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High winds injure five at Cowal holiday park

STORMFORCE winds flipped over caravans at a Cowal caravan park on Tuesday morning, injuring five people.

Three had to be airlifted to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley for treatment to injuries as a result of the incident at the Stratheck Caravan Park, Loch Eck, just north of Dunoon, shortly after 8am.

Power lines down as storm hits

AROUND 17,000 homes were without power across Argyll and Bute as *The Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press after galeforce winds on Tuesday caused 'significant damage' to the overhead supply network.

Around 400 engineers were working throughout the day to remove fallen trees from lines and make branches damaged in the wind safe.

There was widespread disruption to transport, with fallen trees blocking many routes - particularly on the Oban to Lochgilphead road.

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Bill MacCallum MBE - recognised for services to athletics in Argyll.

'I took a few days to get back to them because I thought there were so many people more deserving of it.'

MBE for 'Gilp coach

'At first I thought it was a very good hoax' said Bill

LOCHGILPHEAD athletics coach Bill MacCallum has accepted an MBE - but only after mulling it over for a few days.

Shock

The 64-year-old, who was born and raised on the Isle of Mull, was recognised for his services to the sport. Following a long career, he has coached youngsters throughout Argyll for more than 30 years, officially forming Mid Argyll Athletics Club in 1984.

Bill, a former BT employee, said: 'When I opened the letter, I just looked at it in shock. At first I thought it was a very good hoax.'

'When I realised it was genuine I

still took a few days to get back to them because I thought there were so many people more deserving of it. There are people volunteering with the elderly and helping those with disabilities.

'But I do feel very honoured to be included in the list of MBEs and I want to thank all the parents and volunteers, from Southend to Tobermory, who have helped me over the years. I still don't know who nominated me.'

Bill joined Post Office Telephones as a teenager after finishing his fourth year at school but had always been involved in athletics while at school in Tobermory on Mull. - See Page 2

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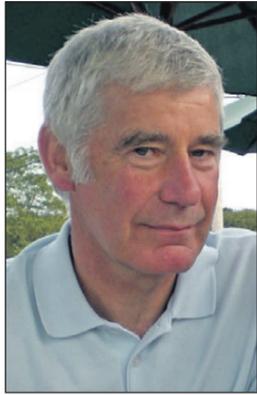
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He eventually settled in Lochgilphead in 1973 after meeting his wife Mary. All the while he competed at athletics events in Argyll and at Highland games, where he excelled at the triple jump.

Approaching his mid-30s, Bill took up more officiating, coaching and administration roles within Argyll athletics, which he carries on to this day.

He was the driving force behind Argyll Sportshall Athletics, established in 1994, which at its peak in the mid-noughties included more than 400 children across six local areas.

Despite Scottish Athletics dropping Sportshall at regional and



national level, Bill was disappointed but not disheartened, and this year's Argyll final is set to go ahead in Oban's Atlantis Leisure next month.

'It is hard to keep the sport alive in Argyll and Bute because of the geography of the area but doing it keeps me active and gives me a focus,' he said. Argyll

and Bute Council community sport lead manager, Willie Young, said: 'Through thick and thin Bill has run Sportshall within Argyll. Funding has been an issue but he has been very entrepreneurial about how he gets it and his work rate is phenomenal.'

'The staying power he has demonstrated shows how well deserved this recognition is and is a reflection on the volunteers like him who are not interested in personal glory, but are there for the children they coach.'

Alongside his coaching and administration roles, Bill has been submitting athletics reports to The Oban Times, Argyllshire Advertiser and the Campbeltown Courier since 1984.

Loch Fyne Oysters cuts carbon footprint

AN ARGYLL company has dramatically reduced its carbon footprint and cut CO2 emissions by 160 tonnes in three years.

Tonnes

At the end of 2011 Loch Fyne Oysters was using 306,562 kWh less than in 2008, which is the equivalent to using

160 tonnes less CO2 a year. At its base on Loch Fyne, the company has achieved this by changing its light bulbs and fittings to low energy appliances, installing motion sensors in the chills, putting timers on the underfloor heating and removing the use of shrink wrap-

pers and replacing with strapping machines. There has also been support from workers, who have contributed by introducing more efficient work processes.

The Scottish Government has stated an aim to deliver a 30 per cent reduction in CO2 emissions by 2020.

Shock as Argyll Inn suddenly closes its doors

THERE was shock in the community of Lochgilphead last week after popular local hostelry, the Argyll Inn, suddenly closed its doors.

'Unforeseen circumstances'

Franchisee Odran Francis finally shut the pub on December 28, with a notice put in the window to advise locals that the closure was due to 'unforeseen circumstances.'

Its closure means there is no dedicated function suite in the town, with the nearest available licensed premises in Ardrishaig.

Mr Francis said the decision wasn't easy, but was forced upon them due to difficult trading conditions.

He said: 'We have closed. It is quite simply because of the current economic climate.'

'We didn't take this decision lightly and it certainly wasn't taken in the spur of the moment.'

Asked what would



happen to those that had booked functions at the Argyll Inn, Mr Francis said: 'Regrettably they will have to find somewhere else. We have notified everyone affected.'

Any decision on whether or not the pub will reopen will be taken by owners, Punch Taverns, he added.

The sudden closure came as a shock to local councillor, Donald Mac-Millan.

He said: 'The closure was awfully sudden.'

It was a strange time to close too, you think they would hold on for the busy Hogmanay and New Year celebrations.

Sad loss

'It's a sad loss to the community, especially as it is the only function room we've got. The nearest is Ardrishaig but that's not handy for transport at all.'

'Thankfully, the Stag Hotel is close to fully reopening, but the closure of the Argyll Inn is certainly a big disappointment.'

A number of groups would be affected, he said, not least the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club, who meet there every month.

Under 18s discos were also a regular event at the function suite, which other community groups regularly used as a venue for fundraisers.

A spokesperson from Punch Taverns said: 'In this challenging trading environment, our focus is on supporting our licensees and helping them build sustainable businesses, as it is not in our interests to see our businesses fail. Unfortunately, the licensees decided not to continue with the business despite support from Punch.'

'We are currently exploring options with the future of the pub.'

Have you been affected by the closure? If so, let us know on our Facebook page or email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.

