

KILNINFORD NEWS

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

PEACE AND HAPPINESS

IN 2008



This December issue is, as usual, a shorter newsletter than the April and September issues.
Please refer to previous issues for recurring events and information.

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Saturday, 8th December – Get Together to Make Decorations for the Christmas Party/Festive Season in Kilmelford Village Hall from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m.

Saturday, 8th December – Fair Trade Sale of crafts, clothes, jewellery, jams, pickles etc in Craignish Village Hall from 10 a.m. till 6.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8th December – Curry Night (please bring a curry dish to share) followed by a Fair Trade Fashion Show in Craignish Village Hall at 7 p.m.
Tickets £6 (£5 if you bring a curry).

Saturday, 15th December – Quiz Night in Craignish Village Hall. Licensed bar.
Details from Chris Fox Tel: 01852 500685

Sunday, 16th December – Christmas Parish Party in Kilmelford Village Hall from 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Entertainment by the Kilninver Primary School children and local talents. Games, teas, carol singing and a visit from Father Christmas.
Everybody welcome. Parents please stay for the party and bring a present for the sack, value £1 - £3 wrapped and clearly named.
Donations of baking would be much appreciated, as would offers from anybody willing to contribute to the entertainment by performing or helping with the games.
Contacts: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200313 Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212

Friday, 21st December – Carol Singing starting at the Cuilfail hotel at 6.30 p.m. stopping at various points around the village and finishing at the Shower of Herring with the lighting of candles in support of the “ Light up a Life” Hospice movement. The collection will go to the Oban Hospice.

Monday, 31st December – Hogmanay Party in Kilmelford Village Hall from 9 p.m. till late. Bring your own booze and nibbles. All ages welcome. Pay at the door. Adults - £4, children under 12 - £2.
Contact: Neil Manchester Tel: 01852 200272

Monday, 31st December – Hogmanay Ceilidh in Craignish Village Hall.
Contact: Taryn Blair Tel: 01852 500610

Tuesday, 8th January – Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Association AGM in Kilmelford Village Hall at 8.30 p.m.

Saturday, 12th January – Kilninford Association AGM at 6.30 p.m. at Achnacille.

Friday, 18th January – “A Clucking Good Hen Night” – a one woman comedy show in Craignish Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £5 from Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

Saturday, 19th January - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of the local football team, the Melfort Mermaids. N.B. This coffee morning is on Saturday, not the usual Friday.
Offers of baking, help or donations would be much appreciated.
Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314).

Friday, 25th January – Burns’ Supper at Kilmelford Village Hall at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Traditional Burns’ Night fare and refreshments. Traditional Toasts by prominent local dignitaries. Traditional Music by local celebrity artistes. In aid of Kilmelford Church Restoration Fund.
Tickets £15 from Kilmelford Shop, Cuilfail Hotel, Melfort Club and Peter Cross Tel: 01852 200588

Friday, 1st February – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

If you know anyone who does not have transport and who would appreciate a sociable morning, please bring them to the monthly coffee mornings!

If anyone would like to help with a coffee morning and donate funds to a worthy cause, please call Melissa.

Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Saturday, 16th February – Mid Argyll Charity Dance in the Galley of Lorne, Ardfern in aid of the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme.

Tickets and details from: Dawn Stewart Tel: 01852 500291 and Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Sunday, 17th February – Flamenco Guitarist Eduardo Niebla in Craignish Village Hall at 3 p.m.

Tickets £7 from Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

Friday, 22nd February – Race Night in Kilmelford Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Licensed bar. Over 16s only please. Come and join the fun!

Contact: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151

Sunday, 24th February – Soup and Sandwich Lunch in Kilmelford Village Hall from 12 till 2.30 p.m. in aid of the local football team, the Melfort Mermaids.

Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

Thursday, 28th February – “Martha” presented by the Catherine Wheels Theatre Company in Craignish Village Hall at 6 p.m. Suitable for age 4 upwards.

Tickets £3 (children) £4 (adults) from Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

Friday, 7th March – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Saturday, 29th March – Annual Jumble and Car Boot Sale at Craignish Village Hall from 10.30 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

THE LORD OF THE ISLES

The pub at Craobh has changed hands and is under new management. Their programme of events over the festive season will be available shortly. For details and new opening hours contact Stewart Byron Tel: 01852 500658.

ART GROUP

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. All welcome.

Contacts: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375) and Agnes McColl (01852 200365).

COUNTRY DANCING

A huge thank you to Mike for leading us through another season of dancing on Thursday evenings.

Sessions are held most Thursday evenings in Kilmelford Village Hall from 8 p.m. till 10 p.m. from October till March/April.

Everybody welcome.

Christmas/ End of Session Party – Thursday, 13th December

Starts again – Thursday, 17th January
Organiser: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314.

