

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER 2019

1st Dec: Cut-off date for Christmas Lunch ticket sales.

1st Dec: Christingle-making & festive lighting of the candles, Kilmelford Church, 3pm.

6th Dec: Coffee Morning at Village Hall, 10.30 am – noon, Kilmelford

7th Dec: Christmas Lunch, Kilmelford Village Hall, 12:30 pm

10th Dec: Kilninner & Kilmelford Community Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8 pm

14th Dec: Fire Fighter's Charity Christmas Quiz, 7.30 pm at Cuilfail Hotel

19th Dec: Healthy Village Group at Village Hall, 10.30 – 12 (concert from Primary Pupils)

20th Dec: Community Carol Singing Kilmelford Church 6:30 pm

22nd Dec: Christmas Gift Service Kilmelford Church 12 noon

24th Dec: Watchnight Service Kilninner Church 11:30 pm

24th Dec: Children's Christmas Party, Room at the Top, Starts 3pm

28th Dec: Quiz & Chilli Night, 7.30 pm at Room At The Top Restaurant, Melfort Village

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

31st Dec: Hogmanay Party at Room At The Top Restaurant, Melfort Village, 8 pm – late

JANUARY 2020

3rd Jan: Coffee Morning at Village Hall, 10.30 am-noon, Kilmelford

6th Jan: Kilmelford & Kilninver Village Hall committee AGM, 7 pm at Village Hall

8th Jan: Public meeting about Community Company, 8 – 9 pm, Village Hall, Kilmelford.

16th Jan: Healthy Village Group, 10.30 am – 12.00 at Village Hall, Kilmelford

25th Jan: Burns Night Supper, Room At The Top Restaurant, Melfort Village

FEBRUARY 2020

7th Feb: Coffee Morning at Village Hall, 10.30 am – noon, Kilmelford

11th Feb: Kilninver & Kilmelford Community Council Meeting, Knipoch Hotel, 8 pm

14th Feb: Valentines Dinner Special, Room At The Top Restaurant, Melfort Village

20th Feb: Healthy Village Group, 10.30 am – 12.00 at Village Hall, Kilmelford

MARCH 2020

6th Mar: Coffee Morning at Village Hall, 10.30 am – noon, Kilmelford

19th Mar: Healthy Village Group, 10.30 am – 12.00 at Village Hall, Kilmelford


APRIL 2020

3rd Apr: Coffee Morning at Village Hall, 10.30 am – noon, Kilmelford

7th Apr: Kilninver & Kilmelford Community Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8 pm



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Who is your Kilninford News Team?

Gill Philpotts (Chair/distribution), Jane Rentoul (proof-reader), Iain Bark (editor), Mark van der Kraan (treasurer), Astrid van der Kraan (secretary/editorial), Alex Tweedly (Kilmelford.com website)

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 Telephone Directory:

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

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Directory Update:

Luckhoff	Paul and Antoinette	Creachan Cottage, Scammadale	316 166
Grabham	Mike and Anne	Creag na Linne, Kilmelford	200 794

Thank you Melfort Club, and especially the ladies at reception, for letting us print the Kilninford News at your office. Your help is much appreciated!

Also a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who help distribute the paper copies of this newsletter 3 times a year and to those who contribute to the content.

The Kilninford News Team



KEY POINTS FROM THE KILNINFORD NEWS CHAIR REPORT 2019

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.

We are very grateful to Olwen and the Melfort Club who let us use their copier to physically print the newsletters.

CURRENT SITUATION:

2019 was a busy year and thanks to everyone on the team being ready to jump through hoops to reach deadlines and produce our 3 editions on time and to a high standard. We did have a couple of times when no items had been offered by the community and we wondered if we should close down but fortunately, the rally of great items kept us going.

FINANCE:

Mark has kept our finances in order so not only have we been able to produce our 3 editions of the newsletter but respond to Kilninner Primary School to help with the £360 costs of transporting the pupils to sporting events in this current school year. We are very happy to receive requests from other groups and will always give them full consideration and aim to respond positively.

FUTURE PLANS:

To offer the usual 3 editions during the year, accept that we do this on behalf of the community so if contributions are a bit light on occasions so be it. Find ways to get the broader community to participate so that items and articles come from the various corners of the patch including young and older members of the community so we can all enjoy the richness of our area.

If you wonder if an item is suitable, contact the team and ask.

WE WANT THE NEWSLETTER TO REFLECT THE COMMUNITY

In order for this all to happen we need our current committee to continue but we are always pleased to hear from other people who might like to join the team and bring some fresh ideas.

*Gill Philpotts
Chair*

WHAT IS ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Music Night: Mondays from 7.30 pm at Room At The Top Restaurant, Melfort Village. All welcome to come and join in. Musicians, bring your instrument and voice. Bar service only from 6.30 pm.

Yoga Class: Tuesday 6.30-8pm at Village Hall Kilmelford. Open class, all welcome. Please bring yoga matt if you have one and a warm blanket. Drop-in £8 or 6 classes for £45. Karen also offers private 1:2:1 **Contact Karen: 07793653080 or isleyoga@gmail.com www.isleyoga.net**

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.

