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DATES FOR THE DIARY

27th July – 3rd August: Seil Scarecrow Festival

27/28 July: Maolachy Open Garden 2-5pm

1st- 5th August: Big Ass Garage Sale, Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, 10am-4pm

3rd August: Lochgilphead Celtic and Pictish Festival, Front Green in Lochgilphead, 10:30am – 3:30pm

3rd August: Dunollie's living history day, Dunollie Castle and grounds, 10 am-5pm

9th August: Guided walk to the Arichonan deserted settlement, Kilmartin Museum 11.30-3pm (see page 12)

10th August: Mid Argyll Show, Kilmory, Lochgilphead

13th August: Kilninner & Kilmelford Community Council meeting, Village Hall, 8pm

20th August: Parent Council AGM, Kilninner Primary School, 7.30pm

22nd August: Oban Games / Argyllshire Gathering, Mossfield Park, Oban

24th August: Recital by Bruadar Duo at Kilmelford Church, 7.30pm

24/25 August: Maolachy Open Garden 2-5pm

15th September: Motorfest, Station Square, Oban, 11am-4pm

27th September: Family Ceilidh, Village Hall, Kilmelford, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

28/29 September: Maolachy Open Garden 2-5pm

29th September: The World Stone-skimming Championships 2019, Easdale Island

2nd October: Parish lunch & produce sale, Village Hall, 12pm – 2.30pm

8th October: Kilninner & Kilmelford Community Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm

28th October: Kilninford News AGM, Village Hall, Kilmelford, 8pm

1st November: Curry & Quiz Night, Village Hall, Kilmelford, 7.30pm

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Kilninford Local Telephone Directory: new edition due in September! 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.

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The Kilninford News AGM will be held on Monday 28th October at 8pm in the Village Hall. This will be an important AGM where we need to decide as a community, the future of the newsletter. If you can’t attend make sure your views are known by contacting us via email or comments to any of the committee.

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WHAT IS ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

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

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

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

Restarts 3rd September. Open class, all welcome. Please bring yoga mat if you have one and a warm blanket. Drop-in £8 or 6 classes £45. Karen also offers private 1:2:1

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

Bagpipe Sessions: Tuesday from 8.30 pm at the Cuilfail Hotel

Come and play – or just listen.

Skiff – Kilmelford Coastal Rowing: Tuesday from 6.30pm, Kilmelford

Yacht Haven: If you would like to join us please come along or contact Sarah Edwards on 01852 200271 / honeytummy@hotmail.co.uk or Sue Johnson on 01852 200364. There is also a Kilmelford Coastal Rowing Facebook page. Life jackets and rowing gloves are provided. (for more info, see “In The Spotlight” on page 22)

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

For anyone interested in embroidery, tapestry, sewing, knitting, crochet and other similar crafts, meetings are in the Kilmelford Village Hall. £2.00 per person for each session.

Contact: Toni Mitchell 01852 316151 or Olga Salmond 01852 200787

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

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

Contact: [Ann af_robb@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Ann_af_robb@hotmail.co.uk) or Georgina 01866 844212

Melfort Ukuleles: Fun-filled weekly sessions are held on Wednesdays

during term time in Craignish Village Hall 7:30 – 9pm. Regular Beginners' Sessions also available. Contact Sarah for Beginners' info. £5 per person. All welcome. Please see the Melfort Ukuleles Facebook Pages for full details or contact Sarah Whittle 01852 500790 sarah@musicforlife.info

Kilmelford Healthy Village Group: Restart Thursday 19th September / 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**

Kilmelford Country Dancing: Thursday 8pm – 10pm at Village Hall, Kilmelford Restarts in September. We are a laid-back friendly group meeting on Thursday evenings 8pm until 10pm. 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

Coffee Mornings: held at the **Village Hall, Kilmelford, 10.30 am – noon on the first Friday of each month** (except October): 2nd August, 6th September, 1st November, 6th December. Everybody invited to come and enjoy the delicious home baking. Proceeds in aid of the 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**

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

ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH & PRODUCE SALE: WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 12 NOON – 2.30 PM AT KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

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

GREAT DAYS OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

27TH JULY – 3RD AUGUST: SEIL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Scarecrows are taking over Seil with islanders showing off their tattie boglemaking talent to raise funds for the community hall.

Two scarecrow trails outside homes and alongside roads, one across the island and the other in Ellenabeich, will give people the chance to admire islanders' handiwork and choose their favourite.

The family-friendly festival is a first for Seil and has stirred up so much enthusiasm that it has sprouted into a **week-long celebration**, including a pop-up cafe, nature and heritage walks, sea trips, friendly football matches, a tug-of-war, a tattie bogle dance and the revival of the island's bygone highland fair.

It all starts on **Saturday July 27** with an opening ceremony at the Atlantic Bridge where the Tigh an Truish will be joining in the fun with live music, games, face painting and food.

Sunday July 28 will see a special scarecrow church service in the island hall starting at 11.45am.

Seafari will be running one-hour trips around the island during the festival week donating the proceeds to the island hall's development funds.

The Tigh an Truish and Oyster Bar are also signing up players for friendly football matches that week and Oban Dance Academy will be running an afternoon musical drama workshop for six to 14-year-olds.

A Tug of War at the Tattie Bogle Highland Fair at the island hall on **Saturday August 3** will give folk the chance to show some grit and muscle. Lots of stalls, a plant sale, dog racing, a Rubik cube challenge, hamburgers and hot dogs will also be at the fair. Seil coastal rowing, the golf club, drama group, fire brigade volunteers and the British Legion with an armoured ferret car are getting involved too.

Lyden and Dawn Singleton will be hosting a special scarecrow pub quiz at the Oyster Bar on **Friday August 2** at 8.30pm, with John and Eileen Coulson taking on the roles of quiz masters. Still to be organised is a food fayre evening with bingo on Wednesday July 31.

As for the grand finale, tickets are on sale for the scarecrow dance at the island hall on **Saturday August 3** from 7pm to midnight featuring The Scott Harvey Band, a licensed bar and raffle.

3RD AUGUST: LOCHGILPHEAD CELTIC AND PICTISH FESTIVAL, FRONT GREEN IN LOCHGILPHEAD, 10:30AM – 3:30PM

Festival based around the celebration of Celtic and Pictish heritage.

An interactive family day designed to celebrate and learn about our rich Celtic and Pictish heritage in Scotland. Featuring re-enactment displays by historical re-enactment groups along with workshops in various crafts and living history. See what daily life was like in Bronze Age and Iron Age Scotland, including a display dedicated to children's activities. Visitors can try their hand at woodwork (making spoons etc.) spinning, weaving, jewellery making, stone carving, painting, ogham and

rhunic writing and much more. Also in attendance will be Kilmartin Museum, the leading authority on Scottish Celtic life who will be providing info, displays and activities for children and adults including mock archaeological digs. There will also be a large craft market and some special attractions still to be announced.

