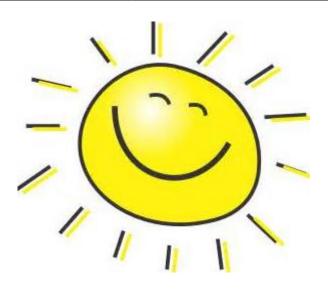
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SUNSHINE AT KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



A full day of fun activities for the children of Kilninver Primary School in beautiful sunshine (see inside)

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Contributions to the Kilninford News

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to this newsletter! We are always looking for any of the following:

- 1. interesting stories
- 2. funny stuff
- 3. anecdotes
- 4. info on local history
- 5. observations etc.

Contributions may be emailed directly to any of the KN team members, or posted in our Kilninford Letterbox inside the Village Shop. If you have a hand written or audio version you can contact any of the team and we will endeavour to help transcribe it. Anonymous contributions are also welcome - provided that the KN team know who the authors are!. Obviously we would like everybody to keep in mind that our newsletter is potentially read by all ages.

PLEASE NOTE: All contributions for the CHRISTMAS EDITION should be with the News team by

5th November 2016.

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WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER



ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE -

in aid of Church funds

Wednesday 5th October 2016

12 noon till 2:30 p.m. - Kilmelford Village Hall

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

COFFEE MORNNGS

Coffee Mornings at Kilmelford Village Hall (10.30 am - noon) on;

Friday 2nd September

Everybody invited to come and enjoy the delicious home baking. Proceeds in aid of Kilmelford Village Hall and Church. Bring & buy bookstall. 100 Club draw. If you would like to help with the baking, please contact; **Diane Scaife 01852 200208**

Friday 4th November, Friday 2nd December

Please bring a friend and come along for a cuppa and our lovely home baking. If you would like to help with the baking or give someone a lift, please contact;

Melissa Oats on 01852 200314

GIN & WHISKY TASTING

The Shower of Herring - Every Wednesday: 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 ish p.m.Come along and try your gins in a completely different way, or try whiskies with a professional. Olwen and Fergus will tell you about the history and methods. £14 per person. Please book through **Melfort Village; 01852 200257**

ART GROUP

Small hall in Kilmelford The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the. 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

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is on every Wednesday 1:30 - 3.00pm, so Mums can collect siblings from Kilninver School (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! For more information:

Contact Georgina Dalton on 01866 844212 or email afrobb@hotmail.co.uk

MUSIC NIGHTS (Mondays)

All welcome. Come and join in, and musicians - bring your own instruments. The Shower of Herring: Every Monday from 9pm.

BAGPIPE SESSIONS Come and play - or just listen! The Cuilfail Hotel Every Thursday from 8pm.

MUSIC NIGHTS (Fridays) 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 <u>www.kilmartin.org</u> Information and bookings: Tel: 01546 510278 E-mail: <u>admin@kilmartin.org</u>

CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

For regular events such as Coffee Mornings, "Keep Fit" and "Knit and Natter" please check their website. **www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk** or their Facebook page. E-mail: **cvhartsevents@gmail.com** or by phoning Tel: 01852 500746

GAMES NIGHTS

First of all on behalf of all the children who enjoyed the Games Nights in the last season, a big THANK YOU to Helen, Brian and Georgina for organising the evenings. Also a THANK YOU to Trina and Lorraine for supervising the table tennis and to Georgina for the great things to eat!

Well done to all the children of the badminton. They have all improved enormously! The results of last seasons' "keepy uppy"; Kelsey - 1st Angus - 2nd Hugh - 3rd

On **Friday** evening in the Village Hall there is badminton and table tennis from **6 pm till 7.30 pm**. All children aged 8 years and older are welcome, £2 per head. Juice & snack included. **Re-starts on Friday 2nd of September.** Contacts; Helen 200789 Georgina 01866 844212

Any extra helpers?

We already have a dedicated band of people who deliver your copy of the Kilninford News to you each time but if there were any other people who felt they could take a bundle to deliver to their local corner of the patch just let me know. Every issue I bag up the different delivery bundles with a list of where they are to go and either leave them at the shop for collection by the individual helpers or bring them to the helper's door. Some people do their immediate neighbours and some people do a whole street – every contribution helps. If you would like to do a few (just 3 issues per year) give me a call and I can include you.

Gill 01852 316018

Notes on previous events

CURRY SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT- 11th March

What a great night this was and a very nice way to support the Village Hall fund. Lots of local people and visitors came together for a night of quizzing and exotic cuisine. The bar was reasonably priced and helped to lubricate our grey matter and there were prizes but whatever your score it was great fun and a chance to catch up with friends and acquaintances. The food was delicious with numerous curries and side dishes plus chapattis and pickles all professionally produced and served for us. Thank you to all the organisers.

MAOLACHY GARDEN OPEN DAYS- 28/29th May

In the last bulletin Georgina wondered how the garden would be, following the wet winter.... Well I hope she was pleased because the garden we saw on Sunday 29th was bathed in sunshine and a feast of colour. As we approached the parking area we were pleased to see a number of cars already there and as we made our way up the drive and through the grassed pathways the various wild flowers, rhododendrons, vegetable plot, trees and water features enticed us round as if in a wonderland. There were people of all ages enjoying the lovely weather and the sights and smells of this beautiful garden. We enjoyed a cup of tea plus cake then had a look at the plant stall and made our way home feeling soothed and ready to get gardening! Thank you Georgina.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 23RD JUNE 2016



A full day of fun activities for the children of Kilninver Primary School in beautiful sunshine in the grounds of The Melfort Club holiday village.

In the morning there were games of rounders, golf, athletics and an obstacle course. Following the lunchtime break there were lots of races; on the flat, hopping, sack, egg and spoon, space-hopper, and skipping, finishing off with a long distance run and relay race. At the end of the afternoon all the children received a medal - a proud moment for the great turn-out of parents who came to support the children.

Craignish and Kilninver Primary schools residential trip to the Warner Bros Studios

The children from both Craignish and Kilninver Primary schools thoroughly enjoyed their recent residential trip to the Warner Bros Studios in Watford. Many parents accompanied the children on the trip and it is true that Harry Potter appeals to people of all ages. The children enjoyed learning all about how films are made and spent the second day filming their own scripts on location using the original sets. Following some top notch coaching from Mrs Currie, the children in P4-7 took part in the Oban and Lorne Schools Orienteering event on the 6th May and were very successful. The Primary 7 girls swept the board in their competition. Sara MacIntyre won gold, Grace Davies took Silver and Amy Edwards completed the haul with bronze. Hugh Ross took home bronze in the P5 boys race.

Children from P1-3 enjoyed their outing to Wonderworld play centre in Glasgow. Having studied forces in science they jumped at the opportunity to experience the exhilarating sensation of whooshing down the slides at top speed first hand.

As part of our local area study we have been out and about familiarizing ourselves with the land around Loch Melfort and Loch Feochan. During the spell of good weather we walked to the top of various trig points and enjoyed the magnificent views from the top. This gave us the opportunity to consolidate our map reading and compass skills and to learn the names of local hills, lochs and islands.

We have also visited the Gardens at Arduaine regularly during the summer and have taken the opportunity to sketch the flora and fauna and to spend some time relaxing in the stunningly beautiful environment.

The parent council have been very active recently. They held a Duck Race in Scammadale Glen. This was well attended by families from the school and raised around £280. Many thanks go to Mrs Warnock who organized the design and printing of tote bags. These have sold well and can be purchased from The Village Shop at a cost of £6 each, £5.50 each when you buy 2, £5 each when you buy 3 or more. All proceeds will go to school funds.

THE BLUE MOON TRAVELLERS IN CONCERT AT CULLALOE COTTAGE



Many thanks to friends and neighbours who came along on Saturday (25th June) to see Jim Bowers and Sileagh McWhirter aka The Blue Moon Travellers. A stunning summer evening, great guitar playing and silky smooth vocals with a pie and a Pimms at the interval, what more could you ask for. We also raised £220 for The Cherish Transport Fund (Oban) at North Argyll Carers Centre.

