

KILNINFORD NEWS

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As many of our readers will know, this “December” issue of the newsletter didn’t reach you as planned due to circumstances beyond our control. The copy was almost ready for publishing in time for our December deadline so we’ve decided to put it out as it was without major editing.

The team would like to send

VERY GOOD WISHES

TO ALL OUR READERS

FOR

A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY 2002

LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The Kilninford News distribution list containing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all residents in the parish of Kilmelford and Kilninver is now ready. This has now been arranged alphabetically rather than in geographical order.

We have done our best to ensure that all the information is correct but it has proven to be quite a task and we can only apologise if there are some errors. Please let us know of any mistakes so that we can amend the directory.

The Directory is available for sale at £1 per copy. The proceeds, along with surplus funds which accumulate from our advertising in the Kilninford News, will be donated to a deserving cause, which is still to be selected.

The Directory will be available for sale at Kilmelford Post Office from the 1st of February. Alternatively, send your request to Cath Manchester at Eas a' mhuilinn, Kilmelford, Oban PA34 4XA enclosing an s.a.e. and your £1 payment.

LAST ISSUE'S PLEA FROM THE TEAM

Many thanks to all those who took heed and who have produced copy, information etc. in good time – it has made a **huge** difference.

Our distribution list has risen over the last three years from the original 150 to over 200, almost all of which are delivered. The increase is due to copies being given to all advertisers, to councillors and other “bodies” concerned with our community, to non-residents who have paid for and requested copies be posted to them and to an increase in the number of households in the area.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 8th December – Parish Christmas Tea Party 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome 0 – 100 year olds. Kilninver Primary School will be there to entertain you and Father Christmas has promised to fit us into his busy schedule.

Baking donations would be much appreciated (please contact: G Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 or Dorothy Carmichael Tel: 01852 200374).

Parents bringing children should name their presents for Santa's sack (maximum value £2).

For further information, and anyone needing transport, please contact:- Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373).

Thursday, 13th December – Carol Singing round the village. Meet at the Melfort Club at 6.30 p.m.

Monday, 31st December – Hogmanay Party from 8.30 p.m. till late in the Village Hall. Games, Raffle and Dancing.

All ages welcome.

BYOB and please bring a plate of finger food for the communal buffet.

Juice will be provided.

Entry - £1 per head. Please purchase your tickets in advance from one of the organisers or from the Village Shop.

Organisers: Cath and Neil Manchester (Tel: 01852 200272), Robin and Anne Grey (Tel: 01852 200225), Ken and Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208) and Robin and Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

Friday, 18th January – 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).

Wednesday, 20th February – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in the Village Hall run by the Mothers and Toddlers Group in aid of their funds.

Organiser Mandy Carmichael (Tel: 01852 200362)

Friday, 22nd March – 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).

Friday, 26th April – 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).

OTHER EVENTS IN THE LOCALITY (CRAOBH AND ARDFERN)

Saturday, 15th December – Church Christmas Party, Craignish Village Hall from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, 16th December – Craft Fayre, Craignish Village Hall morning and afternoon.

Tuesday, 18th December – Cinderella, Craignish Primary School Pantomime in Craignish Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th December – Carol Singing around the village meeting at Craignish Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

Monday, 24th December – Kareoke Night at the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 29th December – Final Fling Buffet Dance in Craignish Village Hall with music by Archie John MacVicar from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. Tickets £7.50 for adults, £3.50 for children under 16.

To reserve tickets contact Joan Wylie (Tel: 01852 500682)

Sunday, 30th December – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles.

Monday, 31st December – Hogmanay – watch out for notices with details of celebrations in the Village Hall.

Wednesday, 2nd January – Banger Race – details to be announced.

Banger Race Party in the Lord of the Isles at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd January and Friday, 4th January – Aladdin – presented by the new Craignish Players. Details to be announced.

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 p.m.** in the Village Hall. £1.50 per child per session.