3RD AUGUST: DUNOLLIE'S LIVING HISTORY DAY, DUNOLLIE CASTLE AND GROUNDS, OBAN

10am – 5pm Tickets: adult £6, child £3, 2 adults + 2 children £16

Dunollie will be celebrating local heritage with a fascinating Living History day, which will include a variety of events for all ages.

The First Captains Company – Erskine Regiment, one of the most experienced 17th century re-enactment groups in Scotland will be joining us.

Erskine's will be running a living history camp, which will represent that of a 17th century army. Members of the team will showcase the uniforms and weaponry of that period, including musket, pike, dirk and broadsword. Visitors will have the

chance to handle equipment and see the muskets and cannons being fired.

Displays will feature the battles, sieges and massacres of the MacDougall Clan in the 17th & 18th century during one of the most turbulent times in Scottish History.

A Heritage Tent will be based in the Marquee on the front lawn of Dunollie House, A selection of delicious local produce will also be available on-site. This will be an outdoor event so make sure to dress for the weather.

10TH AUGUST: MID ARGYLL SHOW, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD

The whole community comes together for the Mid Argyll Show, which takes place every year on the second Saturday in August in Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Hundreds of exhibitors enter competitions in baking, produce, crafts, flowers and vegetables, as well as dog and livestock classes.

Watch the judging of cattle, sheep, dogs,

horses, ponies and poultry competitions, and listen to the Mid-Argyll Pipe Band.

There's also a display of vintage tractors and cars and sheep shearing powered by cycling.

Kids' activities, including roundabouts and bouncy castles, make it a family-friendly day out.

To find out more: www.mid-argyllshow.co.uk

22ND AUGUST: OBAN GAMES / ARGYLLSHIRE GATHERING, MOSSFIELD PARK, OBAN

If you are in the Oban and Lorn area in the summer you should try to attend the Oban Games – The Argyllshire Gathering. It's one of the largest Highland Gatherings in Scotland and

attracts international visitors and competitors to its events, many of which are for Scottish championship titles. To find out more: www.obangames.com

15TH SEPTEMBER: MOTORFEST 2019, STATION SQUARE, OBAN

Oban and District Classic Vehicle Club with support from BID Oban will be holding their MOTORFEST 2019 event in Station Square, Oban, on Sunday 15th September 2019, between 11am and 4pm. Classic, interesting, unusual vehicles, includes cars, vans, motorbikes, tractors, etc., will be on show at the Station Square.

In the past there have been cars from clubs and individuals from all over Scotland attending, so come along and enjoy the Motorfest. There will be a prize for the best vehicle on display. *The event is free (collections for local charities, so please give generously).* The Clan Mountain Bike Display Team will also be in attendance this year, performing some more amazing stunts, anyone who has seen them in the past will agree they are worth watching.

The organisers also hope to have the Oban FM Roadshow in attendance to provide some background music, and local food sellers to feed the visitors, not forgetting all the other food and drink and other retail outlets that are available within the area. So 'save the date' and come along and enjoy a good day out!

29TH SEPTEMBER: THE WORLD STONE SKIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019, EASDALE ISLAND

Easdale Island is the smallest permanently inhabited island of the Inner Hebrides. It was once the centre of a thriving Scottish slate mining industry, and one of the disused quarries forms a perfect arena for the World Stone Skimming Championships. The championships are held every year on the last Sunday in September. Anyone of any age and any level of skill can enter. Each competitor is allowed 3 skims using specially selected Easdale slate skimming stones. For a skim to qualify the stone must bounce at least three times – it is then judged on the distance achieved before it sinks. Registration for

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

The competition starts at 12 noon – get down to the quarry side early to avoid the queues! On the Saturday night before the event, come and warm up at the Pre-skim Party in Easdale Island Community Hall where there will be a licensed bar, live music, and where children are most welcome. For more information:

www.stoneskimming.com

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The Summer Celebration took place in Kilmelford Church on 7th July with many talented local musicians, singers and reciters of stories and poems taking part, ably hosted by Matthew Anderson who also contributed by singing and playing guitar.

Bruadar Duo has arranged for a recital at Kilmelford Church at 7.30 pm on 24th August where Kieran Morrison will play his classical guitar accompanied by a flautist Lynn Fraser. Kieran has played recently in Kilmelford and we know this will be an evening not to be missed. *More details later.*

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GRASS CUTTING AND FLOWER DISPLAY

Following the successful planting of daffodils on the roadside at Kilmelford and Kilninver by the Community Council last Autumn which produced a great display of colour in the Spring, the thanks of the community goes again to those who turn out, unasked, on a regular basis to care for the look of our villages.

Special thanks to Roanna and Finlay Clark and Louisa Llewelyn and their children for sourcing and erecting the Dog Poo and Defibrillator signs in Kilmelford; to Cameron and Colin Carmichael, Piet Hammick, Ian and Gordon Mackinnon and Duncan Macmillan for grass cutting and to Sheena Hammick for the dedicated planting and maintenance of the flower tubs. Last, but definitely not least, to Louisa Llewellyn for her input at Kilninver

THE COMMUNITY SALUTES YOU ALL!



NETHERLORN CHURCHES KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD PARISH

Recently, the Rev. Ken Ross has departed to warmer climes. A huge loss to everyone. What happens now?

My name is Alison Hay and I am what presbytery calls a 'Ministries Coordinator'. I have been made Interim Moderator for the Netherlorn area, Ken's old parish. My job is an administrative one. I chair or enable Kirk sessions to function, I organise, with the help of the very capable lay worship team, pulpit supply for Sundays, and generally take care of any administrative problems, that are brought to my attention, in the parish.

Every 5 years presbytery is supposed to review its presbytery plan and is presently in the process of doing that. With Ken's departure the Netherlorn area has risen to nearer the top of the review pile.

It gives everyone the chance to look at how and where things are done. So, for the moment Netherlorn's permission to call a new minister has been sisted (put on hold) until the review of the area is complete.

During this vacant period, the opportunity also arises for the Kirk session to look at the manse and any repairs that need done. This is something that the Kirk session have to do in any case before a new minister can be called.

When permission to call is given it will be my job to set up a nominating committee and, once in place, help it through the process. If anyone is interested in what that process is you can find it on the Church of Scotland's web site www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources then type in Vacancies Act.

I hope this short article has given you some idea of what I do and I look forward to being on hand until a new minister is inducted.