Research and development funding from salmon farm rents

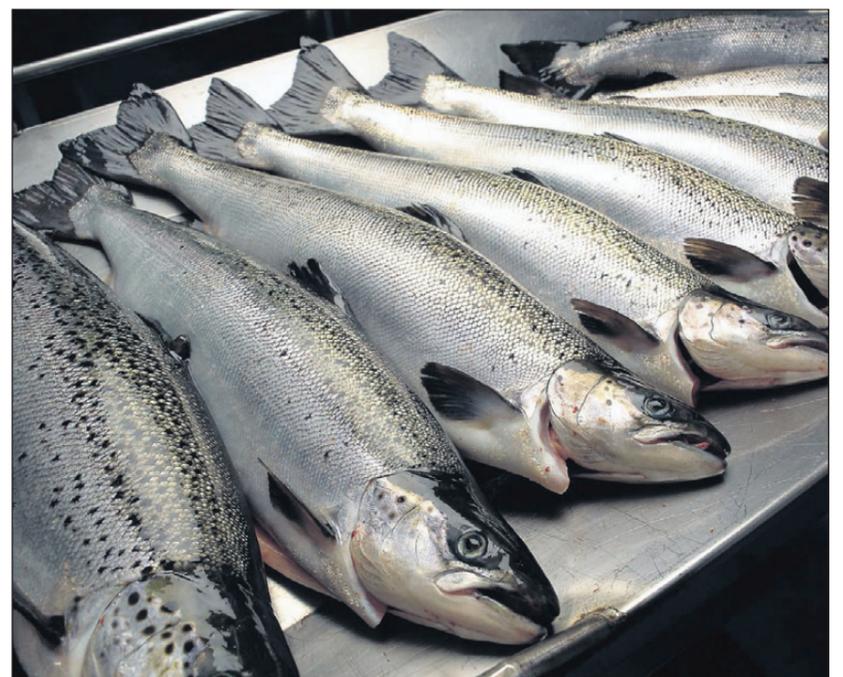
A RISE in salmon farm rents will pay for an increase in annual investment in aquaculture research and development from 2013, Crown Estates has announced.

Salmon rents rise from 1.7p to 2.25p per harvested, gutted weight in kilos, while the vacant rent threshold for leases with no production rises from £500 to £1,000 per year, but retains the existing two-yearly doubling to encourage relinquishing unused sites.

2013 start

However, rents for sea-grown trout and species such as halibut remain unchanged, while the 10 per cent discount on rents in the Outer Hebrides, Shetland and Orkney remains in place.

The measures will see the annual research and development budget increased to over £250,000, with research targeted at sea lice and consideration of fish farm development opportunities in offshore locations. Crown Estate



Last year salmon made up 36 per cent of all Scotland's food exports.

say the changes will be implemented in 2013.

Five yearly review

The move follows an independent fin fish rent review carried out by valuation expert Stephen Pollock of James Barr Ltd and industry expert Professor Graeme Dear. Reviews of fish farm

rents and lease terms are carried out every five years and The Crown Estate undertakes to implement all of their recommendations.

Crown Estate's aquaculture operations manager Alex Adrian said: 'Aquaculture forms part of one of the growth sec-

tors within the Scottish Government's economic strategy. Last year salmon alone made up 36 per cent of all Scotland's food exports. We are proud of our role in the development of Scottish aquaculture, an industry that supports more than 6,000 jobs.'

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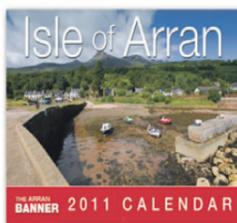


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90mph winds causes havoc in Mid Argyll

GUSTING winds, upwards of 90mph caused havoc to transport and power supplies in Mid Argyll and the Loch Fyne area on Tuesday.

There have been widespread power outages at Inveraray, Tarbert, Tayvallich and Ardrishaig, with many homes in the area still out of power as *The Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press.

As of Tuesday morning, 17,000 homes across Argyll and Bute were without electricity.

Lochgilhead Police Station said it received more than 30 calls relating to storm damage and reports of trees on the road.

Trees came down at various parts of the Tarbert road, in particular, and part of the Kilberry road was washed away due to a combination of wind-assisted tidal water, overflowing rivers and burns. Extra staff and contractors were drafted in by Argyll and Bute Council to help clear debris from major and minor routes across the whole area.

Service buses between Mid Argyll and Glasgow, as well as local service buses, were cancelled.

Council teams battled heavy rain and strong

winds to provide essential services across Argyll.

In Dunoon, part of the roof at Sandbank Primary School was damaged but has been made safe and will be repaired over the coming weeks. The school will open as usual on Monday when students return from the Christmas break, but they will have to use the rear entrance.

Classrooms are not affected by the damage or the repair work and school meals will still be provided.

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'Storms left many of our residents without electricity, so they had no heat, light or means of cooking. Our teams were fantastic, delivering hot drinks and soup to residents so they could stay relatively comfortable during a difficult day.'

'I was really impressed with their efforts, despite the weather and it being a public holiday.'

Councillor Walsh also praised the roads teams, who spent days removing fallen trees. 'The effort made by our teams to clear roads of debris in very difficult conditions was amazing. Wherever it was safe they were clearing fallen trees and helping to keep Argyll moving.'

'We were lucky it was a public holiday and the roads were quieter than usual.'

'And we're lucky to have such expert and dedicated council teams who were prepared to battle through the weather to help others.'

Council teams continued to clear roads and carry out clean up work throughout the week.



Bus services throughout the area were disrupted by fallen trees and high winds

Ardrishaig assaults

POLICE were called to attend two separate reported assaults in Ardrishaig on Hogmanay.

Both alleged assaults happened near licensed premises in the village.

One man will appear on an undertaking at Dunoon Sheriff Court in relation to one of the alleged assaults, while investigations are on-going into the other.

Inveraray assault

AN ALLEGED assault occurred near a closed licensed premises in Inveraray at 4.23am on New Year's Day.

Enquiries into the incident are continuing.

Lochgilhead fall

A MAN has suffered an arm injury after falling over the sea wall in Lochgilhead's Lochnell Street last Friday.

NHS consults on Care

Services Plan

NHS HIGHLAND is inviting local people to have their say on its draft 2012-13 Pharmaceutical Care Services Plan.

NHS boards are required by law to publish care plans on the dispensing of medicines and update them annually. Head of community pharmaceutical services, Mary Morton, said the consultation should help find any potential gaps in service provision and identify what is needed to fill them. Responses must be submitted by the end of February.

Sheep maintain high rates at Stirling prime sale

UNITED Auctions sold 4800 prime sheep including 3408 lambs, averaging 197.2p/kg, and 1392 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday.

Suffolk lambs from Halflawkiln sold to £95 and 205p per kilo from Dunslaw. Texel lambs from Kepculloch sold to £98.50 and to 226p per kilo from Whitehouse, while Beltex lambs from Blackford fetched £98.50 and 235p per kilo from Longfauld.

Suffolk ewes from West Carse sold to £124.50 with Fountain-hall selling Texels to £118.50.

Blackface ewes from Easter Greenhill sold to £70.50.



'Wild deer are an important part of Scotland's ecology, economy and culture.'

New Scottish deer code puts responsibilities on land managers

A NEW Scottish deer code comes into effect this month, with a focus on co-operative and voluntary deer management across the country.

The code, developed by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), is aimed at anyone involved in deer management, including lowland tenant farmers, recreational stalkers, crofters and upland deer managers.