Christmas Party – 19th December

Starts 12th January, 2002

Stops 27th March, 2002

Starts 17th April, 2002

Co-ordinator – Mandy Carmichael (Tel: 01852 200362)

Outdoor Football – these sessions for Primary 4's to S1's will start again at the beginning of the summer term on **Thursdays** from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. at Kilmelford Glebe.

The Kilfern Football Club – the club, for players over the age of 16, is open to challenges. Anyone interested should get in touch with Alan Manson (Tel: 01852 200315)

Badminton Club – the dates for the **weekly Tuesday night** sessions which are held in Kilmelford Village Hall from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. are as follows:-

Stops: Tuesday, 11th December

Starts again: Tuesday, 8th January

Stops: Tuesday, 19th March

All ages from Primary 7 upwards are welcome for the first two hours from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the final hour (or more) is reserved for young adults and older.

Country Dancing – there's been a big turnout at almost every class throughout the autumn. A number of new faces have joined the group and, under Mike Murray's expert guidance, they've quickly mastered the basics and very much more. Classes are held in the Village Hall from 8 – 10 p.m. **approximately 3 out of 4 Thursdays** per month. The autumn session ended with a traditional end-of-session party on the 6th of December. Many thanks to Mike and to Melissa.

The dates for the beginning of next session are:-

Thursday, 10th January

Thursday, 31st January

Thursday, 7th February

Thursday, 14th February

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

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Art Classes – these popular classes are held **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall.

Stops: Thursday, 20th December

Starts again: Thursday, 10th January

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

Teacher – Fiona Blakey (Tel: 01852 300579)

Sewing Workshops – these take place **every Wednesday** in the small hall from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Up to 13 ladies attend these workshops with a variety of projects on the go. Anyone wishing to come along, whether skilled or a beginner, and whether on an occasional or a regular basis, is most welcome.

Starts again: Wednesday, 9th January

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

BADMINTON AND SQUASH

Badminton - £2 per hour

Squash - £3 per session

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

As ever the community owes a big debt of thanks to Deirdre Campbell-Gibson, who continues to be our Hall Caretaker. 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.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES

Lesser and Main Halls	Lesser Hall	Main Hall
Charity Fund Raisers	£1.20/hr	£2.50/hr
Non profit making uses other than Charities	£2.20/hr £2.50/hr after 5 p.m.	£4.20/hr £5/hr after 5 p.m.
Profit making events	£5.20/hr	£10.50/hr

Above charges *include* kitchen power and use of equipment for light refreshment and drink preparation only.

Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for food preparation can be made at the following rates: £10 per event.

Evening Dances/Functions	5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (1 a.m. for dances)
Charity	£50/session Deposit: £20
Private	£50/session Deposit: £20
Commercial	£75/session Deposit: £50

N.B. Charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for food and refreshment preparation.

Hire of Equipment

1. Crockery, tables and chairs etc may be hired from the Caretaker who has a full list of the rates.
Charges will be reduced by 50% for non profitmaking local members e.g.
Tables (12) = £1 per table (50p each for non profitmaking events by local members)
Chairs (120) = 50p per chair (25p each for non profitmaking events by local members).
2. Hire is subject to a minimum charge of £10.

Membership and Lost Keys

£10 each

After each use the Hall must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do this will lead to a further charge of £50.

Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association Members (aka Village Hall Committee) :

Neil Manchester (chairman)

Colin Clark (vice chairman)

Melissa Oates (secretary)

Robin Grey (treasurer)

David Taylor

Anne Saunders

Marjory MacTavish

Ivor Campbell

WANTED

Willing volunteers to assist in grounds maintenance at Kilmelford Village Hall.

The Hall Committee is trying to set up a rota of local people interested in taking a turn to strim/mow/weedkill the hall grounds during the Spring and Summer months.

Anyone interested for next year should please contact the Hall Caretaker:
Deirdre Campbell-Gibson Tel. 01852 200224

REGULAR EVENTS IN CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

Mondays – Line Dancing from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Tuesdays – Tai Chi from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the month – Film Club at 8 p.m.

Watch out for new release films.

For details contact:- Tom McCardel (Tel: 01852 500335)

Thursdays – Mothers and Toddlers Group from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30.

