

Kilninford News

Issue 66

Easter 2020

WORKING TOGETHER IN ARGYLL & BUTE
LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT
GUIDE**

**Can be found in
separate PDF**

**along with Emergency aid info for those
isolating, Doctors surgery info & window
poster for those isolating**



Lambing time! Please keep your dog on a lead



CONTENTS

- 05. STAMP APPEAL 2020
- 07. SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME 2020
- 09. MAOLACHY GARDEN
- 10. THE PIPING OF BATTLE'S O'ER AND VE DAY 75
- 11. KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD PARISH
- 13. OLD FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES
- 15. KILNINVER CONNECTIONS
- 17. SOMETIMES LESS CAN BE MORE?
- 19. NEW DISCOVERY – RARE DRAGONFLY FOUND IN ARGYLL
- 20. KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL
- 22. KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
- 23. NEWS FROM KILCHOAN
- 24. POEM BY BOB ANGUS
- 25. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL
- 26. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION INCLUDING DOCTOR'S INFO

All normal groups etc. held in our village hall, hotels & other public places are currently cancelled due to Coronavirus.

This includes the VE75 day in village hall which it is hoped can now be held in the autumn.

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS ALL THE BEST IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

WHO IS YOUR KILNINFORD NEWS TEAM?

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

KILNINFORD NEWS BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive the newsletter in digital form from now on, please let us know by email, contact details of the Kilninford News team members are stated at the back of this issue.

KILNINFORD LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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

Iain: barkee@live.com | Georgina: **01866 844212** | Gill: **01852 316018**

DONATIONS FROM THE KILNINFORD NEWS

The Kilninford News has donated £400 towards the VE75 celebrations which will take place on the 9th May and also £400 towards new lightweight trestle tables for the Village Hall. The team is happy to have been able to help out and we hope to do so again in the near future. Do get in touch if your group needs funding for a specific event/purchase/...

The Kilninford News Team

Astrid's Creations

**Unique pieces, look-a-like figurines, special occasion gifts.
In wide style & price range. Commissions welcome.**

www.astrids-creations.co.uk | Facebook: Astrid's Creations

**I always have some pieces for sale at home.
Also available at "Jewellery by Fiona" 112 George Street in Oban**





Colin Woolf
FINE ART

Colin's Studio and Gallery are at Lunga, near Craobh Haven and are open most days (please ring first). His work can also be seen in The Room at the Top restaurant in Melfort Village and The Jetty Gallery, Oban.

A professional artist for over 30 years, Colin is inspired by the ever-changing light and details of our natural world.

Painting mostly in handmade oils, as well as in pure watercolour and pencil.



www.wildart.co.uk

All works are available to view and buy online as well as a wide range of fine art prints and greetings cards

Exclusive Christmas cards all individually signed

Colin is available for tuition, demonstrations and talks

Bespoke Framing Service



Colin Woolf FINE ART 01852 500 232
The Studio Kennels Cottage Lunga Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8UU
www.wildart.co.uk colin@wildart.co.uk

COMING TO KILMELFORD



Available soon in Kilmelford Hall
(potentially Mondays mid-morning)

Exercise programme for men and women wishing to stay stronger longer and steadier on their feet

Suitable for older folk, those at risk of falls, with balance issues or history of falls

Supervised by a Postural Stability Instructor trained specifically in falls prevention

Evidence based exercises for balance, stamina, strength and flexibility

Flexible options, can be done entirely seated, supported standing using chairs or without support

your contact Bridget Baker
bridgetkbaker@yahoo.co.uk
07977 125444

STAMP APPEAL 2020

This year the Stamp Project proceeds will benefit The Women's Development Centre (WDC) in Kandy, Sri Lanka which runs a project to support women and girls who have been victims of rape and sexual violence.

The WDC gives these women somewhere to stay, and supports them in caring for their children, helps them return to education if they wish, and trains them in skills they can use to make a living when they leave.

The WDC has a social enterprise and

café where the women can work and sell their hand-made products.

The team at WDC care for and heal girls who are vulnerable and often discarded by their families. It is impossible not to be moved by what they do. Help support them by collecting used stamps which are then sold on.

Please save/collect used stamps with a 3mm border and give them to Mary Clark, Georgina Dalton or leave them in the shop for them to collect. Every stamp helps!

Arduaine Friends

Just **£7.50** per year (or £15 for a family membership)
to enjoy free all year round access to Arduaine Garden.

Join online today at www.arduainegarden.org



*"One of the finest of the west coast's many woodland gardens -
perhaps the most outstanding panorama of any Scottish garden"*

Ken Cox in Scotland for Gardeners

Arduaine Friends work closely with Arduaine Garden owners, the National Trust for Scotland, to raise awareness of the garden. Arduaine Friends membership fees and donations are used directly to promote awareness of this historic and beautiful garden.