Craft and Things: Wednesdays 10pm-12 noon at Village Hall in Kilmelford. For anyone interested in embroidery, tapestry, sewing, knitting, crochet and other similar crafts. There are people within the group prepared to help people to either learn from scratch or to progress with their knitting, sewing, crochet and embroidery. £2 per session.
Contact: Toni Mitchell 01852 316151

Playgroup: Wednesdays 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm at Village Hall in Kilmelford. All preschool, babies and bumps welcome. We get to have a chat and a cuppa while the children play or do crafts. It would be lovely to see more parents/grandparent and their little ones. Holidaymakers are also very welcome, it's a great way to spend a Wednesday afternoon, We look forward to seeing you there. **Contact: Ann af_robbs@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: 3rd Thursday of each month, 10.30 am – 12.00 at Village Hall, Kilmelford: 19th December (with wee concert from the Kilniver Primary School Pupils), **16th January, 20th February, 19th March.** 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. All welcome. For more info, please **contact Mairi Fleck on 01631 5644422 / 07795434499 / mairi@northargyllcarers.org.uk or Ali Martin on 01631 564422 / 07796714672**

Kilmelford Country Dancing: Thursday 8 pm – 10 pm at Village Hall in Kilmelford. Scottish country dancing has started. We are a very relaxed friendly group who meet every Thursday at 8pm in Kilmelford village hall. Everyone is welcome from complete beginners to the more experienced and those here on holiday. No equipment is required other than some flat comfy shoes and a sense of humour! Membership of the group is £10 per year and each session is £4. **For more details email shona.jennings@icloud.com**

Coffee Mornings: first Friday of each month at Village Hall, Kilmelford, 10.30 am – noon: 6th December, 3rd January, 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April. Everybody invited to come and enjoy the delicious home baking, tea/coffee. 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

Kilmelford Village Store | Winter Opening Times

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am – 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

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We have a range of local produce including

Wee Isles Milk | Balvicar Free Range Eggs

Wee Pig Company bacon & sausage

Pies from Ian Darling the butcher in Oban

Murray of Lochgilphead smoked fish | Wild Argyll Venison.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 7th December, 12.30 pm, Village Hall, Kilmelford

Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council is organising a Christmas Lunch for all the over 60s in Arduaine, Kilmelford and Kilninver areas.

Rebecca Dalton and Dawn Stewart and their team from Ardfern Shop will be cooking and serving up a delicious 3-course festive lunch and the hall will be decorated with lots of tinsel, baubles and sparkly trees.

There will also be a raffle including Christmas goodies.

With a micro-grant from the Carraig Gheal Windfarm fund we are able to set the ticket price at a very reasonable £10. Attendance will be by ticket only and **Sunday December 1st is the cut-off date for ticket sales.**

Since there is a limit to seating capacity in the hall please apply as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss this opportunity to come along and enjoy a great start to the Festive Season!
Please bring your own beverage of choice.

Tickets available from:

David Wilkie Tel: 01852 200256 e: caledonianys@ymail.com

Jane Rentoul Tel: 01852 200331 e: j.rentoul@btinternet.com

14th December: Fire Fighter's Charity Christmas Quiz, 7.30pm at Cuilfail Hotel. Teams of up to 6, £3 a head. Christmas related questions. Raffle. Raising funds for the Fire Fighter's Charity.

31st December: Hogmanay Party, 9pm – late at Village Hall in Kilmelford. Ceilidh, raffle, bring your own drinks/food. Great fun for the whole family. Adult £5, child £2.50 (pay at door). Raising funds for the village hall. Donations of raffle prizes much appreciated. Any questions/offers of help on the night, please contact Carla on 01852 200507 or Astrid on 01852 200563

31st December: Hogmanay at Room At The Top Restaurant, Melfort Village. Pie & Chips served Noon – 4 pm re-open at 8 pm, Hogmanay Party, Free Buffet and Dancing till the wee hours.



Room At The Top

ROOM AT THE TOP

WE HAVE MOVED!!!

So excited to be writing this from our new venue in Melfort Village. Above the reception area, the restaurant is accessed via the stairs to the balcony.

Mike has added a variety of dishes to his menu along with a children's menu and weekly specials. Take-away of the full menu is also available.

Why not come down and see what we have changed, take a look at the menu, enjoy a drink, you could even sit out on the balcony and enjoy the last of the sun, and the warmth from our outdoor heaters.

It has been lovely to welcome family and friends from the local community over the last few weeks, we really do appreciate your help and support.

We hope to see you soon, Sarah, Mike & Sally

Opening Times

Saturday 9.30 am – Close

Breakfast served until Noon,

Refreshments available all day,

Dinner served from 5 pm

Sunday 9.30 am – Close

Breakfast served until Noon,

Sunday Roast served

from 12.30 pm – 5pm

Monday – Bar Service Only from 6.30 pm

Tuesday – CLOSED

Wednesday 5 pm – Close

Dinner served from 5 pm

Thursday 3 pm – Close

Refreshments available from 3 pm

Dinner served from 5 pm

Friday 3 pm – Close

Refreshments available from 3 pm, Dinner served from 5 pm

**We cater for all dietary requirements
please inform us of your needs at the time of booking.**

Reserve your table by calling 01852 200345



Colin Woolf
FINE ART

Colin's Studio and Gallery are a short distance away at Lunga, near Craobh Haven and are open most days (please ring first). A professional artist for over 30 years, Colin is inspired by the ever-changing light and details of our natural world.

Painting mostly in handmade oils, he also creates works in pure watercolour and pencil.