Craignish Players at 7.30 p.m. (they need more recruits)

Fridays – Yoga with Chrissie from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kilninner pupils were among 100 young people from throughout Scotland who gathered in Edinburgh on Saturday, 15th December to take part in a major consultation event. William Campbell-Gibson, Laura Erskine and Calum Guest, all Primary 7 pupils, attended the Scottish Parliament Building in order to debate whether there should be a full time Commissioner for children's issues in Scotland, and if so, what they should do. The debate culminated in votes being cast using the electronic system within the Parliament's debating chamber, effectively rendering the children junior MSPs for the day!

Two other P7 pupils, Debbie McCorkindale and Ciaran Stormont, have been invited, along with former pupils Rowena Henderson and Jennifer Brown, to attend a national conference for P7 and S1 pupils in Dunblane on 23rd January. There they may get to meet First Minister Jack McConnell, who has been invited to attend. The theme of the conference is "Building a positive ethos through peer education and anti-bullying strategies."

Participation in these events follows several years of developments at the school aimed at allowing pupils to air their views on school issues and to take a leading role in policy making and school evaluation.

All parents, relatives, former pupils and members of the community are invited to our annual Nativity Service at Kilninner Church on Wednesday, 19th December for Carol Singing at 6.45 p.m. and Nativity at 7.15 p.m.

Well done to Angus Scott who won a certificate of commendation for his road safety calendar design in the recent Argyll competition.

Everyone at the school wish all members of the community a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

TERM DATES

End of Autumn Term	Friday, 21 st December
Beginning of Spring Term	Monday, 7 th January, 2002
Half term from Thursday, 14 th to Tuesday 19 th February (inc)	
End of Spring Term	Friday, 22 nd March
Beginning of Summer Term	Monday, 8 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday, 6 th May
Jubilee Holiday	Monday, 3 rd June
End of Summer Term	Wednesday, 3 rd July

PROVISIONAL SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 19th January, 2002 – Quiz Night in the Cuilfail Hotel
Saturday, 2nd February, 2002 – Family Ceilidh in the Village Hall
Saturday, 2nd March, 2002 – Fund raising Brunch in the Village Hall
Friday, 22nd March, 2002 – Easter Service in Kilmelford Church
Saturday, 11th May, 2002 – Summer Fayre at Kilninver School

TRIP TO MURRAYFIELD

It was an excited group of young and old who boarded the bus at Kilninver to go to Murrayfield for the long-anticipated Scotland v All Blacks match.

More than thirty primary school and former pupils and four adults were benefiting from an S.R.U. scheme to encourage participation in rugby.

A great day beckoned - and we were not disappointed. The long journey to Edinburgh seemed short due to the “crack” and soon we were navigating through 67,000 people to find our entrance into the ground.

What a buzz there was seeing the famous pitch and the magnificent new stadium from the inside! The pre-match build-up involved the marines

sliding down a rope from a helicopter with the match ball, a good firework display (not as good, though, as the Kilmelford one!) and the famous "Haka" by the Kiwis.

The game flowed this way and that, and so did people's interest and chat! Then it was all over and it was back home via the Little Chef.

A tired but very happy bus-load arrived back at Kilninver at 11 p.m.

Many thanks must go to Mr McAllister for organising the expedition which everyone enjoyed so much.

And the result? Well, it didn't matter at all

Mike Erskine

TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES - CAN YOU HELP?

Calling all knitters! Could you please spare an hour or two to knit a little teddy? Doctors who treat children in third world or war-torn countries are asking for them as they have found that children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps his own teddy and can take it home, so the doctors need a continual supply.

Full instructions are given below. They are very simple and quick to make. If you can make a little bag for your teddy (details also given below) that would be most welcome, but if not, it doesn't matter.

"Teddy Knitting Instructions"

Size 10 needles.

Four differently coloured double knitting wools.

The main colour is for the head and paws. The others are for the trousers, the jumper and the scarf.

