

KILNINFORD NEWS

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

PEACE AND HAPPINESS

IN 2003



FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE AREA

Saturday, 14th December – Parish Christmas Tea Party at 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Entertainment will be provided by Kilninver Primary School and music for games and carol singing by Winnie Campbell. And of course, Father Christmas will be dropping in.

Baking donations would be much appreciated and parents bringing children should name their presents for Santa's sack (maximum value £2).

Anyone needing transport or for more details please contact: Mary Sandilands (Tel: 01852 300313), Georgina Dalton (Tel: 01866 844212) or Dorothy Carmichael (Tel: 01852 200374).

Sunday, 15th December – Christmas Tree Decorating Competition and Auction in Craignish Village Hall. Decorating of the trees will be between 4 and 5 p.m. with the auction from 5 p.m.

There will be a prize for the tree which raises the most at the auction.

Contact Mairi Thornhill for details (Tel: 01852 500674)

Sunday, 15th December – Sunday Market outside the Galley of Lorne.
Contact: Lix (Tel: 01852 500240)

Wednesday, 18th December – Craignish Village Hall AGM at 8 p.m. in the hall.

Thursday, 19th December – Country Dancing End of Session Party at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Friday, 20th December – Village Carol Singing around Kilmelford starting at Melfort Club at 6.30 p.m.

The more voices the better – all welcome!

Sunday, 22nd December – Sunday Market outside the Galley of Lorne.
Contact: Lix (Tel: 01852 500240).

This will be the last of the Sunday Markets until the spring.

Tuesday, 24th December – an evening of Carol Singing, Scottish Ceilidh and Traditional Song blended with more Contemporary Music in the Galley of Lorne.

Sunday, 29th December – **Quiz Night** in the Galley of Lorne.

Monday, 30th December – **Quiz Night** at 8.30 p.m. in the Lord of the Isles.

Tuesday, 31st December – **Hogmanay Ceilidh** from 11 p.m. onwards in Craignish Village Hall.

Thursday, 2nd January – **Banger Race** at Leckuary Farm in Kilmichael Glen from 10 a.m.

The prize for the raffle (proceeds to charity) will be a car ready to drive in the Demolition Derby! Burger stalls etc. will be provided by Kilmichael Church in aid of their funds. The prize giving will be on the field.

Contact: Goldie (Tel: 01546 602743).

Thursday, 2nd January – **Banger Race Band** playing in the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 25th January – **Burns Ceilidh Dance** in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Kilninver Primary School funds.

Light "Burns Night" supper, Burns' poems and songs performed by Kilninver Primary School pupils and dancing to the Neil Sinclair Sound. See posters for more details.

Thursday, 30th January, Friday 31st Jan and Saturday, 1st February – **"Cinderella"** in Craignish Village Hall performed by the Craignish Players.

Their first panto last year was such a success that the number of performances has been increased to three this year. The group meets on Thursdays and Sundays from 8 – 10 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall and anyone wishing to help, either on or off stage, would be most welcome.

Contact: Vivian Dobbie at the Galley of Lorne (Tel: 01852 500284).

Friday, 31st January - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall. Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.
Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314).

Saturday, 15th February – Mid Argyll Ball from 8.15 p.m. till 1 a.m. in the Cairnbaan Hotel.
Contact Dawn Stewart for tickets (Tel: 01852 500691) and Melissa Oatts to book places on the bus (Tel: 01852 200314).

Saturday, 22nd February – Fundraising Lunch (soup and rolls) from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall to raise funds for the purchase of a Lockfast for the storage of equipment at Kilninver Primary School. Contributions would be much appreciated.
Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314).

Friday, 28th February - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall. Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.
Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314).

Wednesday, 19th March – 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).

Friday, 25th April - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall. Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.
Organiser: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208). *Diane has kindly agreed to organise the Friday coffee mornings from late spring until the autumn when Melissa will take over again.*

Editor: Craignish has a website which includes a calendar page where information on their forthcoming events is posted. To access this information, visit www.craignish.co.uk.

This is a great idea and something that I have long wanted to develop as an adjunct to the Newsletter but, there just aren't enough hours in the day! Any volunteers?

REGULAR EVENTS IN KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

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

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).

5-a-Side Football for adults every **Sunday at 6 p.m.** in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Contact: Alan Manson (Tel: 200315)

Country Dancing – these popular sessions take place on approximately 3 out of 4 **Thursdays** each month with a class for P2 upwards from **7.15 – 8 p.m.** and for adults from **8 – 10 p.m.**

All welcome, beginners and experts alike.

75p per child per session and £2.50 per adult per session.

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 take place on **Wednesdays** from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in the Village Hall.

