

KILNINFORD NEWS

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September, 2007

The September newsletter marks the beginning of the winter programme of events that take place in our village hall and elsewhere. The various organisers are always glad to see their numbers boosted by new faces and their efforts rewarded by your support and attendance. Three major events that are coming up shortly are:-

Coffee Morning (in participation with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief) on Friday, 28th September from 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m. at Kilmelford Village Hall. Last year Lindsay Davies and Caroline Gillanders held Macmillan coffee mornings in their own homes; this year they are joining with Jean to help with a special coffee morning with lots of entertainment going on while you enjoy your tea, coffee and home baking (see display advert for full information).

Contact: Jean Bowman Tel: 01852 200??????????

Ceilidh on Friday, 28th September from 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. Live music and licensed bar. Entry £5 at the door. Bring your own food – nibbles will be provided.

Contact: Fergus Gillanders Tel: 01852 200388.

Parish Lunch and Produce Sale on Wednesday, 3rd October from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

Everyone welcome. A chance to meet up with friends and neighbours, folk working locally or visitors. Come and enjoy a good bowlful of home made soup, well filled rolls, tea and coffee, shortbread and baking. There will be a fine selection of plants for autumn gardening and plenty of home produce and baking to stock up for winter. The craft table will again include a selection of good condition tapes, videos, CDs and books to top up for winter's reading and listening, so please contact Isabel if you have any. The newly up-dated Local Directory will be on sale and the £1 charge per copy will be donated to the church for any bought on the day.

The Kirk Session very much appreciate the support that has been given to the church during the year and hope you can come on the 3rd of October when we look forward to welcoming you.

Donations would be very much appreciated. Baking for sale or for the teas can be left with Dorothy Carmichael beforehand and donations for other stalls can be left with the relevant stallholder by prior arrangement. Alternatively, the hall will be open to receive donations from 10 a.m. on the day.

Contacts:	Baking	Dorothy Carmichael	01852 200374
		Eleanor Scally	01852 200226
	Plants	Elizabeth Asbury	01852 200377
	Bottle Stall	Dorothy and Malcolm Bark	01852 200370
	Produce	Caroline Gillanders	01852 200388
		Jenny Moody	01852 200222
	Raffle	Jane Rentoul	01852 200331
	Handicrafts	Isabel Smith	01852 200537
	Lunches	Georgina Dalton	01866 844212

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Friday, 28th September - Coffee Morning (in participation with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief) from 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the Shower of Herring Restaurant.

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Sunday, 30th September – Produce Show and Auction in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact: 01852 500674 for details.

Wednesday, 3rd October - Parish Lunch and Produce Sale from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

All general enquiries to Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212.

Saturday, 13th October – “When a Star Falls” by David Cosgrove presented by the Scottish Youth Theatre in Craignish Village Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets £6 Concessions £5.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500 689.

Friday, 26th October – “Optical Identity” performed by Theatre Cryptic in Craignish Village Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets on sale from 26th September at £7.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

Friday, 2nd November – 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314.

Tuesday, 13th November – “Molly Sweeney” by Brian Friel presented by The National Theatre of Scotland at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £10 for adults, £6 for school children, on sale from 13th October.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689.

Sunday, 18th November – Swing Fiddle Concert with renowned Dutch jazz violinist Tim Kliphuis in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £8 on sale 18th October.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

Saturday, 30th November – St Andrews Night Dinner and Dance from 8 p.m. at the Galley of Lorn. Live Music by Archie John McVicar. Tickets (£10) will be on sale at Ardfern Village Shop and Kilmelford Village Shop.

Contact: Dawn Stewart Tel: 01852 500291.

Saturday, 8th December – Fair Trade Craft Sale during the day followed by a Curry Night and Fair Trade Fashion Show in Craignish Village Hall.

Friday, 7th December – 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Sunday, 16th December (date and details to be confirmed in the December newsletter) – Village Christmas Party in Kilmelford Village Hall. A number of parents have expressed a wish that the annual village Christmas party be re-instated and Georgina (Tel: 01866 844212) and Melissa (Tel: 01852 200314) have kindly responded and will be organising a Christmas party this year with games, teas and entertainment.

Saturday, 16th February, 2008 – Cairnbaan Ball (relocated to the Galley of Lorn, Ardfern in 2008). Further details in the December newsletter.

ART GROUP

The group meets informally **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. There is no tutor at present so fees are just £1 per session to cover the hire of the hall. All welcome.

