

KILNINFORD NEWS

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Dates and times for many events over the festive period are frequently not finalised until shortly before Christmas and, in order to include as many of these as possible, we have been publishing our **December issue** very close to Christmas. Because of the inevitable pressure on our editorial team at such a busy time of year, we have decided to confine the December issue almost exclusively to "What's On?" details. Adverts will still be welcome but there will be no special features and information which is usually repeated in each issue for easy reference will not be included in the December issue - so hang on to this issue!

Many thanks to those of you who pointed out errors in the **Local Directory**. It has been revised accordingly and up-dated and will be available in November. As a one-off, anyone who has purchased a previous issue may swap it, free of charge, for what we hope is now an accurate Directory. Please hand in your old copy to take advantage of this offer.

As everyone will be aware "Mike the Minister" is leaving us for pastures new. He will be missed, not only by the church, but also by the community in general and, in particular, by the clubs and groups who benefitted from his time, support and participation. Only one of Mike's legacies will be the enthusiasm that he gave to many of our community activities and, as a result of his departure, volunteers are needed to fill the gap he leaves. Anyone willing to take on the Junior Football, the Badminton Club and the monthly Friday coffee mornings (9 or 10 per year) will be welcomed with open arms. We wish Mike, Jill, Laura and Euan much happiness in Crail.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Friday, 27th September – “Hollywood Night” in Kilmelford Village Hall. Ceilidh and Dancing from 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. Tickets £5. Proceeds to the Village Hall and Kilninver Primary School.

Tickets are available from Helen Thompson (Tel: 01852 200384), Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314), Neil Manchester (Tel: 01852 200272), Kilninver Primary School and Kilmelford Village Store.

Would anyone willing to lend posters of celebrities to decorate the hall please get them to one of the organisers. Contributions for the finger buffet would also be much appreciated.

Organisers: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Helen Thompson (Tel: 01852 200384)

Sunday, 29th September – Craignish Village Hall 50th Anniversary Show – produce show, auction of entries and wine and nibbles in aid of the Village Hall Appeal.

53 classes of exhibits. 50p per entry. Entries to be in Craignish Village Hall by 12.30 p.m.

The hall will be open for viewing at 3 p.m. and uncollected exhibits will be auctioned at 4.30 p.m.

Enquiries to, and Schedules from, Mairi Thornhill (Tel: 01852 500674)

Friday, 4th October – An Evening of Songs and Dance” featuring ballet West and others at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Proceeds to the Village Hall Appeal.

Tuesday, 8th October – Parish Lunch and Produce Sale from 12 noon – 2 30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

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 200374)
	Plants	Dorothy Oatts (Tel: 01852 200276)
	Bottle Stall	Dorothy Bark (Tel: 01852 200370)
	Produce	Cath Manchester (Tel: 01852 200272) and Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)
	Raffle	Robin Grey (Tel: 01852 200225) and Angus McFadyen (Tel: 01852 316220)
	Lunches	Georgina Dalton (Tel: 01866 844212)

Entry free. Everyone welcome. Come and join us for home-made soup and filled rolls, tea and coffee, and shortbread and biscuits.

Sunday, 13th October – Craignish, Kilniver & Kilmelford Parish Churches are holding a **Joint Service** in Craignish Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. followed by a light lunch and get together at Kilmelford Village Hall at 1 p.m. to say farewell to the Reverend Mike Erskine and his family. Everyone most welcome.

Friday, 15th November – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.
Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Sunday, 24th November – Christmas Craft Fair from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. All proceeds to charity.
Offers of help would be very much appreciated.
Contact: Janet Thom (Tel: 01852 200381)

Wednesday, 4th December – 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.
Contact: Mandy Carmichael (Tel: 01852 300362)

THE PARISH LUNCH

The Parish Lunch, on Tuesday, 8th October is a little earlier than last year in order to fit it in before Mike leaves. This means that there will be two catering events in one week as Mike's farewell get together will be held the

following Sunday, 13th October. Under the circumstances, this is unavoidable, and it's hoped that there will be the usual generous response to both occasions.