If anyone wishes to speak to me. My telephone number is 01546 886 213. I can also be reached by email at: ahay@churchodscotland.org.uk

KILMELFORD CHURCH ANNEXE

Ten years ago when the church and wider community rallied round and raised considerable funds to restore the fabric of Kilmelford Church, including the rose window above the main door, it was mooted that perhaps there could be provision of a toilet? The need to repair and restore parts of the building took priority at that time so we are still without a toilet or indeed any running water to facilitate flower display or a friendly cuppa.

People travelling a long distance to, say, a funeral expect in this day and age to have access to a loo. The lack of this facility can cause a bit of anxiety particularly in winter if the Cuilfail is closed and the shop is shut!

Three years ago a small group was formed with the express purpose of

remedying this situation. Plans have now been drawn up to build a modern annexe to the church which will give us an up to date disabled toilet, small kitchen for refreshment provision and meeting room which will incorporate a permanent heritage display telling of the rich history of the area surrounding this historic church. It will also serve as a welcome overflow when the church is full and a sociable space for coffee etc around service times. It will be of huge benefit for music and other community events, including weddings and funerals.

In due course fundraising will get underway but in the meantime the project has been given a huge boost by being offered £35,000 to be match funded and a £5000 donation which has got the project off to a great start.

Kilmelford Church Annexe Group

XPLORERS

Our Xplorers gathering on Sunday 23th June started at 3pm with a prayer & story of Jesus feeding a multitude of people on just five small loaves and two small fishes. The children then went on a treasure hunt in the church grounds for as many loaves and fishes they could find. A fish catching game and word searches kept us busy until the “multitude of nine children & 6 adults” enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine on the front steps. Robin Stephen brought his guitar and led the song “fisherman of men”. We ended our happy gathering by all singing the Grace together & tidying up any crumbs.

The Parish picnic was held on Saturday 6th July at Barnacarry beach and Xplorers will meet again after the school holidays



**KILMARTIN MUSEUM – EDUCATION TEAM
EVENTS AUGUST TO END OCTOBER 2019**

**GUIDED WALK TO THE ARICHONAN DESERTED SETTLEMENT
AUGUST 9TH @ 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

Join us for a tour of Arichonan. A mini bus will leave Kilmartin Museum at 11.30am taking participants to the settlement where our guide will take you around the township giving a history of the settlement. The bus will leave to return to the museum at 2.30pm.

Free Event but **Booking Essential**

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.

**GUIDED WALKS OF KILMARTIN GLEN MONUMENTS
APRIL TO OCTOBER**

EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER.

Discover what makes the ancient landscape of Kilmartin Glen so unique by joining our knowledgeable volunteer guides on a guided glen walk.

Walks are free, just sign up at the Museum shop on the day. Alternatively we have 10 places that can be pre-booked by calling 01546 510278 (we are unable to accept bookings by email). To allow our guides to offer a high quality experience the number of participants on a guided walk is limited to 20 people.

Kilmartin Glen walk (Grade: Easy); small downhill incline at the start and finish then flat all the way.

Meet at Kilmartin Museum at 1.30pm, the walk will take approximately two and a half hours and finish back at the Museum.

No dogs except guide dogs.

**HALLOWEEN AT BARRANDAIMH WILDLIFE CENTRE
FRIDAY EVENING – OCTOBER 25TH
BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**HALLOWEEN FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AT TAYNISH NNR
SATURDAY AFTERNOON – OCTOBER 26TH
BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**FOR BOTH HALLOWEEN EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK THE
MUSEUM WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN SEPTEMBER.**

www.kilmartin.org

FIRST EVER HOPE SPOT IN MAINLAND UNITED KINGDOM DECLARED ALONG SCOTLAND'S ARGYLL COAST AND ISLANDS

ARGYLL COAST, SCOTLAND, UNITED KINGDOM (June 8th, 2019) – The strikingly diverse landscape of the West coast of Scotland is one of a storybook come to life. Imagine idyllic, rolling green hills, cut with streams of clear water carving a path over rocks blanketed in tufts of spongy moss. Weathered stone castles stand like sentries along the dramatic coast, piercing a delicate veil of grey fog. Jagged rocks along the coast loom above placid, white sand beaches meeting crystalline blue waters. Plunging beneath the surface, shipwrecks lie preserved, their presence a reminder of the inextricable link between the sea and our maritime heritage, spanning four hundred years from the Spanish Armada to WW2 losses, these sites, many of which have become artificial reefs full of marine life, are windows into the past and enable us to discover the stories of seafarers, trade and conflict. There is an abundance of marine biodiversity within these waters, which has sustained the lives of those on land for thousands of years. Such areas are rare in today's world, and the Argyll Coast and Islands Hope Spot deserves to be celebrated as well as protected from unsustainable practices.

Scotland's Argyll Coast and Islands have been declared a Hope Spot – the first in mainland United Kingdom – by international non-profit Mission Blue to shed light on the immense beauty, rich history and vibrant life along the country's west coast and to recognize the four community networks (CAOLAS, CROMACH, Friends of the Sound of Jura and Save Seil Sound) that have banded

together under the Coastal Communities Network, Scotland, to raise community awareness of the need to encourage protection of Scotland's unique marine ecosystems. Dr. Sylvia Earle, founder of Mission Blue, says, "The Argyll Coast is a place of great beauty but also of great importance. It's home to not only great people, with a love and appreciation for the sea, but of such a wonderful mix of creatures, from marine mammals; the dolphins, whales and seals to otters and birds. And of course, what's under the surface, like the flapper skate, which is more endangered than the giant panda. Thank you for doing what you're doing to ensure a healthy future for the Argyll Coast and for the rest of the world's oceans. *Congratulations on the first Hope Spot in Scotland and mainland United Kingdom!*"

The Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area was created in 2014 to protect the area's deep, glacier-carved seabed troughs and a critically endangered species – the flapper skate.

Scotland doesn't have many such large, critically endangered creatures, and many Scots have not heard of the flapper skate, a large flat fish, related to sharks and rays, and growing up to 3m in length with a whip like tail and weighing 200kg. It is the largest of all the world's skates. The flapper skate, and much of the other marine life in the Hope Spot, are easily damaged by boats dredging the seabed for scallops. This is still allowed in some parts of the MPA, and some boats dredge illegally in the closed areas too, often secretly at night. It makes little sense to protect the skate from dredging in some

parts of the MPA, but not in others; they should be properly protected and that legal protection must be enforced.

There is ongoing research on the flapper skate – they are very mysterious. No one knows exactly how long they live, or where they lay their eggs. It seems that some are migratory, which means they may leave their only marine protected area. Finding this out will require more research and, if that's the case, then they need more thorough protection.

