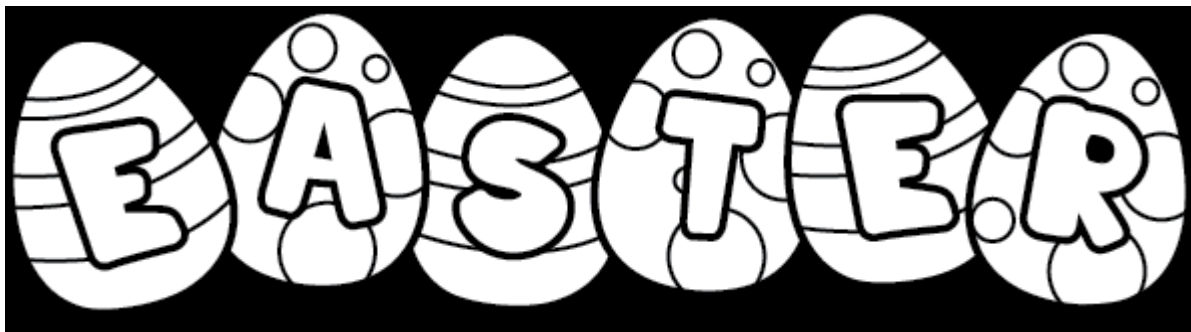
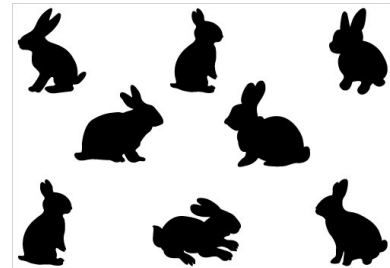
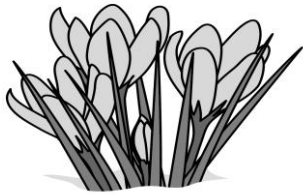
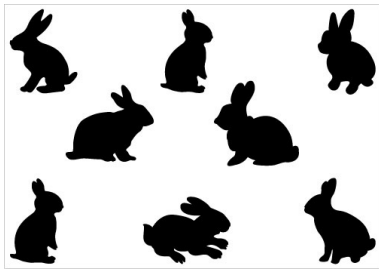


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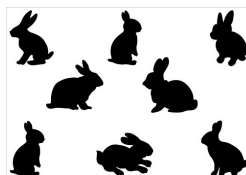
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EDITION

*Wishing all our readers
Peace and Happiness
In 2015*

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**The pillars of creation - a tribute to the founders and to all former
Kilninford News team members and their associates.**



On behalf of: The New Team - and the Community

KILNINFORD NEWS - Update

As most of you will already know there is now a fledgling new team in place to take over the running of the Kilninford News. This team comprises: **Gill Philpotts** (distribution), **Mark van der Kraan** (IT), **Val Wardle** (advertising) and **Graham Wardle** (editorial and general facilitating). The new team wish to thank the retiring team of Fiona Wyllie, Georgina Dalton and Judith Stannard for their tutelage over this transition period and their kind offer of mentoring us during our nervous first few steps.

Fiona, Georgina and Judith have, in association with all past members of the team and the community, provided sterling performance over the last seventeen (ish) years in producing the Kilninford News to keep the community apprised of local issues and events. Perhaps their strap-line should have been the classic latin tag: *Hoc volo, sic ieubo, sit pro ratione voluntas!* (The fact that I wish it is reason enough for doing it!). We congratulate them on their stamina and fortitude over this period and I'm sure that the community have appreciated all of the hard work undertaken on their behalf. Well done and many thanks for your dedication and efforts.

On behalf of the new team, may I thank: all of you for your contributions; and those who have advertised with us, (helping to cover our costs). Without the time and effort volunteered by all those involved the Kilninford news would be a lot thinner, or even worse it may have disappeared! We hope that you will continue to support our efforts. Our contact details are given at the end of the newsletter.

Wishing you all the very best for Easter - Enjoy!

Graham (Ed.)

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Forthcoming events

Friday, 3rd April - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall. Everyone welcome - home baked produce. If you are able to give a pensioner a lift to the event - please do! *Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.* Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Sunday 12th April 10.00 am: Annual Loch Melfort Beach Clean. Meet in Kilmelford Village Hall carpark. Grab handles & refuse sacks will be provided. Please phone Diane Scaife for details, 01852 200208

Saturday 18th April - Craignish Spring Ceilidh. Craignish Village Hall. See advert in this newsletter. E-mail: cvhartsevents@gmail.com or by phoning Tel: 01852 500746

Friday 1st May: Coffee Morning in Kilmelford & Kilninner Village Hall. 10.30 until noon. Tea, coffee and delicious home baking all for just £3.00 per person. Bring & buy bookstall. Contact: Diane Scaife 01852 200208