As well as lunch on 8th October there will be produce, baking, plants and bottle stalls and any donations towards these would be most welcome.

CRAIGNISH SUNDAY MARKETS

A Sunday Market (meat and vegetables) takes place every Sunday outside the Galley of Lorne from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m.

A monthly market at Craignish Village Hall will be held the on the **second Sunday** of each month from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. commencing on 13th October with a Market and Car Boot Sale.

To book a pitch or any enquiries please contact Lix (Tel: 01852 500240)

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: Wednesday, 18th December

Starts again: 8th January, 2003

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

The Kilfern Football Club – new players would be very welcome. Anyone wishing to join the “team” or to arrange a match should contact: Alan Manson (Tel: 01852 200315)

Junior Football – these popular sessions for P4's – S1's have taken place under Mike's leadership every Thursday from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford. Please would somebody volunteer to take over Mike's role so that this important club can continue to function. Mike (Tel: 01852 200373) will be happy to discuss what is involved with anyone willing to consider taking this on.

Badminton Club – as above, Mike's imminent departure leaves a gap. The Badminton Club for Primary 7 upwards usually meets every Tuesday night in the Village Hall from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. with the last hour reserved for young adults and older. Would anyone willing to volunteer to co-ordinate the activities of the Badminton Club please contact Mike (Tel: 01852 200373).

Country Dancing – these popular sessions will again take place on approximately 3 out of 4 **Thursdays** each month from **8 – 10 p.m.** with the very welcome addition of a class for P2 upwards from **7.15 – 8 p.m.** All welcome, beginners and experts alike.
75p per child per session and £2.50 per adult per session.
It's helpful if beginners can join at the beginning of the season when Mike usually runs through the basics.

Sessions in October are as follows (further dates are arranged at the classes):-

Thursday, 3rd October

Thursday, 24th October

Thursday, 31st October

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

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

All are welcome, beginners and more experienced alike.

Classes with Fiona are £5 per person per session.

Teacher – Fiona Blakey (Tel: 01852 300579)

Sewing Workshops – these popular workshops will start again on **Wednesday 2nd October** and will take place every **Wednesday** from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in the Village Hall with a break for Christmas from 11th December.

All levels welcome.

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 Kilmelford Village Stores (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.


GAS BARBECUE

Ron and Cynthia Sproat (Diane Galt's parents) have very kindly donated a gas barbecue to the community and this will also be available for fund-raising events and private hire.

SIGNS FOR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

There are signs available for all functions, free of charge. They are stored in the main store room inside the hall. Keys for this room are only held by Deirdre Campbell-Gibson and Dorothy Bark at present, but the signs required can be put out in the hall passageway, given prior warning.

1. 2 large, one sided "SUMMER FESTIVAL".
2. 1 sandwich board i.e. 2 sided "CHARITY EVENT NOW". There are 2 blue plastic sand bags behind the hall, just beyond the bins for glass.
3. 2 medium one sided "COFFEE MORNING 10.30 - 12" on short poles.

4. 1 x 2 sided large CHEF board, painted "VILLAGE HALL - ¼ MILE". Paper notices wrapped in clear polythene can be pinned to this. 20" x 20" is a good size. Minimum 3" high writing in black on white is the most suitable and visible by drivers rushing past at 50 mph!! This sign can be tied with its wire to the stobs at the road end.
5. Small signs with short posts (PLEASE only hammer the post, not the sign) include:-
 - 2 x "  "
 - 2 x "TODAY"
 - 2 x "TOMORROW"
 - 2 x "FOOD NOW"

Please take signs down immediately after the event and either put them back in the hall or outside the main door if you have no key.

Any further information, or problems, please contact me on 01852 200375. If you give me enough notice I might be persuaded to make you specials – or, if you are a professional signwriter, please get in touch!