As part of the Wildlife and Natural Environment (WANE) bill passed by the Scottish Government, the deer code sets

out how those who have deer on their land can deliver sustainable deer management.

The code puts new responsibilities on land managers and helps to identify what they must, should or could do to manage deer.

Alastair MacGugan, SNH's wildlife management manager, said: 'Wild deer are an important part of Scotland's ecology, economy and culture. Deer are managed in certain parts of Scotland to protect crops, trees and protected natu-

ral areas, as well as to reduce road accidents.

'Deer stalking also provides an important source of income to many fragile rural economies throughout Scotland. Balancing these different objectives is sometimes a challenge, so the aim of the code is to provide guidance to land managers and their neighbours on how to co-operatively manage deer.'

SNH developed the code with input from a range of organisations and people involved in land management.

Marine surveys discover colourful and curious underwater world around the west coast of Argyll and Islands

VIBRANT flame shells and huge fan mussels were among those rare species recorded during surveys of Scotland's west coast waters last year.

Underwater video, acoustic and three dimensional recordings of the species were made as part of work carried out by Scottish Natural Heritage and Edinburgh's

Heriot-Watt University, among others.

Fan mussels

Vessels from the Northern Lighthouse Board, Marine Scotland and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) were used in the research.

Around the small isles, more than 100 specimens of marine life were noted.

Off the west coast, fan mussels were found. Growing up to 48cm long, the mussels are Scotland's largest sea shell, but are endangered and protected.

Meanwhile, flame shell beds were found in Loch Linnhe in Argyll, while a new community of northern feather star – a type of echinoderms – was found off the Sound of Canna.

Elsewhere, other discoveries included a faceless, brainless fish near Orkney.

Susan Davies, director of policy and advice with Scottish Natural Heritage, said: 'The findings from these surveys will help us to manage them sustainably and ensure future generations can also enjoy the benefits of a healthy and diverse marine environment.'



Colourful flame shells in Loch Linnhe in Argyll were among the finds made during this year's marine surveys. Picture - Goatchurch.

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Kintyre Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association annual stockjudging

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It will be held at Langa Farm, Kilkenzie by kind permission of Rory

and Mary Colville next Friday January 13 at 7.30pm.

The competition has been running for more than 10 years and always attracts a good attendance.

There will be eight

classes of sheep to judge with an overall championship at the end.

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Former Lochgilphead teacher starts up tourism business in Peru

A FORMER Lochgilphead High School teacher has set up a new life in Peru, helping to promote tourism in deprived areas.

Elizabeth Nimmo took an action-packed holiday in South America and subsequently fell in love with native Peruvian Aly Amaut.

They started the busi-

ness, Mother Earth Tours, in 2007, which gives travellers an insight into the Andean way of life while working harmoniously to help the environment and promote sustainable tourism.

Mother Earth Tours focuses on providing high quality guided tours and treks in Peru including

the World famous Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.

They use highly experienced local guides who have a great knowledge of the area and the local communities.

Elizabeth, who taught art at Lochgilphead is originally from Campbeltown and is the daughter of Angus and Valerie Nimmo.



NEWLY WEDS: Elizabeth Nimmo and Aly Amaut on their wedding day in Campbeltown.



PERU: Mother Earth Tours wind through the remote villages of the Inca Trail in Peru.

The couple married in Campbeltown last year and set up home in Cusco, Peru.

Mother Earth Tours also specialises in voluntary work to help local communities and work with schools in Canada.

Elizabeth, a fluent Spanish speaker, is now helping her husband to

establish a travel business in Cusco.

In 2010, Aly and Elizabeth welcomed teachers from Ontario in Canada to help renovate a local school near to Cusco and created a playground for the children.

They also hope to work with a group in the USA who are hoping to fund-raise for the community

of Q'ero.

The Q'ero community is an isolated community situated in Paucartambo south east of Cusco. It is reached by a 7-hour car journey and then a 2 to 3 hour walk. The Q'ero are said to be the last descendants of the Incas. The group plans to come here in April and stay with the com-

munity and help them create a reservoir to supply the community.

Elizabeth's parents hope to visit them next year and are keen to get local people on board to visit the Inca Trail and to experience a holiday of a lifetime.

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2011 through the lens

JULY



This year's Tarbert Seafood Queen, Keli Mac-Dougall, soaking in the atmosphere at the event. Keli was joined by her two princesses, Niamh Reppke and Rachele Righetto, for their crowning, on the balcony of The Tarbert Hotel. The event attracted a huge crowd over the two-days with various attractions and tasty, local produce enticing people outdoors.



AN ENTERPRISING Lochgilhead teenager is 'giving something back' to the community by re-opening the town's putting green. Sarah Litster is spending her school holidays running the small business to provide something for locals and visitors. Fifteen-year-old Sarah said: 'I thought opening the green would be good for the community. I think it makes the front green look good too.'



POLAND'S Lucas Wenta was crowned Caber Tossing World Champion at the Inveraray Highland Games - snatching the title from his compatriot and brother Sebastien. Fighting against the world's strongest men, Lucas was the most accurate in tossing the caber in the 12 o'clock position. 06_a29games41

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AUGUST

INVERARAY is celebrating this week after both bands from the Royal Burgh were successful at the World Piping Championship. Fending off competition on a global scale, the band was 'delighted' to finish fourth. Secretary of Inveraray and District Pipe Band, Jim McMillan, said: 'We had been maintaining our place in the top six in this year's majors, winning fifth place at the Scottish championship, sixth at the British and third at the European.'



Pipe Major of Inveraray and District Pipe Band Stuart Liddell also enjoyed individual success at the World Piping Championship, lifting the Masters Trophy.

AUGUST



MID ARGYLL Pipe band achieved their first win since returning to competitive performing earlier this year when they won at Bute Highland Games.

SEPTEMBER



Identical triplets Sam, Dan and Joe Anderson joined Glassary Primary School this year

SEPTEMBER



THERE was one clear winner at the Mid Argyll Triathlon.

Fiona Corner may not have been the first athlete to cross the finish line but she was definitely the competitor facing the greatest challenge.

Known as Fee to her friends and family, the Inveraray mother was undergoing radiotherapy treatment for breast cancer up until August.

Fee completed the race in an impressive one hour and 31 minutes.

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NOVEMBER



Women swished into the resource centre in Lochgilhead last Thursday night in a bid to bag a bargain and raise money for charity. Taking part in a Macmillan Cancer Support's swish party Gill Telfer, Sybil Masters, Maggie McLaren and Margaret Armour swapped hats on the night.

