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Thumbs up from Mid Argyll's first baby of 2012



LITTLE Kyra Harris - the first baby born in Mid Argyll in 2012 - gave the world a thumbs up this week.

Daughter of Ami Harris and Philip Carruthers, Kyra was born at 9.14am on January 3, weighing 8lbs, 4ozs.

Born at Mid Argyll Community Hospital during one of the worst storms in recent history, Kyra was welcomed into the world one

week early, unaware of the chaos around her.

'The midwives told me I should call her Gail because she was born in a gale,' mum of three Ami said. 'It was certainly a wild one; I could hear the wind howling against the windows but the midwives Joanne Thorpe and Karen Molloy were absolutely fantastic.'

Welcomed home by brothers

Lee, aged 7, and Aron, 6, Kyra is the object of all their affection. 'They were desperate to meet her,' Ami said. 'They dote on her and want to see her first thing every morning; they are already very protective of her.'

Another girl to even out the numbers in the Harris household, parents Ami and Philip said they were 'absolutely delighted' with their new arrival.

Frustrated drivers demand van is moved

But owner claims parking space was approved by police and Transerv

**REPORT BY
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FRUSTRATED motorists in Ardrishaig are campaigning to have a 'hazard' removed from a roadside in their village.

Hundreds of residents have signed a petition urging the owner of a van, parked beside the Crinan Canal swing bridge, to move it before a 'serious accident' happens.

Launched by a local mechanic, who wants to remain anonymous, the petition calls on the tenant of Ardlamont Cottage, Brendan Doherty, to park his van off the road ensuring better visibility of the road and on-coming traffic.

at this hazard spot on a daily basis.'

He added: 'Ardrishaig is not a large place but most of the adult population, and almost every car and truck driver in the town and surrounding area, has signed this petition asking for action to be taken and the van moved.'

Up to 1,000 people are believed to have signed petitions, placed in shops, pubs and transport hubs across Mid Argyll.

Lynn Gorrie, store manager of the Co-op in Ardrishaig, said there has been a great deal

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Council Tax frozen for another year

COUNCIL tax will be frozen for another year in Argyll.

All 32 councils in Scotland have confirmed, in principle, to accept the Scottish Government's funding offer for next year to freeze council tax for 2012-2013.

It is estimated that the majority of Scottish households will save more than £500 as a result of council tax freezes between 2007 and 2013.

Lochgair Hall to be upgraded

VISITORS to Lochgair Village Hall will have a more enjoyable experience in the coming weeks as the hall is to benefit from improved insulation.

The hall is to undergo a 'winter upgrade' after the Lochgair Association and Church of Scotland agreed to work together to insulate the loft space.

The improvements will make the hall easier to heat and create a more comfortable environment for members of the Tai Chi class and Lunch Club, who frequently use the hall.

A celebration will be held this evening (Friday) in the village hall.

Area endures days without power and phone signal

Life returns to normal after vicious winter storm

LIFE in Mid Argyll has finally returned to normal this week after a storm left many residents without power and a telephone signal for five days.

Hundreds of people throughout the county were left with no heat, hot water, hot food or means of communication after one of the worst storms in recent history, which saw gusts of up to 100mph hit Argyll last Tuesday.

Rural areas including Tarbert, Minard and Inveraray were amongst

the worst affected with power only being restored to Tarbert and Kilberry on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Heat

On Wednesday, Scotland's only mobile cinema, Screen Machine, brought more than the latest movies to Tarbert—it provided heat and light to villagers who had been without power for more than 36 hours.

Screen Machine operator Iain MacColl braved the elements

and intermittent internet connections to show movies on Wednesday evening during the power cuts.

Mr MacColl said: 'We promised we'd come to Tarbert following the December storms, but we weren't expecting it to be so bad.'

'Thankfully Screen Machine has its own generator and we were able to show films as planned, even if it was a bit touch and go at times!'

Children from Tarbert Academy managed to

watch Tintin as part of a school project, with many parents joining them, as they had no power at home.

Buildings and infrastructure in Tarbert also suffered at the hands of the storm with slates being lifted from rooftops and the village's church is no longer wind and watertight.

Services

Ian Macintyre, who attends the Church of Scotland in the village, said services would be held in Templar Arts and Leisure Centre for

the rest of the month. 'There are a number of slates off the roof and water is coming in all over the place,' Mr Macintyre said. 'The church had to be closed for use because of the risk to the electrics.'

Despite a lack of power for most of last week, engineers worked round the clock to restore electricity to homes and businesses, whilst staff from Argyll and Bute Council made regular visits to some of the county's most vulnerable people.

Argyll MSP calls for more robust telephone service

COMMUNITIES, volunteers and emergency services in Argyll have been praised by the county's MSP for pulling together during the storms on January 3.

But Michael Russell has slammed mobile phone providers for 'letting everyone down' and has demanded an upgrade to the service in his constituency.

Mr Russell, who lives in rural Argyll, said: 'I commend everyone who helped keep the area moving during and after this exceptional weather.'

'There was a real community effort from volunteers, emergency services and workers who pulled out all the stops to make sure all were safe and

well. When there was a problem it was dealt with quickly and efficiently. We witnessed some horrific scenes throughout the area.'

However, part of the problem in communicating issues was lack of mobile phone reception, he claimed.

'The people who have coped least well are the mobile phone providers who have not fully-fixed problems to the network during the storms earlier in December. We pay the same tariff as everyone else in the country and yet do not have the same provision.'

'In extreme situations like these storms we need a reliable mobile service – something we simply do not have.'

Police files Alleged theft of mobile phone

A MAN was arrested last Friday night after allegedly stealing a mobile telephone on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

The man, aged 24, has been charged with theft and committing a breach of the peace.

Arrested

A 34-YEAR-old man who threw things out of a flat on to a road has been arrested for culpable and reckless conduct.

The man is alleged to have been throwing things from his flat on to the road on Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, at 3.15pm last Friday.

Bitten by dog

A MAN and his dog suffered minor injuries last week after they were both bitten by a dog.

A 36-year-old woman has been reported to the procurator fiscal for allegedly allowing her dog to be out of control, following the incident, which took place last Friday afternoon.

Appeal for witnesses

WITNESSES are being sought after a car was vandalised in Tarbert last Thursday night.

The car was parked in the Tarbert Medical Centre car park when it was damaged. A group of youths were seen in the area at the time of the incident and police are appealing for anyone with information about the vandalism to come forward. Lochgilphead Police can be contacted on 01546 702200.

Window smashed

POLICE officers arrested a man last Saturday night after he allegedly smashed a window on a property in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

The man, aged 31, has also been reported to the procurator fiscal for an alleged breach of the peace.



Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, says the area needs a robust telephone service.

Rotary Club of Campbeltown

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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

If you feel someone has given outstanding service to the community in 2011, put their names forward to Rotary Club of Campbeltown. Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, 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 2011. 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 nomination forms for both awards should be sent in confidence to:
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Marking the envelope "Citizen of the Year" or "Young Musician of the Year"

Entries for both of the above to be received by 17th February 2012.

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Claire Munro, daughter of Alistair and Debbie Munro, Bridgend, Kilmichael and former pupil of Ashfield Primary and Lochgilphead High School has recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Nursing (Paediatric). Claire has recently taken up a post as a staff nurse at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London.



Noreen Taylor Robertson, youngest daughter of the late Jim and Margaret Robertson, graduated from Argyll College with a HNC in Business.

Lucky pair escape serious injury after tree crashes down on truck

TWO MEN escaped serious injury and possible death last week after a tree came crashing down on top of the van they were travelling in.

Peter Stewart and Brian Wilkinson were monitoring the water levels of the Crinan Canal last Tuesday in hurricane strength winds when a tree fell onto their van, missing the men by inches.

'We heard a crunch and then the tree came down on us,' Peter said.

'We were in the front of the van and it had hit the back seats; it had gone through the cab of the van as well.'

The men had just begun work, controlling the water level of the Crinan Canal and fighting the risk of flooding near Cairnbaan, when the tree fell down at 7.30am.

'You could just hear it coming down and we tried to get away from it. We climbed over the

seats to get out at the passenger side. The way it came down it jammed all the doors shut so we climbed out of the window.'

Escaping the ordeal with nothing more than sore necks the men realise it could have been so much worse had the car moved a few inches.

Peter said: 'I feel very lucky that we are still here.'

Close one

'It didn't really hit me until I got home. When you are working you just get on but when it settled down later that's when I realised it was a close one.'

'We are both very lucky not to have been injured.'

'I had a sore neck but that's fine now.'

The men, both aged 45 and waterway operators with British Waterways Scotland, are the unsung heroes of the stormy weather, returning to work immediately to



Peter Stewart, inset, and Brian Wilkinson had a lucky escape during last week's stormy weather. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

ensure the Crinan Canal did not burst its banks. 'We had to keep on going,' Peter said.

Van

'The level of the canal was too high so we went on and worked all day. We just got another van.

No one was hurt so we went back to work on Wednesday.'

The men worked until midnight on Wednesday to minimise the risk of flooding to homes and businesses that border the canal.

Charities across Mid Argyll urged to apply for third sector grants to kick-start projects

CHARITIES across Mid Argyll are this week being encouraged to apply to Argyll and Bute Council for third sector grants.

The funding programme aims to support communities and vulnerable people and help to kick start new projects and events in the area.

Almost 120 community groups and organisations across the re-

gion benefited from £219,000 of grant funding last year; the money improved the lives of young people, elderly people, victims of crime and people with debt and transportation problems.

Fresh ideas

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute Council's third sector spokesperson, said: 'This year we are particularly keen to encourage

new groups with fresh ideas to apply for the grants and I would urge anyone who has an idea to talk it through with, and seek assistance from, the council's community development and social enterprise teams.'

The closing date for grant applications is February 24, with successful applicants awarded grants in April.

Bt phone lines hit by storm

BT HAS confirmed some individual properties have lost landline phone connections throughout Argyll and Bute as a result of the recent stormy weather.

Work is underway to fix reported problems, which can sometimes involve the erection of five telegraph poles to restore connection to just 10 properties. The spokesperson said: 'If you have a problem, contact your service provider in the first instance, don't presume we know about it.'



