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For the last five years the Kilninford News has been published using a very basic and out-of-date computer system and printed using photocopying facilities very kindly provided by The Melfort Club.

Earlier this year, the team decided to apply for grant assistance under the "Awards for All" Programme and, in order to comply with the requirements, we had to formalise our organisation. We therefore drew up a constitution forming The Kilninford Association and opened a bank account. The main activities of the association are the production of the Kilninford News, the Local Directory and the Local Website www.kilmelford.com. In July we were notified that our application had been successful and we were awarded a grant of £2568 to purchase a new computer system, publishing software and a special duplex printer and the Oban-based company, Matrix, will be delivering the system shortly.

NEWSLETTER FOR NON RESIDENTS

The Kilninford News is delivered free of charge to all householders, permanent or part-time, within the distribution area and posted or delivered, without any charge, to all advertisers, to our two councillors, and to organisations involved in our area.

We also post a number of newsletters to owners of holiday homes when they are not in Argyll in which case only the postage requires to be reimbursed. A number of people outwith the distribution area, who are interested in our community, have requested copies of the newsletter. In this case, payment for the newsletter and postage, if relevant, requires to be reimbursed. We are grateful for the contributions that we have received towards our costs from people in these categories, particularly since the postage is now 42p per copy. In order to avoid complications, we have decided to rationalise our charges as follows:-

Newsletter plus postage - £1

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LOCAL WEBSITE www.kilmelford.com

Feedback on our local website has been very positive and the Editor has already received several bookings as a direct result of her B & B entry in the Business Section and the Visitor Information section. Organisations of interest to our community are now finding our website, making contact and sending relevant information to us (see the information below on the Whelk Leader+ Programme). It would be interesting to have your feedback on the website and any suggestions, comments etc. will be carefully considered.

Please contact us if your business has been omitted from the Business Directory or if you wish an enhanced entry for the small sum of £10 valid until April, 2005. Anyone who has not collected their receipt for their

enhanced entry, these are available from Elizabeth Asbury or she will post it out to you on receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

DECEMBER ISSUE

Due to pressure of time over the busy festive period, the December issue will again be a shorter newsletter concentrating mainly on "What's On" in the area.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 25th September – Summer Ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall from 8 p.m. till midnight. Adults £3.50 Children £2. Dancing to live music. This is the last of the series of Summer Ceilidhs so come along and join in the fun.

All locals and visitors welcome.

Sunday, 28th September – Soup and Sandwich Lunch in Kilmelford Village Hall from 12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. in aid of Kilninver Primary School funds. All welcome.

Donations of sandwiches and baking would be much appreciated.

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Sunday, 28th September – Sunday Market from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. outside the Galley of Lorn. As part of the Scottish Food Fortnight, this Sunday Market will include about ten local food producers, food demonstrations using local products and local crafts.

Smaller Sunday Markets selling locally produced beef, lamb and vegetables are held **every Sunday** outside the Galley of Lorn.

Contact: Lix Armstrong (Tel: 01852 500240)

Friday, 10th October - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Oban M S Therapy Centre.

Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.

Organiser Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Saturday, 18th October – Car Wash to raise funds at Kilmelford Fire Station.

Thursday, 23rd October – Parish Lunch and Produce Sale from 12 noon till 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 beforehand or at the hall from 10 a.m. on the day.

All general enquiries to Georgina Dalton (Tel: 01866 844212)

Everyone welcome. A chance to meet up with friends and neighbours, folk working locally or visitors. Come and enjoy a good bowlful of home made soup, well filled rolls, tea and coffee, shortbread and baking.

There will be a fine selection of plants for autumn gardening and plenty of home produce and baking to stock up for winter.

The Kirk Session very much appreciate the support that has been given to the church during the year and hope you can come on the 23rd of October when we look forward to seeing you.

Contacts:	Baking	Dorothy Carmichael	01852 200374
	Plants	Bridget Oatts	01852 200276
	Bottle Stall	Dorothy Bark	01852 200370
	Produce	Cath Manchester	01852 200272
		Elizabeth Asbury	01852 200377
	Raffle	Robin & Ann Grey	01852 200225
	Lunches	Georgina Dalton	01866 844212

October (date to be announced) – Community Supper in Craignish Village Hall at 7 p.m. in aid of Craignish Village Hall funds.

An opportunity for a really good get together (all ages welcome) and excellent food (on a theme) at a very reasonable price.

Watch the notice boards for details and for the food theme for the October supper. All welcome. BYOB.

