

### **Kilninian**

The two new houses at Kilninian (behind the church) are Lunga Cottage and Fladda Cottage. At present Fladda Cottage is not occupied on a permanent basis. Lunga cottage has been occupied since 2011 by Ian and Carol Wainwright. Ian was a Partner and Technical Director in a company manufacturing magnets and magnetic products but is now retired. Carol is a retired Health Visitor.

### **Keeper's Cottage, Achleck and Ulva School**

My name is Mari Kluczynski, and I live at Keeper's Cottage, Torloisk. My husband, Mick was Scottish (his father was Polish origin), born in Aberdeen and lived his teenage years in Inverness and surrounding areas before moving to London.

I am originally from Finland, lived in London for 12 years before we bought our house in 1999. I now work as a clerical assistant at Ulva Primary School. I met Mick back in Finland as we both worked in the music business. I now have dual nationality.

We built a log cabin sauna just before Mick passed away in 2009. My hobbies are gardening & making shepherds' crooks.

Keeper's Cottage was extended in late 1980's - early 90's by previous owners Keith & Margaret Teare, adding an extension to it. They lived there for about 14 years. Prior to that it was a holiday home for some years.

### **Achleck from 2002 onwards, and Ulva**

Iain Thomson

Lived at Achleck from 2002 until April 2014. Farmed at Killiechronan Estate from 1996. Remember Ulva School when there were 26 pupils – remember the teacher and the Munros.

Ulva – The island had many more sheep and Ulva was stocked and run by Iain Munro.

### **Torloisk Farm Caravan**

Iain Mackay – 10 years at Torloisk.

Yes, for Scotland. Scotland is a land for the people. The land is for the people not the privileged.

### **The Old Mill, Torloisk**

Beccy Roth

Moved here permanently 14 years ago. Bought the mill late 1994, early 1995 – house renovated over many years, changing it from a mill to residential.

### **Old Mill Achleck Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

John from Louth in Somerset, lured to the magic of Mull by Beccy. The healing qualities of the island come through my veins. I have business connections with farming and the livestock on the island is outstanding.

### **Torloisk and Ulva Ferry**

Mary-Jean Devon, 5 Struan Crescent, Tobermory

Visited from Tobermory in the 60's – to the home of Alice Semple whose father was the Torloisk Estate Manager. I also attended lots of dances in the old Torloisk Village Hall – Torloisk Hall Dances had the best raffle prizes on Mull. Friendly with the MacColl brothers (Seaview). I worked for the Clydesdale Bank in Tobermory, and travelled round the west side on the Bank van. The van was not just for banking – we delivered all sorts of things for islanders – including livestock.

I am at present the local councillor for Mull and Iona. 1.2.2014 attending Burns' Supper night at Ulva School.

### **Hazel Cottage, also Lagganulva, 1965 onwards**

Jean and Jim Scarlett

First came to Mull 1965 for a holiday. Arrived at Lagganulva farm and were made so welcome.

The first 3 days it rained non-stop, the rest of our 6 week holiday was brilliant sunshine. We helped with gathering sheep, making hay stacks and every other aspect of the farm work. The Cameron family have been our best friends since then. We have never missed a school holiday, and even now our grandchildren look on Mull as a second home. Jim built our house in 1996 and we have no intention of ever moving.

### **Grouse Cottage, Fanmore**

Jeannie MacColl, Grouse Cottage, Fanmore.

### **Grouse Cottage, Ulva Primary**

Sheena O'Donnell, Glenesca, Salen

Brought up at Grouse Cottage. Went to Ulva Ferry Primary. Daughter of Donnie and Jeannie MacColl

### **Grouse Cottage**

Eddie O'Donnell

'Glenesca' Ardmore Rd, Salen, Isle of Mull.

Son-in-law of Donnie and Jeannie MacColl, of Grouse Cottage, Torloisk. Married to Sheena O'Donnell. (nee MacColl)

Grouse Cottage, Ulva Primary 2000-1

### **Grouse Cottage and Ulva Primary**

Steven O'Donnell

Ulva Primary School 2000-1

Stayed with Jeannie and Donnie MacColl (grandparents), Grouse Cottage, Fanmore.

**Grouse Cottage**

Laura-Ann MacColl, 36 Struan Crescent, Tobermory

**Croft No. 5, Fanmore**

Chrissie MacDonald, Croft No 5, Fanmore.

Daughter, Anne and Boyfriend Colin Bisset

**Croft 5, Fanmore**

Anne MacDonald – I moved here with my mother and sister in 1976 to stay with my mother's parents. I work in Salen at Sgoil Araich.