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Man dies at pool

A 55-YEAR-old man has died after collapsing at the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool on Saturday morning.

Despite receiving immediate medical attention from staff and an off duty doctor the man died at the scene at 10.50am.

The MACEL board issued a statement following the incident: 'The pool board and staff are deeply saddened by the sudden death of a member of the public at Mid Argyll Community Pool. We would like to express our thanks to the pool staff, members of Adult Swim Fit and all the emergency services for their rapid response and tremendous effort.'

'We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased.'



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Mondays 5.30pm and 7pm
Contact Jennifer on 07766 353069.

Sampling contracts awarded

ARGYLL and Bute and Highland councils will continue to collect shellfish and water samples for the Food Standards Agency in their areas.

Meanwhile, Hallmark Meat Hygiene Ltd will collect samples in the Western Isles, while SAMS will continue its phytoplankton-monitoring programme across Scotland.

The contracts were awarded after a tendering exercise, started last August.

Dunoon update

A DROP-in event is being held later this month to update the people of Dunoon on progress regarding the town's CHORD plans.

The event, which is open to everyone, will take place in Queens Hall on Wednesday, January 25 from 12pm to 8.30pm.

The Dunoon CHORD project team will be on hand throughout the event to discuss the updated plans for the Queens Hall and Waterfront areas.



A bus and lorry attempt to pass each other beside the 'green van' parked on the southside of the Crinan Canal swing bridge in Ardrishaig. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

Drivers want van moved

Continued from p1. of support for the campaign.

'People are very eager to sign it, she said. 'People from as far a field as Campbeltown are signing it, so it is obviously a bone of contention. I didn't realise how much it bothered people until now.'

But the owner of the van, Mr Doherty, says he runs the risk of being charged with a criminal offence if he parks in his designated space at the

side of his property. 'I had been using the space for quite a while when the police charged me with causing an obstruction,' Mr Doherty said. 'They told me I could not park in my designated space. Why, I don't know. To my mind it is stupid but that is the law according to the police.'

Mr Doherty is registered disabled and has been assigned the area outside his home to park his van by the police and Transerv Scotland.

'The only place I don't get charged with causing an obstruction is where I park at the moment; the only place the police say is safe is where I park now.'

The petition, launched in the middle of December, will end today (Friday).

A spokesman for Lochgilphead Police said any road safety concerns reported to the police would be fully investigated and the appropriate action taken.

Beavers having 'little effect' on rivers and streams

BEAVERS settling in Mid Argyll are having 'little effect' on the area's rivers and streams, a recent report has revealed.

The report, published by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), has found that small dams have been built in Knapdale Forest, where the beavers have been living since May 2009, but that they are limited in number and scale.

Twelve rivers and streams in an area used by the beavers were examined by scientists in autumn 2010, revealing there has been minimal change in watercourses since the beavers were introduced.

The researchers, from Stirling University, looked at bankside vegetation; size and shape of the stream channel; the stability of the banks

and the amount of woody debris in the stream to assess the beavers' effect on stream habitats and landforms.

Commenting on the report's findings, Angus Tree, who manages the independent river habitat monitoring for SNH, said: 'It is notable that the beavers are having little effect on the streams in the area - this is because they have been concentrating nearly all of their activity around the lochs where they were originally released and have now settled.'

Recognising the habitat report did not cover lochs, Mr Tree, said more obvious changes could be seen at Dubh Loch, where the beavers spend most of their time.

These changes, he said, would be noted in a report published

later this year. Looking to the future, researchers suggest beavers could have a greater impact on streams and rivers as they grow in number and move further away from the lochs.

Explaining beaver activity would be continually monitored Mr Tree said: 'Beavers have complex effects on the environment and measuring these changes is essential. The results of the monitoring work we are doing with our partners will give the Scottish Government the information it needs to decide whether beavers should be permanently reintroduced to Scotland.'

The Scottish Beaver Trial is a five-year scientific trial run by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland.

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Revised windfarm application submitted to council

A REVISED planning application for the A'Chruach Windfarm at Kilmichael Forest has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

The windfarm, which could generate up to £96,000 a year for West Loch Fyne residents, was originally approved by the planning authority in 2008, but changes to the windfarm layout means new planning permission is needed.

The renewed planning application sees an additional turbine added to

the Kilmichael Forest site, with the 21 turbines situated closer together and on slightly higher ground than originally planned.

Jamie Grant, project developer at Infinis, the company building the windfarm, said the new layout would increase the windfarm's efficiency and productivity.

'We have been greatly encouraged by the community's positive response to our revised proposals for A'Chruach,' Mr Grant said,

'and Infinis will continue to engage with the local community throughout the planning application process.'

'It is anticipated that a decision on the application will be made by Argyll and Bute Council within six months.'

A'Chruach Windfarm, five kilometres north west of Minard, will feature turbines 126.5 metres in height, generate 48.3 megawatts of energy and power 27,000 homes.

Lloyds TSB court ruling set to benefit charities in Argyll

CHARITIES in Argyll and Bute are set to benefit from a court ruling that ordered the Lloyds

Banking Group to meet an obligation to fund its eponymous charity.

The Lloyds TSB Foun-

ation for Scotland won an action against the banking group to force it to honour a pledge to share one per cent of its pre-tax profits on an annual basis.

Mary Craig OBE, the foundation's chief executive, said: 'This is great news for Scotland's hard-pressed charities at a time when many are struggling.'

Planning applications

A PLANNING application to build an extension to the Anchorage at Toward, Dunoon was approved by Argyll and Bute Council last week.

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A HOUSE is to be built at Bruce Hill in Tarbert.

Argyll and Bute Council granted planning permission for the home last week.

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PLANNERS at Argyll and Bute Council have granted the owners of the Barn at Millcroft, Tighnabruich, permission to demolish the property's existing conservatory and build a replacement.

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A NEW car park is to be built at Hunter's Quay Holiday Village in Dunoon after planning authorities granted permission.

Land, originally used to home holiday lodges, will be used to form a parking area, footpath and landscape gardens.

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A PLANNING application to erect an 80-metre-high meteorological mast in Whitehouse, near Tarbert, has been approved.

Permission was granted to erect the mast on the site, east of Loch Freasdail, for two years by Argyll and Bute Council earlier this week.

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Organisers take a break but vow sailing festival will return in 2013

ORGANISERS behind the Crinan Classics sailing festival have announced the event will not take place in 2012.

Mike Dalgligh and Ross Ryan said they will take a break from the festival this year but promised the event would return in 2013.

In a statement, released on Wednesday,

the pair said: 'We have had many notes of enquiry over the last few months about what is happening for 2012. It has been encouraging to receive the many emails and phone calls from new and past participants.'

'However, we have decided this year to take one year out from the festival and, after five successful festivals

to date, we feel that now is the right time.'

The sailing duo are, however, already thinking about 2013 and are hoping to coincide the Crinan Classics festival with the Fife Regatta, planned for June 1-6.

'One of the reasons for a year's break is to avoid being complacent and bring

some new ideas to the festival,' the pair said. 'We hope to encourage a couple of the Fifes to Crinan, perhaps with a feeder race round Mull and through the canal.'

Sailing enthusiasts Mike and Ross launched Crinan Classics in 2006; the event has grown in size and popularity ever since.

Museum takes heritage project out to islands

EDUCATION officers from Kilmartin House Museum are bringing their renowned heritage project to the islands of Jura, Gigha, Coll and Tiree.

The project aims to help young people gain a better understanding of their island's past through fun activities and replica artefacts of tools and items used centuries ago.

Kate Moody, education officer at Kilmartin House Museum said: 'We are really excited about visiting these islands as they have lots of fantastic sites and monuments which tell us a great deal about how our ancestors lived and worked there.'

'As part of our visit we plan to take the children out to some of the sites, show them replicas of some of the tools and equipment their ancestors would have used and explain why it is important to protect the unique archaeology of the islands.'

Education officers will also work with children and local artists to create an artwork that represents the children's understanding of their island's history and its importance today.

Artists interested in working on the heritage project are urged to contact Ailsa Raeburn or Kate Moody at Kilmartin House Museum on 01546 510278.



Sheena Weir of West Loch Shores with the plaque. 21_c02west01

Top accolade for holiday park

WEST Loch Shores, Tarbert, has added a new accolade to its belt.

The holiday lodge park, just outside of Tarbert, was announced as a finalist of the Hoseasons's Diamond Award 2011.

The prestigious award recognises exceptional quality and outstanding customer service.

Director Malcolm MacDonald, who established West Loch Shores in 1996, and also jointly owns Brenfield Shores, said he was honoured to receive the award.

Mr MacDonald said the complex and its staff have worked hard over the years to estab-

lish the business, which now boasts around 30 lodges; he is proud to have everyone's efforts recognised.

Each lodge in the Tarbert park enjoys views overlooking West Loch Tarbert and the park caters for a wide range of clients, from families to groups of divers visiting the area.

The holiday park will this year be promoting Tarbert as a holiday destination at the Outdoors Show at Glasgow's SECC arena. The company will be joined by Pathfinder Park Homes, which will be showcasing the new Holicombe Lodge.

Exhibition boosts charity

MORE than £300 has been raised for Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Research following a recent art exhibition in Lochgilhead.

Julia Love Griffiths sold a range of fabric collage artwork during her exhibition at the Dochas centre in December, raising £380 for the charity.

GRADUATIONS



Donna Harvey (née Milloy) has graduated from the University of the West of Scotland with a BSc in Mental Health Nursing. Donna did her management placement in The State Hospital, Carstairs and is continuing to study with U.W.S. in Psychosocial Interventions and Forensic Study. Donna is currently the Deputy Manager in Kintyre Care Centre.

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Thumbs down for traffic lights

Roads department regulations have thwarted hopes for traffic lights at a dangerous Tarbert road crossing, it was confirmed this week.

But control measures will be introduced in an effort to reduce the risk to pedestrians.

Following a recent accident and several near misses at a village centre crossing, over 1,000 villagers signed a petition calling for the installation of traffic lights at the blackspot.