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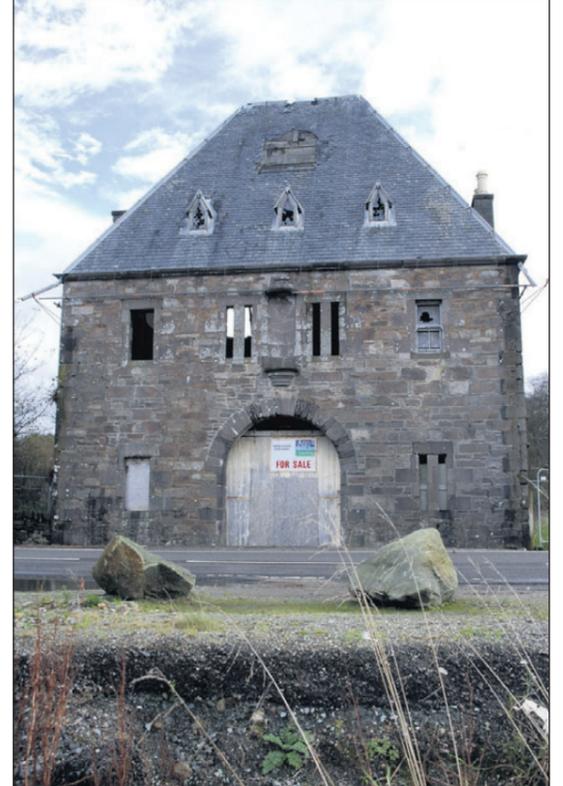
OCTOBER



Lorries queued on Ardrishaig Pier last Friday to collect tonnes of salt and grit shipped in to Argyll ahead of another predicted harsh winter.

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OCTOBER



ONE OF Lochgilhead's oldest buildings has been put up for sale. The Clock Lodge, built in the 1830s, has lain dormant for almost 30 years but has now been put on the open market by owners Argyll and Bute Council.

With no current plans to renovate the ruined building, the council has said it welcomes bids from both community groups and commercial parties.

NOVEMBER



Duncan Stewart and Glen Taylor prepare to carry a giant octopus through the streets of Lochgilhead. 06_a45lantern01

A CARNIVAL-like experience that gets bigger and better every year – that was how Lochgilhead's celebration of Bonfire Night has been described.

With calls for the organisers of the event to be knighted, Lochgilhead is buzzing with praise for the dozens of volunteers who work hard to put on the show every year.

Ormsary man Neil Manchester, who attended the Lochgilhead Lantern Parade and Bonfire with his family, described the event as 'Lochgilhead at its absolute best'.

He said: 'It was simply amazing - from the massive crowds attending with such a friendly, carnival atmosphere, to the dedication and efforts of everyone who constructed the fantastic array of magical lanterns, to the awesome firework display and a bonfire to beat all bonfires; this will be an evening spoken about for many years to come.'

NOVEMBER



THE NOTORIOUS soft verges of Argyll claimed a giant victim when a transporter carrying road-repairing equipment ended up in a ditch on the A819.

Owner of the firm, Brian Lawless of Peter Lawless Road Planing Ltd, of Blantyre, is questioning the safety of the road and is planning to have discussions with his lawyers and Argyll and Bute Council. Ironically the council is one of Mr Lawless' customers and his equipment was on its way to Dalmally to begin work when the incident happened at the top of Cladich hill.

DECEMBER



Helen, left, and Lizzie receive their Angel of the Year awards from Oban Times editorial director, Stewart MacKenzie. 15_t50angels1

Left - KIND hearted Mid Argyll sisters, Helen McCuaig and Lizzie Scott, have been named joint winners of *The Oban Times*' first Angel of the Year award.

For years, the inseparable Kilmichael Glassary pair have tirelessly and selflessly worked to support Glassary Primary School, where they attended as children, as well as a number of local charities, in particular First Aid for Gambia.

Helen, 63, and Lizzie, 62, were nominated for the award by Richard Edie, head teacher of Glassary Primary School

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Surveillance cameras to be installed

A COVERT surveillance camera system is about to be deployed throughout Mid Argyll in a bid to stem a growing tide of vandalism there.

While the problem is general it has been seen at its worst in the main population centres of Lochgilphead and Tarbert.

Recent incidents have included attacks on Christmas trees and the smashing of shop windows. Amongst festive season victims was Lochgilphead chemist John McNulty, whose Argyll Street shop frontage was smashed for the fourth time this year. On the last occasion it cost £377 to reinstate the window.

Mr McNulty said: 'Unless we can effectively stamp out this vandalism you will find most shops protecting themselves with shutters, which won't make for a very attractive town centre.'

Ice stalls sled-dogs

PLANS for a forest in Mid Argyll to echo to the excited yelp of Siberian racing dogs were thwarted – because it was too cold.

Argyll's first national sled dog race, scheduled for Ardcastle Forest, near Lochgilphead, last Saturday had to be cancelled due to an icebound trail, which rendered the course highly dangerous.

Lochgilphead-based enthusiast and event organiser the second round of the National Sled Dog Racing Championships, Alan Stewart, was deeply disappointed with the late cancellation.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE decorations are down, the lights are put away in the hope they will work again next year, and the house seems bare.

There is a kind of post-natal depression descending. There has been so much anticipation, so much excitement, so much to look forward to, that it's hard to put it all aside for another year.

The Christmas songs and carols are left behind now as we set aside all the celebrations and get back to the old routine.

We have been battered by the winter gales physically and are in the midst of a severe winter economically. There is much that could get us down in this dreary time. But we are a resilient people; we are a hopeful people.

We are a people on a journey; a journey of hope and adventure; a journey of good times and bad; a journey of joy and sorrow – in fact we are on a very human journey.

We stand at the threshold of a New Year, and we wonder. We wonder what 2012 will have in store for us.

We would like to know, but we're also a wee bit scared of seeing into the future. We've stood on this threshold before. Some of us have stood there on many occasions wondering. What will this year be like, we wonder? What will the future bring, we wonder? It is strange to think that a couple of weeks ago we celebrated Christ's birth and like any baby, he was totally dependent on a human being for his survival.

God was totally dependent on the likes of us. What a risk to take. Now we stand at the threshold of a new year with all its risks. Dare we go over that threshold with God the risk-taker, and take a risk in the promise in the manger?



MP chats to Ardkinglas shinty players

An interested spectator at the Dalmally Show of September 1968 was Argyll MP Michael Noble. He is chatting to shinty players from Ardkinglas who took part in the six-a-side shinty competition at the show. Please send prints to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* at the address below, or email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.

Turbine not wanted

Dear Sir,
In his letter concerning the wind turbine which Genesis Energy wish to erect near to the B8001 road to Skipness, Mr Robert McPhail allows that I have a right to object to it.

He omits to mention the objections of the Tarbert and Skipness Community Council (which is an elected body unlike the Community Trust) and the 39 other letters of objection which the council have received. There has been one letter in support.

The community which would be affected by the erection of the machine doesn't want it. Perhaps he could explain on behalf of which community his unelected trust is negotiating. I would also like to know how the trust has supported young people's education, "vulnerable services" or the needy.

The trust's main project has involved the expenditure of about £1,000,000 on the castle in Tarbert. I shall be interested to see how many visitors this brings to the community when the Kintyre and mid-Argyll area has

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been covered in wind opposition. It would have been good manners to have discussed the scheme with those of us most directly affected before talking to the proposers.