Contacts: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375) and Agnes McColl (Tel: 01852 200365)

COUNTRY DANCING

Scottish Country Dancing, under Mike's expert guidance, will again take place most **Thursdays** from 8 – 10 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall as follows:-

October: 4th and 11th (followed by a break when Mike will be away)

November: 1st and every Thursday thereafter unless Mike advises otherwise.

All welcome, beginners and "experts" alike – now is a good time, at the beginning of the season, for new people to join the group.

It would be helpful if some of the regular dancers could help with opening up the hall and putting on the heating.

Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS – the weekly **Wednesday** morning workshops from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall will start again on the 10th of October.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

FOOTBALL CLUB – coaching with Luzas for P4s – P7s (girls and boys) takes place from 6.30 – 8 p.m. at Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall every **Tuesday** (£1 each) and **some Fridays** from 6 – 7 p.m. at Atlantis Leisure. The Sunday Oban League matches take place every Sunday at the High School from 10 a.m. till 12 noon up until the October holiday and, from then on, every other Sunday at Atlantis Leisure.

A huge thank you from everyone involved with the club to our coach, Luzas, for all his help, time and expertise. Without him, none of this would be possible.

Anyone interested in the Football Club should contact either Melissa and Alasdair Oatts on 01852 200314 or Sue Johnstone on 01852 200364 or do please come to the practices.

Melissa Oatts

BOWMAN - Alyson, who died on 26th May aged 33 years, and then Elizabeth, Alyson's Nana, aged 83 years, who died on 18th August just twelve weeks later.

Through these pages, John and Jean would like to thank their friends, neighbours, staff, management and members at the Melfort Club for the love and kindness they have shown following the death of both Alyson and Elizabeth. We would also like to ask you to support the MacMillan Coffee morning being held this year in the Village Hall on Friday 28th September from 10.30 until 1.00 pm.

Every year 270,000 people are diagnosed with cancer in the UK. MacMillan wants to support every one of those people and their friends and families too. They can only do this with your help. If you can't

make it to the Hall, put the kettle on – at home, at work, at school, anywhere you like! It's that simple. Every cup will help improve the lives of people affected by cancer. To register for your free World's Biggest Coffee Morning pack call MacMillan now on 0845 602 1246 or register online at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

At last we had a dry day for the Summer Festival and were able to have stalls outside which attracted lots of visitors – but where were all the show entries? Please don't say "I'm not good enough". Have a go, you might surprise yourself. There were no entries at all for the 5 – 8 year olds – come on Mum, encourage your children, its good fun – "use it or lose it".

Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes, bottles for the bottle stall and baked for the tea room. And a big thank you to all who helped and gave of there time to make the day a success. Financial details will be in the December Kilninford News.

Prizewinners

Dalton Trophy	1 st Jane Rentoul	2 nd Antoinette Mitchell
B P Trophy	1 st Dorothy Bark	2 nd Clare Howard
Melfort Farm Trophy	1 st Alistair McLachlan	2 nd Catriona Smith and Clare Howard
Cuilfail Hotel Trophy	1 st Jennie Campbell-Gibson	
Arduaine Craft Trophy	1 st Antoinette Mitchell	2 nd Isabel Smith
Fish Farm Trophy	1 st Jane Rentoul	2 nd Isabel Smith
Loch Melfort Hotel Trophy	(5 – 8 yr olds)	No entries
Melfort Club Trophy	1 st Madeline Roberts	2 nd Emily Scott and Jonathan Roberts and Josh Tricks
Melfort Pier Trophy	1 st Tami Smith	2 nd Angus Scott
Kilchoan Cup	1 st Jane Rentoul	2 nd Antoinette Mitchell
		Isabel Smith

HIRE OF SUMMER FESTIVAL EQUIPMENT

The sound system is available for hire. The marquee is no longer available for hire but can be borrowed for use only within the Kilmelford and Kiln inver parish. Contact Colin Gladstone 200232.

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair	Robin Grey
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Bookings	Anne Saunders
Committee member	Christine Maclachlan
“ “	Neil Manchester
“ “	Toni Mitchell

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 8th May and 11th July 2007. The main topics under discussion were as follows:

1. Maintenance of the grounds – Robin Asbury and Neil Manchester have kindly agreed to mow the grass around the hall and strim the bank again this summer. Their relentless efforts are much appreciated. Any volunteers for next summer would be warmly welcomed!
2. The caretaker has replaced the six faulty heating elements in the main hall at a cost of £35 each.