But at a site meeting last week Oban-based engineer Mr Forbes Johnston, unit manager with the Central Scotland Local Authority Consortium, revealed that because the crossing spans a trunk road, under present guidelines the traffic flow is not sufficient to justify traffic lights.

The meeting, attended by local councillor, Mr Dugald MacKinnon, accompanied by Mr Douglas Robertson, the chairman of the community council and Mr Ian MacIntyre, a member of the same council, discussed other possibilities including the establishment of traffic calming measures. Mr Johnston advised against these on the grounds that they are quickly ignored.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I AM writing this by candlelight beside a lovely log fire.

The storms have raged relentlessly and power cuts have plunged us into darkness with great regularity.

The sea has left her ocean home and made her way across the land leaving us with a great sense of unease.

Rocks and debris block the roads and make driving dangerous.

Trees have been uprooted, fences have disappeared and walls that have survived the gales for 200 years have crumbled under the force of the latest storms.

We are back to basics and wait anxiously for the next update from the Power Cuts Information Help Line.

But as the fire crackles and the candlelight dances on the faces of loved ones, I stop to remember that there are blessings even in the darkness.

There is a sense of caring as neighbours phone round each other to see that folk are safe and warm.

The emergency services were working flat out to restore power and offered repayment if the need arose for people to have a meal out or stay overnight at a hotel.

There are blessings in the darkness.

We are fortunate to have a coal fire and a wee gas primus stove, and we actually enjoyed the challenge of preparing a hot meal on this little lifesaver.

Devoid of TV, radio, emails, and texts we sat round the fire, and in the candlelight, enjoyed some wonderful conversations.

There are blessings in the darkness.

We had heat and light, food and friendship, and a roof over our heads.

Our blessings were numerous.

So as we endured the January gales, I wondered what storms of a personal nature might be ahead of any of us this year.

Who knows what lies ahead, but whatever it may be, may we always find blessings in the darkness.



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane Picture was submitted by Agnes McLarty. The picture shows night staff from Argyll and Bute Hospital enjoying their Christmas party night at the Kilmartin Hotel. From left to right: Angela Mitchell, Anne Samborek, Joan Craig, Anne Norris, Elda Leich, Anne Crawford, Shirley Docherty, Eleanor Holdsworth, Agnes McLarty and Eilidh McCallum. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilhead.

Scotland's nephrops fishermen

Sir,

At the last First Minister's Question Time of 2011 I challenged Alex Salmond to respond to the specific concerns of Scotland's nephrops fishermen about the impact of the EU fisheries deal on their livelihoods.

Instead of responding to a precise question of real significance the First Minister blustered in typical fashion and resorted to a wholly inaccurate and unhelpful attack on the UK government. In doing so he let down an important part of the Scottish fishing sector.

The facts of the matter are that our Prime Minister gave the Scottish cabinet secretary, Richard Lochhead, a leading

role in the fisheries negotiations.

Richard himself talked of his frustration at the outcome of these talks, despite the best efforts of hardworking Scottish and UK officials and ministers, pointing out that 'commonsense was no match for the legal straightjacket' of the cod recovery plan and that 'lawyers were once again running the show to the detriment of our fishing industry and our stocks'.

David Cameron decided not to agree to a similar example of the worst kind of Brussels officialdom when he correctly vetoed the recent EU treaty change that

would have hit Scotland's financial sector in which tens of thousands of Scots work.

The First Minister claimed this might adversely affect Scotland in the fisheries negotiations and in response to me he made the ludicrous claim that the Prime Minister's veto had left Scotland and the UK isolated in those talks.

This bizarre and incorrect claim was wholly at odds with what Richard Lochhead told the parliament only days ago, namely the reality of the situation- that Scotland and the UK worked closely with and had the support of Spain, France

and Germany in the fisheries talks.

Alex Salmond is clearly feeling under real pressure due to the fact that David Cameron, in standing up for Scotland and the UK in the EU, enjoys the support of the majority of Scots.

Mr Salmond is on the wrong side of this argument and is quickly becoming a lone voice in his opposition to the Prime Minister's strong stance.

I know whom I would prefer to have representing me in Europe.

Jamie McGrigor MSP, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP.

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Open letter to the Prime Minister

Sir,

I am writing because I am very concerned about the proposed 50 percent cut to benefits for many low income and out of work families with disabled children.

As you know, families with disabled children are more likely to live in poverty due to higher costs. These costs are particularly high at this time of year as many families with disabled children are forced to keep their heating on 24 hours a day and have to drive everywhere in icy conditions.

Due to these extra costs any cuts are felt especially hard. Your government is proposing that within the Universal Credit, disability additions will be 50 percent lower than their current rate. This means a cut of £1,400 per year. I cannot understand why you would target unnecessary cuts at the lowest income families with disabled children. Please give some good news to disabled children this year and think again about this policy.

Betty Rhodick, Lochgilhead.

Researching family member

Sir,

I am researching a family member, Patrick Campbell from Glasgow, who died in 1917 aged 40.

He was found drowned in lock number two of the Crinan Canal, Ardrishaig on March 7, 1917 at 3.30pm.

He was a marine engineer and the thinking was he was a merchant seaman working on a ship called *William Yale*, but we do not really know why he was at the canal lock at that time.

I wonder if any of your readers has any knowledge of this, perhaps a local historian?

If you have any information on the incident please email me at markthompson.mk@gmail.com.
Mark Thompson, 2 Balsam Close, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK77NB.

Is your business ready for the New Year?

'Good planning now can really help a business to get off to a good start'

WITH MANY small business owners preparing to take a well-earned break, Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team is encouraging entrepreneurs to take advantage of the support on offer to help review their business.

The off-season is a good time for a seasonal business to take stock - what worked well last year and what needs to change for the year ahead - and Business Gateway can help with that process.

Developing Plans

'The local Business Gateway team can help a seasonal business use

this quieter time productively in developing plans for the coming year,' explains Councillor Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesperson for enterprise, energy, culture and tourism.

'Good planning now can really help a business get off to a good start with marketing as the season approaches.'

Business Gateway can offer free, practical advice on a wide range of topics, from inspiration with ideas for new marketing to support with taking on an employee.

Local Business Gateway advisers are all

experienced business mentors and have spent time in the commercial world, both in management positions and running their own business.

Information

Business Gateway also offers a wealth of useful information and interactive tools at www.bgateway.com, plus free workshops to help entrepreneurs boost their business skills, covering a wide range of topics from business planning to website building and book-keeping.

To find out more visit www.bgateway.com or contact the local office on 01546 605 459.

Small business checklist

This month:

- Make sure that you have submitted your self assessment tax return to HMRC by January 31, 2012.
- Visit www.bgateway.com to find out about the free business skills workshops taking place in Argyll in February and March.
- Make time for plan-

ning. Set realistic goals and work out what you need to do to achieve them.

- Review your last year's sales. Not everything will sell well for you, or profitably, so drop what doesn't work.

- Decide what your business needs most. Could a new piece of equipment or an extra

pair of hands help?

- Get networking. Talking to other business people is great for generating new ideas, refining old ones and making contacts to help your business.

Need help? Business Gateway offers support and advice, contact the local office on 01546 605 459.



Nineteen-year-old Jordan Young is enjoying a successful start to his photography career.



Jordan's favourite picture: The stars shining above the hills in Kilmichael.

Kilmartin teenager turns his hobby of photography into a business

A TEENAGER with a love of photography has turned his hobby into a business and is achieving great success.

Nineteen-year-old Jordan Young, from Kilmartin, launched Jordan Young Photography just three months ago and is already being booked for weddings, portrait pictures and exhibitions.

Jordan, a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School, recently completed a HND in photography with the City of Glasgow College, achieving a distinction - the highest grade possible.

Now Jordan is enjoying his first local art exhibition with his collection on Mid Argyll's Neolithic stones, currently on display at Kilmartin House Museum.

'I have always wanted

to do photography; it is my dream job and hopefully this is the start of it,' Jordan said.

'Growing up in Kilmartin I was surrounded by the Neolithic stones and have always loved them. Photographing the stones is a hobby of mine,' he added.

Hoping to continue photographing Mid Argyll's landscape for art exhibitions, Jordan's business will focus on wedding and portrait photography.

'Weddings and family pictures will be my main source of income and it has been doing quite well since I started promoting my work,' Jordan said.

The Kilmartin lad is already enjoying great acclaim as a wedding photographer with clients queuing up to rec-

ommend him.

Louise and Greig Macphail, whose wedding was photographed by Jordan, described the teenager as 'all you want and more in a wedding photographer'.

'Jordan has an excellent eye for detail and catching the moment and character of wedding guests. We will use him over and over again,' the couple said.

Hoping to build on his early success, Jordan

is aiming to generate enough demand for his work to ensure it creates fulltime work and funds to invest in equipment.

'I have been getting help from Business Gateway and advisor Barbra Halliday has helped me create a business plan and assisted me with the financial aspect of the business.'

To view Jordan's photography log on to www.jyphotos.co.uk.

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Obituary: A lifelong friend remembers

John Annan - a husband, father and grandfather - sadly passed away at the end of December 2011, aged 81. An Ardrishaig man, who loved his home, John is remembered as having an 'inventive imagination' by his lifelong friend Bobby Holden.

A FUNERAL service was held for John Annan – though we all knew him as Johnny – in Ardrishaig Church on Friday, January 6, but this can not be an obituary: it is an observation of

his life since I first got to know him on our first day at school in Ardrishaig in the old 'wee school' on Kilduskland Road, in 1935. And since that day we have been close friends.

