

KILNINFORD NEWS

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
PEACE AND HAPPINESS
IN 2004

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE AREA

Saturday, 6th December – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles.

Sunday, 7th December – Elemental Arts Craft Fair and Special Winter Sunday Market from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. in the Dome at Ardfern road end.

E-mail grumpy@craignish.co.uk for further information or if you want to book a stall. Or visit www.craignish.co.uk

Contact Antonia Lindsay-Macdougall (Tel: 01852 500310)

Monday, 8th December – Elemental Arts Winter Workshop “Make your own Christmas decorations and gifts” in Craignish Village Hall from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. £6 per person.

Contact: Antonia Lindsay-Macdougall (Tel: 01852 500310).

Wednesday, 10th December – Pool Competition at the Lord of the Isles.

Thursday, 11th December – Country Dancing End of Session Party at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Saturday, 13th December – Christmas Tree Decorating Competition and Auction in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact: Mairi Thornhill (Tel: 01852 500674).

Saturday, 13th December – Craignish Christmas Ceilidh in the Dome at Ardfern road end. Music by the Ceilidh Bandidos

Sunday, 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, 14th December – Craignish Parish Christmas Party from 3.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact Ishbel McNicol (Tel: 01852 500277).

Monday, 15th December – Elemental Arts Winter Workshop “Make your own Christmas Decorations and Gifts” in Craignish Village Hall from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. £6 per person.

Contact: Antonia Lindsay-Macdougall (Tel: 01852 500310).

Wednesday 17th December – Kilninver Primary School’s Christmas Nativity Evening - Kilninver Church, 6.45pm for 7.15pm
(see details in Kilninver School News section).

Friday, 19th December – Carol Singing around Kilmelford starting at the Melfort Club at 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 24th December – Music Night at the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 27th December – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles.

Sunday, 28th December – Lunga Ball. “The Tartan Pimpernel” is this year’s theme. Tickets £28 each. Contact: Lunga (Tel: 01852 500237).

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

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Wednesday, 31st December - Live Band ‘Dileas’ (Ben Edom and Debra Carey) from 7.30 p.m. at the Lord of the Isles.

Saturday, 3rd January – Autocross (Banger Race)/Demolition Derby
Leckuary Farm, Kilmichael (look out for signs after Horseshoe Inn)
10.00 am – 4.00pm (approx.)

Music and side-stalls. Ample parking. Spectators welcome – no charge.
Entries before December 26th to Alan (Goldie) Ross on 01546 602743.

Saturday, 3rd January – Music Night at the Lord of the Isles.

Friday, 9th 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).

Friday, 23rd and Saturday, 24th January – Pantomime in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact: Chris Fox (Tel: 01852 500685).

Saturday 24th January - Burns Supper Dance in Kilmelford Village Hall
Hosted by Kilninver Primary School

Sunday, 1st February – Elemental Arts Winter Workshop – one day workshop in basketry in Kilmelford Village Hall. £25 plus materials. Booking essential.

Contact: Pip Weaser (Tel: 01852 200260).

Friday, 6th 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).

Saturday, 28th February – Mid Argyll Ball at the Cairnbaan Hotel.

Contact: Dawn Stewart (Tel: 01852 500691).

Friday, 5th March - 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, 6th and Sunday, 7th March – Elemental Arts Winter Workshop – weekend workshop in basketry in Kilmelford Village Hall. £50 plus materials. Booking essential.

Contact: Pip Weaser (Tel: 01852 200260).

Saturday, 20th March – Craignish Boat Club Boat Jumble and Car Boot Sale from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact: Jan Brown (Tel: 01852 500689).

Friday, 2nd 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: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314).

The Elemental Arts Winter Workshop programme will include a workshop in painting and one in jewellery on dates to be announced in the New Year. These workshops are supported by The Scottish Arts Council, A.I.E., Argyll and Bute Council and the CED Programme. Visit www.craignish.co.uk for further information.

REGULAR EVENTS IN KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

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.

The End of Session Christmas Party will be on Thursday, 11th December.

Stops: Thursday, 11th December - Starts: Thursday, 15th January, 2004

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Art Classes – classes are held **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 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.

Stops: Wednesday, 3rd December - Starts: Wednesday, 7th January

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 – NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 17th December

Christmas Nativity Evening in Kilniver Church, 6.45pm for 7.15pm.