A full list of Open Gardens + extra info about each

Open Garden can be found on www.scotlandsgardens.org

and in the "Scotland's Gardens Guide 2020"

During current pandemic gardens will not be serving any teas/food.

scotlandsgardens.org/coronavirus-covid19-update/

You must contact garden owner before visiting

<p>An Cala, Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil Contact: Mrs. Shelia Downie Open Garden: 1 April – 31 October, 10am – 6pm</p>
<p>Achnacloich, Connel Contact: Mr T E Nelson, T: 01631 710796 Open Garden: 1 January – 31 December (Saturdays only), 10am – 4pm</p>
<p>Ardchattan Priory, North Connel Contact: Mrs Sarah Troughton, T: 01796 481355 Open Garden: 1 April – 31 October, 9.30am – 5.30pm</p>
<p>Ardmaddy Castle, by Oban Contact: Mr and Mrs Charles Struthers, 01852 300353 Open Garden: 1 January – 31 December, 9am- dusk</p>
<p>Ardkinglas Woodland Garden, Cairndow Contact: Ardkinglas Estate, 01499 600261 Open Garden: 1 January – 31 December, dawn – dusk</p>
<p>Ardtornish, by Lochaline, Morvern PA80 5UZ Mrs John Raven, : www.ardtornishgardens.co.uk 1 January – 31 December, 10am- 6pm</p>
<p>Arduaine Garden, Arduaine Contact: The National Trust for Scotland, 01852 200366 Open Garden: 1 Mar–31 Mar, daily, 9.30–16.00 (last entry 15.30) 1 Apr–29 Sep, daily, 9.30–17.00 (last entry 16.30) 30 Sep–24 Dec, daily, 10.00–16.00 (last entry 15.30)</p>
<p>Baile Geamhraidh, Isle of Lismore, Contact: Eva Tombs T:01631 760128. Open Garden: By arrangement 1 May – 1 October</p>
<p>Barochreal, Kilninver Contact: Nigel and Antoinette Mitchell, 01852 316151 By arrangement 1 May – 30 September</p>
<p>Barguillean's "Angus Garden", Taynult Contact: The Josephine Marshall Trust T:01866 822333 1 January – 31 December, 9am- dusk</p>
<p>Benmore Botanic Garden, Dunoon Contact: Benmore Botanic Garden, 01369 706261 Open Garden: 1 Sunday 19 April, 10am – 6pm</p>

<p>Braevallich Farm, Dalmally PA33 1BU Contact: Mr Philip Bowden-Smith T:01866 844246 E: philip@brae.co.uk. By arrangement 1 January – 31 December Sunday 24 May, 2pm – 5pm</p>
<p>Crarae Garden, Inveraray Contact: The National Trust for Scotland, 01546 886614 Open Garden: 2 Jan–31 Mar, 9.30–16.00 1 Apr–31 Oct, daily, 9.30–17.00 1 Nov–31 Dec, daily, 9.30–1</p>
<p>Crinan Hotel Garden, T:01546 830261 Open Garden 1 May – 31 August, dawn – dusk</p>
<p>Dal an Eas, Kilmore, Oban PA34 4XU, Mary Lindsay By arrangement 1 April – 30 September T:01631 770246 E:dalaneas@live.com</p>
<p>Dalnashean, Port Appin Contact: Kathleen Ferguson Open Garden: Saturday/Sunday, 16/17 May, 2pm – 6pm</p>
<p>Druimneil House, Port Appin Contact: Mrs J Glaisher (Gardener, Mr Andrew Ritchie), 01631 730228 Open Garden: 30 March – 31 October, dawn – dusk</p>
<p>Eas Mhor, Cnoc-a-Challtuinn, Clachan Seil, Oban Contact: Mrs Kimbra Lesley Barrett, 01852 300 469 Open Garden: By arrangement 31 May – 30 September</p>
<p>Fasnacloich, Appin PA38 4BJ Sunday 31 May, 12pm – 5pm</p>
<p>Inveraray Castle Gardens Contact: The Duke and Duchess of Argyll, 01499 302203 Open Garden: 1 April – 31 October, 10am – 5.45pm</p>
<p>Kinlochlaich Gardens, Appin Contact: Miss F M M Hutchison T: 07881 525754 Open Garden 3 March – 15 October, 11am – 4pm</p>
<p>Knock Newhouse, Lochgair PA31 8RZ Contact: Mr and Mrs Hew Service, 01546 886628 Open Garden: By arrangement 13 April – 13 September Saturday/Sunday 25/26 April & Saturday/Sunday, 16/17 May, 1.30pm – 5pm</p>
<p>Maolachy Garden, Lochavich, by Taynult Contact: Georgina Dalton, 01866 844212 Open Garden: By arrangement 1 January – 31 December 2pm – 5pm on Sat/Sun 25/26 April, Sat/Sun 23/24 May & Sat/Sun 27/28 June</p>
<p>Strachur House Flower & Woodland Gardens, Strachur Contact: Sir Charles and Lady Maclean Open Garden: Saturday/Sunday, 23/24 May, 1pm – 5pm</p>
<p>Oakbank, Ardrishaig Contact: Helga Macfarlane, 01546 603405 Open Garden: 1 July – 31 July, 1pm – 6pm</p>

MAOLACHY GARDEN

Update Tuesday 3 March 2020

Sun rising at 8.30am over Barr Liath. A heartlifting sight along with a chorus of songs from the great tits, robins, blackbirds, thrushes & the occasional sweet song of the dunnock.