Sunday, 2nd November – Annual Produce Show and Auction in Craignish Village Hall at 3 p.m. with the auction starting at 4.30 p.m. in aid of Craignish Village Hall funds.

Schedules available from Mairi Thornhill (Tel: 01852 500674)

Friday, 7th November - 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)

Saturday, 29th November – St Andrew's Night Ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Craignish Village Hall.

Contact:- Joan James (Tel: 01852 500268)

Friday, 5th December - 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)

December – Christmas Tree Decorating Competition in Craignish Village Hall. Date to be announced.

Sunday, 14th or Sunday, 21st December – Christmas Sunday Market in the Galley of Lorn. Local food producers and lots of crafts. Check noticeboards for confirmation of date.

Contact: Lix Armstrong (Tel: 01852 500240)

Wednesday, 31st December – Hogmanay Ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Helpers welcome!

Contacts: Robin and Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377) and Neil and Cath Manchester (Tel: 01852 200272)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL AND LOCALLY

Country Dancing – these popular sessions will again take place most **Thursdays** from **8 – 10 p.m.** preceded by a class for P2 upwards starting at **7 p.m.** for three quarters of an hour.

All welcome, beginners and experts alike. It's helpful if beginners are able to join at the beginning of the season.

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

The first session will be on **Thursday, 9th October**. Further dates are arranged at the classes or get in touch with Melissa.

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Art Group – the group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall and tutored classes, at £5 per session, are held once or twice a month.

All are welcome, beginners and more experienced alike.

Teacher – Fiona Blakey (Tel: 01852 300579)

Embroidery Workshops – the weekly **Wednesday** morning workshops from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall will resume on Wednesday, 1st October and finish for the festive period on Wednesday, 3rd December.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

MOTHERS' AND TODDLERS' GROUP

Due to the lack of playgroup aged children in the village at the present time, the playgroup is unable to continue in the meantime. This is hopefully only a temporary stoppage and if anyone moves to the area and would like to attend, please contact Mandy Carmichael (Tel: 01852 200362)

ANY VOLUNTEERS?

Unfortunately, the Tuesday evening badminton sessions that used to be held throughout the winter and spring have ceased since Mike departed. These sessions for P7 upwards, with the final hour reserved for young adults and older, were always well attended and provided a popular activity during the long winter evenings.

The same situation has arisen with the Wednesday evening indoor football sessions which were also very well attended.

We are now providing very little in the way of activities for the youth in our community. We have the facilities and all that is needed is a few volunteers so that supervision can be arranged on a rota basis.

Please contact Neil Manchester, Chairman of the Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association, (Tel: 01852 200272) to volunteer the time that you can afford - you don't have to be able to make a weekly commitment to volunteer your services.

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 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Festival this year and to Winnie and Dave for providing the music which kept everyone's toes tapping. It was a glorious day and attracted lots of visitors.

An extra thank you to all the children who took part. They entered more classes this year and were really helpful organising and running games and competitions. We hope they enjoyed it too – they made the day more lively and fun.

Isabel Smith and Georgina Dalton

Congratulations to the following prizewinners:-

Dalton Trophy	Clare Howard
BP Trophy	Diane Galt
Melfort Farm Trophy	Clare Howard
Cuilfail Hotel Trophy	Georgina Dalton
Arduaine Craft Trophy	Clare Howard
Kames Fish Farm Trophy	Diane Galt
Loch Melfort Hotel Cup	Angus Scott
Melfort Pier Shield	Harriet Campbell
Kilchoan Cup (most points overall)	1 st Diane Galt
	2 nd Clare Howard
	3 rd Elizabeth Asbury

The funds raised at the festival for the benefit of the community will be divided as follows:-

Mothers' and Toddlers' Group £ 40

Blast Off Club	£ 45
Kilmelford Fire Station	£ 75
Kilninver Primary School	£150
Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches	£270
Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall	<u>£270</u>
	£850

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)

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The AGM was held on the 11th of March, 2003. Committee meetings were held on 22nd January, 11th March, 13th May, 22nd July, and 9th September, 2003.

The main topics of discussion were:-

1. Repairs and maintenance of the Hall, in particular the electrical repairs required after the burst pipes in January.
2. Replacement of the water heater which serves the cloakrooms. Many thanks to Eric Saunders who installed the new system in his free time. Eric also replaced the anode in the kitchen water heater.
3. Fund raising: the Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported, with the Bring and Buy stall proving to be popular. The Silent Auction and Lunch held in June were enjoyed by all who attended and raised £460 for Hall funds. A big thank you to everyone who helped with these.