The nativity musical ‘Stable Glory’ will be performed by P1 – P5.

The P6/7 choir will sing a selection of Christmas songs.

Teas and coffees will be served at the school following the Nativity.

All members of the community are very welcome – this is always a special way to get into the Christmas spirit!

We were all delighted that the Gaelic Choir, conducted by Mrs Annie Graham, was placed third from fourteen choirs in the puirt competition at the National Mod. They also gained fifth place from ten in the unison competition – both commendable efforts. Primary seven pupil Alice Inglis performed beautifully with Kim MacDonald from Oban to take first place in the fluent speaker’s duet competition – and then appeared on TV in a special programme of junior highlights. Alice also took part in the solo singing, chanter and fiddle, with sister Amelia singing solo. Angus Scott took to the stage in the fiddle competition and did himself proud. Well done to all who took part in this, the hundredth Mod.

A big thank you is due to our retiring School Board members, Sarah Scott and Sarah Henderson. Both the Sarahs worked very hard over the past four years particularly with the fund raising. Mrs Scott chaired the Board for the past two years and we at the school appreciate her efforts in this capacity.

Date to keep in mind: Saturday 24th January 2004: Burns Supper Dance, with the Neil Sinclair sound, top quality Burns entertainment from the pupils, the usual Burns menu and a bar for the over 18’s. Tickets available after Christmas.

D McAllister
Headteacher

BLAST OFF CLUB

Stops: Monday, 15th December 2003 - Starts: Monday 12th January 2004

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS

Episcopal Church - St John's Cathedral, Oban

Every Sunday at 8 a.m. – Communion

Every Sunday at 10.15 a.m. – Morning Service with Communion.

Every Wednesday at 11 a.m. – short Communion Service.

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.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NOTICES AND SERVICES

This autumn has given us some of the best and widest range of colours ever seen. It has also brought the good news that the Rev. T. Alistair MacLachlan has accepted the call to become our new minister.

His Induction will take place at 12 noon on Saturday, 10th January, 2004 at Craignish Church and there will be a welcome lunch afterwards at Kilmelford Village Hall.

We look forward to welcoming Alistair, his wife Christine and family to the parishes and seeing them settle into their home in the Manse.

AN INVITATION

Alistair's Induction will be the first in the newly formed Presbytery of Argyll. The Joint Kirk Session of Craignish linked with Kilninver and Kilmelford very much hope that you and your family can come and be with us on this special day at Craignish Church at 12 noon and join us afterwards at a welcome lunch at about 1.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Sunday, 14th December – Gift Sunday at 12 noon in Kilninver Church. The service will be taken by Roy Hart.

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.

Sunday, 14th December – Parish Christmas Tea Party in Kilmelford Village Hall (see details in Forthcoming Events).

Friday, 19th December – Carol Singing around Kilmelford starting at the Melfort Club at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, 21st December – Blast Off Club Christmas Service at 12 noon in Kilmelford Church taken by Stanley Hood.

Wednesday, 24th December – Early Watchnight Service in Kilmelford Church at 7.30 p.m. taken by Stanley Hood.

Sunday, 28th December – service in Kilninver Church at 12 noon taken by Bobby Holden.

Sunday, 4th January – service in Kilmelford Church at 12 noon taken by Catriona Hood.

N.B. After his Induction, Alistair will be taking the Sunday Services at 12 noon alternating between Kilninver Church and Kilmelford Church commencing on Sunday, 11th January in Kilninver Church.

CRAIGNISH PARISH CHURCH – CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sunday 7th December – Christmas Gift Service at 10.15 a.m.

Sunday 14th December - Craignish Christmas Tea Party from 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall

Friday 19th December - Holly Tea at the Crafty Kitchen at 3.30 p.m.

Sunday 21st December - Carols by Candlelight at 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday 24th December - Watchnight Service at 11.30 p.m.

Carol singing from 11.00 p.m.

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

PARISH LUNCH

The Kirk Session are very grateful to all those who have helped support events, social occasions and fund raising during the vacancy.

The coffee mornings have been really successful and thoroughly enjoyed by locals and visitors.

The Parish Lunch raised the tremendous sum of £1034. Thank you very much to everyone who came to have their lunch at the Hall on 23rd October.

