

# KILNINFORD NEWS

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
PEACE AND HAPPINESS  
IN 2006

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS OF ALL THE EVENTS OVER THE  
FESTIVE PERIOD INCLUDING  
THE HOGMANAY CEILIDH IN THE VILLAGE HALL



## WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December – Scottish Country Dancing Christmas Party** at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council meeting** at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December – Live Ceilidh Band** from 8 p.m. at the Lord of the Isles.

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Market** from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Galley of Lorne. Variety of crafts and produce for sale.

Contact: Lix Armstrong Tel: 01852 500240.

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Carol Singing** around Kilmelford meeting at 6.15 p.m. at the Shower of Herring. All welcome.

There will also be carol singing in Ardfern and Craobh Haven on different dates – watch out for notices.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Music Night** at The Lord of the Isles.

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Raffle** at the Lord of the Isles.

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Quiz Night** at the Lord of the Isles.

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> December – “Bird Clinic Annual Gala”** (re-nesting of the Lunga Ball). Dancing to Archie John McVicar’s band.

Contact for tickets and further information: Richard Murray Tel: 01546 605284.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December – Hogmanay Party** from 9 p.m. till late in Kilmelford Village Hall. Please bring your own booze and a contribution of food for the buffet. Well behaved children welcome!

Contact: Anne Grey Tel: 01852 200225.

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Live Music** with Rockit (formerly NMG) from 9.30 p.m. at the Lord of the Isles.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January** (date subject to confirmation) – **Whist Drive** at 7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Tea, coffee and raffle. £2 per adult, £1.50 under 16s.

Whist drives are usually held on the first Friday of each month from October till April with funds going to a variety of charities (the November Whist Drive raised £180 for the Erskine Hospital). Watch out for posters to confirm dates or contact Greta Johnston Tel: 01852 500650.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January – The Kilninford Association AGM.** Time and venue to be announced.

Contact: Cath Manchester Tel: 01852 200272.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Kilninver Primary School funds. Donations of baking would be much appreciated.

Contact: Sally Inglis Tel: 01852 316271.

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January – Burns’ Night** at 7 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Kilninver Primary School funds. Tickets will be available from the school in the New Year.

Contact: Sally Inglis Tel: 01852 316271

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January** (and possibly Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan) – the annual Christmas show “**The Wizard of Oz**” presented by the Iascene Players in Craignish Village Hall. Watch out for posters. Tickets will be available from Ardfern Village Stores and from Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.  
Contact: Viv Tel: 01852 500205.

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.  
Offers of help with baking would be much appreciated.  
Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314.

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February – Quiz Night** at the Lord of the Isles.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February – “Further than the Furthest Thing”** performed by Prime Productions at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £7.  
Contact : Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March – Mid Argyll Ball** at the Cairnbaan Hotel.  
Contact for information, tickets and to book a place on the bus: Dawn Stewart Tel: 01852 500291.  
Jan Brown will be organising dance practice sessions in Craignish Village Hall.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night** at the Lord of the Isles.

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.  
Offers of help with baking would be much appreciated.  
Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night** at the Lord of the Isles.

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April – “Three Billy Goats Gruff”** presented by the Garlic Theatre (puppets) at 3 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall (suitable for 3 - 5 year olds). Tickets £3.  
Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April – Heather McLeod** and band present a gig at 8 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £6.  
Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

## **REGULAR EVENTS IN KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

### ART GROUP

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.** in the small hall. Tom Wilson of Kilmelford is the new tutor during school terms. £6 per session (£1 per session during school holidays with no tutor). All welcome.  
Contact: Clare Howard Tel: 01852 200375 and Agnes McCol Tel: 01852 200365.

### COUNTRY DANCING

Sessions take place most **Thursdays from 8 – 10 p.m.** £3 per session.  
Once again, a huge thank you to Mike for teaching us and making each session fun as well as instructive.

Stops: Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December (end of session party)

Starts: Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January  
No dancing on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Stops: Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April

N.B. Jan Brown will be running a series of Scottish Country Dancing classes on Tuesday evenings from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> February (no class on 24<sup>th</sup> January) in Craignish Village Hall. The aim of the class is for people to learn to dance and, in particular, to learn the dances which are usually done at local events, such as the Mid Argyll Ball.

### EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS

The workshops take place every **Wednesday from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.**

Stops: Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Starts: Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Stops: Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Contact: Elizabeth Asbury Tel: 01852 200377

### YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will recommence on **Wednesday evenings** in the New Year (see article below).  
Chairman: Roanna Taylor Tel: 01852 200268 or contact Anne Saunders at the shop Tel: 01852 200271.

### BADMINTON AND SQUASH

Badminton: £2 per hour  
Squash: 16 years and over £3 per hour  
Under 16 years, OAP's, students and unemployed £1.50 per hour

### **CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL**

Caretaker: Position vacant. The position is either voluntary or paid by negotiation.  
Cleaner: Position vacant. £6 per hour for 2 hours per week.  
Anyone willing to take on either, or both, of these positions should please contact a member of the village hall committee.

Bookings for the hall should be made during business hours at the Kilmelford Village Stores Tel: 01852 200271.

Grateful thanks go to the volunteers who helped with the November/December "Spring Clean" of the village hall.

### **UPDATE – KILMELFORD YOUTH CLUB**

It has been some 4 months now since Kilmelford Youth Club Committee commenced the Club Nights every Wednesday at Kilmelford Village Hall. It has been considerably longer, however, since the Committee formed and started discussing what we felt would be a useful and valuable service to the children and young adults of our area. A great deal of effort has gone into the formation of the Youth Club and this continues as we work together towards obtaining proper Disclosure.

At the time of writing we are still waiting for Disclosure Scotland to formally recognise our Club. Once this has taken place, then each volunteer will submit their details for Disclosure Scotland to verify against

police files. Until we have the correct recognition we cannot apply for funding or take advantage of the many services/activities which are available locally. At a recent Committee meeting, it was decided that we would cease Club Nights for the time being but will recommence in the New Year when we have our disclosure status. The Committee continue to work behind the scenes to ensure that this will happen.

We aim to provide a meeting place for local young people to meet and learn new skills from willing volunteers. We hope this will include sports activities such as football, kayaking, dancing, archery etc, as well as learning new arts and crafts, computer skills, chess, backgammon and learning about nature by enjoying short field trips and having group adventures.

We have been overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of children arriving at Youth Club, which although it illustrates clearly that there is a need for this facility, has presented us with a problem - we simply do not have the numbers of volunteers to assist us in offering these activities and to ensure the safety of the children in our care.

We are very keen to recruit volunteers from the local community. Please, please, if you can spare a few hours a month to help our youngsters, we would urge you to contact Anne Saunders, at the Village Shop.

In the meantime, all the young people and Committee of Kilmelford Youth Club, would like to thank everyone who has given their time to assist at Club nights over the past few months. We have received generous donations from local organisations and would also like to thank those involved for their generosity. We would like to wish everyone in the community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME**

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December – Gift Sunday** at 12 noon in Kilmelford Church.

Anybody wishing to bring a gift for distribution by the Social Work Department in Oban should please mark it for either a boy or a girl and the age for which the gift is suitable.

If the newsletter has not been distributed before this date, gifts can be left at the Social Work Department in Soroba Road, Oban.

The Social Work Department has asked that their thanks be passed on as these kind donations have been greatly appreciated.

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – Family Service.** Blast Off group from Kilninver Primary School will be taking the family Christmas service at 12 noon in Kilninver Church. They invite all “to come and join us”.

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carols by Candlelight** at 6.30 p.m. in Craignish Church.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Early Watchnight Service** at 7.30 p.m. in Kilninver Church.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Late Watchnigh Service** starting with carols at 11 p.m. followed by the service at 11.30 p.m. in Craignish Church.

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Services** at 10.15 a.m. in Craignish Church and 12 noon in Kilmelford Church.

## **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES**

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church.

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
December	11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>
January, 2006	8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
February	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>
March	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>
April	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> (Easter) + Communion at 8.30 a.m., 30 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>

**Please note:**

Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.15 a.m.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES - St John's Cathedral, George Street, Oban.**

Sunday            8 a.m. Holy Communion  
                         10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Fourth Sunday – Choral Matins)  
Wednesday      11 a.m. Holy Communion

**CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES - St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.**

Saturday        7 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday           10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

**LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER**

At the beginning of November the repairs started at Kilninver Church. After the Community raised nearly £20,000 for these repairs and we sourced a contractor who was willing to do the work according to our budget, the works began. It is hoped that the roof will be wind and watertight and the belfry conserved, plus some other external work all completed by the end of the year. I am still deeply appreciative of all the hard work done by the officebearers of the Church in seeing the Appeal through to its conclusion and of the generosity of all the community and their desire to see the Church remain as a useable feature of the Parish. We would love to see the lighting in the Church brought up to the standards required for Disabled Access, but the sum raised by the Appeal is not enough to meet this cost. Perhaps some of you might be willing to help towards this end.