Friday 5th June: Coffee Morning in Kilmelford & Kilninner Village Hall. 10.30 until noon. Tea, coffee and delicious home baking all for just £3.00 per person. Bring & buy bookstall. Contact: Diane Scaife 01852 200208

Friday 3rd July: Coffee Morning in Kilmelford & Kilniver Village Hall. 10.30 until noon. Tea, coffee and delicious home baking all for just £3.00 per person. Bring & buy bookstall.
Contact: Dorothy Bark 01852 200370

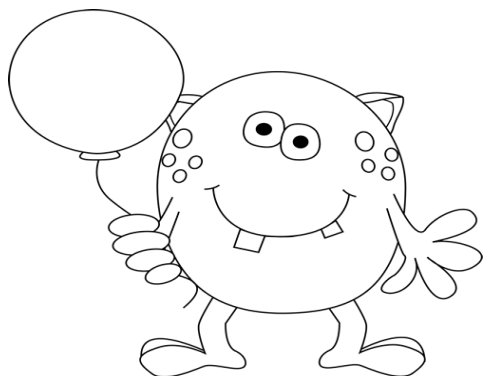
Friday 7th August: Coffee Morning in Kilmelford & Kilniver Village Hall. 10.30 until noon. Tea, coffee and delicious home baking all for just £3.00 per person. Bring & buy bookstall.
Contact: Diane Scaife 01852 200208

ANNUAL LOCH MELFORT BEACH CLEAN

SUNDAY 12th APRIL 10.00 am
Meet at Kilmelford Village Hall car-park
Bin bags and grab handles will be provided.

or

If you prefer to clean a stretch of the beach on another day during April please go ahead – just let me know and it will be included in the total
Diane Scaife 01852 200208



Fun Afternoon

**Easter Monday April 6th
In Kilmelford Village Hall
13:00 – 15:00**



Come and meet Paul and his young friends!

- ☺ **Activities**
- ☺ **Bible Story**
- ☺ **Games**
- ☺ **Refreshments**

Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.
Contacts: Georgina 01866844212 : Jenny 0185200222

ART GROUP

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. All welcome. £2 per session.

Contact: Agnes McColl Tel: 01852 200365

COUNTRY DANCING***

Thursday evenings from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

All welcome. You can come and join us at any time.

Contact: Bob Fleck Tel: 01852 200258 E-mail: rfleck@btinternet.com

'CRAFTS and THINGS'

For anyone interested in embroidery, tapestry, sewing, knitting, crochet and other similar crafts, meetings are in the Kilmelford Village Hall every **Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. - 12noon**. £2.00 per person for each session.

Contact: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151 Olga Salmond Tel: 01852 200787

MELFORT UKULELES

Wednesday evenings: Melfort Ukuleles - 7.30-9.30pm Kilmelford Village Hall. All welcome, from beginners to experienced musicians. Spare ukuleles available to try. £3 per person £4 per couple, children under 18 free when accompanied by an adult. Fee includes tuition, music, tea/coffee biscuits.

Contact: Sarah Whittle Tel: 01852 500790

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is on every Wednesday 2 - 3.30pm (apart from school holidays) in Kilmelford hall. We are now a very small group of mums and babes and would gladly welcome new people to join us for a lovely afternoon of fun, craft and play. Thank you all for your continuing support and help. Best wishes to all , and roll on the sunshine!

Mellony Mctavish (Hamish's mum)

Any queries please contact me @ madmelc19@yahoo.com.au or Georgina Dalton on 01866 844212

GAMES NIGHTS

The winter weather & nasty bugs curtailed the games night activities but a hectic game of Kilmelford Monopoly was played on Friday 13th March. An April date is to be confirmed. Contact Michelle MacIntyre Tel: 01852 316105 or Sarah Edwards Tel: 01852 200555.

MUSIC NIGHTS***

All welcome. Come and join in and musicians, bring along your instruments.

Loch Melfort Hotel (Tel: 01852 200233)

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month – from approximately 9.30 p.m.

KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM

A full programme of events can be found on www.kilmartin.org

Information and bookings: Tel: 01546 510278 E-mail: admin@kilmartin.org

CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

For regular events such as Coffee Mornings, “Keep Fit” and “Knit and Natter” please check their website. Please see Craignish Sping Ceilidh in support of the Craignish boat club (Saturday 18th April) www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk or their Facebook page. E-mail: cvhartsevents@gmail.com or by phoning Tel: 01852 500746

***** Note - please check dates and times by contacting them directly**

CRAIGNISH BOAT CLUB***

Contacts

Commodore/Sailing Captain - Guy Neville Tel: 01852 500369 E-mail: guyaneville@gmail.com

Cadet Captain – Laura Neville Tel: 01852 500369 E-mail: lauramneville@gmil.com

Secretary – Kirsty Richardson Tel: 01852 500207 E-mail: kirsty.ardfern@btinternet.com

N.B. For insurance purposes, you/your child must be a member of Craignish Boat club to be able to take part in a watersports session.