The next meeting will be held on 11th November in the Village Hall.

Committee

Chairman	Neil Manchester
Treasurer	Robin Grey
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Bookings	Ann Saunders
Committee Member	Dorothy Bark
Committee Member	Diane Galt
Committee Member	Anne Grey

Caretaker Deirdre Campbell-Gibson

SUMMER CEILIDHS IN KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Fired up by the Scottish Country Dancing classes held by Mike Murray weekly throughout the Winter in the village hall, Anne Wilson came up with the brilliant idea of running a series of Summer ceilidhs, and persuaded Cath Manchester to work with her in arranging them. Aply assisted by Ken and Diane Scaife, Cubby McKinnon, Neil Manchester and Robin Asbury, this event has proved to be a success on the four occasions held so far. Many thanks to all those who have helped on the nights, and also to those who generously donated various raffle prizes.

The key aim was to provide good live music, a well stocked bar, one or two fun events, and most importantly a good time at little cost for all those that attended. After a slow start, with a poor turnout for the first ceilidh, the popularity grew to the point when the bar almost ran dry on the third one! This event has proved to be especially popular with visitors and holidaymakers in the area.

The last Ceilidh in the series is to be held at the village hall on Thursday 25th September. As usual there will be a lively band to get everyone dancing - please make the effort and come along, whether dancers or not, it's bound to be a good night!

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Council was held on Tuesday 8th July 2003; the main items of discussion were:

Cllr Macaskill noted that consultations regarding the wind farm were ongoing, and that a decision may be reached by September.

It was also noted that while the Chairman had written to John Christlieb of Melfort Pier and Harbour requesting a letter of apology to the secretary, as agreed at the last community council meeting, no such letter had been received. Mr Christlieb, who was present at the meeting, stated that he did not intend retracting his original letters, and that he stood by his right to say what he liked. The secretary repeated that he was aggrieved to have been attacked in a personal capacity, and suggested that representatives of Melfort Pier be banned from future meetings until an apology was received. The chairman agreed to consider this option, and would decide on a course of action at the next meeting.

The road access for the Celtic Seafoods mussel farm at Arduaine was felt to be unsafe, Cllr Macaskill agreed to investigate this.

It was noted that the police were actively enforcing the new speed limit at Kilninver School at all times, regardless of whether the school was occupied or not.

The structure that has recently appeared at Blaran road end was identified as an ice detector, installed by Argyll and Bute Council. The issue of the problem telegraph poles was discussed, but it is apparent that an impasse appears to have been reached whereby neither the council nor BT accept responsibility for moving them to a safe location.

It was agreed that certain community improvement projects, which may qualify for funding under the Whelk Leader+ Programme would be lead by

Colin Clark (Arduaine lay-by), Jayne Brown (skips in the community), Cllr MacIntyre (Historic site at Kilninver) and Angus MacFadyen (Scammadale passing places).

It was reported that the community council notice board had still not been completed, but that Colin Clark would report at the next meeting.

The future of health services provision in Argyll and Bute was discussed, and it was agreed that a meeting would be held with speakers invited to discuss the impact on the community.

Various planning applications were discussed, notably: M&K MacLeod's application for five houses on The Glebe; Manor Kingdom's application for three houses on Arduaine campsite; M&K MacLeod's application for one house at Lagganmore. There were no objections to any application, but some concern was expressed regarding the developments at Lagganmore.

Various other business was discussed, including: notice from Argyll & Bute Council that a paper bank in Kilmelford may be considered next year, the water treatment plant at Kilmelford would be upgraded shortly, the newsletter team had been awarded a grant of £2,568 for computer and printing hardware and software and that the issue of lorries unable to access Blaran road end would be investigated by Cllr Macaskill as a matter of high priority.

Finally, Cllr Macaskill reported that community councils could now access a grant of up to £600 to carry out community based improvement activities. Various options were discussed, and it was agreed that further ideas would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Neil Manchester

A meeting of the Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Council was held on Tuesday 12th August 2003. The main items of discussion were:-

Cllr Macaskill advised that the Inverliever Wind Farm proposal would be discussed at the Area Committee meeting in October or November.