**David Bridge,
Redesdale,
Skipness,
Tarbert**

Review the review

Sir,
The publication of the Scottish Ferries Review is welcome but the wait has led to some elements of the information upon which it was based becoming almost historical.

I write as a resident of

Islay and specifically of Port Ellen, which appears to be the only place which is to receive a reduced ferry service, not because of reduced need but 'just because'.

For almost a year the pier has been closed for re-development, which is to be completed within three months - and paid for by CMAL. Port Askaig is described as having 'an ideal geographical location for the communities of Islay and Jura' but I fail to see how this is so; for Port Ellen, population 1,000, it is 20 miles distant and the two ports are equidistant for the rest of Islay.

The troubled development of Port Askaig

- grossly over-running both in time and budget - has been previously documented, so also the problems of the link-span, flooding, ice on the approach road, suitability of the Jura ferry ramp, the passenger gangway and the numerous calamities to both boats and pier - with damage at berthing to the *Lord of the Isles*, *Hebridean Isles*, *Isle of Arran* and *Eilean Dhuira* - the latter most recently having to go to dry dock as an emergency earlier this month.

Jura has a resident population of 200. Are their needs somehow greater than the 3,500 of Islay; their single distillery more needful of transport than the eight in production on Islay? How, without increasing the working hours of the crew on the Islay-Jura ferry route, are they to take advantage of the increased sailings from Port Askaig; how are people from Port Ellen able to use as many services when extra road journeys of 40 mile round trips will be needed? Will these be paid for if going to the mainland?

Islay had been led to believe we had a settled timetable. This bombshell of reduced services to and from Port Ellen has come without prior debate or consultation and should be removed, and if necessary a full re-evaluation of the suitability of the different ports carried out once both are fully operational.

Jean Knowles, Port Ellen, Isle of Islay.



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Kintyre brothers guest at Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club

Archie's *High Level* on the fiddle received a deserved standing ovation

ARCHIE and Alex MacAllister from Kintyre were the guest artistes at a meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Held in the Argyll Hotel in Inveraray, this was the last club night of the year and chairman Niall Iain MacLean welcomed stalwart sup-

porting players to the evening.

Archie and Alex treated the audience to a great performance, a west coast sound at its very best.

They played some 10 sets in each half – from lovely waltzes, pipe marches, jigs and reels to a sensational *High Level*, from Archie on

fiddle, which produced a standing ovation – and deservedly so.

Before the chairman thanked all the artistes for a great night of music, he thanked committee member, Roddie MacDiarmid for his recent quiz sheet, which had raised £216 for club funds and to all the outlets who had sold them.



Archie and Alex MacAllister at Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.



Left to right: Jenny Mackie and Morna Shaw from Tarbert's Bank of Scotland branch, with Dorothea Robertson who drew the winning ticket.

Morna's cake raises £506 for music festival

TARBERT'S Morna Shaw has been thanked for helping to raise £506 by baking and decorating a beautiful cake.

The money raised will go towards Tarbert Music Festival and the committee has thanked Morna, of Tarbert's Bank of Scotland.

The winner of the cake was Patricia Crawford, whose name was drawn

by Dorothea Robertson. The committee would like to thank everyone who has helped to raise the total.

Over the past three years Morna's cakes have raised more than £1,500 for Tarbert Christmas Lights and Tarbert Music Festival for which the committees and community are extremely grateful.

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With more of the romance, passion, intrigue and action that made *Twilight*, *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* and *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse* worldwide blockbusters, *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1*, based on Stephenie Meyer's bestselling book series, begins the conclusion of the tale of vampire love, boundless friendship, acceptance, and finding your true self.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- Down with something... (4)
- ...passed on by this method? (8)
- A follower (7)
- Loosen bow (5)
- Give praise to (12)
- 252 wine gallons (3)
- Instrument, rubbed with a stick (5)
- As well (3)
- Meaning (12)
- Horned beast (5)
- Vulgar... (7)
- ...one who does nothing (8)
- Cut (4)

Down

- Detached notes (8)
- Fool (5)
- Anger (3)
- Flavourer (8,4)
- Knock (3-1-3)
- Jug (4)
- Mighty exploder (8,4)
- Taker (5)
- Fairly (8)
- Loudly (7)
- Young dragonfly (5)
- Spoken exam (4)
- The other person if not me! (3)

Last week's solution



Is your home ready for winter?

AT this time of year, many motorists take their car for a winter check to help it withstand the worst of the cold, damp weather. But how many people ever think to do the same for their most valuable asset – their home – so they can stay warm and avoid emergencies?

According to the AA's Home Emergency Response experts, a burst pipe is the most common cause for a call-out during winter. Last year, homeowners faced an average bill of £343 for home emergencies, as a result of winter weather - but the total cost of a burst pipe incident often far exceeds this.

The damage and distress it would cause also makes a burst pipe the most feared winter.

Tom Stringer, head of Home Rescue for the AA, says: 'A burst pipe needn't be such a worry, though. Help yourself by spending an hour giving your home a basic 'MOT'.

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The AA's Home Emergency Response team has drawn up the following tips:

(If in any doubt, seek professional advice and assistance.)

Interior of the home

- Get your boiler serviced regularly by a qualified Gas Safe-registered engineer.
- If you regularly use an open fire or log-burning stove, get the chimney swept.
- Familiarise yourself with the location of your mains water stop valve (it's usually under the sink or stairs), in case you need to shut it off in the event of a burst pipe.
- If you know how to, bleed your radiators, as air pockets reduce their efficiency.
- Check pipes and water tank for missing insulation and arrange replacement if necessary.
- Check windows and doors for draughts – fit draught excluders or repair seals as necessary.
- When required, wipe condensation off windows to help prevent build-up of mould and damp – consider buying a de-humidifier if the problem is persistently bad.
- If your home is going to be empty for a while (for more than a few days) or if you have a second property, keep the thermostat set to low, to stop the temperature dropping too low.
- Keep a torch and spare batteries in a convenient place and have emergency contact numbers to hand, including a local plumber, electrician and gas engineer.

Exterior of the home

- Walk round and do a visual check of the roof for any missing tiles or damage.
- Check guttering from ground level by looking for signs of water overflowing during heavy rain. Get someone in to rectify if you're not confident on a ladder
- Check exterior walls for any damage that could let water in and inspect windows for cracked panes – arrange repair work as necessary.
- Make sure that brick air vents are clear from obstruction.
- Clear as necessary any drain gratings and pathways.
- Consider purchasing sand/salt and shovel to clear driveways and paths.
- Turn off and drain external water taps and store garden hoses in a frost-free place.
- Lubricate external locks and padlocks with a water dispersant.

If in any doubt, seek professional advice and assistance.