Somehow all the grey, wet days slip from one's memory but there are still puddles left in the courtyard and not a very settled forecast to imply we are not out of the woods yet.

Yesterday the sleet showers did not put me off having a bonfire at the beginning of the woodland walk to burn twigs and thin branches of the scrub willow that I am clearing to give the birch and rowan trees space to keep their more elegant shapes.

It also makes a clear bank to transplant a load of snowdrops that I was allowed to dig up from a dear friend's garden at Connel and they should spread happily there and be a memorial to Annie who gave me much encouragement and gardening

advice. The list of tasks to do, once the ground has dried up a bit, is getting longer by the day and now includes re-covering the poly tunnel as "Denis" decided to rip it in half. Keep patient and don't itch to be sowing seeds as the time will come and we'll know to get busy. And if all the garden tasks are not done by the first garden open date of 25th/26th April, I shall not fret. Cake will be made and the kettle will be on for teas. The spring bulbs and blooms will be what they are.

Funds raised from this year's garden open weekends: April 25th/26th, May 23rd/24th, June 27th/28th will go to Scotland's Garden Charities, Hope Kitchen and the Kilmelford Church Annexe Fund. All are welcome to come and wander. Adults £4 (**NO teas etc will be served until further notice**) and children free. New treasure hunt clues are being dreamt up as I catch up on work in the garden.

Call 01866 844212 for more info.

Georgina Dalton

Please call ahead to make sure Georgina is opening garden on dates above & help maintain social distancing

THE PIPING OF BATTLE'S O'ER AND VE DAY 75

It was at 3pm on 8th May 1945 that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that the war in Europe was over.

Part of the national event to recognize the 75th anniversary of this momentous occasion was a proposal for pipers around the world to play The Battle's O'er, a traditional march performed on the bagpipes at the end of a battle, and VE Day 75, a tune specially composed for this event.

To that end, the following message was issued by **Merlin Sereld Victor Gilbert Hay, 24th Earl of Erroll, Lord High Constable of Scotland, Lord Hay and Slains, 32nd Chief of the Clan Hay**, an accomplished piper himself:

I call upon all pipers throughout the world to participate in marking this important milestone in history by taking part in a worldwide celebration on 8th May 2020 and playing the designated tunes at 3pm local time that afternoon as part of VE Day 75.

The pipers (all 4 of them!) of the Kilmelford and Kilninver Metropolitan and District Pipe Band (*sic*) have rallied to the call and will (**Coronavirus permitting**) play these tunes at 3pm on Friday 8th May at the Kilmelford Church War Memorial. They will be joining the many thousands of pipers from around the world who will be playing at the same time – from the top of the four highest Peaks in the United Kingdom – Ben Nevis – Scotland, Scafell Pike – England, Mount Snowdon – Wales and Slieve Donald – Northern Ireland and the Cape Garrison Artillery Pipes and Drums from the top of Table Top Mountain, Cape Town, to Piper Vladimir Molodtsov who will be playing at Moscow's famous Red Square.

A piper will play The Battle's O'er on the Bridge over the River Kwai, as his personal tribute to the 250,000 South East Asian civilian labourers and about 61,000 Allied prisoners of war subjected to dreadful forced labour during its construction, and other pipers will be playing at 3pm local time at several WW2 Concentration Camp sites in memory of the millions that died and suffered so much.

At the same time, thousands of other pipers will perform at locations throughout the United Kingdom and in countries such as Australia, Canada, the USA, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Spain and Denmark. All the pipers taking part will be using their involvement in VE Day 75 to pay their personal tribute to the thousands of Pipers that either lost their lives, or returned home dreadfully wounded during or after the war ended.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD PARISH

In line with churches throughout the UK there will be no services for the foreseeable future. The following is a small sample from around Scotland of what is available over the internet in place of worship in our local little churches:

westkintyreandgighachurchofscotland.org worship page

kinnoullparishchurch.co.uk Rev Graham Crawford From Perth 30 minute service at 10:30 starting 22 March

falkirktrinity.org.uk/worship Rev Robert Allan Previous services on website.

arbroathstandrews.org.uk/index.php/live Rev Martin Fair new Moderator for a General Assembly that won't be happening. St Andrews Arbroath will continue to stream at 11 am each Sunday and will have everything available on catch-up.

claremontparishchurch.co.uk East Kilbride Rev Gordon Palmer plans to have daily reflection/devotion during Holy Week and record or live stream at other times.



1st February 2020

Our gathering theme was “messages” and how they can be used to spread the good news about Jesus in our lives. The response was a lovely number of young and parents coming quickly in the door of the church avoiding the wind and rain showers.