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS – workshops (sewing, knitting and any other handicrafts) are held weekly on **Wednesday** mornings from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Stops: Wednesday, 19th December

Starts: Wednesday, 9th January

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377).

FOOTBALL

The Melfort Mermaids, the local football team for P4s – P7s (girls and boys), meet on Tuesdays in Kilmelford Village Hall from 6.30 p.m. till 7.30 p.m., on Fridays at Atlantis Leisure from 6 p.m. till 7 p.m., and alternate Sundays for matches in the Oban League. More players are always welcome.

The team, and everyone involved, are very grateful to Lukasz for the time he spends coaching the team.

Contacts: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Sue Johnson Tel: 01852 200364

SUMMER FESTIVAL

The amount of money taken on the day was £702.40 and after expenses had been deducted, the sum of £500 was divided as follows:- Kilmelford Village Hall – £200, Kilmelford and Kilninver Churches - £125 each, Kilninver Primary School - £30, Blast Off - £20.

The Committee would really appreciate more input and suggestions for the content of the schedule of classes. It would be a shame if the traditional structure of the local ‘games’ and produce show were to fall by the way side due to lack of enthusiasm. The profit from the Festival is fed back into community projects and facilities.

Please don’t be put off by thinking “my cake isn’t good enough” – it may well be the best in the show.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair	Robin Grey
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Bookings	Anne Saunders
Committee member	Christine Maclachlan
“ “	Neil Manchester
“ “	Toni Mitchell

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 18th September and 23rd October 2007. The main topics under discussion were as follows:

Maintenance

The caretaker, Chris Johnson, has completed a number of routine maintenance tasks, such as painting the exterior woodwork and fire doors, and replacing the support for one of the washbasins in the Ladies cloakroom. The annual Fire Inspection has been carried out by Argyll & Highland Fire Services.

Our thanks go to Robin Asbury and Neil Manchester for cutting the grass around the Hall and strimming the bank during the summer.

Fund Raising

The Ceilidh on 28th September was a great success and raised £330.

The ever popular Hogmanay Party is to go ahead as in previous years. Guests are to bring their own alcohol but it was decided not to have a communal buffet this time. All ages will be welcome and there will be Scottish Country Dancing and a game.

A further Race Night is to be held in February and a bar licence applied for.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 8.30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

KILMELFORD & KILNINVER 100 CLUB

The 100 Club has been running smoothly and now has 74 members – more would be better!

SUBSCRIPTIONS will be due for renewal in January for those who joined at the very beginning of the scheme, i.e. entered in the first draw on 2nd Feb 07. To renew your membership, please send a cheque of £12.00 made out to KKCA to Diane Scaife, Fearnach House, Kilmelford, Oban. PA34 4X
This will save the expense of sending out reminders – Thanks.

NEW MEMBERS – The scheme may be joined at any time. Just send a cheque as above for entry in the next monthly prize draw. Many thanks; your support will keep the Village Hall in one piece!

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church. Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.15 a.m.

Locations of services for 2008 are still subject to confirmation but will be in Kilninver on Sunday, 30th December and Kilmelford on 6th January.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, 16th December

Gift Sunday – Kilninver Church at 12 noon. James McLellan.

Anybody wishing to bring a gift for distribution by the Social Work Department in Oban should please mark it for either a boy or a girl and the age for which the gift is suitable.

“Carols by Candlelight” led by The Corran Singers from Lochgilphead at 6.30 p.m. in Craignish Church.

Sunday, 23rd December

Kilmelford Church at 12 noon. Chris Thornhill.

This is a service for all to celebrate Christmas. The service will be informal, with children and adults participating and favourite carols being sung. Please do come even if you’ve never been in the church. A warm welcome awaits you as we celebrate Christmas together.

Monday, 24th December

Early Watchnight Service at Kilninver Church at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Rev Alastair McLachlan.

Late Watchnight Service at Craignish Church at 11 p.m. for 11.30 p.m. Rev Alastair McLachlan and Chris Thornhill.

Tuesday, 25th December

Christmas Day Service at Kilmelford Church at 11 a.m. Chris Thornhill.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES - St John’s Cathedral, George Street, Oban.

Sunday	8 a.m. Holy Communion
	10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Fourth Sunday – Choral Matins)
Wednesday	11 a.m. Holy Communion

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES - St Columba’s Cathedral, Oban.

Saturday	7 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

KILMELFORD CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

PROGRESS REPORT NOVEMBER 2007

The response to the Appeal sent out in June this year has been remarkable. At the end of October one hundred responses had been received and the total reached was just over £26,000. On the strength of the pledges and donations that were coming in applications to various trusts and granting bodies were made and two grants have been promised to us – one of £6,000 from the Scottish Architectural Heritage Fund and one of £8,000 from the Baird Trust. Again, on the strength of the responses that have been made, the firm that carried out the work at Kilninver – Cumming and Company Ltd, Perth – have already undertaken to commence work here at the Church in May next year.