**Croft 5, Fanmore**

Colin Bissett – I moved here to stay with Anne, and it's been lovely – 3 years.

**Na Lochan, Fanmore**

Karen Lambert – moved here in 2003. I work at Ulva Primary School (class assistant).

Croft 2, Fanmore

**Seaview, Fanmore**

Angus and Anne MacColl. Angus born Seaview, Fanmore. Anne born Bellshill. Came back to Mull in 2001.

**Croft 1, Fanmore**

Eilidh MacCrone - Born on Ulva 1980

Have lived on the croft for 10 years with my husband and now have 3 year old twins. Have horses and sheep on the croft. Perfect place to bring up children.

**Croft 1, Fanmore, 2008 onwards**

Peter MacCrone

Grew up in Dervaig and moved to Croft I in 2008. Remember school trip to Ulva and Starvation Point when at Primary School. Munro's and MacColls are well known in the area. My children will be school age in 2 years and I have just become involved with USCA. Looking forward to helping create a positive future for our children.

**Kilbrennan**

Michael and Anna Hogan – arrived August 2007

Michael is a website designer, and 'all things digital'. Anna does a bit of B and B. In the summer we work as relief wardens at the Catholic House of Prayer on Iona (one week each month). We are both retired from teaching. We have two daughters, Sian, 29, and Maria, 33, (Rossini, married to Michael Rossini). Maria and Michael's first baby is due on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014.

### **Kilbrennan**

Mary Ramos (Anna Hogan's sister) visiting from London, staying at Kilbrennan – Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2014  
Burns'/Caolas Ulbha, supporting Anna and Mike and enjoying the walks and views of the lochs, the hills and the stock.

### **Lagganulva Farm**

Bert, Chris and Kirsty Leitch, Lagganulva Farm

### **Lagganulva Farm**

Helen Mackay, 42 years old. Farmer and Vet  
Daughters Eilidh (7) and Kate (5)

I've lived at Lagganulva since I was one year old. I went to school at Ulva Ferry Primary School, Tobermory High School, Oban High School. I graduated from Glasgow Vet School in 1993 and worked in Oban and Inch vet practices until 2000 when I moved home to Mull. I did a combination of vet locum work and farm work thereafter. In 2010 I took over the tenancy of Lagganulva from my father, Bert Leitch. Mum and Dad (Chris and Bert), myself and the girls all live in the farmhouse.

### **Lagganulva Farm**

Eilidh Mackay, 2014

My name is Eilidh Mackay. I am 7 years old. I live on a farm at Lagganulva on Mull.

### **Lagganulva Jan 2014**

Kenneth Paterson visiting Helen Mackay, Lagganulva. We unloaded and stacked 600 bales with help of the tartan lads – the two lains. I must say it's very impressive – the community spirit within the Ulva Ferry area and must thank everyone for their hospitality.

### **Lagganulva Farm**

Drew Harris, visiting Lagganulva

Friend of the Leitch family, invited to the Burns' Supper. Originally from Dunlop in Ayrshire, but now reside in Knoydart, near Mallaig. Lover of Burns and grateful to Bert and Chris and girls to be asked to sing and 'spew' some poetry.

### **Ulva School**

Rhona Wilson, born Inverness. Came to Mull 1976. Live at An Seann Sgoil, Garmony/Scallastle. Visiting Mari K, Keepers Cottage for Burns' Supper. I'm a teacher in Ulva PS, Lochdon PS and Bunessan PS.

### **Ulva School**

Kenneth Way – visiting music teacher, Ulva Primary School 2014

I am still living at Tenga by myself. My wife, Fiona, died in 2007 and since then I have occupied myself with gardening and music. I come over to Ulva Ferry School once a week to assist some children with their music.

## **Ben Vue, Ulva Ferry**

Don Lambert, Retired: builder, fisherman, stained glass artist, mussel farmer, ex-soldier.

## **Geadan Dubh**

Colin and Anne Cleave – we have lived at Geadan Dubh since 1998. We changed the name, which was Acharonich Cottages, because our mail and parcels kept being left in the box for Acharonich Farm House. We took the name from an old map of this area but we are not sure what it means. Gaelic speakers have suggested that it could translate as ‘Black Gates’ or ‘A small garden with black soil’. We opted for the second translation and the reason for this is given below. Before us the property was owned by Pru and John Napier who lived in Cottage no 2 while their sons, Gremlin and his brother, owned cottage No. 1. We do know that at one time Geadan Dubh was part of the Killiechronan Estate – all the estate cottages had doors and gates pointed red. There are other 2 semi-detached cottages built to the same plan as ours: Corkamull Cottage and a cottage which was burned down in the early 1990s that we always referred to as Lachie’s cottage. (This plot of land is owned by the Howard’s of Ulva is now the newly built Oskamull Cottage). One day Mrs Chris Anderson, who lived at Benview, brought a visitor to see us. She was Mamie Maclean who had lived in Cottage No 1 with her 4 brothers and sisters and her father Allan Ruadh Maclean (because he had red hair). They moved to Salen in 1947 but she was pleased that our vegetable garden was laid out in the same way as her father had done it. Mamie’s mother was just known as Mrs Allan Ruadh.

