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Blind dog's forest ordeal ends in Hogmanay cheer

HE SPENT three terrifying days and nights cold, hungry and alone in thick forest, but there was Hogmanay cheer as Jack was safely returned to his family.

Jack, an ageing and totally blind border collie, was outside for his midnight pre-bedtime routine at his home near Lochgair on Thursday December 29 when he disappeared.

His owners, Joan McRoberts and Billy Sharp, later discovered that he had crossed the A83 trunk road to reach a forestry plantation. They believe he became disorientated in thick undergrowth and wet weather, and headed in the wrong direction - away from his home at East Kames.

Though blind from birth, Jack is a former working sheep-

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dog. Joan took him on aged around two from a farm near Oban, and estimates he might be 16 years old.

Worried sick and after a fruitless night-long search, Joan turned to social media on Friday to ask people to look out for their missing dog.

She told *The Advertiser*: 'We got an unbelievable response from people, most of whom are complete strangers.'

Searching

'Folk were turning up to look for him, and the police were out searching for two days.'

By the time Hogmanay arrived on Saturday, any hope was slim among the searchers.

The weather was foul - wet and cold.

'We could hardly walk, we'd searched

so much,' Joan explained. 'I was certain we weren't going to get him back, and that he was lying at the bottom of a cliff or hit by a car.'

Then, 10 minutes before the bells to ring in the New Year, Jack came home.

Joan said: 'He was spotted and picked up by a lovely Lochgilphead guy called Graham Brown about 11.30pm on Hogmanay. He was found on the main road just at Lochgair. I think he'd been lost in the forest and the shouting all day led him down to the road.'

'I honestly don't think he would have survived another night out there.'

He was weak, but soon regained strength



You're going nowhere - Jack gets a cuddle from owner Joan as he recovers from his three-day ordeal. 06_a01jack01

in the care of his family.

'He couldn't walk for about 24 hours after he came home,' said Joan, 'and it was little and often with his food to begin with - but by

the time Tuesday came I think he would have eaten us if he could have.'

'I still don't know why he headed into the woods, but we are so pleased to have him

home, I can't explain it.' She added: 'I just want to thank everyone who helped. This was a real community effort, and I just don't think you would get that in too many places.'

INSIDE YOUR ADVERTISER THIS WEEK

Wined up

AFTER three years, a well-known Lochgilphead wine shop owned by Stuart Campbell closed its doors on Hogmanay.

Full story on page 2.

Gong for music

A MID Argyll lady has been honoured for services to music in the 2017 New Year Honours List.

Full story, page 3.

Cadet camp

LOCHGILPHEAD army cadets hosted a fun-packed Christmas camp and welcomed two special guests.

Full story, page 7.

Pick of the pics

A SELECTION of photographs reflecting the first six months of 2016 stories in your Argyllshire Advertiser.

Full story, pages 8 and 9.

Festive lunch

THE 2016 Community Gathering Christmas lunch in Lochgilphead was well-attended and hailed a big success.

Full story, page 19.

Business Gateway workshops

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Fyne Wines owner shuts up shop after three years

BUSINESS owner Stuart Campbell said he had 'no plans, but plenty of ideas' as he shut up shop.

His Fyne Wines on Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, ceased trading on Hogmanay after three years in operation.

On the shop website, 32-year-old Mr Campbell wrote: 'It is with a mixture of optimism and regret that I announce Fyne Wines will be closing down in the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my fellow Lochgilphead businesses – with your local support – continued and improved success for the future.'

He started his career behind the bar at the Crinan Hotel, later moving to the off-licence trade with Roy-

al Mile Whiskies. In 2011, Mr Campbell started his own wine shop in Pitlochry before moving back home to Mid Argyll to open Fyne Wines.

'The shop did well in the first, and particularly the second year, but things started to drop off after we had a window broken. The security window seemed to obscure things, and we lost a bit of passing custom.'

As to the future, he is looking at a number of ideas, including a possible foreign adventure.

Mr Campbell added: 'It has been an enjoyable and challenging three-plus years since opening in November 2013 and I would like to thank all my customers and suppliers for their support.'



Off to pastures new – Stuart Campbell closed his business on Hogmanay. 06_a01FyneWines01

Police files

Vehicle damaged

SOMETIME between 6.45pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday December 27, a red Mini was damaged in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, when a sign was placed on the roof, scratching the paintwork.

Any witnesses or anyone with information on the incident should contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Theft from shed

AT SOME point between December 18 and December 29, a shed at the back of a house in Furnace was broken into and a small axe was stolen.

Police are appealing for witnesses to contact them.

Inveraray shoplifting

POLICE are investigating the suspected theft of drink from an Inveraray store.

At around 12.50pm on Wednesday December 28, at the Co-op supermarket in Inveraray, two men allegedly stole bottles of alcohol. Anyone with any infor-

mation is asked to contact the police.

Attempted break-in

POLICE are appealing for information following the forced entry to premises in Ardrishaig.

The locked yard gate at the Canal Basin Garage, Tarbert Road, was forced open and an attempt was made to break in to the workshop between December 23 and December 30.

Alleged assault

ABOUT 4.55pm on Saturday December 31, following a report of a disturbance in a house in McCallum Court, Lochgilphead, a 49-year-old woman was detained and charged with assault.

She was held in custody pending an appearance in court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Any member of the public with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

£80,000 recovered by anti-fraud team

ARGYLL and Bute Council's new corporate fraud investigation team recovered thousands of pounds in its first year.

The team, which formed in October 2015, is responsible for investigating revenue and benefit, council tax, non-domestic rates and other corporate fraud, as well as acting as a single point of contact for ongoing housing benefit fraud investigations.

At the end of its first year of operation in September, the team had detected £175,000 of fraud and recovered almost half of that fig-

ure (£79,535) with work ongoing to recover the remainder of the outstanding money.

The council has now agreed that two investigator posts, which have until now been temporary, should be made permanent.

Councillor Dick Walsh, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Our small team is carrying out extremely important work and achieving great results.'

'It has already proved its worth.'

'It is self-financing and is helping to strengthen the council's response to fraud.'