It was noted that the secretary had still not received a letter of apology from John Christlieb of Melfort Pier and Harbour as requested. It was unanimously agreed, again, that the letters sent by Mr Christlieb to various parties, including Mr Manchester, in which various abuse, accusations and threats were levelled at Mr Manchester and his wife, were completely unacceptable. It was agreed that the chairman would write to Mr Christlieb, barring all representatives of Melfort Pier from future community council meetings until a letter of apology was submitted.

The issue over road access for Celtic Seafood's mussel farm at Arduaine was discussed, and it was noted that the council had stated that all planning conditions had been met in the application, but that the road access would be monitored. It was noted that the access was clearly in breach of the planning conditions, requiring a visibility splay of 215 metres in either direction. Cllr Macaskill agreed to investigate this further and report at the next meeting.

The status of the Whelk+ Leader Community Improvement Programmes was discussed, and it was agreed that the previously nominated project leaders would pursue each one and report at the next meeting.

The planning application by M&K MacLeods at Lagganmore was discussed, although it had already been approved.

It was noted that the community council receives notice of all planning applications in the community, and that Dorothy Carmichael obtains detailed plans of each one from the council offices in Oban. This then allows the community council to decide whether action is required prior to the next meeting of the community council. The secretary pointed out that when the community council notice board was installed, a copy of this application notice could be posted for public display.

Proposals for the Argyll & Bute Council £600 community improvement grant were discussed. Since this could be claimed between now and next March, it

was agreed that the different proposals should be considered on merit before an application was submitted.

Cllr Macaskill reported that the council had agreed to effect some repairs at Blaran road end, but the issue over access is still a problem. This is of especial concern to children who will shortly be catching the high school bus at this point, since there is no space to allow buses to pull off the road. It was also noted that the police were now calling for action over the roadside telegraph poles, but that there was still a dispute between the council and BT.

It was reported that the community council notice board had still not been completed, but that Colin Clark would report at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Future Health Service Provision in Argyll and Bute should be on the agenda at the next community council meeting, and that Gavin Brown, project manager, be invited to address the community along with Dr Hannah, if available.

The only planning application of note was for the erection of a dwelling house on land west of the boatyard at Kilmelford. Since this application had only just been lodged, it was agreed that the plans would be reviewed by the community council and any necessary action taken.

Various other business was discussed, including: a call for improved brush cutting by the council, especially alongside the Oude dam; a call for some warning signs as cars approach the narrow bridge at Kilmelford; community consultation on bus times will be considered by the bus operators; notice that an application had been submitted for a wind speed measuring device at Kilmore, which may herald another wind farm application.

The next meeting of the community council will be on Tuesday 14th October 2003 at 7.30pm in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Remaining Community Council Meeting Dates for 2003:
Tuesday 14th October 2003 and Tuesday 9th December 2003

Neil Manchester.

N.B. For the sake of brevity, the newsletter contains a summary of the main points of discussion at each Community Council meeting. The full, approved minutes of Community Council meetings are posted on the website www.kilmelford.com

It's also hoped that the weekly planning application list, or a direct link to it, will soon be available on the website. The weekly planning list will also be posted on the Community Council noticeboard, once it's in its place in Kilmelford. These measures will enable everybody to keep abreast of planning applications in the area and to contact a Community Council member with any particular comments they may have regarding an application. In the case of applications which fall between Community Council meetings, a decision is taken as to whether an application warrants a special meeting being called.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman	Mr Angus MacFadyen	Tel: 01852 316220
Vice Chairman	Mr Colin Clark	Tel: 01852 200259
Secretary	Mr Neil Manchester	Tel: 01852 200272
Treasurer	Mrs Jayne Brown	Tel: 01852 316229
Planning	Mrs Dorothy Carmichael	Tel: 01852 200374
Committee Member	Mr Stuart Cannon	Tel: 01852 200205
Committee Member	Mr James Mellor	Tel: 01852 316297

COUNCILLORS

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

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have started the term with 37 pupils in the main school plus 6 in the pre-five unit. Mrs Jayne Brown has returned after a period covering

at Luing, and Jayne will be our representative on the Community Council. Mrs Wendy Douglas is our other class teacher.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 28th September: Soup and Sandwich Lunch at Kilmelford Hall.

Monday 13th October: Gaelic Choir at National Mod, Oban.

Monday, 29th October: Blast Off Club resumes

Saturday 15th November (provisional): Family Italian Night at Kilmelford Hall.

Thursday 18th December (provisional): Christmas Nativity Service, Kilninver Church.