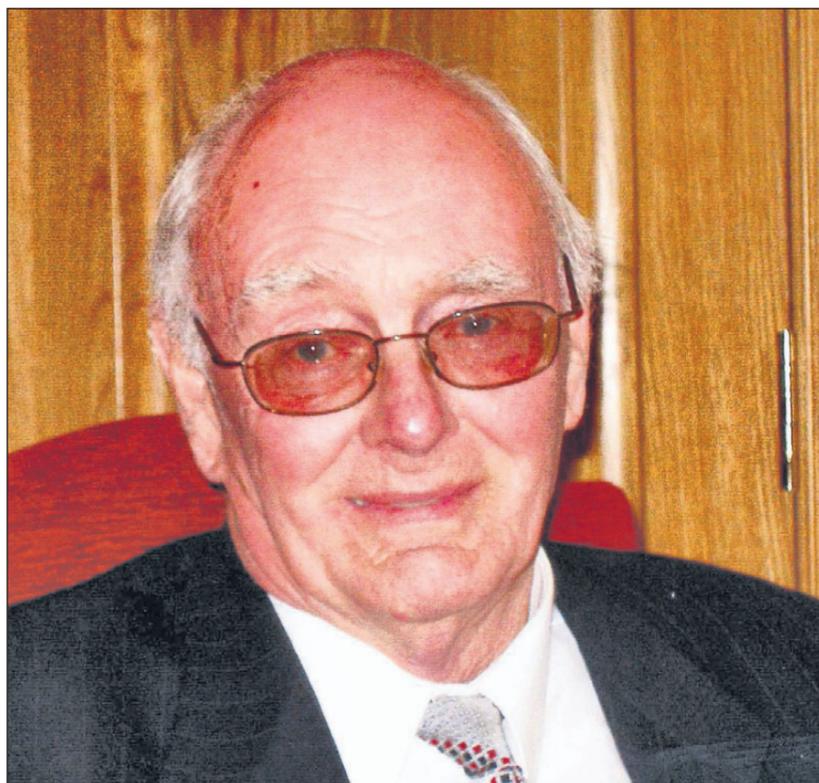
He was born in Drumadrochit and the family then moved to Fort Augustus for a few years before returning to the family home at Arran View; and there he stayed for the rest of his life, marrying his wife Agnes, from Dalavich, and bringing up two daughters, Fiona and Sheila. Sheila was tragically killed in a road accident at Inveraray, leaving two daughters, Louise and Megan, who were brought up by Johnny and Agnes.

Exploring

But I have jumped way ahead of our growing up days, when Johnny, my brother Alasdair and I spent our school days exploring the hills behind Ardrishaig and the Robber's Glen, fishing in the burns and experimenting with nuggets of information gleaned from Arthur Mee's Children's Encyclopaedia. This included the recipe for gunpowder, which we duly concocted, get-

ting the sulphur from the chemist, nitre from the local butcher, who, I think, used it as sausage flavouring. The charcoal we could make ourselves. And it worked; Johnny had the most inventive imagination. We tried blowing up an oak tree (undoubtedly, if we didn't have a good-sized bit of spare ground behind the house, we would have been candidates for the Children's Panel, but that hadn't been invented) by boring a hole in the trunk and filling it with powder, but just succeeded in splitting a six-inch wide, six foot long gap in it, which eventually healed up. The scar is there to this day. He told me quite recently that he remembers my father coming into the kitchen next to our 'lab', and asking my mother what the boys were doing. 'They are just making gunpowder,' she replied.

We had a white high-



John Annan, or Johnny as he was known to his friends, died aged 81.

land pony, called Rebecca, which we used to ride up to the 'Water Loch' to fish and it was Johnny's joy to take his turn and go full throttle up the grass track. I have the feeling that he always used bicycles, motorbikes and cars in much the same way; but I can't remember him hitting anything, ever.

He had the most agile mind and restless spirit, moving from careers in driving, forestry commission work, carpet laying, plumbing and

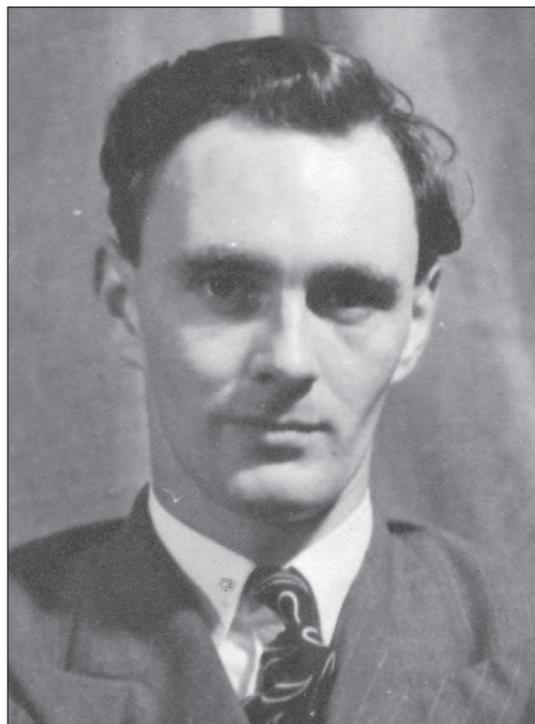
carpentry to then find his real skill as a photographer. His daughter Fiona's appreciation of him at his service really put her finger on his character and personality; I feel she should have the last word.

Family

'My dad had two main loves in his life – his family and his home, Ardrishaig,' she said. 'Dad was all about family. He was a lovely dad to Sheila and me and he was our pal. He was a wonderful Grampa to

Louise and Megan and more; he was a father too. He was a lovely papa to Camille and they shared precious moments together. He was a very special big brother to his sister Grace and a wonderful husband to my mother; celebrating their golden wedding anniversary last year.'

It is common practice today to use the word 'celebration' for this sort of thing; I feel that a more appropriate word for Johnny's life would be 'thanksgiving'.



Johnny in his youth.

Community Noticeboard

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

IN OCTOBER 2011 THE SOUTHEND AND CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITIES WERE SURVEYED TO FIND OUT WHAT ISSUES MATTERED MOST TO THEM. THE RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AT THE DROP IN EVENTS BELOW

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
SOUTHEND	SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY	12pm – 4pm	ST BLAANS HALL
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COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
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(L-R) Stephen Whiston, Peter Robertson, Tess Donald, Ellie Donald, Matt Donald, Ruairidh Donald, William Salton, Jackie Preece, Ruby Bosomworth and Dinah Bosomworth braved the chilly water at Ormsary beach.

New Year dip at Ormsary Beach

TEN DARING souls brought the New Year in with a bang as they went for a 'dip' at Ormsary Beach. After a fantastic New Year ceilidh at Ormsary Hall on December 31, 10 swimmers from Ormsary and Ardrishaig took to the water to bring in the New Year in style with three of those opting to brave the chilly waters without wetsuits.

Zambra guest at Mid Argyll Arts Association

QUINTET Zambra will start the itinerary of guests welcomed by Mid Argyll Arts Association in 2012.

A dynamic group of musicians, the young group aims to bring unusual, as well as familiar repertoire for wind quintet, to audiences across the UK.

The quintet of Heather North, Sarah Cruickshank, Nicola Turner, Craig MacDonald and Fraser Gordon, will entertain Mid Argyll music lovers tomorrow (Saturday) in Ardrishaig.



Quintet Zambra - Heather North, Sarah Cruickshank, Nicola Turner, Craig MacDonald and Fraser Gordon.

The musicians will perform the overture to *The Magic Flute* by Mozart, an arrangement of Dvorak's string quartet, J Maxwell-Davis' *Quango*, three short pieces by Ibert, Carl Nielsen's quintet and a selection of dances by Hallan.

The group, which has been performing together for more than five years, is made up of graduates of the Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music, Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Quintet Zambra began its musical career by winning the prestigious

Mary D Adams prize for chamber music at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Now in hot demand by both audiences and composers, the group has performed a world premiere of John Maxwell-Geddes' *Quango* and a Scottish premiere of John Maxwell-Geddes' *Waka*. The musicians have also performed for the Duke of Edinburgh and made an unforgettable appearance in the world famous Gherkin in London.

An enthusiastic and energetic ensemble, Quintet Zambra is becoming increasingly involved in the education

field and has recently lead numerous workshops in several schools across Scotland for children of various ages and abilities.

The quintet players, as well as being dedicated to chamber music, are skilled orchestral players and can often be seen playing with orchestras across the UK including the BBC Philharmonic, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Welsh National Orchestra and the Liverpool Philharmonic.

The quintet will be performing for Mid Argyll Arts Association tomorrow (Saturday) at Ardrishaig Hall at 7.30pm.

Fiona wins calendar competition

THE NATURAL beauty of the Mid Argyll countryside will be displayed in offices across the world this week, thanks to Fiona MacKenzie.

The keen photographer was named the winner of The Scottish Salmon Company photography competition, with her picture of Moine Mhor being chosen as the front cover of the business' 2012 calendar.

Fiona, a technical assistant with The Scottish Salmon Company in Cairndow, was one of many members of staff to put forward pictures to be used in this year's calendar.

Thrilled that her snowy landscape scene proved popular with the judges, Fiona said: 'I was delighted that my photograph was chosen as the winning image and that it will appear on the front of the calendar.'

'Photography is a bit of a hobby of mine but it is quite exciting to know my picture will be seen by hundreds of people and represent the company.'

Delighted

Ronnie Leggett, commercial director with The Scottish Salmon Company, chose the winning picture. He said: 'All the entries were fan-

tastic and depicted beautifully the areas in which we live, work and enjoy. We are delighted to send these all over the world. Our photographers certainly have some real

hidden talent.'

Over 250 copies of the calendar will be produced and distributed all over the world to the company's customers and suppliers.



Fiona MacKenzie's winter wonderland picture of Moine Mhor will be the front cover of the The Scottish Salmon Company's 2012 calendar.

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Last week's solution

New Year New YOU

It takes a lot to cope with all that's been going on during the hectic last few weeks – the excitement and excesses of Christmas, then New Year and all its challenges, but if there's one time of the year when you really want to look your best, it's the arrival of Springtime.

So let's look forward to it!