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APPEALS

STAMP APPEAL 2019

By collecting stamps you 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.

It would be lovely if you could save/collect the stamps from any post you receive with a 3 mm border. Every stamp helps! Please give them to Mary Clark, Georgina Dalton or leave them in the shop for them to collect. Thank you!

APPEAL FOR RING-PULLS

Please save the ring-pulls of your cans and give them to Ivor. Ivor Campbell is collecting these for charity and your help is much appreciated. You can drop your collected ring-pulls off at Ivor's or give them to him at Cuilfail Hotel while enjoying a chat at the bar. Thank you!

APPEAL FOR JAM JARS

Georgina Dalton makes lots of jams, chutneys, mustard and marmalade for various good causes and would be very grateful for jars sizes 1lb and smaller with lids please. Can collect – Georgina 01866 844212.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**NEW TO THE AREA?
LIVED HERE FOR SOME TIME BUT NEVER GOT ROUND TO IT?
GET INVOLVED NOW!**

The communities of Kilniver and Kilmelford have benefited greatly over the years from people giving of their time and talents. Some give up more hours than others but all contribute to making their surroundings better places to live and interact.

Over recent years the elected committee serving on Kilniver and Kilmelford Community Council have been involved in:

Campaign against proposed Boundary Changes (successful)

Planting Daffodils along the main road at Kilniver School and Kilmelford

Provision of Defibrillators at Kilniver School, Kilmelford Hall & Kames Fish Farm

Installation of flashing Speed Restriction Sign at Kilmelford

Addressing issue of Lying Water on main carriageway of A816

Addressing issue of Huge Puddle at Kilniver School gates

Cutting back of Vegetation at Roadside A816 at Kilmelford

Installation of Hidden Dip signs on A816 south of Kilniver

Grit bins on Scammadale road

Ongoing monitoring of how new GP Contract affects Easdale Surgery

In addition members of the community have regularly volunteered to plant flower tubs, cut grass, erect Christmas lights, bake for and serve at monthly coffee mornings, and other countless little deeds which go to make our communities such great places to live.

But we need more volunteers outwith the Community Council on an informal basis for:

- Formation of Community Benefit Company steering group
- Village Hall at Kilmelford – general maintenance and fundraising events
- Kilniver Newsletter published 3 times a year – composition and distribution
- Fill one vacancy on Carraig Gheal Windfarm Community Fund Steering Group

So.....get involved! Give as little or as much of your time as you can!

Contact any of the people listed at the back of this Newsletter or Community Councillors listed on page 30.

**YOU WILL BE GREATLY WELCOMED BY ANY OF OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS.**

PARISH LUNCH
WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Not quite as many lunches served as on the past events but the stallholders were kept busy and all helped to raise a successful £1448, after paying for hire of the hall.

Many thanks to everyone who made soups and roll fillings, a variety of cakes and biscuits etc., brought produce to sell, donated raffle prizes, manned stalls, doled out soup, filled rolls and contributed in any way.

It was good to see the Kilmartin group come and join in and meet up with their neighbouring parish friends.

Also, thank you to the local workforces for coming to have their lunch break, thereby adding to the numbers attending and fund raised.

Georgina Dalton

CURRY QUIZ NIGHT

The annual Curry Quiz Night took place in Kilmelford Hall on Friday 1st November.

A packed hall filled with tables of teams of up to six was buzzing as everyone mingled and chatted before the action started. Quizmistress Yvonne Anderson took us through the rules, chief of which was that her decision was final, and then we were off!

A break at half time allowed us to rest our taxed brains and dive in to the comprehensive array of Matthew's delicious curries of varying heat, along with a number of enticing sides. The bar did a brisk trade, with drinks ably dispensed by Carla and Karen. An outsize bottle of whisky was raffled, along with Champagne and chocolates, the proceeds adding to the excellent total of £755.32 raised – all going towards maintenance and improvement of our Village Hall.

It was particularly impressive that the winning team had only four members, so congratulations to them and doubly well done as the four shared the prize of six bottles of wine.

The evening ended with a round of applause and thanks to the hardworking Hall Committee for providing us yet again with such an enjoyable evening,



NETHERLORN CHURCHES KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD PARISH

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD CHURCHES CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday 20 December – Community Carol Singing Kilmelford Church 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 22 December – Christmas Gift Service Kilmelford Church 12 noon.
(Gifts to be wrapped and marked with age and if for boy or girl will be sent to Council Social Work Department in time for Christmas delivery.)

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December – Watchnight Service Kilninver Church.
11:30 pm.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION KILMELFORD CHURCH

From the favourable comments after the Autumnal Celebration held on 6th October it was deemed to be one of the best programmes.

The contributions of music, songs and poetry, along with Fergus' jokes as host, were much enjoyed.

Whilst no collection as such is taken on these evenings the plate at the door receives a generous £50 - £100 on each occasion which is a greatly appreciated contribution to Church funds. In contrast, the sweetie bowl's contents on offer diminish.

Many thanks.

XPLORERS

Sunday 3 November – The children enjoyed helping to lead the story, 'What would I do if Jesus came to my house?'

We planned the rooms and contents of a house and had imaginative discussions, snack and prayer.

Sunday 1 December for Christingle-making and festive lighting of the candles. We're also planning to make a Nativity Scene so please come with ideas and/or materials to help with its creation.