A reflection of the Community's desire was the very happy event in the middle of November when Angus Kennedy was baptised in the Church. Angus is the grandson of Vanessa and David Kilpatrick, and his parents were particularly keen to have him baptised in Kilninver, because of the family connections. I hope this will be a sign the continued use of the Church for family events such as this, set in the context of the worship of God.

Christmas is now very nearly on us and preparations are well under way for the usual services. A note about these will be found elsewhere. I recently saw a large banner proclaiming "Christ is the Reason for the Season." Those of us who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour approach Christmas as the time to remember that God loved this world and everyone in it so much that he sent his only son into the world in order that all who believe in him might have a new and everlasting life. To me Christmas is a huge confession of faith in each one of us as being of infinite worth to God, and a reminder that Jesus has shared our human life, so that there is nothing in life that is not of interest to God.

I hope that you have a very happy time, for we in the Church will. I do not wish you Season's Greetings, but a Very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

Alastair McLachlan

P.S. Kilmelford will have a bigger mention next time.

## **KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Chairman	Anne Saunders
Treasurer	Robin Grey
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Committee Members	Dorothy Bark
	Anne Grey
	Christine Maclachlan
	Neil Manchester
	Christine Roberts
	Roanna Taylor

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 13<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005 and the main topics discussed were:

### **Caretaking duties**

The search for a Hall Caretaker continues. In the meantime the members of the committee are carrying out the caretaking duties in a rota. A cleaner is still required. A thorough "Spring Clean" of the Hall by volunteers was organised for the end of November.

### **Maintenance**

The back door and doorframe have been replaced at an estimated cost of £680.00 + VAT.  
Replacement light bulbs for the theatre lights have been purchased at a cost of £80.48.  
The new tea urn is in use. The cost was £89.70 + VAT.

### **Fund Raising**

The Treasurer emphasised the need for more fund raising activities to cover the costs of recent and future expenditure. The level of donations to the Hall fund is down compared to previous years.  
The planning of the Beetle Drive and Hogmanay Party were discussed.

## **KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 9th August 2005 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Present:** Community Councillors: Neil Manchester (Chairman), Robin Asbury, Robin Grey  
Also in attendance were Argyll and Bute Councillors Alan Macaskill and Duncan MacIntyre and 17 members of the public.

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Diarmid Campbell, Jayne Brown, Alasdair Oatts, Ian and Meriel Tegner, Anne Grey, Christine MacLachlan.

### **1 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2005 were approved and signed, subject to an addition requested by Councillor MacIntyre: Under item 7.3, The licence to extract timber from Scammadale Forest had been approved, but the use of the road had not been approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

## **2 Matters Arising:**

Mr Stuart Cannon, Returning Officer, advised that the results of the election for the vacancy on the Community Council was as follows:

Mr John Stannard	31 votes
Mr Diarmid Campbell	34 votes

The chairman thanked Mr Cannon for his efforts, and noted that Mr Diarmid Campbell had been elected to the Community Council. The chairman proposed that Mr Campbell be appointed as secretary, seconded by Mr Robin Asbury.

Mr Asbury advised that he had written to John Tilley regarding the land adjacent to the village hall, and had received a holding letter noting that a delay was likely.

Cllr Macaskill advised that McLeods had indicated that the roads and play area would be completed shortly. Cllr Macaskill agreed to report on progress at the next meeting.

Mrs Elisabeth Asbury displayed photographs and plans for the proposed development of the car park in Kilmelford. Mr Colin Clark advised that there was an underground high voltage cable that was near the surface and would prevent significant levelling of the car park. Cllr Macaskill noted that the Council would consider any landscaping application, and that the Area Committee may provide a grant. Mrs Asbury and Mr Campbell agreed to develop the plans and cost the project in detail. Mr Clark felt that the car park should incorporate a bus bay for added safety.

Cllr MacIntyre advised that the bus shelter on the opposite side did not fit the foundations laid when the bus bay was constructed, and that there was a dispute over responsibility. Mr Robin Grey enquired as to the status of the bus stop at Kilniver School. Cllr MacIntyre advised that plans were progressing.