Plastic pollution is an issue that has garnered attention across the globe, its evidence glaringly obvious along the world's shores, and in Scotland, beach clean-ups attract enthusiastic involvement, especially with school children. It's difficult to find flapper skate in the water but you can stumble upon their egg cases on the beach. Skate eggs are known as "mermaids' purses". They are large, with a golden/black shell and four pointed ends. They often hide unnoticed within the plastic, but if people know to look for them, they can help to collect evidence of the species' presence in different areas. When people find a skate egg case, they can take a photo and note its whereabouts, then submit it on the Shark Trust website here. Although much of the west coast of Scotland is sparsely populated, the residents are incredibly proud of their rich Scottish heritage and the unique landscapes that hold onto it. Community voices have often inspired the introduction of legislation to protect their home's

marine ecosystems, and the Argyll Coast and Islands Hope Spot Champions believe that more community awareness could in turn lead to greater protection of Scotland's marine ecosystems. Hope Spot Champion John Aitchison said: "There are so many communities along the coast whose livelihoods and enjoyment depend on the sea being healthy. We hope that its designation as Scotland's first Hope Spot will encourage more people to get involved and to appreciate the life below the surface that is right on their doorsteps."

Annabel Lawrence, Hope Spot Champion, elaborates, "We want to encourage our coastal communities to be more engaged and aware of what is happening just off their shores. The more people get to know and understand the wonders of this marine ecosystem, the more likely they will care about how it is looked after and what factors can impact upon the success of future protection and restoration of this unique and finite resource." "Throughout history, coastal communities have been at the forefront of adaption and innovation. The community groups that have come together and immersed themselves in the conservation of West coast of Scotland's marine ecosystems are proof that we can make a difference in local communities which create ripples across the world. Taking care of the local marine environment will ensure the sustainable future of the ocean, and the right framework is in place to make it happen—we just have to take the plunge."

About Mission Blue: Led by legendary oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle, Mission Blue is uniting a global coalition to inspire an upwelling of public awareness, access and support for a worldwide network of marine protected areas – Hope Spots. Under Dr. Earle's leadership, the Mission Blue team implements communications campaigns that elevate Hope Spots to the world stage through documentaries, social media, traditional media and innovative tools like Google Earth. Mission Blue embarks on regular oceanic expeditions that shed light on these vital ecosystems and build support for their protection. Mission Blue also supports the work of conservation NGOs around the world that share the mission of building public

support for ocean protection. The Mission Blue alliance includes more than 200 respected ocean conservation groups and like-minded organizations.

About the Coastal Communities Network, Scotland: The Coastal Communities Network (CCN) is a collaboration of locally-focused community groups, guided by the belief that coastal communities across Scotland can harness long-term solutions to ensure healthy, well-managed seas. The Network is facilitated by Fauna & Flora International and currently brings together 16 community groups around Scotland's coast, as well as a host of other supporters and associated organisations. Its purpose is to provide the means to establish a strong communication and action platform for building the community voice within marine conservation and management in Scotland.

About Fauna & Flora International: Fauna & Flora International (FFI) is a biodiversity conservation charity which envisages a sustainable future for the planet where biodiversity is effectively conserved by the people who live closest to it, supported by the global community. FFI's mission is to conserve threatened species and ecosystems, choosing solutions that are sustainable, based on sound science, and account for human needs. Since 2011 FFI has been working with a range of partners in Scotland to further marine conservation efforts, with a focus on enabling coastal community groups to play an active role in marine management and conservation.

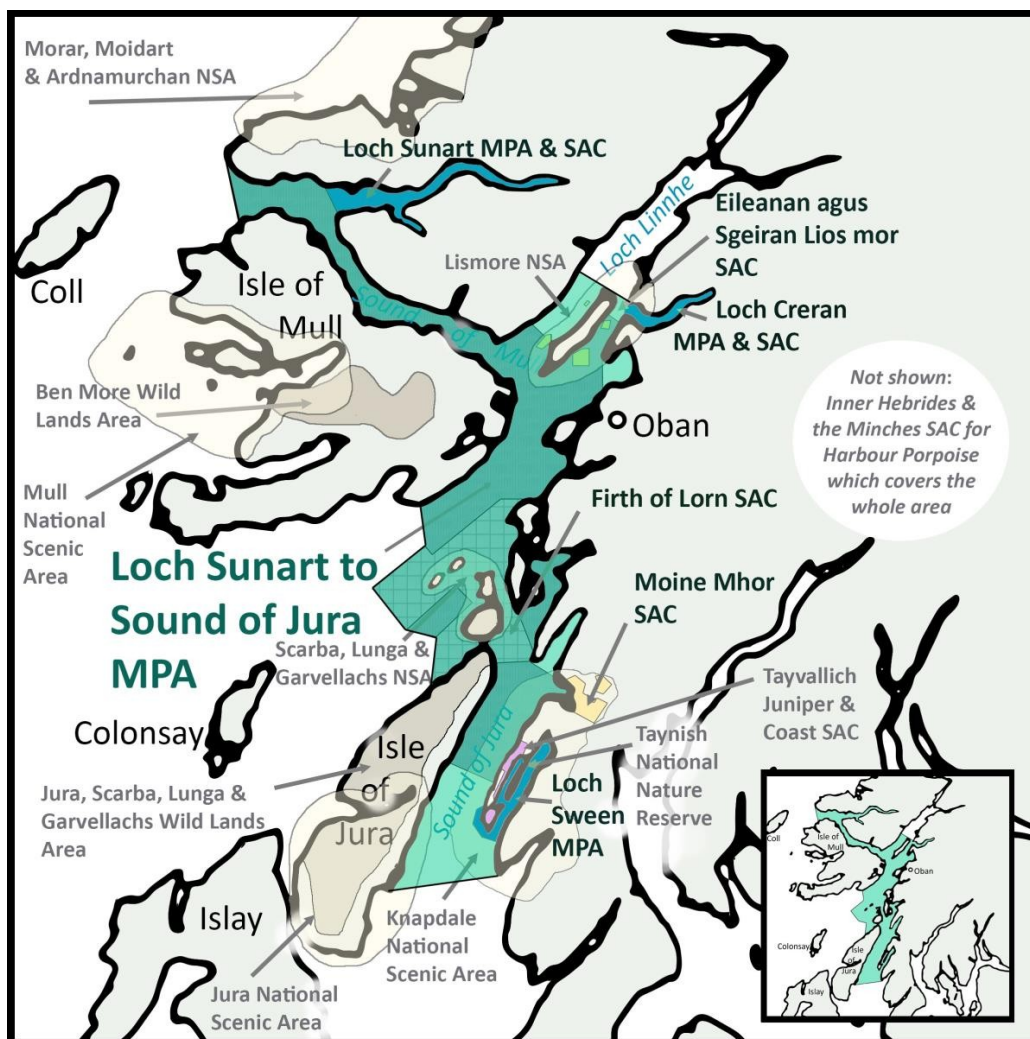
About CAOLAS: CAOLAS was set up in 2015 by local community members as a way to involve people in their marine environment. The group is from the Morvern and Ardnamurchan areas which are connected by sea by Loch Sunart and the Sound of Mull. The value of our coastal waters for wildlife, recreation and tourism as well as fishing is being increasingly recognised. CAOLAS aims to encourage local people to contribute towards decisions about the management of their local waters. One way in which we achieve this is by developing a programme of education and activities – with local and national expertise – that shows people what wonderful marine life we have in Loch Sunart and the Sound of Mull and the importance of looking after it for the benefit of everyone.