3 pm Kilmelford Church. All welcome.

Georgina Dalton

MAOLACHY GARDEN OPEN

Opening the garden on the last weekend of each month April to September certainly kept me busy hopefully keeping weeds at bay, shrubs pruned back, seeds sown and corners of herbaceous border re-planted.

The weather played a bit of a hit and miss part, as often the weekdays were fine and at the weekend we woke to dull mists, light rain or plain downpours. It is all luck of the draw and I'm very grateful to the folk who came up in the inclement weather, as well as those in the fine.

Also, thank you to all the friends who baked cakes and came to help with the teas, selling plants and taking part in the welcome team. I banked a total of £2,263, for which Scotland's Gardens' charities and Hope Kitchen have expressed much appreciation.

This Autumn I'm looking at the vast crocosmia clump and the riotous apple mint root area and thinking: sorry, everyone out – time for a change.

Forking up the crocosmia corms taxes the arm muscles somewhat and a strong fork is needed to prize the fibrous roots out. Determination wins the day when a sound like the tearing of sacking precedes the tines of the fork suddenly rising up and the handle shaft dropping down, often taking me with it.

I loaded the motorised barrow three times to trundle the corm heaps out the bank by the tadpole emporium to perhaps relocate them there. Decisions on their final resting place to come. The mint root re-housing was more simple: they went over the bank of the mound.

Not content with crocosmia hauling, I've tackled clearing the tadpole ditch of a tough overtaking grass and left the bog bean space. The whole ditch has silted up rather badly so the water runs out over onto the path to waterfall beyond. The silty peat loam is dug out and heaped up to make a higher edge to the ditch and useful space to plant out some iris and hemerocallis.

The bank above the emporium is now free of the two lime trees which I felt were too dark and overbearing. I've planted out home cuttings of buddleias, hebes and hydrangeas and an assortment of wild strawberry, bugle and perennial cornflower and hope it creates a sunnier spot for butterflies.

The painted ladies loved the inula hookeri this year and Argyll shared in the bloom of these delicate coloured insects with the rest of the country. Their sudden increase in numbers was one of nature's surprises and a delight for all to see in August.

The Autumn gift was the vast flock of Fieldfares which almost squawked with joy as they landed en masse in an ash tree and covered it with their bouncing bodies like bauble decorations. A few Redwings with their delightful softer plumage and russet underwings landed earlier to stoke up on berries.

One last bonus of 2019 (so far) has been the apple crop. Never a great abundance from my few trees but this year it's crumble, crumble, crumble all the way to next

Spring – yummy. I'm glad to find the blackbirds have had a feast too – a reward for their increase in numbers and welcome songs.

Next year open 25/26 April, 23/24 May and 27/28 June. 2 – 5 p.m.

Open by arrangement from 1 January 2020 – Please phone 01866 844 212.
Snowdrops and Spring bulbs.

***Scotland's Gardens is hosting a plant sale at Kilmore Hall on Saturday 13 June
2 – 5:30 p.m. Entry by donation. Homemade Teas and Garden Books etc.
Contributions of potted up and labelled plants welcome. Fundraising for
Scotland's Gardens' charities, Hope Kitchen and Mary's Meals.***

Georgina Dalton



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**PLAYGROUP
KILMELFORD HALL
WEDNESDAYS 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm**

The Playgroup numbers have suddenly grown in strength, happily welcoming new families to the community.

Summer visitors to the Timeshare have also come to join in – stretching our snack supplies a bit but parents delighted to find such a friendly group to help entertain their young while on holiday.

Mugs of tea and coffee and home baking always on offer.

Georgina Dalton

WINTER MESSAGE FROM SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Now that winter is upon us the darker, colder nights bring their own risks so here are a few pointers that can help to keep you and yours a little safer through the Christmas period and the winter in general.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Get ready for winter. Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Consider fitting a heat alarm in your kitchen to give you early warning of a fire in the home. If you wish to have a Home Fire Safety Visit Call 0800 0731 999 or text 'FIRE' to 80800. SFRS staff will supply and fit smoke alarms and heat alarms free of charge if required. If you're tired or have been drinking you will be less alert to the signs of fire and more likely to fall asleep. Cooking or smoking and alcohol can be a recipe for disaster with smoking being one of the main contributory factors to causing deaths or serious injury from fire.

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

FIRE FIGHTER'S CHARITY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Don't forget the Pub Quiz taking place in Cuilfail Hotel on Sat. 14th December at 7.30 pm. A great night of fun and head scratching with Christmas related questions and chocolate Santas to win for each round. Teams of up to 6 still at the unbelievable low cost of only £3:00 per head. Keep the date in your diary and look out those thinking heads. This will be my last Fire Fighter's Charity quiz as I am retiring from the fire service after 29 years and the charity after 20 years as a station rep., Home Visitor and Assistant Area Co-ordinator both on 31st. December.

May I thank you all for your support for the F.F.C. over the years which has helped us in Kilmelford to raise over £20,000 in that period. Thank you doesn't seem enough but you should know that all that money has gone to help serving and retired Firefighters and Support staff and their close families who have suffered with injury and illness and it is your support that has made that difference.