The inspirational ideas from the children included semaphore flags, walkie talkies, two tins and a piece of string along with more modern methods of iPhone and texts, let alone word of mouth.

Families moving into the area met and made new friends and despite the slight chaos with the snack time we finished with a song, prayer and all singing the Grace together.

1st March 2020

Preparations for all eventualities is a learning curve. We planned three stations with games as a theme. This month was playing games and Jesus. The older children were very thoughtful about how Jesus would like them to react to their fellow players' snakes and ladders game and were very sure that the winner should share the prize, which she gladly did.

The fishing game kept the middle group's attention and it was good to hear much laughter in the church.

Sadly, one or two children had colds or were off school with sickness bugs. The nine there and helping grown-ups were in good voice for the song, tambourines bashed, a focus on prayer and the Grace to conclude the gathering.

Posters, fliers and social network will let you know the date of the next gathering.

Georgina Dalton

KILMELFORD CHURCH ANNEXE

A brief update: planning application was submitted to Argyll and Bute Council in January and at the time of going to press was being considered by the Planners.

There has been overwhelming support for the proposal to build an annexe at the church. This will provide a much needed loo with disabled facility and greatly improved access. Also of benefit will be the meeting room which will allow space for regular young peoples' activities and overflow for weddings, funerals and other church based activities which are compromised owing to lack of space in the current set up.

In the coming months fundraising will get underway which it is hoped will be widely supported by all those who wish to see our little church continue to play an important part in the life of our village.

THE PERFECT PLACE TO UNWIND AND RELAX.



Room At The Top

**In the beautiful surroundings of
Melfort Village, Kilmelford, PA34 4XD**

Offering locally sourced food, ales & great wines.

Take-away service also available, find our menu of Facebook.

We can cater for small intimate tables or large groups.

Private meetings, lunches & functions, can also be arranged on request.

Contact us with your requirements on 01852 200345

or message us through our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/roomeratthetop

OLD FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Following on from my previous visits to Nepal, and fundraising activities for the families of Langtang I was delighted to return there in December 2019.

Six of us, including some of my oldest friends, spent 3 weeks trekking and spending time with the family we support as part of my extended 60th Birthday celebration. We visited the new house for the yak farmers, funded by previous donations from Scotland, which is almost completed, and very impressive. There's now talk of them selling the yak herd and running a guest house from the new building. Exciting times for them, and hopefully an end to the hardships of their nomadic life.

We spent time at the school in Kathmandu which the children from Langtang attend and discussed the problems they have being unable to go home in school holidays due to

the travel distances involved. It was agreed that a good solution to this would be for the children to have a family run hostel in Kathmandu, where they would be well looked after during school holidays. So now we're launching another fundraising appeal and hope to raise enough within a couple of years to fund a hostel for the children.

I will be showing my new film of my latest visit to Nepal at the Healthy Village Group on Thursday, 19th March, in Kilmelford Village Hall, and will also arrange another showing in the Village Hall open to everyone. I also have a new glossy photo magazine for sale with all profits going to the fund.

Copies will be for sale for £10 each at film shows or can be purchased online or from me direct. Please email me if you'd like a copy – mairifleck@live.co.uk



Glossy photo magazine
now available - £10.
*All profits to
'Friends in High Places'.*

Mairi Fleck



Findlay's
FIREWOOD
Flaming good wood

Delivered to your door, from a little to a lot.
Holiday lets, hotels or residential we offer a
prompt, friendly service.

Contact 01852 200268 evenings or 07788595320
and leave a message

Also available for hire—Tracked Digger, Dumper,
Tractor and 30 ton Log Splitter

**NORTH ARGYLL VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME - (NAVCS)
REGISTERED CHARITY NO SCO37509**

The NAVCS provides transport for residents of designated areas of North Argyll who are unable to use, or have difficulty with, access to public transport and do not have suitable access to a private car. We organise volunteers to provide transport in their own cars to passengers who are registered with the scheme.

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

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

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

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

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

KILNINVER CONNECTIONS

Up behind my house lies the old enclosed graveyard, sometimes called "Angel Hill" as in the early 1900's poem written by local Duncan MacIntosh, a steward on the S.S. Buenos Ayrean. Some family members are buried up there "amongst Kilninver's bonny knowes." Walking the dog often takes me up there and occasionally the sun casts its shadows over the graves to highlight their lettering. The name Maxwell had caught my eye as not a particularly local family name. The lichen made it hard to read but after a while I could distinguish;

William C. Maxwell
Late Captain
79th Highlanders
Who died at Kilninver 13th Aug 1860
Aged 46

My curiosity was awakened and I had to find out more. Second son William was born in 1814 to Mary and William Maxwell of Dargavel House, Glasgow. This Renfrewshire landowning couple went on to have 12 children.

William Craig Maxwell was one of the six brothers who went on to have successful military careers. Army life began when he joined the 79th Regiment of Foot on 5th May 1832. Promotion came along in 1835 as lieutenant and then captain by 1840. Late on in 1840 he was transferred to the 95th regiment, and sailed out from Cork on the freighter Euphrates with another officer and detachment of 62 men to Ceylon.