Don't worry if you missed them this time, all being well we are hoping to have another evening in September.

Massage

Gabby Rogers

Practising in Ardfern, Melfort Club, Lochgilphead and Oban.

Phone: 01852 500223

Your in-laws called, and are coming to stay You tell your wife, Oh Nay .Oh Nay !! That noisey school friend wants to visit in June. Oh, please NO !! I will be doomed. Your son, will soon arrive with barns galore, You and your wife are running out the door. **≫But** Do not worry, just call Melfort Pier ! 01852-200-333 And all of them, can stay a few days here. We welcome grand pa in his wheel chair, and the family dog too Let them come fishing , enjoy the suana and No more worries for YOU !

Melfort Pier & Harbour Kilmelford by Oban Argyli, PA34 4XD

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KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL - CONTACT LIST

Our Community Council meets on the first Tuesday of every second month in Kilmelford Village Hall at 8 p.m. and the dates for the rest of 2016 are:

11 October; 13 December

An Agenda is posted locally before each meeting and there is an opportunity for matters which are not on the agenda to be raised in person at the meeting.

Community councils now are designated as Statutory Consultees in planning matters and so your voice can be heard through the conduit of your local community council in this way.

Meetings last about an hour and a half and can be quite lively - even amusing at times, which may be a surprise to some!

Recent topics cover such items as speeding in Kilmelford, the provision of defibrillators in Kilninver, Kilmelford and at Kames Fish Farm, Carraig Gheal Wind Farm community fund disbursement (which has to date provided funds for the Newsletter, Table Tennis table for Kilmelford youth group and WiFi for Kilmelford Hall), and - a very contentious issue which, if implemented, will affect all residents in our area - the proposal to change Ward Boundaries and move us in to Mid-Argyll.

These are issues which affect us all and community council meetings give everyone the opportunity to come along and hear what's going on in their local area and express any concern they might have. Airing thoughts and complaints on social media doesn't actually get through to the people who make decisions - speaking up at your local community council meeting means that concerns are minuted and circulated to the people who can actually get things done. Often with surprising speed and positive results.

Come along and give it a try - you will be very welcome!

Jane Rentoul

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016 8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); David Wilkie (DW); 14 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER)

1. APOLOGIES - Stuart Cannon (SGC); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); Kieron Green; Constable Jeremy Moore (JM)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8th December 2015 - AM proposed and JMcA seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Carraig Gheal Community Fund – DW gave a report on the application process for micro grants. Money granted locally includes £7,000 for the fitting of solar panels to the village hall and £250 for the Kilninford news letter. The Cut off period was 31st of January 2016. DW and ER discussed that Green Power was in dispute with the committee set up to manage the funds and after months of consultation Green Power have over-ruled the way in which the money is being managed. The scheme is still open to applications for grants.

b) Community Defibrillators – On behalf of SGC, JMcA updated the meeting on progress made so far. The units are more expensive than initially thought. For a good easy to use defib. the cost is £900, plus a stainless steel weatherproof box would be required which is £900. It was agreed by the CC that the increased cost was necessary to ensure the units installed were easy to use and well protected from the elements. It was reported by JMcA that an application for lottery funding would be likely, unless money could be raised locally. The locations have been agreed as Kames Fish Farming canteen (doesn't require weather proof box); Kilmelford village hall and Kilninver Primary. The primary school is still to be contacted to discuss where the unit will be positioned. It was agreed that having a combination lock on them would not be suitable.

c) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries – ER updated the CC that no decision will be made until after the Scottish election. ER commented that the response from the Argyll and Bute area was overwhelming for the consultation group.

d) SSE power cuts – JR and AM contacted SSE regarding the increasing amounts of power cuts. SSE replied to JR with a report of all recent power cuts and reasons for them. JMcA informed the meeting that SSE has appointed two community liaison people who we can contact directly, if we have any issues.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Decision:

Melfort Pier and Harbour Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XG - Discharge of planning obligation in relation to planning permission reference 01-95-0311 Ref 15/02206/PP (Extracted from official list dated 9 February 2016)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1) <u>Public footpath from Kilmelford Yacht Haven to Kilmelford Village –</u> DW has contacted the council regarding the installation of a footpath. DW commented that the response has been poor. ER believes that the footpath

has been put into next year's budget. The floor and CC agreed that pedestrians including children were walking along the road and that it was dangerous. ER suggested that Safer Routes to School (part of Transport Scotland) may be able to help with funding, due to the number of children involved and that the path would help people coming from Glenmore and the Yacht Haven. An email was to be written by the CC to ER explaining the situation and asking for action from the Council.

7. COMPETENT BUSINESS

<u>1) Village Hall Wifi – NM proposed that the CC pays for Wifi to be installed in the village hall. NM highlighted the fact that Kilmelford village hall was one of the last village halls in the surrounding area without it. It would therefore be beneficial to the CC and other hall users. After some investigation work NM discovered there would be no installation fee, so only a monthly charge would be applicable. The CC agreed that this was a good use of funds and agreed to proceed with the installation. Fergus Gillanders (Treasure of Village Hall Association) agreed to invoice the CC for the cost of the Wifi.</u>

<u>2) Speeding and overtaking through Kilmelford –</u> Due to several recent events the issue of road safety in the area was highlighted. A discussion was taken from the floor which highlighted the following concerns:-

Pedestrians crossing the road and bridge in the area of the Cuilfail and Village Shop. Speeding in the Kilmelford 30mph zone.

Overtaking in the Kilmelford 30mph zone, especially between the Glebe entrance and Degnish road end. The lack of a safety railing, where a footpath coming from the Glebe enters the main road (between numbers 38 and 43).

Signs are poorly placed and are being regularly struck and broken by lorries.

During the discussion many suggestions were made on what could be done to improve the situation. These included flashing 30mph signs, chicanes, priority signs at the Cuilfail bridge, speed humps and double white centre lines. NM read out emails from JR and AD expressing their concern at the current situation. An email was also read out from Constable Jeremy Moore (JM) confirming that there was an issue with road safety in Kilmelford and that they would continue to carry out speed checks on a regular basis. JM welcomed further actions by the council to improve road safety and suggested that engineering work may be required. JM also suggested that the council carry out a road monitoring survey to check the speed and numbers of vehicles. ER and the CC supported this suggestion.

ER recognises that this is a serious issue and will do what she can to assist. ER recommended writing a letter to Jim Smith (Head of road and amenities) raising the issues discussed. NM highlighted that the issue of enforcement (speeding and dangerous driving) was an issue for the police, but the council are responsible for the infrastructure. ER suggested that members of the public writing to the council would also help increase the pressure on the council to take action.

<u>3) Road incidents Barochreal corner, Kilninver</u> – NM and AM raised their concerns about the sharp corners near Barochreal, where there have been several serious incidents in recent months. It was suggested that extending the Kilninver 30mph would help resolve this issue. NM also expressed concern that the inside of the corner was crumbling away and increasing the level of danger.

<u>4) School children crossing road at the bus stop in Kilmelford –</u> Concerns were raised from the floor regarding high school children crossing the road in front of the bus. It was requested that parents remind their children to take more care when crossing the road. It was suggested that the children should wait until the bus had gone before crossing.

5) Grit bins – ER brought up the lack of grit bins in Kilmelford. It was confirmed from the floor that there has been a lack of grit bins this winter and that they are empty. ER going to ask the roads department to deliver more salt bins and ensure they are stocked.

