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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (Meets at Kilmallie Hall, Corpach)

Family Worship at 11:00 am
Study Groups/Sunday Schools at 12 noon
(Tea and coffee afterwards)

Evening Service at 6.30 pm
(3rd Sunday of every month)
(Various venues)

TUESDAY Senior Games Club (Meets at Scout Hall, Corpach)
7.30 pm
(High School years 1-6)

WEDNESDAY Midweek Bible Study (Various venues)
at 8.00pm.

FRIDAY Primary Pro's Club
(Meets at Scout Hall, Corpach), 7.00-8.15 pm
(Primary School years 5, 6, & 7)

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EDITORIAL

A New Millennium... and our first Newsletter of the new century! The last 1000 years saw enormous changes for the Kilmallie area. Let's hope that this new century brings continuing peace and also prosperity.

Spring time in Lochaber is a lovely time; spring flowers in the garden, on the hills and in woodlands, birds singing, children out playing in the garden, lighter evenings.. It is also a good time to think about the environment in which we live. Several groups are working on improving our area during the month of April; see the following article for details of their activities.

The rest of the Newsletter has articles about improving both our area and our lives in various ways - enjoy reading it and if you have a contribution to make, please get in touch.

We are delighted to have a number of sponsors this time to help us produce the Newsletter. Their details will be found in the Newsletter. Thankyou to all of them for their help. If anyone else would like to support us for future editions, please get in touch.

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Spring Cleaning Kilmallie

April is National Spring Clean month.

Many Kilmallie roadsides are untidy and strewn with litter and we are pleased to be able to report that several groups are taking positive action to do something about the mess.

By the time you read this, Banavie Primary School P7 pupils will have worked along the A830 and other roads, picking up as much litter as they can lay their hands on. The pupils have helped with the anti-litter campaign for the last two or three years, and their support is much appreciated. They will be accompanied (as in previous years) by members of the Community Council and the PTA. We know from past experience that there will be bags and bags of litter collected - and it is amazing what a variety of items are found, too!



The Community Council sponsors a competition for an anti-litter poster at Banavie School. Watch out for the winning designs displayed in local businesses and notice boards.

At the end of the month Kilmallie Scouts and Cubs will spend an evening clearing litter. The boys have also previously helped the Community Council on a number of occasions. Again, their help is much appreciated.

Most of us think of Kilmallie as a good place to live. When the area is promoted, it is the scenery and outdoors that tend to be given top billing. But do WE really do all that we can to keep it beautiful?

It is easy to blame the Highland Council and to say that they should clear up the litter mess. At KCC we thought that, too (and still do, quite often!) but their responsibility (and therefore their funding) is limited to specific areas along roadsides, close to litter bins, and so on. Several members of the KCC visited some litter blackspots with Mr MacCover and Mr MacQuillan from Protective Services Department last Autumn.

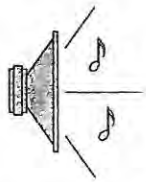
One thing was clear: although rubbish is certainly dropped by visitors and people just passing through, there was no doubt that much of the rubbish which we saw had been left by us, the local residents.

We want visitors to come here, enjoy the area, and come back. WE want to enjoy what we see each day. So maybe all of us need to be extra careful about what we do with our sweet wrappers, drink cans, cigarette packets.. Let's all try to keep Kilmallie beautiful. And if any group or individuals would like to help out with Spring Clean month, let us know!!

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SEE HEAR !

Does everyone seem to be mumbling these days? Do people complain that your TV is too loud? Are you beginning to feel isolated? Is your family sometimes a little exasperated by constant repetition?

Well, you don't have to put up with it you know. Don't be unwilling to admit that you have a hearing problem. You're one of 8 million in the UK to-day.

Don't feel anger, fear or a sense of loss. Face up to it. Seek your GP's advice and get your hearing tested. In most cases a hearing aid (free on the NHS) will be the answer for you and the sooner you acquire one the sooner you can adapt to using it and benefit from it and your quality of life can improve tremendously.

It must be admitted that some types of deafness are more easily helped than others. Not everyone can be instantly helped. It can take time and a lot of perseverance sometimes to adapt to the different kind of hearing which an aid provides.

All sounds come to our ears together through the aid and even the new digital aids can't select just what we want to hear. It takes patience to learn to sort out and concentrate and ignore. At first the clock sounds as if it is ticking inside one's head and the toilet flushing sounds like Niagara Falls! If you find things unpleasantly noisy you can always turn the volume down - this can be useful with some people too!

