

KILNINFORD NEWS

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Who would have thought that the fire brigade would be called upon to deliver water to drought stricken residents in Argyll!!! The first spring and summer of the new millennium have certainly been ones to remember with Argyll enjoying finer weather than most of the rest of the UK – sunshine that we could have done with in previous years when the Summer Festival was mainly an open air event.

This year's Summer Festival, in its changed format, was a great success, largely due to Georgina's unstinting efforts. It was therefore with much regret, but also understanding, that we received the news that G has decided to stand down as the chief organiser of the Festival. G has been involved in the organisation of the Festival for 8 years and at the helm for 5 years, and this is only one of the many commitments that she undertakes for our community. In recognition of all her hard work for the Festival, Georgina was presented with a gift, on behalf of the community, at this week's Community Council meeting.

We are of course now looking for a volunteer to step into G's shoes (more of this in her report on this year's Festival). It would be sad if this popular annual event were to lapse for want of a volunteer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 21st September – Tea Party in aid of Research into Alzheimer's Disease (part of Scotland's "National Tea Day")

From 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Contact Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

Monday, 25th September – meeting of the Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Association (the Village Hall Committee) at 8 p.m. in the Hall. The Committee is looking for further Committee members including a Secretary to replace Mike Erskine. Any member of the community willing to serve on the committee is welcome to attend.

Present office bearers are:-

Chairman – Neil Manchester (Tel: 01852 200272)

Vice Chairman – Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

Treasurer – Robin Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

Tuesday 10th October – Parish Lunch and Produce Sale

From 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall in aid of Church Funds.

Entry free – all welcome.

Donations, which would be very much appreciated, can be left with Dorothy Carmichael or at the Hall from 10 a.m. on the day.

Contacts: baking (Dorothy Carmichael Tel: 01852 200376), produce (Elizabeth Asbury Tel: 01852 200377), book stall (Helen Thompson Tel: 01852 200384), plants (Bridget Oatts Tel: 01852 200276), bottle stall (not exclusively bottles) (Sarah Henderson Tel: 01852 300493).

Come and have a bowl of soup, filled rolls, tea or coffee and shortbreads. Bring a friend, guess the weight of the cake, meet others and enjoy a social get-together.

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

Sunday, 19th November – Christmas Craft Fayre in the Village Hall from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. This will be the third year that Janet has organised this popular event. She is still deciding whether or not to do the trek, which

this year is taking place in Peru. Whatever her decision, the funds raised at the Craft Fayre will go to Barnardo's.

Contact: Janet Thom (Tel: 01852 200381)

Friday, 24th November - Coffee morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in the Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

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

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND LOCALLY

Mothers and Toddlers (0 - 5 year olds) meet **every Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. till 12.30.** £1 per child per session.

There will be no playgroup on the 18th and 25th of October during the mid-term break.

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

Outdoor Football – the weekly Wednesday sessions will stop at the end of September.

Fixtures between Craignish and Kilninver and Kilmelford, Primaries 4 to 7, became a weekly Thursday feature during the season thanks to Norman McNiven and Ali Peterson, the respective team managers, and Mike Erskine, who took on the difficult task of refereeing. Craignish emerged the victors but no doubt Kilninver and Kilmelford will be looking for revenge next season when it's hoped to start up these matches earlier in the season than this year.

The Kilfern Football Club – the club, for players over the age of 16, took part in a number of friendly and challenge matches throughout the season with its training sessions organised in conjunction with the regular Wednesday evening outdoor football sessions. Unfortunately, the club's organiser, Alan Manson, was away on holiday at the time of going to press and we are therefore unable to publish the results. The club is open to challenges throughout the year.

Contact: Alan Manson (Tel: 01852 200315).

Indoor Football – in the past regular Wednesday evening sessions have been held during the autumn and winter for young adults and older. Volunteers to organise these sessions are now needed if this activity is to continue.

Badminton Club – the **weekly Tuesday night** sessions will be starting again on 26th September in Kilmelford Village Hall from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. All ages from Primary 7 upwards are welcome for the first two hours and the final hour is reserved for young adults and older.

Country Dancing – Mike Murray has kindly agreed to come and teach these popular classes again. His long trek from Crinan on cold winter evenings is made worthwhile when the sessions are really well attended. Classes will be held in the Village Hall on the following Thursday evenings from 8 – 10 p.m.

Thursday, 8th October

Thursday, 12th October

November dates to be arranged

Thursday, 7th December

Thursday, 14th December

All welcome, beginners and experts alike. £2.50 per person per session.

Art Classes – classes will again be held **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall starting in mid October.

All welcome – beginners and more experienced alike. £5 per person per session.

Teacher – Fiona Blakey (Tel: 01852 300579)

BADMINTON AND SQUASH

The season for indoor sports is here again and it's hoped that the badminton court and the squash court will be well used during the winter.