A decorative poster for the Craignish Spring Ceilidh. The central text 'CRAIGNISH' is arched over a circular floral emblem, with 'SPRING CEILIDH' arched below it. The words 'Everyone Welcomed' and 'Licensed Bar' are positioned at the top and right respectively. 'Live music from Heron Valley' is on the left. The event details include the time '7:30pm til midnight at Craignish Village Hall', the date 'SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2015', and ticket prices: '£8/person; £5/child/student; £20/family'. A note says '(Tickets available from Ardfern Village Store or at the practice sessions)'. A request to 'Please bring a supper dish and/or pudding to share' is included. A dashed box contains information about dance practice sessions: 'Come and brush up on/learn/help others learn the dances at Craignish Village Hall from 7.30pm – 9.30pm on: 25th March, 1st April, 8th April, 15th April' with a price of '£1/session' and a note '(all primary aged children at the practices must have an adult with them)'. At the bottom, it states 'PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TO CRAIGNISH BOAT CLUB'.

Dances for the Spring Ceilidh

Dashing White Sergeant
Virginia Reel

Gay Gordons
Duke of Perth

Eightsome Reel
Reel of the 51st

Break for Food

Strip the Willow
Posties Jig

Speed the Plough
Canadian Barn Dance

Military Two Step
Reel of the 51s

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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We hold church services every alternate Sunday in Kilmelford and Kilninver Parish Churches to which all are welcome.

Services are held at 12 noon.

Kilmelford Church is in the middle of the village and the car park is behind the church.

Kilninver Church is half a mile off the A816 road to Oban. Take the turning to Easdale. You can park on the roadside.

Dates for 2015

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
March	1, 15, 29 Friday 6, World Day of Prayers 7.00pm	8 Elders lead, 22
April	5 Easter Communion 8am 12, 26	5 Easter Day, 19
May	10, 24 31 United Service Arduaine Garden	3,17, Time T.B.C.
June	7 Communion, 21	14, 28
July	5, 19	12, 26
August	2, 16, 30	9, 23
September	13, 27	6, 20
October	11, 25	4. 18
November	8 Remembrance, 22	1 Communion 15, 29
December	6 , 6 5pm Christingle, 20 Nativity Service 25 Christmas Day 11am	13, 27 8 Advent Communion 6pm 24 Watchnight 11.30pm

Every Sunday there is a service of worship at Craignish Parish Church, Ardfern at 10.15am. Times for the United Services and notices for Christmas Services will be posted locally and on the website

www.netherlornchurches.org.uk.

On 1st Sunday of each month except July & August, children are welcome to join Xplorers and a short Prayz Service at 4pm in Kilmelford Church. Children under 5 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult.

"Please note: Service on 1st March cancelled due to lack of volunteer support."

Far More Can Be Mended Than You Know

Easter is a time of joy and we look forward to celebrating it in our churches at Kilmelford and Kilniver. The joy, of course, has a sombre background. Cross comes before resurrection. Easter does not leave us with any illusions about everything being fine as it is. There would have been no need for the horrors of the cross if there were not something drastically wrong. We need to hear the bad news before we will have ears for the good news.

Jesus liked to tell stories about lostness – a lost coin, a lost sheep, a lost son. He made no bones about the fact that there is an issue to be resolved. The good news is that the stories do not end with lostness. The punch line is all about being found. Perhaps this is most memorably expressed in the story of the “prodigal son” who comes home disgraced and broken only to be swept off his feet by the embrace of his father who has been waiting for this moment ever since the boy left.

The resurrection of Jesus means that this moment can come for all of us. We all have our own version of being “lost”. The Easter message is about the lost being found. Far more can be mended than you know. Whatever kind of lostness has been ours, there is a way to be found. The Easter message rings out around the world, kindling hope in even the most desperate situations. It has rung out in Argyll for many generations and we look forward to hearing it once more this Spring.

Happy Easter!

Kenneth Ross (Parish Minister)

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 6 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

It is with apologies that there was no World Day of Prayer Service, from the women of the Bahamas, held in Kilmelford Church this year. Toni Mitchell has kindly offered to organise the service in March 2016, which has been written by the women of Cuba. Toni would be very grateful to anyone willing to assist. She will be contacting people early next year when the WDP Organiser has sent the Service Sheets and information to her.