<u>6) By-election – ER reminded the meeting attendees that there is a by-election coming up. She highlighted that it is important that members of the public do turn out to vote. The CC and floor commented on the lack of attendance by certain elected councillors and thanked ER for regularly attending meetings.</u>

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016 8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); David Wilkie (DW); 16 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Kieron Green (KG)

1. APOLOGIES - Councillor Julie McKenzie

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th February 2015 - Item 4 a) Carraig Gheal Community Fund -Replace penultimate paragraph with "There is disagreement between GreenPower and the Steering Group.". Item 4 c) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries - alteration to read "ER commented that the response to the Boundary Commission from the Argyll and Bute area was overwhelming.". With these amendments AM proposed and DW seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Carraig Gheal Community Fund - DW reported that disagreement between GreenPower and the Steering Group continues, at the last meeting several grants were awarded to various courses and that grant applications should be made online. DW and NM outlined again the proposal and costs involved in the installation and running costs of WiFi in Kilmelford Village Hall and asked for the meeting's approval to apply for a microgrant of £250 towards this. The meeting gave its approval.

b) Defibrillators - SGC reported that he had obtained a quote for three voice and visual prompt defibrillators at £950 each which, with cabinets, totals £3915. The presently available total from donations is £2125, leaving a shortfall of £1790 which might be funded in part or total by Carraig Gheal Community Fund - SGC to investigate. Members of KKCC are encouraging people to attend a seminar on how to use the defibrillators which will take place at Kilmelford Village Hall on Saturday 22 or Sunday 28 May 2026. ER to make contact with Head Teacher at Kilninver School to finalise details of positioning the Kilninver defibrillator at the school.

c) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries - ER reported that there would be no word about this until after the Scottish Parliament election in May. Thereafter, there would be a two month consultation period.

d) Speeding in the village - NM reported that there was no further news regarding speeding in Kilmelford. ER reported that the box which had been placed for analysis had not been working, that the new equipment was being calibrated and that Kilninver & Kilmelford Community Council was number two on the waiting list. ER said that Jim Smith of the Roads Department would come to address a KKCC meeting once the results of the testing was known. KG stated that the Police meanwhile were very active and dealing strictly with anyone exceeding the speed limit by even the smallest margin. Request from the floor to extend 30 mph speed limit to include the houses along the Degnish Road at Kilmelford - this to be put to Jim Smith when he reports on results of monitoring.

e) Kilchoan Estate Development - NM reported that he had spoken to Fiona Scott, Planning Officer, who had agreed to extension for comment on application for demolition and rebuild of Kilchoan House beyond 7 April to accommodate tonight's Community Council meeting. She had stated the following:

a) that the Roads Department were unable to demand upgrade of the single track road leading to Kilchoan as the proposed development is not a new one. b) That bringing in materials by barge would be a possibility but

not a planning condition. c) The proposed construction would not be viewed any differently from any other development in the area but acknowledging it was quite a large development.

Mark Atkinson, Factor for Kilchoan Estate, introduced himself and said that the owner was sensitive to public opinion and would very much welcome comments on the plans for the estate. The meeting expressed concern generally over the ability of the access road to withstand vehicles carrying construction materials and the safety aspect generally of the greatly increased vehicle movements involved. With reference to the Community Council's submission as statutory consultees to the Planners, JR read out a letter prepared as a result of informal consultation and invited the floor to amend as necessary. It was agreed to allow it to stand but with the addition of requesting advice regarding monitoring and compensation in relation to any damage to the road.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Consideration:

Land South West of Kilchoan House Kilmelford - Demolition of existing sheds, erection of new garage court and installation of private drainage system. Ref 16/00293/PP

Land South West of Kilchoan House Kilmelford - Erection of private chapel. Ref 16/00272/PP Finlaysons Kilchoan Kilmelford - Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and shed, erection of replacement dwellinghouse and garage and installation of private draining system. Ref 16/00271/PP Kilchoan House Kilmelford - Demolition of dwellinghouse, re-use of materials for the erection of replacement dwellinghouse and installation of private drainage system. Ref 16/00269/PP <u>Permitted:</u> Kilmelford Telecommunications Mast Kilninver Ref 16/00844/TELNOT

Barn Cottage Duachy Kilninver Ref 16/00325/PP

Prior Notification - no objection:

Kames Forest Kilmelford - Upgrading of existing access track. Ref 15/03265/PNFOR (Extracted from official list dated 12 April 2016)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Data Protection - registration is up to date.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

 ER raised the following points: a) She to speak to Roads regarding the appalling surface at the bridge over Oude. b) She to check up on status of provision of safety railing in Kilmelford Glebe and c) Road Narrow sign at Cuilfail Bridge in Kilmelford. d) £120,000 would be the cost of Council providing path from Kilmelford Yacht Haven to Kilmelford village, built to main road traffic standard. Not possible to be done at present but a marker has been put down. It is possible that under the Safer Routes to School or Community Links Scottish Government initiatives and grant for this may be forthcoming. Roads more than aware it is needed. DW suggested that a remote path inside the fence, with landowner agreement, might be possible. Investigate remote path be built by locals? Take forward that idea. Public Liability would need to be looked into.
 KG advised that 2nd June is date for By-Election owing to resignation of Councillor Iain Angus Macdonald and that Nomination Papers would be out in the next couple of weeks.

3) ER raised following points: a) In 2017 Community Council will be able to apply for Third Sector grants through Area Committee of A&B Council. b) ER to forward note from Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, A&B Council confirming that CC insurance policy would cover any accident to a member of the public when helping out in an emergency. c) Charities Day in Oban on Saturday 11 June this year will also include celebration of Queen's 90th birthday, with prize of £500 to be awarded for best dressed stall. d) Integration of Health and Social Work is now in place as of 1st April. Duncan Martin is the Co-Chair of eight locality planning groups which are looking for volunteers to represent local interests for each area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

Weddings

Flora Campbel-Gibson married Thomas Mangione on Saturday 19th March at St Vincent's Chapel in Edinburgh. Both families are delighted.

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Gemma MacCowan and Allan Strang Jr. married in the Kilmelford Church on the 2nd July.

Hi everyone,

I'd just like to make a little announcement; we have a new married couple in the village. Our congratulations go to my daughter Gemma and her husband Allan Strang Jr, we had a fantastic day, first of all with the arrival of the Fire Engine to take Gemma to the church, getting her in was an interesting exercise but we got there!! The weather had it's moments but it didn't dampen the atmosphere of the day we had a fantastic time. I'd like to thank everybody who made the effort to stand in our lovely July weather outside the church for our arrival and departure, you were spotted, a couple of very strange creatures among you but every Village has them!! I think one of them escaped from Ardfern for the day, and was later seen running down the hill with a very familiar character, you know who you are, holding Gemma's dress the biggest grins on your face as I've ever seen skipping behind her to the wedding car, provided by Ian Johnson a fantastic friend. We have had so much help from all of you in the village, Astrid for making our beautiful necklaces, Jean and John Bowman for the most amazing fruit cake, Alice McPhee for her delicious chocolate cake, Georgina and Dorothy Bark for all the help at the church, Fergus Gillanders for piping Gemma into the church and out again and miraculously appearing at the Argyllshire gathering and piping her into the top table in the main hall, I think one of my favourite moments of the day, Karen Liversedge for the last minute alterations to the dress, Ken the minister for taking the service and making it so special for Gemma and Allan it was beautiful and of course to my wonderful boss Sarah Jane for letting me have the time off, think I'll pay for it now!! You have all been amazing and I'm very proud to be part of this community thank you.

Ruth MacCowan

New Arrivals in our Community:

To Anne and Jeremy CLARKSON Benjamin, Gordon Born 12th May and weighing 7lb 13 oz In Paisley Royal Hospital. Luke delighted to have a brother

To Claire and Mark EVANS Happily announce the safe arrival of their First born a son -William (known as Billy) David Hamilton On 31st March.

To Ruth and Ian GATWARD A daughter – Naomi, Erin, Faith. Born Friday 16th July at Lorne and Isles Hospital, Oban A very welcomed sister for Issak and Caiden

We are delighted to welcome these new little ones into the Community and send our very best wishes to all the families.

Faith in the Future

Events this summer have left us searching for anything comparable to give expression to the degree of uncertainty and turbulence being felt. The outcome of the EU referendum, whether you are delighted or appalled by it, has already changed the face of our national political life and will continue for years to have economic and social effects that we cannot easily predict. We enter uncharted territory.

Meanwhile, a succession of deadly attacks on innocent civilians on the streets of Europe have left us all feeling more vulnerable. As we see footage of the aftermath of yet another atrocity we are left with the feeling of "there but for the grace of God go I."