3. The 100 Club Prize Draw presently has 64 entries. It is hoped that promotion at the Summer Festival will boost the number of participants.
4. Ceilidh on September 28th – plans for the ceilidh were discussed. Fergus Gillanders is the main organiser and has been successful in persuading various musicians to perform on the evening. A license for the bar is being applied for and the buffet will be on a “bring a contribution of food” basis.
5. New scale of fees for hire of Village Hall – owing to the rising electricity prices it will be necessary to increase the fees for the hire of the Hall and for the squash and badminton. The price of the heating tokens will go up to £1.50 each. The scale of charges has remained at the same level since October 2000. The new charges will come into effect on 1st October 2007 and will be reviewed annually.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL – NEW CHARGES

SPORTS

Squash:	16 years and over £4 per hour Under 16 years, OAPs, students and unemployed £2 per hour
Badminton:	£3 per hour all categories
Junior Football:	£3 per hour
Indoor Tennis:	£3 per hour

HIRE CHARGES

	LESSER HALL	MAIN HALL
Charity Fund Raisers	£1.50 per hour	£3 per hour
Social use other than charities	£3 per hour	£6 per hour
Commercial use	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

Above charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for light refreshment and drink preparation only.

Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for preparation of hot food is £10 per event.

Evening Dances and Functions	5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (1 a.m. for dances)
Charity	£60/session Deposit: £20
Private	£60/session Deposit: £20
Commercial	£85/session Deposit: £50

N.B. Above charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for food and refreshment preparation.

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

Residents of Kilmelford, Kilninver and Arduaine may hire equipment, and by special arrangement for those resident outside the area.

Tables: £2 per day. Chairs: £1 per day. Prices of cutlery and crockery on request.

A full list of rates and availability can be obtained from the Hall Caretaker.

Hire is subject to a minimum charge of £10.

HEATING TOKENS FOR MAIN AND LESSER HALLS

£1.50 each

MEMBERSHIP AND LOST KEYS

£10 each

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

Caretaker:- Chris Johnson

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

UNDER 16s

PLEASE NOTE: owing to safety issues, no-one aged 16 or younger can be allowed into Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall without the supervision of an adult.

After each use the Hall must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do this will lead to a further charge of £50.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September	16 th , 30 th	9 th , 23 rd
October	14 th , 28 th	7 th , 21 st
November	11 th (Remembrance), 25 th	4 th (Communion), 18 th
December	9 th , 23 rd	2 nd , 16 th , 30 th

Notices for all Christmas Services will be in the December newsletter and will be posted on the noticeboard in the Village Shop in Kilmelford.

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

During the month of August the Church at Kilmelford has hosted an hour of music, each Wednesday evening, when local players and some readers have presented an informal program for the enjoyment of those who came. A steadily increasing number of people came and the general opinion was of a good and enjoyable evening, many expressing a hope that these musical evenings would continue to be held from time to time. While discussing the need for an Appeal to the community for the restoration and refurbishment of the Church building at Kilmelford, the Group managing the Appeal felt that events which brought people into the building would help to support the Appeal. And so it has proved. People coming have seen what the Appeal is about and have enjoyed something good and enjoyable within the building.

At the present moment the Appeal has resulted in pledges and donations of over £29000, including one grant of £6000. We are using the encouraging response to back up further grant applications, but we are looking at a gap of some £10000. Ways of helping to bridge this gap are currently being discussed, so "Watch This Space"!

I have been greatly encouraged by the community's response to both our Appeals at Kilninver and at Kilmelford. Kilninver Kirk is approaching the end of the Restoration process as supported by the Appeal there. The building is wind and water tight; the roof has been stabilised; the belfry has been rebuilt; and the electrical system has been replaced, including new and more adequate lighting. A few items remain to be tackled, and we hope to complete the works sometime early next year.

It is good to see the Kirk in the midst of the community. All over Scotland there are Church buildings in use by Christian congregations, witnessing to the life today of the historic faith of our nation. For reasons of our disturbed religious past there are probably still too many church buildings around, and many have been disposed of and reused. Tasteful conversions of redundant Church buildings can remind us of our past, while serving the changed needs of our present age, but a living Christian community, worshipping regularly in its building witnesses to the power of Jesus Christ still to convert people to a living Christian faith. A Kirk in the midst of a community was the aim of the Scottish Reformers 450 years ago. The building housing the people is what we are all working towards today. I am greatly encouraged by all that is being done.

May God bless you all,

Alastair

KILMELFORD CHURCH GRAVEYARD

We met in the graveyard of Kilmelford Church one lovely day in the Summer of 2005. Our mission - with the knowledge and approval of Alastair McLachlan, our Minister - was to start recording the position of all the headstones and their inscriptions.