Rotary Club of Campbeltown YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The Norman and Phyllis Milne Fund will award a trophy and £200 to the most promising young musician of the year 2015.

Applications by letter or nomination form to 'Young Musician' are invited from young musicians in secondary school age, resident in South Kintyre or from other persons on their behalf, stating name, address, date of birth, telephone number and musical experience, with a short outline of why they should be nominated.

Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Letters and nominations forms for the award should be sent in confidence to:

The Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown, Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, PA28 6AB
Marking the envelope "Young Musician of the Year"
Entries to be received by Tuesday 24th January 2017.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are invited for the recognition of good citizenship in Kintyre.

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In-patient mental health services in Lochgilphead

ARGYLL and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is continuing with the building improvement programme to relocate, on an interim basis, in-patient mental health services.

It is anticipated the work will be finished by the end of March 2017, as planned, allowing services to move from Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead to the lower ground floor of Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre, Lochgilphead.

The HSCP held a series of drop-in events across Argyll and Bute to provide the public with an opportunity to view the plans for the Mid Argyll hospital unit and discuss the move with representatives from the mental health service.

Donald Watt, mental health manager, said: 'During November and December, we held drop-in events across Argyll and Bute to provide the public with an opportunity to find out more about our plans. I would like to thank those who attended and I hope they found them informative. If anyone would like further information, please email nhs.abhscp@nhs.net and we will reply as soon as possible.

'Representatives from the HSCP are also continuing to work closely with other agencies including Argyll and Bute Council, Police Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service and this multi-agency approach will continue as the services are developed.

'Finally, I am delighted the building work remains on track to be completed by March 2017 and that we will be able to provide a service within a facility that is more suitable for the needs of patients.'



Sheila scales honours list

Sheila McCallum is delighted to receive a BEM. 08_a01SheilaMcCallum01

THIS year's New Year Honours list saw almost 1,200 people receiving awards, including Mid Argyll's Sheila McCallum.

The honours recognise the achievements of a wide range of extraordinary people across the UK.

Listed amongst famous faces - such as Andy Murray and Mo Farah, both receiving knighthoods for their services in their respective sports - Sheila McCallum was awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for her services to music in Mid Argyll.

A BEM is awarded to someone who has provided a hands-on service to the local com-

munity and as a result has made a significant difference to that area.

Sheila received her award for her incredible involvement and impact on music in Mid Argyll - from being a founder and organiser of Mid Argyll Music Festival since 1981, her work with the former Corran Singers, now Dalriada Singers, to chairing Mid Argyll Arts Association.

Commenting on her award Sheila said: 'I was overcome with emotion when I opened the letter. I just could not believe it. I really am honoured to have even been nominated.

'I can look back on

what I have done and achieved with pleasure. Music is a part of me and I am overwhelmed to be recognised for doing something I love.'

Also on the honours list was Susie Wolff from Oban, who received an MBE for services to women in sport, and Margaret Ann Worsley from Tiree, who was awarded a BEM for her voluntary services to the community of the island.

John Campbell of Glenrath Farms, originally from Strachur, received a knighthood for his services to farming and charitable service to entrepreneurship.

Still time to have a say on Argyll and Bute Council budget

AHEAD of next month's budget, Argyll and Bute Council is asking the public what council services matter most.

But you will need to be quick as the consultation ends on Monday January 9.

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'We have already identified nearly £4 million of savings for 2017/18 through budget decisions made last year and additional efficiency savings that will have no impact on communities

for next year. We want to match, as far as possible, the work of the council to the priorities of our communities. We'd like to hear from as many people as possible about what matters most.'

The consultation is available online at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planningourfuture. Printed copies are available in libraries and customer service points and enquiries can be made at planningourfuture@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

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 REGISTRATION OF INFANT BEGINNERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS SESSION 2017/2018

Children who attain the age of five years between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018 should be registered for education during the week commencing 16 January 2017.

Parents concerned should take their children to the appropriate local primary school on one of the school days during the above week between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Gaelic Medium Education
 Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tìree Primary School, Tìree; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, by Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon. Further information on Gaelic Medium Education can be obtained from Catriona Garvin, Education Support Officer: Gaelic, catriona.garvin2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

If your child is not registered to attend preschool education within Argyll & Bute Council area you should produce your child's birth certificate when registering for Education. A leaflet providing information for parents on enrolment of children in school and giving details of placing request procedures (including under age placing requests) may be obtained from any school or from Community Services, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon, PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000).

ANN MARIE KNOWLES
 Acting Executive Director: Community Services

Power firm apologises over Islay disruption

ISLAY residents faced disruption on Tuesday as power surges left island homes and businesses with an interrupted power supply for hours.

A spokesperson from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSE) explained: 'Around 190 customers in and around the Portnahaven area of Islay were affected by



Alastair Redman.

a fault that saw their electricity supply going off and on again for a short period.

'These brief interruptions were due to Scottish and Southern Electricity Network's auto-reclose system which is designed in such a way that if it detects a fault, it will turn itself off, then carry out a self-check.

'If the fault has rec-

tified itself, the power will automatically come back on. Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks would like to apologise to its customers for any inconvenience.'

Portnahaven postmaster Alastair Redman contacted the *Advertiser* to point out the disruption to his business: 'While our electrical supply has improved dramatically since the spate of power cuts and surges in 2012, the people of Islay are still blighted with a plague of power surges.

Power cuts

'On Tuesday January 3, Islay had a total of 13 power cuts and surges from just before 7am to 12pm.'

'To their credit SSE was very quick to respond to complaints and I would like to thank local front-line SSE workers for fixing the problem.'