About CROMACH: Craignish Restoration of Marine and Coastal Habitat (CROMACH) was established to give local people a voice in marine management. It aims to encourage and promote sustainable use of local waters for recreation, fishing and other marine activities whilst protecting and allowing recovery of biodiversity and natural processes in Loch Craignish, the Sound of Jura and the Firth of Lorn, and the wider marine environment. As a community group CROMACH also raises awareness within the community on marine issues and promotes and seeks to carry out research, surveys and investigations of the local marine environment.

About Save Seil Sound: Save Seil Sound was formed in 2011 to coordinate the 840 objections lodged by residents and visitors to a proposal to relocate and expand a fish farm to a site at Ardmaddy at the North end of Seil Sound.

We were unsuccessful on that occasion but have continued to campaign against the expansion of fish farms in what is effectively one large sea loch comprising Seil, Shuna and Melfort, which even planning principles deem inappropriate. We also persuaded the European Commission to force a change to the rules about disposal of toxic waste, which can no longer be dumped on landfill sites, following a catastrophic accident at Ardmaddy. Our members include some marine scientists and other experts and we are happy to lend our expertise to other groups.

About Friends of the Sound of Jura: This group is from Knapdale, Argyll – an area surrounded on three sides by the sea. Many people in its communities spend much of their work and leisure time on or by the water. The Friends of the Sound of Jura is concerned by the growing economic pressure to exploit more of the sea’s resources, which are already under severe strain, and that this will do irreparable harm to the ecosystem on which we all depend. The group believes that sustainable use can ensure that the sea remains healthy for future generations. Education is a vital part of this growing understanding of the importance of the natural world



Since the launch of the Hope Spot the champions have been busy with lots of exciting projects. CROMACH are working to restore the Native Oyster population in the Hope Spot. CAOLAS have a summer of beach surveys planned to record the species found on the shores of the Hope Spot. Friends of the Sound of Jura are working with Project Seagrass on a mission to map

the local seagrass and have plans in the future to restore the meadows to full health. Save Seil Sound are looking into micro plastic pollution and investigating the possible sources.

Follow these projects and learn more about the Argyll Hope Spot on our website www.argyllhopespot.scot or on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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MAOLACHY'S OPEN GARDEN

The open garden on 25th/26th May: On the Friday evening of the Bank Holiday weekend my cousin and her partner were staying with me to give me a hand and we walked in the wild garden. It was a perfect bright soft sunshine end of a day with a breeze to keep the midges at bay. The scents of the Azaleas and the spring blooms looking fresh, it was just lovely. So to have to wake up to a wet Saturday + grey damp Sunday, with one sunny interval, could be termed as Murphy's Law. The Monday following the open garden weekend was clear and fine again.

But you can prepare all you can, but not for the weather. I think it still looks lovely in the rain! Thank you very much to those who came, enjoyed the chat, plant discussions and teas. The visitors to the area enjoyed meeting local folk.

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KILMELFORD HEALTHY VILLAGE GROUP

Kilmelford Healthy Village Group has enjoyed a really varied programme of activities over the past 6 months, with an average of 15 attending every month. We've had 'Name that Tune', 'Singing in the Rain' (DVD), Seated yoga, Easter crafts, a Scottish Quiz, and our annual Strawberry Tea.

Our Annual Strawberry Tea on 20th June was attended by approx. 34 adults & 25 children! The entire Kilninver Primary School entertained us with everything from a South African welly boot dance, a Gaelic version of the Lion King, and an amazingly diverse group of instrumentalists. What talent. 8 members of Melfort Ukuleles played a brilliant set of sing-along tunes, which the children loved joining in with. Thanks to Helen, Betty & Jenny, my volunteer kitchen staff for the day, we served up a feast of strawberry cream scones & cakes.

Our group will have a wee break, with no meetings in July & August, and we'll be back, full of ideas, in September.

Kilmelford Healthy Village Group is run by Mairi Fleck & Ali Martin from North Argyll Carers Centre, Oban, supporting carers & cared for in remote & rural areas. We meet on the third Thursday of the month in Kilmelford Village Hall from 10.30am-12.00noon. Something different every month – all welcome. Contact Mairi for more details: mairi@northargyllcarers.org.uk Mairi Fleck.



Easter Crafts.



Quiz winners.

COME TO KILMORE – YOU’LL BE BACK FOR MORE.....

I’m visiting the garden of Dal An Eas, Kilmore on a bright, blustery morning. Owner Mary Lindsay is smiling at the door – her face tanned and welcoming, crinkled eyes like twinkling forget-me-nots. I immediately feel at home. She splashes pots with a watering can as we walk through the gate. A romantic vista opens out with flowers, meadow, woodland and pond.

A more entertaining, hardworking duo you will never meet. Mary and her husband, Dougie ran a yacht charter business out of Oban for 30 years taking holiday-makers on coastal and island cruises. My mind conjures the scene. Living on a boat, week upon week, with your spouse and 10 others. Mary reads my strangulated expression, “Thank goodness we’ve both come from big families. That’s why we survived....”

In the 1970’s, they lived on Kerrera in a log cabin they built. Their garden was grassland without the benefit of running water or trees – elements dearly missed. In the beginning, there wasn’t a greengrocer in Oban so a veg garden was a must. Winters were spent there bringing up their children on Kerrera and summers on the sailing boat, Corryvreckan.

After children flew the nest, they moved to Dal An Eas – meaning place of meadow and waterfall. They finally retired from the sea in 2007 to develop their garden. Mary craved the feeling of soil under her feet and home-grown, fresh flowers and vegetables. As we wander through trees, paths and herbaceous borders, the physical effort demanded by this garden is palpable.

We hear a rustle from the bushes. Wiping his forehead while stepping back from his topiary, shears in hand, Dougie exclaims, “That’s better, it looks a bit less pregnant now.”

