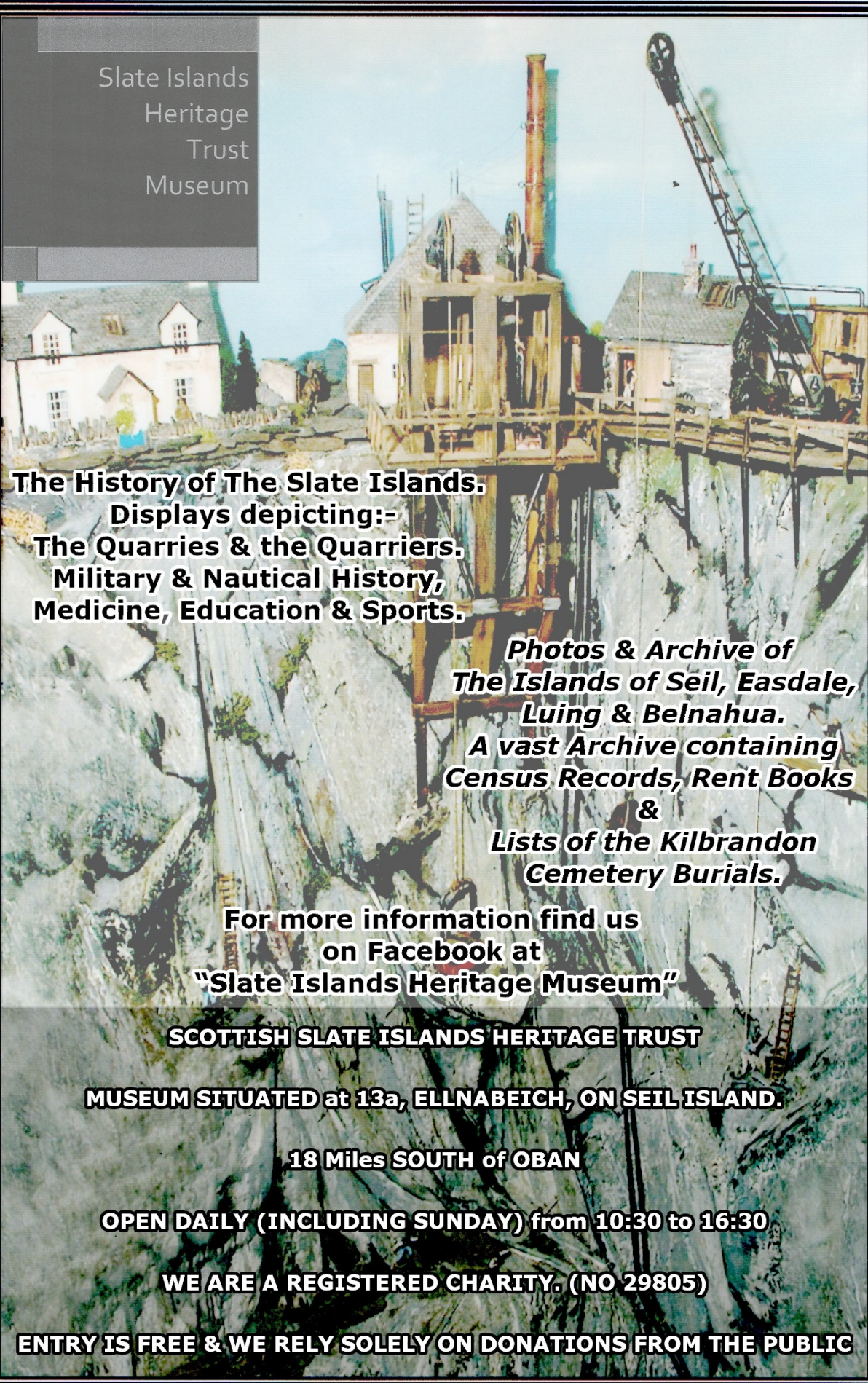
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#### **Notes.**

Elma MacLean married and lived in Kilmore before moving to Soroba. She died in 2013.