**Feeling the cold this winter?
Struggling to pay winter fuel bills?**

Depending on your personal situation and the construction of your home there may be financial assistance available from the government Energy Assistance Package or from your energy provider to help you. Speak to the ALLenergy Affordable Warmth in Argyll team to find out more.

The Affordable Warmth in Argyll project is run by Rebecca Lewis and Tara Livornese and covers the whole of Argyll, Bute, Alexandria and Balloch in West Dunbartonshire, and all the islands. Monthly surgeries are provided in ten locations which are free of charge, confidential and, crucially, impartial. These surgeries re-start in February 2011 – look out for details. Contact the team by email at rebecca@alienergy.org.uk, or tara@alienergy.org.uk or by phoning 07867 681990 or 07876 037650.

Nationwide building society have recently awarded ALLenergy a grant to deliver training to carers and support groups on affordable warmth issues and the support that is available to vulnerable groups. Workshops will be available in the New Year, please contact 01631 565183 for further information.

The ALLenergy Argyll Energy Information and Awareness project offers energy advice and assistance with energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for communities and individuals. This project has seven energy information and advice points around Argyll:

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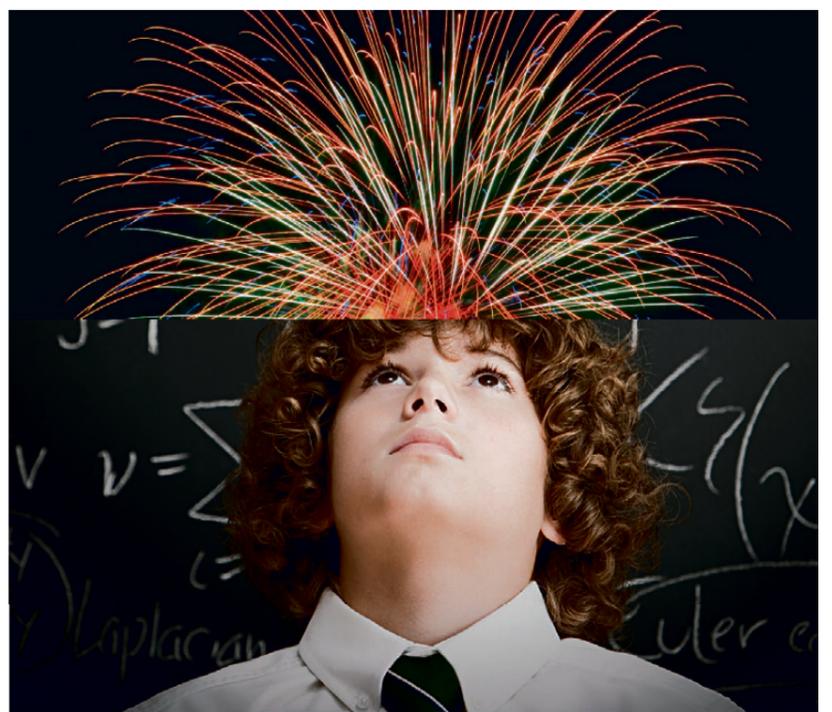
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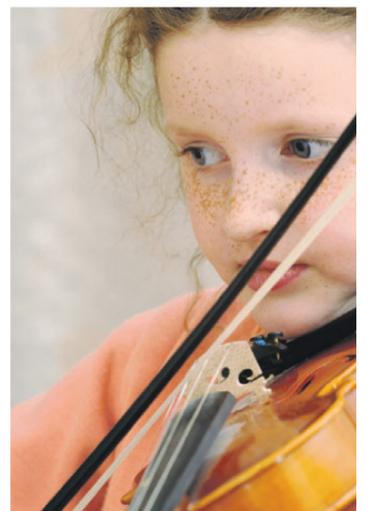
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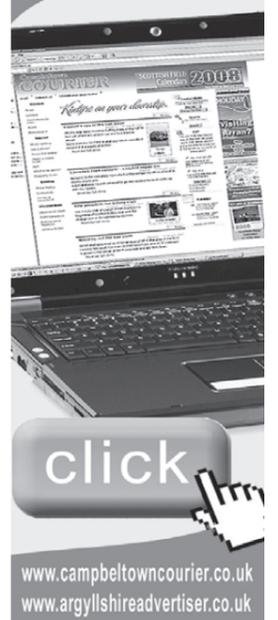
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 - Call in the professionals. Ask friends or relatives who have moved recently to recommend removal firms.
 - Get at least three estimates from different firms and don't automatically accept the cheapest.
 - Establish a written timetable with the removal firm and check the foreman has all the necessary details.
 - Make sure the removal firm has a clear map showing how to find your new home.
 - Ensure your possessions are insured for transit. Most removal firms provide such insurance. Check what it covers and whether there are exclusions. Remember that anything you pack yourself may not be covered by the removal firm's insurance. If you are planning to transport any precious items yourself, check that these are covered when in transit by your contents insurance.
 - Hire professional cleaners to give your new place a thorough going over before you move in. Some removal firms will arrange to do this. This will make the whole move a more comfortable process.
 - Before the big day, have a clear out. Valuable items that are no longer needed can be auctioned or sold to a dealer in second-hand furniture. Other items can be donated to charity shops or recycled.
 - Get someone to look after the children for the day. The same goes for pets - or book them into kennels or a cattery. Make sure they have identity tags with their new address.
 - Compile a fact file for the people who are moving into your property, such as instruction leaflets and service information for the heating system and appliances you're leaving, together with details of rubbish collection etc.
 - Round up all the keys to your home, including those left with neighbours, nannies and relatives, and give them to your solicitor or estate agent.
 - If the move is going to be spread over a couple of days, arrange accommodation and pack a bag for an overnight stop.
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Andrew C Miller

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'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!' (Romans 11:33).

BIRTHS

GILMOUR – Uel and Ailisa are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Beth Marlene, on December 29, 2011. A granddaughter for Ronnie and Valerie and Marlene and the late James McLean. Special thanks to everyone at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

WILSON – At Campbeltown Hospital on December 26, 2011, to James and Hataiwan, the gift of a daughter, Emily Ingfah. Thanking midwives Catriona, Elspeth, Isabel, Joyce and Becky. First grandchild for Mr and Mrs Sangpetch and fourth for Katrine and the late Tony Wilson.

ENGAGEMENTS

DINGWALL – **HERROD** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Thomas to Sharon, on Christmas Day.



SANDILANDS MCDONALD

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Emma Sandilands to Andrew McDonald on December 20, 2011.

DEATHS

ALLAN – Suddenly on the Isle of Gigha on Saturday, December 31, 2011, surrounded by his family, Roddy, age 46 years, cherished son of Mary and the late George Allan, Drumal-lan, Isle of Gigha. Beloved brother of Mairi, Rona, Irene, Jennifer and Amy, much loved uncle and friend. Very sadly missed. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

"You were taken before we could say goodbye. We love you and will miss you so very much".