Georgina Dalton

STAMP APPEAL 2015

The Church of Scotland HIV programme currently supports 29 projects in 17 countries. The projects we support at home and overseas run education awareness programmes, support orphans and vulnerable children, train volunteers to provide home-based care, facilitate support groups for people living with HIV so that they can live positively in every sense of the word. They also challenge the stigma and discrimination which so often accompanies an HIV+ diagnosis.

The monies from the sale of stamps is a vital contribution to funding this valuable work.

Please keep all stamps throughout the year & collections can be left with Georgina Dalton or Mary Clark or left at the Shop. - Many Thanks

XPLORERS started its gatherings on the first Sunday of February with Jesus saying "I am the bread of life". All 3 groups weighed ingredients and kneaded various different flours.

With thanks to the Manse for the use of the oven and appreciated help from Isobel Smith & her assistant runners, trays of soda bread & yeasted buns were transported back and forth to be cooked. A delicious smell of newly baked bread filled the Church for Prayz Time. The children & adults enjoyed sampling various types of bread for the refreshments.

The March meeting was map orientated as Jesus saying "I am the way" led interesting discussions about places of safety or danger between Kilmelford & Kilniver.

Hand drawn maps that were taken home & two friezes hung up in the Church will show families & people at the services, their colourful contributions to our learning about Christ.

Xplorers meeting on 29th March at 4pm with the theme of Palm Sunday & preparation for Easter

6th APRIL FUN DAY

Last Year the Fun Day was enjoyed by local & visiting children. Everyone welcome to come and join in with Paul and his young assistants to start the Easter holidays.

BIRTHS

Congratulations & best wishes to Kathryn & Michael Higgins for the safe arrival of Logan Alexander James on 29th December. A welcomed brother for Patrick.

DEATHS

A tribute to Angus Kennedy who passed away at home on 17th February

The Black Gang

Chief of the black gang

On-board the vessel with a bone in her teeth

All Boiler suited and oil soaked, you sang

A mariner on the rolling heads of the Atlantic

The call of adventure blew in on the arctic winds

The gang responded with more power

But you responded with more speed

When the black squall broke over the Pacific

A dead marine you took to your heart

Clutching St Christopher in fear

You hoped for still waters to part

But you rolled from port to starboard

And the ship was lost in a kelp forest,

That not even a sky pilot could find

But God found you, awaiting his final command

Muster your strength for a final voyage he said

The winds have changed direction

Your course is set

Your presence requested, aboard the quiet ship

Cast off and head through the narrows

Your return port is ahead

(Anonymous)

Georgina Dalton

OBITUARY

Deirdre Campbell-Gibson d. 16/12/2014

Deirdre will be remembered by her friends in Argyll and missed by many in her community - for she was well known throughout the County through her long residence and her voluntary work, in particular with the Red Cross and also the Oban Hospital.

Nobody can deny she was not a force to be reckoned with and she never went by un-noticed despite her protestations to the contrary. 'Hospitality' should have been her second name – she unstintingly fed and accommodated people all her life, right up until her death and together with Hugh, who predeceased her by 6 years, their home at Tigh na Mara was the place where passers-by were ushered in, interrogated and fortified with whatever was to hand.

Deirdre made a point of always keeping herself well informed and prided herself on being amongst the first with the latest. She found the Kilmelford village hall to be an ideal source for collecting information on local matters. Accuracy wasn't always her strength but this never deterred her from seeking and finding an appreciative audience.

In her later years she made it her duty to turn out to any event at the village hall. Whether it was a community council meeting, a coffee morning, a parish lunch or a celebration party she would take up position in the kitchen and be ready to help wherever needed. She could often be seen stacking chairs at the end of a long evening and was always one of the last to leave having satisfied herself that she had spoken to everyone present. She loved meeting new people and had a flair for making strangers feel instantly welcome.

Despite her desire for "no fuss, please, when I die" it was hard not to celebrate her life without some sort of a party and this was very well attended in the Kilmelford village hall in January earlier this year. £185 was raised during this event for her favourite charity 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Helping others less fortunate than herself was something she was always keen to do and she would have been touched by the kindness of those who contributed in her memory.



KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair	Antoinette Mitchell	
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders	
Secretary	Diane Scaife	
Committee members	Matthew Anderson	
	Ellen Coyle	
	Lucy Files	
	Maggie Morsley	
Caretaker	Colin Gibson	01852 200204
Bookings	Kilmelford Village Stores	01852 200271

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 13th January and 6th March 2015. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at www.kilmelford.com.