Dal An Eas House was built by Donald Breckenridge of fruit and veg fame. The garden area to the west was originally unimproved acid/ neutral grassland, never cultivated in living memory.

Ancient inhabitants lived here which makes sense with its access to the sea, shelter and fresh, flowing water. Mary found a flint from Northern Ireland or Aberdeen. There is a snake-shaped mound and burial chamber, dating back 4000 years, a chambered cairn and ring of stones.

We sit by the pond for a while. The atmosphere feels fresh and peaceful. Sunlight glances off the water lilies, Alstroemeria, Primula Lysamachia, Agapanthus and Japanese Anemone offering a nodding riot of colour and texture. Soft puffs of lime green fennel billow in the breeze, cut through by vivid red Crocosmia and guarded a parade of purple Allium. “I love bling” Mary tosses her head. “I like things that flower but try to create contrast with the spiky, spready and silvery.” Her artistic skill is evident. Clematis wrap around trees, tall grasses flank short bushes, broad leaves are interspersed with sword shapes. “I aim to have colour at all times of the year. I make notes at key times and then fill the gaps.”

Known for her wild flower knowledge, Mary is keen to encourage the biodiversity of plants on their land. "We cut the long grass every Sept/ Oct to encourage the flowers. We now have 5 different varieties of Orchid thriving in the meadow." In the Spring there is a carpet of pignut – a delicate white perennial umbellifer with edible tubers. Then hawkbit, yellow rattle, eyebright and self heal followed by devil's bit scabious.

“Discovering a Heleborine *Cephalanthra Longifolia* on our land was one of the biggest excitements of my life. I broke the news to my horticultural friend and mentor, Hugh. He replied, “Hmph. Well done. I’ve got them growing all over my drive. They are very partial to Pathclear!” Mary descends into raucous laughter.

We wander to the lively burn through drifts of *Astilbe* and overhanging trees. “Roe deer are my *bête noire*. You plant a tree and watch it grow. It gets to a 5 foot whip and they come, rub their antlers and kill it dead.”

I admire an impressive collection of primulas. “My Mum had a primula garden which I loved as a child so they were the first flowers I planted. They like it here where the clay makes the soil much richer and damper. *Lysemachia* firecracker provides lovely purple foliage in Spring”.

“Argh. More brambles wrapped round tree roots,” Dougie mutters wearily from the undergrowth. Mary reads the situation, “Time for lunch. Why don’t you wander up to the waterfall and I’ll get it ready?” She clearly does most things without any fuss.

The memorising waterfall seems to give an instant energy recharge. The hill towering behind adds huge drama to this garden.

Back in the kitchen, conversation flows over a delicious spread. Everything is home-made as per ‘The Good Life’. “Haven’t eaten shop-bought bread for months” Dougie smiles. I enquire if they have a bread maker. “Yup. Its called Mary...”

Mary started gardening later in life but gardening is in her blood. “I have an appalling memory,” she sighs. And yet, she rattles off countless Latin plant names. “Yes, don’t know why those stick. I think I inherited that from my grandfather.” No wonder. He started Argyll’s Arduaine Gardens.

Why does Mary like opening her garden? “I like creating things for people to enjoy through cooking and the garden. I like the feedback. Is that selfish?” ‘Nonsense’ insists Dougie. “What can be selfish about giving people pleasure?”

What’s next for the garden? That’s the trouble with a big space - they keep wondering. They continue to refine, plan and plant with as much gusto as ever. “Definitely want more trees. And, you see where the meadow sweep goes in a curve? *Camassias* will look like a river of blue there”.

Any regrets? “That we didn’t plant more 20 years ago. We’re getting there but if we’d spent more money, it would’ve been faster.” Mary adds with her irresistible hearty laugh, “I’m just not good at spending money unless it’s a huge amount of money.” This is curious but not unfamiliar logic. I get the feeling that determination and elbow-grease is what keeps these two going.

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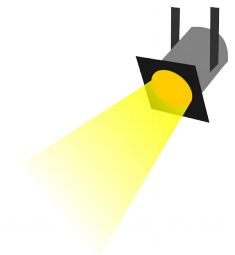
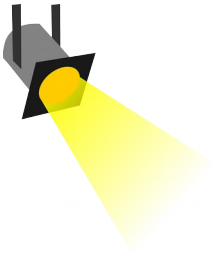
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Kilmelford Coastal Rowing

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The Scottish Coastal Rowing Association was formed in 2010 to encourage boat building, rowing and racing of coastal rowing boats around the Scottish Coastline. The concept was an immediate success, and communities soon began to come together to raise the funds to build their own boat. Kilmelford formed a community committee to raise funds in 2013 and with the help of a loyal band of volunteers and the assistance of Kilmelford Yacht Haven our 22 ft St Ayles skiff *Gill of Melfort* was completed.

The skiff is kept at Kilmelford Yacht Haven and we generally row on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm, however the boat can be taken out at other times by arrangement. The crew required is 5 persons, consisting of 4 single oarsmen and a coxswain, and life jackets and rowing gloves are provided. If you would like to join us please come along on a Tuesday evening or contact Sarah Edwards on 01852 200271/honeytummy@hotmail.co.uk or Sue Johnson on 01852 200364. There is also a Kilmelford Coastal Rowing Facebook page.

A small management committee looks after the administration of the skiff, but any form of help with the general maintenance of the boat would be welcomed. We are grateful to the team at Kilmelford Yacht Haven who allow the use of their storage facilities at no charge. In order to meet the mandatory insurance and running costs, there is a charge of £25 per family per year, with no limit on the number of rowers nor number of trips per family. But if you just want to try it out, there's no charge!

We look forward to seeing you out on the water!

Fergus Gillanders

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 2

Summer brought blanket-washing time. Mrs Clark and my mother built a big fire by the burn at the back and had a cauldron full of water to boil on it. The water was then put in wooden tubs with soap and the blankets were put in to steep. Doris and I trampled the blankets before they were rinsed in the burn and laid out on the hillside to dry. I may say they were beautifully fresh and clean after this treatment.

A service was (and still is) held once a fortnight in the Parish Church, and one was held monthly in the Free Church, now a holiday home. Although my family were Church of Scotland we, also, attended the service in the Wee Free, probably to swell the congregation. After the service folk would, on a good day, sit on the hill outside and exchange news. There were the MacCallums from Duachy, the MacSkills from Barnacarry, and the MacInnes's from Lagganbeg amongst others. A precentor led the singing of psalms with the aid of a tuning fork, and the Minister came from Kilbrandon. Coal boats used to come and beach on Creag-na-Marbh beyond the cemetery, and people came from around the area to collect their supply by horse and cart. The stones for the surrounding wall of the cemetery were all carted to the site by my grand-father and his sons.