Cast on 10 stitches in the main colour. Knit 10 rows in garter stitch.

Change to trouser colour and knit 20 rows. Make a second leg in the same

way. Then knit across all 20 stitches and work 16 rows. Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows. Change back to main colour for the head and also change to stocking stitch. Work for 5½ inches and change to jumper colour. Continue remainder of Teddy in reverse order. Stitch down sides of the head. With jumper colour, pick up 8 stitches either side of neck, join (16 stitches in all) and knit 20 rows. Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws.

Sew up Teddy leaving opening in crotch. Sew diagonal top corners for ears before stuffing. Please only stuff Teddy with either polyester or other healthy padding. Foam rubber is not recommended as babies may chew it. Then run a thread through the knitting around the neck to draw it in. Sew a happy face on Teddy. For mouth please use either stem stitch or back stitch.

Scarf. Cast on 75 stitches. Knit 4 rows and cast off. Tie scarf on Teddy and sew firmly to back of neck. Do not sew down at front.

Please do not deviate from the pattern as we like all Teddies to look the same.

Bag Pattern. Teddies also require little bags made from material with a drawstring at the top. Finished size 10" x 13". Please do not use elastic as drawstring.

Please avoid using white wool as in some countries this is the colour associated with funerals and mourning.

Please hand your Teddies in to Wendy McGillvray at 6 Cuilfail Cottages, Kilmelford (Tel: 01852 200378) or to the Melfort Club Thank you for all your help and support for this very worthwhile project.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
December	23 rd Worship conducted by Blast Off	16 th (Gift Service and Service of Lessons and Carols), 19 th , 30 th
January	6 th , 20 th	13 th , 27 th
February	3 rd , 17 th	10 th , 24 th
March	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st (Easter Service)	10 th , 24 th
April	14 th , 28 th	7 th , 21 st

Gift Service and Service of Lessons and Carols – Sunday, 16th December in Kilninver Church at 12 noon.

Anybody wishing to bring a gift for distribution by the Social Services Department in Oban should please mark it for either a boy or a girl and the age that the gift is suitable for.

School Closing Service and Nativity – Wednesday, 19th December at 7 p.m. in Kilninver Church.

Christmas Eve Services

Early Watchnight Service – Craignish Parish Church at 7.30 p.m.

Watchnight Service – Kilmelford Church at 11.30 p.m. with Carol Singing before the service at 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Service – Kilninver Church at 11 a.m.

OTHER CHURCH NOTICES

Thursday, 13th December – Carol Singing meeting at Melfort Club at 6.30 p.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.

DEATHS

The community was saddened at losing two well known members of the community, Eve Mellor who died on the 17th of November, 2001 and Mrs Mac, who died on the 6th of December, 2001 after a short illness. Their families are in our thoughts.

EVE MELLOR 1924 – 2001

Following a stroke, Eve died in Oban Hospital on 17th November, 2001. She was born in London in 1924 and brought up in Berkshire.

She was a great horsewoman in her youth and until the end loved watching the racing on TV.

Eve joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry during the Second World War and ended up working for the Special Operations Executive at Baker Street.

She married Jimmy Mellor, an ex P.O.W. in Colditz, in 1946. They first lived in Yorkshire until they moved to Knipoch in 1958.

Eve was a well known figure in Argyll, renowned for her outspoken manner and her great sense of fun.

She was involved in founding Save the Children in Oban as well as later being the founder Chairwoman of the Alzheimer's charity in Oban.

She was a great family person, loved her animals, especially her dogs, and she was a wonderful grandmother.

MRS MAC

“Come away in dearie” was often the response to the knock on the back door and the call of “Mrs Mac, are you at home?” The kitchen, sometimes filled with the aroma of a good home-made soup and in the earlier days, of baking.

Her famous “cloutie” with its even floured cloth, no splits in the skin, and a damp moist texture.

The wholesome cooking was part of the hard working life she and Calum lead raising a young family on Jura. Visiting children were offered custard creams from the round tin off the dresser on their way to the front room.