Doris Atkins married a Canadian soldier, Herb Beacock, and lived in Ontario, where she died in 2012.

***Part 2 follows in next issue.***



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## **KILNINVER BURNS NIGHT**

On the 25th of January the school forum held a Burns Supper at Kilmelford Village Hall from 6pm to 8pm.

After everybody settled down, the haggis was piped in by Donald Campbell and Hamish Bradfield-Martin graced us with his 'Address to a Haggis'. He then lowered his (wooden) sword and was piped out. Multiple people came to the spotlight and entertained us with their songs, poems and highland dancing (all Burns works)

The wall to the right of the stage was lined with delicious snacks such as shortbread, haggis pies, macaroni pies, carrots and peppers.

Dancing ensued soon after and the Gay Gordons and the Military Two Step were brought to the stage.

Positive reviews were given aplenty, with comments being heard such as, "That shortbread could win an award", "Those poems were magical" and "Pies, pies, magical pies." Overall it was a great night. Next time, be sure to come.

***Milo Llewellyn P7***

We still have plenty of exclusive tea towels for sale. These were designed by the pupils of Kilninver and Craignish schools. Each towel comes at a bargain price of £3.00 with 100% of proceeds going to the people of our partner school in Bemvu, Malawi.



### **A FOND FAREWELL TO KILNINVER HEAD ...**

The parents and children of Kilninver School are very sad to wave goodbye to their much cherished headteacher Berni McMillan. Berni has been with the school for over 15 years and has been a devoted and dedicated leader.

She leaves us with many, many fond memories of her time as an exacting educator, patient mentor, camping trip chaperone, ideas enthusiast, song-singer, gifted guitar player, cheerful counsellor, panto maestro and generous guide to a generation of school children.

Our thanks and gratitude go with her and we wish her all the very best at her new school in Taynuilt where we're sure her talents will be as much appreciated as they have been here.

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To Berni McMillan,

We would like to thank you for supporting the Kilninford News over the many years.

Your updates from Kilninver Primary School for the newsletter were much appreciated! We wish you all the best in your new job in Taynuilt.

***Kilninford News Team***

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## KILMELFORD COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

Spring is in the air, Kilmelford's new appliance is well and truly "bedded in" and it has been turned out on numerous occasions making use of its specialist equipment as a back up to other fire stations as well as first pump for our local area. We have had a couple of applications to join the crew at Kilmelford but there is still room for more if anyone is interested please contact Crew Manager Donald Smith for details.

The next Fire Fighter's Charity Pub Quiz will be held in Cuilfail Hotel on Easter Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. There could be some chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs as prizes so check for posters in the pub and shop. The Fire Fighter's Charity has decided to award Kilmelford with a framed "Recognition of Achievement" certificate for the years of fundraising totalling some £20,000 over the last 18 years. Thanks are due to all crew members, both past and present, and, of course, to yourselves for your amazing support. Thank you everyone.

Two subjects are being highlighted at this time. The first is "burning" farm land and the second is "white goods" safety in the home.

If you are intending to burn any vegetation, it's important that you follow the Muirburn Code. Full details are available on the fire service web site [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk) but some of the points to remember are:

- Notify neighbours before burning and the fire and rescue service before burning and on completion, each day.
- Erect warning signs if the fires will be close to areas heavily used by the public.
- Assess the weather conditions: are they suitable for burning? The wind speed should not be too strong – normally not above Force 3 (8-12 mph).
- You should not burn on your own. Carefully brief sufficient people (normally teams of 3) to carry out the planned burning programme.
- No more than two fires should be lit at any one time.
- Health and safety requirements must be met. Stout boots, fire-retardant overalls and face visors (or goggles) should be worn.
- Communications should be available (e.g. mobile phone, radio); it is good practice to have extra people on call to assist if necessary. A supply of drinking water and a first aid kit should also be available
- Avoid burning near nesting birds or sensitive habitats.

A new campaign has been launched to try to reduce the risk of fire in the home related to white goods. Keep everyone and everything important to you safe. Don't leave appliances such as dishwashers, tumble dryers and washing machines on when you're out or asleep.