MAINTENANCE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

- a) The grant of £10,000 was received from Awards for All towards the kitchen improvements, which were carried out by JS Smith. These included a new dishwasher, electronic fire safety curtain, new sinks, cupboards and worktop. Toni Mitchell is thanked for all her hard work in obtaining the grant and supervising the fitting out of the kitchen (see note below*). Two replacement window units were also fitted and a fire safety sign in the switchboard room. An additional amount of £736 was required out of Village Hall funds.
- b) It has been necessary to carry out a number of repairs as a result of vandalism occurring during a Christmas party in the Village Hall. The door to the Ladies' cloakroom has been replaced, a new mirror fitted in the Gents', replacement of a glass panel in the door to the main hall and a new light fitting in balcony stairwell. No compensation has yet been received from the culprits, but the police are still investigating.
- c) On a more cheerful note, spring cleaning and painting tasks have been enthusiastically carried out by a band of volunteers. These included Toni Mitchell, Olga & Peter Salmond, Maggie Morsley, Caroline & Fergus Gillanders, Lucy Files, Elspeth Campbell & Peter Wadsworth. Thank you all very much – the Hall looks much brighter now!

FUND RAISING

- a) The 100 Club is running successfully, but is still recruiting new members to keep up the numbers. If you are not already a member and would like the chance to win a prize, please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208.
- b) The Hogmanay Party was a well-attended and lively event thanks to Neil Goulding as MC. It raised £592.
- c) The annual Loch Melfort beach clean will be held in April. The Grab Trust generously sponsors this. Please volunteer to do a bit of the beach if you are able, as it raises much needed funds and improves the shoreline.

* Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall Kitchen

The Village Hall Kitchen at Kilmelford, in keeping with the halls Business plan, has just undergone a major kitchen upgrade. The Kilmelford and Kilninver Kinder Kitchen, as the project was called was funded by a grant from 'Awards for All Scotland'. Gone the enormous, low, back breaking stainless steel sinks, in their place a commercial three minute cycle dishwasher, domestic style sink unit and plenty of cupboard storage space. Gone also the terrible metal fire screen shutter, too heavy for many

to operate, unsightly and noisy, in its place an electric fire screen wired into the alarm system. This fire screen can be operated by the turn of a key no more pushing and shoving to get it up or down at the hatch to the main hall. In the event of a fire as soon as the alarm goes off it will shut automatically. The older storage units have had new doors and drawer fronts to match the new units and new work surfaces have been installed everywhere.

The work was carried out by a team of builders headed up by Jim Smith from Connel and the hall committee were delighted by the speed and quality of the build. It has only just been completed, members of the community undertaking to redecorate the kitchen themselves. We are hoping it will prove far more user friendly and it obviously looks so very much better. At the time of writing we are anticipating that it will have its first serious trial run on March 20th when the community will be hosting their Annual Curry Quiz night in the hall. This has proved to be a popular event in the past and all are welcome. With a licensed bar, 6 bottles of wine as the first prize and outstanding curries this fun event, the seventh, has become part of the Halls ever growing Social Calendar. We hope the improved kitchen facilities will attract even more people to use the hall.

This positive upgrade came just at the right time to lift our spirits having had our hall trashed by a group of teenagers just before Christmas. They booked the hall using a false name and for a false event and caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage. A door was kicked in, a mirror broken, panes of glass smashed in the main hall door, light fittings broken etc and the place was left so awash with alcohol it took a group of villagers many hours to clean it. At the time of writing we have received no compensation, although it has verbally been promised. It quite spoilt our Christmas. So to be able to usher in the New Year on this positive note is really pleasing. We would like to thank Awards for All Scotland for making this possible.

This encouraged all of us to have a major Spring Clean of the hall and thanks must go to Diane Scaife for heading up a team of helpers to carry this out. Floors were scrubbed in kitchen and lesser Hall, paintwork washed down windows cleaned. The notice boards have been painted and their frames re-stained and varnished. Although my original idea thanks must go to Olga Salmond for carrying this out. All in all we hope you will feel your hall is a brighter more cheerful environment and that when you have to that you will enjoy using the new kitchen.

Antoinette Mitchell

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE AT KILMELFORD VILLAGE STORES Tel 01852 200271

SPORTS

Squash:	£5.00 per hour all categories
Badminton:	£5.00 per hour all categories
Junior Football:	£5.00 per hour
Indoor Tennis:	£5.00 per hour

HIRE CHARGES

	LESSER HALL	MAIN HALL
Charity Fund Raisers	£2 per hour	£5 per hour
Social use other than charities	£4 per hour	£7 per hour
Commercial use	£8 per hour + £25*	£15 per hour + £25*

The £25.00 charge is for the Caretaker to set up the tables and chairs beforehand, and clear up afterwards. Above charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for light refreshments and drink preparation only. Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for preparation of hot food is **£10.00** per event

EVENING DANCES & FUNCTIONS	5 p.m until 11 p.m (1 a.m for dances)
Charity	£65.00 per session Deposit £20.00
Private	£65.00 per session Deposit £20.00
Commercial	£90.00 per session Deposit £50.00

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

After use the Hall must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do this will lead to a further charge of £50.00

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

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

Tables £5.00 per day. Chairs £3.00 per day. Prices of cutlery and crockery on request.