Please do take advantage of this free means of publicising your events.
Happy fundraising!

Clare Howard

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 11th June 2002 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

The main items on the agenda were:

The application for permission for five houses in Scammadale glen had been withdrawn.

The proposed wind farm at Loch Avich was discussed, but no further action was taken. It was agreed that this would be reviewed when the application was submitted.

The issue of roadside brushcutting was discussed, and the secretary reported that it was on the council task list, but was subject to budgetary restrictions.

Concern was raised over dog fouling in public areas, and the chairman agreed to take this up with the local dog warden.

It was expected that the completion of the Scammadale timber extraction was imminent and that the extraction contractors would repair any damage to the road.

There were two planning applications discussed: Kenmore Croft - extension to existing dwelling house, and Melfort Pier - erection of laundry and storage shed - Cllr Macaskill advised that this application had already been approved.

The secretary reported that some £450 had been raised from the Loch Melfort beach clean, which would be going to Kilninver Primary School Board Funds.

It was agreed that in future, community council meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of every other month. Notice of forthcoming meetings will be advertised ten days in advance as usual. It was reported that Alastair Oatts had very kindly agreed to site a community council notice board on the fence at Cuilfail Lodge. A suitable notice board was currently being sought, as this would allow posting of community council meeting minutes.

Neil Manchester

Note from the editor: according to the Planning Department, the information that the Melfort Pier and Harbour application for the erection of a laundry and storage shed had already been approved was incorrect. The application was withdrawn and replaced by another application which was discussed at the following Community Council meeting, as noted below.

The Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council held an Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11th June 2002 in Kilmelford Village Hall.

The chairman thanked Councillors Macaskill and MacIntyre for their efforts over the previous year. The chairman then highlighted some of the activities

that the community council has been involved with over the previous year, and looked forward to dealing with issues in the forthcoming year, such as strategic and local plans, wind farms and various community projects. The chairman then thanked all the community councillors, and also the Kilninford News team for producing a very informative newsletter.

The treasurer's report indicated that the community council funds currently stand at £815.52, representing an increase over the previous year of £130.63.

It was unanimously agreed that the council officers would be re-elected as per the previous year.

The community council held an ordinary general meeting on 13th August 2002 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

The main issues discussed were:

PC Moffat was introduced to the meeting, as replacement community police officer for Raymond Law. Inspector Shearer of Oban Police then discussed the role of community policing. PC Moffat stated that he was looking forward to meeting members of the community.

Dog fouling is increasingly identified as a problem in public areas, and the chairman agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

It was reported that there was just a small amount of timber still to be extracted from Scammadale Glen, and that the road had been maintained in good order, with further road repairs to take place shortly.

The main item on the agenda was the proposed wind farm at Loch Avich, and to facilitate discussion and community decision making, the secretary had invited speakers for and against the proposal. Firstly, Steve Macken (Project Manager) and Neil Reid (Environmental Planning Manager) of Scottish Power presented the arguments in support of wind farming, and the Loch Avich proposal in particular. Secondly, Marilyn Henderson (secretary, Dalavich Community Council) countered the argument by highlighting the disadvantages associated with wind farms. Questions

were invited from the floor, and a long discussion ensued. The chairman thanked all speakers, and advised that further meetings would be held once a formal planning application was lodged.

Three planning applications were discussed. Firstly, outline consent for the erection of a dwelling house west of the boatyard shed. No objections were raised. Secondly, Melfort Pier had applied for a new laundry and store. It was agreed that since this involved the removal of trees, and represented further creeping development, an objection should be lodged. Finally, retrospective planning permission by Mr and Mrs Jackson-Stark for a septic tank on land west of Ardowan. It was explained that because the original planning permission placed the septic tank in an impossible location, it had been relocated on installation.

Georgina Dalton advised everyone present that the Summer Festival would be held on 25th August, and that the organiser, Steve Ewing, would be grateful for any assistance.