If you would like to know if there may be a safety issues or any product recalls concerning white goods in your home, visit the following web sites;

Get your free home fire safety visit. We'll help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide smoke and heat alarms if required.

- Register your white goods so you'll know if a safety issue is identified. Visit [www.registermyappliance.org.uk](http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk)

- Check for product recalls. Visit [www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls/](http://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls/)

Call 0800 0731 999, text 'FIRE' to 80800, visit [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk) or contact any member of the crew at Kilmelford Community Fire Station or myself on 07789 480673

*Stay safe.*  
**Dave Millward**

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## **YOUR FIRE STATION NEEDS YOU!**

Firefighting in Kilmelford started in 1950 with a box of equipment and some informal volunteers, now the village has a modern station with a brand new fire engine and some of the best training and latest equipment available in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Squadron Leader McLean of "Glenmore Estate" started the unit in 1950. Mr McLean provided equipment and a fire box, which was sited to the rear of the church. Russell Fleming was the original Leader and served for over 32 years. In 1951 a Mr Farlane McKenzie of the Culfail Hotel met Donald Campbell, the local postmaster, and was handed a webbing belt with a hand axe and a pair of wellington boots. He was told he was now a member of the Kilmelford Volunteer Fire Service where he remained for 23 years.

Equipment and premises have moved on quite considerably since the 1950s. Today the village has a purpose built fire station, complete with a full equipped brand new Rapid Response Unit capable of blasting through concrete and steel. The new appliance is equipped with breathing apparatus, a ladder, a pump, hose, thermal imaging camera, defibrillator and a colour digital display. However, where the station is not lacking in equipment, it's very much lacking in volunteers.

Volunteering with Kilmelford fire station is great way to support the local community or even prepare you for a career in the fire and rescue service. We are looking for people from a wide age range and varied backgrounds. Have you ever thought about



becoming a firefighter, or helping in the community, now is your chance to make it happen.

There are currently several Volunteer Firefighter vacancies at Kilmelford Fire Station.

Pop down to the station on a Thursday evening between 7-9pm and have a chat with Donald Smith, Kilmelford's Volunteer Leader about being a Volunteer Firefighter or download the application from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service website. Looking forward to you being part of the fire service family.

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## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS IN KILMELFORD

**Are you available to respond to YOUR LOCAL Community Fire Station?**

**Are you over 18 years of age?**

**Are you seriously interested in helping to provide an important emergency service for your local community?**

If you can answer YES to the above questions and wish to be part of this worthwhile and rewarding service, then please pop down to your local fire station on a Thursday evening between 7pm-9pm for a chat



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Many thanks to all who contribute through our 'wee red car' collection box in Kilmelford shop. It all helps to keep the show on the road!

If you would like further information about the scheme please do get in contact.

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Visit [www.young.scot](http://www.young.scot) for more info

### **Want to shape the future of healthcare?**

Scottish Government's Technology Enabled Care (TEC) project have teamed up with Young Scot to look at how digital tech can support young people's health and well being.

Young Scot are now recruiting 20 young people to form a new volunteer Participation Panel to identify important issues for young people and work with the TEC project to come up with new ideas, innovations and recommendations for shaping and improving digital healthcare.

You'll be building on the work done by previous Young Scot volunteers and working with experts across the health sector to look at how Scottish Government can use digital technology to address health and well being issues today, and future proof health care for generations to come.

What do you need to commit to?

- Taking part in the first phase of the project from April – September 2019
- Attending 3 Panel meet-ups
- Attending events or doing tasks in between Panel meet-ups
- Being willing to travel around Scotland to attend meetings

The whole project will finish in September 2020 but we will give Panel members the option to rotate out every 6 months, so don't worry about committing for the whole time. If you live rurally or have to travel far to attend events, Young Scot can book you overnight accommodation to help manage your journey.