CAMPBELL – Peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on Saturday, December 31, 2011, Isabella Gillies, in her 88th year, formerly of Amodale, Argyll Street and Amod Farm, Southend, dearly beloved wife of the late Gilbert Campbell, dear mother of Christina, Anna and Emily and a dearly loved granny. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

CHISHOLM – Suddenly after a short illness, on December 28, 2011, at the Western Infirmary Glasgow, Johnnie Chisholm, aged 75 years, of 2 Peddie

Bank, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Netta and loving father of Craig and Hazel. Cherished papa of Elaina, Amy and Alistair. Much respected father-in-law of Rick and Janet. A good neighbour, dear friend and much respected work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, January 5, 2012, followed by interment at Ach-na-breac Cemetery.

MACDONALD – Peacefully at the Knapdale Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital on December 28, 2011, Donella (Dot) Macdonald, née Gauld, aged 88 years, formerly of Kilmartin. Beloved wife of the late Malkie Macdonald. Much loved sister of John and the late Jean, Bobby, Evelyn and Effie. A dear aunt and great aunt to all the family. Funeral service will take place at Kilmartin Parish Church today, Friday, January 6, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Knapdale Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital. All friends and family are respectfully invited to attend.

MACLEAN – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Saturday, December 31, 2011, Donald MacLean (Pat), in his 75th year, 2 Pensioners Row, Campbeltown, formerly of Bridge House, Lephens-Strath, Southend, dearly beloved son of the late Neil and Mary MacLean and a loving brother of the late Jenny McArthur.

MACLEAN – Suddenly at her home, 1 Collaig, Ardfern, on December 27, 2011, Eilidh MacLean (née MacDonald), aged 58 years. Eldest daughter of Ina and the late John MacDonald, Dervaig, Mull. Cherished wife of Iain MacLean and loving and caring mother of Iain, Julie, Ron, Amanda and Callum, and a special sister and auntie to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Craignish Parish Church, Ardfern on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 1.00 pm, thereafter to Kilvaree Cemetery. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be offered at church. All friends and family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCLEAN – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 30, 2011, Elizabeth Morrison McLean (Betty), in her 79th year, Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jim McLean, much loved mother of Aileen, a much loved and loving gran of Gemma, Jamie and Craig and great gran to Conor. A thanksgiving service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 9 at 2.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. A cremation service will be held in Maryhill Crematorium, Tresta Road, Maryhill, Glasgow, G23 5AA, on Tuesday, January 10 at 1.30pm. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MUIR – Christine (née Hunter). Peacefully, at home, on December 29, 2011, Christine, beloved wife of Joseph, much loved mother of Mhairi, Christine and the late George and a dear grandmother and great grandmother.

REID – Peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital, on December 28, 2011, Elizabeth Wylie Wardrop, in her 94th year, Courthill, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James Reid, much loved mother of John and Mary and a loving and much loved granny of Jeffrey, Alison and Linsey. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Integrated Care Team, Campbeltown Hospital.

ROBERTS – Jackie. Suddenly, at home in Kirkconnel, on December 19, 2011, Jackie Roberts, aged 68 years, father of Rebecca and Adrian and son of the late Ronald and Marjorie Roberts, formerly of Lochend, Campbeltown.

SWIFT – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 2, 2012, Raymond John Swift (Ray), in his 93rd year, 9 Harbour View, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Caroline Swift, much loved father of Harry, loving grandfather of Carol-Ann, Ewan and George and great grandfather of Mark and Paul. A graveside service will be held in Kilkerran Cemetery on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 12.00 noon, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Meeting at the cemetery gates at 11.50am.

THOMSON – Peacefully at home, 94 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, after a short illness, on December 28, 2011, Donald Thomson (Don), in his 88th year, dearly beloved husband of late Christine Krajewski, much loved father of Barbara and David and a dearly loved brother, uncle and great uncle.

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MCDONALD – May, Mairi, Donald and Campbell would like to thank all family and friends for their supportive phone calls and sympathy cards following the sad loss of Willie. A huge thank you to the team of doctors, nurses and carers involved in Willie's care over those last few months. Thanks also to all those who were able to attend the church and graveside, Rev Catriona Hood for a memorable and comforting service, Stan Lupton for his guidance and professional services and to Bellochantuy Hotel for the excellent purvey. Collection for A'Chleit Church was £1050.

IN MEMORIAM

EVANS – In loving memory of a dear dad and grandad, John (TAFF), who died January 7, 2011. Also a loving mum and granny, Margaret, who died December 4, 2005. We cannot bring the old days back. Their hands we cannot touch, But we have such loving memories. Of the ones we loved so much. - Jackie, Tom and Stephen.

KILPATRICK – In loving memory of Fiona (née McPherson), beloved wife of the late Angus Kilpatrick, loving mother and grandmother, who died January 6, 2002. Loved, missed and remembered every day. - Sandra, Angus, Aimee, Laura and Lewis.

MCLEAN – Agnes, Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest nana, we miss you so much and think of you always. - Love Senga, Sean and Millie and Maureen, Eddie and family xxx. Precious memories of our dear mum - forever in our hearts. - Stuart and Carolin, Rene, Flora and families xxx.

MCMILLAN – In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000. The years pass by, but memories stay. Loved and remembered every day. - From his wife Mary and sons Robert and Laurence.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 8th January 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Gordon Cosgrove
10.45am Coffee
11.15am Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Songs of Praise
Church Family Favourites
7.00pm Youth Group

Wednesday 11th January
10.00am Jellytots – Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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Sunday 8 January 2012
11.00am
Worship service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"One thing is needful"

Thursday 12 January 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 8th January 2012
Ford 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Please note change of time.
All welcome
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CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR
Charity No. SC016097

Sunday 8 January 2012
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Tuesday
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Rev. Philip Burroughs

Tuesday 10th January
Parents and Toddlers 9:45am

Thursday 12th January
Choir practice 8:00pm

Friday 13th January
Lunch club 12:00 noon

Highland Parish Church

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Sunday 8th January 2012

11.15am Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
Rev Catriona Hood

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JaM (P6+): Church

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P1 – P5
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Under 17s lose to Easthall Star in close game

Lochgilphead boys play indoors at Regional Football Centre

Friendly match
Easthall Star 5
Lochgilphead U17s 3
LOCHGILPHEAD Under 17s finished off 2011 in style following an invite by Glasgow & District Youth Football League Division Two leaders Easthall Star to play a friendly match indoors on the full size pitch at the excellent Regional Football Centre, Toryglen on Friday, December 30.

In a very sporting match Donald McCallum gave Lochgilphead the lead in the first half hour following a Stuart MacBrayne pass, then doubled the lead before half time as he lobbed the advancing keeper to

give the L&A MacKay Ltd sponsored Argyll team the advantage.

Easthall came out the traps as the second half kicked off but the visitors kept them at bay until the hour mark, when they got a goal back. With centre half Meechan going off injured and captain Donald eventually having to join him on the side line, Lochgilphead found themselves a bit short in defence with Easthall taking full advantage to go 4-2 up.