We cannot be surprised that many of those who have found their homeland overwhelmed by conflict and violence, have taken the desperate decision to leave their homes and to seek a better life for themselves and their families elsewhere. Such is the scale of the refugee crisis, however, that even wealthy Europe is struggling to cope and unable to come up with a viable plan.

If ever we needed a vision of faith to guide us, the time surely is now. Yet, at least in Western societies, the faith tradition that sustained our forebears through times of trouble has largely lost its hold on the popular imagination. Some even see religion as the root of intolerance and conflict.

Perhaps it will need both those who are questioning the faith tradition and those who are cherishing it to provide the light we need to guide us through a dark and threatening time. What in shorthand are being called "fresh expressions" of church open up a space where we all can come bringing our questions, convictions and hopes to meet the crisis of our times. We are invited to be part of something that will seem unfamiliar but that may prove to be the anvil on which faith can be forged that will stand the test of our troubled times.

Kenneth Ross (Parish Minister)

THE BLESSINGS OF ADVANCING YEARS

Not many people know this but my husband of almost forty-four years is a very patient person. Over the last ten years he has come with me for various hospital appointments and reckons he's quite an authority on the hospitals of Glasgow. On shopping trips we split up - he sometimes has a look around Halfords for the other love in his life. He then waits patiently, usually in the car - ever since he felt security staff giving him strange looks!

The last time we were in Glasgow I bought a skirt from my favourite shop in Braehead - I hate trying clothes in store; poky rooms with awful lighting and even worse, close-up mirrors. One of the blessings of advancing years is deteriorating eyesight (as long as you don't look too closely or put your specs on) another reason for my dislike of changing room mirrors. So, I brought my purchase home with great optimism that the garment would be perfect, sadly it wasn't! So with yet another impending hospital appointment and a garment that had to be taken back to Glasgow the week before the hospital appointment I had to come up with idea!

The 19th of June was Father's day and I thought it would be a good idea to take my patient husband out for the day - on the bus! Another blessing of those advancing years is the National Entitlement Card (also known as a bus pass) I looked up City-linking and saw that yes, there were buses to Glasgow on Sundays, Leaving Oban at a very civilised 10.30 and arriving in Glasgow in plenty of time for lunch at Rogano, a restaurant with lots of fond memories for us.

The weather that day was more overcast than we have had for some time but it was fine for travelling. The cheery bus driver helped us with our e-ticket and our reclining seat, which we thought was broken - we must have looked a right pair of dodderers. You get a great view on the bus with the added advantage that you can nod off! I also nod off in the car when not in the driving seat, but then my husband keeps himself amused by putting my window down, making me think my door has broken open. Apologies, I digress. We arrived in Glasgow at exactly 13.30. Leaving the bus station, walking through John Lewis through a very busy Buchanan Galleries, down Buchanan Street, arriving at Rogano around 2pm.

We had a very nice lunch and got talking with a lovely couple from Russia, who were trying to work out what was on the menu using their smart phone. They were in Glasgow for a Bee-keeping convention! Their command of English was far superior to our Russian but we managed to explain that we had a friend who is passionate about bee-keeping and teaches on the subject, so we got their details to pass on to him.

It was time to return the skirt. As we came out of Rogano, it was raining. Now, I'm usually prepared with a raincoat and umbrella but on this occasion sadly I wasn't. By the time we got to M & S at the top of Sauchiehall Street, we were dripping wet, out of breath and far too full from eating so much - I'm sure you can picture it. Anyway I returned the skirt and bought my husband an umbrella for Father's day - I already have two - at home! Although quite full we decided to dry off in the M & S Café - with a black coffee and a still lemonade.

We left the warmth of the café and headed for the bus station, we had loads of time but the rain persisted and sharing an umbrella and dodging other shoppers on the pavement wasn't really much fun. Our return bus was due to leave at 6.15 so we had a 45 minute wait on the most uncomfortable seats you can imagine. Just when we thought it was time to get in the queue, the stand manager came to tell us that there had been a bad accident near Tarbet and our bus which should have arrived at 5 pm still wasn't in and when it did get in, our driver would have to have a 45 minute break. Our bus finally arrived around 7pm having had to divert via Callander. The driver was very apologetic and suggested we get a cup of coffee and he would see us later. We went to the one and only café in the bus station but we couldn't sit in as they were now closing. Ah well!

We sat and had our coffee with a lady from Oban. She had moved from Formby in Lancashire (where I met my husband) to Edinburgh. Her widowed mother then decided she wanted to return to the north of Scotland and her daughter and young family had moved to Mull, so she came to Oban. But her mother had now died and her grand-children were all grown up so she was returning to Edinburgh. We finally left Glasgow around 8 pm and chatted with yet another lady who had spent the day shopping with her daughter. I asked if her daughter was a student in Glasgow and she very proudly explained to us that her daughter was in training as a pastry chef at the Balmoral Hotel in Edinburgh. So I suppose although our day had it's down side with regard to comfort and freedom and it's not maybe something we would do again - we did meet some lovely people and had we gone in the car the day may not have been so rewarding. Oh I just remembered, a good friend of mine said it's a great day out on the bus to Inverness - time for lunch and you can snooze on the way home!

Anon. (June 2016)

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Sports Day

On 23/6/16 Kilninver primary school went to Melfort club for their sports day. It was really kind of them to let us use their big green field. The weather was lovely and sunny, so all the kids and teachers were very happy.

In the morning we did four activities. The first one we did was athletics. Athletics was really good-we did an egg and spoon race about five times then twenty star jumps and finally the long jump. Then we played rounders. I was in the batting team with a few others. I hit second and nearly got caught. The final score was two-two. Next we went to the obstacle course. First you go over the hurdles then you dribble a ball (small soft) around cones, hopscotch in and out of hoops, then go through a tunnel. It was great fun and then we had a break. My favourite activity was golf. The best part was when I hit the golf ball really high and it nearly hit my friends mum in the face. Then we had lunch sitting outside in the sun. In the afternoon there were a lot of races. It was so much fun but really tiring and at the end we all got a medal and sweets. **Hugh Ross**

Maolachy's Garden Open Weekend

Two lovely breezy sunny days brought such a generous & cheerful number of grown ups and children to look around the garden, buy plants, enjoy ice cream cones and consume almost all of the baking, including – quote from someone - "The most scrumptious ginger bread ever". And there by hangs a tale.

On the Thursday before the garden open weekend the baking plan was to make bread first for the household when the Aga oven is at its hottest, followed by boiled fruit cake and then ginger bread. All the ingredients being brought from the larder to discover no cinnamon for the ginger bread. Tom was asked to pick some up from the shop, the rest of the ingredients weighed out and set aside.

Next day with cinnamon in hand the cake was mixed and poured into tins. A vague feeling of unease that the mixture lacked a bit of bite when a finger swiped a wee taste off the edge of the bowl. Just bung it in the oven, set the pinger and get on with other tasks.

An hour + a quarter later out comes a risen aromatic cake that could not have been described as ginger on cutting a sample taste off the end of the cake. A bother I had omitted to add the spice to the flour in the bowl. Oh dear! Stay calm & consider options...

Not wanting to waste all the ingredients a plan evolved to slice the cake in half horizontally and make a gingery butter icing to spread as a filling. This plan failed when the two halves were too thick and the icing drooped out all over the edges and looked a complete mess.

Next plan....use the lower half, scraping all the icing - now mixed with crumbs - off + stiffen with more icing sugar and spread back on the bottom half of the cake. Cut up into square and taken to the badminton games night on the Friday evening. Never think young folk don't like ginger, all disappeared like snow off the dyke. Back to the idea to re-cycle the top half by crumbing it into a big bowl adding a hand full of flour, spoonful of treacle, an egg, teaspoon bicarbonate of soda, the remains of the butter icing and not forgetting big spoon of ginger. Bake for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour in a shallow tray and the outcome was the moistest, gingerest & most delicious cake which was all eaten up over the weekend.