Our first effort took about four hours that afternoon but we had not made much headway as we found it difficult to decipher some of the lettering which lay under varying thicknesses of lichen and mosses and which sometimes was not there at all due to weathering and in some cases the softness of the stone. It was a fascinating task and so rewarding when our faltering letter by letter reading of a line suddenly made sense of the whole inscription. We literally had to run our fingers over each letter to make sense of the mason's invariably beautifully executed work from so long ago. As we got more involved in our task we realised that this was going to be a fairly long drawn out procedure. We talked vaguely of the notion that there might well be fallen headstones which over the years had become overgrown and were now lying quietly under our feet, waiting to be reintroduced to the light of day. A thought which excited both of us and we agreed to meet the following week.

So there we were, complete with our notepads and pens but with the addition this time of a wooden stick with pointed end, garden edging cutter, hearth brush, kneeling pad and lots of enthusiasm for what we might uncover. We started by identifying those areas of ground which were bare of headstones and then gently probing with the wooden stick. Almost immediately we touched something solid and, tracing the rough area of a headstone, were able to carefully cut into the turf to a depth of about 5 inches. Then came the moment when we could gently roll back the turf, like a carpet, to reveal - inch by inch - an almost perfectly preserved inscription on a headstone dating from the early 1800s. We repeated this process and uncovered a couple more, culminating with the earliest recording we have found so far. It consists of a simple thick slate slab, facing upwards and with the letters N.C. fairly roughly carved and the date 1723. We photographed the incipations in each case and then covered them up.

Operational Services at Argyll & Bute have confirmed that there should be minimal disturbance of the lichens as they form a protective barrier against the ravages of weather over the years. We have been assured that our careful uncovering and subsequent re-laying of the turf back on top of the buried stones is in order and so our work has continued through to the Summer of 2007. We hope to have completed our task by Summer 2008 and we intend to produce a pamphlet with the names listed alphabetically and cross-referenced to location in the graveyard, to make it simpler for visitors to find what they are looking for. This record will be available in the church for visitors and locals alike and also at Argyll and Bute Council as people come to them from time to time to ask the whereabouts of their ancestors. We were surprised to learn that there does not appear to be a record anywhere of the stones in Kilmelford Church graveyard and we now look forward to completing our task and so making good that omission.

Georgina Dalton and Jane Rentoul

HAPPY EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES:-

To Hannah and Nicky. The Milton family are happily looking forward to Hannah and Nicky's marriage in Glasgow on Monday, 24th September and we wish them every happiness.

To Iona Dalton and Seamus Óg Gallacher, son of Jennie and Seamus Gallacher of County Fermanagh, who announced their engagement and will be married on 3rd May, 2008 in Kilmelford Church.

To Marian Wyllie and Martin Frater, son of Derek and Morag Frater of Dunvegan, Skye who announced their engagement and will be married at the end of April, 2008.

To Fiona (née Rentoul) and Richard Lawrence on the birth of their son, Angus Robin Phillip, on the 1st of May in Edinburgh.

To Helen Wyllie and Kieron McCullough on the birth of their daughter Eris on the 6th of June (Celtic Goddess of Mischief!), a sister for Dexter.

To Jenny Cook and Robin Love on the birth of their son, Samuel James, on the 18th of June in Oban and every good wish for their forthcoming marriage in Kilmore and Oban Parish Church on the 13th of October, 2007.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WORLD MISSION COUNCIL – USED STAMPS

Just a quick reminder not to chuck your used stamps in the bin. During 2007 the Mission is using the proceeds from their collection of used stamps to help disabled children in China. Stamps can be left with Dorothy Carmichael, Georgina Dalton, or Christine McLachlan.

KILMELFORD VILLAGE VERGES

Grateful thanks to those who have spent time strimming the verges in the village. Their efforts in keeping the village looking tidy are very much appreciated.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman	Neil Manchester	Tel: 01852 200272
Vice Chairman	Robin Asbury	Tel: 01852 200377
Treasurer	Robin Grey	Tel: 01852 200225
Planning Officer	Alasdair Oatts	Tel: 01852 200314
Secretary	Lindsay Davies	Tel: 01852 316154
	Nigel Mitchell	Tel: 01852 316151

Copies of approved minutes of all Community Council meetings are available on the Kilmelford website. In addition, once the Community Council notice board is erected in Kilmelford (near the village shop), a copy of approved minutes and all relevant Community Council notices will be displayed.

MINUTES

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 12th June 2007 at the Village Hall.

Present: Community Councilors: Neil Manchester (Chairman), Robin Asbury, Alasdair Oatts. Also in attendance were Argyll and Bute Councilors Duncan MacIntyre and Elaine Robertson, and 14 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Argyll and Bute Councillors Duncan MacIntyre and Elaine Robertson, and also Lindsay Davies.

