

# **KILNINFORD NEWS**

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**KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**IS ON**

**SUNDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST AT 1 p.m.**

**AT KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April - Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall. Organisers are Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373).

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April – Annual Blessing of the Boats** at Ardfarn Yacht Centre at 11 a.m. followed by the **Spring Fair** in Craignish Village Hall from 12 noon – 2 p.m.

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April – Beach Clean** (see below)

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall run by the Mother's and Toddler's group in aid of their funds.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May – Golden Jubilee Afternoon Tea** from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall. Please confirm this date with Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) or Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373).

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June – Craignish Boat Club Jubilee Cruise** round Jura (weather permitting).

Contact: Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689)

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Jubilee Football Match** for adults Kilmelford v. Ardfarn, subject to confirmation.

Contact: Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Kilmelford Fire Station Open Day** with fire fighting demo, search and rescue demo, fire safety display, refreshments – burgers and the Great Golden Jubilee Duck Race. All proceeds to the National Fire Services Benevolent Fund and Strathclyde Fire Brigade Widows and Orphans Fund.

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Jubilee Street Party** in Craignish Village Hall car park in the afternoon organised by the Village Hall with Children's Fancy Dress organised by the Playgroup. An exhibition of the school's artwork and local historical photos will be on display in the hall. The afternoon is still at the planning stage and subject to confirmation.

For more information contact Hew Service (Tel: 01852 500609 or E-mail: [corrnmorhouse@aol.com](mailto:corrnmorhouse@aol.com))

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June – Barbecue** at midday at Caroline Younger's boat shed (by the old church at Kilvaree) organised by the Community Council. The Craignish Boat Club keelboats will anchor off and come ashore, the younger Boat Club members will sail down in dinghies, the riders from the stables at Lunga will ride over, some will walk and others will be ferried by car. As above, plans are subject to confirmation and Hew Service is the coordinator.

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – “A Celebration of Scotland” Banquet** in Kilmelford Village Hall. Entertainment by local musicians followed by dancing. The proceeds will go to the Dochas Fund and in particular to enable a national tour of the late John Paterson's artwork (for more information, see below). More details from: Joan James (Tel: 01852 500268 and Catherine Paterson (Tel: 01546 603672).

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**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August – Elemental Arts Festival** based in and around the Craignish Peninsula (see below).

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Festival** at 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. (See Schedule below)

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September - Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

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

## **LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN SUNDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2002**

Around £700 is available for clearing up the 15 miles around Loch Melfort, which will go towards local children's charities and organisations.

All volunteers welcome on the day; your support is vital not only in raising money for children's activities, but also to preserve the natural beauty of Loch Melfort.

Refreshments available afterwards.

Anyone interested in getting involved, especially with suggestions for suitable good causes that may benefit from the money available should contact Neil Manchester (200272) as soon as possible.

### **REQUEST FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

Would people please refrain from dumping garden waste on the beach. Although it is usually bio-degradable waste, it is unsightly and makes the job of the people who turn up to do the beach clean more difficult.

### **THE DOCHAS FUND**

The Dochas Fund was founded by the late John Paterson who was a graduate of Glasgow School of Art. The Fund supports research into Motor Neurone Disease and Guillain Barré Syndrome. A national tour of his artwork will commence in September and the exhibition will be in the Corran Halls, Oban from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.

A book "Creativity: the True Art of Therapy" written by Pete Bevan curator of the exhibition, with a biographical section by Catherine Paterson will be launched at the beginning of the tour and will be on sale throughout.

## **ELEMENTAL ARTS FESTIVAL**

Based in and around the Craignish peninsula, this will be the second festival run by local artists and businesses to support each other and publicise the area. Last year's festival included 11 venues exhibiting visual arts and 15 events such as storytelling, poetry reading, a barbers shop chorus, natural horsemanship displays and an attempt to get 51 couples dancing the Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup> in Ardfern village street.