“Pull up by the fire” and her first question “And how’s the family?” Her own being the centre of her life and has remained united under her strengths and faith.

Many folk whom she has helped in their homes and work place will have gained a good tip or piece of advice and had a high standard to follow.

On leaving, after a big hug, stepping over the fence, she would always come to the door and call “All the best – bye, bye then – bye bye.”

BLAST OFF

This Monday “Sunday School” Club, which meets after school at Kilninver Primary, continues to flourish with 16 children attending on a regular basis. The children participate in songs, quizzes, discussions, making and doing, as well as Bible teaching.

We were recently visited by Fiona Stewart and Elaine Murray, from the Scripture Union, who were accompanied by “Jessica” and “Zak”, two large puppets. Their antics caused a great deal of hilarity and fun, but the underlying story was not lost.

We are grateful to Anne Grey who took over from Helen Thompson when her job took her to Oban. We still, however, benefit from Helen's art work. Thanks also to Melissa Oatts who lends a hand from time to time.

Blast Off members will be taking part in a Christmas Service for all ages to which everyone in the community is cordially invited. (Details in the Church Notices)

Elizabeth Asbury

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

The proceeds of the Summer Festival have been allocated as follows:-

The Village Hall	£200
The Parish Churches	£400
Kilninver Primary School	£ 75
Blast Off	£ 50
Mothers and Toddlers Group	£ 75

Georgina Dalton

HIRE OF SUMMER FESTIVAL EQUIPMENT

The sound system is 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)

PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE

Many thanks to the wonderful number of people who came, and we hope enjoyed the soup and rolls, teas and biscuits, on Tuesday, 30th October. The tremendous sum of £1,102 was raised.

We very much appreciated people who work locally coming to have their lunch in the hall and the timeshare visitors who joined us for this fundraising event.

Those running the raffle, the guess "the weight of the cake" and the "doll's birthday" were kept busy and the well stocked baking, produce and plant stalls were completely sold out.

Thank you very much to everyone who sent donations and who contributed to such a successful day.

Dorothy Carmichael and G Dalton

FAMILY BONFIRE/FIREWORKS/FANCY DRESS NIGHT 3rd Nov

Profit carried forward from last year's Christmas Disco	£198.45
Total taken at this year's Bonfire Night	<u>£339.51</u>
	£537.96
Less costs of this year's Bonfire Night	£275.50

	Profit	£262.46
Funds divided equally between:-		
Kilmelford Children's Fund	£87.50	
Afghanistan Crisis Appeal	£87.48	
American Relief Effort	£87.48	

Both charity donations have been sent through the British Red Cross. They say that they are directly involved in Afghanistan and are crying out for more funds whereas for the American Appeal they act as a conduit for the American Red Cross, whose charities over there have already received massive funds.

A bank account is to be set up in the name of "Kilmelford Children's Fund" so that the proceeds can be carried forward each year specifically for the children to benefit and learn from.

A big thank you from the children and all those who helped out with firework donations, and who worked hard on the day of the bonfire - fancy doing it again next year??

Eric and Anne Saunders

Many thanks to Eric and Anne from all who enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display and an excellent party – their hard work was much appreciated.

THE SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much to everyone who so generously contributed to this year's Poppy Day appeal. The total local collection amounted to a wonderful £399.56 (last year's total was 287.70).

Clare Howard, Local Convener

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The fourth annual Christmas Craft Fair was held in the Village Hall at the end of November. There was a wide selection of local crafts on sale, with lunches and home baking on hand to revive. Many thanks to all who supported this event and helped to raise £548 which will be divided between Barnardo's and Save the Children. A big thank you also to all who helped in any way, especially the "kitchen crew", Ann Smith, Diane Galt, Diane Scaife and Clare Howard.