## **Up for the challenge?**

Applications are open to everyone aged 11-25 in Scotland, no experience required, and we particularly encourage applications from people who:

- manage physical or mental health conditions, e.g. asthma, diabetes, depression, anxiety
- are young carers or young parents
- live in rural areas

You can apply using the online form [here](https://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90125167/Technology-Enabled-Care-Panel-Sign-up), <https://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90125167/Technology-Enabled-Care-Panel-Sign-up> but we want to make this process as easy as possible so if you would prefer to apply in another way, just drop us an email, give us a ring, or message us on Facebook.

Once you've sent through your application, we will follow up with you to make sure this opportunity is right for you. The group will then be selected, making sure this is the best opportunity for each applicant.

## **What do you get out of it?**

### **Loads of stuff!**

- Meet other young people from across the country
- Challenge yourself – be innovative and make your CV stand out from the crowd
- Skills training and increased confidence
- Meet the professionals who deliver healthcare and drive innovation
- Influence change for all young people in Scotland
- Work towards your Saltire Award and gain Young Scot Reward points

## **What will Young Scot do for you?**

- Book and pay for your travel and accommodation, and provide all your food/drink
- Make sure the Panel is inclusive and supportive of your needs
- Support you on a one-to-one basis
- Come with you to meetings and make sure you are prepared
- Make sure your needs are met so you can contribute fully

## **Any questions?**

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## KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO FOR YOU?

The Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council has a public meeting every 2 months. The elected committee and members of the public meet either at Kilmelford Hall or a Kilninver venue to look at matters that concern us all. The kinds of topics that come up include Road safety, Potholes, Health matters, Planning Applications, local activities and much more. Current Hot Topics include the GP Contract changes, whether we want a Community Trust Company and establishing improved footpaths and cycleways to improve access and exercise potential through the area.

Although funds are limited over the years your council has organised a memorial event acknowledging 100 years since the end of WW1, encouraged continuous council attention to the state of our roads by filling potholes and/or resurfacing as well as looking to increase signage to curb excessive speed and improve safety, cheer the general area by planting bulbs as well as decorative lights.

The meetings usually last for an hour and are supported by the local Councillors and PC who are ready to field questions from us as well as advise us of any local, planned initiatives.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 9 April 2019, 8.00 pm at Kilmelford Hall as a member of our community you are most welcome.

### MEETINGS 2019

#### KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL & KNIPOCH HOTEL

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

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](http://www.kilmelford.com)** Minutes are also available on noticeboards at Kilnilver and at the Shop and Hall in Kilmelford and 2 printed copies are left at Kilmelford Village Shop.

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### **FRIENDLY BUT URGENT REQUEST TO ALL DOG OWNERS/DOG WALKERS**

Thankfully most dog owners in our area do pick up after their dogs, but unfortunately not all...

There has been an increase in dog fouling in Kilmelford. The verges along the main road and Degnish road are littered with dog poos.

As we all know, the verges are being kept looking tidy by volunteers, who spend precious time and energy on grass cutting.

Most of us will appreciate the grand job they do! But we risk not getting the grass cut any more if dog poos are being left.

Please show respect for our grass cutters who really don't deserve getting splattered in poo while cutting the verges.

Pick up after your dog and bin it, like others do and help keep the place looking nice.

The issue of dog fouling in Kilmelford has been discussed at the Community Council Meeting on the 9th April.

For comments/further info please contact one of our local council members.

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## **Kilmartin Museum Events**

### **11<sup>th</sup> April – Evolving landscapes: A walk-through time! Time: 10.00-12.00**

This beginner level trek will bring alive the prehistoric landscape and its Stone Age peoples. Not suitable for those with mobility issues.

Kilmartin Glen. Suggested donation £3.00. **Booking Essential.**

### **17<sup>th</sup> April – Treasure Trove – Evening Talk and Finds Workshop**

**Time: 7pm – 9pm at the Museum Cafe**

Have you ever wondered what that old piece of pottery was that you found in the garden and would like to know more about it? Come along to hear a talk by the Treasure Trove Officers from the Department of Scottish History & Archaeology, National Museums Scotland of Edinburgh and discuss your 'find' after the talk.

### **18<sup>th</sup> April – Open 'Finds' Morning. Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Museum Library**

For those unable to attend the previous evening talk, you can discuss your find with one of the Officers.