Capt Maxwell returned from Ceylon in 1844 already retired and in April 1851 was boarding with Rev. James Graham's family at Penpont Manse. Further detail surrounding his death remains a bit of a mystery, as the certificate shows death date as 6th August and no causes were given.

I became aware Maxwell wrote "Iona and the Ionians. Their Manners, Customs and Traditions; A review in Coburn's United Service magazine comments that it was a must have been a companion for the ever-increasing number of travellers heading to the Scottish islands; it was published by Thomas Murray of Glasgow in 1857.

Bent's Monthly Advertiser showed it on sale for five shillings. Original copies seem extremely rare these days. Interest continued as I found out that a Colin A. MacVean did the sketches for the publication before he worked for the Hydrographic office and later had a successful career in Japan as a civil engineer.

It turned out Colin's father was Donald MacVean, minister of the Free Church on Iona and Donald's brother was also Colin A. MacVean, the Parish minister of Kilninver and Kilmelford from 1849 until 1869. So obviously contacts in the area were not a problem for William.

Further validation I was on the right trail came in the book's dedication addressed to Sir Duncan MacDougall, who had been Maxwell's commanding officer in the 1830's with the 79th and hoped Sir Duncan would enjoy the book. Another area connection was that Sir Duncan MacDougall (1787-1862) was the son of Patrick MacDougall of Soroba, Oban. Perhaps there is more to be revealed but it often surprises me what little snippets turn up to weave into Kilninver connections.

Martin Petrie

Feb 2020

Argyll Fencing and Timber Ltd



**FOR Fencing Materials, Gates, Rails,
Electric Fencing, Sheds & Much More**
www.hodgefencing.co.uk

We are OPEN 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday - Friday
plus 10.00am - 3.00pm Saturday (Summer Only)

Argyll Woodfuels

Supply of dry logs, briquettes,
Heat Logs and wood pellets.
Delivering to your area.

www.argyllwoodfuels.com



The Timberyard, Lerags, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4SE
argylltimber@gmail.com 01631 563271

We are prioritising our services to the agricultural industry and woodfuels deliveries.
If you urgently require fuel or materials for stock control, please place your orders online.

Thank you and stay safe !

SOMETIMES LESS CAN BE MORE?

We have all become very familiar with the occasional sighting of Scotland's (and the UK's) largest bird, the majestic White Tailed Sea Eagle which has established itself along the West Coast and which numbered in the region of 130 nesting pairs by 2019 and which can be seen regularly flying over our villages and lochs.

However what about another Scottish native resident that is literally at the other end of the avian size scale but is far more numerous in

numbers than the Sea Eagle but is perhaps much less rarely seen or noticed – the Goldcrest?

The diminutive Goldcrest is Scotland's (and not only the UK's but Europe's) smallest bird and there are estimated to be upward of 600,000 nesting individual birds in the UK but its size means that it is easily overlooked despite a very smart “hairdo”. The Goldcrest weighs in at about 6 grams (or less than a quarter of an ounce) which is the equivalent of a 20 pence piece and a few grams lighter than the perhaps more commonly seen Wren and just 9cms long.

The Goldcrest's most distinctive feature, size apart, is the eponymous striking crest running along the top of its head which, in the male, is a bright yellow stripe with an orange centre and bordered by two black lines. The female, whilst similar in appearance only has the yellow stripe. The crest can be raised by males as a show of display, aggression or warning if they are agitated. This golden yellow “crown” also gives rise to its scientific name of *Regulus Regulus* which is from the Latin for king and in certain European folklore the Goldcrest, despite its small size, is known as “King of the Birds”. The golden crest however is missing in juvenile birds.

Perhaps one of the reasons why the Goldcrest has done so well in Scotland in recent decades is the proliferation of conifer plantations where they both feed and breed. Whilst they will visit and feed on other trees they invariably prefer to return to nearby conifers which is where they will breed. They feed mainly on small insects, spiders, aphids and mosquitos although they will eat small seeds in winter to supplement their diet if insects are scarce. Their very thin black bill allows them to seek out such insects from very small niches on the bark, cones, leaves and branches that other larger birds cannot easily access and they are often seen hanging upside down under the conifer leaves and branches in the search for insects. They need to eat relatively large quantities of such

invertebrates as during cold weather they might lose up to 20% of their body weight in a night.

Cold weather and severe winters can lead to large fluctuations in the native Goldcrest population with prolonged snow and ice making it extremely difficult for them to forage and find sufficient insects and it is at such times that they might (rarely) be seen on garden feeders if there are fat blocks/slabs containing insects on offer. A succession of cold winters can lead to a significant population fall but conversely a run of mild winters can lead to increasing numbers.