Janet Thom

PRESENTATIONS FOR KILMELFORD FIRE STATION FIREFIGHTERS

On Saturday, 1st December an evening was held in the Village Hall to honour Volunteer Leader Colin Clark who retired after 31 years 8 months service with Strathclyde Fire Brigade. Colin, accompanied by Mary, was presented with a framed certificate of service from the brigade by Assistant Firemaster Andrew Shuttleworth and Divisional Officer (North Command) Bob Patterson. Colin also received an engraved quaich from the community and a bottle of Arran single malt whisky from the remaining fire crew members. Volunteer Leader Chris Thornhill (Ardfern Fire Station) also presented Colin with a bottle of whisky and Mary with chocolates on behalf of the Ardfearn crew.

The second presentation was a Long Service and Good Conduct medal for, newly appointed Deputy Leader, Donald Smith who has completed 20 years service at Kilmelford. The medal was accompanied by a royal warrant from Her Majesty the Queen.

Mary Clark and Ann Smith were also presented with bouquets of flowers in recognition of the support given by them to their husbands and the brigade, a sentiment echoed by all members of the fire crews present to their partners.

The night's celebrations were enjoyed by all who attended and then, just to remind everyone what it was all for, the Kilmelford crew were called out at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Business as usual!

Thanks to everyone who attended and/or donated to the night. A total of £258.78 was sent to the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund.

Dave Millward

COLLECTION FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK WIDOW'S AND CHILDREN'S FUND

At the end of September the Kilmelford fire crew toured the village with the fire engine, including visits to the Melfort Club and the local hotels, and the sum of £820 (\$1,200) was sent to New York.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The community council held an ordinary general meeting and the annual general meeting on 20th November 2001 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

The main issues discussed were:

Kilniver School Safety- it looks very likely that there will be a speed limit imposed on the road alongside Kilniver school during 2002. The flashing lights will remain in place, and a limit of 30mph is hoped for.

Timber extraction at Scammadale Glen- it was reported by Cllr MacIntyre that Fountain Forestry have been very accommodating during the extraction period, and that any damage would be repaired after the lorries had finished. It was also noted that some of the ditch clearance work carried out by the council last winter had been undone by roaming cattle in the glen.

Under planning, it was noted that permission had been given for an implement shed at Ardenstur, that an application had been submitted for change of use of Arduaine campsite (see separate report), and that an application had been submitted for access and a slipway on land east of Arduaine, to provide a work base for the new mussel farm. The community council had already taken the views of many locals, and on their behalf lodged a strong objection to the proposed access and slipway. Cllr MacIntyre drew attention to proposals by Lighthouse of Scotland Ltd for three new fish farm cage sites in the area. It was agreed that further discussions would take place once details were received (see separate notice).

Finally, there were lengthy discussions over procedures surrounding planning applications, and it was apparent that confusion over the planning regulations was widespread. The secretary advised that the community council had a system in place whereby notice of any planning application within the community was given to the community council planning representative (Dorothy Carmichael), who immediately obtained detailed plans for close scrutiny by the community council. If the plans were considered contentious in any way then the council would gauge the feelings of members of the community and agree on a course of action, either by letting the application pass without comment, lodging an objection or calling a special meeting within the community to allow members of the public to partake in reasoned debate, and then to act on any subsequent decision. The secretary also pointed out that if the time limit set by the planning department for representations was considered insufficient

for the community council to properly consider its response, he was able to request a reasonable extension to the closing date to allow due process to take place. It was felt that since this system had been adopted, it had been quite successful. Cllr MacIntyre felt that it would be worthwhile asking Angus Gilmour, Head of Development and Building Control, to give a presentation on the planning process (details of this will be announced in due course).

The issue of a notice board for community council notices, minutes and agendas was raised. Whilst Anne Saunders very kindly allows the posting of notices of meetings on the shop notice board, space is limited. Robin Asbury generously agreed to investigate suitable locations for a dedicated community council board within Kilmelford.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday 5th February 2002 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A special meeting of the community council was held on Monday 5th November. The sole item on the agenda being the application for change of use of Arduaine campsite, with outline consent for three dwelling houses.

The meeting had been called in accordance with the new protocols for local planning issues.

