

Kilmallie Hall

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01397 772026

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You are not alone, those who are left behind after a suicide can be helped by talking to others who have had the same experience.

Can we help?

Call: 01397 772446

Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide.

KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Like all Community Councils, Kilmallie Community Council exists to serve it's local community.

It is a non-political organisation run by volunteers who have the best interests of the community at heart.

To do our job well, we need the support of the local community.

If **YOU** have any concerns about local issues, why not come along to the next meeting on (the 2nd Wednesday of every month) when you can have your say, and hopefully, we can work towards a solution.

KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes Summary: May, June 2005

Vandalism: In April, the village suffered a spate of vandalism, culminating in graffiti being sprayed on walls, bus shelters and the Cameron Obelisk. Thanks to speedy intervention by the police, the culprits were caught. A Community Beat Office, P.C Brad O'Neill, was appointed for the village. The Council also responded very quickly, with the result that the graffiti was successfully removed from all sites.

Peter Watson from S.E.P.A. gave members a very reassuring talk regarding plans for the Duisky Dump.

G.G.W. Marker stone: 5 members attended this ceremony at the canal.

Kilmallie Gardens: now under Council control.

Dog Fouling & Fly Tipping: While it has been noted that more owners are now cleaning up after their dogs, there are a few who *still* disregard this law. Fly tipping still going on at Kilmallie Hall.

Banavie/Caol Schools Proposal: John Ireland and Stewart Currie attend meetings. So far, no decision made regarding a site for the school.

CORPACH IN COLOUR

This is the name chosen by a group, which has been formed to improve the face of Corpach, by way of floral displays etc. Sometime next month, plants will appear in tubs around the village, and in time, we hope to have other floral displays.

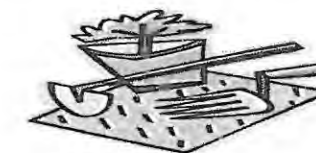
With thanks to Cllr Bill who has pledged money to help us get started.

The Community Council invite readers to submit items for the next newsletter. So, if you have any ideas we would love to hear from you; anything from reminiscences to anecdotes, nature news, astrology, holiday stories, poetry etc.

Any C.C. member will be delighted to hear from you.

Garden Competition.

The Judges are out looking at all the Gardens. They will have a hard job to pick the winners good luck. Winners shall be notified and the presentation will be held in Kilmallie hall in September. Watch the notice board for further information.



Kilmallie hall Gardens.

The gardens are now run by the Highland Council. Some volunteers are also helping out if you have some free time and would be interested in helping with a plot or sharing with a friend.

Contact - Sue Sien or Hugh Muir.

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HM COASTGUARD AT CORPACH



The Coastguard rescue team based in Corpach does far more than the necessary rescue work. Read on.

Recent team activity: Conducted a safety watch for a drifting vessel off Corpach with the Trislaig Ferry standing by, manned the helicopter landing site for Air Ambulance on four occasions, manned a landing site for the Navy Helicopter at Ardgour, arranged a tow for a small boat in difficulty, showed the rescue equipment to Inverlochey play group, carried out a major incident exercise aboard the passenger vessel "Sileas" on Loch Shiel, attended Lochyside School Fete, spent all day at Safe Highlander at the Nevis Centre with all of Lochaber primary 7's, attended Banavie Schools Fun Night to help their fund raising, hosted a visit by Corpach Playgroup, assisted the fishing vessel Sagittarius aground at the Corran Narrows, attended Inverlochey School Fete to help with their fund raising, attempted to find the person transmitting a hoax mayday (we hope this was no one local as this type of prank costs the taxpayers thousands), assisted in a search for a missing canoeist at Lochaline and finally through our own fund raising we were able to secure employment for a disabled person by purchasing a specialized joystick in order to work a computer at Shop mobility Lochaber.

Phil Wren
Area Manager

Great Glen Way

Linda Dodds, who is in charge of the Rangers on the G.G.W. gave C.C members an update on work being done on the Way. She also presented draft copies of the Management Plan and the Annual Report.

Here are some statistics about Walkers in 2004: 51,862 people walked the Way, this number coming from counters placed along the route.