Mid Argyll Sports Centre WINTER Timetable 2012

DAY	CLASS	TIME	INFO
MONDAY	SPINNING	12.45pm	30 minute studio cycling class.
	SPINNING	6.15pm	Studio cycling class
	BOOTCAMP	6.30pm	Classes are aimed at burning fat, weigh in's and nutritional advice available. Classes run in 6 week blocks
	BOOTCAMP	7.30pm	
TUESDAY	ARGYLL ACTIVE	2.30pm	Exercise on Referral scheme
	SPINNING	6.15pm	Studio cycling class
	POWERHOOP	6.30pm	Fun hula hoop and toning class. Booking required.
WEDNESDAY	LEGS, BUMS AND TUMS	7.30pm	Toning class
	ARGYLL ACTIVE	2.30pm	Exercise on Referral scheme
THURSDAY	THUMP	5.30pm	Hardcore Fitness class with a boxing format. All Welcome
	SPINNING	7.30pm	Studio cycling class
	BODY CONDITIONING	5.30pm	Resistance exercise combined with cardiovascular. Designed for toning and fat burning.
FRIDAY	POWERHOOP	6.30pm	Fun hula hoop and toning class. Booking required.
	BOOTCAMP	7.30pm	Advanced class
	ARGYLL ACTIVE	10am	Exercise on Referral scheme
	ARGYLL ACTIVE	11.30am	Exercise on Referral scheme
SATURDAY	AB ATTACK	1.15pm	30 minute total abdominal workout
	ZUMBAHOOP	5.30pm	Combination of our popular powerhoop class with a few Zumba moves
	SPINNING	6.15pm	Studio cycling class

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Class Programme: With effect from Mon 9th Jan 2012

DAY	TIME	CLASS*	CLASS INFORMATION	INSTRUCTORS
MON	0915-1000hrs	Mum's Bootcamp	1 Mixture of Classes/Gym Circuit	Emma, Jamie
	1100-1145hrs	Super Sixties	2 Exercise to Music Class	Fiona, Emma
	1800-1845hrs	Torque	1 Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Jamie, Emma
	1745-1845hrs	Toning	4 Complete Body Toning Class	Fiona
	1900-2000hrs	Thump	1 Boxing / Kickboxing Combo	Jamie
	1900-1945hrs	Zumba	2 Latin Inspired Dance Fitness Party	Tracy
TUE	0830-0915hrs	Over 60's Aquafit	3 Gentle Water Based Aerobics	Tracy
	1100-1200hrs	GP Referral	1 Rehabilitation Class	Fiona
	1245-1330hrs	Powerhoop	2 "Full Circle" Training For Your Core	Emma
	1745-1830hrs	Zumba	4 Latin Inspired Dance Fitness Party	Fiona
WED	1900-1945hrs	Aquafit	3 Water Based Aqua Aerobics	Hazel, Kerry
	1930-2015hrs	Torque	1 Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Emma, Fiona
	0915-1000hrs	Mum's Bootcamp	1 Mixture of Classes/Gym Circuit	Emma, Jamie
	1130-1215hrs	Super Sixties	2 Exercise to Music Class	Fiona, Emma
	1300-1330hrs	Torque	1 Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Jamie
	1415-1500hrs	Aqua Zumba	3 Water based Latin Dance Party	Fiona
THU	1530-1615hrs	Junior Hoopers	2 Powerhoop for P5-P7	Hazel
	1745-1845hrs	Combat/Strength	2 Martial Arts Inspired Exercise Class	Elaine
	1900-2000hrs	Bootcamp	2 Get Fitter and Stronger in 2012	Jamie, Emma
	1900-1945hrs	Deepwater Aquafit	3 Deepwater Circuit Class	Eilidh
	0830-0915hrs	Over 60's Aquafit	3 Gentle Water Based Aerobics	Kerry, Rachel
	1330-1400hrs	Zumba	2 Latin Inspired Dance Fitness Party	Hazel
FRI	1900-1945hrs	Core Fitness	1 Tone and Strengthen the Core	Emma, Jamie
	1900-1945hrs	Powerhoop	2 "Full Circle" Training For Your Core	Rachel
	1945-2045hrs	Torque Race	1 FULLY BOOKED	Fiona
	0715-0800hrs	Torque	1 Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Fiona, Emma, Jamie
	1200-1300hrs	GP Referral	1 Rehabilitation Class	Fiona
	1800-1845hrs	Powerhoop	2 "Full Circle" Training For Your Core	Emma, Tracy, Hazel
SAT	1900-1945hrs	Aqua Zumba	3 Water based Latin Dance Party	Fiona
	1300-1345hrs	Junior Powerhoop	2 For age 12-16years	Tracy
SUN	1100-1145hrs	Torque	1 Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Jamie, Emma

*Number denotes venue: 1 Gym Area; 2 Town Hall; 3 Pool Side; 4 Victoria Hall

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Be brutally honest!

Take stock of what you see. Are there any unnecessary bulges? Is your skin dull and lifeless? Does your hair resemble a hedgerow? Does your posture resemble a flower wilting in a vase? How about your feet, does the thought of pushing them into shoes make you wince in advance? Are your toe nails unfit to be seen? If the

answer to any or all of these is 'yes', you had better get down to serious work to remedy the situation before it gets out of hand.

And the sooner you begin, the more likely it will be, you will have restored yourself to some semblance of your former beauty, in time for the onset of Spring.

You can of course, assemble a routine yourself, at home and get to work without further ado. Given the average person's level of willpower, available time and specialist knowledge, you would probably be better advised to place yourself in the hands of relevant experts and be sure of getting the job well done.

Bulges and excess weight can be honed down by a brisk course of well-planned exercises at your local health club. Don't forget to get your doctor's blessing first though.

Your local beauty salon will be able to formulate a program that will improve your skin tone and quality. A course of

facials, exfoliation, massage and a sauna perhaps, will all help matters along. Your diet may need a little adjustment.

If your feet are in trouble, see a chiropodist then back to your beauty salon for a pedicure and manicure. A little regular attention will work wonders.

Pampering yourself at night can make you feel that extra bit special. Sampling a special bottle of wine and going for a long bath, lighting the candles and getting some 'me' time will make you feel a million dollars – a nice alternative to a night out on the town.

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above departments, you'll start to look better, you'll also begin to feel better. Your step will lighten, your posture will straighten, you face will reflect a new,

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Dust off your running shoes and join Jogscotland

Lochgilthead's Jog Scotland groups are holding two 'new members nights' on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th January. The groups are looking to welcome anyone from those who have not jogged or run before or who have not run for sometime right the way through to those who are training for a particular race or event. The Wednesday evening will begin at 6.30pm and the Thursday at 7.30pm both in the foyer at the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. For more information call Matt (01546 602717) Andy (01546 605336) or Liz (01546 886276).



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 Home-Start is the UK's leading family support charity. We support thousands of parents who are struggling to cope. Our families need support for many reasons including post-natal illness, disability, bereavement, the illness of a parent or child, or social isolation.

Home-Start is looking for volunteers to visit families all over Argyll. Real people with real parenting experience can make a huge difference to families struggling to cope.

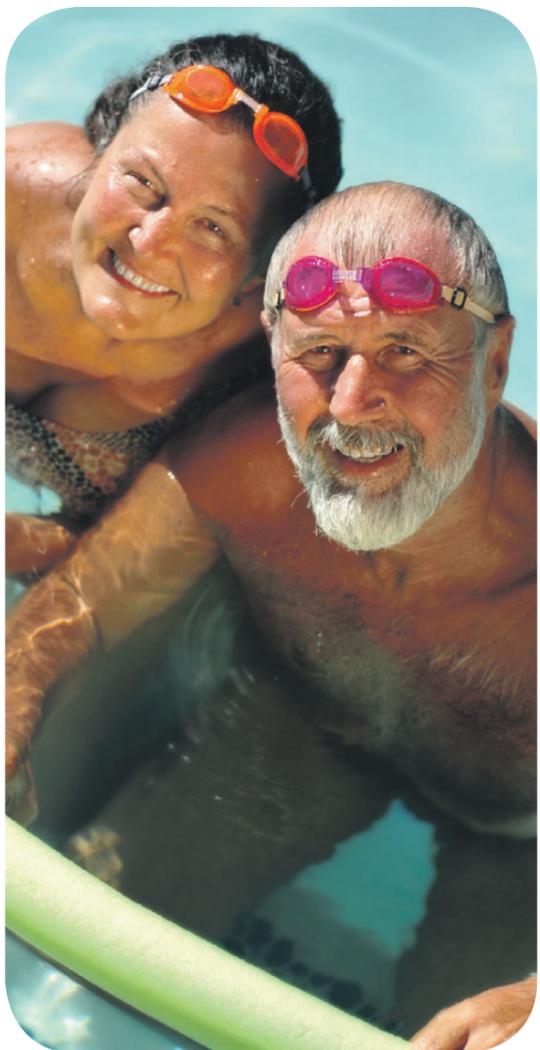
Even if you only have a few hours a week to spare we would love to hear from you.

Home-Start provides support, friendship and practical help to families, helping to provide the best possible start for their children.

We don't need super nannies, we need real people like you.

Training is provided together with any expenses. MAJIK are also seeking volunteers to become trustees on their management board. The commitment is as above and currently the board meets once a month in Tarbert (will drop to bi-monthly) all out of pocket expenses paid.

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LORN GARDEN CLUB
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Lorn Garden Club is a relaxed and friendly group ranging in age and experience. Beginners are always very welcome.

We meet from September to April on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Lower Hall of St John's Cathedral with a varied evening programme of interesting speakers, followed by home baking and discussion. In the summer we arrange a programme of garden visits and walks. In recent years we have also organized an annual Garden Fete in the beautiful setting of Ardmaddy Castle Garden where it seems the sun always shines.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th January when Lotta Leahy will share her experiences of dry stone dykes, followed by 21st February with a Chelsea Show Garden designer and then on 20th March with a talk entitled Heather Blether.

Scottish Agricultural College appoints new principal and chief executive

A NEW chief executive and principal has been appointed to the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC).

The board of SAC confirmed it has appointed Professor Bob Webb, who will take up his post with effect from April

1. Professor Webb, who is currently a pro-vice-chancellor of the University of Nottingham, will succeed Professor Bill McKelvey who stands down from his role as SAC's chief executive and principal at the end of January 2012.

Professor Webb is a leading animal scientist and a respected authority on agricultural and veterinary research, both in the UK and internationally.

Responsibility

He is currently Professor of Animal Science at

the University of Nottingham and pro-vice-chancellor for Research, with responsibility for the Faculty of Engineering. Before becoming pro-vice-chancellor, Professor Webb was Head of the University's School of Biosciences then Dean of the Faculty of Science.