We hope this year's festival will be even better. For further information about contributing as an artist, about getting involved or to get an up-date on the events planned:-

Keep an eye on our new website [www.elementalarts.org.uk](http://www.elementalarts.org.uk)

E-mail: [info@elementalarts.org.uk](mailto:info@elementalarts.org.uk)

Write to: The Secretary, Elemental Arts Festival, c/o Collaig Pottery, Ardfern, Lochgilphead PA31 8QN

Tel: Pip Weaser 01852 200260

## **LOCAL GARDENS OPEN UNDER THE SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME**

Under this scheme 30% of funds raised go to the Queen's Nurses Scotland, 30% to the National Trust Gardens and 40% to a charity of the choice of the owner of the garden.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Arduaine Gardens (National Trust for Scotland) Entrance fees on these two days are donated to Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

Arduaine Gardens are open all year round from 9.30 a.m. till sunset.

Tel: 01852 200366.

Sheila Downie, An Cala, Isle of Seil – open from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., entrance fee £1.50.

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May** special open day at An Cala from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. in aid of the Red Cross. Entrance fee £1.50, children free. Teas.

Tel: 01852 300237

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Hilary Hill's annual garden opening from 2 - 6 p.m. at Coille Dharaich, Kilmelford with proceeds going to the Scotland's Gardens Scheme. Her choice of charity is the North Argyll Eventide Home.

The garden is suitable for wheelchairs providing there's an energetic pusher. No dogs please.

Entrance - £1.50. Senior Citizens - £1. Accompanied children free of charge.

Teas - £1.50. Plants for sale.

Tel: 01852 200285.

Minette Struthers, Ardmaddy Castle, Ardmaddy - open all year from 9 a.m. till sunset. Tel: 01852 300353.

## **REGULAR EVENTS IN KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL AND LOCALLY**

Mothers and Toddlers (0 - 5 year olds) meet every Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. till 12.30. £1.50 per child per session.

Stops: 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Starts again: 21<sup>st</sup> August

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

The Kilfern Football Club - anyone wanting to arrange a match should contact: Alan Manson (Tel: 01852 200315)

Football - every Thursday from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford for P4 - S1.

Contact: Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

Badminton Club - the weekly Tuesday night sessions in the Village Hall have stopped and will resume in the autumn. The club has enjoyed an excellent season with more adults than ever before attending the sessions. Many thanks to all who have helped and attended.

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

Country Dancing – these popular Thursday evening sessions have now finished for the summer. Once again, very many thanks to Mike Murray who makes the classes both instructive and fun. See below for his article on the origins of the Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup>. We hope that Mike will agree to resume classes in the autumn; details will be notified in the September newsletter.

Art Classes – classes are held **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall. Fiona Blakey will take a break from teaching over the summer and will resume classes again in the autumn but the class continues to meet through the summer.

All are welcome, beginners and more experienced alike.

Classes with Fiona are £5 per person per session.

Teacher – Fiona Blakey (Tel: 01852 300579)

Embroidery Workshops – the Wednesday morning workshops will finish on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and will resume again in October.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

## **BADMINTON AND SQUASH**

Badminton: £2 per hour

Squash: 16 years and over £3/hr

Under 16 years, OAP's, students and unemployed £1.50/hr

## **CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL**

**Caretaker:-** Deirdre Campbell Gibson (Tel: 01852 200224). A big thank you, Deirdre, for all that you do for the community in this role.

**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 KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **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 trim/ 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**

**The current members of the Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association (aka Village Hall Committee) are:-**

**Neil Manchester (Chairman)  
Colin Clark (Vice chairman)  
Melissa Oates (Secretary)  
Robin Grey (Treasurer)  
David Taylor  
Anne Saunders  
Marjory MacTavish  
Ivor Campbell**

**Anyone interested in joining the Community Association, and assisting with Village Hall activities should contact Neil Manchester (200272).**

## **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The family ceilidh in the Village Hall, along with a skills and activities auction, raised the excellent sum of £700. Trips to the National Mod and to a local castle are just two of the activities that Kilniver pupils can look forward to as a result of the funds raised.

