

## **CULINISH**

### **Croft 2**

#### **Fanmore**

I was born in Seaview at Fanmore in 1940. I stayed in Seaview with my mother Margaret and father Neil, two brothers Hector and Alistair and my sister Helen. My father worked the croft and also on Torloisk Estate.

In 1945 all the family moved to Home Farm, the Square, Torloisk. My father did lobster fishing at night after his work on the estate looking after the dairy herd. My mother was employed in the dairy milking the cows by hand and made fresh butter which was sent to Newby Hall every week to the owner of the estate. She also looked after the hens and the eggs used to be pickled for the laird coming to Mull for the summer.

I went to Kilninian School. It had one teacher. Pupils came from Ballygown to Burg on foot: no cars in those days. When Helen, Alister and myself finished primary we went to Tobermory Junior Secondary School. During that time we had to stay in lodgings. We cycled home on the Friday after school and cycled back to Tobermory on Sunday. There was no Transport provided except we got a Taxi at the holidays. That was the only time Argyll Council would pay.

After leaving school we had to leave Mull to seek work. Hector went to Glasgow and trained as a radio operator at college, and went to sea. Helen went to Glasgow and trained as a nurse. Alister went to Glasgow and trained as a plumber and I trained as a joiner. In 1967 my father and mother went back to the old home, Seaview cottage.

I got married in 1971 to a girl from Bellshill, Lanarkshire. My wife was a district nurse. We had a son in 1973, Campbell. My wife and I came back to Mull and built a house in 2001. Our son got married in 2002. Campbell and Sharon have two lovely girls, Morvern and Isla. They love to come to Mull.