Badminton - £2 per hour

Squash - £3 per session

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

A big thank you to Deirdre Campbell Gibson who volunteered to become the Hall Caretaker at the AGM and whose hard work is very much appreciated. Deirdre can be contacted on Tel: 01852 200224.

Tables, chairs and crockery etc. can be hired from the Hall.

Bookings should be made during business hours at the Post Office (Tel: 01852 200271) and at Melfort Club (Tel: 01852 200257), both of whose support is much appreciated.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SEWING WORKSHOPS?

Interest has been expressed in starting an embroidery/stitching/sewing group in the hall on a weekday morning from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. All levels from complete beginners to competent would be welcome. If you are interested, please phone Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL - UP-DATE

The following pupils achieved excellent results at the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in May:-

In the Solo Girls Singing competition, Laura Erskine was first and Alice Inglis was third.

In the Solo Boys Singing competition, William Campbell Gibson was second and Alistair Henderson was third.

The choir achieved a very creditable second place.

Many congratulations to Solvejg Craig, Lucy Gladstone and Shona McCorkindale who were presented with their Citizenship Awards by Cllr. MacIntyre at the end of term assembly in June.

Congratulations also to the Gaelic Choir for winning first place at the Mid Argyll Provincial Mod which was held in Lochgilphead on the 16th of September. They are now busy preparing for the National Mod where both the choir and soloists will be competing.

The Primary 6 and 7's visit to Clydebank College in June to make a picnic bench and garden seat for the playground proved to be a valuable experience. It was thanks to Solvejg Craig's idea that Kilninver Primary School was the first school to make such a visit to the College and the garden furniture is now in use at the school.

The school is very grateful to the community for the support they received at the Summer Fayre in June and at the Sponsored Cycle Ride. These two events together raised the excellent sum of £800.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 12th October – Harvest Festival Assembly at 10.15 a.m. in the school.

All welcome.

Monday, 16th October – National Mod in Dunoon.

St Andrew's Ceilidh – it's hoped to hold this ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall some time in November in aid of school funds. Date to be announced soon.

THE KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB will recommence after the October break on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

BLAST-OFF - This popular after school club held in the school will start again after the mid term holiday on Monday, 30th October from 3.45 till 4.45 p.m.

All children from Primary 2 – 7 are most welcome.

Contact Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

Services will be held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church up until Christmas. Christmas

and special services will be announced in the December issue of the Kilninford News.

Sunday, 3rd September - Kilmelford

Sunday, 10th September- Kilninner etc.

Sunday, 24th September – the last of the regular summer evening services held at 6.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Parish Church will be a joint Presbytery Service. The Rev. Canon Roy Flatt will give the address and the congregation are warmly invited to stay for tea and biscuits after the service.

Sunday, 8th October – Harvest Festival at 12 noon in Kilmelford Church.

Sunday, 5th November – Communion at 12 noon in Kilninner Parish Church.

Sunday, 12th November – Remembrance Service at 12 noon in Kilninner Church.

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

Episcopalian Church – morning service is held every Sunday at 10.15 a.m. in St John's Cathedral, Oban.

Catholic Church – Saturday evening Vigil Mass is held at 7 p.m. and Sunday Mass at 10.30 a.m. in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINNER SUMMER FESTIVAL

This year's Festival proved to be a great success, very well attended and even blessed with non-stop sunshine allowing the sideshows to go ahead outside as planned.

I have never seen such a wonderful selection of baking and many thanks go to all those who donated so generously to the teas. Special thanks to Deirdre Campbell Gibson for taking on the teas at the last minute, and to Ann Gray, Shelagh Cannon and the rest of the team of helpers for their hard work in the kitchen.

Grateful thanks also go to:

Colin Gladstone for the use of the Degnish road end field. This solved the problem of providing parking with safe access to the Hall.

Neil Manchester for bravely taking the microphone for the prize giving and the auctioning of donated exhibits which raised £68.

Gail Manchester for taking round the "Guess the number of sweets in the jar".

Elsbeth Campbell for providing the ice cream parlour and many sticky faces.

Jenny and Rory Campbell Gibson, Helen Thompson, Fiona Campbell, Steve and Ruth Morely, Melissa Oatts and the Playgroup helpers, Mike Erskine (what no onions for the burgers!) and Clare Howard, all of whom contributed their time and effort.

It was good to see Colin Clark without his hard hat on enjoying a day of relaxing chat instead of worrying about tents, plumbing in the loos, water and electrics etc.

Special thanks go to Janet Thom and Ann Smith for organising the bar and Fiona Wyllie for raffling the giant whisky bottle (kindly donated by Laroch Foods) but, more particularly, to all three for quietly giving me moral support in the planning of the Festival.