School funds were also boosted by the proceeds from the Brunch held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March when £140 was raised. Many thanks to all helpers and those who attended.

On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, the school's largest ever choir of twenty one pupils will compete in the local music festival. Pupils in Primary 1 – 3 will also take part in an action song group. Eleven Primary 4 – 7's have joined the Gaelic Choir and are working towards the National Mod in Largs which will take place in October. The school is delighted that Mrs Erskine has joined the staff to assist with music tuition.

P6 pupils will again have the opportunity to gain their cycling proficiency certificate thanks to Carolyn Stoddart and Catherine Birrell again volunteering as trainers.

The popular Blast Off club has now stopped for the summer and will resume after the October break.

After 27 years as the school's dinner lady, Mrs Currie finally decided to hang up her oven glove. She was invited back to the school for her Christmas lunch when she was presented with a picture and a bouquet of flowers accompanied by the good wishes of the school for a happy and peaceful retirement.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Highlands and Islands Music Festival in Oban.

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May – the Gateway meeting at Easdale Primary School when P7 pupils and parents can meet Mrs Kirkwood, members of staff and senior pupils from Oban High School.

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May – an afternoon performance by Luing, Easdale and Kilninver schools resulting from practice sessions held by a group from Scottish Opera. All parents invited.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Fayre.

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – End of Session Review in the evening in Kilmelford Village Hall to which all parents and friends are invited.

## **TERM DATES**

### Summer Term

Holidays: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May and Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Ends: Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2002

### Autumn Term

Commences: 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2002

### October break

Closes: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October

Re-opens: Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October

Holidays: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Ends: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2002

## **CONDOLENCES**

The local community were sad to learn of the loss of Hugh Currie and wish to extend their sympathy to Mary and her family who are in their thoughts.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To David McColl and Sarah Edwards on the birth of their son, Adam, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2002.

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
April	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>
May	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>
June	9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Communion), 16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>
July	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
August	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>
September	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Harvest Festival)
October	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
November	10 <sup>th</sup> (Remembrance), 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Communion), 17 <sup>th</sup>

There will be an Evening Service on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30 p.m. from April to October.

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 KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL SUNDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2002 at 1 p.m. in the Village Hall

The date is set and the schedule for the produce, plants and craft classes has been put together (see below). There's plenty of opportunity for people to show their skills, imagination or simply to have fun having a go.

The Schofields have generously gifted a new Loch Melfort Hotel Trophy for the overall winner in the children's section for under 11 year olds. The Melfort Pier shield is for the winner in the 11 – 16 year old section.

Steve Ewing has very kindly taken over the role of co-ordinating the Summer Festival and we'll be working together this year. Diane Galt is the new treasurer and very many thanks go to Janet Thom who has kept the books for the last four years. The back-up team is Clare Howard, Fiona Wyllie, Diane Galt, Janet Thom, Anne Smith and myself and we very much hope that the festival will continue to raise valuable funds for the community.

Now that there are no field events we're working on ideas for entertainment and competitions etc. to appeal to all ages. Beware of Steve armed with his clip board and lists!

Volunteers to help out with teas, door entries, raffle ticket selling etc. will be most welcome.

Georgina Dalton

## **YOUR FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU**

This is an invite to everyone in the area who would like to contribute either by helping on the day or having an interesting display, game or competition that they can run on behalf of the community to contact any of the following (sooner rather than later):-

Steve Ewing	01852 200294
Georgina Dalton	01866 844212
Diane Galt	01852 200215
Fiona Wyllie	01852 200227
Clare Howard	01852 200375

We have already had offers of dog racing (not real dogs). This involves using dice and wooden dogs. The dogs are auctioned before each of the three races. The dice are thrown to nominate the dog and also the number of moves it is to make. The first dog over the line wins. The money raised from the sale of the dogs is split 50/50 between the winner and the festival fund. The dogs will be auctioned by "Honest" Mike Erskine who will also act as chief judge on all racing matters.