The amount raised could not have been achieved without the hard work of the stallholders and the help of those who contributed to the baking, produce, plants, raffle and lunches.

A beautiful cake for “guess the weight” and the attractively dressed doll for “guess her birthday” competitions added to the success.

All the contributions and generous donations are very much appreciated.

With many thanks.

Georgina Dalton

CONDOLENCES

Hugh MacCorkindale

It was with great sadness that we heard the news from Scammadale that Hugh MacCorkindale died peacefully on 7th October.

His hard worked life in the glen and involvement with the farming world made him a very well known and much respected figure.

This was reflected in the great number of friends, neighbours and colleagues who joined the family and his beloved wife, Mary, at Kilninver Church to pay their respects.

As an active Church Elder and founder member of the Kilninver Fellowship, Hugh was closely involved in the local community.

His strong faith, loyalty to friends and deep love and affection for his family will not be forgotten by those who knew him.

He will be greatly missed.

Mrs May Clark

The Community were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs May Clark of Kilninver, who died peacefully on 10th November, at the age of 93.

She came to work in the parish about 65 years ago and was married to the late Donald Clark.

They will both be remembered with fondness and respect.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be in the area on Wednesday, 10th December and Wednesday, 14th January and on a Wednesday every 4 weeks thereafter. See previous newsletter for times and route.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE – BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS

Corran Hall, Oban

1.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 10th February, 2004

Tuesday, 11th May, 2004

The Community Centre, Lochgilphead

2.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th February, 2004

Wednesday, 12th May, 2004

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Council was held on Tuesday 14th October 2003; the main items of discussion were:

No date has been set for the Area Committee meeting to review the Inverliever wind farm application.

The chairman reported that he has written again to John Christlieb, requesting an apology for his previous correspondence to the Community Council. The secretary advised that he has still not received an apology from Mr Christlieb.

Cllr Macaskill confirmed that the access to the Celtic Seafoods site at Arduaine was correctly sited, and did conform to building control regulations. However, further work was required to the bell mouth, and the south sightline was still to be assessed.

Cllr MacIntyre announced that £2,500 had been allocated to improve the access at Blaran road end, but that the issue over the telegraph poles had still to be resolved with BT.

It was noted that the Arduaine lay-by had been much improved under the Argyll and Bute Council Whelk+ Leader Scheme. There are several other projects in the community under review.

Some wooden flower tubs had been purchased, and would be funded by a community grant, to provide some colourful planting at either end of Kilmelford.

A presentation was given by Gavin Brown (Project Leader), Alan Henderson and Judy Hewitt on the West Highland Health Project. This was informative and helped everyone present to understand the potential threats to local health care, and the various options under consideration. The final proposals will be submitted to the Health Minister by May 2004.

The community council will review the issue of car parking at Kilnilver School, as the car park was increasingly being used by non-school vehicles, and non-residents.

The next meeting of the community council will be on Tuesday 9th December 2003 at 8.00pm in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Community Council Meeting Dates for 2004

Tuesday 10th February 2004
Tuesday 13th April 2004
Tuesday 8th June 2004
Tuesday 10th August 2004
Tuesday 12th October 2004
Tuesday 14th December 2004

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

A committee meeting was held on 18th November 2003. The main items discussed included:

1. The electronic keys to the Hall need to be re-catalogued. This will involve turning off all the keys on January 14th. Each person holding a key will have to re-register with Deirdre Campbell-Gibson to activate the key in their possession. There will be no charge for existing key holders to re-register, but new people requiring keys will be charged a once only fee of £10.00.
2. The purchase of some new folding chairs is being considered, as these would be useful for a number of regular events held in the Hall.
3. Appreciation was expressed for Robin Asbury's tireless work with the trimmer all summer, keeping the grounds round the Hall neat and tidy; he has also repaired a large number of the Hall chairs. Many thanks to Robin for all his work.

4. We have one willing volunteer who has offered to help run football session for the youngsters. At least one more volunteer is needed to help with this activity and helpers are still needed to run the badminton club.

The next committee meeting will be held on January 13th 2004. Everyone is welcome.

The committee were responsible for running the catering side of the Craft Fair on November 23rd and raised £242.00 to go towards Janet Thom's contribution to Cancer Research.