Various points of view were raised, with the result that there was unanimous agreement that the community council should respond to the application with the following points:-

- that there was no objection to the change of use
- that the planning approval be strictly limited to a maximum of three dwelling houses
- that all three houses must be of single storey construction with minimal underbuilding to minimise any visual impact from road or sea.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The community council has received notice of a proposal by Lighthouse of Scotland Ltd to develop three new fish farm cage sites to allow a more environmentally friendly production system by fallowing sites between production classes.

The proposed sites are in the following locations:-

- a) South west Shuna (Grid reference NM 75692 08460)
- b) Bagh Lachlainn (NM 76098 11657)
- c) Garvellachs (NM 64766 09912)

There will be a special meeting of the community council on Thursday, 20th December at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall to discuss this proposal, when it is hoped that a representative of Lighthouse of Scotland will be present to discuss the reasons behind the proposals.

If anyone requires any further information on the proposal before the meeting, please contact me (Neil Manchester) on 01852 200272.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Angus MacFadyen (chairman)	Tel: 01852 316220
Colin Clark (vice-chairman)	Tel: 01852 200259
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Loch Melfort Annual Beach Clean 2002

(The Argyll and Bute Trust will provide a grant of over £700 towards local children's charities, groups and activities, based on the mileage of shoreline cleaned)

A gentle reminder again that without the dedication and hard work put in by the small band of volunteers each year on this project, we would end up with a shoreline not dissimilar to that suffered by Arrochar. I would urge that anyone who enjoys our beautiful and special piece of shoreline (ie everyone!) to come and join in next Spring, so please watch out for the notices announcing the dates.

Anyone wishing to assist the organisation of next year's beach clean, with a view to raising funds for the benefit of local children's groups or activities should contact me (Neil Manchester) on 200272 for further details.

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.	Cuilfail 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, 12th February, 2002

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

Wednesday, 13th February, 2001

IN PRAISE OF MELFORT

*We may not pass and leave thee still ungreeted;
In this fair springtime hear our song of praise,
Sweet Melfort! Blessed abode of untold beauty
What vision worthier our thoughts to raise?*

*The spell of sea and wood and mountain blended
Is cast on him who wanders in thy ways,
Thine air ozoned and richly myrtle-perfumed
O'er heart and sould and spirit gently plays.*

*Why sound of distant waters softly falling,
Of lochs and never tiring brooks and streams,
A power all present is, whose mystic music
Thrills us in waking hours and haunts our dreams.*

*The sunset hues – ah, who can sing the beauty
Of glorious evening skies, of ocean wave,
And mountain-top encrimsoned – then the falling
Of sober twilight shadows, quiet and grave.*

*Oh, may we keep the calm which thou bestowest;
And treasure up, to brighten toilsome days,
Some living memory sweet of thy refreshing,
Some holy thought to cheer when hope delays.*

*Farewell Kilmelfort! Happy be thy people!
May peaceful homes, and thankful, loving hearts,
Be thine forever, still from these defusing
That influence pure, which nature's God imparts.*

The above poem was found amongst family papers and was probably written in the late 1800's. Although the rather flowery language may not appeal to everyone it was fairly typical of Victorian sentimentality; it does at least indicate that the scenic qualities that attract so many people to the area today were likewise appreciated over a century ago. Long may they remain so!

Hugh Campbell-Gibson

LETTER

Dear Editor

Scottish Power has published a Scope Report on a proposed wind farm development in the Inverliever Forest. The ground affected would be the southern ridge above Loch Avich.

Copies of the report have been sent to local residents and community councils. Comments are invited and should be with Scottish Power by the 16th of February.

I hope to invite discussion on this report under A.C.O.B. at the next community council meeting on the 5th of February in the Village Hall.

Georgina Dalton

THANKS

Sincere thanks to the many friends who gave their support to us in any way including all the kind thoughts which reached us from Argyll – the vibes certainly seem to be working as Gordon, Sarah and Maddy are all making good progress.

Fiona Wyllie

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If you have any letters, articles or adverts, please let us have them in time for the next issue in April.

The team are very grateful to all those who have contributed to the Kilninford News and to those who kindly help with the distribution of the newsletter.

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