WEST COAST MEMORIES

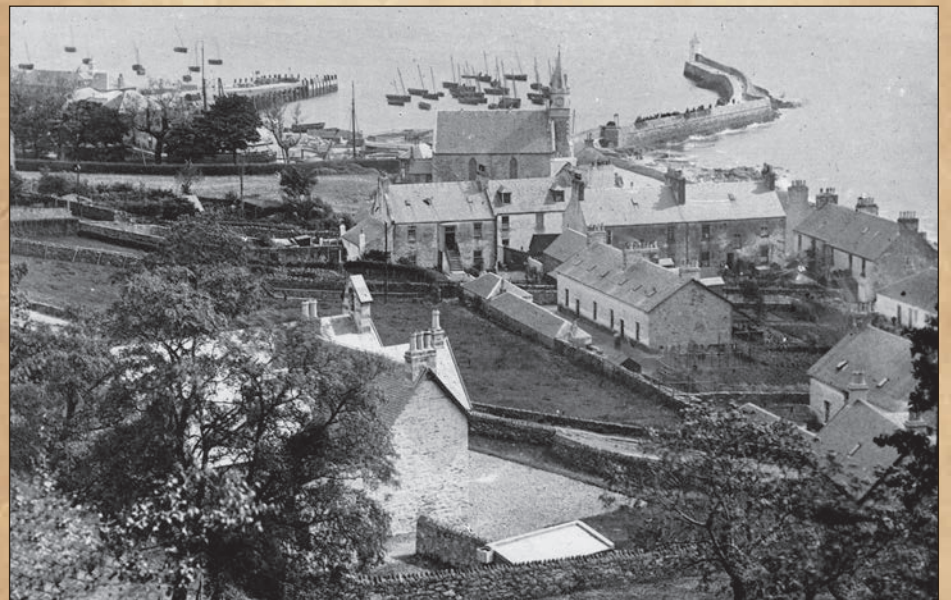
Changing scenes of Ardrishaig

IN THIS edition we continue a remarkable series of vintage photographs taken around Scotland's west coast.

Passed to the Argyllshire Advertiser by one of our readers, they were taken by photographer George Gray of Stonehouse in Lanarkshire between 1880 and 1910.

The photographs are understood never to have been seen in public before and we are grateful to be granted access to this precious collection from a bygone era.

Look out for more photographs from George Gray's collection in future editions of your *Argyllshire Advertiser*.



George Gray's original photo of Ardrishaig.

OVERLOOKING Ardrishaig from a height, George Gray captured a more open and manicured area than can be seen today.

It is difficult to see where the original photo was taken from - never mind reach it - due to overgrown trees and new buildings but we have tried to recapture this scene.

Standing on Darroch Road looking across Loch Gilp, Lingerton Recycling Centre and the occasional vehicle on the A83 are what catch the eye these days. And obscured by trees is what once appeared to be a well used pier.

Does anyone know what is lined up along the wall of the pier in the original photo?

The old school on Oakfield Road is much

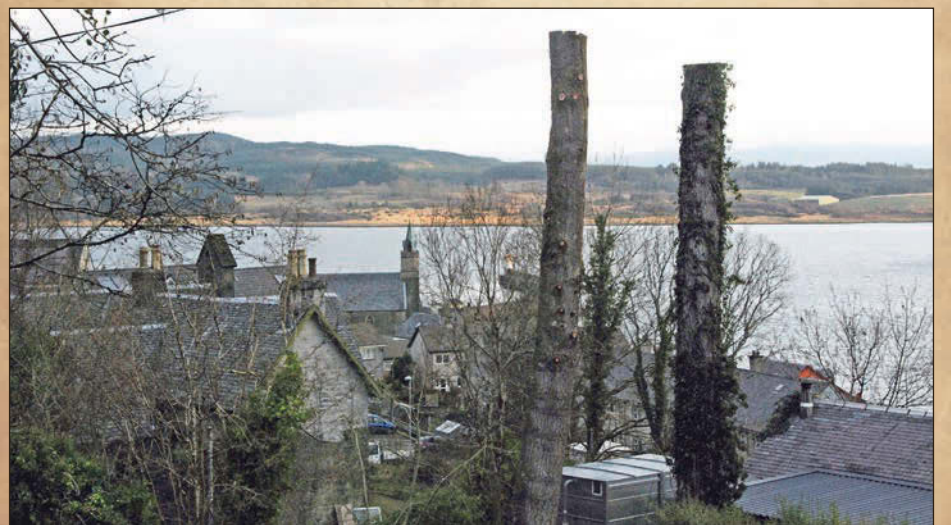
the same, identifiable on the left hand side by its bell and chimney pots. But what was open land in front of it is now the Macmillan Court flats and car park.

An increase in housing on Brae Road has left the view of Ardrishaig Parish Church more obscured, but if you could see it fully you would notice the addition of transepts to the church since George's photo was taken.

Though more than 100 years old, the scene is still recognisable as Ardrishaig.

The familiarity is helped by prominent landmarks, such as the pier and church, that have witnessed much change in Ardrishaig over the years but remained mostly unchanged themselves.

If you have any old photos lying around at home, we would love to publish them.



The same scene from roughly the same position taken last month. 08_a01memories01

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Funding Neuro awarded £20,000 grant from Crerar Hotels Trust

THE OWNER of the Loch Fyne Hotel and Isle of Mull Hotel is supporting a charity working to save the lives of children suffering from a rare brain cancer.

Crerar Hotels Trust has announced its latest grant of £20,000 has been awarded to Funding Neuro.

Funding Neuro will use the grant to support a clinical trial into a revolutionary new treatment for a highly aggressive brain tumour Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG).

This cancer mostly affects children between the ages of six to ten and has been considered untreatable.

After diagnosis, a child's average life expectancy is just nine months.

No child has ever survived DIPG.

Professor Steven Gill has devised a method of treating DIPG by surgically implanting a micro-catheter into the brain which delivers drugs directly into the tumour, known as Convection Enhanced Delivery.

He is currently treating a group of youngsters on compassionate grounds with stunning results - average life expectancy has doubled from nine to 18 months and a number of children's tumours have dramatically shrunk.

Crerar Hotels operates 14 hotels and inns across the UK, of which 13 are based in Scotland. Uniquely, up to 50 per cent of the group's distributable profits are donated to charities operating within areas where Crerar Hotels are based.

The trust has awarded £7m of grants to more than 400 organisations in the last 16 years.

Paddy Crerar, chairman of the Crerar Hotels Trust and chief executive of Crerar Hotels, said: 'We are delighted to have made this award to Funding Neuro and look forward to hearing how this funding helps impact their work.'