Peter Menzies advised that the road at Blaran had recently been tarred, which raised the road level by some 4 inches thus exacerbating the problem of access from the glen. It was further noted that the removal of the telegraph poles on that section of the road had been held up by a dispute over liability.

Various other roads issues were discussed, which would be pursued prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 8th October 2002 at Kilmelford Village Hall

Neil Manchester

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Angus MacFadyen (chairman)

Tel: 01852 316220

Colin Clark (vice-chairman)

Tel: 01852 200259

Neil Manchester (secretary)

Tel: 01852 200272

Jayne Brown (treasurer)	Tel: 01852 316229
Dorothy Carmichael (planning officer)	Tel: 01852 200374
Stuart Cannon	Tel: 01852 200205
Jamie Mellor	Tel: 01852 316297

COUNCILLORS

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

LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN 2002

Many thanks to the willing band of volunteers that turned out on Sunday 28th April 2002 to assist with the annual Loch Melfort beach clean. A good effort was made by all, and the sum of £450 has been raised for the Kilninver Primary School Board funds.

Yet again, not all sections of the shoreline could be fully cleaned, thus missing out on a further £300 for local children's charities or organisations. Let's hope that next year will get even more support!

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

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Kilmelford Village Hall annual 'Spring' clean will take place on Sunday 17th November 2002, commencing at 2.00pm. As many volunteers as possible are required to assist in a general clean up in the hall - the more people that turn up the less work there will be to do. Please come along with mops, brushes and dusters, and stepladders are also useful.

The Village Hall committee would like to thank Alan Thompson, Terry Moodie and Robin Asbury for their efforts in maintaining the grounds

around the hall this Summer. Any other volunteers for next season should contact Deirdre Campbell-Gibson.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Diarmid and Norma Campbell of Melfort House for their very generous donation of a table tennis table for general use in the village hall. This is an item that has been missing from the hall's store of sports equipment for a long time, and will likely be well used over the Winter months. Bookings can be made as per the badminton court.

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

Neil Manchester (chairman)
Colin Clark (vice chairman)
Diane Scaife (secretary)
Robin Grey (treasurer)
Melissa Oates
Anne Saunders
Marjory MacTavish
Ivor Campbell

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

Neil Manchester

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Credit goes to all Kilninver pupils who set for themselves high standards of achievement in all areas and met their targets with success last session. The support of parents and members of staff throughout the session is highly commended in enabling our pupils to achieve their goals.

Some of the highlights from the summer term included:-

Several soloists and the school choirs and recorder groups took part in the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban

P5 – 7 took part in a Scottish Opera workshop and performance at Easdale. P7 pupils attended the Strathclyde Police “Choices for Life” drugs event at SECC, Glasgow.

The school celebrated the Queen’s Golden Jubilee with a special lunch.

P7 visited the Police Station and Hospital as part of an introduction to Careers.

S1 pupils returned to provide peer support for P7 pupils.

All P6 pupils gained their Cycling Proficiency Award.

The Gaelic Choir won their competition at the Oban Mod in June.

Calum Guest and Angus Scott took part in the Commonwealth Games youth relay in Lochaber.

P6/7 pupils met with Southend Primary pupils to take part in the “National Debate in Education”.

Both choirs and soloists performed at a ceilidh in Taynuilt.

The whole school visited Glasgow Science Centre in June.

A very successful end of session Musical evening and Awards ceremony took place at the Village Hall at which former pupil and Captain of the High School, Gail Manchester, presented Citizenship Awards to outgoing P7 pupils Calum Guest, Debbie McCorkindale, Ciaran Stormonth, William Campbell-Gibson and Laura Erskine. The P7’s then sprung a pleasant surprise on the teachers by presenting them with a special plate designed by the pupils at Oban Ceramics as a thank you for their time at the school.