Pat Barclay's jam sales for Hope Kitchen came to £90 to go direct to the charity & the £1410 raised from entries, plants, tea will be divided 40% to Hope Kitchen and 60% to the Scotland's Gardens Charities. Thank you so much to all the helpers manning the tea house, plant sales, gate, welcoming, parking etc. as I could not have done without you.

Georgina

XPLORERS

The Sunday 4 pm gatherings at the Church have enjoyed the mixture of activities, games and stories used to illustrate the theme of the day. Refreshments appreciated by everyone before Ken led the prayer time. In order for Becky Burton, the Presbytery part time youth worker, to be part of our leaders team on a regular basis we will have to move our Xplores day from the first to the third Sunday of the month.

Becky would also like to work with the older children and Sarah Edwards has kindly agreed to us being able to use the café room of The Village Shop & entry by the door at the side of the shop.

Usual posters, and fliers in school bags, will be sent to let parents and the young know what happens when, starting **18th September 4 pm. Kilmelford Church.**

STAMP APPEAL 2016

The money raised with the sale of stamps is a vital contribution to funding projects.

This year the Stamp Appeal will support the Church of South India's Othara Eco-Spirituality Centre.

The Church of South India (CSI) has recently opened the Othara Eco-spirituality centre near Thiruvalla in Kerala. It is a place where people can come to learn about climate change and the importance of conserving the earth. This year the Stamp Project will support some of their ecological innovations including the harvesting and re-use of rain water, the establishment of a biogas plant to power the kitchens and the development of a small dairy and chicken farm for native breeds.

Through retreats and conferences, CSI hopes that the knowledge people gain at the centre will inspire them to live sustainably and encourage others in their community to do likewise. They want to encourage people to appreciate and understand that 'caring for the earth is not only a calling, but a lifestyle.'

Please cut stamps off envelopes with 1/8" border and give them to Georgina Dalton, Mary Clark or leave them at the shop. Thank you!

Kilmelford Community Skiff

A soup & sandwich lunch was held to raise much needed funds to enable us to insure the boat for public use, we raised £299.18. Many thanks to all that attended and to those who dropped donations into the shop. We have now formed a new committee and look forward to many hours of fun on the water. If you are interested in joining us, the cost of a family membership is £25 per year, this would entitle you and any family members to row throughout the year. If people want to just have the occasional row out, there will be a charge of £5 per session.

Anyone interested in a subscription can contact myself in The Village Shop or email, contact details below. We have a Kilmelford Coastal Rowing Facebook Page, rowing times and any other correspondence is done by group email, if you would like to be included please let me have your email address.

We look forward to welcoming new members, no rowing experience neccesary, life jackets and rowing gloves supplied. It is all about getting together and having fun.

Sarah

Contacts; Sarah: 01852 200271 / honeytummy@hotmail.co.uk Sue: 01852 200364 Cuilfail: 01852 200274

If you are interested than please contact myself on 01852 200555 or pop into the shop – or contact Sue Johnson on 01852 200364

Fire Fighters Quiz

Great fun was had at the Fire Fighters Quiz in The Cuilfail Hotel on Saturday 28th May. The Quiz has been running for 7 years and is held 2 or 3 times each year. The event is organized by Dave and Lil Millward to raise funds for the Fire Fighters Benevolent Fund.

Another quiz is planned for the end of the Summer, come along and support the charity whilst having a fun night....Dave's music round is legendary!

Kilmelford's Got Talent

This is an early notice to all the wannabe stars in Kilmelford and the surrounding area. We will be holding a Kilmelford's Got Talent night in January. This will be a fund raiser for Kilninver Primary School and Marie Curie Cancer Care. I will announce the date later in the year. It will be a great evening of fun, so watch this space!

Sarah

During our holiday in Kilmelford we had a meal at The Shower of Herring on the Monday and ended up staying for the music night. What a delight. The meal was very good, the waiter and waitress very pleasant and helpful and we must say that we did enjoy the choices of wine and real ale too. How exciting to see the musicians arriving, the thrill to see all those instruments coming in. We had expected only a few musicians, but there were 9. They compliment each other, play beautifully together and some of their voices utterly breathtaking. A mix of traditional Scottish songs, stories, solos and they played requests too. What a splendid evening we had, the perfect end to our short stay and we will be back for more later in the year.

Mr and Mrs B.

Local B&B's and Self Catering Accommodations

....useful if you get family and friends over but don't have the space to house them all....

<u>Garbhein:</u> B&B Double bedroom, en suite shower, in Kilmelford. Lindsay & Susan Johnston 01852 200526 or 07747023038

<u>Melfort House:</u> dinner B&B, 3 large double rooms en suite, 01852 200326 or 07795438106 Also dinner for non residents if booked with 24 hours notice. <u>stay@melforthouse.co.uk</u>

<u>Old Dairy Cottage</u>: Self catering. Cosy accommodation in Kilmelford, sleeps two. From £250 pw. Diane Scaife 01852 200208

<u>West Barravullin</u>: Self catering B&B. Double bed and double Sofa bed, kitchen/ sitting room. 01852 500602 – 07923389265 email - joannegladstone@gmail.com

The Glebe: 3 bedroomed holiday let in Kilmelford. email; honeytummy@hotmail.co.uk

Kilmelford

an area for locals and visitors from far and wide a place to be reached by roads and tide with views on hills and lochs that ever change locals, tourists and livestock....all free range

a place where folk are happy and smile even when they have to reverse for half a mile where passing places have a simple reason to pull in, allow past and friendly wave...in any season

> local performers in music and song local bakes that are sold out before long local places to stay, sleep, eat and rate local artists who design, love and create

stories told from times long gone wildlife enjoyed at dusk and dawn rowing, sailing, fishing...all so near forest and hills...enjoying eagles and deer

new stories, locally made, shared and repeated so they won't fade tourists and locals keep this place alive a perfect spot to live and thrive

charities, quizes, something fun for all fire brigade, clubs and village hall church, shop, cafe and the local bar all serve to those from near and far

a thank you to both young and old for sharing and helping even in the wet and cold for making folk feel welcome and free to come, stay, explore and just be

What is Rural Crime?

Whilst our rural communities are considered to be safe places the impact of crimes on victims and rural communities are significant.



The financial cost of crime to rural businesses is significant, and for the victims of these crimes it can go beyond the cost of simply replacing the property stolen; loss of earnings, hiring of replacement vehicles etc.

Generally speaking, a Rural Crime is one which affects any person living, working or visiting a Rural Area.

This is any geographic area located outside a town or city or any area within a small town (for ease of reference, a population less than about 3000) or village and will include farms, businesses, private dwellings, country estates, woodland or forestry areas.

For guidance purposes, typical crimes which may amount to a Rural Crime are:

- All types of theft involving vehicles, machinery, equipment, metal, fuel and livestock;
- Housebreaking and Opening Lockfast Places in respect of commercial and domestic properties;
- Robbery;
- Willful damage to property including Vandalism and Malicious Mischief;
- Crimes against livestock and other protected animals, including livestock worrying.

This list is not exclusive and any other crimes could be considered - particularly where the perpetrator has travelled to a rural area for the purpose of committing the crime.

Prevention is by far the best deterrent, please don't make it easy for them. In some cases rural theft has been well researched and executed whereas in other cases it is wholly avoidable by default were the property has been left insecure or with keys hidden in the visor or the old Argyll favourite of hiding keys in the ignition!!! As part of my job I am trained as a crime prevention officer, if I can help with practical advice learnt through experience or suggestions on your security please ask.

Sometimes it can be as simple and low cost a fix as cutting a shrub or hedge that can give you peace of mind within your own home.

Thank you.

Jeremy Moore PC L342 Oban Police office.

Community Celebration

I have always rebelled against Religion, maybe because my father was a Clergyman.

You HAVE to belong to this religion or that one and all the others are wrong. And the wars that have been fought over that horrified me.

Too many rules – you MUST wear a hat – kneel, stand or sit at set moments. I was taught to have Quiet Times and at least give God an opportunity to speak to me. I was taught that He is everywhere and in everything, so why do I have to go to Church to find Him?