Another source of interest were the annual May and October sales, when large herds of cattle were walked by road to Oban market, from Ford and further south. We knew in advance when they were due to be at Kilninver bridge, and my mother would

make tea and scones for us to give to the herdsmen. The Highland cattle passing by were a particularly beautiful sight.

On summer evenings a charabanc full of tourists came down to Kilninver and they would walk around. Mary Ann Ferguson, who lived in a wee white cottage (now demolished) at the corner by the lodge gate, would carry a table down and sell post cards. When their cottage became uninhabitable the Fergusons moved to the Keeper's Cottage, and were the first people in Kilninver to own a gramophone.

The grandparents of Angus MacVicar, the author who lives in Southend, Kintyre, at one time had the rental of the Old Manse, which was also a small farm. They were called MacKenzie, and their daughter Catherine married Archie MacDiarmid, when they took over Lagganmore Farm.

When war broke out a number of evacuees arrived (from Glasgow) and were billeted round about, but a lot of them could not adapt to the way of life in this part of the country and drifted back to where they came from. My mother had two boys from Govan, and they did manage to stay the race and attended Kilninver school. A home guard company was formed and they had a sentry box at the crossroads. I did hear that quite a few trout disappeared from the pool at the bridge during night duty.

Sales of work and concerts were held for war funds. A fête was held each year at the Lodge for Red Cross funds and stalls were set up in the various outbuildings.

One Sunday, when we came out of Church, we discovered a plane (one of our own) had made an emergency landing in the field below the Old Manse. The crew were entertained to lunch at the Lodge until help arrived.

When peace was declared a huge bonfire was lit on the hill opposite Lodge Cottage, Alec Clark rang the church bell, and food and drink were consumed in large quantities. It was great fun. When any local servicemen returned, they were each given a sum of money from a fund, called

the Welcome Home Fund, raised by the people of Kilninver. Alec always rang the church bell at mid-night on Hogmanay and thereafter everyone foregathered at our cottage for "sustenance". My mother always had a "clootie dumpling" and someone played the bagpipes. Can you imagine the noise in the living room of the cottage?

These were great days and I am glad I was part of them. Neighbours were neighbours in the real sense of the word, and everyone was happy with their lot.

Elma Lennox (née MacLean)



KILNINVER SCHOOL 1930-31
SCHOOL MISTRESS - MISS MACGREGOR

CATHY
MACNICOL
(Banahowin)

BETTY
GLENDINNING
(Banahowin)

NAN
MACLEAN
(Dairy Cottage)

CICELY
MACNICOL
(Banahowin)

DORIS
ATKINS
(Lodge)

EWAN
MACGREGOR
(Glenfeochan)

ELMA
MACLEAN
(Dairy Cottage)

BOBBY
MACNICOL
(Banahowin)

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.

Ian Tegner

**North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme - (NAVCS)
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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.

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

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SCHOOL TALES

Here are some of the things we have been getting up to at Kilninver Primary School; On Thursday the 13th of June we had our annual Kilninver sports day at the Melfort Club. As *every year* we had bean bag toss, javelin, obstacle race, golf putting, football, relay race, sack race, egg and spoon race, running race, three legged race and the halo race..... It was a very exciting day for all the pupils at Kilninver Primary. Melford was so kind to lend us some equipment. It wasn't about winning. It was about taking part.

On Thursday the 20th of June Kilninver Primary's new stars took to the stage at the Kilmelford Village Hall where they performed for The Healthy Village Group. Starting the show were the musicians who did a group tune called 'Cheesy Feet Rock' in perfect harmony. After that was a solo, 'The Skye Boat Song' on French horn which was closely followed by a duet, "Aura Lee". Once that was finished, the p1-p4 did some lovely dances and a few pupils did an old South African dance named "The Gumboot Dance".

We have recently been learning about gardening and have also been doing experiments with plants like, if a plant can grow without light, the answer is yes although very unhealthy, a plant can grow without light but will appear yellow and sickly. We have been planting fruit and veg and most of them grew, such as the apples, pumpkins and more!

A little while ago the children and teachers decided to sell flowers for £5.00. Our production was simple. Fill the pot with dirt and put in the nasturtiums. They all sold out. Also, at the school bus stop there are gorgeous flowers growing and when you are waiting for the bus you can see the plants.

We got 4 new computers this term because none of the computers had chrome and were loading slowly and were annoying. So the new computers are a lot better. Everyone is pushing to get the good computers.

HELLO & WELCOME TO OUR NEW HEADTEACHER...

We are pleased to say that Mrs Helen Daniels will step into the role of Headteacher to Kilninver Primary School. She joins us from Rockfield school in Oban and will start in August. A very warm welcome from us all and we hope she settles in soon and enjoys her contact with the wider community.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING



Tea Towels: We are still selling our wonderful children-designed Tea Towels - £3 each – you can buy these either by phoning: 316 236 or by dropping in to the school office during term. All money raised by selling these goes to our friends at Bemvu School in Malawi.



If you shop online and you don't already support another cause via Easyfundraising please do consider signing up and nominating **Kilniver Primary School** to receive money when you shop. It doesn't cost you anything and every little helps us in our efforts to raise money for music lessons. easyfundraising.org.uk & search for **Kilniver Primary School**.

100 Club

We also run a 100 Club at the school which has quarterly draws. If you are interested in joining from August please contact the school or Michelle MacIntyre.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Parent Council AGM | 20th August | Kilniver Primary School 7.30 pm

Family Ceilidh | 27th September | Kilniver & Kilmelford Village Hall | 6.30 – 8.30

ALL Welcome – please come and join in the music making, dancing and singing.

THANK YOU

Our heartfelt gratitude and massive thanks to everyone who has made donations – big and small – to the music tuition fund. **The school-children are still loving their musical lessons and will be enthusiastically showing off their skills at the ceilidh in September.**

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KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

What's been happening at the Community Council and what's coming up?

At the recent AGM the Convener, David Wilkie, reviewed activities during past year and looked at plans for the future.

Highlights – background work regarding the new GP Contract, increased flower displays, organising the “Beacons of Light” tribute (attended by 80 residents and raising £300 for charities) and road/planning issues.

Future Plans – In addition to continue to monitor the GP Contract we're hoping to have a VE Day 75 Tribute as well as looking at ways to get safer cycle/walking pathways and consider the possibly of a community transport facility.

Public meetings happen every 2 months and ALL are most welcome.

Next meeting Tuesday 13th August at Kilmelford Village Hall at 8 pm.

Gill Philpotts

MEETINGS 2019 KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

MAIN MEETINGS 8 p.m.	INTERIM MEETINGS 7 – 8 p.m.
TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS
Public Meetings	Committee Meetings
13 AUGUST	
	12 SEPTEMBER
8 OCTOBER	
	7 NOVEMBER
10 DECEMBER	

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

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.