Mrs Jane Rentoul asked whether any progress had been made over the Dial-a-Bus scheme. Mr Asbury outlined the details of the scheme, and Cllr Macaskill reported that this had been successful elsewhere. Fiona Wyllie agreed to place an article in the next newsletter to ascertain community support.

The Reverend Alasdair MacLachlan advised that the church had not received any payment for the land used for the Kilmelford bus bay. Cllr Macaskill advised that payment had been due in August by Hitrans. Cllr MacIntyre advised that authorisation had only been given in August, so would be due shortly.

Mr Asbury advised the meeting that he had sought clarification of the recent application for a 15 metre high mast, and advised that the application had been passed by the Council, and that the mast was at the end of the Degnish Road but concealed between the hill and some trees.

## **3 Argyll and Bute Local Plan - outcome of meeting on 5th July 2005**

The chairman advised of the letter sent following the final community consultation meeting on 13th July 2005. Cllr Macaskill advised that the draft plans and representations were with the Council and awaiting approval, after which the final version would be submitted for a final consultation period.

## **4 Scottish Power Wind Farm Application at Inverliever**

The chairman reported that the Argyll and Bute Planning Department had recommended that the application be refused. Mrs Diane Scaife asked whether the Community Council would be represented at the public hearing. The chairman felt that this would not be necessary, and asked the members of the



public if they felt that representation was required. There was no response. Cllr Macaskill advised that there would be a full council meeting on site, with presentations made in the afternoon by the Planning department, the applicants, objectors and statutory consultees, which could include community councils if they wish.

## **5 Planning Applications**

Mr Asbury reported on the Waste Water treatment plant in Kilmelford, and outlined the scope of the development. Mr Stuart Cannon asked whether the plant would accommodate all the houses in the village. Mr Asbury noted that the plant would service the Glebe development and the council houses in the village. Mrs Claire Howard asked whether private septic tank owners would have to pay for treatment systems. Cllr MacIntyre advised that Scottish Water was acting under new regulations to replace existing Scottish Water systems by 2006. It was considered that involving SEPA to put pressure on Scottish Water to incorporate all houses may backfire on householders not covered under the Scottish Water system. Cllr MacIntyre suggested that representatives of Scottish Water be invited to present the plans in detail, and to answer any questions at an open meeting. The chairman agreed to organise this.

## **6 Correspondence**

The secretary drew attention to a range of documents, leaflets, various minutes and agendas available for public review.

In addition, the secretary reported the following:

Fountain Forestry: timber felling in Scammadale was at the half way stage.

Argyll and Bute Council: notice that the 20mph speed limit at Kilninver was progressing, and would be implanted shortly.

### *8 Any Other Business*

Alasdair MacLachlan advised that the continued use of the Glebe land for football was acceptable, and advised that further developments were a long way off.

Claire Howard asked whether there were plans to replace the red call box in the village. Cllr Macaskill advised that the Community Council would be consulted if removal was proposed.

Mrs Scaife reported that the Princes Trust members had carried out some beach cleaning as a service to the community, in return for use of the village hall for a course. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent by Diane Scaife on behalf of the Community Council.

## **9 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 11th October 2005 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Neil Manchester  
Chairman

## DRAFT MINUTES

A special meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 8th September 2005 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Present:** Community Councillors: Neil Manchester (Chairman), Robin Asbury, Jayne Brown, Alasdair Oatts, Robin Grey.

Also in attendance were 33 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Macaskill and MacIntyre, and Christine MacLachlan.

### **1 Application for Detailed Consent for Wastewater Treatment Works by Scottish Water (Planning Application Ref: WPC/N/72882)**

Representatives of Scottish Water and the Project and Site Team were present to discuss the proposal. Public concerns raised included the cost of the project (£1.29 million, funded by the Scottish Executive), the limited capacity and failure to accommodate all septic tank outfalls in the village (designed to accommodate Scottish Water customers only, and compliant with the Urban Wastewater Directive in terms of percentage of the community covered), the fact that additional capacity was reserved for houses as yet not built on the Glebe (permission for development had been approved prior to the design of the wastewater plant, so had to be accommodated), and fears over the discharge of large quantities of raw sewage in the event of a power failure (provision of a duty and standby pump, plus provision for a generator to support a 6 hour storage capacity).