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

HEATING CARDS FOR MAIN & LESSER HALLS - £1.50 each

HALL CARETAKER - Colin Gibson Tel: 01852 200 204 or 07825 987 696

Come and try the all new, fun-filled Melfort Ukuleles

**The group meets every Wednesday,
starting 1st October 2014**

7.30-9.30pm in Kilmelford Village Hall

£3 per person or £4 per couple

Children under 18 Free of Charge (if accompanied by a parent)

No Membership Fee. Price includes instruction, music and tea/coffee/biscuits.

All ages welcome – no previous musical knowledge is required and there's usually a spare ukulele available to try.

Melfort Ukuleles focuses on enjoying music together, laughing, singing and learning a great little instrument at the same time.

Call Sarah Whittle on 01852 500790 or email sarah@musicforlife.info if you have any questions, or why not just come along one week to give it a try.



KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2014
8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMCA).

In attendance: Cllr. Elaine Robertson (ER); Keiron Green; 5 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES - Colin Clark; Cllr. Roddy McCuish

2. MINUTES OF MEETING held 14th October 2014 - Approved by JMCA and seconded by AD as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

a) **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN** - JMCA handed out copies of the latest draft which he said he had endeavoured to keep as simple and basic as possible. NM pointed out correct title should be Kilninver and Kilmelford Emergency Action plan, in line with name of community council, i.e. Kilninver comes before Kilmelford in the official title. The plan should show the correct boundaries covered. Keiron Green undertook to send this information to JMCA. The list of resources could be expanded. ER to contact School Estates with reference to obtaining key to Kilninver School. ER congratulated JMCA, stating the Plan was simple and clear which is all that is needed. The following points emerged from general discussion: Poster to be prepared for noticeboards. Fire Station to be checked, via Dave Millward. More cover required for Kilninver/Tralaig/Scammadale area - JMCA to investigate.

b) **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE** - Reporter's recommendations have now been submitted in a report to Argyll & Bute Council. NM reported that it would appear that various changes have been made concerning representations made in relation to PDA 4008 and Settlement and ROA zones at Kames. ER helpfully explained the whole system involved in producing the final version of an LDP and agreed that it is very difficult to interpret the information published online as statements appear to be complex and confusing. All areas in Argyll & Bute Council have been re-classified. Boundaries at Traighuaine were questioned but this was considered to be a local planning issue. The final Plan is due in 2 months.

c) **CARRAIG GHEAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND** - NM had attended a meeting recently. A steering group has been formed. £65,000 proposed to be distributed between 5 communities, backdated. An administrator to be appointed to distribute funds would be paid out of the communities' allocation of monies received. This is contrary to what NM and ER had been led to believe and was stated by NM at the meeting to be unacceptable. An advertisement will be in The Oban Times within the next couple of months seeking nominations for one person from each community, who is not a community councillor, and one community councillor i.e. ten people to be on the steering group representing the five communities concerned. It was noted that Carraig Gheal had been slow to honour promises made.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Raera Forest, Argyll & Bute. Rural Development Contract Ref. 14/02839/RDCRP. Status: Pending Decision.

Celtic Sea Wind Turbine - application has not been withdrawn and no decision has yet been made. General feeling of meeting was that there has been a lot of conflicting information from official sources regarding this application and since it dates from February 2014 a decision must be made soon. ER said

that the Planning Department is extremely busy and has a huge workload at all times but she undertook to investigate and report back.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Argyll & Bute Council Next Generation Broadband - For further information see www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when.

Defibrillators - cost is around £1800 + VAT. British Heart Foundation will supply one if community comes up with a donation of £400. The total cost, including box to house machine and batteries, would be around £1000. BHF stipulate that local people would have to be trained by them in order to qualify for their supplying the machine. Discussion followed as to possible sources of funding and these included Windfarm monies (which favour existing projects), grant from West Highland Charitable Trust, ACHA, A&BC Third Sector, McQueens Charitable Trust, Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council. Funds may also be available from the Police for this purpose. The Kilninford News team would be prepared to contribute £250 from their funds, which offer was gratefully received by the meeting. While it would be ideal to raise enough funds for two defibrillators (one each at Kilninver and Kilmelford) it was decided that should there be monies for only one, it would be situated at Kilmelford Village Hall owing to greater distance for GP to travel.