We will all be very sorry to see Mrs Fraser leave us after 16 years as clerical assistant. Mrs Fraser is moving to a new job at Drummore Education Centre. We wish her all the best. We have also had great assistance over the years with our religious programme and worship from Rev Mike Erskine, and also of course much appreciated musical input from Jill. We will miss Mike, Jill, Laura and Euan and wish them every happiness in their new home in Fife.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 29th September – Sponsored Duck Race and Picnic, Scammadale.

Thursday, 10th October – Harvest Assembly at in Kilniver School (time to be announced).

Monday, 14th October – Gaelic Choir competing at Royal National Mod, Largs.

Thursday, 19th December (provisional) – Christmas Nativity Service.

BLAST OFF

Starts: Monday, 28th October

Stops: Monday, 16th December

TERM DATES

October break

Closes: Friday, 11th October

Re-opens: Monday, 28th October

School closed: Thursday 21st, and Friday 22nd November

Winter Term ends: Friday, 20th December, 2002

Spring Term starts: Monday, 6th January, 2003

MELFORT CLUB SWIMMING POOL CLOSURES

The pool will be closed on:-

Saturday, 14th and Sunday 15th December

Wednesday, 25th December

Wednesday, 1st January, 2003

Sunday, 5th January, 2003 re-opening on Saturday, 18th January, 2003

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church. After Mike's departure, services will be taken by lay readers and visiting clergy and a notice will be placed in the next Kilninford News once an interim moderator is in place.

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September	1 st , 15 th , 29 th	8 th , 22 nd (Harvest Festival)
October	13 th , 27 th	6 th , 20 th
November	10 th , 24 th	3 rd , 17 th
December	8 th , 22 nd	1 st , 15 th , 29 th

The last of the summer Evening Services will be held on Sunday 29th September at 6.30 p.m. in Kilmelford 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 KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

Steve Ewing, Clare Howard, Diane Galt and Georgina Dalton would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting the Summer Festival on such a lovely sunny day. A special thanks to the stall holders and to those who made raffle and baking donations and to the team in the kitchen who were kept very busy. The success of the day is reflected in the grand total raised of £946 which will again benefit various community projects – the allocation of funds will be announced in the December issue.

There was a super display of exhibits despite the variable summer weather and congratulations go to the following trophy winners:-

Dalton Trophy	Liz Thompson
BP Trophy	Liz Thompson
Melfort Farm Trophy	Elizabeth Asbury
Cuilfail Hotel Trophy	Georgina Dalton
Kames Fish Farm Trophy	Diane Galt
Arduaine Craft Trophy	Willie Wilson
Loch Melfort Hotel Cup (under 11's)	Jamie Schofield
Melfort Pier Shield (11 – 16 yr olds)	Harriet Campbell
Kilchoan Cup (most points overall)	Liz Thompson

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)

STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE F71 – KILMELFORD FIRE STATION

On Sunday 2nd June the crew of Kilmelford Fire Station welcomed locals and visitors alike to what, hopefully, was the first of our annual open days.

The weather was not as kind as it could have been but the day was well attended by people keen to get an insight into some of the things we do. The other piece of bad news, apart from the weather, was that the display unit from the Community Safety Department had broken down at Loch Awe. This was unfortunate as it was a live demonstration of a chip pan fire and what not to do with it. This vehicle also carried a smoke generator for our search and rescue exercise to add a touch of realism and freebies for handing out. Oh well, we'll save that for another day.

The first event was the first heat of the Great Golden Jubilee Duck Race. The sight of all those yellow ducks floating down the burn was quite a spectacle, much better than anything they could arrange in London for the Jubilee! Our two "duck shepherds" did a great job keeping all of those thoroughbred racing ducks under control as they did throughout the day for subsequent heats and the final. Thanks Findlay and Hamish.

Demonstrations followed illustrating our firefighting capabilities past and present, "guided tours" in and around the fire appliance and search and rescue exercise when our demo dummy and a wayward duck were rescued from an incident in the station.

Firefighter's cream teas (same as ordinary cream teas but served at a fire station) were administered to the needy, for a small fee, and an extension of the village shop was set up in the hall adding to the day and, incidentally, a good place to shelter from the showers.