Due to pressures at home I was unable to chase up all the people who'd promised specific help for the day and, as a result, I can only apologise that some of the planned and advertised events didn't take place.

The judges were very complimentary about the high standard of entries in the various classes and found their task particularly difficult for this reason. Many congratulations to the following prize winners:-

The Dalton Trophy for flowers and pot plants grown by the competitor
Liz Thompson

The BP Trophy for floral arrangements
Diane Galt

The Melfort Farm Trophy for home-grown vegetables
Elizabeth Asbury

The Cuilfail Hotel Cup for a selection of home-grown fruit and vegetables
Georgina Dalton

The Arduaine Craft Trophy
Elizabeth Asbury

The Kames Fish Farm Trophy for home-made produce
Diane Galt

The Under 11 Trophy
Jennifer Brown

The Melfort Pier Trophy for 12 to 16 year olds
Abigail Henderson

The Kilchoan Cup for the most overall points in Classes 1 - 40
Janet Thom

The excellent sum of £700 was raised this year. The funds from the Summer Festival are usually shared between the Village Hall, Kilninver Primary School, the Churches, the Playgroup and other concerns in the community. It has been decided that the funds this year will be divided between the groups which actively supported the Summer Festival.

I very much hope that everyone enjoyed the Festival. I'm sorry that there was no Dog Show this year but perhaps this could be re-instated at future Festivals now that the fire station is complete and the amount of space available is known.

I have decided that it is time for me to stand down and for a different "Boss" to organise future Summer Festivals. My "Black Book" is full of all contact numbers and general information which should make the handover relatively simple. Janet Thom, as Treasurer, Ann Smith, Fiona Wyllie and myself are all willing to help and are looking for someone to

take the helm. Planning normally begins in January so that the Schedule of Classes can be published in March allowing everyone plenty of time to make, plant, grow or think. I very much hope that somebody will come forward to take on this rewarding task and that the Festival will not be allowed to become a community event of the past.

Georgina Dalton

HIRE OF SUMMER FESTIVAL EQUIPMENT

The sound system and the portacabin loos are available for hire.

The marquee is no longer available for hire but can be borrowed, for use only within the Kilmelford and Kilninver parish.

Contact: Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations -

To Lisa and Mike Campbell, a son Jack on the 20th of May

To Joy and Don McAllister, a son Stewart on the 31st of May

To Aileen Stormont and Andrew Sandilands, a son Alexander on the 28th of August

To Lorna Clark and Donald Graham, a son Grant on the 5th of September

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Community Council was held on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2000 at Kilmelford Village Hall. There were four community councillors present, plus fourteen members of the public. Also in attendance were Cllr. Alan Macaskill and constable Raymond Law.

At the start of the meeting, the chairman noted the resignation from the community council by David Kilpatrick.

Following the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, it was reported by the secretary that he had received a proposed list of children and young adults' sports equipment to be purchased for the Village Hall, and that Don McAllister would shortly be submitting the order on the Village Hall Committee's behalf. This was made possible from various fund raising activities, but mainly from beach cleaning over the last three years (this being an activity that receives little support, yet can raise up to £750 per year for such causes). The secretary wished to extend especial thanks to Nadine Archibald from Maolachy for her solo efforts in clearing the shore of the Oude dam.

The proposed speed limit outside Kilninver School was discussed, but it appears that the police are reluctant to support this proposal since it would be difficult to enforce. Efforts will continue to be made to push this proposal through as soon as possible.

Following a query at the last meeting regarding the absence of an advertisement for the planning application east of Kilmelford Yacht Haven, the secretary reported that he had spoken to the planning officer and had been told that neighbour notification only was required in this instance. Cllr. Macaskill suggested that in future, all planning applications should be posted on a notice board.

Cllr. Macaskill reported that M & K MacLeods have announced that they are awaiting delivery of lighting columns, and they would then complete the street lighting and reinstate the road on the Glebe development, with a proposed completion date of three to four weeks from 22nd May, 2000. The lack of landscaping was discussed, and it was agreed that this should be looked into further.

It had been hoped that Colin Gladstone might have been able to attend the meeting to discuss the future management of the Kilmelford Summer Festival, but in his absence G Dalton reported that the Festival was to be held in the Village Hall this year. There was various discussion as to events taking place, and it was felt that the use of a nearby field would greatly enhance such an occasion. It was agreed that John Tilley be

contacted to see if part of the neighbouring field might be available for purchase as a permanent playing field for the Hall.

Three planning applications were reported by Dorothy Carmichael, none of which received any objection. These being: Kilmelford Village Shop (change of use to café); siting of generator at Bheinn Chaorach; Loch Melfort Hotel (erection of staff accommodation).