After School Programme

Does anyone have any talents or skills that they could pass on to the children? Our after school programme will start after the October holiday and we would be delighted if any members of the local community could give a few hours - or weeks! (but really it need only be 1 or 2 sessions). In the past we have had volunteers, including ex-pupils, lead (with teacher help) children in art/craft activities, sports, music and computer skills. We are open to new ideas! If you have an idea and are interested in helping out, do please contact the school.

D McAllister, Headteacher, Tel: 01852 316236

Term Dates

Autumn holiday

Close on Friday, 10th October

Re-open Monday, 27th October

Winter in-service

Close on Wednesday, 19th November

Re-open Monday, 24th November

Christmas holiday

Close on Friday, 19th December

Re-open Monday 5th January, 2004

Spring in-service/holiday

Close on Wednesday, 11th February, 2004

Re-open Tuesday, 17th February, 2004

Easter holiday

Close on Friday, 2nd April, 2004

Re-open Monday, 19th April, 2004

May holiday

Close on Friday, 30th April, 2004

Re-open Wednesday, 5th May, 2004

Summer holiday Close on Wednesday, 30th June, 2004

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September	28 th (SH)	*21 st (Harvest Thanksgiving) (DC)
October	12 th (SH), 26 th (DL)	** 5 th (JM), 19 th (BH)
November	9 th (Remembrance) (SH), 23 rd	2 nd (Communion) (DC), 16 th (BH), 30 th (SH)
December	7 th , 21 st	14 th (RH), 28 th

* 21st September – Harvest Thanksgiving. Gifts of plain flour, rice, salt, sugar and vegetable oils will be donated to Blythswood for distribution in

the Balkan countries. These dried foods keep well and travel well and are therefore of most use.

** 5th October – this will be a joint service with Craignish invited to worship with Kilninver and Kilmelford at 11 a.m. in Kilninver Church.

DL – David Logue

BH – Bobby Holden

RH – Roy Hart

DC – Rev David Carruthers

SH – Rev Stanley Hood

JM – John Morrison

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.

PARISH NEWS

The Vacancy Committee of the Parishes of Craignish l/w Kilninver and Kilmelford has recommended to the Kirk Sessions that Rev. T. Alastair McLachlan BSc. be their sole nominee for the position as minister.

KILMELFORD FIRE STATION

After the very busy time in April this year there have, thankfully, only been a few "turn outs" for the Kilmelford crew. Hopefully the fire safety message is getting across and it looks like people's driving has improved, but I had better not tempt fate by saying any more!

The fund raising effort is progressing with a spring car wash and the fire station open day / duck race. Those who attended I hope enjoyed what we had to show you with demonstrations from ourselves and a visit from the Community Safety Department who brought with them the mobile "chip pan fire" unit. For those that saw this most graphic display lessons were definitely learned into just how dangerous a "simple" chip pan fire can be if treated in the wrong way. We also had Chris Thornhill from Ardfern with his collection of fire appliances, models of course, old and new. Definitely a hit with the younger folk. Oh and the weather was a little kinder to us this year.

Our total fund raising effort this year now stands at £561 with only the Autumn car wash to go, which is planned for 18th October 2003. So, don't wash your car between now and that date and come along to the station and have the job done for you (for a small fee of course). Hope to see you then.

Stay safe and, if you discover fire, close all doors and windows when safe to do so, get out and stay out and call 999 and ask for "Fire Brigade"

Dave Millward

LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN 2003

The Loch Melfort beach clean was notable for two reasons this year. Firstly, and thanks to the reasonably clement weather experienced over winter with no serious storms to deposit the usual huge quantities of rubbish on the shoreline, we were able to clear up a larger area than most previous years. This included a complete clearing of Ardenstuur bay - no mean feat in one afternoon!

Secondly, the day was notable due to the fact that there were more volunteers from outwith Kilmelford than within! I am certain that all those who enjoy the clean shores of Loch Melfort, or live, work or travel within

sight of the shores, are very appreciative of the efforts of the small band of volunteers who turn out every year in all weathers to carry out this task.

Many thanks to all those who turned out on that wet afternoon to assist with the clear up.

Sadly, the funding that had previously been in place from the Argyll and Bute Trust is no longer available, so I am relying on the generous nature of businesses in the area that may contribute to the litter problem to support this activity. Any monies raised from the beach clean will continue to be used to support local children's activities and organisations.

However, whether funding is available or not, the clearing of litter and debris from the shoreline of Loch Melfort, and other bodies of water such as Lochs Avich and Scammadale and the Oude dam, is an important and vital activity that provides a real benefit to all residents and visitors to this community. I look forward to an improved turnout next April – look out for the posters.