Good crowd at Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club

By MARGARET MATHER

A GOOD crowd gathered at the Inveraray Inn for the December meeting of Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Guest artistes were to have been the Donald MacLeod Trio but bandleader Donald fell victim to the dreaded 'lurgy' so was unable to make it. His two accomplices, Nicky McMichan on accordion and Gus Millar on drums, didn't let the club down though and the trio became a duo.

For the first time, apart from stalwarts Fyne Folk, there were no local players. Are there no players left in Mid Argyll or beyond or are we doing something wrong?

The faithful Fyne Folk got the evening under way with Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod and Jake MacKay on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard with a couple of pipe marches and a lovely selection of Irish waltzes. Jake and Agnes stayed on stage and Jake played some fine



Gus Millar and Nicky McMichan of the Donald MacLeod Trio.

toe-tapping sets on his 'moothie'. It was then the turn of Nicky and Gus with a fine selection of tunes.

Next week, to see the New Year in, it's the Archie MacAllister Trio. They are no strangers to the club and a cracking night is in store.



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Well deserved honour

IT WAS lovely to hear Sheila McCallum had been recognised in the Queen's New Year Honours.

Sheila has been a driving force behind music in Mid Argyll for decades and her award is richly deserved - as generations of musicians will testify.

There are many people doing great work across the whole of Argyll, so why are there not more than just two people in Argyll, plus Oban lass Susie Wolff, on the honours list?

We can claim a new knight as one of ours, of course.

Sir John Campbell moved from Strachurmore Farm on Loch Fyne-side in the late 1950s to Glenrath Farm near Peebles to set up what became one of the most successful egg producing businesses in the world.

Happy Hogmanay

IN A WORLD seemingly dominated by bad news, we decided this week to offer something lighter, a 'feel good' story, on the front page of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

The outcome was good news, but it was nearly so very different for poor old Jack, the blind collie from Lochgair.

It was the combined efforts of a community of people - allied to a slice of good fortune that a good-hearted motorist happened to pass when Jack was near the road - that led to a happy Hogmanay for Jack's human family, and for the old boy himself.

Perhaps Jack - at well over 100 human years old - has finally got the wanderlust out of his system.

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A83 flooding must be tackled

Sir,
Something needs to be done about the enormous puddle on the A83 between Ardris-haig and Tarbert.

Along with many people, I drive that road twice a day to and from work. The problem exists where they cut down the trees above the road. It is a death trap because it is right on the bend. Anyone travelling at night and not knowing the road faces a very nasty accident and if it freezes over it could be fatal.

I am disgusted proper drainage was not installed when they removed the trees.

The trees actually soaked up the water, and it doesn't take a genius to work out that by cutting the trees down it was going to create a problem like flooding.

Is it going to take a fatality before the authorities takes action and does something to rectify the problem?

**Donna Mallan,
Tarbert**

Councils getting raw deal

Sir,
Greens in Argyll and Bute are highlighting how Argyll and Bute Council is to have 4.9 per cent less to spend on local services after a cut in revenue funding from the Scottish Government.

The party says the Scottish Government has not given councils a fair deal.

Holyrood has new powers to raise revenue and got more cash from Westminster, but still cut local budgets.

The Greens have been clear that using the Scottish Parliament's tax powers to tackle poverty and protect public services should be a priority.

Local services such as social care and education are under huge pressure, yet this draft budget shows Argyll and Bute Council will have 4.9 per cent less revenue to spend.

This will likely lead to a reduction in local services or increased charges for local residents.

It is also not clear what sanction Argyll and Bute Council faces if it tries to raise council tax by more than the three per cent limit Scottish Ministers have set.

The Scottish Government must raise its ambitions and work with Greens and other MSPs ahead of February's vote on the budget to get a better deal for people living in Argyll and Bute.

**Elaine Morrison,
Mid Argyll Greens**

Openness and transparency

Sir,
Having not released information concerning examination awards in Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh, when requested, Argyll and Bute Council failed to comply with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, according to the Scottish Information Com-

missioner. This was just one test case relating to the several instances where the council refused parents information on exam results and attainment.

The culture of secrecy that compounds the problems of the most dysfunctional council in the land has been highlighted yet again.

The Information Commissioner has agreed with me that the council was wrong to withhold information on schools' performance from parents for more than four months.

The ruling accepted my argument that an inefficient committee structure does not exempt Argyll and Bute Council from releasing requested information.

The council's actions are incomprehensible and damaging.

Looking forward, I hope it learns the lesson and the council can become more open and transparent, but sadly I don't hold out much hope for that unless things change dramatically.

**Councillor James Robb,
Helensburgh
Central ward**

Drug driving in Scotland

Sir,
I recently lodged two parliamentary questions seeking answers and explanations on the issue of drug driving from the Scottish Government, as follows:

To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address drug driving and, in light of the re-

ported increase of this in England and Wales, what the trend is in Scotland.

To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set drug-driving limits and, if so, whether it will equip the police with the so-called 'drugalyser' devices that are in use in England and Wales.

In a 12-month period in England and Wales, nearly 8,000 drivers were caught driving under the influence of drugs, a jump from 52 per cent to 95 per cent in some cases.

Sir Peter North also published a review in 2010 where he concluded there was a significant drug problem with drug driving-related deaths and injuries in Great Britain.

The Scottish Government maintains there has not been a suitable roadside testing kit, yet police forces in England and Wales are using a 'drugalyser' which can detect levels of cannabis and cocaine at the roadside and 15 other illicit and prescribed medicines.

Police can still use the Field Impairment Test at the roadside and, if the driver fails, they can be arrested and taken to a police station where further tests can be carried out.

I have written to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and lodged a motion on this issue, but all to no avail to date.

**David Stewart,
regional MSP
for the Highlands
and Islands**

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Christmas fun at Lochgilphead cadet training camp

IT WAS a busy weekend for cadets attending the D (Argyll) company Christmas training camp.

Cadets were challenged with paintball, laser shotguns and first aid as part of the in-

ter-detachment competition at Lochgilphead, with Oban detachment coming top.

There were a few special guests over the weekend, including Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara and

a man in a big red suit who popped in for the cadets' Christmas dinner.