Other events planned include something organised by Kilninver Primary School, details of which are still to be confirmed, a possibility that some birds of prey will be on display and a juggling and circus performance.

Steve Ewing

## **SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

One entry only per person per class.

### **SECTION A - FLOWERS**

*FOR THE DALTON TROPHY - Most points Section A and B*

To be grown by competitor

- Class 1          Single rose
- Class 2          Single bloom - any variety
- Class 3          Vase of garden flowers - mixed
- Class 4          Vase of garden flowers - one variety

### **SECTION B - PLANTS**

- Class 5          Foliage pot plant
- Class 6          Flowering pot plant
- Class 7          Selection of three or more pot plants in one container
- Class 8          Named plant growing from pip or stone

### **SECTION C - FLORAL ART**

*FOR THE BP TROPHY*

Not necessarily grown by competitor

- Class 9          Arrangement using flower(s) and other materials depicting the title of a TV programme

- Class 10 Arrangement with three flowers (fresh or dried) and other natural materials
- Class 11 Small table centrepiece using fresh flowers in any one colour plus green
- Class 12 Arrangement of dried or artificial flowers in a rustic container

## **SECTION D - PRODUCE**

### ***FOR THE MELFORT FARM TROPHY***

To be grown by competitor

- Class 13 Bunch of fresh herbs
- Class 14 Four courgettes
- Class 15 A weird/misshapen root vegetable
- Class 16 Selection of leaf salad

## **SECTION E - GARDEN PRODUCE**

### ***FOR THE CULFAIL HOTEL TROPHY***

- Class 17 Selection of fruit and vegetables from the same garden grown by competitor

## **SECTION F - HANDICRAFTS**

### ***FOR THE ARDUAINE CRAFT TROPHY***

- Class 18 Knitted teddy bear
- Class 19 Computer assisted artistic creation
- Class 20 Still life painting, any medium
- Class 21 Hand embroidered article
- Class 22 Four photographs with a humorous, party theme
- Class 23 Hand made article using mainly wood

## **SECTION G - HOME PRODUCE**

### ***FOR THE FISH FARM TROPHY***

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| Class 24 | Prawn cocktail  |
| Class 25 | Four fish cakes   |
| Class 26 | Caesar salad  |
| Class 27 | Mini quiche with savoury filling                        |
| Class 28 | Four chocolate brownies                                 |
| Class 29 | Carrot cake   |
| Class 30 | Four treacle scones                                     |
| Class 31 | Decorated cake depicting Jubilee Year (decoration only) |
| Class 32 | Raspberry jam   |

## **CHILDREN'S SECTION**

### **UP TO 11 YEARS OLD**

#### ***LOCH MELFORT HOTEL TROPHY***

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| Class 33 | Animal made of raw vegetables  |
| Class 34 | Four butterfly cakes           |
| Class 35 | Cheese straws                  |
| Class 36 | Decorated wooden picture frame |

### **TWELVE TO SIXTEEN YEARS**

#### ***FOR THE MELFORT PIER TROPHY***

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| Class 37 | Computer or hand drawn poster for a Jubilee street party |
| Class 38 | Design for a mouse mat                                   |
| Class 39 | Colourful rice salad                                     |
| Class 40 | Four shortbread fingers                                  |

## **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 Kilniver parish.

Contact: Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

## **KILMELFORD AND KILNIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The community council held an ordinary general meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2002 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

The main issues discussed were:

Timber extraction at Scammadale is ongoing, with some 600 tonnes remaining to be removed. The condition of the road is under review, and repairs will be effected after extraction is complete.

Planning consent has been granted for the Arduaine campsite application, subject to conditions as requested by the community council.

There was much discussion over planning procedures, especially regarding neighbour notification and advertising. It was generally considered that a presentation by the Head of the Planning Department would be quite useful. It was agreed that this should take place for the next meeting, and that questions should be submitted to the secretary by the end of February (*at the time of writing two people had submitted questions - NJM*). It should be noted that the community council receives notice of all planning applications pertinent to the community, and that the community council planning officer, Dorothy Carmichael, obtains detailed plans of each application immediately. The community council can then decide what action should be taken.