That was the sad news and you can put the tissues away now as the good news is that I will be carrying on with the Pub Quizzes choosing a different charity for each one, both local and national, and I hope that Lill and I can still count on your support for what is, after all, a great night of quizzing and fun. The posters for each quiz will carry details of which charity it is supporting.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Dave Millward, M.B.E., S.F.R.S. Community Safety

The community generally is very sorry to hear of Dave's retirement after such long and dedicated service. We look forward to forging a new relationship with his successor, as we recognise the importance of having a strong input from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in our community.

It is indeed good news that the Pub Quizzes will continue to be run by Dave and Lill for the benefit of different charities and we are sure they will continue to receive enthusiastic support from all of us who enjoy a good evening out of quizzing and raffle prize winning, whilst raising money for good causes.

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**North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme - (NAVCS)
 Registered Charity No SCO37509**

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.

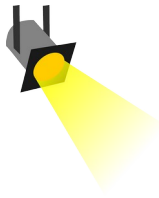
The scheme is not intended to replace buses, taxis or emergency services for those who would normally use them.

We only undertake journeys within North Argyll and passengers are asked to make a small contribution to driver costs.

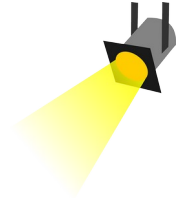
Many thanks to all who contribute to our 'wee red car' collection box in Kilmelford shop. It all helps to keep the show on the road!

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

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



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



THE NETHERLORN MUSIC SCHEME (neMS)

The Netherlorn Music Scheme was founded earlier this year to encourage professional music-making within the Netherlorn area. It is not intended to be only for formal concerts, but also for devising and delivering community-based musical projects and to provide time and space for the personal development of professional musicians within our local community. This distinguishes it from the typical, locally-based music club, such as the excellent example of the Oban Music Society (OMS), which concentrates on recitals of classical music presented in the local town, and which, typically, is supported by central funding, administered via Enterprise Music Scotland (one of the successor organizations of the old Scottish Arts Council). While our area is well endowed with a rich musical life through folk, folk-rock, jazz and other popular musics, the NeMS concentrates on so-called classical music (though not exclusively so), because it is the form of music with the least presence in our area at the moment, and it is the kind of live music-making which is increasingly the subject of investigation as a pathway to well-being on both personal and community levels.

Easdale Medical Practice is a supporter of the Scheme, so it makes sense to expand its geographical scope from the original area of Seil and Easdale Community Council to include the Kilninver and Kilmelford CC. The practice believes that, once the Scheme is in full swing, there will be noticeable positive benefits for the well-being of our communities, mitigating loneliness and isolation, and engendering the spiritual uplift which, at its best, live music-making can provide.

The NeMS has formed a strategic partnership with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS), the first fruits of which will be heard next Spring when a recently formed string quartet, the Resol Quartet, will take up residence here to develop their own repertoire and work with us and for us. Its members are senior, international post-graduate students mentored by the members of the Brodsky Quartet, who are International Fellows in Chamber Music at the RCS (and who recently gave a wonderful recital in St John's Oban for the OMS).

We expect to have a succession of the best-known Scottish chamber ensembles and consorts visiting over the next two years and more. Our first foray into jazz is in partnership with the Royal British Legion (Scotland) to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe, with popular songs and music from the 1940's given historically accurate performances by the award-winning Swingtet, one of Dick Lee's bands from Edinburgh. They will be performing as part of the

celebrations in the Community Halls of Seil (8th May, 2020) and of Kilmelford (9th May). Raid Grannie's and Grandpa's wardrobes, and dig into those chests in the attic. Dress the part: come along and swing your way through all the emotion and nostalgia of the war years, now slipping beyond living memory.

Our inaugural event took place last August, on a rainy Friday lunchtime, given by the Scottish Ensemble at the start of their 50th anniversary tour. They gave an informal, but brilliant performance of the *Octet* by Felix Mendelssohn (a work of genius written when he was only 16) to a packed Seil Hall. Several people wrote in afterwards: this lovely handwritten letter was typical of many in the sentiments it expressed:

“It was a triumph! The Scottish Ensemble performed with a flair – and a joy – that we will remember for a long time. They were superb. It wasn't just the music, though. The catering, the front-of-house and the car-parking was carried out in a warm but thoroughly professional way. Thank you for organizing such a memorable event. We do hope that the NeMS will go from strength to strength.”

Such a reaction is, of course, very gratifying, but made possible only because of sustained, community-wide support, without which the NeMS could not function. We started on Seil, but, in response to some gentle lobbying from some residents in Kilninver and Kilmelford, adopted the current name and are hoping to inspire K-and-K residents to become active supporters and partners, to help keep things running smoothly, and to develop the NeMS further. An important aim is to achieve SCIO status (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization), as we would then be qualified to apply for financial support from sources only available to charitable bodies.

The NeMS is run via a Working Group, currently nearly all from Seil, with many useful skills, and much experience and commitment. This is backed up by a team who organize local accommodation and the management of public events. In the community at large there is a group which provides free accommodation to visiting musicians and a group which, on an annual basis, acts as guarantors against financial loss.

We need to implement this model in other parts of Netherlorn for the programme to be sustainable. (Is it fair, for example, for Seil residents to provide free accommodation so that recitals can take place in Kilninver/Kilmelford?) So we need some community-minded folk from Kilninver and Kilmelford to help in all aspects of the Scheme, but especially to join the Working Group, where decisions are formally taken. Obviously, some enthusiasm for music would help, but, for the Working Group, it is not as important as strengthening our business-skills (for instance, information management, financial planning, and providing an effective, professional interface with “officialdom”).