Also of help in restoring numbers is the Goldcrest's ability to raise more than one brood during a nesting season. They begin breeding when they are 1 year old (but have a short lifespan of on average little more than 2 years) and build a nest of woven moss, lichen and spiders web high in a conifer at the end of branches or a fork of a tree. They lay 6 to 8 eggs between April and June which hatch after 16 to 19 days and the young fledge after a further 18 days, becoming fully independent 14 days later. However the female Goldcrest usually builds a second nest and lays a second clutch of eggs after the first has hatched but before the young of the first brood leave the nest. The male is left in charge of the first brood whilst the female incubates the second.

In winter the native population is supplemented by large numbers of birds migrating from the colder Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden and Finland and from October migrating Goldcrests arrive from further afield Baltic countries and ringed birds have been recorded as arriving from as far as Poland and Russia. In years past people found it difficult to believe that such a small bird would be capable of migrating such large distances and across such inhospitable waters as The North Sea. The story arose, which gained wide credence, that rather than fly themselves they would use larger migrating birds such as the Woodcock which arrives at the same time of year and secrete themselves in their plumage and hitch a ride, emerging when they reached land. As a result they gained the nickname "Woodcock Pilot".

The Goldcrest, a native Scottish bird, easily overlooked for larger and perhaps more iconic and prestigious cousins but well worth watching out for with its brilliant flash of gold.

OTTERSPOッター MARCH 2020

NEW DISCOVERY – RARE DRAGONFLY FOUND IN ARGYLL

Colin Woolf was amazed to find this very rare dragonfly not far from his home on Lunga Estate near Craobh Haven. This is the Brilliant Emerald dragonfly and the photos are of a female, though Colin has seen others and talked to neighbours who have also confirmed that they have seen it too. The species likes undisturbed habitat of marsh and small pools which abound on Lunga estate.

Never recorded in Argyll before and restricted to two small isolated populations elsewhere in Britain this is a fantastic find. It is also quite worrying as the area where it lives has been allocated for redevelopment by Argyll Council, so Colin is looking at ways he can raise awareness for this beautiful dragonfly.



©ColinWoolf

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Up Helly Aa

On Wednesday 26th of February 2020 our school Kilninver did a mini Up Helly Aa. Up Helly Aa is a Viking celebration celebrated in the Shetland Isles where everyone gets together and remembers the Vikings and have a ceilidh at the end and have food. We started at 1.30pm and everyone gathered up. We sang the Up Helly Aa song to start with. Afterwards we went round the school singing it and we went to burn the galley and had 3 cheers for the jarl. Finally we went inside and did a few poems and strip the willow and had food. It was brilliant!

----- By Kyle P4

On Wednesday 26th February, at Kilninver Primary School, the classes got together and performed an Up Helly Aa festival. I read all the facts I knew about Up Helly Aa. Then we all sang and paraded around the school and we ended up in the playground where we burned the galley. Then we marched inside then we ate flat breads and Shetland bannocks. I loved it.

----- By Ethan P2

Last week on Wednesday at 1.30pm Kilninver Primary parents came to Kilninver's Up Helly Aa festival. The pupils made shields, helmets and torches especially for the procession. They sang the Up Helly Aa song before going outside to burn the boat. After we burned the boat we all went inside and ate flat bread.

----- By Abi P2



KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS 2020 KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

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

Agenda and approved minutes of previous meetings are published on www.kilmelford.com Minutes are also available on noticeboards at Kilninver and in Telephone Kiosk and Hall in Kilmelford.

The INTERIM meetings are informal meetings of the committee only. Members of the community are encouraged to contact committee members with any issues that arise between the main meetings so that they can be addressed at these interim meetings.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Wilkie	Convener	caledonianys@ymail.com	01852 200256
Roanna Clark	Vice Convener	roanna22@hotmail.com	01852 200268
Jane Rentoul	Secretary	j.rentoul@btinternet.com	01852 200331
Stuart Cannon	Treasurer	stuartcannon@kames.co.uk	01852 200286
Gill Philpotts	Minutes Secretary	gill@thephilpotts.me.uk	01852 316018
Louisa Llewellyn		louisarogers@gmail.com	01852 316283
Colin Clark		colinclark11@btinternet.com	01852 200259
Jamie McAndrew		jamiemcandrew@kames.co.uk	01852 200286

Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council

NEWS FROM KILCHOAN

A lot has been happening at Kilchoan recently!

Apart from work on building the main house, refurbishing cottages and constructing a hydro generation scheme, we have been busy planting native trees on Melfort Hill. This is now nearing completion after 3 years of bracken spraying, deer fencing and planting. At the end of spring (weather permitting) we hope to have young trees breaking into leaf, both newly planted ones and those planted last year, but more importantly, young regenerating seedlings which will now have a chance to thrive with no competition from sheep, deer or bracken.

The Kilchoan initiative is all about habitat restoration and specie diversity, so it is an ironic frustration of ours that land must be fenced to exclude red and roe deer. The plan however is that we remove the fences after about 10 years, when the trees should be big enough to be safe from hungry mouths.

In an attempt to keep the plantations secure there are combination locks on all gates in the hope that anyone coming across a locked gate will take the trouble to re-lock it behind them. The combinations are all the same (2020) so please feel free to explore, but please secure the gates behind you! A single deer inside the fence will do untold damage in just a few days.