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In November 2018 we had “A Nation’s Tribute” and many residents and friends came together to remember and be thankful for “Battle’s Over”. On 8th May 2020 we have another key date marking 75 years since the end of WW2 in Europe. We’ll join the celebrations during the weekend of 8th – 10th May 2020 – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions that played a vital part.

If you would like to be part of the working party to plan how we will create an appropriate community celebration please contact David Wilkie, Jane Rentoul or any of your Community Councillors.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW NOTICES AROUND THE VILLAGES?



One is to let everyone know where the defibrillators can be found in area and the other one about dog poo. We know our four-legged friends cannot read but we need their owners to help them keep the area clean and tidy so we don’t have to walk through it. A lovely green verge is not so lovely when you’ve got smelly brown stuff stuck on your shoe or worse!

A816 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROJECT

Following a survey by Argyll & Bute District Council which identified a need for 'out of hours' transport for young people so that they could partake in after school activities, sports and even transport to holiday jobs, etc. there is potential to improve the situation.

Together with Craignish Community Council, Dunadd Community Enterprise and the Council we are investigating the viability of a service using dedicated

vehicles and volunteer drivers operating between Oban and Lochgilphead and hope that in the long term the service could maybe extend to further sections of the Communities. This is not intended to replace the existing bus service or the North Argyll Car Scheme but to complement them.

A website has been set up – A816.org – and hopefully in due course we will be able to report on progress.

David Wilkie

Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council



Room At The Top

Situated above the village shop in Kilmelford.

We are open from 5.30 pm Wednesday to Saturday, and 12 Noon on Sunday's for a Home cooked Sunday Roast with fresh seasonal veg, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding.

Our menu changes regularly, with an emphasis on home cooked Italian cuisine. Locally sourced produce is used to enhance our dishes that can be enjoyed in our relaxed dining area. All our dishes are freshly cooked to order, so sit back relax with one of our great wines or a beer. We stock a wide choice including Loch Fyne Ale's.

We can cater for small intimate tables or larger groups, just let us know your requirements in advance.

Our menu is available to view on Facebook – Room At The Top Restaurant or on our website Roomatthetoprestaurant.co.uk or pop into the Cafe and ask to have a look.

Many thanks to those of you who have supported us so far in this new venture, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Booking can be made by phone on 01852 200271, in person at the village shop or via our Facebook page.

We hope to see you soon.

Sarah, Mike & Sally



The Old Cottage

BED AND BREAKFAST



Old Cottage, Arduaine, Oban
Argyll and Bute PA34 4XQ

theoldcottagebab@btinternet.com

For all enquiries call Darren or Karen on

01852 200746 or 07881 647773



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

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 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.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The annual beach clean took place in March and money raised will be used for ongoing maintenance. A huge thank you to all who took part.

We are delighted to have received a £7000 grant from the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund towards replacing the indoor light fittings and bulbs. The work will start in August and will hopefully make a noticeable difference.

On the 1st November we will have our annual Curry & Quiz Night to raise funds for the Village Hall. Matthew Anderson will make his famous curries again and Yvonne Anderson is in charge of setting the questions. Teams of 4 to 6 people are invited to

compete and enjoy the evening. £12.50 per person. Licensed bar. More info on posters and on social media nearer time.

We are also planning a Hogmanay Party again, more info on this in the next newsletter.

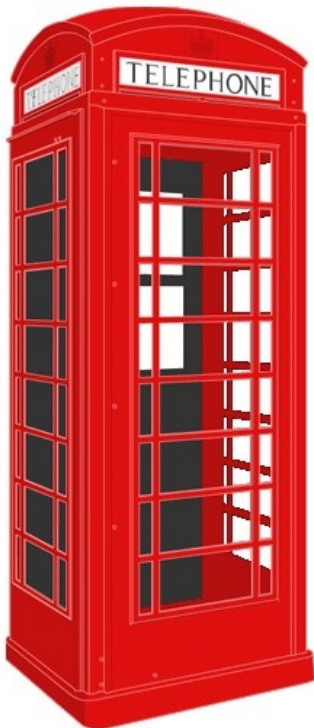
The Hall Committee comprises local volunteers and we are always keen to hear your feedback and ideas. The Committee meetings are every 2 months: Monday 2nd September, Monday 4th November at 7pm at the Village Hall.

We would like to get more enthusiastic people onto the committee to help with planning events/fundraising/maintenance of the building. 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 KIOSK



In the Summer 2018 issue of the Newsletter an appeal was made for someone to come forward and fit an information board in the newly painted community owned kiosk – thank you again for your work on that, Piet Hammick.

Disappointingly, nothing has been forthcoming.

In the absence of any such help David Wilkie has now kindly stepped forward to supply and fit a board suitable for displaying notices.

Thanks are due to Piet and to David for their contribution to this work on our iconic K6 model Telephone Kiosk.

An advertisement for 'Astrid's Creations' featuring several woolly creature figurines in various colors (brown, orange, white). The text is overlaid on the image.

Astrid's Creations
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look-a-like figurines
ornamental signs
special occasion gifts

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Astrid van der Kraan
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HURRAY IT'S SUMMER

Oh What a relief, at last the Summer's here
Yes we still get those heavy showers but the greenery gives such cheer
And that sun feels so good on our faces, a chance to have a bask
You can actually get out in the garden and attempt a 2-day task
The longer, lighter evenings offer the chance for an evening stroll
All manner of different wildlife come out to say hello
Wild flowers and scruffy fledglings can give a brilliant display
As if to remind us that it *is* worth coming out – every single day
Daisies, clover, Swallows and Martins all tell us – that Summer is here!
Birds whizz about feeding their young from dawn till just before dusk.
And that lovely sweet smell of greenery and growth tickle our noses
But the down side is midges and the pollen too and green fly on the roses
But I for one enjoy it all and feel the pluses far outweigh the blips
Strawberries and cream or a paddle in the loch all make for a super time
Yes, my bracken is 3-foot-high and I just can't grow sweet peas
But I love the light and the abundance of life and it beats the winter freeze

Gill P

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Easdale Medical Practice: The Surgery, Clachan, Seil, **01852 300223**
www.easdalemedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk

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

Dr Barkham Consulting Times	Dr Ford 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	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

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

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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 XMAS EDITION is 11th Nov 2019

**For comments / questions with regards to distribution,
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www.kilmelford.com

Cuilfail Hotel

Take Away Menu Available until 8.30pm

Mains

Prices valid to 30/09/19

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

01852 200274

Due to our alcohol licence

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult



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