The planning application for five houses at Scammadale was discussed, with general objections on a number of issues. It was finally agreed that the community council would object to the applications as they were in clear contravention of Council guidelines. It was, however, pointed out that blanket objections to planning applications do not allow communities to

develop, so careful thought must be given to the grounds for objection, rather than automatic objections.

Georgina Dalton reported on the current state of play regarding the proposed wind farm at Loch Avich. A map was tabled showing the location and potential visual impact points in the surrounding area. Scottish power have issued a scoping document for local consultation (a copy of which has been available for inspection at the Kilmelford Post Office). There has been no planning application lodged to date. It was pointed out by Cllr Duncan MacIntyre that the government policy is in favour of renewable energy, so any application such as this one couldn't be rejected purely on visual impact. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of wind energy, where it was clear that further information is required to allow members of the community to form an opinion. It was suggested that one community council member be appointed to set up a sub-committee to focus on this one topic.

The high incidence of dog fouling in the village was raised. It was suggested that some dogs were allowed to wander unattended, and the chairman agreed to contact the dog warden to investigate action.

The application by Celtic Sea Ltd for an access road, slipway and shed was due for discussion by the Argyll and Bute Council Area Committee on 6/2/02. The application had been recommended for approval by the Planning Department.

Finally, Constable Raymond Law announced that he was moving to a new post shortly, and would no longer be our 'local bobby'. A vote of thanks for his work over the years was offered.

The next meeting of the Community Council, including the Annual General Meeting will be held in May 2002 at Kilmelford Village Hall (exact date to be announced).

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr Angus MacFadyen (Chairman) Tel: 01852 316220

Mr Colin Clark (Vice Chairman) Tel: 01852 200259  
Mr Neil Manchester (Secretary) Tel: 01852 200272  
Mrs Jayne Brown (Treasurer) Tel: 01852 316229  
Mrs Dorothy Carmichael (Planning) Tel: 01852 200374  
Mr Stuart Cannon Tel: 01852 200205  
Mr James Mellor Tel: 01852 316297

## **COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Alan Macaskill Tel: 01852 300221  
Cllr. Duncan McIntyre Tel: 01631 770218

## **REQUEST FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

In recent months a considerable amount of dog fouling has been occurring on the pavement between Cuilfail Cottages and the Village Hall. All dog owners are asked either to take a poop scoop with them or to make sure that their dogs keep well clear of the pavement.

## **NEW BOBBY**

Mark Hoyle, Oban and District Officer, will be covering our area in place of Raymond Law.

## **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**

The mobile library service is provided on a Wednesday every four weeks. Anyone wanting the driver, Neil McIntyre, to stop at or close to their house should contact him via the library in Oban (Tel: 01631 571444 – N.B. the change of telephone number for the library). All times in the following timetable are approximate:-

9.30 a.m.	Tulich Farm
10 a.m.	Loch Melfort Hotel
10.30 a.m.	Tuckers' house
10.45 – 11 a.m.	Craobh Village Shop
11.15 – 11.25 a.m.	Kilmelford Village Hall
11.30 a.m.	Melfort Pier
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, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2002**

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2002**

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2002**

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

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2002**

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2002**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2002**

## **THE TEDDY BEAR APPEAL**

A big thank you to all the ladies who took time to knit teddies following our Teddy Bear Appeal in the last Kilninford News. An incredible 84 teddies, all with their own bag, have been handed in. I am sure they will bring a lot of comfort to the children receiving them. There's always a need for more as the children take their teddies home with them when they're discharged from hospital – so hang on to the pattern and your spare wool and keep knitting.