Sergeant Major Instructor Alex Chlopuk was presented with the Lord Lieutenant's meritorious award for his

long service and dedication to the ACF by Mr O'Hara, who also presented promotions to Cadet Sergeant J Ash - promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant; Cadet A Willis - to Cadet Lance Corporal; Ca-



Brendan O'Hara presents promotions to the Argyll cadets.



SMI Alex Chlopuk, right, receives his award from Brendan O'Hara.



Friendly fire - a handshake before paintball 'hostilities' begin at the camp.

det K McLennan - to Cadet Lance Corporal; Cadet Lance Corporal X Graysmark to Cadet Corporal; Cadet C Garvey to Cadet Lance

Corporal; and Cadet L Dillon to Cadet Lance Corporal.

A spokesman for D Company said: 'The weekend was a fantas-

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JANUARY



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A LOCHGILPHEAD woman had a narrow escape after being caught in a landslide at the Rest and be Thankful in late December 2015. Jane Else suffered a fractured breastbone and severe bruising after her car was left on the edge of a barrier above a 200 foot drop.



Heavy lifting equipment had to be called in. 06_a03tanker02

THE A83 was closed for more than five hours as an overturned Scottish Water tanker was recovered from a ditch between Castleton and Achnaba.

2016 - a pictorial

FEBRUARY



Elaine Dougall of the Unite trade union makes her presence felt.

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AS ARGYLL and Bute Council agreed its 2016 budget, protests were held outside Kilmory about the pressure severe cuts were placing on staff.



Children learned a special F

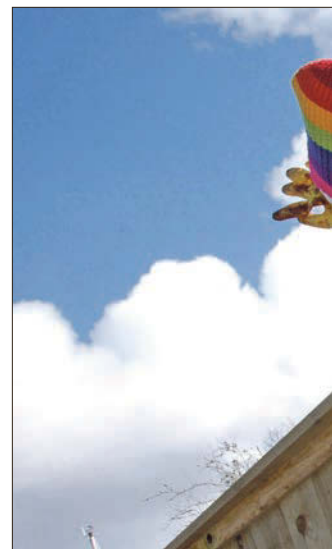
TARBERT Church hall was the venue for a Dis-

MARCH



Scots folk song (S4 to S6) winner Abbie Williams, flanked by third placed Holly Renton, left, and runner-up Niamh Adams-McGilp nearest the camera. 06_a13mamf04

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JUNE

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Princess dance at the workshop. 06_a14easter_princ01

ney-themed dance workshop on Easter Monday, led by Rachael MacFarlane.



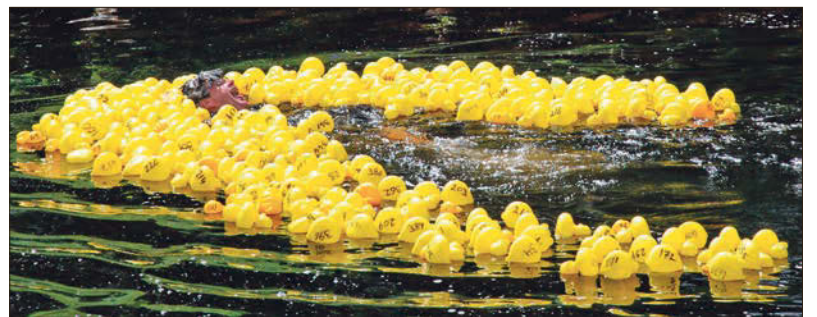
Feorlin with her trophy. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

AMONG a strong Mid Argyll entry, Feorlin Renton from Inveraray took part in Oban Provincial Mod. Feorlin won the Argyll and Bute Council Cup for singing in the 7 and 8 age group.



The impressive parade along Argyll Street. 06_a26afday03

ARMED Forces Day was marked in Lochgilhead in glorious sunshine. As this was the only such event of its kind in Argyll and Bute, veterans travelled from all over the region to take part and show support for service personnel and their families.



Ian Lindsay tries to herd the ducks downstream. 06_a23duckderby01

IT WAS great fun at the Inveraray legion Duck Derby, as the yellow competitors fell victim to the breeze and floated upstream away from the finishing line. After some persuasion, Orla Mochrie's number 42 came first, winning the £50 first prize.



An unfortunate slip while painting the Russells' fence. 06_a14scarecrow03

THE KNAPDALE scarecrow competition produced some imaginative creations around the peninsula, adding extra springtime colour to the region.

MAY



Dancers at the Loch Fyne Food Fair.

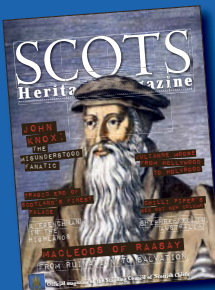
LOCH Fyne Food Fair saw around 4,000 people flock to the head of the loch in beautiful weather, enjoying the best food and drink the region has to offer accompanied by great music and plenty dancing.



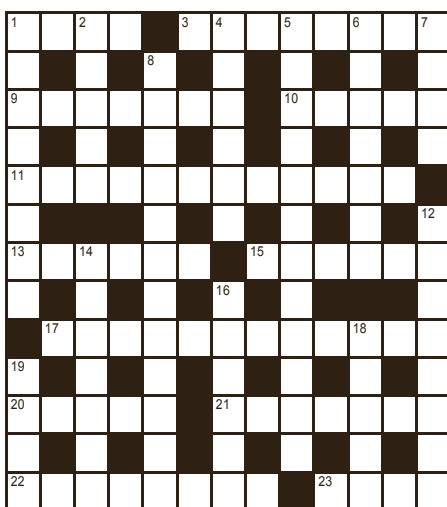
Just kidding - stuntman Dom Kinnaird aims a realistic-looking kick in a special demonstration. 08_a27sotg03

THE ANNUAL Sports Not On The Green, organised by Mid Argyll Youth Development Services, were held at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, with all kinds of attractions.