You will learn to accept the limitations of your aid and find the wonder of being able to hear without strain and to listen to the TV without annoying others.

Above all - never be ashamed of being deaf. Why should you?



Wear your aid with the same confidence as you wear your glasses. Indeed we should wear them with pride because we have had the intelligence to recognise our difficulties and the common sense to do something about them. It is always better to admit one's hearing loss - how can we expect help and consideration if people don't know we need it?

And if you find yourself with any sort of problem, or just need a sympathetic ear, you will find a welcome at the Deaf Care Centre in Caol. We supply batteries, clean aids and

renew tubing. Aids with more serious problems are sent to Inverness. And all this is free!

You will also be able to try out other devices there to help you cope with everyday problems like hearing the doorbell, telephone and the television or the baby crying.

Why not come along? It will be our pleasure to help you.

Hours:-
Mondays to Fridays: 10a.m. - 1p.m.
Wednesdays: *also* 2.30 p.m. - 4.30p.m.

Or, in an emergency, ring me at 772 538

- This article has been provided by **Hester Munro**, who has also been a willing and very efficient helper in preparing several previous articles for Newsletters.
Thankyou, Hester!



An Article from Councillor George Bruce

1.Great Glen Way. This Way Path is from Fort William to Inverness and the plans are to start this project in the spring of this year at Fort William.

This is an extension of the West Highland Way and will start at the Old Fort in Fort William, follow the existing path through Inverloch and cross the Soldiers Bridge at Caol. Then along the front at Caol to the Canal Parks, where it will follow the existing path onto the Canal Bank.

The path then follows the Canal Towpath all the way to Gairloch, where it will cross the Canal Bridge and follow the B8004 road for a short distance before dropping down to the shores of Loch Lochy then rejoining the road at the entrance to Achnacarry.

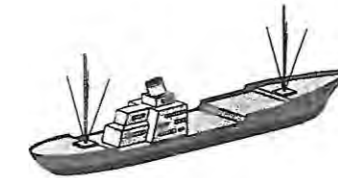
It then follows the forestry road along the shores of Loch Lochy to Laggan Locks where it will cross the A82 at the Great Glen Water Park and follow the course of the old railway to the head of Loch Oich. There it rejoins the canal tow path to Fort Augustus. The route from Fort Augustus to Inverness will stay on the West Side of Loch Ness and this part of the route is still under some discussion.

The route will enjoy the benefits of having a "Ranger Service" so this should ensure that the pathway would be kept clean and in a good state of repair.

2.Fort William Freight Transportation Strategy. You will all be aware of the Planning applications which were submitted last year for the development of Piers at the Canal Basin and at Corpach.

The application for the Corpach Basin has been withdrawn but there are still three applications in the pipeline, one for the Dolphins and two for Piers at the old wood-yard site.

This resulted in a firm of consultants being employed to look at the whole question of the transportation of goods into and out of Lochaber and the final report is to be published very soon so you should all know what is being planned very soon. This matter will be debated in Chambers at the next Area Committee meeting.



3.Caledonian Canal Work is progressing on the repairs to the canal and it should not be long before we can all enjoy a walk along both sides of the canal again. There is not a lot to show for the £1.6 million pounds that has been spent on the canal but I am assured that this will ensure that the canal will be in a good state of repair for a long time.

4.Community Works. It was agreed at the recent Full Highland Council meeting that from 1st April 2000 all Community Works come under the control of one Section instead of what we have at present, with many sections of the Highland Council being responsible for different aspects of this work. The type of work covered by community works include: Litter

Bins, Path Gritting, Grounds Maintenance, Play Areas, Public Conveniences, Street Sweeping, Dog Fouling, Burial Grounds, Parks Furniture, Floral Beds, Park Patrols, Fly Tipping, Abandoned Cars, Village Entrances, Picnic Areas, Car Parks and Minor External Work Maintenance.

In order that there is some continuity of work this change will start with three Pilot Schemes in Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey and an area in Gairloch, Poolewe and Aultbea. Further areas will come on stream later in the year with the aim of having the whole Council area covered by the end of the 2001/2002 financial year.

The Section that will be taking control of all these areas is Protective Services with the work being carried out by Commercial Operations and others but under contract to Protective Services.

5.Surgery Meetings. I held my second surgery on 31st January at Kilmallie Hall. I plan to hold future surgeries on a regular basis at Kilmallie; Invergarry and Achnacarry, I also plan to attend as many of the Community Council Meetings at these areas as they are all part of my Ward. But please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or speak to me when I am out and about if you have any problems and I will do my best to resolve them for you.
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