Wendy MacGillivray

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY DALTON ON THE PUBLICATION OF HIS BOOK "BRITISH ROYAL YACHTS"**

After many years of painstaking research, Tony's long awaited book "British Royal Yachts" has finally been published. The term "yacht" is the recognised description of those ships (83 in all) used by successive monarchs from the restoration of Charles II in 1660 until the decommissioning of Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia, after her last official function at the handing over of Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997. Sadly Britannia was the end of the line, but she is still maintained in immaculate condition at the Port of Leith in Edinburgh, where she is one of Scotland's most popular tourist attractions.

Tony served as a Lieutenant, Royal Navy, in H.M.Y. Britannia in 1969 – 70 during the Queen's tour of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, and so he had an intimate knowledge of all aspects of life on board this magnificent ship.

The book also contains details of Kings' ships prior to 1660 back to Anglo-Saxon times, in addition to those used by the Scottish kings.

With the many beautifully coloured illustrations and photographs together with anecdotes and the personal stories of some of the "yachtsmen" who served in these ships, this is indeed a fascinating book.

Hugh Campbell-Gibson

Copies of "British Royal Yachts" can be ordered through David Mitchell at Oban Music and Books Tel: 01631 566304.

## SPRING GARDENS

Spring and early summer is a wonderful time in my garden. There are signs of life everywhere and changes seem to happen daily. Bulbs, herbaceous plants, shrubs and annuals vie with each other in the freshness of new leaves and in the range and shape and colour of their flowers.

One of my favourite evergreen shrubs is Pieris "Forest Flame". In early spring its leaves are green and the flower buds dark red which open to give great clusters of white flowers which cover the bush so that it looks as though there had just been a fall of snow. But that is only the beginning of its display: the new leaves are scarlet and stay scarlet for a couple of months before fading to rose and finally to yellow. In late summer the yellow leaves turn green and by autumn the dark red flower buds have formed and give colour throughout the winter until the cycle restarts in spring.

Do you know the woodland bulb *Erythronium Dens-Canis*, the dog's tooth violet or trout lily? Dog's tooth as the bulb is the same shape as a dog's canine tooth, and trout lily for its foliage which is green splashed with dark chocolate or maroon streaks. Some forms are native plants, others come from other lands, particularly California. All forms that I have tried grow very well in Kilmelford. Leaves and flowers grow very quickly, the flowers can be violet, pink, yellow or white and the petals are "revolutum" and bend back (rather like a cyclamen) showing an attractive contrast colour near the centre of the flower. The flowers last a month or so, the leaves a little longer and then suddenly they disappear after being above ground for a couple of months. But they are alive and growing underground and the clumps get bigger every year. They grow happily at the foot of trees or shrubs, but can be less successful in an open unshaded border.

And what about rhododendrons. What a huge range there is to choose from. The size varies from carpeter to forest trees, the leaves vary in size,

colour and shape and many have attractive "fur" on their underside. And the choice of colour and shape of the flowers is unbeatable. Rhodies love the acid soil that most of our gardens have and some of the finest rhododendron gardens in the UK are in Argyll.

So spring and summer are great times for visiting other folks' gardens just for pleasure and to get ideas for our own gardens. I will just suggest two that you might like to visit which are open every day. They are Arduaine with its amazing display of rhododendrons and Cnoc-na-Garrie, 2 miles south of Kilmartin where Dorothy and Tom Thomson are turning a 7 acre rough hillside into an exciting and colourful beauty spot. Dorothy grows many of her plants from seed and always has home-raised plants for sale. Both gardens charge an entrance fee, Arduaine £3 which benefits the National Trust for Scotland and Cnoc-na-Garrie £1.50 which supports the British Red Cross Society, the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund and Scotland's Gardens Scheme charities.

Finally, I know only too well that weeds love spring time too, but they can be kept under control if you can find the time to pull them out or kill them by regular hoeing before they have set seed. Better still suffocate them with a mulch such as bark (for a big border) or stones (for a scree). A 2" thick mulch is a help, but a 4" thick mulch almost eliminates the problem.

Enjoy this glorious season and forget the dreary wet, wet winter that we have had to put up with.