1. Apologies

The Chairman noted apologies from Robin Grey, Cath Manchester, Dorothy Carmichael, and Alasdair and Christine McLachlan.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 3rd April 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2007 were taken as read, with one minor amendment, suggested by Robin Asbury, to item 6j: the word 'is' replaced by 'if'. The minutes were then proposed by Robin Asbury and seconded by Alasdair Oatts.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting

1. Kilmelford car park: The Chairman advised that while plans and costs for landscaping the car park had been prepared, this project should be dealt with under a wider community improvement scheme, which would be covered under item 6 on the agenda.
2. Kilninver School Parking: Robin Asbury advised that the matter was as reported at the last meeting, and that Mrs Beth Nicholson had stated that she was working with the school to ensure that while remaining under the ownership of Kilninver Estate, the area would be used exclusively for the school (On arriving at the meeting later, Mrs Nicholson confirmed that this was the case). Cllr MacIntyre asked whether there was a timescale to signage etc. Mrs Nicholson stated that the matter was in hand.
3. Dog Fouling in Public Places: The Chairman advised that Peter McLuckie of Argyll and Bute Council would address this matter shortly.
4. Roads Issues: The Chairman reported a letter received from Neil Brown in response to a detailed list of concerns raised at the last meeting. The points raised and response received were summarised as follows:

Q: Passing places on Loch Avich Road. In his letter, Neil Brown advised that he had no funds for additional passing places, and also stated that the road was unsuitable as a diversion route and would discourage any such suggestion. Georgina Dalton noted that the road is recognised by the Tourist Board as a scenic route, and tourist use was actively encouraged. The Chairman agreed to repeat the concerns raised to Neil Brown.

Q: Passing places on Degnish Road. Neil Brown stated that, contrary to comments previously made by Cllr Macaskill, he had no drawings of existing passing places, and no funds to create new ones. However, Mr Brown agreed to carry out repairs to existing passing places, and to repair potholes in other places, such as private driveways used as passing places.

Q: The suitability of the Degnish road for pedestrians. Neil Brown agreed to discuss the construction of a footpath with Cllr MacIntyre, although at present no funds were available to support the project.

Q: Scrub cutting at Oude and Degnish road end. Mr Brown agreed to prioritise this as soon as possible.

Q: Cattle grid at Scammadale. Mr Brown was unclear as to the cattle grid in question. The Chairman ascertained its exact location and state of disrepair (Scammadale Farm/ not level with new road surface) and will advise Mr Brown accordingly.

Q: Road gullies at Loch nan Druimnean. Mr Brown agreed to inspect and repair the gullies.

Q: War memorial railings at Kilmelford Church. Mr Brown advised that they needed rust removal and repainting, and agreed to complete this when resources permit.

Cllr MacIntyre advised that the comprehensive response was welcome from Mr Brown, and indicative that action will be taken on all the points. Cllr MacIntyre also suggested that this list, updated as appropriate with further matters, be kept as reference for future discussions with Neil Brown.

4. Community Council Elections

The Chairman reported that a postal ballot had been held for the election of one Community Councillor in the Kilninver Ward, and that a 68% return had been achieved. The Chairman wished to thank Dorothy Carmichael for her work as Returning Officer, and advised that the count of votes had taken place on 1st June 2007, and that Lindsay Davies had polled the majority of votes. The Chairman formally welcomed Lindsay Davies onto the community council, and noted that he, and the other Community Councillors, looked forward to working with her over the coming years.

Then Chairman noted that the Community Council was still short of one person from the Kilmelford ward, and that nominations should be invited to fill the position. Robin Asbury asked whether the Community Council could co-opt a member if necessary. The Chairman advised that this was permissible, although generally for a fixed term for a specific task. It was agreed to seek a nomination before considering co-option, and it was noted that there was no representation from the western (Arduaine) end of the Community Council area.

5. Land Around Kilmelford Village Hall

Robin Asbury reported that following the earlier meeting with Mr Tilly, as discussed at the previous Community Council meeting, a draft Heads of Agreement was being formulated. Further progress will be reported at the next meeting.

6. Land Reform Act (Community Right to Buy) Status

The Chairman advised that after distributing an advice note and questionnaire to all houses in the community, he had received 28 positive responses, and two negative responses, which overall represented some 10% of the community. The Chairman asked whether the Community Council felt that a mail shot might elicit a bigger response, because although there were no more than sufficient names to put forward for the formation of a community company, a wider mandate was desirable. It was agreed that Community Council members should lobby members of the community to increase the level of support, but in the meantime the Chairman would proceed with the Community Company as agreed. Mrs Nicholson suggested distributing forms at the forthcoming school event at the village hall.