Thanks go to all who assisted on the day and to our wives, husbands and partners who boosted the total collected by selling raffle tickets, working in the "cafe", face painting and generally doing the things that needed to be done.

Duck race results:

1st Alistair Oates, Kilmelford - £50, 2nd Morag McSweeny, Balvicar - £30, 3rd Mandy Carmichael, Kilmelford - £20. Last duck home was Sheila Anderson, Mid Argyll Hospital.

£171 was sent to the Fire Services National Benevolent fund, £171 to the Strathclyde Fire Brigade Widows and Orphans Fund and £172.37 was

donated to the Kilmelford bonfire night making a total of £514.37. Thank you to everyone.

Remember we are here for you. At the first sign of fire close all doors and windows that it is safe to do. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Brigade. Get out and stay out.

David S Millward – Volunteer Leader – F 71 Kilmelford

STRATHCLYDE POLICE

Links have already been established with Kevin Moffat, the new District Officer for our area, and he has kindly provided the following profiles as an introduction to the team.

Chief Inspector David Stewart

Chief Inspector Stewart is 37, married with three young children. He previously worked in Glasgow City Centre and in his 19 years with Strathclyde Police, worked in various roles including Traffic Department where he was heavily involved in research on drugs and driving.

He is an active member of the Chartered Management Institute and in his spare time enjoys a round of golf.

Inspector Ciorstan Shearer

Inspector Shearer is 35, married with no children and has 15 years police service. She previously worked extensively in CID including various specialist squads and most recently worked as a Detective Sergeant in Dunoon.

In her spare time she enjoys hill walking.

Constable Kevin Moffat

Constable Moffat is 40, married with 3 children and has completed 18 years police service. He has previously worked in the Traffic Department at Oban Police Office and prior to that worked for 11 years in Glasgow City Centre as a Uniform Beat Patrol Officer.

His hobbies include fishing and walking.

All three can be contacted at Oban Police Office (Tel: 01631 562213) but Kevin Moffat should be your first point of contact. If anything requires attention above his station he will pass it up to Inspector Shearer or Chief Inspector Stewart.

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. Dates of the next visits are 2nd October, 30th October and 27th November. 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.	Tullich Farm
10 a.m.	Loch Melfort Hotel
10.30 a.m.	Tuckers' house
10.45 – 11 a.m.	Craobh Village Shop

11.15 – 11.25 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, 12th November, 2002

Manse Brae Community Centre, Lochgilphead 2.30 – 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th November, 2002

LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The corrected and up-dated Directory will be on sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Post Office from November. Alternatively, send your request to Cath Manchester at Eas a' mhuilinn, Kilmelford, Oban PA34 4XA enclosing an s.a.e. and your £1 payment.

DIRECTORY UP-DATE

Gillies/	Don & May	Ronaldsay, Garraron Farm, Barbreck	01631
MacGillivray			570015
Jackson-Stark	Adrian & Kirsty	Tigh-na-Roin, Kilmelford	200386
MacGillivray	Wendy	The Steading, Kilmelford	200553
McTavish	Ian & Ian	15 The Glebe, Kilmelford	
Shaw	Eleanor	Kilchoan Farmhouse, Degnish	200338
Wilks	Ian & Jill	Ceo na Mara, The Glebe, Kilmelford	200258
Wilson	Ann	1 Cuilfail Cottages, Kilmelford	200244

HELP FOR CHERNOBYL

A local organisation has been giving Chernobyl children and their families valuable help by supplying the Hospice in Minsk with special supplements to help over the winter months. These supplements are designed to assist immune system function and the medical team in Minsk have been delighted with the response to the complexes.

Funds have been raised over the last 18 months by holding Complementary Health Days at various locations when people were able to experience "taster" sessions in the therapy of their choice. Many thanks go to the many therapists who gave so freely of their time and expertise, to those who supported the events and donated funds and also to the companies who donated extra amounts to those purchased by the organisation.