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

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. 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

Corran Hall, Oban 1.30 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 11th November, 2003

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

Wednesday, 12th November, 2003

MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

Strathclyde Police has launched a Mobile Police Office, which will visit our area on the dates and times listed below. The vehicle has most of the facilities of a modern police office, where you can report incidents, and hand in found property etc. The officers will also be available to offer crime prevention advice.

There may be occasions when the Mobile Police Office is unable to attend due to other operational commitments. However, such occasions will be notified in advance.

Ardfern	11.10 – 12.10
Craobh Haven	12.30 – 12.45
Arduaine	13.55 – 14.10
Kiln inver	14.35 – 15.35
Kilmelford	15.50 – 16.30

September – Friday, 19th

October – Friday, 3rd, Friday 17th and Friday, 31st

November – Friday, 14th and Friday, 28th

December – Friday, 12th

WHELK LEADER+ PROGRAMME

Whelk Leader+ is a European Union Community Initiative that seeks to support local rural development strategies. It is not simply a continuation of Leader II but is an initiative aimed at encouraging and supporting high quality and innovative integrated strategies for local rural development with a strong emphasis on co-operation and networking between rural areas.

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SCOTTISH SALMON FARMING

Fish farming seems to suffer a constant barrage of bad press these days, and it's about time that the industry fought back. Below are some facts and figures that are not widely known, but really highlight the importance of fish farming in Scotland.

Further details can be obtained on the Scottish Quality Salmon website:
www.scottishsalmon.co.uk

Scottish salmon farming industry facts and figures

- Scottish salmon farming supports 6,500 jobs, 70% of which are in the Highlands and Islands, and injects £2 million every week into the Scottish economy in salaries and pay-packets (Source: report commissioned by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Office (now Scottish Executive) and conducted by Public and Corporate Economic Consultants (PACEC) and Stirling Aquaculture in 1999).
- Scottish farmed salmon has an ex farm value of £300 million and a retail value of around £700 million - more valuable to the Scottish economy than the Highland beef and lamb industries combined
- Scottish salmon farms produced 130,000 tonnes in 2000 of which some 25,000 tonnes were exported to France - other export destinations include the United States, Japan and other EU countries
- UK demand for salmon has more than trebled, with consumption rising from 31,000 in 1992 to an estimated 94,500 tonnes in 2000
- Scottish salmon, by value, accounts for nearly 40% of all Scottish food exports, worth £150 million
- 88% of consumers in France choose Scottish salmon from members of Scottish Quality Salmon because it has been awarded the prestigious Label Rouge mark by the French Authorities

Scottish Quality farmed salmon – the healthy choice

- Scottish Quality farmed salmon is a rich source of Omega 3 fatty acids thanks to the high quality standards to which it is raised, including daily welfare checks, specially chosen feed and independent audit assessments
- Scotland is producing salmon whose beneficial health properties conferred by high Omega 3 levels are endorsed by over 5,000 scientific and medical papers
- The Scottish Diet Action Plan recommends a doubling of consumption of oil-rich fish, like salmon, to improve the nation's health, particularly in relation to heart disease. The Scottish Executive is also looking at ways to improve the quality of school meals for children for both short and long term benefits to Scotland's health
- Oil-rich fish, like salmon, is a vital part of the British diet and the only major source of Omega 3 fatty acids. The British Dietetic Association agrees that "Omega 3 fatty acids are essential to ensure healthy growth and development in unborn and newly born babies and toddlers - in particular for optimum brain and vision development. So if you are pregnant or if you are breast feeding you should include oil rich fish such as salmon as part of your diet. Salmon is an ideal healthy food for both children and adults alike"

The processes involved in salmon farming do not alter the ecosystems beyond the immediate locality in which they operate.

Salmon are known to demand the highest standards of water quality and are sensitive indicators of changes in the environment. Salmon farmers recognise that they must work to the highest possible standards in order to prevent undesirable or long-term changes to the loch ecosystems. Indeed, the laws governing the protection of the marine environment are stringent: 10 statutory bodies, 63 pieces of legislation, 43 European Directives, 3 European Regulations and 12 Commission Decisions. The Scottish

Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has a specific remit and responsibility to regulate salmon farming activities.

Go on - ask for fresh Scottish farmed salmon next time you visit the supermarket or fishmongers!

Neil Manchester

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