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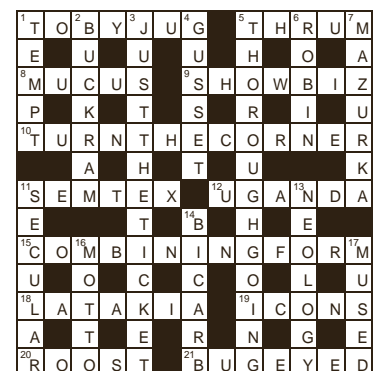
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- 1 Compelling (4)
- 3 Caution (8)
- 9 One who is famous (7)
- 10 Beat (5)
- 11 Childhood hurt, experienced at the beginning of a new enterprise (7,5)
- 13 Subject test for those in their late teens (1,5)
- 15 Marketing ploy (6)
- 17 Not agreeing (12)
- 20 One with a cover story (5)
- 21 Strips (7)
- 22 Bracket (8)
- 23 Method of sending a note (4)

Down

- 1 Woven letters (8)
- 2 Language of South Africa (5)
- 4 Unearth from the deep (6)
- 5 Not heading home (7-5)
- 6 Huge (7)
- 7 Go on this without much preparation (4)
- 8 Destroying (12)
- 12 Where acts are seen (5,3)
- 14 Snob (7)
- 16 Classic sports car, one to fear? (6)
- 18 Group not having the support of a large company (5)
- 19 After-bath powder (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION





Glenalmond College

2017 sees the start of an exciting new phase of development for Glenalmond College. Two new boarding houses will open in September, improving the provision for junior pupils and creating new places for girls within a new girls' house.

Cairnies, Glenalmond's new junior house, will provide boarding and day boys aged 12 to 14 with a level of pastoral support specifically suited to younger pupils. Close to the outdoor classroom, the woods, Glenalmond's

golf course and with its own playing fields, Cairnies will provide an excellent base for junior year groups.

The new girls' house, Goodacre's, also opens in September 2017, and will be home to girls aged 12 to 18. This house is in the very heart of the school and will enable Glenalmond to expand its girls' boarding and day provision to meet increasing demand.

The opening of these new houses is matched

by developments in the academic side of the school, centred on the Glenalmond Learning Project, which continues to raise academic attainment, ambition and excellence across the school.

New curriculum developments have included the introduction of Mandarin alongside GCSE and A Level computer science, and the timetable has changed to increase the time devoted to teaching and academic study.

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WHAT CAR? Reveals Shortlist of Cars Battling for 2017 Car of the Year Crown

- Battle commences between 43 newcomers for the prestigious Car of the Year title
- SUV explosion means 13 SUVs shortlisted, including five brands' first SUVs

Overall Car of the Year and category winners to be revealed on January 11 2017

What Car? has announced the shortlist of 43 all-new cars that will battle

for the overall title of Car of the Year 2017 at the annual awards ceremony on January 11.

The overall Car of the Year award will be given to the best newcomer on the

automotive scene with a diverse spectrum of talented new cars competing for the top prize, from the nimble Ford Ka+ city car to the likes of the luxurious Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet.

UK buyers continue to drive an explosion in the SUV segment and no fewer than 13 new SUVs are also in line for the Car of the Year trophy, including the first SUVs from Seat, Jaguar, Bentley, Maserati and Tesla.

The expert team of What Car? judges ensure only the cars that deliver on all fronts from driving dynamics and interior quality to refinement and value for money make the final list.

The winner from the

43-strong shortlist will succeed the Audi A4 which took the prize in 2016 and will be named alongside individual category winners and the winner of the Reader Award, the most exciting car of 2017 as voted for by the public.

What Car? editor Steve Huntingford said: 'Over the past 12 months, the global automotive industry has delivered nothing short of excellence, producing new cars that are ever more appealing as well as safer and better for the environment.'

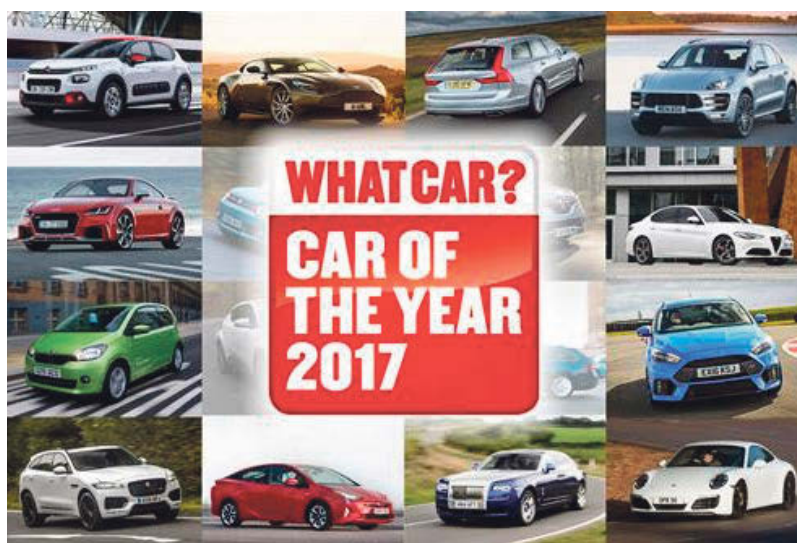
'Although we also await the announcement of our category winners, the all-new cars on our overall winner shortlist

have all brought exceptional qualities to the market and richly deserve their place not only here but also on the shopping lists of motorists.'

Whatcar.com is recognised as one of the UK's leading consumer websites for car purchases and attracts around two million unique visits every month.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

MARRIAGES



WATSON - KENCH

Rhona to Nick, at the Town Hall, Campbeltown, on December 17, 2016. Ceremony conducted by Belinda Braithwaite, Humanist. A day to remember.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Sir Ilay Mark, 7th Baronet of Succoth, on January 2, 2017, at Crarae, in his 90th year. Much loved by all who knew him. Funeral will be held at Cumlodden Parish Church, on Wednesday, January 11, at 12.00pm.

GELDER - Suddenly, on December 21, 2016, while walking with friends, Frank Barrie Gelder, of Macharich House, Southend, in his 67th year. A memorial service will be held in Southend Parish Church, on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 2.00pm, to which all are respectfully invited.