The NeMS organizational model, as outlined here, enables us to negotiate with professional music-groups and organizations so that fees and costs are

massively reduced. We should not find ourselves on a ceaseless treadmill of fund-raising, as our running costs are currently low, in part because the music partners are centrally funded.

Not only that, the prestigious groups with whom we are dealing are keen to pursue project work with us, particularly in schools and at the grass roots level. This is highly significant, as support for Music as a school-based subject has slipped down the list of educational priorities, and important aspects of musical development, such as individual music lessons, have become unaffordable to many parents.

Summary of the NeMS objectives

The Netherlorn Music Scheme (NeMS) aims to provide and promote an ongoing programme of professional-quality live music-making embedded in the communities of the Netherlorn area. All its actions should map onto one or more of the following objectives:

- Developing close working relations with the music profession at institutional, group and personal levels
- Engaging the support of local communities in the management and delivery of the Scheme
- Working alongside local groups, organizations and individuals who may benefit from collaborative work
- Providing a congenial, peaceful working environment in which musicians can develop their repertoire while benefiting from our rural location and other visitor assets
- Providing members of our communities with opportunities to participate and study in informal and collaborative ways
- Liaising with local schools and the local medical practice to maximize the Scheme's potential in supporting musical education and developing community well-being
- Delivering a programme of live musical events, through residencies, concerts and community-based actions

Stephen Arnold is the NeMS Chair. If you would like, in any way, to be directly involved in the development of the NeMS, please get in touch by emailing:

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Web addresses for performers and organizations mentioned in this article

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland <https://www.rcs.ac.uk/> | The Resol String Quartet <https://www.resolstringquartet.com>
The Brodsky Quartet <https://www.brodskyquartet.co.uk/> | Enterprise Music Scotland <http://www.enterprisemusicscotland.com>
Dick Lee (and his bands, including *Dick Lee's Swingtet*) <https://dicklee462.wixsite.com/dicklee>
Oban Music Society <https://www.obanmusicociety.org/> | The Scottish Ensemble <https://scottishensemble.co.uk/>

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BUSY COUPLE OF TERMS AT KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

A lot has happened at school since our last newsletter!

Kilninver Primary didn't have a Head Teacher for a few months after our other one left. Four pupils were chosen to interview for a new Head Teacher. Her name is Mrs Daniels. She brought some new things along like the Good News Wall, Head Teacher's awards, Assembly and Fruit Friday. So far, we've tried carrot, orange, watermelon, apple, pear, cucumber and pepper. We also have a weekly assembly, dancing and signing. Mrs Daniels teaches the wee class.

We have got some other new additions. Just before the October Holidays a man called Mr Douglas came to the school to teach us the ukulele, which in my opinion is very fun. We have been learning the Mama Lama Pizza song. We also have a new art teacher, Mrs Ferguson. Of course, we can't forget the two new pupils that also came to this school. It's great to have them!

In September we had a Family Ceilidh at Kilmelford Hall to raise money for the school. We did Strip the Willow and the Gay Gordons and Dashing White Sergeant and 'Hit the Box of Chocolates'. It was a lot of fun.

In October we had a Harvest Celebration where pupils brought in either grown vegetables or fruit from fruit trees and canned food from the back of the shelves. These were donations for Hope Kitchen. A lady called Catriona came and talked about how many people come to Hope Kitchen and made it sound so warm and homely.



A couple of weeks ago Kilninver Primary School were asked by Active Schools to do the Virtual Games. We were competing against other small schools in Argyll and Bute and Kilninver did really well. P1 to P3 came 1st and, even better, P4 to P7 came 1st as well! We were given medals from Allan Wright our Active Schools co-ordinator.

"I am surprised we won." said Archie.

"Hooray!" said Kyle.

During UK Parliament week in November we did a 'Big Debate'. Our debate's motion was 'The amount of paper towels used in the school should be limited every day'. The Kilninver pupils were asked to pick a colour pin. Green was *for* the motion and purple was *against*. The two teams made team names, which were: GIG (which stands for Green Is Good) and PIB (which stands for Purple Is Better). The two teams made things to help them win the debate; posters, leaflets, signs, etc. One of the pupils was chosen to be the Chair speaker. All of the parents (thanks to those who came) and the smaller class had to vote for the side they thought had the best argument. Surprisingly, the PIBs (who were against the motion) won the debate with the best argument.

Also during Parliament week, Primary 5-7 had a VIV (Very important Visitor) come to their classroom. Miss McKechnie was from the Scottish Parliament and was visiting to get the children into voting as it would help them in later life. The class had a great time voting on the computer with click pads. Miss McKechnie also taught the children about voting slips and how to use them. At the end, most children thought that it was a fun and amazing day!



CHANGING SEASONS



Autumn is now well established with trees having changed from summer greens through burnished yellows, golds and russets before being stripped to bare branches by the first gales of the new season and with the first snows appearing on the tops of the Mull hills when seen from the road into Oban the procession of the seasons continues as it has for millennia and the seemingly predictable and familiar cycle rolls on for another year.

