

KILNINFORD NEWS

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At the last Community Council meeting a suggestion was made that a newsletter covering Kilmelford and Kilniver might put an end to the oft-repeated comment "I didn't know that was on". Volunteers were swiftly press-ganged into action and the team has put together an experimental first issue which hopefully has been delivered to every household in the area. The plan is that the form and content of future issues (three per year) will be determined by your input so please let us have your comments.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 24th September - Grand Sale of Lunches and Produce in aid of Kilmelford and Kilniver parish funds - 12 noon to 3 p.m. at Kilmelford Village Hall. Donations for baking (Dorothy Carmichael Tel: 01852 200346), bottle stall (Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314), produce (Elizabeth Asbury Tel: 01852 200377), plants (Bridget Oatts Tel: 01852 200276 and Hilary Hill Tel: 01852 200285), raffle (Jane Rentoul Tel: 01852 200288) and lunches (Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 and Hazel McCorkindale Tel: 01852 316282). Donations, which would be much appreciated, can be left with Yvonne McGregor (Tel: 01852 200374) or at the hall on the day.

Come and have a bowl of soup, filled rolls, tea and scones etc. Bring a friend, meet others and enjoy a social get-together.

Don't pack a piece box on Thursday, come and join us!

Saturday 3rd October - The Ambassador's Reception in aid of Kilmelford and Kilniver Village Hall funds - 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. in the Village Hall.

Don't miss this 1st anniversary celebration of the opening of the Village Hall. All's set for it being one of the events of the year with music by "The Sultans of Chooch", a licence and a fun Star Trek theme. Helen Thompson (Tel: 01852 200384) is the person to contact and she'll be happy to help you with ideas from the very simple to the more elaborate. Alternatively, for those who hate dressing up, a team of face painters will be in the hall from 8 p.m. onwards to make you look the part for just £1. Book your tickets in advance (only £5 each) or you might miss it - tickets are limited.

Friday 23rd October - coffee morning in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall - 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in the Village Hall.

Organisers are Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

Monday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Craignish Village Hall - a **lecture** on the effects of debts on the inhabitants of third world countries, and in particular Ethiopia, and the Jubilee 2000 campaign, will be given by Mrs Ailsa Henderson, the Christian Aid's Area Co-ordinator for the West of Scotland.

Friday 27th November - coffee morning in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall - 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in the Village Hall.

Organisers are Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

Saturday 28th November - a charity dance in Craignish Hall in aid of Erskine 2000 satellite home in the Oban area and the Lochgilphead based Dochas fund which was set up to raise money for research into Motor Neurone Disease and Guillain Barre Syndrome and for care for those involved.

December - the date of the monthly Friday coffee morning will be available from Melissa or Mike.

Kilniver Primary School - the school programme will be available for the next issue of the newsletter. Best wishes to Don McAllister for a full recovery and a speedy return to school.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Mothers and Toddlers (5 year olds and under, but most are three years old or less) meet **every Tuesday** in the small hall between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. £1 for the first child and 50p for each child thereafter.

Playgroup for 3 year olds up to school age children is held **every Wednesday** in the big hall between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. £2 per child.

Co-ordinators for both groups are Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Yvonne McGregor (Tel: 01852 200374)

Indoor football - it's hoped to re-commence on Wednesday 4th November and to meet **every Wednesday** thereafter from 7 to 9 p.m. 50p per player.

Co-ordinator - Angus McFadyen (Tel: 01852 316220)

Badminton Club - will re-commence on Tuesday 27th October in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall and will meet **every Tuesday** from 7 - 9 p.m. alternating with Craignish Village Hall. 50p per player.

Co-ordinator - Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

Country Dancing - this will re-commence on Thursday 8th October and will be held between 8 and 10 p.m. **three out of every four Thursdays** (dates still to be notified). £2 per person.

All welcome - beginners or experts alike.

Co-ordinator - Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Bowls - regular sessions have gradually fallen by the wayside. It would be good to see renewed interest and support. For more information please contact Colin Clark (Tel: 01852 200259) or Donald Smith (Tel: 01852 200284).

Whist - the first winter season whist drive in the Village Hall will be on **Friday 6th November**, followed by 4th December and 15th January at 7.30 p.m. £1.50 per adult and £1 per child (including tea).

All welcome - beginners or experts alike.