So when I heard about these informal gatherings in the Church I was excited. What a wonderful way to use the Church! What a lovely idea. Everyone welcome to share a tune, a song, a poem or just listen. No rules. No one danced yet!

After all it began in an Inn – nowadays we call it a pub – and it was full up, so even out back in the stable this Child was probably born to the sound of distant revelry.

So I went along and volunteered to share the old family history stories that I grew up hearing and repeated often to my own children and now I find that they are familiar even to my grandchildren now grown up. And I felt welcomed – that I belonged in a way I never felt before.

Shian

The Community Celebrations take place in Kilmelford Church. The next one (probably September) will be advertised nearer the time. Anybody wishing to share a song, a story, a tune or poem please contact Georgina 01866 844212 or Krissie 01852 200706

Arduaine Garden

As you will all know Arduaine Head Gardener, Maurice Wilkins retired after nearly 24 years at the end of February this year. Maurice took over the care of Arduaine after the Wrights gave the garden into the care of the National Trust for Scotland.

With the passing of this milestone in the gardens life it is probably a good idea to give a recap of the gardens history. In May 1897 James Arthur Campbell purchased three farms, Asknish, Kilbride and Barnlannich, and called the estate Arduaine, which is Gaelic for Green Point. The lands at Asknish had been owned by the McIver Campbell's since the16th century if not earlier. Apparently he chose this location after sailing up and down the west coast with his wife Ethyl looking for a site to build a house, this house has now become Loch Melfort Hotel. The first sod of the garden was turned over in August 1898 and that action was the birth of this magnificent garden.

The 'Inside' garden was the first area to be laid out, a flower and vegetable garden, tree planting was also carried out in earnest to provide much needed shelter, with 92 recorded planted at this time. An early planting of Douglas Firs was destroyed by rabbits which are still one of the gardeners worst enemies, bamboos were planted in 1903 and the first time Rhododendrons are mentioned was in 1908. By the 1920's there were 220 different kinds at Arduaine.

James Arthur Campbell died in 1929 and his eldest son Bruce inherited Arduaine who took up residence in 1936 after the death of his mother. Although Sir Bruce and his wife, Lady Campbell, displayed a great interest in the garden, the maintenance of it was taken on by their daughter Jean and the former Nanny, Miss Yule. During World War II, with the Campbell's serving their country the garden became too much for Miss Yule to manage and a backlog of work accumulated.

Brigadier Sir Bruce Campbell and his wife died in close succession and the care of the garden passed to his son lain, who with his wife Colena took up the challenge of managing the garden in the mid 1950's. It seems that at this time all members of the household helped out with the garden, the chauffer, Mr Watts and Major lain's houseman, Mr Bates. Eventually the garden became too much for the Campbell's and their helpers, so the decision was made to sell the garden.

In 1971 the garden was bought by Edmund and Harry Wright, former nurserymen from Essex, because of storm damage which preceded their purchase of the garden, much clearance work was needed before new development work could begin. The Wrights dug new ponds replanted and expanded the beds and greatly increased the already large variety of Rhododendrons collecting both species and hybrids. The Wrights tenure of the garden was absolutely pivotal and Arduaine would not be the mecca for plant lovers that it is today without their dedication. This is also due to the fact that in 1992 they most generously gifted the garden to the National Trust for Scotland which has ensured that it has a future as one of Scotland's' most iconic and treasured west coast gardens.

In the 24 years as Head Gardener and then as Property Manager too, Maurice has cared for the garden, nurtured and expanded the plant collection. The garden continues to attract visitors from all over the world to

see the many rare and unusual specimens which thrive in the mild damp climate. At present the garden is cared for by First Gardener Robert Carroll, assisted by Cary Fowler and seasonal gardener Zeik Marflitt with Sheila Wilkins and Kimbra Barrett greeting and informing visitors about the garden.

Arduaine has a succession of interest throughout all four seasons; there is something in flower nearly every day of the year, with Rhododendrons flowering in almost every month. Early spring sees many different bulbs in flower followed by magnificent large specimen magnolias in April. The Rhododendrons and Azaleas are at their best in late May with many tender varieties such as R.lindleyi displaying its large trumpet shaped flowers which are exotically scented, this all goes into making a visit to the garden at this time a very magical and beguiling experience. There is also a wonderful collection of ferns amassed by Maurice and some wonderful specimens of the New Zealand tree fern, Dicksonia antartica. Anyone who is interested in plants must visit Arduaine as it surely has a tremendously diverse wealth of interesting and rare plant specimens, representing all corners of the globe.

Mark Jeffery





Kilmartin Museum Where Argyll's Ancient Past Comes Alive!

Events Guided Walks

Join us each Wednesday until the end of September for a guided walk of Kilmartin Glen. Meet at the Museum reception before 1.30pm – no need to prebook, though places are limited. The walk lasts approximately two and a half hours and is free (donations welcome). Sorry no dogs.

The Mid Argyll Show

13th August 2016 -Visit us at the Mid-Argyll Show.

Arichonan Mini Bus Tour

18th August 2016 - Discover more about this deserted settlement with Julia Hamilton. Booking essential. For more details, visit our website, contact the Education Team 01546 510278 or email education@kilmartin.org

The Oban Gathering

25th August 2016 – Meet us at the Oban Gathering and find out more about our Redevelopment plans.

Kilmartin Museum Café and Shop

At Kilmartin Museum Café we pride ourselves on our delicious menu and mouth-watering range of home baked cakes. We source local ingredients wherever possible and take special care to make our menus child friendly. We also cater for a wide range of specific dietary requirements – just ask a member of our friendly team.

Share your special events with us! Kilmartin Museum Café is available for private parties (including children's) and small functions. We can offer a bespoke service to meet your requirements. For more details, contact Yvonne on 01546 510278 or email cafe@kilmartin.org

Kilmartin Museum Shop offers a truly unique shopping experience. With goods from many local artists, a great selection of books and a wide range of gift ideas, Kilmartin Museum Shop is the perfect place to find something special.

Profits from our Café, Shop and Museum ticket sales support the work of Kilmartin Museum.

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Argyll and Bute Youth Services

Argyll and Bute Youth Service works to provide all young people, aged from 11 to 25 years in Argyll and Bute, with a range of enjoyable opportunities, challenging experiences and effective support that will enhance their personal, social and educative development and sense of identity during the transition to adulthood. Below is a small selection of some of the activities and opportunities we offer.

Youth Forum

Argyll and Bute Youth Forum provides opportunities for young people in Argyll and Bute to debate, inform and actively participate in the development and improvement of services for young people. This forum is supported by Argyll and Bute's Youth Services Team and is made up of local youth forums.

Oban and Lorn Youth Forum has been involved in a range of activities, including:

- carrying out research into what young people want from their Council
- debates about local, national and global youth, democracy and citizenship issues
- organising local events
- developing publicity to promote events and services for local young people
- going on residential trips and international youth exchanges

For more info contact Scott Douglas <a>scott.douglas@argyll-bute.gov.uk or check Facebook

Summer Programme

Argyll and Bute Youth Services are again running their Summer Holiday Programme – young people going into S1 up to 18 can earn points through volunteering or community projects which they can exchange for FREE trips and activities.

For more information please contact Scott Douglas on 01631 567977/ <u>scott.douglas@argyll-bute.gov.uk</u> or Maureen Evans on 01631567975 / <u>maureen.evans@argyll-but.gov.uk</u> or contact Roanna YS Clark on Facebook.

Young Scot Card

The Young Scot National Entitlement Card is available free of charge to everyone aged 11-25 living in Scotland. Use it for money off the things you love, exclusive rewards, proof of age and much more.

<u>Great Discounts</u> - Save money with hundreds of discounts using your Young Scot card! Get great deals from big names like Arnold Clark Car Rental, the Co-operative, Scotmid, Schuh, Topshop, Go Ape!, Historic Scotland, Knockhill and many more. Find your favourite discounts near you.

<u>Prove Your Age -</u> Every Young Scot card has the PASS hologram, making it as credible as a driving license or passport in Scottish law for proving your age.

<u>Young Scot Rewards -</u> Young Scot Rewards lets you take part in fun activities, earn points and enjoy exclusive experiences.