The coffee Morning on October 10th raised £80.00 for the ARMS multiple sclerosis therapy centre in Oban. Thanks go to everyone who supported this.

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

EASDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Tel: 01852 300223)

CHRISTMAS SURGERY HOURS

Wednesday, 24 th December	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Closed 2 p.m.
Thursday, 25 th December	CLOSED
Friday, 26 th December	CLOSED
Saturday, 28 th December	9.30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Emergencies

NEW YEAR SURGERY HOURS

Wednesday, 31 st December	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday, 1 st January	CLOSED
Friday, 2 nd January	9.30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Emergencies
Saturday, 3 rd January	9.30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Emergencies



THE SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL 2003

Thank you very much to everyone who so generously contributed to this years' Poppy Day appeal. The total local collection amounted to a tremendous £435.03. Last years' total was £424.27

Clare Howard, Local Convener

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Craft Fair held in the village hall on Sunday 23rd November: to all the stall holders who put so much effort into their displays, to Loch Melfort Hotel for loan of tables, to Diane Scaife and all her team in the kitchen who kept everybody supplied with soup, rolls and baking and to all who turned up to make it such a success. I'm delighted to say that the sum of £555 has been donated to Cancer Research.

MELFORT CLUB SWIMMING POOL CLOSURES

The pool will be closed on:-

Saturday 13th December (from lunchtime)

Sunday 14th and Monday 15th December

Thursday 25th December

Thursday 1st January 2004

Tuesday 6th January, 2004 re-opening on Saturday, 17th January 2004

CYCLING INSTRUCTORS RETIRE

Since 1998 Carolyn Stoddart and Catherine Birrell have, thanks to their time and effort, seen six groups of school children successfully pass their national cycling proficiency tests. Sadly, they have decided to take a well earned break from their role as instructors but they leave with the community's sincere thanks for their contribution to road safety in our area.

THE CRAFTY KITCHEN

Sadly, Pam has decided to hang up her apron and, as from January, she will no longer be the doyenne of the Crafty Kitchen. It's hard to imagine "The Crafty" without Pam beavering away in the kitchen producing the superb home cooking that so many of us have enjoyed over the years and which has given the Crafty Kitchen such an excellent reputation. She will be sadly missed but it's good to know that Taryn, who has worked with Pam for several years, will be taking over the reins. We wish both Pam and Taryn all the very best in their new ventures. . The Kilninford News team would like to thank Pam for being one of our most stalwart supporters.

UNWANTED MAIL/TELEPHONE CALLS

If you are not interested in receiving Direct Mail you can register with **The Mailing Preference Service** who can remove your name from up to 95% of Direct Mail lists. This service is FREE. To obtain a registration form, write to: Mailing Preference Service, FREEPOST 29 LON20771,

LONDON, W1E 0ZT, telephone: 020 7291 3310 or register online:
www.mpsonline.org.uk

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www.tpsonline.org.uk

The E-mail Preference Service: can be contacted on:
www.dmaconsumers.org/emps.html

LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Updated directories will be available in January, at £1 a copy, from 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.**

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.

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.

WEBSITE

Visit www.kilmelford.com for information and to place any adverts on the website.

ADVERTS

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

HOGMANAY PARTY

Watch out for posters soon, but the Village Hall will be open at Hogmanay until after the bells for an open house party.

Bring along family and friends of all ages, drinks and nibbles and enjoy dancing and games, and a community Hogmanay to see in
2004

Wanted

Donations of medium size plastic plant pots for charity plant sales.

Tel: Elizabeth Asbury 01852 200377

KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL BIG BREAKFAST

Advance notice is given of The Big Breakfast, to be held at Kilmelford Village Hall on Sunday 29th February 2004. Everyone welcome- come along between 0930 and 1200, and beat those Sunday morning blues with a hearty breakfast and good company. Watch out for posters nearer the time!

Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association- Village Hall Membership

The village hall committee intend to tidy up the access key situation and improve hall security, by arranging an amnesty for all keys between now and 14th January 2004. All key holders should contact Deirdre Campbell-Gibson (Tel: 01852 200224) to arrange for free renewal. Anyone holding keys that never get used could return them for re-issue. Anyone requiring a new key can obtain one for a basic fee of £10. On 14th January 2004, only those keys that have been electronically renewed will open the door. All other keys will be de-programmed.