We are also employing Duncan MacDougall, a contractor from Dalmally to upgrade the public road all the way to Degrish. This is a collaboration with the Argyll and Bute Council; we have agreed to clear the ditches and widen the passing places and the council will then tar the road all the way to Kilchoan. Work started on this at the beginning of February and will continue into the spring. The estate is contributing 50% of the total cost, estimated at this point to be in excess of £250,000. Hopefully we will then have a road that is enjoyable and safe to drive and cycle along, requiring only routine maintenance in the future.

Kilchoan has just taken on its thirteenth employee, 7 of whom are aged under 35 and all having come from far-away places to live here in Argyll. All are integrating into the local community but accommodation is, as always, difficult to find, so if anyone knows of anything vacant then please let us know. Good housing does seem to be a limiting factor on the west of Scotland.

Our enthusiastic garden team, now numbering 4 and led by Kew-trained Luke Senior have been busy planting and pruning, rearranging existing plantings and planning layouts for the future gardens. Despite the recent rain and gales they have made fantastic progress. Ian MacLeod's building team are also hard at work re-roofing buildings and building porches, and only retreating to inside work in extreme conditions. They are all hefted to Argyll so must be used to it! Alan Bosomworth looks after our pedigree Highland cattle, with

Andrew Bevis our shepherd. The stock are in fine fettle with both calving and lambing just around the corner. Finally, Jess Levasseur and Aidan Forbes are our property managers/housekeepers and are living full-time at Kilchoan.

We are fortunate in having Nicolas Scott as our far-sighted owner, whom many of you have met. We want Kilchoan to be a place of peace and quiet, somewhere to visit for rest and refreshment. Although we will never stand still, one day soon the development phase will be over, the road will carry less traffic and Kilchoan will return to a place of tranquillity. That is sometimes hard to imagine with all that is currently going on but please do come to see us and Melissa or I would be delighted to show you round and share with you our plans for the future.

Jon Strickland March 2020

REFLECTION

*SOUNDS AND SIGHTS, SMELLS AND SUN.
AN AMALGAM OF LAUGHTER AND FUN.
BOYHOOD EXPLOITS – RABBITS CHASED.
ON MEMORIES FLATTERING, SURFACE TRACED.*

*OF PIGEON MOUNT AND LILY POND,
WARM SUMMER DAYS AND FRIENDSHIPS BOND,
THE HERMITS CAVE – THE HAUNTED WOOD.
THE TALL BEECH TREE FROM WHICH WE COULD,
GAZE ACROSS THE FIRTH SO DEEP
TO WHERE THE ARRAN WARRIOR SLEEPS.*

*SEE AILSA CRAIG WITH SCARF OF CLOUD.
ENORMOUS DUMPLIN' SITS THERE PROUD.
'TWEEN AYRSHIRE AND THE HOWKER'S HAME,
THEY CALL IT PADDY'S MILE STANE.
'T WAS THERE THE CURLING STONES WERE WROUGHT.
SANCTUARY TO MYRIAD GUILLEMOT.*

*WHEN THOUGHTFULLY THESE SCENES I SAVOUR,
I WONDER WHY GOD GRANTED FAVOUR,
WHILE OTHER LANDS ARE BARREN SPOIL
DID HE PLAN ON SCOTLAND'S SOIL -
ANOTHER EDEN.*

BOB ANGUS

**KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL
KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY SCIO**



Chair: Astrid van der Kraan 01852 200563
Secretary: Gill Philpotts 01852 316018
Treasurer: Carla Banham 01852 200507
Matthew Anderson
Louisa Llewellyn
Fiona Campbell
Diane Scaife (coffee mornings & 100 Club)

Caretaker: Colin Gibson 01852 200204
Facebook: Kilmelford and Kilniver Village Hall

****THE VILLAGE HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****

Once the Village Hall is open again:

Bookings: via online booking system or contact Astrid/Carla

Key/Heating tokens/squash court tokens: Village Shop, Melfort Village office, Carla, Astrid

**WE WISH THE WHOLE COMMUNITY ALL THE BEST IN THESE
CHALLENGING TIMES & PLEASE STAY SAFE.**

We are happy to inform you all that replacing most of the indoor light fittings and bulbs will hopefully have been done by the time this newsletter is distributed. We have also asked McNivens to replace the big floodlight on the side of the building. Our gratitude to The Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund for helping us with funding this work!

After testing a new table at the coffee morning in February (and receiving loads of positive feedback), we have now ordered 19 more of these lightweight trestle tables for the hall, costing around £2000. These tables will replace the tables in the lesser hall and the ones used in the main hall for coffee mornings/events/meetings. The Kilniver News very kindly donated £400 towards this purchase and Gill Philpotts managed to obtain a £500 micro grant from the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Fund too, which is wonderful and much appreciated by the committee. We are sure all hall users/volunteers who often lift/set up/clear away the tables will be pleased with these lighter tables once we can welcome you back into the hall again.