Another project, still in its infancy, is an offer from the Nutritional Cancer Therapy Trust to train a Naturopath from Belarus in the very successful regime that they use with cancer and other degenerative diseases.

A further consignment of supplements is due to leave this October after which funds raised will have been almost completely depleted. It's hoped that another similar event will be held in Oban next spring, to which all will be welcome.

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THANK YOU Tony (Dalton) for sending us the following fascinating account from the "**Statistical Account of Scotland, Parish of Kilninver and Kilmelfort 1793**" by the Reverend Mr Patrick Campbell.

The second instalment will be included in the April issue of the Kilninford News.

"Name and Extent

The strictest research into the etymology and meaning of ancient names must often terminate in probable conjecture; and the following account of the names of whole parishes lays claim to no higher authority.

Kil-an-inver signifies the chapel or burying ground at the foot of the water, it being situated where the Water of Euchar discharges itself into the sea.

Kil-na-maol-phort, contracted Kilmelfort, signifies the round bays or harbours, viz. Lochmelfort, which runs three miles into the middle of this parish, ending in two round bays with good anchoring ground, where ships of any burden may ride in safety.

Taken together, the united parishes are nearly of a square form, extending from east to west and from north to south about 12 measured miles.

Kilmelfort lies south of Kilniver; but in populousness, valuation, and extent, does not exceed one half of the other. The minister preaches in both alternately; the distance betwixt the two places of worship is six miles.

Soil and Surface

The lower parts of these parishes on the west are generally smooth sloping declivities towards the sea, and consist of light loam upon gravel or rock, yielding when properly cultivated, and in favourable seasons, good crops of corn, bere and potatoes. The upper parts, towards the east and south are mountainous, environed with a ridge of hills, which separate them from the parishes of Kilmore, Dallavich, and Craignish.

The soil in Gleneuchar and the Braes of Lorn and in the higher parts of Kilmelfort is poor and gravelish, yielding little crop, fit only as pasturage and occupied mostly with sheep. A few farms are however stocked almost wholly with black cattle.

There is a good deal of natural wood such as oak, ash, birch, hazel, alder etc. Some parts are also planted with firs, which thrive very well. The tops of the hills are covered with heath interspersed with stripes of coarse pasture well adapted to sheep.

Sea Coast

These united parishes have six miles of a sea coast towards the north and west from the middle of Lochfeachin to the west end of the sound of Clachansoail. This sound is about two miles long, is narrow, being no more than 80 feet over, and admits vessels of only between 10 and 20 tons burden, as it is dry and passable at low water, in some parts, both for men and horses. Formerly there was a ferry boat here, but lately there has been a bridge built over it, consisting of a single arch, 72 feet wide and 27 feet above the highest water mark.

Lochmelfort gives a sea coast of six miles, and makes a beautiful and safe roadstead. Herrings frequent this loch, and a good haddock bank has lately been discovered; and the coast upon the sound of Mull abounds plentifully with sea fish in great variety. These shores furnish also most kinds of shellfish, lobsters, crabs, oysters, spout-fish, hole-fish, cockles and mussels.

Rivers and Lakes

These are the river Euchar, running through the middle of the parish of Kilninver, and having its source in a lake of a mile and a half long and near a mile broad, called Lochseammadale. Into this lake or loch the waters of Braegleon, and a number of rivulets descending from the neighbouring hills, discharge themselves where the river Euchar empties itself into Lochfeachin there is a good salmon fishing, besides many another upon that loch.

The river Oude, which takes its rise also from a lake in the braes of Lorn, called Lochtralig, of a mile long and about half a mile broad, runs through a part of the parish of Kilninver towards the east, and thence taking its course southwards for 4 miles, falls into the head of Lochmelfort. These rivers are stored with salmon, white and muir trout, and eels. And upon Lochmelfort itself, where the Oude forms its junction with the sea, there is a salmon fishing.