Speaking of Professor Webb's appointment, SAC Chairman Lord Jamie Lindsay said: 'Bob Webb is an excellent and well-timed appointment, with SAC strategically poised to develop a number of major opportunities within and beyond Scotland. Bob brings a wealth of expertise and experience in successfully delivering high-level initiatives and partnerships at both a national and an international level.'

Credentials

'His academic credentials and management skills speak for themselves and I am confident that we have the right man to take SAC onwards and upwards, building on the legacy of Bill McKelvey's impressive achievements.'



THREE lambs were born in the howling winds and rain at Corran Farm, near Clachan, as the buildings surrounding the farm suffered damage. A substantial amount of damage was caused to the farm during last week's storm, but these three lambs safely arrived.



Professor Bob Webb.

Royal Highland voted top show in the United Kingdom

THE ROYAL Highland Show has been voted the top show in the UK by readers of a national farming magazine.

A survey conducted by the Preston-based *Farmers Guardian* saw the show, which sees a large number of people travel up from Mid Argyll and Kintyre to compete and enjoy, lead the list of major agricultural events, beating the Great Yorkshire and the Royal Welsh in to second and third place.

It was also voted the best event for showcasing agriculture.

Show manager David Dunsmuir said: 'This is a tremendous result given that the magazine's main circulation is in England. It demonstrates that our policy of attracting more of the general public yet retaining a core business ele-

ment for farming and rural industry is paying off.

'We are a serious trade show for the UK industry but we also have a vital role in educating and informing the public about farming and where their food comes from. It underpins everything we do and goes back to our Royal Charter and why we were founded in the first place.'

Attracting

In recent years, the Royal Highland, which takes place at Ingliston, near Edinburgh, has been attracting huge numbers, putting it at the pinnacle of public events in Scotland.

In the last three years, the average attendance is well over 180,000, with a record in 2010 of 187,644.

Caledonian Marts, Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 389 store cattle and two young bulls on Monday.

Bullocks (206) averaged 196p (+14p) to 253p per kg for three 270kg Limousins from Wester Whin, Slamannan and £1,000 gross for a 490kg Limousin from Ardgate, Gartocharn.

Heifers (183) averaged 201p (+12p) to 220p per kg for a 250kg Charolais from West Yett, Cleghorn and £1,045 gross for a

545kg Simmental from Wester Braco, Airdrie.

Bulls (2) averaged 172p (n/c) to 188p per kg for a 300kg Limousin from Balcachie, Girvan and £675 gross for a 380kg Aberdeen Angus from Garlewood, Lesmahagow.

Leading prices per head and per kilo: Bullocks: 0-250kgs - £440, 176p Balcachie; 251-300kgs - £740, 253p Wester Whin; 301-350kgs - £805, 240p Eskechregan; 351-400kgs - £960,

240p Tangy; 401-450kgs - £930, 212p Glenstockdale; 451-500kgs - £1,000, 209p Ardgate.

Heifers: 0-250kgs - £550, 220p West Yett; 251-300kgs - £615, 205p Whitecreek; 301-350kgs - £690 Eskechregan, 209p Tangy; 351-400kgs - £760 Tower, 207p Tangy; 401-450kgs - £960, 216p Glenstockdale; 451-500kgs - £970, 202p North Muirhead; 501-550kgs - £1,045, 195p Wester Braco.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
11/02321/PP	Erection of storage shed. (retrospective)	Ron-Mara North Beachmore Muasdale Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XD	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
11/02336/PP	Erection of two 15kw wind turbines (15.4 metres to hub height)	Drum Farm Kilkenny Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/02488/PP	Construction of access track between Kilduskland Reservoir and The Still Loch and construction of outfall and associated works at The Still Loch.	Land East Of The Still Loch Ardrishaig Argyll And Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
11/02497/PP	Residential development comprising 18 elderly progressive single occupancy care units and 12 dwellinghouses including construction of access road, parking areas, underground surface water attenuation tank, open space and allotments.	Phase 3 Former Lochgilphead High School Site Blarbaie Road Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JY	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/00010/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and formation of new access.	Land North East Of Kennacraig Ferry Terminal Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office

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11/02520/PP	Windfarm comprising 21 turbines (126.5 metres high to blade tip) erection of 2 meteorological masts, substation, control building, construction compounds, access works and ancillary development (amended proposal).	Land At A'Chruach Kilmelford Forest West Of Minard Argyll And Bute	
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
11/02219/LIB	Installation of 2 external wall mounted heat pumps, associated roof vents, installation of 2 internal heat pumps and removal of dehumidifiers/heaters	Campbeltown Museum St John Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BJ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 13

Planning Application Reference Number: 11/02520/PP

Proposed development at Land At A'Chruach

Kilmelford Forest

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Argyll And Bute

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by A'Chruach Wind Farm Limited relating to the planning application in respect of Windfarm comprising 21 turbines (126.5 metres high to blade tip) erection of 2 meteorological masts, substation, control building, construction compounds, access works and ancillary development (amended proposal), notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Dalriada House, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8ST; and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Terence O'Rourke Limited Everdene House Deansleigh Road Bourne-mouth BH7 7DU at a cost of

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Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Mr R. Kerr, Principal Planning Officer, Dalriada House, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8ST

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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On Monday 9th January 2012, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle on that length of the Crinan Moss-Keills Road, (Route B8025), as carried by Island Add Bridge extending from its junction with the B841 Cairnbaan-Crinan Road at Bellanoch in a north westerly direction for a distance of 20 metres or thereby.

This Order will come into operation at 0900 hours on Monday 16th January 2012 and will remain in operation until 1700 hours on Saturday 25th February 2012 or until such time as the works are complete, whichever is the earlier.

Alternative routes will be as follows:

Vehicles from the south side of the closure should proceed east on the B841 Cairnbaan-Crinan Road to its junction with the A816 Lochgilphead-Oban Road, continue north on the A816 thence back onto the B8025.

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Kames Fish Farming Limited is looking for a confident, capable individual, who seeks variety and responsibility, and wants to play an integral part in the on-going development of our established and expanding business.

The successful applicant will produce monthly management accounts, budgets and financial forecasting and assist in the preparation of our annual statutory accounts.

You must have an excellent working knowledge of Word, Excel and Sage Line 50. Experience with Sage Forecasting would be an advantage. You must have ICAS/ACCA/CA Qualifications, or equivalent, with a proven track record in management/project accounts, and the ability and aptitude to learn and develop within this role.

This post would suit someone who is hands on, has an eye for detail plus excellent written and communication skills, and the ability to multi-task and to work to strict deadlines.

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For further information, please contact

The Company Secretary, Kames Fish Farming Limited, Kilmelford, by Oban PA34 4XA

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Project Administrator

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For further information and to apply for this position online, go to: www.smi.ac.uk Alternatively, please write to: Human Resources, Project Administrator (Job Ref. D20/11.DB), The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Scottish Marine Institute, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1QA or e-mail recruitment@sams.ac.uk

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The 16 hours per week will be as follows:

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A full current driving licence is essential.

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Main duties will include enthusing people about the islands through guided walks and talks providing information and interpretation about the islands, their wildlife and wildlife watching opportunities. If you are a good communicator, are passionate about wildlife and have the ability to deliver this enthusiasm to visitors, this is the post for you. A flexible approach to work is required, as are excellent organisational and presentation skills and a sound knowledge of birds and other wildlife.

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Interview date: To be confirmed

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30 hours per week - £15,690

Fixed Term for one year subject to continuation funding

This is a new and innovative post which requires a highly motivated individual who understands issues affecting carers. You will work across the Islands and remote areas in North Argyll identifying hidden carers in particular older carers with particular focus on the Scottish Government's Reshaping Care for Older People Programme.

For an application pack or more information contact the Carers' Centre on 01631 564422 or Email: ruth@northargyllcarers.org.uk

Successful applicants will be required to join the PVG Scheme. Use of car and a clean driving license essential.

North Argyll Carers Centre's commitment to Equal Opportunities is reflected in our selection process.

The post is fixed term for 1 year.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 3rd February 2012 at 12 noon

Interview date 15th February 2012

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ELECTRICIAN POSTS

Electrical Installations Manager (1 post)

Electricians/Skilled Fitters (2 posts)

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd currently has vacancies for multi skilled and self-motivated Electricians within our Production areas across the West Coast of Scotland including the Outer Hebrides. Our operations are within some of Scotland's most remote and beautiful areas and all three roles will be based within key locations, either in or North West of Fort William. However, we are also interested to hear from individuals who may wish to live and work within the Western Isles.

Electrical Installations Manager (£30,000 – £36,000 per annum) - We are looking for a confident and hands on individual who can oversee a range of electrical installations and other related work. As Manager of this concise team the successful candidate will be required to work with external suppliers and contractors to provide the most cost effective and efficient solutions for our Farming Operations.

Electricians/Skilled Fitters (£20,000 - £28,000 per annum) – We are looking for qualified Electricians who would enjoy working in marine conditions and being part of a small team within a larger Farming Organisation.

In both roles the successful candidates will be required to carry out all planned preventative and reactive electrical work and ensure that all plant and equipment is maintained to the highest possible efficiencies. In addition they will be required to install and maintain underwater lighting, feed systems and other plant equipment required both on and off shore. They will also have to investigate all possible areas for improved plant utilisation and output and undertake specific industry training on feed systems and other key equipment.

We are seeking applications from individuals who hold the following qualifications and skills profile:

- IEE 16th Edition
- Inspection, Testing and Certification of Electrical Installations
- Hold a current SJIB Grade Card
- Experience of working PLC's, Diesel generator sets
- Practical knowledge of computerised feeding systems
- Ability to read and understand Schematic diagrams

It is also a requirement to have a good degree of computer literacy and knowledge of automatic feeding systems and /or automated food processing equipment is advantageous.

In return the successful candidate will benefit from an attractive salary package, including bonus.

If you feel you have the necessary skills for one of these challenging roles, please submit an application in writing with details of relevant experience, by the closing date of Friday 27th January 2012 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resources Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.

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This will involve a primary early objective of establishing a viable business plan. After the planning stages, this will involve the set-up and ongoing management of our subsidiary maintenance company (including reporting to the subsidiary Board). This will mean acting as 'contractor' for our routine maintenance services.