### **2 Application for Outline Consent for Site for Erection of Dwelling House by Mr and Mrs G A Brown (Planning Application Ref: 05/01694/OUT)**

The details of this outline application were discussed, and a motion to object unanimously passed (proposed N Manchester, seconded Angus MacFadyen) on the following grounds:

In the Draft Local Plan, the area of the proposed development is in an area classed as 'sensitive countryside', and thus generally unsuitable for development. Approval could potentially create precedent for further applications

The community feel that the Degnish road is at the limit of its capacity to sustain further increases in traffic volumes.

### **3 Application for Detailed Consent for the Erection of Restaurant by Melfort Pier and Harbour (Planning Application Ref: 05/01750/DET)**

The details of the Detailed application were discussed, and a number of points raised in objection. N Manchester proposed a motion that the Community Council objected to the application, seconded by Robin Asbury. The chairman asked for a show of hands to gauge public opinion prior to the Community Council voting on the motion. From a total of 28 votes cast, 21 voted for the motion, 3 voted against and 5 abstained. Given the level of public feeling, the Community Council unanimously voted to object to the application on the following grounds:

It has been stated previously that the community feel that the Degnish road is at the limit of its capacity to sustain further increases in traffic volumes. The applicant states that the proposed development would actually reduce traffic volumes, yet previous and current experience indicates that the increased volume

of visitors (during key eating times), plus the inevitable increase in delivery and refuse vehicles associated with this type of enterprise, suggest that traffic volumes would rapidly become unmanageable.

There is much local concern that the development will create an additional noise nuisance and will further exacerbate significant light pollution. In addition, the applicant is not providing additional car parking spaces for the new facility.

The Draft Local Plan, the Melfort Pier development is in an area classed as 'sensitive countryside', and thus generally unsuitable to development.

In response to the previous application by Melfort Pier, both Angus Gilmour and the Area Committee stated that this development had reached capacity, and that no further development would be permitted. This was reported in the Oban Times on 10th April 2003.

As per the Community Councils response to the Draft Local Plan, the infrastructure of this area is insufficient for further large-scale development. The water supplies for the existing development are barely adequate, and additional supplies are unavailable.

4 AOB

Further information on the proposed SE Coastal Marine Parks was requested.

A question was asked regarding the plans for street lighting in the Glebe development in Kilmelford.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 09.10pm

Neil Manchester  
Chairman

## **KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on

Wednesday 14th December 2005

8.00 pm

at the Kilmelford Village Hall

### Apologies

- 1 Minutes of the meeting on 9th August 2005
- 2 Matters arising from the last meeting:
  - Glebe Completion Issues
  - Kilmelford Car Park
  - Any other matters arising
- 3 Minutes of Special Meeting held on 8th September 2005
- 4 Planning Applications

- 5 North Argyll Voluntary Car Scheme: talk by Margaret Anfield
- 6 Correspondence
- 7 Any Other Business
- 8 Date of Next Meeting

Neil Manchester  
Chairman  
Tel. 01852 200272  
Fax. 01880 770730

## **DIAL-A-BUS SCHEME**

It's hoped to include an article on the Dial-a-Bus Scheme, and possibly a survey, in the April Kilninford News.

Editor

## **NORTH ARGYLL VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME**

Margaret Anfield has kindly agreed to give a short talk on the scheme at the Community Council meeting on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December since the previous arrangement had to be cancelled.

Contact: Margaret Anfield Tel: 01852 300368.

## **KILMELFORD FIRE STATION**

It has been a very quiet time since the last news letter with only one turn out. The fire safety message must be getting across but we must all continue to take care especially during the festive season when there are so many more electrical appliances plugged in with all the Christmas decorations both inside and out.

Our fund raising efforts this year have resulted in us making a donation to the newly re-formed Kilmelford Youth Club of some £460. It was nice to see so many of the young folk out for a look round the appliance (and the sirens and horns) on the night the cheque was handed over. Thanks go to the members of the club that made "thank you" posters for the fire station. The other donation this year was £390 to the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund our usual beneficiary. Fund raising, of course, would not be a success without the support of the people who donate their cash to us for these causes. So the biggest thank you goes to all of you who supported us this year.

Next year's first event will be the Spring car wash, and it'll soon be here, so we hope to see all our "regulars" then.

So thanks again and have a safe and happy Christmas and an equally safe and prosperous New Year from all the crew at Kilmelford Fire Station.