As well as overseeing the Appeal, we held five ‘music’ evenings in the Church during August. A number of local people, young and older, came together into the Church and made music together with readings and story telling for one hour on the Wednesday evenings, and their music was greatly appreciated by locals and visitors alike. These evenings provided the opportunity to experience something other than worship within the building, and to see what restoration work has to be done. Many people commented on the good acoustics of the building, as well as appreciating the music. These occasions produced unsolicited donations of over £300.

We are most grateful for all those who have very generously given pledges or donations; the Group and the congregation are deeply moved by the responses that have been made, and encouraged that the Church is so greatly valued by community and visitors alike. Major works will take place next year, and the future of the building will be secured for some time.

There remains a gap before our minimum target of £50,000 is reached. Those who have made their response will, I hope, be pleased with the excellent progress of the Appeal. For those who have not yet responded, I hope this will be looked upon as a reminder, and an encouragement to be part of what we see as a wonderful and praiseworthy effort.

We will be asking that pledges be redeemed by the end of April 2008. Because of changes in the basic rate of income tax, effective from 6th April, 2008, the amount of tax recovered through Gift Aid will be less after that date, by about 25%. Obviously, if you can make your donation or pledged contribution before the beginning of April, we will still benefit from the higher rate of tax recovered. This will help the appeal along the way very nicely indeed.

The Appeal Group realized from the beginning that our task might be very difficult in our little community. We have been very much encouraged by the responses made, and the granting bodies have similarly been impressed. Together we can make a final effort to bring about the much needed repairs and restore the church building to the standard required to maintain it for future generations.

My grateful thanks to you,

Alastair (on behalf of the Restoration Appeal Group)
(Rev T Alastair McLachlan)

USED STAMPS

A quick reminder that every used stamp from your Christmas cards, and all letters throughout the year, can be converted into funds to support The Church of Scotland World Mission Council's project of the year. So, don't chuck your stamps in the bin! Please leave them with Christine McLachlan at the shop or give them to Dorothy Carmichael or Georgina Dalton.

PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE, HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER

Many thanks to everyone for their kind donations and help in making the parish lunch and sale such a successful day. A total of £1113 was raised with an additional £60 going to the Kilmelford Church Restoration Appeal from the auction.

The Kirk Session is very grateful to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event such an enjoyable and successful event.

With many thanks from the Kirk Session.

Georgina Dalton



THE SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL NOVEMBER 2007 AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Clare Howard is very grateful to all those who helped with the house collections and contributions to the Poppy Scotland appeal this year. The total raised was £526.86 (£480.35 in 2006).

Helen Keate (Tel: 01852 200500) is taking over as our local convenor for the Earl Haig Fund, now known as Poppy Scotland, collecting between Kilninver and Craobh Haven.

Clare is stepping down after 8 years organising our local area and we would like to thank her very much for the successful collections and providing the poppy wreath for the Remembrance Day Service at the war memorial and the poppies for the church.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Copies of approved minutes of all Community Council meetings are available on the Kilmelford website www.kilmelford.com. In addition, a copy of approved minutes and all relevant Community Council notices are displayed on the notice board near Kilmelford Post Office.

COMMITTEE

Kilmelford sub-area: Neil Manchester - Chairman
Robin Asbury - Vice Chairman
Lindsay Davies – Secretary
Alastair Oatts - Planning Officer

Kilninver sub-area Robin Grey – Treasurer
Nigel Mitchell

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Duncan McIntyre	Lagganbuie, Kilmore, PA34 4QT	(01631 770218)
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Cllr. Donald MacDonald	Orasaig, Crannaig-a-mhinister, Oban, PA34 4LU	(01631 566066)
Cllr. Neil MacKay	7 Dalriach Park Terrace, Oban, PA34 5EG	(01631 566878)

DRAFT MINUTES

The last meeting of the Community Council was held on Tuesday 9th October 2007 at the Village Hall, but as yet approved minutes are unavailable.

It was noted that the A&BC Roads Dept had been active in dealing with various Community Council requests, and a number of actions were also in hand.

The chairman explained the status of enquiries re the lowering of the speed limit in Kilmelford, and that while it was national policy to reduce traffic speed in built up areas, it was the local council's responsibility to implement. This will be taken further with A&BC.

Nigel Mitchell and Lindsay Davies reported on a A&BC Planning meeting in September, and reported on the planning and consultation process.