Previous commercial experience of developing and delivering a large scale response and planned repairs service and setting up a similar subsidiary company would be advantageous.

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For attending me after my discharge from hospital
Margaret Mackinlay

ELIZABETH CONLEY
wishes to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their flowers, gifts and good wishes after her recent accident. Special thanks to Robert and Gus for their rapid attendance.

THANK YOU
To Mr Yadaf and his staff at the Lorn and Islands Hospital. Nurses in ward A and H.D.U. for their care and attention during my stay. District nurses in Campbeltown since coming home. Thanks to everyone who visited both in hospital and home for cards, gifts and phone calls. It was all very much appreciated.
Bob Middleton
Glencloy

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FOR THE WEEK**

'Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
(1 Peter 1:2).

BIRTHS**GREEN**

Stuart and Kirsten are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Finlay Stuart Green, on December 24, 2011. A little brother for Ruairidh and Callum. Special thanks to all the midwives at Mid Argyll Maternity Unit for wonderful care.

HARVEY – At Forth Valley Larbert Hospital on December 23, 2011 to Steven and Kim, the birth of a son, Steven Daniel. A wee brother for Tamara and Laya.

ENGAGEMENTS

ARMSTRONG – **MCCALLUM** – Tricia and Jamie are thrilled to announce their engagement on Christmas Day 2011.

MACALISTER – **WILLIAMS** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Christmas Eve, of Anne, twin daughter of Donald and Bethia MacAlister, Carradale, to John, younger son of Michael and Margaret Williams, Giffnock, Glasgow.

MACDONALD – **ROBERTSON** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Ally, son of Neil and Lilyanne, Tarbert, to Gail, eldest daughter of Netta and the late Willie, Tarbert.

MCFADYEN – **STURT** – John and Linda McFadyen have great pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Joanne, to Brendan Sturt on Christmas Eve. Both families are delighted.

DEATHS

BROWN – Suddenly at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow on January 2, 2012, Liam Martin Brown, 33 week term, beloved son of Martin and Julie Brown, Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown. Funeral private.

FERGUSON – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 11, 2012, Dugald Mathieson Ferguson (Dougie), in his 75th year, 93 Tomaig Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Thomson, much loved father of Catriona and Douglas and a loving and much loved grampa. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 13 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in aid of the RNLI.

HALLIDAY – Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on January 9, 2012, Agnes Halliday (Nancy), in her 98th year, formerly of Abbeyfield, Carradale and Cathcart, Glasgow, much loved cousin of Brenda Buchanan, James, John and Walter

McConnachie. A cremation service will take place in Clydebank Crematorium on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 1.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

MACLEAN – Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, with his family by his side, on January 9, 2012, Charlie MacLean, aged 48 years, of 58 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilhead. Much loved dad of Charles, Henry, Calum, Marion, Christina and the late Fiona, much respected father-in-law of Gillian, adored grandpa of Lewis, Iona and Lilley. Dear son of May and Charles, and dear brother and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church on Tuesday, January 17 at 12 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to Leukaemia Research and British Heart Foundation. No black ties - casual dress please. "Simply the Best".

MEARS – On January 5, 2012, peacefully after a long illness, Margaret (Bunty) Mears (née Smart), in her 74th year, beloved wife of the late Colin and much loved mother of Gordon, dear mother-in-law of Moira and dearly loved gran of Lisa and Fiona. Funeral service was held on January 11, at Cardross Crematorium.

STEVENSON – Katie, née Williams, wife of the late Arthur, of Bellanoch Bridge, on January 5, 2012, aged 94. Funeral Service to be held at St Columba's Poltalloch, near Lochgilhead at 12 noon on Monday, January 16. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to RNLI c/o Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, telephone 01546 602226.

WAREHAM – Peacefully at home, 5 Castlehill Court, Campbeltown, on January 4, 2012, John Wareham (Jake), in his 83rd year, formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Peggy, much loved father of John, Mary and Edward and a loving and much loved grampa.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANNAN – Agnes, Fiona, Louise, Megan and Camille wish to thank family and friends for support and caring through our difficult time, for telephone calls, sympathy cards and floral tributes, Rev Carruthers for thoughtful service, Stan Lupton for funeral arrangements and to everyone who paid their respects at church and graveside. Also Ian and staff at Argyll Arms Ardrishaig for lunch. Collection at church raised £302 for Mid Argyll Stroke Club.

CHISHOLM – Netta and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their support and kind expressions of sympathy following the sad bereavement of Johnie. Grateful thanks to all staff at the Western Infirmary and Mid Argyll Hospital for the excellent care given to Johnie. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for her comforting service and guidance. Thanks to Roddy MacDonald for his kind and efficient arrangements and to the Smiddy for excellent catering. Collection for Glenaray Ward and Dochas Centre realised £320.

CLELAND – The family of the late Isobel Cleland would like to extend their thanks to everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy,

cards, phone calls and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Elizabeth Ireland and staff at Muasdale Surgery; staff at Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital; staff of Ward B and I in Oban Hospital, and to Maggie Wilkieson and Lucy Haycock (MacMillan nurses) for all their care and attention to Isobel and the family. Sincere thanks to Rev Catriona Hood for both services, which were so special and such a comfort to us all; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient handling of all arrangements and for kindness to the family. Thanks also to caterers at Clachan and the Victoria Park Hotel, Edinburgh for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks extended to everyone who attended at Clachan and Edinburgh, especially given the extreme weather conditions we were faced with. The retreat collections raised over £700 for the MS Society and MacMillan Nurses.

IRVINE – The family of the late Lorna Irvine would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their sad loss. Special thanks to all medical staff and friends for their support, to Rev Louis Bezuidenhout for his visits and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection raised over a thousand pounds, for the British Legion.

MACLEAN – The family of the late Donald (Pat) MacLean wish to thank all friends who supported him during his illness. Special thanks to his care team, home helps Vicky and Sarah and staff in the Acute Ward in Campbeltown Hospital. Grateful thanks to Agnes Stewart for her kindness, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their kind and efficient funeral arrangements and to Muneroy Tearoom for the lovely tea. Finally our thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

REID – Jimmy, Marjory and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their overwhelming support, expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received on their recent sad loss of Catherine. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements and also the Ardsheel Hotel for catering. Finally thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

RONALD – Elsie and the family of the late Alex would like to thank all the family and friends for the many expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement. Many thanks also to all the medical staff in Campbeltown and Glasgow hospitals, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their efficient funeral arrangements, Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service and to the Argyll Hotel for the catering. A retiring collection was raised for Southend Parish Church.

SMITH-MCGLYNN – Following their recent sad loss John, Alison and Susie would like to extend sincere thanks to family and friends for their kindness and continued support over the past three weeks and during Nancie's illness; staff from the Haematology Unit at the Southern General

Hospital, the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital and the ambulance service; the Rev Philip Burroughs for his considered and comforting words; David McEwan for playing uplifting music; Ian McKerral for piping Mull of Kintyre and to the Ardsheel Hotel for catering. Also heartfelt thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements. Final thanks to everyone who paid their respects at the church and cemetery and who contributed a significant sum, to be donated in Nancie's name, to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

THOMSON – The family of the late Don Thomson wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kind expressions of sympathy received by them following their sad loss. Thanks to Doctors Leask, Anderson and all the medical staff for the care, kindness and understanding extended to him over the years. Thanks to Agnes Stewart for her comforting and thoughtful tribute. Many thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth for their professionalism and support shown to all the family. To his many brave friends and acquaintances who ventured out in gale force winds to say a final goodbye at the church and cemetery, a huge thank you, he certainly went out with a blast. Thanks to the Seafiel Hotel for the excellent catering, and to all his friends at Stronvaar Bowling Club, thanks for the hospitality shown to us. Finally our deepest gratitude to the ICT team, MacMillan nurses, OT team, all his carers and the Telecare team whose support, dedication, care and friendship allowed us to have his wishes acknowledged, he passed away at his home in comfort and in no pain. We can never thank 'his girls' enough, oh and you too Raymond. A retreat collection of £328.60 will go to the ICT team, Campbeltown.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL – In loving memory of Kenneth, died January 14, 2006.

Time changes many things but our love for Kenneth will never stop. Missing his warm heart and lovely smile. Life can be so cruel. But we will try to be strong for you. Loving you every day. - Mum and Dad.

CAMPBELL – In loving memory of Kenneth, died January 14, 2006, a special wee brother and big uncle. Always in our thoughts and hearts.

- Donna, James, Christopher, Chole and Kyle xxxxx.

CAMPBELL – In loving memory of Kenneth, my brother and best friend, died January 14, 2006. We think about you every day. With love and pride. And wish you were still here. By our side. David and Anne xx.

MACLEOD – In loving memory of our dearly loved son, Douglas, who was accidentally drowned at the Marina, Largs on January 13, 2007.

The call was sudden. The shock severe. To lose a son. We loved so dear. As thoughts drift back. As they often do. We cherish memories. We have of you. - Dad and Mum.

MCGLYNN – John. In loving memory of my husband who died January 12, 2004. You are forever in our thoughts.

- Margaret and family.

MCKERRAL – Fond memories of my husband, Alec, who died January 3, 2011.

In my waking hours I miss you. In my heart I feel you. In my dreams I am with you. Sleep in peace.

- Your loving wife, Joan.

MCMILLAN – In fond memory of Norman, who passed away on Friday, January 15, 2010.

A heart so constant and courageous, equally gentle and forgiving. My sweetheart and friend. A Brave Heart, indeed. Love is the touch of intangible joy.

- Ae fond kiss... Kate.

TURNER – In loving memory of our precious grandson, Jonathan, died January 10, 2007.

Today, tomorrow, our whole life through. We will always love and remember you.

- From Gran and Papa, 4 Easfield.

TURNER – (Jo Jo) Jonathan, January 10, 2008.

Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. Never forgotten.

- Love Uncle Colin, Auntie Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

WARDROP – Robert, on January 16, 2011, you were taken from us so suddenly. A dearest husband, dad, granda and great granda.

Miss you so much.

- Helen and family.