The Chairman advised that he wished to report a letter that he had received from Mr Christlieb of Melfort Pier and Harbour, to which he did not intend to give a written reply. The Chairman read that Mr Christlieb was advising that caution should be exercised regarding the Community Right to Buy legislation, and that the wider community must be fully consulted. The Chairman noted that all houses in the Kilninver and Kilmelford Community had been issued with an advice note and a questionnaire to gauge community opinion, in addition the matter was discussed in depth at a very well attended Community Council public meeting in April 2007. Mr Christlieb then stated in his letter that there was a

clear body of opinion within the Community against the idea, and that everyone must fully understand and support the objectives. The Chairman noted that of the responses received, only 2 had voiced an objection. The Chairman also stated that the Community Council's responsibility was to provide the information, which it had done. Mr Christlieb asked what 'checks and balances' would be in place. The Chairman advised that The Scottish Executive controlled this concept, and that at local level would be controlled by a democratically elected board of directors. Finally, Mr Christlieb stated that the generous offer by Angus MacFadyen at the previous meeting, of a donation of £200 from the dormant Kilfearn Football Club account towards start up costs should not be permitted. The Chairman advised that Mr MacFadyen had been the originator of the Kilfearn Football Club, and was in a position to decide on the allocation of surplus funds as he wished. The Chairman suggested that Mr Christlieb was confusing the funds that Mr MacFadyen had referred to, with the current school football team.

The Chairman felt that by dealing fully with this letter from Mr Christlieb he may have allayed the doubts of any who may be against the proposal but he would be happy to discuss and debate this further at the next meeting if the need arose. The Chairman also agreed to report progress at the next meeting, and that any developments would be communicated via e-mail, notice boards and in the Kilninford Newsletter.

7. Planning Applications

Alasdair Oatts advised that there was one planning application to be reported:

Mr and Mrs R Grey: Erection of six dwellings, Land at Eleraig Holiday Lodges, Kilninver

Alasdair Oatts advised that the plans showed that the six dwellings replaced six timber holiday chalets, and in his view represented an improvement to the existing development.

Peter Menzies advised that he had objected to the application, and had not received neighbour notification. Mr Menzies also advised that the current chalets were not permitted for all year round use. The Chairman noted that while accepting Mr Menzies neighbour concerns, the presence of six residential dwellings would provide additional support to any argument for improvement to the Blaran road end, and that given that the six dwellings replaced six chalets, did not provide any valid reasons for objection. The Community Council unanimously agreed not to object to the application.

8. Correspondence

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Stuart Reid, Seil and Easdale Community Council, seeking support for road improvements in Kilninver, namely: at the Old Smithy, Achnasaul Bridge; Barnacarry to Kilninver bridge hill; Kilninver Bridge parapet. It was agreed that all these were valid concerns, and that The Chairman would write to Neil Brown supporting action.

9. Any Other Business

Jane Rentoul noted that the road signs coming out of Oban were filthy, and presented a bad image to visitors. Cllr MacIntyre advised that Stuart Turner, Area Roads Manager, should be contacted as this was within his responsibility.

Cllr MacIntyre advised that following the recent council elections, Community Council representation was to be reviewed to ensure that all meetings could be attended by at least one Argyll and Bute Councillor. In addition, Cllr MacIntyre advised that the Area Committee would meet regularly in local communities, starting in Tiree, but coming to Kilmelford in October. These meetings would allow the wider community to engage with the council to a greater degree. The Chairman thanked Cllr MacIntyre and welcomed the new initiatives. Cllr Robertson advised that there were 13 Community Councils that the four Argyll and Bute Councillors had to attend, and over a very wide area. Cllr Robertson noted that she was delighted to be present at tonight's meeting, and looked forward to working with the Community Council in the future.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kilniver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 14th August 2007 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON 14th AUGUST, 2007

The last meeting of the Community Council was held on Tuesday 14th August 2007 at the Village Hall, but as yet minutes are unavailable.

It was noted that A&BC had installed dog fouling signs in various locations in Kilmelford, and a bin for dog waste at Degnish road end. With free waste bags available at the village shop, it is hoped that all dog walkers will act responsibly and clean up any mess.

Various roads issues were discussed, and A&BC are carrying out works as budgets and resources permit. The bridge in Kilniver, and roads leading to it have been identified as problem areas, and the council is being urged to effect repairs/ improvements.

The remaining vacancy on the Community Council was filled by a unanimous vote in favour of co-opting Nigel Mitchell onto the Council.