## **Acharonich 2014**

Tom Heap: In 1964 Acharonich would have been uninhabited save for a few sheltering ewes and was, I believe part of the Killiechronan Estate. But in July of that year Peg and John Heap were on holiday on the Island, staying at Loch Spelve. They stopped to admire the view from above Acharonich and not long after returning home saw it advertised in The Times for £ 1500. They clubbed together with Peg’s sister, Janet Spicer, and found the money. Having had another look, in the company of the factor Archie Macsporrán, the place was bought in August 1965. The initial rebuilding, rendering and whitewashing was completed by 1970. Many changes have happened since. The place has been let to a loyal, though evolving, group of guests. Heaps of various generations have spent most holidays here. The house is now owned jointly by Sarah, Alice and Tom Heap, with Peg and Janet still regular visitors.

## **Creach**

Sarah Palmer – January 2014 at the Burns Supper – happily living (on my own) in the house that my family have owned since 1954. We have done a great deal to the cottage since then (and the garden too) and I am leading what I believe is called a ‘portfolio life’ i.e. bits of work, teaching, volunteering, and all the time very conscious of the wonderfully strong community which supports, nourishes and sustains me. I couldn’t see me living anywhere else now. Who knows what the future will bring?

## **Killiemore Cottage**

Colin and Maureen Smith moved here 1994

Emma Smith (daughter) moved here June 2013 with three children: Arianna Rolfi, 12, George Rolfi, 8, and Elizabeth Rolfi 5. Moved from Morlupo (30 km north of Rome). The children particularly like going to school on Mull, the younger two at Ulva and Arianna in Tobermory. Our first 6 months have been idyllic. Everyone we have encountered has been friendly and welcoming. The first person I had any involvement with was Babs Whyte, who was organising activities for the children through the summer. I disturbed her numerous times when she wasn't working. Her kindness, availability and genuine want to help runs through 99% of the community.

### **Ulva Ferry**

Mike Shilson, Creag na Meala, Dervaig

For three summers I kept a boat (a Dascombe coaster) at Ulva Ferry. The boat's name was 'Tusen Talek' which is Norwegian for a Thousand Thank yous. We so enjoyed sailing around Ulva and then going to the Boathouse for a meal – one of the best meals you could wish for.

My wife, Kirsty and I moved to Mull in 2004 from Cupar, Fife where I was a teacher for 26 years. We moved here because of the wonderful quality of life and our time here has been filled with friendship, laughter and adventures. We have a bracken covered hillside which we are planting with trees and are endeavouring to become self-sustaining in vegetables and soft fruit. I am delighted to be on the Mull Community Council and a director of Tobermory Harbour Association. I am known also as the 'Back Man' – doing Shiatsu treatments.

### **Ulva, Lagganulva, Oskamull, Torloisk**

Donald MaGillivray, Pennygown

Great grand uncle was farm manager on Ulva – early 20's: he left to farm in Gribun in 1923.

Competed at ploughing matches in Lagganulva, Oskamull and Torloisk in early 60's.  
Partner's son now farms in Torloisk.

### **3 Bracadale, Ulva**

Barry George – Burns' Night Supper – 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2014-02-11

A convenient break in the weather allowed passage from Ulva for tonight. Must get back again tonight as next storm coming soon.

### **Salen and Ulva Church 2013 onwards**

Rev John Paton

I am now the minister of Salen and Ulva as well as Tobermory, Dervaig and Craignure. So there is a lot of ground to cover. We had a harvest festival in Ulva church and over 70 attended including the local school. An Easter Service is next. People come from near and far, including the mainland on a bit of a pilgrimage for many.

So now Cathy, my wife, and I make a point of joining in whatever is going on and this Burns' Supper is a great way to visit the parish! I am also school chaplain and try to visit at least once a term. We were here at the school last to be with the children for their nativity show at Christmas. John Paton, Salen Manse.

### **The Manager's Cottage, Gometra**

Rhoda and Iain Munro

Before moving to Gometra, 7 years ago, we farmed for 27 years on Ulva. We now manage the sheep and cattle on Gometra.