With this change of seasons comes a changing cast of birdlife on the Loch Melfort and Lorn wildlife stage. Offshore the Puffins of the Mull islands have long gone, departing by mid-August for an Autumn and Winter in the wilds of the Atlantic. Closer to home the Terns nesting on the Loch islands have left at the end of summer (although very few seemed to return and nest in 2019) and the Gannets seen plunging into the Loch in what appears to be an almost literally break-neck and reckless dive have moved their pursuit of the mackerel away to other parts by the end of October. Their place will be taken by Great Northern Divers moving down from their breeding grounds in Iceland and Greenland (although a few will have bred in NW Scotland). Overhead the Swallows and Martins of Summer are a distant memory and the screech of insect-chasing Swifts is replaced by the honks of skeins of geese escaping the increasing cold and dark of their breeding grounds in the Arctic for the (relatively) balmy Scottish West Coast winter. On Islay almost 50,000 geese arrive during October to April including 70 per cent of the Greenland population of Barnacle Geese and 30 per cent of their population of White Fronted Geese. In gardens the chiffchaffs and warblers of Summer are replaced by flocks of ravenous Fieldfares stripping the Rowans of their berries and if lucky, wintering Bramblings can be seen amongst the flocks of Chaffinches gleaning sunflower seeds on the lawn around the bird feeder.

And so the seasons roll on with a reassuringly predictable cast of avian characters appearing and then a few months later disappearing, only to unfailingly re-appear on cue the following year. Surely this has always been the way and always will be? Or

perhaps there are subtle hints of possible changes to this established order in the future.

By way of a small example, on the 3rd October a Great White Egret was seen on the shores of Loch Melfort having been previously sighted in late September on Mull and also on 3rd October at Cullipool before moving on to Seil (via Loch Melfort) and then back to Luing where it was still located in late October.

The Great White Egret is an impressive large bird of all-white plumage standing 1 metre tall with a wingspan of 130 to 170 centimetres and similar in outline and fishing habit to the ubiquitous Grey Heron of these parts. It was formerly a rare visitor to the UK from warmer European climates and as recently as the 1980s there had only been 10 UK sightings over the previous two decades. By 2006 however sightings and numbers, mainly in Southern England and East Anglia, were so frequent that the British Birds Rarity Committee stopped assessing sightings. In 2012 a pair bred for the first time on the Somerset Levels and by 2017 there were 12 pairs nesting in Somerset raising 17 young with further pairs nesting in Norfolk fledging 3 young.

Previous sightings of Great White Egrets in Scotland are not unknown and it might be that this spectacular bird is following its smaller cousin the Little Egret which first appeared in any significant numbers in the UK in the mid to late 1980s and first bred in the UK in Dorset in 1986 but which now, according to the RSPB, numbers 660-740 UK breeding pairs and is slowly moving its breeding range North.

Is it possible that for whatever reason – and Climate Change has been put forward as one possible reason – Great White Egrets at some future date could be seen nesting and fishing alongside the Grey Heron on Loch Melfort? And other birds, formerly regarded as exotic rarities blown off course from warmer Southern European countries, become established and the norm and a new cast of characters will mark the passing of the seasons on the West Coast of Scotland.



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KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS 2020 KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL & KNIPOCH HOTEL

MAIN MEETINGS 8 p.m.	INTERIM MEETINGS 7 – 8 p.m.
TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS
Public Meetings	Committee Meetings
	9 JANUARY
11 FEBRUARY KNIPOCH HOTEL	
	12 MARCH
7 APRIL	
	7 MAY
2 JUNE	
	9 JULY
4 AUGUST	
	3 SEPTEMBER
6 OCTOBER	
	5 NOVEMBER
1 DECEMBER	

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

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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CARRAIG GHEAL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND STEERING GROUP

The Steering Group meets twice a year to consider Main Grant applications for shares of the approx. £50,000 per year available to projects within the 5 qualifying Communities. Following the retirement from the Group of Nigel Mitchell in October there is a vacancy for a local resident to join the Group.

If you think you might be interested please do not hesitate to contact me on 200256.

David Wilkie

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT QUESTIONNAIRE

The Local Group has continued to meet and to make further progress there is a requirement for more information.

There is a short Questionnaire for ALL age groups within a household on

<http://www.A816.org>

There will be some paper copies available locally also.



David Wilkie

A COMMUNITY COMPANY?

For 2 years now I have been attending meetings and building up a file of information on Community Companies. They come in various forms but now have become almost the only way to access and attract funding for Community projects. They are stand alone organisations and do not need to be connected to existing groups such as Community Councils or Village Halls.

Whilst the formation of a company was mooted several years ago the relatively recent acquisition of Glenmore Hill by the Forestry Commission caused some of us to think “Not more Sitka Spruce to dominate our landscape”, as well as the loss of grazing for Tullich Farm, the loss of amenity for walking and horse riding as well as concerns over water supplies for Kames Fish Farm and several domestic properties.

Since then other suggestions have been made including development of the land around the Village Hall and for more affordable housing.

There are now hundreds of Community Benefit Companies in Scotland in both urban and rural situations and while there is considerable funding available for purchase and capital expenditure there needs to be a business plan to show the value to the Community and how income will be generated.

There is a wide range of examples of “BenComs” already up and running and they include forests, hydro schemes, campsites, play parks, a distillery(!), shops, a harbour and even a school!