Finally, the chairman reported that with new people coming into the community, it would be very useful to keep a record of all members of the community so that newcomers could be welcomed and invited to attend community functions. The chairman felt that one person should be appointed to monitor this. It was pointed out that the newsletter team kept a mailing list up to date, and G Dalton suggested compiling a community telephone list and including it in the newsletter. Mike Erskine advised that it was the minister's duty to keep abreast of community members, and would adopt this role immediately.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, 29th August, 2000 in Kilmelford Village Hall (N.B. This was subsequently changed to Tuesday, 19th September 2000).

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.56 p.m.

Neil Manchester

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Mr James Mellor	Tel: 01852 316297
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Mr Colin Clark (Vice Chairman)	Tel: 01852 200251
Mr Angus MacFadyen (Chairman)	Tel: 01852 316220
Mr Neil Manchester (Secretary)	Tel: 01852 200272
Mrs Jayne Brown	Tel: 01852 316229

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Alan Macaskill

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Cllr. Duncan McIntyre

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USEFUL INFORMATION

MOBILE BANKING SERVICE

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

Craobh Haven, Kilmelford and Cuilfail Hotel between 11.15 and 12 noon.

Ardfern between 10.30 and 11 a.m.

Clachan Seil and Balvicar between 12.40 and 1 p.m.

MOBILE LIBRARY

This service is provided on a Wednesday every four weeks, the next visit being Wednesday 4th October. Anyone wanting the driver, Neil McIntyre, to stop at or close to their house should contact him via the library in Oban (Tel: 01631 567921). All times in the following timetable are approximate:-

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

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Blood donation sessions will be held as follows:-

Corran Hall, Oban 1.30 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th November

Manse Brae Community Centre, Lochgilphead 2.30 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th November

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Extract taken from “The Melfort Journal”, Melfort, Saskatchewan dated 18th August 1998.

“The city of Melfort is a Scottish name, and was chosen by Mrs Mary Beatty, the first white woman to become a permanent resident in the district.

Mrs Beatty was given the honour of naming the town by Mr Malcolm Hugh McLeod in 1904. She chose Melfort, after her parents' estate in Argyllshire, Scotland.

Today Melfort can still be found on a map of Scotland, north west of Glasgow on the coast.”

The Melfort Club were also fascinated to learn of the existence of Melfort Tea Plantation in Sri Lanka and the Club now stocks their high quality tea.

..... AND NOW, HOW ONE NAME WAS WIPED OUT

There once was a handsome ghillie whose success with the fairer sex was legendary. The clan chief, incensed with jealousy, determined to curtail the ghillie's success and he set about scheming the ghillie's downfall.

On a cold, crisp morning the chief assembled his hunters for one of the regular winter deer hunts on which the community's survival depended. The ghillie was ordered to take up a position at the foot of the valley where his task was to stop the herd single handed as they poured down the glen – an impossible task which, of course, the ghillie failed to achieve allowing the deer to escape.

The chief, now armed with a reason to punish the ghillie, ordered his immediate castration. After the dastardly deed had been done, the ghillie, finding strength in his rage, grabbed the chief's only son and heir and held him at the edge of the cliff, threatening to kill him if the chief didn't also submit himself to castration.

A hush descended on the assembled clansmen as the chief paced nervously to and fro. Finally, his decision was made – his will to preserve his lineage overcame his wish for sexual prowess and he submitted himself to the knife. At the very moment that the deed was completed the ghillie leapt from the cliff taking the chief's only son and heir with him to the icy waters far below.

This myth has been attributed to various locations including the cliffs of Loch Buie on Mull. Perhaps one of our readers can shed further light on the origins of the story.

CANADIANS LOVE THIS ONE

The following is the transcript of the ACTUAL radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995.

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert

Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

RECIPES

PHEASANT NORMANDY (from Cath Manchester)

1 large pheasant
2 large Cox's apples, peeled, cored and sliced
½ pint dry cider
2 tablespoons natural yoghurt
Chopped parsley
Seasoning

Place pheasant breast side down in flameproof casserole and add the cider, apples and seasoning.

Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 1 - 2 hours (depending how old the bird is).

Remove the pheasant, carve and keep it warm.

Remove the apples from the sauce, sieve them and add them to the pheasant.

Boil the sauce. Remove from the heat and add the yoghurt.

Pour the sauce over the pheasant and sprinkle with parsley.

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The Kilninford News provides an ideal platform for you to open a debate about local issues and to air your views. If you have any letters or any gems of interest that you would like to share with our readers, please let us have them in time for the next issue in December. Letters and articles can be left in the box in the Post Office or sent to the Editor.

The team are very grateful to all those who kindly help with the distribution of the newsletter.

ADVERTS

Advertising rates:-	Private ads	£1 each
	Commercial ads	£5 each per quarter page

Adverts in the newsletter are not only cheap but are also proving to be very effective. Let us have your adverts for the December issue in plenty of time either by placing them in the box in the Post Office or by contacting one of the editorial team.