GRAHAM - Margaret Graham, of Greenfield Tarbert, in her 85th year, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 30, 2016, beloved wife of Malcolm, much loved mother of Catriona, Arthur and Fiona, dearly loved grandmother of Callum, Fiona, Jean, Grace, Madeleine, Alasdair and Neil Arthur, and dear sister to John, Mary and the late Douglas. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on January 9, 2017, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

GREENLEES - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 31, 2016, Elizabeth Wilson Paterson (Betty), in her 80th year, formerly of Burnbank, Drumlemble, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Greenlees, much loved mum of Elizabeth and Bobby, a loving and much loved

granny of Leanne, Mark and Claire and loving great granny to Calan, Lewyn, Marc and Saul. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.

HORNER - Peacefully at home, 6 Breakachy, Kilkenzie, Campbeltown, on December 24, 2016, Henry Sheldon Horner (Harry), in his 80th year, dearly beloved husband of May, much loved father of Jonathon and step-father of Louise.

INGLES - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on December 22, 2016, Robert Craig Ingles (Bob), in his 68th year, Low Cattadale, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Angie, much loved father of Sue and Karen and a loving pampa of Matt, Emily, Lucy, Ella and Freya. Service in Southend Church, on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A private cremation will be held at a later date.

KERR - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 3, 2017, Helen MacMillan (Douglas), in her 81st year, 13a Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Peter Kerr, much loved mum of Kenneth and Helen, loving mother-in-law of Alison and a loving granny of Nichola, John, Kenny, Craig and the late Scott. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.

MCCALLUM - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, at the Campbeltown Hospital, surrounded by his family, on January 1, 2017, James Crawford McCallum, in his 81st year, 114 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Matty, much loved dad of Agnes and Jim, dearly loved father-in-law of Marie and the late Dave Bridges, loving grampa of David, Michelle, Amy and Andrew and great grampa of Olivia. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, on

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Highland Parish Church.

MCGLYNN - On December 29, 2016, peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Dugald (Tat) McGlynn, in his 90th year, beloved husband of Mary (May) MacInnes, much loved father of Brian, Iain, Robert, Catherine, Kenneth and Neil and a dearly loved father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather, sadly missed by all. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Baptist Church, on Friday, January 6, 2017, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome.

MCKINLAY - Peacefully at home, Auchmar, Fort Argyll Road, Campbeltown, on Christmas Eve, in her 94th year, Elizabeth Agnes Barbour, beloved wife of the late Dan McKinlay, very much loved mum to Elspeth and Moira, respected mother-in-law to John, treasured granny to Eilidh, Gregor, Lucy and Hannah, darling GG to Lachlan and devoted aunt to all her nephews and nieces.

MCNICOL - On December 28, 2016, peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, Duncan (Don) McNicol, in his 66th year, loving husband of Mary, loving step-dad and dad to Malcolm and Margaret. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired, to Macmillan Cancer Support and Mairi Semple Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCGOUGAN - Fergie's family would like to thank everyone for visits, telephone calls, cards and beautiful flowers received. Sincere thanks to doctors, nursing staff and carers who supported Fergie over the years. Also to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their support, guidance and excellent, professional service, to Rev William Crossan for a most uplifting service, to David Gardner for the music and to the Argyll Hotel for catering. Finally, thank you to all who attended church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for the Highland Parish Church raised £238.

WATSON - The family of the late Duncan Watson would like to thank all family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for all the lovely cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received after their sad loss of Dinnie. Special thanks to Dr Anderson and all staff

on the Acute Ward for their excellent care and to all home carers and Southend Surgery. Thanks to the Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service and to Nettie Semple for the nice music. Special thanks to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional service and support. Thanks to Frances and all at Muneroy for the lovely purvey. Finally, thanks to everyone who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for Southend Church raised £827.92.

IN MEMORIAMS

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.

- Rene, Flora and Carolin xxx.

MCLEAN - Remembering Norman, a good friend and neighbour, who died January 7, 2016.

We still miss you.

- Jean and George.

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.

CHURCH NOTICES

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE DIDN'T have enough chairs out. We thought there were plenty as it was New Year's morning and we didn't think many folk would come.

Extra chairs were passed over heads by willing hands, as even more people smiled their way into the hall.

People greeted each other with hand shakes and hugs as the Cleit family gathered for worship.

It was different, it was imaginative, it was spirit filled, it was soul warming and God was in the midst.

On the first day of a new year we gathered to be with each other and with God.

On the first day of a new year we came together for various reasons.

Some came to bring their prayers for strength, some to give thanks, some to reflect on the past, some to seek hope in the future.

But most of all we came to worship God.

And God was in the midst.

We were in the hall sitting round tables, as families do.

I thought about this and wondered at how many tables had Jesus been a guest.

How many stories had he told in different ways to tell people of God's love for them.

So here we were, beginning 2017 gathered as a family round a table as Catriona reminded us of God's love for each one of us.

We sang about looking forward in faith and, united by a common purpose, I felt more sure about the journey we travel together.

At the close of worship, Catriona invited us to join hands and sing the ancient blessing to each other.

Friendship and refreshments followed.

And God was in the midst.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace.

CAMPBELTOWN

Bob's back and he is not chuffed

IT IS two years after the independence referendum and Bob has stuff on his mind - whether or not to take early retirement and why Ethel, his ex, who has not been around for 20 years has suddenly resurfaced.

Then there's politics, of course, and what to do about the No vote, Corbyn, Brexit et al. And then there was that weird thing about a man ascending into the heavens.

AFTER two years filming, Scottish actor and director David Hayman is back on the stage, returning as Bob Cunningham, protagonist of *The Pitiless Storm*, a one-man show written by Chris Dolan which toured extensively in the run up to 2014's referendum.

The Cause of Thunder, by Chris Dolan, is to tour Scotland in February and March. It is directed by David Hayman Junior, David's son, and produced by FairPlay.

The play will be



David Hayman, director, David Hayman Junior and writer Chris Dolan. Photograph: Eddie Middleton.

Friends of Hermitage Park tree walk

AS PART of the start of the £3.3 million Hermitage Park regeneration project, Argyll and Bute Council and Friends of Hermitage Park have organised a tree walk.

Explain

Walk organisers hope to update local people on the work about to start and explain why some of the trees have to be removed.