Ideas for Glenmore Hill include some natural woodland, horse trails, mountain bike tracks, woodland crofts, campsite, natural burial graveyard as well as some agriculture. The village hall site could accommodate further car parking for the hall, a children's' play area and cycle trail, sports pitch and tennis courts, dog walking shelter and maybe even a school in Kilmelford again! Local businesses all need local employees and a Community Company has advantages in accessing funding for local homes.

A Community Company has to be backed by the enthusiasm of a large proportion of the Community and there is potential for both nominal and major investment with any Shareholder having an equal vote whatever the size of their shareholding. A Board of Directors I think should number a minimum of 8 persons.

There will be a public meeting at the Village Hall in Kilmelford on Wednesday 8th January, 8 pm – 9 pm, an opportunity to ask questions and hopefully get them answered! All welcome.

David M. Wilkie

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VE DAY 75



Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council is embracing the weekend of celebrations to mark the end of World War II in Europe on 8th May 1945 by holding a dance in Kilmelford Village Hall on Saturday 9th May next year.

We are very fortunate to have booked the 5 piece Swing Band Dick Lee's Swingtet

(www.dicklee462.wixsite.com/dicklee/-p3a92) who will be playing in Easdale Village Hall the night before.

The plan is to encourage people to come along in 1940s dress and generally enter in to the spirit of celebration at that time. Further details to follow on posters, social media etc. as plans develop.

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Free Buffet, Children's Games, Visit from Santa, Bar open for the adults too

Closed Christmas & Boxing Day

Friday 27th December 5 pm - Close Dinner served from 5 pm

Saturday 28th December Quiz & Chilli Night £8 per person | 3pm - Close

Refreshments available from 3 pm (Quiz starts @ 7.30 pm)

Sunday 29th December 9.30 am - Close

Breakfast served until Noon, Sunday Roast served from 12.30 pm - 5pm

Monday 30th December Fish 'n' Chip Night 3pm - Close

Refreshments available from 3 pm, Fish 'n' Chips served from 5 pm

Tuesday 31st Hogmanay

Pie 'n' Chips served Noon til 4pm, booking essential

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New Year's Day - CLOSED

Thursday 2nd January 3pm - Close

Refreshments available from 3 pm, Dinner served from 5 pm

Friday 3rd January 3pm - Close

Refreshments available from 3 pm, Dinner served from 5 pm

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Treasurer: Carla Banham

Minutes Secretary: Gill Philpotts

Committee Members: Matthew Anderson,

Louisa Llewellyn, Fiona Campbell

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**

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After 18 years serving on the Village Hall Committee, Diane Scaife will be stepping down in January 2020. She will be greatly missed by the rest of the hall committee, but thankfully we will still be able to tap into her knowledge as and when we need to. We are all very grateful that Diane will also continue with the monthly coffee mornings and 100 Club. The hall committee wishes to profoundly thank Diane on behalf of the whole community for all the years she has spent on the committee and for all the hard work, much of it carried out quietly and unobtrusively, that she has put into the everyday running, maintenance and upkeep of our Village Hall.

The Village Hall received a £7000 grant earlier in the year from the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund towards replacing the indoor light fittings and bulbs. Over the summer the lights in the main hall were replaced and soon work will

start on replacing the fittings in the lesser hall, hallway, stairwells and, if funds allow us, also in the kitchen. We are very grateful to receive this grant, and are delighted with the work done by McNivens so far, as the new lights make a huge difference!

Obviously maintenance at the hall is ongoing and we are currently raising funds to buy new lightweight trestle tables and a replacement fire exit door for the main hall.

We are also currently working on an online booking system which we hope to get up and running at the beginning of 2020. We will contact all our regular hall users in due course with more details. Once launched, you will find the hall booking system via the kilmelford.com website under the drop down menu “community” followed by “village hall”.

Last but by no means least: We are delighted to announce that Fiona Campbell joined the Hall Committee in November and we are looking forward to her help/ideas and input in the everyday running of the Village Hall. Welcome Fiona!

Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall Committee

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Easdale Medical Practice: The Surgery, Clachan, Seil, **01852 300223**
www.easdalemedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk **CLOSED 25th, 26th Dec & 1st, 2nd Jan**

Dr Barkham Consulting Times	Dr Ford Consulting Times
Monday 08:30-11:30 am, 3pm-4:30	Wednesday 09:00-11:30 am, 3:30pm-5:00
Tuesday 08:30- 10:45	Thursday 08:30- 10:45
Wednesday 08:30-11:30 am	Friday 08:30-11:30 am, 3pm-4:30
Thursday 09:30–10:45	

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Lorn Medical Centre Oban: Soroba Road, Oban, **01631 563175**
www.lornmedicalcentre.co.uk **CLOSED 25th, 26th Dec & 1st, 2nd Jan**

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AUTUMN'S GLORY

Trees high above you soar,
As leaves strew the forest floor,
Soft carpets with colours blaze,
How I love these autumn days,

Trees cry their colours shred,
Left bare at winters dread,
They burst with colours might,
Before our winters cold, cold slight.

The endless fun that children find,
From summer that is left behind,
Kicking up leaves upon the floor,
As we head towards our winter's door,

Hills from high with bracken dead,
At dusk can glow an awesome red,
Orange glows and yellow shines,
This our nature's most glorious time

One last chance we have to spare,
Enjoy our autumn colours rare,
See our wondrous autumn glow,
As nature puts on its one last show.

Olwen Goulding 3rd March 2019

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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