<u>Money Off Travel -</u> If you're 16, 17 or 18 (or a full-time volunteer) you can get special deals on travel using your Young Scot card, including 1/3rd off bus journeys and up to 50% of train travel within Scotland.

If you would like more information on Youth Services or anything we offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Roanna Clark Argyll and Bute Young Scot Co-ordinator Argyll and Bute Council: Phone: 01546 60 4752 Mobile:07786855733



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ARGYLL GARDENS OPEN IN 2016

Gardens Open On a Specific Date

Benmore Botanic Garden, PA23 8QU Arduaine Garden, Oban PA34 4XQ Braevallich Farm, by Dalmally PA33 1BU Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA Strachur House Flower & Woodland Gardens, Strachur PA27 8BX Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA Crarae Garden, Inveraray PA32 8YA Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ Maolachy's Garden, Lochavich, PA35 1HJ Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ Braevallich Farm, by Dalmally PA33 1BU Torosay Castle Gardens, Craignure, Isle of Mull PA65 6AY The Shore Villages, by Dunoon PA23 8SE Caol Ruadh, Colintraive PA22 3AR Little Kilmory Cottage, Rothesay, PA20 0QA Ardchattan Priory, North Connel PA37 1RQ Torosay Castle Gardens, Craignure, Isle of Mull PA65 6AY Torosay Castle Gardens, Craignure, Isle of Mull PA65 6AY

Gardens Open Regularly

Achnacloich, Connel, Oban PA37 1PR Ardchattan Priory, North Connel PA37 1RQ Ardkinglas Woodland Garden, Cairndow PA26 8BG Ardmaddy Castle, by Oban PA34 4QY Ascog Hall, Ascog, Isle of Bute PA20 9EU Barguillean's "Angus Garden", Taynuilt PA35 1HY Benmore Botanic Garden, Benmore, PA23 8QU

Crinan Hotel Garden, Crinan PA31 8SR Druimneil House, Port Appin PA38 4DQ Fairwinds, 14 George Street, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon PA23 8JU Inveraray Castle Gardens, Inveraray PA32 8XF Kinlochlaich Gardens, Appin PA38 4BD Oakbank, Ardrishaig PA30 8EP

Gardens Open By Arrangement Kinlochlaich Gardens, Appin PA38 4BD

 Knock Cottage, Lochgair PA31 8RZ
 15 April - 15 June
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 Braevallich Farm, by Dalmally PA33 1BU
 16 April - 30 June
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 Eas Mhor, Cnoc-a-Challtuinn, ClachanSeil, Oban PA34 4TR 1 May - 31 August
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 Sunday 24 April
 10:00am - 6:00pm

 Sunday 8 May
 9:30am - 5:00pm

 Sat/Sun 14/15 May
 11:00am - 5:30pm

 Sun/Wed 15/18 May
 3:00pm - 5:00pm

 Sat/Sun 21/22 May
 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 22 May 3:00pm - 5:00pm Wednesday 25 May 3:00pm - 5:00pm Saturday 28 May 1:30pm - 5:00pm Sat/Sun 28/29 May 2:00pm - 6:00pm Sunday 29 May 1:30pm - 5:00pm 11:00am - 5:30pm Sat/Sun 4/5 June Sunday 5 June 10:00am - 5:00pm Sat/Sun 25/26 June 1:00pm - 5:00pm Sat/Sun 23/24 July 2:00pm - 5:00pm Sat/Sun 30/31 July 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday 31 July 12:00pm - 4:00pm Sunday 7 August 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday 2 October 10:00am - 5:00pm

25 Mar - 31 Oct

25 Mar - 31 Oct

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Haddock & Chips	£7	7.00		•
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With Bacon	£1	extra		8
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Chicken Goujons &	Chips	£7.00		0
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Cheese & Tomato			£6.00	2
Toppings:				
Ham, Salami, Tuna,	Haggis		£1.50	7
Mushroom, Peppers,		ineapple	£1.00	4
12" Garlic Pizza, tor			£5.00	
Sides				
Garlic Bread £2	2.30 G	arlic Bread v	with Cheese	£3.20

Garlic Bread	£2.30	Garlic Bread with Cheese
Onion Rings	£3.00	Potato Wedges
Chips /Cheesy	£2.50/£3.40	Mushy Peas
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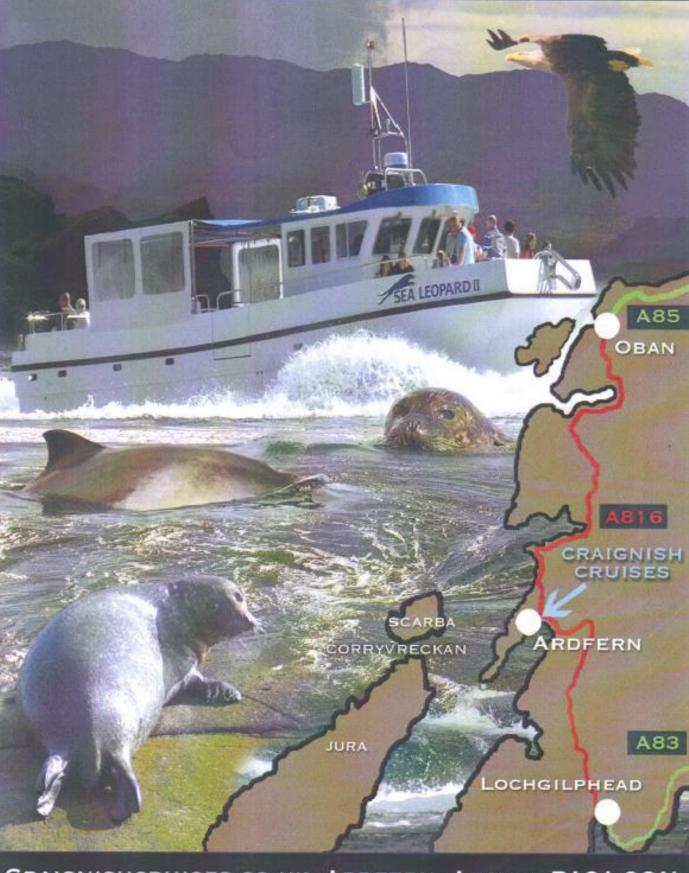
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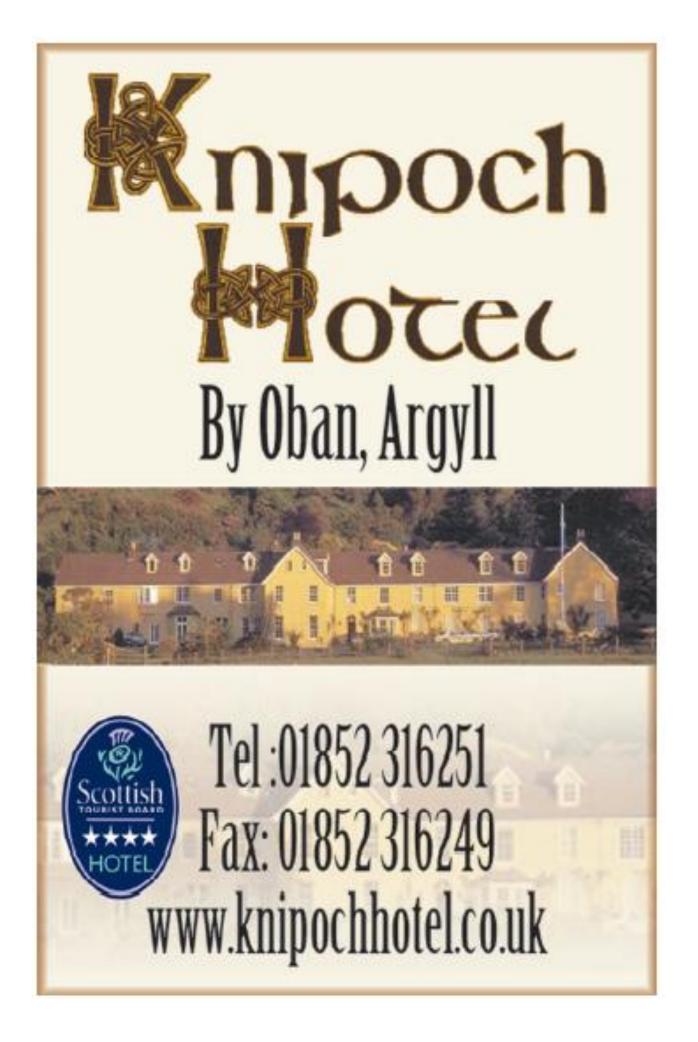
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The Haunted Bedroom

Chapter 1: The Stranger And The Warning

Down in the street on Monoville, there was a house. Just your average, little house. People called it haunted, but its inhabitant, Dave Plant, disagreed. He thought it was a lovely and reliable house. So nice that he normally said goodnight to everything in his bedroom at night. Dave worked at a hotdog shop and had a reasonable amount of friends and money. He wasn't married nor did he live with anyone. He also normally had some stubble on his face since he'd never had a mirror in his bathroom when he attempted to shave. Just like his house, he was just your average man. But enough on Dave, let's get on with the story...