Robin Grey outlined progress on the development around the Kilmelford Village Hall whereby substantial land for amenity development will be gifted to the community in exchange for support for a limited planning application. This will be reported in more detail at the next meeting.

Work on setting up a Community Company was progressing well, with the chairman reporting that he had received 39 names offering active support so far. Again, this will be updated at the next meeting.

Planning applications at the Mermaid restaurant and the Cuilfail Hotel were approved.

The new secretary, Lindsay Davies, tabled various correspondence, including details of Scottish Executive Post Office proposals, and an A&BC meeting on planning procedures on 6th September (Lindsay Davies and Nigel Mitchell to report at next meeting).

Other matters discussed were bi-lingual road signs (not planned within this area); speed limit in Kilmelford (enquiry to be made as to feasibility of reducing to 30mph); large vehicle usage of Kilniver slip road (roads dept investigation to be requested); and the improvement of bus shelters in Kilmelford (Cllr MacIntyre to review replacement).

The meeting closed with a general discussion on the Summer festival, and a request for support by Isobel Smith.

AGENDA

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday 9th October 2007, at 8.00 pm in the Kilmelford Village Hall

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the meeting on 14th August 2007
3. Matters arising from the last meeting:
 - a. Various Roads Issues
 - b. Speed Limit in Kilmelford
 - c. Bus Shelters in Kilmelford
4. Land Around Kilmelford Village Hall
5. Land Reform Act (Community Right to Buy) Status
6. Planning Applications
7. Correspondence
8. Any Other Business
9. Date of Next Meeting

Neil Manchester, Chairman

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KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

All children are happy to be back refreshed after their summer break and are working hard and learning loads. Here are a few of the activities that we have been involved in since coming back in August.

Outdoor Education

We recently took part in an outdoor education session organised for us by the Stramash team in the beautiful grounds of Dunollie Castle. The children were encouraged to work as a team, to develop their inter personnel skills and to offer practical support to their peers.

Cycling Proficiency

As those of you who live in the Glebe may have noticed our P6 & 7 pupils are learning to ride their bicycles safely. We would like to thank you for your cooperation with this activity and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Vegetables

This year we have had a bumper crop of potatoes, carrots, spring onions and mixed herbs – if you visit our website www.kilnilverprimary.com you will be able to see photos of the children planting, tending and harvesting the veg tubs ably assisted by May MacKenzie our school cook.

Y Dance

Last Wednesday afternoon Vicky from Y Dance in Glasgow came to visit us and put us through our paces with an interesting and energetic programme of Modern Dance. We all had a great time and are now much fitter. We will also be attending a follow up session in Easdale Primary on the 1st October, when the theme will be corryvreckan.

Sleeping Beauty

The school are taking a bus to this years pantomime – Sleeping Beauty at The Kings Theatre in Glasgow on Thursday 6th December. We still have a small number of tickets available so if anyone would like to join us please contact the school. The tickets are priced at £12.50 each and we have to confirm our booking by Friday 21st September. Donations will be taken towards the cost of the bus.

TERM DATES

School closes:	5 th October, 2007
School re-opens:	22 nd October, 2007
School closes:	16 th November, 2007
In-service day:	19 th November, 2007
School re-opens:	20 th November, 2007
School closes:	21 st December, 2007
School re-opens:	7 th January, 2008

BLASTOFF

Blastoff is the name of the after school club at Kilninver Primary. It is now in its 8th year and meets every Monday for an hour in term time between October and Easter.

The format changes year by year, according to the age and stage of the children, and this year it will be more craft orientated with lots of things to make and do.

The purpose of the club is to present the Christian faith in an interesting and interactive way, with songs, games, quizzes and stories in addition to the crafts.

There is no pressure to attend obviously, but in this so called multi-cultural society nowadays there is little opportunity for children to explore and inquire about the Christian faith in a fun environment. At Blastoff there is the chance for young people to ask questions and to think about what they may believe. If, as a parent, you want to know more about Blastoff, please phone Elizabeth Asbury on 01852 200377.

USEFUL INFORMATION

MOBILE BANKING SERVICE

The mobile bank visits the area every Wednesday as follows:-

Galley of Lorn car park, Ardfern	11.15 a.m. – 12 noon
Craobh haven Marina	12.15 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.
Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford	2 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service is provided on a Wednesday every four weeks. Anyone wanting the driver, Neil McIntyre, to stop at or close to their house should contact him via the library in Oban (Tel: 01631 571444).