Dave Millward

## **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Blast Off Club has resumed and is very well attended. The weekly activities are led by Mrs Asbury and Mrs Gray and Pupils from P2-7 enjoy going head to head in the lively quiz rounds.

We recently held an open afternoon to give parents the opportunity to examine our new language resources and to discuss their implementation with teaching staff. This event was very well supported and we would like to give a warm thanks to those who attended. Parents also took the opportunity to sample the school meals on offer and we are delighted to say that as a result there has been a significant upturn in the number of pupils taking a hot meal at lunchtime.

The whole school participated in National Tell A Story Day. Pupils and staff dressed up as characters from books and entertained each other with tales and drawings from their favourite stories. There were numerous prizes of comics for the best dressed, best oral description and best drawing at each stage.

On Thursday the 17th November we held our Road Safety training day with the Roads Officer Sue McLean. You may have spotted us in woolly scarves, gloves and High Viz Jackets in and around the roads of Kilmelford and Kilninver learning how to be safe on the road. P1s were ably tutored by their P7 supporters, P2 and 3 practiced crossing the road on their own at the Glebe while P4, 5 and 6 learned how to walk safely on a single track road.

Mr Steve Morley a resident of Kilmelford is currently undertaking additional training to enable him to teach primary school age children. He has just completed his final practical teaching experience with our P4-7 class. We wish him well with his further studies and chosen career.

Parents, pupils and staff have been busy making Christmas cards - there are still some available; contact the school if you would like to purchase any.

We are all busy rehearsing for our Christmas Show - Santa Sings the Blues will be held in the Kilmelford Hall on the 15th December. Entry is by donation at the door. All welcome.

Amelia Inglis has been very successful on the Athletics field. In the girls' under 11 section she recently scooped first place in the Oban event and third place at Mid Argyll. Well done Amelia!

Our P4 and 5s have almost completed their 6 week block of swimming at Atlantis Leisure and now have much more confidence in the water.

Berni McMillan

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December - Santa Sings the Blues at Kilmelford Hall.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch.

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Party.

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Christmas Service at 11 a.m. in Kilmelford Church.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Gateway meeting at 7.30 p.m. for parents of P7 pupils attending Oban High.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Service at 2 p.m. in Kilmelford Church.

### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2005	School closes
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January, 2006	School re-opens
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes
16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service days
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February	School re-opens
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes

Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School re-opens
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes

### **EASDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Normal working hours are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01852 300223

In case of emergency outside normal working hours, dial 999 for an ambulance. For health advice, phone NHS 24 Tel: 0845 24 24 24.

The Surgery will be closed as follows:-

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April

### **MELFORT CLUB FACILITIES – CLOSURES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

The Melfort Club facilities will be closed from Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December until Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December and from Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January until Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Restricted hours during the festive period; please phone the office for information. Tel: 01852 200257.

### **GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2006**

#### Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

#### The Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

### **MOBILE POLICE VAN**

The van has been off the road for a long time due to a broken generator. Routes and dates will be printed in the April Kilninford News. The timetable is also posted on the Village Shop's notice board.

## **ARGYLL CVS – NEW E-MAIL**

Please delete [acvs@onetel.com](mailto:acvs@onetel.com) and replace with the following new e-mail addresses:-

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General Enquiries

Argyll CVS, Tigh Mhicleoid, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, PA31 8JL

Tel: 01546 606 808

Fax: 01546 606 812

Website: [www.argyllcommunities.org/argyll](http://www.argyllcommunities.org/argyll)

## **PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE, 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2005**

Thank you very much to everyone who made such a delicious variety of soups and for kind donations of rolls, fillings and contributions to the stalls. All combined to make a very successful day raising the sum of over £1,100.

There is a lot of work setting up, manning the stalls, running the kitchen, waitressing and clearing away. The time and effort taken was greatly appreciated.

We hope it was enjoyed as a social gathering and opportunity to meet and make new friends. It was good that we could extend a welcome to the many visitors from the Melfort Club.

With many thanks from the Kirk Session.

Georgina Dalton

## **USED STAMPS**

The World Mission of the Church of Scotland has asked for people to save their used stamps, especially over Christmas. Their sale helps to raise funds for their projects worldwide. Stamps can be left with Christine MacLachlan at the shop or given to Dorothy Carmichael or Georgina Dalton.