Care in the Community - Reshaping Care for Older People - ER explained that it is important for everyone - young and old - to know what is happening and Caroline Henderson, NHS Highland and Shaun Davidson, Senior Social Worker, would be prepared to come and speak at our next meeting on 10 February. Consultation on the changes is taking place until the end of January.

Integration of Health and Social Work - ER took us through the impending huge cultural change which will encompass the merging of all health provision with social work which includes adult care, children and families, criminal justice and ADP (alcohol and drugs partnership). Up until now these have been two completely separate bodies but Argyll & Bute wish them to be merged by 1st April 2015 and it has to happen legislatively by 2016.

7. Any Other Competent Business

- a) ER drew attention to the current Shop a Dealer leaflet which replicates a successful past initiative by the Police, whereby intelligence can be gathered anonymously regarding drug dealing.
- b) 10 December - Community Planning Partnership meeting Corran Halls at 6 p.m.
- c) 16 December - Amenities and Roads Department of Argyll & Bute Council meeting with community councils at Corran Halls at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 February 2015.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2014 – CONTACT LIST

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NOTES FROM ARDUAINÉ GARDEN

Is spring here or is it not? That is the question I'm asking myself as I write in mid-March. We've had such a mixed bag of weather this end of winter that it's hard to know when to begin the final clearing up. We always keep the paths clear of branches and twigs over the winter, but what usually happens is that the horizontal rain and gale force winds stop on the 31st of March, the sun comes out on the 1st of April and everyone wonders why the garden is still covered in debris!

Our Gardens Department at NTS has had a gardener on secondment from the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh for a while and she has been helping me to go through our plant collection, checking labels and accession numbers – over the years these can get lost and it's important that we don't lose the identity of plants too. This is quite a time-consuming task and it's unlikely that we could complete it on our own – quite impossible actually, as we have tried before!

We've escaped relatively lightly this winter in terms of storm damage, though we've had seven or eight tall larches and pines partially blown over and left leaning into their neighbours. This is both good and bad. Good, in that they haven't caused any damage to the plants beneath them and bad, because it's time-consuming and therefore expensive to have them taken down - which of course we have to do for reasons of public and staff safety - and because it leaves us with a big clearing-up job just when we need to begin our annual and final tidy up.

Once we're happy with the general state of the garden and have raked everything for what we hope is the last time, cleaned up the miles of paths and top-dressed them with pea gravel, we can begin to work on the borders. One of the last jobs of the autumn was to remove quite a few perennials which have outstayed their welcome for various reasons; either they're too rampant and threaten their neighbours, or too floppy and swamp their neighbours or too boring and I've simply got fed up with them! Spaces need filling up and this will be a job for April when things have, we hope, dried out and warmed up a little.

No really hard frost has hit us this winter and consequently we've seen some wonderful early flowering. Several rhododendrons are in flower now and many more will be by the time you read this. Camellias are doing well and as the snowdrops and snowflakes fade so the bluebell foliage is showing everywhere, though it will be a while before they flower. The leafless and parasitic Purple Toothwort was in flower as the snowdrops came out – now that really was early! The Japanese larches are beginning to leaf and that brings me to the subject of *Phytophthora ramorum*, which won't be rearing its ugly head for a while, or at least until the trees are totally in leaf. Once this happens we'll return to our weekly checks to make sure that we deal with any infected trees pronto. As far as rhododendrons and other shrubs go, we've had no infections for a couple of years now.

We've begun the year with no volunteers, and so are on the look-out for anyone who might wish to help us, preferably on a regular basis. We were very sad to lose Angus Kennedy – he had worked with us for more than a year as a volunteer and was unfailingly good-humoured, helpful and hard-working. It will be hard to replace him, but we would love to hear from anyone who has even a few hours to spare each week; I should never tire of reminding people that we are a charity and resources are never sufficient to allow us to do all that we would like to do!

Well with a bit of luck you'll be reading this before Easter hits us; we're signed up for the Cadbury Easter Egg trail once again. We'll be doing this over the whole 4-day period, with a special day on Sunday when we'll have other activities for children - and young-at-heart adults too! I hope to see some of you here!