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.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 18th December – Christmas Nativity Service in Kilninver Church at 6.45 p.m. for 7.15 p.m. starting with Community Carol Singing followed by a performance of the musical nativity “Baboushka”.

All friends, relatives and former pupils most welcome.

Friday, 20th December – school closes at 2.30 p.m.

Monday, 6th January – back to school.

Saturday, 26th January – Burns Ceilidh Dance (see details in Forthcoming Events).

Friday, 4th April – Easter Service in Kilmelford Church at 1.45 p.m.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NOTICES AND SERVICES

Our Interim Moderator, Rev David Carruthers from Ardrishaig, has been very helpful in supporting us in our request to be able to call a minister as soon as possible. He has organised pulpit supply up to Christmas with services taking place as usual every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church.

The three local Interim Moderators are going to get together to arrange pulpit supply for all our services from the New Year. We will put up a list in the churches and on the shop noticeboard.

David Carruthers is happy for anyone to contact him for advice or pastoral care at The Manse, Ardrishaig, Argyll, PA30 8HD Tel: 01546 603269.

Please be in touch with any of the elders if they can be of help and thank you very much to everyone for being so supportive in this time of change.

Georgina Dalton

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December	22 nd (see below)	15 th , 29 th
January	5 th	12 th

The service on 15th December will be taken by Margaret Sinclair from Furnace, on 29th December by Bobby Holden from Ardrishaig and on 5th January by Elizabeth Gibson (Bridget Oatts' daughter). There will be no Christmas Day services.

Sunday, 22nd December – Christmas and Gift Service at 12 noon in Kilmelford Church: a Christmas Service for everyone taken by the children of Kilniver Primary School's Blast Off Club and Bobby Holden. All welcome.

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 for which the gift is suitable.

Tuesday, 24th December – Watchnight Service in Kilmelford Church at 11.30 p.m. with Carol Singing from 11.15 p.m.

Friday, 7th March – World Day of Prayer. The service in Kilmelford Church will be held at 7.30 p.m.

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

CRAIGNISH PARISH CHURCH – CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sunday, 8th December – Craignish Christmas Tea Party from 3 – 5 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Sunday, 15th December – Gift Service at 10.15 a.m.

Friday, 20th December – School Closing Service at 2 p.m.

Sunday, 22nd December – Carols by Candlelight at 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 24th December – Watchnight Service at 11.30 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.

PASTURES NEW

I know Mike has been in touch personally with many people to thank them for the parts they played in his last joint service at Craignish and for all the effort that went into making the buffet lunch in Kilmelford Village Hall such a happy gathering.

The good wishes and respect for Mike, Jill, Laura and Euan were reflected in the generosity of the donations to their farewell gifts. We know they will be thinking of us when they look through the photograph album and hopefully will be reminded of the fun and laughter on the many social occasions.

Mike will be able to savour the scene of the west coast view that he loved so much in the painting he was given. It now hangs in the stairwell of their new home. The blessings from all of us will go with him when he takes the home communion set on visits to his new parishioners.

Mike will be greatly missed but we were glad to feel the heartfelt welcome that he received at his induction in Crail. Dorothy Carmichael and I went over with Mary Sandilands and Margaret Cross and the Asburys joined us there. There were also eight folk from Craignish and Hugh Paterson, the Presbytery Clerk, from Tarbert – a good “home team” to see Mike in his new charge. Mike and Jill were very touched at the effort made by everyone and grateful for the letters and cards sent to welcome them at Crail.

The Manse is warm and bright and newly painted in Jill’s choice of colours. It already looks homely with the Erskine furniture and pictures in place and the cats settling in well.

Georgina Dalton

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Council was held on Tuesday, 8th October 2002. The main items of discussion were:- Scottish Power have not yet submitted their application for the wind farm at Loch Avich, but if this came up before the next community council meeting, a special meeting would be called to discuss any actions to be taken.

The recent accident outside Kilninver School was discussed, and it was reported that the speed limit legislation is well underway.

The chairman advised that he was looking into the issue of dog fouling within the community, as it was felt that there were some dog owners not acting responsibly. It was agreed that the chairman would provide an article for the newsletter asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

There has been little progress in sourcing a community council notice board. There were two planning applications reported, namely: Mr and Mrs Greenfield-Osgood - extension to dwelling house at Barochreal, Kilninver; and Mr and Mrs A Milton - outline consent for dwelling house next to Melfort Farm house. There were no objections raised to either application. Georgina Dalton thanked everyone for their support and efforts at the recent parish lunch, which made over £1,000.

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December 2002 at 8.00pm.

Neil Manchester

Note: the Loch Avich wind farm application will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting on 11th February, 2003. It's intended that a decision will be taken at this meeting as to whether the Community Council should take any action regarding the application and, if so, whether it will submit an objection or support the application. Whilst individuals may wish to object to or support the application in their own right, anyone wishing to have input into the Community Council decision should attend this meeting.