From questionnaires returned, the following statistics were gleaned.....45% from Scotland, 43% from England, 6% from Europe, 6% from rest of world. 60% were male walkers. Largest age group was 35 - 64 years, 80% walked from south to north, and most people walked in pairs. Most walkers did the route in 6 days.

To access the G.G.W. almost half used public transport.

About 5% walked the West Highland Way and then the Great Glen Way. When asked which aspect they had enjoyed most respondents chose the scenery. Whilst walking the Way, the most popular attraction on the route was Urquhart Castle.

Total money spent by individual walkers varied from -£100 to £400+. When asked for additional comments, the most unpopular was the dislike of walking on hard surfaces.

Only a small percentage of walkers actually returned their questionnaires and it is planned to improve their distribution, because they are a valuable source of market research. Also from walkers' comments, it is possible to identify any potential problems.

Activity Days for children are held throughout the year and there will be one held at Corpach sometime in 2006.

BANAVIE FUN NIGHT

We held the Banavie Fun Night on June 2nd and although it was a wet night we still had a great time. The P7s ran several different stalls and made over £150. Beat the goalie was also very popular and the Zip wire was really good fun. The bottle stall was very popular and raised lots of money. We all enjoyed our hot dogs and hamburgers and we would like to thank all the adults who helped us. The event raised over £1800 for the school funds.

BAG PACK

The members of the PTA also did a bag pack in Morrisons Supermarket in May and raised over £800. We will be using these funds to replace 3 computers in the school.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On the 10th June the school had its 40th celebrations which were excellent. The weather was wonderful and all the adults who visited the school throughout the day said it was a lovely school. The sports morning went really well but the best bit was when we let off 150 balloons telling everyone about our special day.

Three former Head teachers came to join us in the afternoon and we cut a special cake. In the evening we had a super Ceilidh with lots of food.

We would like to thank everyone who came on the day and especially the PTA and the staff who organised all the events.

THANK YOU FROM THE PUPILS OF
PRIMARY 7

KILMALLIE PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Kilmallie Parent and Toddler Group have had an exciting end to the year - we held a Teddy Bear's Picnic, which parents, toddlers and teddies all enjoyed! It was lovely to be outdoors (even if it did rain a little) and we are hoping to purchase some outdoor children's furniture so that the children can spend more time outside. We will be able to make this purchase due to a very generous £200 donation from Councillor Bill Clark. Thank you Bill!

We are restarting the group after the summer holidays on Thursday 25th August. Please feel free to come and join us from 10 am until 11.45 am at Kilmallie Church Hall. Everyone is welcome - as long as they have a child of toddler age to bring with them! Our age range is from new-born babies to toddlers of around 3 years old (pre-playgroup). It's great for the children to play and mix in a stimulating environment, and it's good for parents/grandparents/carers to meet other grown-ups and have a chat and a cup of tea! We would love to see you there. Any questions or queries please contact Jillian Clark on 772210.

QUIZ

There were NO ENTRIES FOR THE QUIZ in the last Newsletter, which was very disappointing.

Try this one.....it's easy!

LINK WORD QUIZ

All link words are birds, animals or insects e.g. SKY.....SPUR will be

SKY.....LARK.....SPUR (sky lark, larkspur)

1. DAIRY.....SLIP	16. SCAPE.....HERD
2. CLAY.....HOLE	17. BATTERING.....ROD
3. RATTLE.....SKIN	18. MONEY.....MONKEY
4. MARCH.....BELL	19. TEDDY.....SKIN
5. BULL.....MARCH	20. PET.....PUNCH
6. HONEY.....LINE	21. BROWN.....RACE
7. FIELD.....TRAP	22. GOLDEN.....EYED
8. ROLLER.....BOARD	23. SHETLAND.....RIDE
9. WHITE.....SEAL	24. HOUSE.....HAWK
10. LOAN.....SKIN	25. CRY.....WHISTLE
11. HOUSE.....WHEEL	
12. HAWK.....BALL	
13. COCK.....BAR	
14. SLY.....GLOVE	
15. CLOTHES.....WHIP	

The first all correct entry opened on AUGUST 31ST will receive a £10 prize.

Please give your entries to M. Simpson at the Co-op.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE NO.....

LOCAL HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW.....