Robin Asbury explained the status of discussions with Mr J Tilly regarding land adjacent to the village hall. In return for gifting a levelled, playing field area, plus amenity area around the cairn, plus additional land for extending the village hall car park and recycling area, plus a woodland area for recreational development, the community council will support an application for seven houses on the shore field. After some discussion, there was unanimous agreement to proceed.

Various planning applications were discussed, although no issues were raised.

Items discussed under any other business were: bus stops between Oban and Kilmelford, and especially the Blaran road end; the rumour that A&BC intended purchasing land near Melfort Farm Bridge to widen the turning area, although Cllr MacIntyre assured the meeting that this would not happen; A&BC are trying to secure ground to allow improved bus stop facilities in Kilninver; a community council notice board will be erected in Kilninver; the council are to be notified of Japanese knotweed and Himalayan Balsam in Scammadale; various roads issues and updates to be taken up with Neil Brown of A&BC.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December 2007 at 8.00 pm in Kilmelford Village Hall.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new Parent Council is now well underway and through regular meetings have managed to establish a draft a constitution. The parent members of the council are Mrs Yvonne Anderson Chairperson, Mrs Lisa Litster Campbell Secretary, Mrs Lindsay Davies Public Relations, Mr Donald McBurnie, Mrs Kirsteen Menzies, Miss Sarah Edwards,

P1 - 4 attended a performance of A sheep called Skye @ Ardfern recently and enjoyed playing in the playground and having a picnic lunch at Craignish Primary School.

Following a Health Promoting School Accreditation visit the school was awarded a certificate in recognition of achieving level 3, the most advanced possible in this new government scheme. This award reflects many years of hard work and commitment by the staff who encourage our young people to keep themselves fit and well by being as active as possible, eating well, maintaining basic hygiene, drinking plenty of water, remembering the rules of road and Internet safety.

Once again our P5-7 pupils participated in the Inter-school Swimming Gala. They all did their very best and are very proud of their own individual achievements. Madeleine Roberts won a bronze medal for coming third in the girls 25m breaststroke and Emily Scott brought home silver for the 50m breaststroke. Well done all!

On Thursday the 6th Dec the whole school including the pre 5 children and lots of mums, dads and grannies had a great day out at the Sleeping Beauty panto in the Kings Theatre in Glasgow.

Please feel free to visit our website to keep up to date with all school events. The pages are updated regularly with examples of children's work, dates of upcoming events, letters home and useful advice.

Our new Radio station "Kilninver Calling" will be available in the New Year for you to tune in to our lively and informative broadcasts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 16th December 2007 Community Christmas Party @ Kilmelford Hall.

Wednesday 19th December 2007 pupils' Christmas Lunch

Thursday 20th December 2007 pupils' Christmas Party

Friday 21st December 2007 Come a Carolling @ school at 11.00am – all welcome

Thursday January 2008 17th Interschool Soccer sevens tournament

TERM DATES

School closes: 21st December, 2007

School re-opens: 7th January, 2008

School closed for INSET Thursday 14th February 2008

School closed for INSET Friday 15th February 2008

School closed for holiday Monday 18th February 2008

School re-opens: 19th February, 2008

School closes: 20th March, 2008

School re-opens: 25th March, 2008

School closes: 4th April, 2008

School re-opens: 21st April, 2008

USEFUL INFORMATION

EASDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Normal working hours for phone calls are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01852 300223.
In case of emergency outside normal working hours, dial 999 for an ambulance. For health advice, phone NHS 24 Tel: 0845 24 24 24.

The Surgery will be closed as follows:-

Tuesday, 25th December

Wednesday, 26th December

Tuesday, 1st January, 2007

Wednesday, 2nd January, 2007

MELFORT CLUB FACILITIES – CLOSURES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The Melfort Club facilities will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and from Sunday, 6th January until Saturday, 19th January. Please phone the office for information (Tel: 01852 200257).

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2007

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 6th February

16.00 – 19.30

Thursday, 7th February

13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 13th February

14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

LOCAL DIRECTORY

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

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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, letters, articles etc. in the box, or send them to the Editor, in plenty of time for the next issue in April. 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.

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

CANON PRINTER INK

1 Refill for BC-01 (BJ-10, BJ-20 series)

2 Refills for BC-20 (BJC-2000, BJC-4000, BJC-5500 series)

FREE but small donation to charity (CHAS, Motor Neuron or MacMillan) would be appreciated

Contact: The Melfort Club 01852 200257

KILNINVER PARISH CHURCH

JOINERY WORK

Joiner required for repairs to the porch, windows, doors and internal panelling of the above Church. It is essential that the work is carried out to a high standard and examples of workmanship will be required to be seen before any appointment is made. Expressions of interest in the work would be welcomed in the first instance by the Fabric Convenor: Peter Cross, Little Torwood, The Glebe, Kilmelford, PA34 4XF.
Tel: 01852 200588