Maurice Wilkins. mwilkins@nts.org.uk – 01852 200366

FIRE STATION

It's been another fairly quiet winter for us at Kilmelford Community Fire Station as the new Scottish service continues to grow and bring together the 8 antecedent fire and rescue services that used to look after Scotland. For me, this will be my last contribution to the news letter as the Officer in Charge (OIC) at your local station as I will be hanging up my helmet and boots on 19th. June this year. I have achieved one thing on my "bucket list" and that is to be an operational Firefighter who is in possession of a valid bus pass. At least that has been and will be the case from my 60th birthday on 25th. March until 19th. June. I would like to thank all the people who have supported our efforts particularly our fund raising for the Fire Fighter's Charity over my time in charge and hope that you will continue that support for the next OIC and his/her crew. I would also like to thank all crew members past and present who have served with me over the last 24+ years both operationally and for fund raising and never found wanting. Last but certainly and absolutely not least, my wife Lill who has put up with me and my pager over the years especially when turning out in the middle of the night or on occasions when we had other plans like our silver wedding celebration dance for which I was an hour and a half late. Lill has attended various dinners and other get togethers without me at the start, all due to turnouts. When I started in the service, I was warned that the pager always goes off when you don't want it to and never at a time that suits you but that's the nature of the beast.

The station will, of course, go on without me providing service to the community for as Jeremy Clarkson (Top Gear not my neighbour) found out the individual is never bigger than the team and I wish nothing but the best to my crew for the future especially to the next OIC.

It's been an honour and a privilege.

Dave Millward (Crew Manager, Kilmelford Community Fire Station)

USEFUL INFORMATION

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LOCAL DIRECTORY

The Directory was up-dated in October 2014, and is on sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Village Shop (Post Office) or by contacting Georgina Dalton on 01866 844212.

KILNINFORD NEWS TEAM (Contacts etc.)

The Kilninford News is a newsletter produced entirely by volunteers, and its income is derived only from advertising. Thus, we are very grateful to all those who continue to advertise with us, albeit we are constantly looking for additional advertising income - **if you can help us please do so!** Likewise, we really appreciate the time and effort from all of you who provide contributions to the newsletter (which are again done on a voluntary basis - thank you!). We hope that you, and any potential contributors out there, will continue to support us.

The new team of Gill, Mark, Val and Graham agreed to take over the production of the newsletter on 28th November 2014, and this is our first attempt. We apologise for any errors or omissions from what you may be expecting, but we are still novices at this particular job. We have to piggy back work on the newsletter while undertaking our main occupations - so please bear with us!

We have formed the 'Kilninford Association 2015' and are currently developing its constitution - which has its basis in the original Kilninford Association constitution of February 2003. The primary purpose of the Kilninford Association 2015 is, as a non-profit organisation, to provide the Kilninford News to local residents within the Kilmelford, Kilniver and surrounding area. Any residual profits (excluding those laid aside for continued Association needs - i.e. to maintain financial viability) resulting from activities undertaken by the Association will be distributed to local good causes and charities. Thus, by helping us with the newsletter it will directly benefit the local community.

Please send any adverts to **Val (e-mail: ceonamara@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07730 590 813)** - adverts should be in a format which can readily be inserted into a MS Word document without any need for alteration. If in doubt please ask for advice. Short entries for Forthcoming Events and all other contributions should be sent to **Graham (e-mail: warhelle@blueyonder.co.uk)**. For any distribution issues please contact **Gill (e-mail: Gill@thephilpotts.me.uk)**.

It is anticipated that issues of the Kilninford News will be produced the first week in April, August and December. Please note that **all contributions** should be with the Kilninford News team by the end of the first full week of the preceding month (i.e. **by 10th July 2015 & 6th November 2015 for the next two editions**).

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Saturday 16th May – 12pm to 4.00pm at Carnassarie Castle and Kilmartin Museum

Sunday 17th May – 11am to 4.30pm at Kilmartin Museum

Please note normal admission charges apply to Kilmartin Museum during this event.

8th June to 21st June at Carnassarie Castle, Kilmartin Museum, Kilmartin Glen and surrounding area

Dig It! 2015

As part of a year long celebration of Scottish archaeology, Dig It! 2015 is designed to explore our past through different activities and events. Kilmartin Museum will be getting involved in this Scotland wide programme by offering exciting opportunities to experience archaeology first hand. There will be the chance to get involved in excavations, guided walks and activities that concentrate on the glen's lesser known, but equally important monuments.

For more information about these and other forthcoming events please see our new website www.kilmartin.org or contact us - Email: admin@kilmartin.org telephone: 01546 510278

Easter Monday 6th April, 2pm – 4pm at Achnabreac Forest Park, Near Lochgilhead

Easter fun – A mischievous pine marten has been stealing all the Easter eggs, help us to find them on the Achnabreac trail. Face painting, build a bunny, meet the Easter bunny and Bruce the beaver.

Booking essential for this event as car parking spaces are limited. Please book through Forestry Commission staff on 01546 602 518 or e-mail: westargyll@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop

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See what's on offer at Kilmartin Museum's shop. With goods from many local artists and new and exciting ranges arriving throughout the year, the shop is the place to pick up that perfect gift or treat yourself!

All profits made from Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop goes to support Kilmartin Museum's work.

Opening Times

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