Art Classes - these weekly classes will re-commence on **Thursday 22nd** October in the small hall from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. £5 per session.
All welcome - beginners and more experienced alike.
Teacher - Fiona Blakey (Tel: 01852 300579)

Yoga Classes - these will start on **Tuesday 22nd** September in the small hall from 2 to 3.30 p.m. Initially there will be **six weekly sessions** and more to follow if wanted. £21 for 6 sessions (concessions available).
Bring a blanket and wear comfy clothing. All welcome!
Teacher - Chrissie Tucker (Tel: 01852 200612)

THANKS

Sadly Iain Campbell has relinquished his role as caretaker of the Village Hall. The community thanks him for his hard work and commitment for the past year.

All bookings should now be made through the new caretaker, Jill Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

BADMINTON AND SQUASH

Badminton £2 per hour
Squash £3 per session

Badminton ladder - this was discontinued last year because of lack of interest and because the ladder on the board was tampered with. It's hoped to re-instate the ladder quite soon so watch the board for details. All previous participants will be contacted and anyone else interested should contact Alasdair Wyllie (200301) to be included in the draw for positions.

Squash ladder - another squash ladder is planned for the winter season starting early in October. It's also hoped to arrange informal coaching for beginners. All those interested in either the ladder or coaching should contact David Taylor (Tel: 01852 200 273).

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

13th September - Kilmelford 20th September - Kilninver etc.

Harvest Festival	4 th October in Kilninver
Holy Communion	1 st November in Kilninver
Remembrance Sunday	8 th November in Kilmelford

On the last Sunday of every month from March to October there is an evening service at Kilmelford at 6.30 p.m. The final one this year will be held on the 25th of October.

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

KILMELFORD FESTIVAL

Only Argyll can make thick drops of rain move so fast sideways and this was August.

Countdown to the Festival day started with 'No' to the big marquee up on Thursday and book the hall for the next three days. With tentative hopes the arena was set up on Friday. Mike Erskine is very good at saying where the stobs should go 'Just bung one in here', Rebecca Dalton (agricultural student) very good at hammering them in, and straight too. 'Toilets or no toilets' was Colin Gladstone's question of the day.

Saturday was spent setting up the produce tables in the hall. Sunday - well what can one say, apart from thank goodness for the hall. Valiant efforts by Colin Clark and Willie Wilson to put up the Dog Show course and field events were thwarted by monsoon conditions. Since the Festival began in 1983 it has never been cancelled.

One by one the outside events were called off and the stock judging moved to outside the hall. The bar moved in, wisely. Side competitions, teas, baking and Dave Milward's music all made for a happy gathering.

Many thanks to all those who came and helped to raise £921.48.

Our intergalactic visitor David 'Kling-on' Taylor presented the following:-

Dalton Trophy	Bridget Oatts and Steve Ewing
BP Trophy	Liz Thompson and Steve Ewing
Melfort Farm Trophy	Georgina Dalton
Cuilfail Trophy	Georgina Dalton
Arduaine Craft Trophy	Clare Howard
Kames Fish Farm Trophy	Mary Clark
Children under 12	Laura Erskine
Melfort Pier Trophy (12-16yrs)	Tom Dalton
Kilchoan Cup	Janet Thom

Thanks are due to all those who contributed in any way to this year's Festival and to the team who worked tirelessly to make it the success that it was.

Georgina Dalton

SUMMARY OF KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE 1998

All Community Council members and 13 members of the public were present at the meeting.

Matters arising included: **Speed restrictions in Kilmelford** hopefully in place by the end of this year; **Glass recycling** - the Village Hall Committee had agreed to site three bottle bins in the Village Hall car park; **Television reception in Kilmelford** - Willie Wilson reported that whilst work is progressing, the BBC has still to obtain consent from Strathclyde Police to access their mast to enable electrical work to be carried out; **Shore Cleaning Campaign** - £365 was raised for local charities and it was agreed that next year's campaign should start with the three sections of shoreline which were not tackled this year.

Part of the meeting was spent amending the Constitution and Standing Orders for the Community Council. Neil Manchester volunteered for the

position of Honorary Secretary and Jamie Mellor agreed to act as Honorary Treasurer.

It was felt that publicity for Community Council meetings was insufficient and that a better method should be found to notify the public of forthcoming meetings. It was proposed that a Kilmelford and Kilnilver newsletter be circulated to include details of Village Hall activities, church services, parish and school news etc.

There was discussion about the need for and possible location of a playing field in Kilmelford. Grant funding may be available and several sites are currently under review.

A number of planning applications were discussed. David Kilpatrick had been approached for permission to site a cellphone mast in Kilnilver.

The final item under discussion was the proposal from the Local Government Boundary Commissioners regarding possible adjustment of local boundaries. It was feared that the proposals would suggest the separation of Kilmelford and Kilnilver in Community Council terms. Kilnilver Councillors agreed to meet as soon as the plans were made public.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th September at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford and Kilnilver Village Hall.

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