Climate

The climate here, as indeed on all the west coast, is excessively rainy and moist. Hence our rainy summers and harvests, though commonly favourable to pasturage, are very unfriendly to agriculture.

From our vicinity to the Atlantic, the winters are open and temperate; snow seldom lies deep, or above two days together, on the low ground of the west coast.

Notwithstanding the moisture of the climate, the people of those parishes are healthy, and live to a good old age; many till 90, a few to 100 years. The most common diseases are rheumatic complaints, colds, and cholics, the constant attendants upon moist and rainy climates. Formerly the small pox made great ravages among the children, especially upon the sea coast, where the inhabitants fed much upon fish. But inoculation is now practised with much success, and the lower class of people have quite got the better of the prejudices which they once entertained against it.

Population

These parishes have, within these few years, greatly increased in population, owing to the young men's continuing at home, and settling in the parish in time of peace, for war always drains off the youth.

In 1775 the return of Dr Webster was, souls	1045
1790	1102
1793	1178
Families	205
Males	585
Females	593
Above 10	903
Below 10	275
Annual average of marriages for the last 6 years	12
Annual average of baptisms for the last 6 years	22

No family has emigrated to America during the present ministers incumbrance, being a space of 35 years. No person has been banished nor suffered capitally; nor has any incidence of suicide nor child murder occurred within that period.

Cattle and Sheep

The breed of horses, black cattle, and sheep have been much improved of late years. Plough horses, according to size and kind sell at from 81 to 121, aged stots from 5 to 61, cows from 3 to 61, black faced sheep, all of the south country kind 12 to 14s, slack ewes from 4s 6d to 6s 6d, lambs at 4 to 5s.

The old, small, highland white-faced sheep are still retained by the small tenants; though less in size, they are finer in wool, and reckoned more delicate eating than the blackface.

Six of the farms in the higher parts are stocked entirely with sheep; all the other farms partly with sheep and partly with cows and horses and may be computed safely as follows:

Horses	250
Black cattle	1500
Sheep	7000

There is a great variety of game. Of quadrupeds there are roes, hares, pine martins, polecats, weasels and otters. Of the feathered kinds there are black-cock, snipes, grey and green plovers, and some partridges; wild duck and water-fowl of all kinds

Rental

It is not easy to ascertain the real rents and still more difficult to estimate the casualties they pay in kain, fowls etc and the personal services they are obliged to perform. It may however be computed at about 16001 Sterling of real rent yearly, and valued rent of 2471 7s 8d sterling.

The wages of servants have advanced to nearly double what they were 20 years ago. The usual day wages to a man servant is 1s sometimes 1s 2d without victuals. Women are seldom hired at day wages or by the day.

Carpenters and masons, according to their skills get from 1s 6d to 2s per day without maintenance, taylor and shoemakers 8d besides their victuals, household men servants from 51 to 61 per year, maid servants from 11 15s to 21 10s and shoes.”

LETTERS

Dear Newsletter

I wonder if, through your pages, I might express my thanks to everyone in Kilniver and Kilmelford for making the ten years we have been here such a wonderful time for us.

I have loved every minute of it, and will take so many happy memories away.

People have been so kind, there have been so many “highlights”, and it’s just been great fun.

I suppose anywhere where the family is young holds a special place in your affections – but our community with its spirit has been more than special.

I also feel very fortunate to have been able to send our children to Kilniver Primary School.

May I wish everyone all the very best wishes for the future, and I look forward to popping back and seeing everyone again lots.

All success also to your excellent newsletter.

All Blessings

Mike

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The Kilninford News post box is on the floor in the corner under the window in the post office. Please put your adverts in the box, or send them to Cath Manchester, in plenty of time for the December issue. Letters and articles will again be welcome for the April issue.

All letters for publication should be signed. It would also be helpful if people advertising in the Kilninford News would make their payments when they submit their copy or make sure that they put the money in the post box or give it to Cath so that she doesn't have to spend time chasing payments.

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