**ECCLESIASTICAL
NOTICES****LOCHGILPHEAD
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 15th January 2012
11am Morning Service
Scottish Charity SC015187



**LOCHGILPHEAD
PARISH CHURCH**
SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 2012
11.00 am
Worship Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Further information
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Lochgilhead (Church of
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**CHURCH NOTICE
WEST**

LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 15
January - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside
and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in
Lochfyneside Church (Minard)
at 10.00 am
Informal Evening Service
in Lochgair Church Hall at
6.30 pm
—
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray
Church at 11.30 am

**CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND
GLASSARY
KILMARTIN
and FORD
PARISH
CHURCH**
Sunday 15th January 2012
Glassary 10am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Congregational Board will meet
in the Church Hall, Kilmartin on
Tuesday, 17th January 2012 at
7.30pm
All welcome
SC002121

**LIVING STONES
CHRISTIAN
CENTRE
KILMARTIN**
Sunday 15th January 2012
11.00am
Worship service for all ages
followed by light lunch
Speaker: Mrs Rosanne Semple
"Do whatever He tells you
(part 4)"
Thursday 19th January 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

**CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND
KILBERRY
LINKED WITH
TARBERT
LOCHFYNE
PARISH CHURCH**
Sunday 15th January 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
To be held in Tarbert Art
& Leisure Centre
Rev Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and
pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

**FREE CHURCH
OF SCOTLAND**
George Street
Campbeltown
Sunday 15th January
12.45pm
Rev Tommy MacKinnon
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

**Highland Parish
Church**

SC002493
Sunday 15th January 2012
10.45am Kirk Session Meeting
11.15am
Morning Worship
Abraham – Man of Faith
FunDay Club(3yrs – P5):
Kirk St Hall
JaM (P6+): Church
12.10pm
Prayer time
Monday 16th January
7.30pm
Guild – Kirk St Hall
Tuesday 17th January
Badminton Club –
Kirk St Hall
6.30pm – 7.45pm
P1 – P5
7.45pm – 9.00pm
P6 – P7
Wednesday 18th January
7.15pm
Bible Study Fellowship
- Manse
Luke's Gospel: DVD
Thursday 19th January
7.30pm
Congregational Board Meeting
– Kirk St Hall
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

**LORNE AND
LOWLAND
PARISH CHURCH**
Scottish Charity Number
SC011686
Sunday, 15th January
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 16th January
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 17th January
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 19th January
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 20th January
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

**SPRINGBANK
EVANGELICAL
CHURCH**
75 Longrow,
Campbeltown
Sunday 15th January 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Ian Clark
10.50 Coffee
11.15am Family Service with
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Mr R H Craig – "Translations,
Resemblances and Paraphrases."
7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 18th January
10.00am Jellytots – Parent and
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St Kieran Episcopal Church:
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Scottish Charity No
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Sunday 15th January 2012
Second Sunday after
Epiphany
10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on
the church door
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Communion

**ARDRISHAIG
AND
SOUTH KNAPDALE
PARISHES**
Sunday 15th January
"When I saw it . . .
I heard the voice"
(Ezekiel 1)
Sunday Services
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Scottish Charity Numbers
(SC010713 & SC010782)

**NORTH KNAPDALE
PARISH CHURCH**
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 15 January 2012
Inverlussa Church
11:30 am
Worship led by
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All Welcome
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Changes afloat at the Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series

ORGANISERS of the Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series, have announced changes on and off the water at this year's event, creating a festival of sailing for competitors and spectators alike.

Clyde Cruising Club last week announced its

focus on quality racing at this year's event, with three race areas on the broad waters of Loch Fyne, providing racing for IRC classes, one design classes and CYCA (Scottish) Handicap classes.

Those taking part can also expect to see:

- New courses for all classes providing variety and alternatives to standard windward/leeward courses.

- The introduction of a single daytime inshore coastal race on Sunday, June 3 for IRC classes.

- The Round the Island Race on Sunday, June 3 will be open to all yachts with CYCA handicaps to join the Scottish Series yachts in CYCA classes to race for the day.

Anticipate

Commenting on the changes John Watson, commodore of Clyde Cruising Club, said: 'We anticipate this year's Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series to be even more exciting than in previous years.'

'It will be great to see the likes of last year's winner, Jackaroo from IRC, returning to de-



Winners of last year's Scottish Series the Jackaroo crew.

ferend his trophy and previous winners returning hoping to wrestle it back.

'We hope for more than 100 entries and 1,000 crew and support-

ers again this year and think the changes being made to the event structure will promote a festival of sailing on and off the water.'

He added: 'We would encourage more sailors from across the UK and further afield to consider entering the event and past competitors to

continue to return to the stunning waters of Loch Fyne to soak up the wonderful atmosphere Tarbert has to offer.'

Keep fit and join up with Jog Scotland

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people would come along for the 'taster session'.

'We have a variety of people of different abilities who all enjoy the fun and informal atmosphere of the groups,' Mathew said. 'By holding these two evenings people will maybe consider coming along and hopefully meeting other folk and trying it for the first time.'

The Wednesday evening group meets at 6.30pm and the Thursday group at 7.30pm, both in the foyer at the Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool. New people are welcome to come along on the night or for more information can call Matt on 01546 602717, Andy on 01546 605336 and Liz on 01546 886276.



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Red Star back in action

RED STAR'S home derby clash with Tarbert unsurprisingly fell victim to poor weather last weekend.

The Lochgilphead side will be looking to put a poor end to 2011 behind them tomorrow (Saturday) as they face Inverkip Thistle at home in the Coronation Cup first round.

The game kicks off at 2pm and the tie will go straight to penalties if the scores are level after 90 minutes. The man in charge is local referee Jimmy Lister.

Soccer Centre re-starts

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre has restarted its indoor football programme, with extra football sessions available for primary two, three and four children on Sundays.

The first session will be held on January 22 at 11am, at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre hall, at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 12, 15 and 20. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

Moira Henderson was the winner of the £100 jackpot in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery, with numbers 9, 12 and 17 drawn. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

The seven hundred pound jackpot in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery was won by C MacDougall. The winning numbers were 4, 15 and 17. The jackpot next week will be £100.



Last year's competition saw youngster flying through the air as they tried the long jump and high jump. 06_a51athletics09

Mid Argyll Sports Hall championships

THE MID Argyll leg of the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championships will kick off in Lochgilphead on Sunday.

The competition, which will be held at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, is the second of four area events being held in Argyll this winter, where young people can run throw and jump their way into the Argyll championship final.

The event will see young athletes from Campbeltown, Oban, Lochgilphead and Mull fight for a place in the final, which will be held in Oban in February.

Competition

Youngsters are reminded that the Mid Argyll contest on Sunday starts at 12.30pm with entries on the day from 12noon. There will be competition for six age groups, starting from under 7s, under 9s up to under 17s for both boys and girls. There will be awards for first, second, third and

fourth overall in each age category.

A slight change in format to the event will see boys and girls aged under seven compete in six events, as opposed to the usual eight.

Sunday's competition is open to boys and girls of all abilities and provides an opportunity for some youngsters to try athletics for the first time.

The sports hall event offers young people the chance to try running, jumping and throwing activities as their first step into athletics. It brings the skills and excitement of track and field into sports halls giving youngsters a taste of athletics in a warm

and dry atmosphere.

The Mid Argyll sports hall athletics competition is hosted by Argyll and Bute Local Athletics Partnership and Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

Regional

The final two regional competitions will be held in Atlantis Leisure in Oban on January 15 and Campbeltown Grammar School on January 29.

•The local athletic club meets on Monday nights at Lochgilphead Joint Campus games hall with primary school ages, from 7 years, at 6.30pm until 7.30pm and high school ages meet from 7.30pm until 8.30pm. New members are welcome.

Keep fit and join up with Jog Scotland

PEOPLE hoping to get fit in the New Year or burn off Christmas calories are being invited to attend Jog Scotland's 'new members nights' in Lochgilphead.

The group, which organises jogging activities for people with varying abilities, is inviting people to two special nights on Wednesday, January 18 and Thursday, January 19.

The evenings will show what Jog Scotland is all about and what it can do for local people in the Mid Argyll area.

The inclusive group

will welcome everyone, from those who have not run before, or who have not run for sometime, right the way through to those who are training for a particular race or event.

The two evenings will be made up of a variety of fun and friendly exercises from gentle walking and jogging sessions for those new to exercise, to some sprinting games for those who are more experienced.

Matthew Watkiss, jog leader for the Wednesday group, said he hoped

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Simon is Taylor - made for Winter Golf

AS THIS is his first year playing in the Winter League Simon Taylor can be forgiven for being in danger of winning more plastic mats for dubious golfing ability than the previous record holder Lee Hardman. None of that was in evidence last weekend as he put together his best ever round and came in fourth. We thought that he might have been getting lessons from Keith but it was worse than that as it was from his father in law who talks even more than Keith - if that is possible.

Robert Baxter is fed

up losing golf balls as a result of hitting them too far. This week he played with his pitching wedge and putter only and came in second. I had said previously that he couldn't pitch or putt and he had a point to prove but hitting a pitching wedge 250 yards is just not normal.

David Sinclair had fourteen single putts during his round but didn't hit a single green in regulation and it is just as well he is a wizard with the wedge.

Donald Carmichael would have beaten the rest of the field if he had

not played for the wrong green on two occasions. Raymond Flanagan did this previously and some might say that Ross's confusing course layout is a recipe for disaster for the less careful players.

When interviewed about this Ross stated that as he wins most weeks he thinks the course is ideal and that some of the players need to visit the opticians.

Needless to say he won again this week.

Keith Cowan beat Lee Hardman to progress into the last four of the knockout cup and could

still make it a hat trick of wins in that competition.

John Davidson got off to a great start in this years competition but has sunk like a brick.

He won the mat of shame again this week and should stop reading Keith's golf instruction manual at once and speak to John Dickison.

Results: 10. R Sinclair; 9. R Baxter; 8. D Sinclair; 7. S Taylor; 6. D Carmichael; 5. K Cameron; 4. R Flanagan; 3. N Russell; 2. K Cowan; 1. T Campbell. Nearest the pin: R Sinclair.

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