Community Council Meeting Dates for 2003

Tuesday 11th February 2003

Tuesday 8th April 2003

Tuesday 10th June 2003 (including the AGM)

Tuesday 12th August 2003

Tuesday 7th October 2003

Tuesday 9th December 2003

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

As had been widely advertised, the annual 'Spring' clean of the Kilmelford Village Hall took place on Sunday 17th November. A big thank you is due to the small band of volunteers that turned up to help the clean up. No doubt all the users of the hall, whether for sporting or social functions, will be appreciative of the efforts put in by Robin and Elizabeth Asbury, Deirdre Campbell-Gibson, Dorothy Bark, Diane Scaife, Isobel Smith and Neil Manchester.

**WANTED
PART - TIME CLEANER
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS PER WEEK
£5 PER HOUR**

Please contact: Neil Manchester
Chairman, Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Association
Tel: 01852 200272

STRATHCLYDE POLICE

Dog Fouling

Strathclyde Police, along with Argyll and Bute Council, recently ran an anti dog fouling initiative which operated in two phases. Phase one was an education phase whereby a Police Officer, accompanying the Argyll and Bute Dog Warden, patrolled areas whilst providing advice regarding sensible dog ownership and handing out free "pooper scoopers" provided by Argyll and Bute Council. This was in conjunction with press and media coverage. Phase two was the enforcement phase where one female dog owner was reported to Oban Sheriff Court, where she received a £50 fine with regard to her dog fouling in a public area. This initiative is still ongoing – so be warned!

Mobile Office

Strathclyde Police are to launch a new mobile office which will be permanently manned by two police officers and will tour the villages and outlying areas to provide an easy access point to the public. It is hoped that the mobile office will encourage the general public to directly inform the police of their concerns and problems, and generally improve the service provided by the police.

Constable Kevin Moffat (Tel: 01631 562213)

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

The funds raised were divided between community projects as follows:-

Kilmelford Village Hall	£225
Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches	£425
Kilninver Primary School	£100
Mothers' and Toddlers' Group	£100
Blast Off Club	£ 50

PARISH LUNCH

Thank you very much to everyone who came and had lunch in the village hall on 8th October and supported the parish churches' fund raising day. The tremendous sum of £1,125 was raised.

Many thanks also to all who helped on the day by contributing to the raffle and the wonderful selection of home baking, produce and plants for sale. A beautiful cake for "guess the weight" and an attractively dressed doll for "guess her birthday" competitions added to this successful event.

FAMILY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

There was a good turnout for the bonfire and fireworks which made all the hard work and very generous donations worthwhile. Unfortunately, the excellent ceilidh was not as well attended.

The fantastic support from Kilmelford fire fighters warrants a very big **THANK YOU**; without them we would not have any money in the childrens' account for next time.

We have run the children's "bash" for 3 years now and feel that in order to carry the tradition forward, we would need to form a committee of people to organise the children (and adults!) as it is too much for two people alone. Come on parents, your help is needed so give us your support. There is £200 in the account now, so any ideas for another children's evening? How about something in the summer as well?

Thank you, children, for the card and flowers.

Eric and Anne Saunders

POPPY DAY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's appeal. The total local collection raised £424.27 (£399.56 last year). Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

Clare Howard, Local Convener

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Many thanks to all those who helped on the day or contributed in any way to the Craft Fair.

This year the funds raised have been allocated to:-

Save the Children	£200
Red Cross Ethiopia Famine Appeal	£200

Janet Thom

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

THANKS

Duncan and Wendy would like to thank everybody for their kind support following their car accident – “you’ve all been such a comfort to us during this horrid time”.

Editor: This is the second such notice that we've published in the Kilninford News in under a year. In both cases, those that suffered most, and are still suffering, were blameless victims. Please drive carefully and take care of yourselves and others.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle and James MacIntyre on the birth of their daughter, Kirsty Rose, on the 5th of October, 2002.

LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The corrected and up-dated Directory is now 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. For a limited period of time, anyone who purchased a previous issue may exchange it free of charge for the up-dated version – please produce your old copy to take advantage of this offer.

DIRECTORY UP-DATE

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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 April issue.

As previously advised, some of the regular features in the Kilninford News have been omitted in this issue to save time as Christmas fast approaches. The main purpose of this issue is to let readers know what's going on in the

area, in particular during the festive season. Letters, articles etc. will again be welcome for the April issue when we will be publishing the second instalment of the fascinating article that Tony Dalton sent us.

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. Alternatively, put the money in the post box in the village store or give it to Cath so that she doesn't have to spend time chasing payments.

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

ADVERTS

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