Peter Banham alerted us to an advert from The National Lottery, offering grants for a community Summer event. Amazingly, Gill succeeded in the application for this. We invite you all to have a think about what you would enjoy and let us know/help us organise this event once we are able to do so. It will be an event for the whole family: your event, your day...so please have your say! Thank you Peter for spotting the advert and thank you Gill for doing your application magic once again!!

THE HALL COMMITTEE

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

**SPECIAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS-COVID19
PLEASE READ SEPARATE
COMMUNITY SUPPORT GUIDE
INFO ALSO ON kilmelford.com**

MORE ADVICE www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus

**Easdale Medical Practice: The Surgery, Clachan, Seil, 01852 300223
www.easdalemedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk**

The surgery is open from 9 am till 12.30 pm Monday – Friday
and 2 pm till 5 pm to receive phone calls and to dispense medicines

**If you need a Doctor you will be triaged by telephone before
being seen. There is further information on website.**

A box has been placed UNDER the surgery window (Bridge/Gable End),
and your prescriptions will be placed in the box when you come to collect.

N.B. You must phone first to say you are coming for prescription

Dr Barkham Consulting Times

Monday 08:30-11:30 am, 3pm-4:30

Tuesday 08:30- 10:45

Wednesday 08:30-11:30 am

Thursday 09:30–10:45

Dr Ford Consulting Times

Wednesday 09:00-11:30 am, 3:30pm-5:00

Thursday 08:30- 10:45

Friday 08:30-11:30 am, 3pm-4:30

Lorn Medical Centre Oban: Soroba Road, Oban, 01631 563175

www.lornmedicalcentre.co.uk

Opening hours: Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 6.00 pm

**Most consultations will be done over telephone and face to face
consultations will be limited to those that are essential.**

Out-of-Hours Medical Service: call NHS 24 on 111

Emergency: call 999

(Chest pains and / or shortness of breath constitute an emergency)

There are AED's (defibrillators) located at

Kilninver Primary, Kilmelford Village Hall and Kames Fish Farm

Vets Oban: 13 Tweeddale Street, Oban, 01631 562876

Vets Lochgilphead: Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, 01546 602240

Power Cut: call 105 to report or get information about a power cut in your area

The information, opinions and views presented in the 'Kilninford News' reflect the views of the authors and contributors of the articles and are not necessarily those of the Kilninford News (KN) team. Publication of articles, advertisements or product

information does not constitute endorsement or approval by the Kilninford News team. They cannot be held responsible for any errors or for any consequences arising from the use of the information contained in the newsletter.

The Kilninford News is governed by the Constitution of the 'Kilninford Association 2015'.
Contact any member of the Kilninford News team for more information

Contributions to the Kilninford News

Please send contributions and adverts to Astrid or Iain (editors)

We would like everybody to keep in mind that our newsletter is potentially read by all ages.

Deadline for contributions for the SUMMER EDITION is 08 07 2020

**For comments / questions with regards to distribution,
please contact Gill Philpotts**

Your local KN contacts are:

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| • Gill Philpotts | gill@thephilpotts.me.uk |
| • Iain Bark | barkee@live.com |
| • Jane Rentoul | j.rentoul@btinternet.com |
| • Astrid van der Kraan | astrid@glenbeg-it.co.uk |
| • Mark van der Kraan | Glenbeg, Kilmelford |

Current advertising rates:

full page	£25
½ page	£12.50
¼ page	£7
outside back cover	£30

Issue #	Edition	Deadline for contributions:	Estimated distribution:
67	Summer	Wed 8th July	End of July

KILNINFORD NEWS ONLINE

The digital form of the Kilninford News gets uploaded to the local website for all to read. This digital edition might contain more pictures / photos compared to the paper copy, as some pictures don't print well in black on white. Alex Tweedly, Iain Bark and Astrid + Mark van der Kraan try to keep the local website updated with any information / event they are made aware of.

www.kilmelford.com

Cuilfail Hotel Take Away Menu

Phone us your order

We will let you know when you can collect your meal.

Available until 8.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday

Mains

Prices valid to 31/05/20

Haddock & Chips	£8.50
Lasagne & Chips	£8.50
Beef Burger & Chips	£9.00
With Cheese	£1 extra
With Bacon	£1 extra
Steak & Ale Pie & Chips	£9.50
Chicken Curry with Rice	£8.00
Macaroni Cheese & Chips	£7.00
Scampi & Chips	£8.50
Breaded Mushrooms & Chips	£8.50
Chicken Fillet Goujons & Chips	£8.50

Sides

Garlic Bread	£2.30	Garlic Bread with Cheese	£3.20
Onion Rings	£3.00	Mushy Peas	£1.50
Chips	£2.50	Cheesy Chips	£3.50
Side Salad	£2.50	Rice	£2.50

Soft Drinks & Alcoholic Drinks
Cans from £1.00

Please ask for availability at the bar

01852 200274

Due to our alcohol licence
Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