## **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

Can't decide what to buy for Aunt Mary for Christmas, or for your wealthy friend, who's got everything he or she could ever need? Why not solve the problem and join the increasing number of people who are giving gifts to charitable organisations in the name of the person who might otherwise have received an unwanted or useless gift from you? You can buy a goat, a calf or even a camel; school uniforms, a school desk, or sponsor a teacher; contribute to safe water schemes, provide mosquito nets or spend your pennies on building a toilet. And you don't even have to fiddle with the wrapping paper and sellotape!

Below is a list of organisations producing alternative catalogues. However, if you have a favourite charity, you could send them a donation and ask them to send a card to "Aunt Mary" thanking her for the donation made by you on her behalf in lieu of a Christmas or birthday present.

Christian Aid

[www.presentaid.org](http://www.presentaid.org)

Oxfam

[www.oxfamunwrapped.com](http://www.oxfamunwrapped.com)

Save the Children

[www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

SCIAF – Real Gifts

[www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk)

The Charities Advisory Trust

[www.goodgifts.org](http://www.goodgifts.org)

Traidcraft  
World Vision UK

[www.giftsforlife.org](http://www.giftsforlife.org)  
[www.greatgifts.org](http://www.greatgifts.org)

## **MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF COFFEE MORNING, FRIDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The coffee morning, held at the Shower of Herring Restaurant as part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, raised the grand sum of £412.97 for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

### **ANGEL HILL BURIAL GROUND, KILNINVER** (see poem in the September issue)

In reply to the enquiry from Duncan McIntosh, on the whereabouts of Angel Hill at Kilniver, the following may be of interest.

The late and much missed Donald Clark, who was born in 1904, referring to the old burial ground at Kilniver, said that in olden days it was sometimes called Angel Hill although the name had long since passed out of use.

It always seemed that this was an appropriate name for such a peaceful and beautiful place, from which there are splendid views out over the mouth of Loch Feochan to Kerrera and Mull.

There may, however, be another reason for this old name. The commanding position of this site could be a reason for it having been a place for a beacon to warn people in the district of danger.

The gaelic word Aingeal has two meanings, 'angel' or 'light or fire'. Any of these is appropriate to the name 'Angel Hill'; so it seems to be a case of take your pick unless, as is hoped, someone else can throw further light on the question.

There are two further points of interest. The enquiry came from Duncan McIntosh, whilst the poem of 1904 was from another Duncan McIntosh. A third Duncan McIntosh is buried in Glasgow; he died on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1879 aged 51 having survived by only 5 months his French wife Cecile Trupin who in turn lies on Angel Hill. One wonders if they are all related.

The other point of interest is that the view from the road at Kilniver was the subject of a poem by Wordsworth, who described it as if it were a stage with the curtains of Barnacarry and Minard hills drawn back to afford the view towards Mull.

The writer of these notes has seen the poem by the famous man but can no longer find it. Does any reader with a good library or internet access have a copy, as it would be interesting to see it printed in the next edition of the Kilniver News.

It should be noted that the poem by Duncan McIntosh of 1904 refers to Angel Hill as

‘ .....so forlorn  
with weeds and nettles all o’ergrown’

However, thanks to a restoration of the burial ground about 15 or 20 years ago, many of the headstones were re-erected by the County Council. Careful maintenance by the Council since then means that Angel Hill is once again

‘That hallowed place in order neat  
The mound ’neath which my Father sleeps’

as the poem of 1904 longed for.



## THANK YOU

It is always heartening to receive articles from our readers and we are very grateful to the contributor of the above fascinating article, sent to us anonymously. The information will be passed on to Duncan McIntosh, who sent us the enquiry and poem published in the September newsletter.

## SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL

Thank you everyone who helped to raise the grand total of £559.03 (last year's total was £471.98).

Clare Howard  
Local Area Convener, Earl Haig Fund (Scotland)

## CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

The new hall is now fully operational. Bookings and information are available from Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

Regular events in the hall are as follows:-

Parents and Toddlers – Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

Contact: Alex Pollock Tel: 01852 500563

Yoga – Thursday evenings.

Tai Chi – Wednesday mornings.

Iascene Players – Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

In addition, the hall will be running Argyll College courses. Contact: Liz MacInally Tel: 01852 500388.

## LOCAL DIRECTORY UP-DATE

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We are trying to keep the Directory as up-to-date as possible. Please notify Cath of any errors or omissions.

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The team is very grateful to all those who kindly help with the distribution of the newsletter.

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