Dave was walking down the cracked pavement to the little hotdog shop on the corner of Monoville, just like he had done a million times before. He walked into the shop, strolled behind the counter and popped his hairnet on. *It's going to be another boring day at work. Again.* Thought Dave. He was wrong. Around lunchtime, when it normally got really busy, an old stranger with a limp and a shaggy black cloak on his back, just over his head so you couldn't see his face, walked in.

"Beware, Dave. Tonight, when you say goodnight to all the things in your bedroom, something terrible will happen. I have seen the future. *Your* future. Beware, Dave....Beware..." and with that, he disappeared.

Chapter 2: Thinking

Dave was left staring at the empty space where the old man had just stood. He got on with the rest of his work and went home without saying a single word. *Who was that? Why was he there? Why in the hotdog shop? Maybe he just wanted to be secret...maybe it's because I was most relaxed...* Dave had got home by now and was lazily climbing onto his sofa. He started to feel sleepy so he turned on his TV and started watching "The Price Is Right!". He loved that show. He watched it every day he could. This time, though, when they chose the people, he could've *sworn* he saw the old man limping up the stage and to the camera.

"Beware..." then Dave heard a knock on his door. He opened it and saw the old man again. *"BEWARE, DAVE!!" "AAHHH!!!"* Dave had fallen asleep on the sofa. *Phew...Dave* thought. *Just a dream...That old man was only a fake; he was just a poor old man looking for money. How did he disappear though? Meh, who cares?* It was now quite late so Dave decided to go to bed.

Chapter 3: Goodnight, Dave

Now sitting on the edge of his bed, Dave sighed. "it's been a hectic day today, hasn't it? I mean, with that man and all...well, I better get some sleep, it's work tomorrow, so yeah. Goodnight cupboard, goodnight wardrobe, goodnight bed. Goodnight bedroom..."

"Goodnight, Mr. Dave."

"I love you, bedroo-AAAAGGHHHHH!!!!" "AAAAGGHHHHH!!!!" "AAAAGGHHHHH...hang on, who or what are you??" "I'm a human, just like you, called Jack!"

"OK...come out, so that I can see you." And, as asked, a child, a boy, about eight years old, hopped out of his wardrobe. Jack wore two eye patches and colourful clothes but no shoes and a black and red bag on his back. "Oh, you look quite cool. I expected something *completely* different. The only thing is, why *two* eye patches?"

"Because, I lost my eyes in a fight with a seagull."

"And how do you see?"

"I don't. I use echo location, like a bat."

"Well, at least you know where you are. That's *something* good. Also, um...WHY WERE YOU HIDING IN MY CLOSET AT NIGHT?!"

"Look, ok, I need to warn you about that old man you saw in the hotdog shop. He was a ghost." "They're not real."

"Yes they are."

"No, they're not."

"Yes, they are."

"NO, THEY AREN'T!"

"Y'know what? This is getting boring."

"Yeah, let's move on."

"Anyway, you can see ghosts. That's why no one turned to look at him!"

"Ohhhhhh...right. Yep, I get it now."

"And I'm a ghost so-"

"AAAAGGHHHH!!!!"

"Will you shut up !? I'm a friendly ghost. The old man wasn't."

"Oh. Oops."

"Yes, *oops*! Serosa is a wanted person in the ghost world!! He has a bad habit of possessing people in *your world*."

Oh, no! AAAAGGHH-!!"

WILL YOU STOP THAT?!?! Ok? Look, I might just be able to get a weapon to destroy Serosa and his gang. I'll go now, we can't waste any time. Stay here."

"But-"

"Stay here." And then, just like Serosa, Jack disappeared.

Chapter 4: Serosa's Downfall

Dave had trouble sleeping that night. He had the same dream about Serosa and woke up on the floor, and when he tried to get up he hit his head on the bed.

"Ow! Oh, Jack, where are you?"

"Right here!"

"AAAAGGHHHHH!!!!! Please don't do that again!!"

"I won't. Trust me. I nearly peed my-"

"Too much information!!"

"Got it. Anyway, I found it!"

"Really?!" Dave tried to get up and banged his head on the bed again. "Ow..."

"Yes, I found it, it's here."

"Can I see-?" In his desperation to see, he hit his head on the bed again. "OW!"

"Seriously, stop doing that. You'll give yourself brain damage before you'll be able to manage to get your slippers on to go downstairs. Anyway, here it is." Jack pulled out of his bag a gold and sky blue cube about the size of the average dice.

"That's it? I've given myself three bruises on the head for a golden dice?!"

"Not just *a* gold dice. It's *the* Gold Dice. The Golden Ghost! Throw this at Serosa, and he's destroyed. *Don't* throw it at Serosa, and you may as well welcome the apocalypse with open arms."

"How come you aren't dead then?"

"It has to hit the ghost at a high speed."

"Alright, cool. And when are we supposed to do this? Because, I mean, WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD!!"

"Now! I said we can't waste any time, remember?"

"Fine. But can I at least get my clothes on first?"

"Yes." And so (after Dave got his clothes on), they headed to the hotdog shop to try and find Serosa. But instead, Serosa came to them...

"Are we there yet?" Moaned Jack for the seventh time.

"No, we've still got about ten minutes." Repeated Dave. He was getting annoyed now.

"I could just teleport us..."

"Don't you think it would look weird, me just appearing out of thin air?"

"Well, yeah, but-"

"Well, well...look who's here! Jack, you're looking as stupid as ever, and this human. I bet it would be nice to possess *you*! HA!!!" Serosa has just appeared and lunged forward for Dave, but Dave was too quick and he threw the golden ghost at Serosa; it hit him square in the chest and he froze in mid-air. His smile disappeared.

"What have you done!?!?"

"Saved the world!" Chorused Dave and Jack.

"NOOOOOOO..." Serosa was sucked into the Golden Ghost screaming like a toddler.

Chapter 5: The End?

"Well, that was the two weirdest days of my life but it was worth it." Smiled Dave.
"Yes, I agree. I finally made a friend!" Said Jack.
"Unfortunately, you'll have to go back to your world, Jack."
"What? Why??"
"I met someone online and, well, I quite like her-"
"WHAT?? Ugh, that's disgusting!"
"It is what it is."
"Well, I guess I'll see you later, then. Bye." And Jack left.
Life for Dave was never the same again.

THE END!

Joshua Mitchell, age 10

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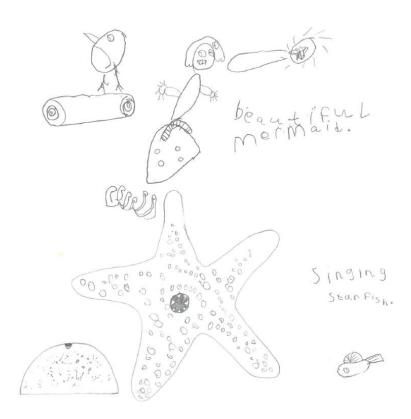
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