Hilary Hill

## THE REEL OF THE 51<sup>st</sup>

In June of 1940 Lt. J E M Jim Atkinson of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was captured by the Germans. When he arrived at the P O W internment camp near Salzburg, he found that Lt. A P J "Peter" Oliver of the 4<sup>th</sup> Seaforths had started Highland Dancing classes. Lt. Atkinson was more of a country than a highland dancer and soon after his arrival a reel club was formed.

The P O W's had a few problems. They had no musicians, no instruction books and no women as partners. They had to make do with whistling the tunes, assigning the women's parts to men, and making up steps as they went along. On his way to the camp, Lt. Atkinson had developed an idea for a new dance, based on the cross of St Andrew, which was the badge of the 51<sup>st</sup> Division. He and Lt. Oliver began to work it out on paper. When they hit a snag, the problem was resolved by Lt. Col. Tom Harris Hunter, former C.O. of the Royal Army Service Corp, 51<sup>st</sup> Division, and a past chairman of the Perth branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society.

Once they had the dance composed, Lt. Atkinson and Col. Hunter tried to send copies home. Written in the specialised shorthand used by dancers to communicate dance moves to one another, Lt. Atkinson's copy was apparently intercepted by the German security, who spent the rest of the war trying to figure out what the cryptic, coded instructions really meant. Col. Hunter's copy made it back home to Scotland and the local dance group began dancing it at about the same time the soldiers were dancing it on the roof of the prison hospital block in the camp.

The Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup> Division is a general favourite everywhere. It is sometimes danced in an all male set as a memorial to the P O W's, but it was written for both men and women and it is not incorrect to dance with both sexes in the set.

As we all know the variation commonly known as "Aberdonian" has crept in and vastly altered the original. This practise is perfectly understandable and acceptable if only the practitioners would dance it in a manner that USES all the music; unfortunately this frequently isn't the case. The whole essence of scottish country dancing is the flow and phrasing of a dance where one eight bar phrase flows seamlessly into the next. Atkinson, Hunter and Oliver would be appalled if they saw their beautifully crafted dance adulterated by the incorrect dancing of the Aberdonian version.

Mike Murray

Note: Lt. J E M Jim Atkinson was Mike Erskine's best man's father and, as Mike says, "They were just ordinary people from different parts of



Scotland, caught up in the trauma of a world war. But, for many, many people, those prisoners of war have given a huge amount of pleasure and have truly enhanced many peoples lives”.

To experience the pleasures of Scottish country dancing, come along to Mike's classes in the autumn and see for yourself.

## **JULIE'S COFFEE HOUSE**

After many years working together at Loch Melfort Hotel, Janet (Thom) and Anne (Smith) have gone into business on their own. You can now enjoy their excellent baking and home-made food at their cosy coffee shop in Oban opposite the distillery. We wish them enjoyment and success in their new venture.

## **LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

The Directory is on sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Post Office. Alternatively, send your request to Cath Manchester at Eas a' mhuilinn, Kilmelford, Oban PA34 4XA enclosing an s.a.e. and your £1 payment.

Many thanks, and apologies, to those who have notified us of errors and omissions – these have been rectified in the second issue of the Directory. A free exchange of an up-to-date copy will be available in the autumn for those who purchased the first issue of the Directory but we would like to be sure that all entries are correct before offering the exchange. To this end, if any further errors or omissions are spotted, please notify us.

For those who have already purchased a copy, the changes are as follows:-

Carmichael	Dorothy	Kilbrannan, Kilmelford	200374
Christlieb	John and Ettonella	Melfort Pier, Degnish Road	200333
Kames Fish Farm		Kames	200286
Kilninver Primary School		Kilninver	316236
Laroch Foods		Laroch, Kames	200288
McCoss	Angus and Karen	Eathie, Arduaine	200253
Melfort Pier and Harbour		Degnish Road	200333
Roy	James	Grannda Mhor, Arduaine	200529
Trafford	David and Doris	Reul na Mara, Arduaine	200218