### **19<sup>th</sup> April – Eggs or Not – Easter Family Event**

**Time: 1:30pm to 4pm at Kilmartin Museum**

### **18<sup>th</sup> July – Help Us Celebrate the Festival of Archaeology!**

**Time: 1pm to 1.45pm, 2pm to 2.45pm and 3pm to 3.45pm**

Clay workshops for all the family, create your own Bronze Age Beaker pot.

Kilmartin Museum. £2 per person. **Booking Essential.**

### **19<sup>th</sup> July & 9<sup>th</sup> August – Guided Walk to Arichonan Deserted Settlement**

**Time: 11:30am to 2:30pm – Mini bus from Kilmartin Museum**

Join us for a tour of Arichonan. A mini bus will take participants to the settlement where our guide will take you around the township giving a history of both the settlement and local area. Bring a packed lunch as well as suitable clothing and footwear. The walk has a fairly steady ascent and descent on return. **Sorry no dogs except guide dogs.** Free Event.

**Booking Essential.**

### **25<sup>th</sup> July – Festival of Archaeology. Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Achabreac Forest Park**

Family Rock Art trail plus Nature Craft Activities. **Booking Essential.**

**Find more information about all our events at  
[www.kilmartin.org](http://www.kilmartin.org) or telephone 01546 510278**

## RIFLEMEN FORM!



*There is a sound of thunder afar,  
Storm in the south that darkens the day,  
Storm of battle and thunder of war,  
Well, if it do not roll our way.  
Form, form! Riflemen form!  
Ready, be ready to meet the storm!  
Riflemen, riflemen, riflemen form!*

The pace of Tennyson's poem echoed the impatience of the British

people in 1859. With the threat of French invasion growing ever stronger, the government finally created a new military force for home defence. Now there was an urgency to bring it up to strength. Volunteer companies of part-time soldiers formed eagerly throughout the British Isles. What was remarkable was how this fervour permeated even the remote communities of Argyll, the least accessible county in Scotland.

It all began a decade earlier when a letter was leaked to *The Times*. It was from the Duke of Wellington to one of his generals; and it was embarrassing. The Commander-in-Chief exposed how woefully inadequate Britain's defences were. Worse, the threat had changed. Steam was replacing sail, and a French navy powered by steam could easily land an invading army anywhere around the coast of Britain. The public reacted angrily, but it needed a mass demonstration in London before the government took action.

The Volunteer Force was entirely new and its strategy was simple. All around Britain's coast there would be Artillery Volunteers to defend towns and cities from naval attack. Elsewhere there would be Rifle Volunteers – infantrymen – to harass the flanks of an invading army. In Argyll, as in every other county, there was a surge of enthusiasm. As early as March 1860 the slate quarrymen at Easdale formed two artillery companies. Heavy cannon

would guard this tiny slab of land for almost half a century. We can trace their history in the museums at Ellenabeich and on Easdale Island. We can even examine records of their live-firing practices and follow their training, minute by minute, as they fired four 64-pounder guns at a target floating in the Firth of Lorne. Argyll's Volunteer Artillery would expand to more than a dozen companies spread over fifteen remote locations. But Argyll's Rifle Volunteers were quicker off the mark.

In that year, 1860, twelve Rifle companies formed in Argyll. One of the earliest was at Melfort, drawing its manpower mostly from the Gunpowder Works. 6th Argyllshire Rifle Volunteers were established for two companies, each of three officers and a hundred men, but they may never have recruited sufficient for both. Richard Roper Kelly became its only captain in April 1860. John MacGregor and Malcolm MacQueen joined as junior officers in May and a total of ninety seven had been recruited by August. Elsewhere, companies formed in Oban, Tayvallich and Campbeltown; on Mull and on Islay; and at Inveraray, Dunoon, Glendaruel and Glenorchy. Subsequent years would include Ballachulish, Kilmartin and Carradale as well.

By 1863 all companies were wearing uniforms of green doublets with scarlet facings, kilts of Campbell of Cawdor tartan, white sporrans with three black tassels, hose of the colours of heather, and glengarry

bonnets. Their badge was the bugle of Light Infantry surmounted by a crown and, in the centre, the boar's head of the Campbells of Argyll.