All times in the following timetable are approximate:-

9.30 a.m.	Tulich Farm
10 a.m.	Loch Melfort Hotel
10.30 a.m.	Tuckers' house
10.45 – 11 a.m.	Craobh Village Shop
11.15 – 11.25 a.m.	Kilmelford Village Hall
11.30 a.m.	Melfort Pier
11.40 a.m.	Melfort Club
12 noon	MacLeod Homes, Kilmelford
12.30 p.m.	Council houses, Kilmelford
12.45 p.m.	Kilmelford Post Office
1 p.m.	Cuilfail Hotel
1.15 p.m.	Council houses by Kilninver Primary School

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE
BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2007

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 7 th November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 8 th November	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 14 th November	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
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SCARBA COTTAGE, ARDUAINNE

Thanks to all who braved the elements and visited the “Scarba Sculpture Garden” when it was open to the public on Thursday, 16th August and Saturday, 18th August. Despite the Saturday being almost a complete wash-out, with torrential rain all afternoon, both Craignish and Kilninver and Kilmelford Village Halls benefited to the tune of £122.10 each. Visitors enjoyed new and amusing features in the garden and tasty teas in Scarba Cottage. Many thanks also to all helpers, bakers and tea servers.

Clare Howard

MAOLACHY’S GARDEN – OPEN WEEKEND

I am very grateful for all the support and encouragement from family and friends to make opening the garden, for the first time, not only less daunting but stimulating, good fun, rewarding and successful.

The holiday makers staying in Garden Cottage have also contributed to the fund raising and friends sending donations added to the wonderful total of £1,288 to date. This is being divided between the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institute and Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches.

The two days before the open weekend were bright, clear and sunny and the forecast looking good but Argyll’s fickle weather had a U turn and Saturday dawned damp and misty followed by Sunday’s simply wet. Thankfully it did not put off the many folk who came to look round.

Very many thanks to the team who helped run the Garden Cottage tea room which seemed to have a fairly constant stream of friends chatting and new faces introduced to each other. Pots of tea filled and poured, plates of scones and cakes consumed.

I thoroughly enjoyed finding folk wandering along the paths in the wild garden and gained ideas and helpful tips whilst explaining how some areas were worked and created into shape.

An often used comment of “I had no idea this was here” and compliments on the creation and feel of the wild garden made all the effort worthwhile.

With many thanks to everyone who has come up and enjoyed looking round the garden, encouraged and contributed.

Georgina Dalton

Although I chose the wettest of the two days for my visit, I wouldn't have missed it for the world. There is something different around every corner of the meandering paths that lead you from the house through a magical garden with the higher paths giving views over the surrounding countryside and then down to the bridges which cross the tumbling burn. The sum raised is testament to the hard work that went into the Maolachy open weekend and I hope, G, that you will do it again.

Editor

MARROW CHUTNEY (courtesy of Georgina)

The people who have tried this recipe love it so we thought we would print it for all the other chutney lovers out there to try.

3lb (1.5kg) marrow, peeled, quartered lengthways, seeded and diced
3lb (1.5kg) cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped
8oz (225g) onions, peeled and chopped
1 large garlic clove, peeled and crushed
4oz (100g) sultanas
4oz (100g) raisins
4oz (100g) dried apricots, chopped
4 oz (100g) preserved ginger, finely chopped, or 1 tbsp. (15ml spoon) ground ginger
2oz (50g) blanched almonds, chopped
4 tbsp. (4 x 15ml spoon) mustard seeds
1 tbsp. (15ml spoon) chillies, seeds removed and finely chopped, or ground chilli powder (1 level tbsp. mild seems about right)
1 tbsp. (15ml spoon) salt
1 tbsp (15ml spoon) ground cinnamon
1 tsp. (5ml spoon) ground cloves
1 tsp. (5ml spoon) ground nutmeg
1½ pints (900ml) malt vinegar
4lb (1.75kg) sugar
5 tbsp. (5 x 15ml spoon) whisky

Cooking time: about 2 hours

Makes about 7lbs (3kg)

This chutney is best kept to mature for several months before opening.

Place all the ingredients in a large pan and bring to the boil, stirring.

Reduce the heat and simmer for 1½ - 2 hours, stirring occasionally, or until the chutney is thick and the consistency of jam.

Spoon while still hot into prepared jars.

Seal with airtight, vinegar-proof, covers.

LOCAL DIRECTORY

A reprint of the Directory, including all the changes since October 2006, will be available in October, 2007 at £1 a copy. You can purchase the Directory at the Parish Lunch and Produce Sale or at Kilmelford Post Office. Alternatively, send your request to Cath Manchester at Eas a' mhuilinn, Kilmelford, Oban PA34 4XA **enclosing an s.a.e. and your £1 payment.**

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