Ryan McConnachie dispatched a penalty kick to put the visitors back in contention, however with legs growing tired following the long



Picture: Lochgilphead and Easthall Star line up for a post match picture following a very sporting match at the Regional Football Centre, Toryglen.

journey Easthall scored again to make the final score 5-3.

This was a great opportunity for the Lochgilphead team to play football at a world class facility used by many

professional teams in Scotland.

Thanks to Easthall Star for their kind invitation and to Karen Ellis of Argyll Embroidery for designing and supplying the commemorative

pennant for the match

The team will be back in competitive action when the League re-opens on January 15, following the winter break.

Lochgilphead team:

Selfridge, Watt, Donald, Meechan, McLennan, Allen, Bruce, MacBrayne, I McGuinness, Boyd, McCallum Subs: MacNaughton, McConnachie, C McGuinness (all used).

SAFL teams back in action

SCOTTISH amateur football teams get back to action on Saturday, weather permitting, after the festive break with the following fixtures.

Scottish Amateur Cup 3rd round - Campbeltown Pupils v Blantyre Celtic; 4th round - Dynamo East Kilbride v Oban Saints (game switched to Oban). Premier Division Two - Dunoon v Centre. Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Tarbert.

Lottery numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers this week were 3 - 13 - 17. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £1,100 next week. The Christmas Bonus winners were Stephen Rowell, A Speirs, John Smillie and Chris Crawford who each won £50.



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Red Star Under 13s and Under 15s - the season so far

Due to injuries the Under 13s full squad has never been available

THE Lochgilhead Red Star Under 13s are playing 11-a-side football for the first time this year and, as they went into their Christmas break, they had played eight games winning two and losing six. However the performances have been much better than the results.

After a 3-2 pre season friendly defeat to local rivals Oban Saints, Red Star's victories came in their first two games in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League against Dunbarton Riverside and Goldenhill with nine goals scored.

After another narrow defeat to Oban in their first home league game Star suffered a heavy loss to a good Wolves

BC team in Hamilton since then the boys have played well but lost bad goals in narrow defeats in their last three league games.

It has taken a while to get used to the full size pitch but most of the players now appear to be happy with their roles in the team and are enjoying 11 a side football.

Consistent
Captain Aaron Whitefield has led by example setting up several goals from central midfield and is currently top scorer. Full backs Cammy Simpson and Cammy McCallum have been two of the most consistent performers, Liam Cameron has put in some excellent wing displays and Arran Rob-

ertson has settled well into a new defensive midfield role.

Goalkeeper Ally Pow has taken time to get used to the full size goals but has made some excellent saves. In front of him Craig Young has led the defence with two centre back partners, Aidan MacVicar and Allan Cameron, who have both missed games due to injury. Lucas Williamson and Lorne MacFarlane also missed several games but have both returned and scored goals.

Ryan Caskie, Liam Scott and James Jackson, who all came to the squad without the 7 a side experience of the other boys, have all performed well and show good potential. Angus Lewis and three of the Under 12s - Brody Kalache, Ewan Litster and Ian Munro - have also made a few appearances and haven't let the team down.

Due to injuries the full squad has never been available to the Under 13s coaches so far so once all the players are fit they will look to turn the good performances into victories and move up the table.



Lochgilhead Red Star Under 13s

Under 15s can push for league title

THE Red Star under 15s found themselves with the prospect of a play off to determine if they would be playing in the DF DL 'A' or 'B' league for season 2011/12.

Allander Colts were the opposition and Red Star were unlucky to eventually lose the game 4-0, with three of the goals scored in the last five minutes of the game

It was the B league for this season then, and the boys started off well with a convincing 7-0 victory over EDFC Villa at the Ropework. A brace of goals for Cameron Hendry and a hat trick for Andrew Guy, being the highlights of the day.

With Ropework being flooded it was to be September 18 before the team saw action again, going down 4-2 away to Helensburgh.

A day to forget for all concerned for Red Star starting with transport problems and ending with a performance that was flat and uninspiring.

With poor weather again meaning the cancellation of games it was on October 15 that

Red Star played some of their best football of the season to beat Helensburgh 9-2 at home.

Doubles for Dudding, Hendry, and Coates as well as first goals for the team for Wylie and Galbraith ensured revenge for the earlier defeat from Helensburgh.

Convinced
It was off to Kirkintilloch the following week to play the unbeaten League leaders Lenzie Colts, the game ending in a 1-1 draw with Red Star convinced they should have won the game the referee disallowing a Sam Sloan 'goal,' insisting the ball had not crossed the line.

Sloan especially disappointed as he had scored the first goal of the game before Lenzie equalised with a late penalty.

Two away defeats on the trot followed, 6-2 against Aston Villa in the cup and 2-0 against Balljaffray in the league.

Late November saw Helensburgh as the opposition again as Red Star won 6-3 in a convincing away performance. A brilliant 25 yard goal into the top corner from Ewan Dudding

would normally have been the talk of the bus on the way down the road but for the performance and two goal display from Lewis Mahaffey who terrorised the Helensburgh defence all day with his pace and clinical finishing.

The final game of the season so far was away to EDFC Villa that ended up being far harder than it should have been. The 3-2 victory courtesy of a late Ryan Deans goal ensured that Red Star finished the calendar year in third place in the league.

Looking forward to 2012, the team should

be strongly placed to push for the title, with Aaron Moore and Cameron Hendry to return from hamstring injuries to boost the squad at the right time.

Special mention to Ben Miller in goal who has progressed in this position as the season has gone on, Ewan McNeil at right back for some terrific displays and consistency, as can be said for Fergus Galbraith at centre back.

The whole squad should be proud of their performances so far and look forward to 2012 and push for the League Championship.

Dumbarton Development League - Under 13s

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ardencaple	8	7	1	0	22
Milngavie	9	6	2	1	20
Drumchapel United	9	6	1	2	19
Renton Craighandro	6	6	0	0	18
Clydebank BC	8	5	1	2	16
Oban Saints	6	5	1	0	16
Antonine	8	3	2	3	11
Blair Thistle	11	3	0	8	9
Lochgilhead Red Star	7	2	0	5	6
Lenzie Youth Club	6	2	0	4	6
Helensburgh	7	1	0	6	3
Goldenhill	10	1	0	9	3
Dumbarton Riverside	7	0	0	7	0



Aaron Whitefield fires in a great free kick against Ardencaple.

Dumbarton Development League - Under 15s

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Baljaffray	9	7	2	0	23
Lenzie Colts Thistle	7	6	1	0	19
Lochgilhead Red Star	7	4	1	2	13
Helensburgh	10	4	1	2	13
Westerton United	6	4	0	2	12
Clydebank BC	8	3	3	2	12
EDFC Villa	8	1	0	7	3
North Kelvin United	11	0	0	11	0

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