- BADABRIE** Means Lochaber man's Thicket or wood of Lochaber. Lochiel lived here between living at Torcastle and then Achnacarry.
- ADVERT FOR CORPACH HOTEL** About 1905-enlarged and fully redecorated. Occupies one of the finest positions in the country. The establishment has every comfort with good proximity to Corpach pier, the terminus of Mr. McBraynes Crinian and Oban steamers and a few minutes walk from the railway station of the Mallaig extension. Families boarded by week or by month. Electric light throughout and photographers may have use of the dark room.
- THE BATTLE OF CORPACH**, in 1440, was fought between the Mcleans and Camerons.
- IN A 1772 SURVEY** Fassfern had a brewhouse, Kiln and Mill. The pond for this mill and the channel can still be seen close to the Fassfern visitors car park.
- OVER THE CENTURIES** the word KILMALLIE has had a large variety of spellings including KILMALZIE, KILMALDUFF, KILMALYN AND KILMAULY.

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News about the new renal unit at the Belford.

The Belford Renal Unit is Up and Running.

For over six weeks now, after a bit of delay, the new Renal Unit at the Belford has started treating renal patients 'on their own doorstep' as it were and it has to be said 'all is bright and beautiful'. The treatment room with its six dialysis machines is well appointed, bright and nicely decorated.

Patients are well pleased with it. Of course some patients are not so close by, some coming from Glencoe others Spean Bridge and in future no doubt further a field, but all appreciate the difference it has made to their situation and life style.

Not only are they saved hours travelling 3 days per week to Inverness, they talk about a new lease of life the very thought of not having to travel such a distance before and after they have their 4hr dialysis treatment gives them. It gives them more resolve to face the debilitating effect 4hr dialysis treatment has on them each day they attend.

There have been some teething problems but these have been resolved by the Nursing and technical staff though the Lift to take patients up the one floor to the treatment room is not yet operational and continues to have construction problems. The Lift contractors have not performed at all well. Fortunately all the present patients are able to access via the stairs but pressure is being put on the contractors to have it completed as soon as possible.

The Belford Hospital has decided to have an official opening of the Renal Unit on Saturday 13 August. All local renal patients will attend and a couple of long standing patients will cut the ribbon and say a few words. Hospital staff and local helpers will attend and Charles Kennedy has agreed to perform the Official Opening.

O Veitch

Belford Hospital Patients Council and 'The Renal Dialysis Lochaber Fund'.

CANAL NEWS

The month of July has been a very busy month for us with over 450 boats transiting the canal this figure does not include hire boats and our figures are up on last year. As you can imagine with so many boats going through the canal most of our time is taken up by lock-keeping.

Corpach had a couple of minor incidents of vandalism: entrance gate at Corpach lifted off and thrown in the sea - lock & the kissing gate at Corpach smashed a new one was built, but overall the behaviour at the canal has been good with lots of folk enjoying the fishing at the entrance and plenty mackerel being caught.

Neptune's stair case- saw the opening of the new toilet block/laundrette in July for the boaters which is providing a very beneficial + with the building of toilet block & extra power supplies now in place.

We are hoping to introduce new electricity bollards throughout the location.

Moy bridge-The lock-keepers at Moy, Dave & Alec work hard

keeping their location nice with the introduction of a new notice board +

picnic benches; the toilets at Moy are also open to walkers during working hours.

Gairloch- won the Scottish waterway length competition this year and have gone forward to the national competition. For the less energetic walkers could we recommend a nice gentle stroll round this

location and a look at the pond area.

Next month we will be able to tell you about winter works & closures.

John & Peter

P.S. - Peter has now moved into his new flat in Corpach.

FREE RIDE

A farmer and his wife went to a fair. The farmer who had never been on an aeroplane, was fascinated by a stunt plane and asked the pilot how much a ride would cost. "£20 for 3 minutes" the pilot replied. "That's too much," said the farmer. The pilot thought for a second and then said, "I'll make you a deal. If you and your wife ride for 3 minutes without making a sound, the ride will be free. But if you make any sound at all you'll have to pay me the £20." The farmer agreed to this and they went for a thrilling ride. After they landed, the pilot said to the farmer, "Congratulations for not making a sound. You are a brave man." "Maybe so," replied the farmer. "But I must tell you, I almost screamed when my wife fell out!"