A contractor is about to be ap-

pointed to start the work that will regenerate the Helensburgh park with improvements including a new pavilion; a fountain plaza; conservation of the war memorial; new paths and lighting and a children's play area.

A tree survey provided detailed information about the condition and shape of the park's trees. It identified around 70 that need to be removed be-

cause they are dead, diseased, in poor shape or planted too close together.

Label

As part of the walk, each affected tree will have a label attached to it explaining the reason for its removal.

Anyone interested in taking part should meet at the Sinclair Street entrance of Hermitage Park at 2pm on Saturday January 7.

staged in Campbeltown's Springbank Distillery on Thursday February 9.

As far as FairPlay can ascertain, this will be the first time a malt barn at a working distillery has doubled as a theatre.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Shinty club lottery draw

AT THE Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Tuesday December 27, the winning numbers were 1, 13 and 17.

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A gathering of friends at Christmas

FRIENDSHIP, laughter and sharing were the order of the day at the Community Gathering Christmas Lunch.

The event, held in the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services Hall, attracted more than 30 people, with another 20 people taking advantage of a special food delivery service on Christmas Day.

Lynda Syed, of Argyll Third Sector Interface and one of the event or-



The kitchen team - Irene, Andrew and Clare - worked hard to make the day a success.



Sally enjoys Christmas day among friends.

ganisers, said: 'It was a great atmosphere and I think everyone enjoyed themselves, judging by the fact we overran by more than an hour and still folk didn't want to leave.'

She continued: 'We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the local community - both businesses and individuals - who donated money and gifts to support peo-

ple who found themselves alone at Christmas. There were far too many to mention, but they know who they are and we would like to thank them all.

'Particular thanks to those who gave their time, both on the day and leading up to the event. You are all stars.'

Everyone at the party was offered a Christmas buffet lunch, and

a take away for later. They also received two gifts.

Lynda concluded: 'This is the third year we have run this event and one thing I have noticed is that the number of people wishing to receive a delivery has gone up.'

'I hope any plans for next year will draw in more folk from the villages, so that no-one in Mid Argyll is alone at Christmas.'



A festive tune from Gordon on guitar.



Tarbert girls glammed-up for the festive fun ahead.

Suited and booted for Tarbert Academy festive school fun

SUITED and booted Tarbert Academy pupils filled the dance floor for the annual Christmas Disco on Thursday December 15.

Brandon Clements got the night started as he took charge of the DJ decks and encouraged the enthusiastic students to show off their moves.

Later in the night, the glammed-up pupils called for a ceilidh.

As the girls chucked their high heels to the side and the boys

found a place on the dance floor, the excited pupils of Tarbert Academy danced the night away.

After hours of energetic dance moves, the pupils had a chance to catch their breath as they sat down for a well-earned buffet.

Smiles

As the successful night drew to an end, the pupils left the hall with huge smiles and full of festive cheer, marking the end of another school term.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3700

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

F Mason
Castle Park
Campbeltown

I Mitchell
Millknow
Campbeltown

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.

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Address

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Please tape your £1 coin here (if posting)



**Iain Rodger.
Kick into the
new year with
karate**

KYOKUSHIN karate classes resumed this week to help with new year resolutions to get fit and active.

Classes for children and adults take place on Wednesday nights at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, Lochgilphead. The children's class is for youngsters aged eight and above.

For more information contact Iain Rodger on 07584 166542.

**Ladies -
interested in
golf coaching?**

GOLF coaching sessions for ladies are being planned at Lochgilphead Golf Club. Member Ele Hunter issued an appeal for anyone who might be interested in spring coaching sessions to get in touch.

Ele said: 'We are trying to get a rough idea how many ladies would be interested. Please let me know on 07714 233006.'



Indoor athletics set for Lochgilphead return

THE MID Argyll area competition in the Argyll series of Sports Hall Athletics will be held on Sunday January 22 in the games hall at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

This competition is the first of four local area competitions to be held in Argyll between January and March.

The other local competitions at Campbeltown, Oban and Tobermory will be held in February and early March, with the best of the young athletes qualifying for

the Argyll Final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on March 19.

Mid Argyll Athletic Club has been promoting this form of indoor athletics every winter since 1994 using specialist equipment for running, jumping and throwing events.

Anyone planning to enter the Lochgilphead competition is reminded events will start at midday on January 22, with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

The competition

caters for six age groups starting from under seven years up to under-17, with seven running, jumping and throwing events.

Everyone taking part will receive a medal and trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in each age group.

An entry fee of £2 per competitor will be levied, or £5 for families of three or more. This is an ideal opportunity for youngsters to try athletics for the first time in a warm, dry environment.



Action from last year's Mid Argyll sports hall athletics competition.
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Bill Halliday enjoys a bracing Oban run.

Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

A bracing way to end the year

BILL Halliday from Kilmartin braved wind and heavy rain to complete the 5km parkrun from Ganavan to Dunbeg, just outside Oban, on Hogmanay.

His time of 24 minutes four seconds was enough to see Bill come home in 13th place overall and sixth best male competitor. Almost five minutes ahead was international athlete Susan Partridge, who beat all comers in a time of 19 minutes 21 seconds.

Old fogeys pay the penalty in tight Red Star festive fixture

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star held the club's festive grudge match at the Ropework Park.

Under the eagle eye of ref Jimmy 'Clattenburg' Litster, the over-30s took on the under-30s on December 27.

A very entertaining match was played in true seasonal spirit.

In the end, the old fogeys and young bucks shared four goals between them - the scorers being J Kennedy and D Moore for the overs and C McGuinness and C McPhie for the young team.

Penalty shoot-out

It all came down to the dreaded penalty shoot-out with the

youngsters winning by four goals to two.

The match raised £130, all of which will be donated to the MS Centre in Lochgilphead.

The festive spirits continued after the game as the players gathered together at the Stag Hotel.

Scottish AFL fixtures

Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup fifth round - Oban Saints v Westdyce; Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Shawlands; Premier Division One - Easthall Star v Dunoon; Premier Division 2A - Broomhill v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier Division 2B - Tarbert no game.

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