Many units, swept along by the initial wave of enthusiasm, did not survive. The company on Mull disbanded in 1862. Those in Melfort followed in 1864, victims to the practicalities of recruitment, training and equipment in so remote a location. They were not alone. But others flourished, surviving frequent reorganization – and changes of uniform – over the next half-century. In 1887 the Argyllshire Rifles became 5th Volunteer Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They wore red doublets with the kilts of their regular counterparts, which military folk call 42nd or Government tartan but is better known today as Black Watch.

The Volunteer Force achieved its aim: the French never invaded. But some Volunteers did see active service. Sixty-one men from the Argyll battalion served in South Africa, answering their country's call for volunteers to reinforce Britain's depleted army during the Boer War. Then in 1908 came radical change. The nation's Volunteer Force was replaced with a new Territorial Force; and Argyll's Volunteers became 8th Territorial Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They served with distinction in two world wars before being disbanded in 1967. Argyll's war memorials, scattered throughout its far-flung parishes, testify to their service.

**Tim Sinclair**



**KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL  
KILMELFORD & KILNINVER  
COMMUNITY SCIO**

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Committee Members:

Matthew Anderson, Louisa Llewellyn

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***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](http://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 Kilniver 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.***

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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

<b>SPORTS</b>	Squash & Badminton	£5.00 per hour all categories
	Junior football & indoor tennis	£5.00 per hour

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

<b>Evening functions</b> (non profit-making)	<b>17.00- 01.00</b> use of both halls & kitchen	£95.00 (deposit £50.00)
<b>Evening functions</b> (profit-making enterprises)	<b>17.00 -01.00</b> use of both halls & kitchen	£120.00 (deposit £50.00)
<b>Wedding hire</b> 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.**  
**HEATING CARDS FOR MAIN & LESSER HALL - £1.50 each**

### FUN & GAMES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Fun & Games date of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March coincided with the rugby games in Oban, but it is not easy to find a date for when Terrance is free to referee the soft ball and families are not involved in other commitments.

The previous Fun day 2<sup>nd</sup> February was really busy and parents enjoyed mugs of tea/coffee, pancakes and chat. The children enjoyed a mix of games and some art and crafty work.

We will put up fliers and posters for the next date and are asking £1 per child to help cover the cost of the hall hire and the odd heating token.

Contact Shirley 200702, Helen 200789 or Georgina 01866 844212



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**Easdale Medical Practice:** The Surgery, Clachan, Seil, **01852 300223**  
[www.easdalemedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.easdalemedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk)

An appointment system has been in place at the Surgery since January 2019

### **Dr Barkham Consulting Times**

Monday 08:30-11:30 am, 3pm-4:30

Tuesday 08:30- 10:45

Wednesday 08:30-11:30 am, 2pm-3:30

### **Dr Ford Consulting Times**

Wednesday 08:30-11:30 am, 3:30pm-5:00

Thursday 08:30- 10:45

Friday 08:30-11:30 am, 3pm-4:30

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](http://www.lornmedicalcentre.co.uk)

**Opening hours:** Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 6.00 pm

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

**Emergency:** call **999**

(Chest pains and / or shortness of breath constitute an emergency)

**Vets Oban:** 13 Tweeddale Street, Oban, **01631 562876**

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

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

# KILMELFORD VILLAGE STORE & CAFE

## SHOP OPENING HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY

9AM - 5:30PM

SUNDAY 10AM - 3PM

## CAFE OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY - SATURDAY

10AM - 3PM

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## **Contributions to the Kilninford News**

**Please send contributions and adverts to Astrid or Iain (editors)**

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

**Deadline for contributions for the SUMMER EDITION is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**For comments / questions with regards to distribution,  
please contact Gill Philpotts**

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# Cuilfail Hotel

## Take Away Menu

Available until 8.30pm

### Mains

Prices valid to 30/06/19

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

Please ask for availability at the bar

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Due to our alcohol licence

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult



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