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Top marks for youngsters at Badden Farm Nursery

Youngsters at Badden Farm Nursery are pleased as punch that the nursery was awarded top marks in a recent inspection. The children and staff were celebrating on Wednesday by waving the score cards from the inspection, carried out by the Care Inspectorate. For the full story see page 5.

Domestic violence in Mid Argyll increases

New alarm systems will track a victim's location

NEW MEASURES are being introduced to help people living in abusive households as the number of reported cases of domestic violence in Mid Argyll leaps by 27 per cent in one year.

Efforts to tackle domestic abuse will see men and women living with an abusive or violent partner given either a personal safety alarm or VIPER alarm.

**EXCLUSIVE BY
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Three VIPER alarms, which track a person's location with GPS, will be given to people at high risk of domestic abuse.

The alarms are linked to police stations and, when activated, will notify police of an emergency.

Pleased the new alarms were being introduced in Argyll, domestic violence officer for Argyll PC Trish Collins said: 'We have vulnerable people living in rural areas so if they need the police or if they are out and about they just need to press the button on the alarm and the police, with the GPS, will know exactly where they are.'

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Squeak joins forces with HOATA to boost tourism

Mid Argyll is the place to be in 2013

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser is teaming up with Mid Argyll businesses in the Year of Natural Scotland to promote the area and its tourist attractions to the masses.

Publisher of the Squeak Wyvex Media Ltd has joined forces with the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) to promote the area's greatest natural attractions on the annual Mid Argyll map.

The map, now named the Heart of Argyll map, will again be used to advertise local businesses and promote castles, heritage sites and local

amenities.

'From our point of view the new map is getting people to stop and think about this area in the Year of Natural Scotland,' Carron Tobin, co-ordinator of HOATA said.

Stop and think

'The heart of Argyll has so much to offer with its landscape, wildlife, natural and built heritage but sometimes people forget that. This way we will get people to stop and think about what is on offer especially when you think about the distribution of the maps.'

The map, which fea-

tures illustrations of the area's main attractions, will also include a what's on guide for 2013, highlighting the Artmap Argyll Weekend, Lantern Parade, Crinan Canal Water Festival and specially designed events in the year of Natural Scotland.

The map is one of many platforms the alliance is using to promote the area in 2013, as they use social media to tell potential visitors that Mid Argyll's landscape, wildlife, ancient heritage and food makes it 'the place to be in 2013'.



Andrew Wilson, owner of the Square Peg in Lochgilphead and chairman of the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance, is delighted to be a part of the new Heart of Argyll tourist map. 06_a02andrew01

Reliable broadband to be rolled out across the region by 2015

A MULTI million pound deal that will transform access to next generation broadband throughout Argyll is expected within the coming weeks.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and BT are close to agreeing the detail of the project that will see reliable broadband rolled out across the region by the end of 2015.

The project, which is funded by the public and private sector, could be worth as much as £70 million per year to the Highlands and Islands economy.

Work on the ground is expected to begin early this year, whilst the detail for roll out across the seven local authorities in the Highlands and Islands will be available in the coming weeks when the complex procurement process is completed.

New cycle route planned

ARGYLL and Bute will see £3 million investment over the next two years as a new cycling route is built between Oban and Inverness.

The money, awarded by the Scottish Government, will be used to create the Great Glen cycle route between the Highland towns, completing the

National Cycle Network.

The route will mean that cyclists – both visitors and commuters – will have alternatives to the main trunk roads in the area.

The investment is expected to result in a major boost to the local economy through additional tourism.

Mid Argyll to hold meeting to explore adopting BIDs initiative

A PROJECT that would unite Mid Argyll businesses and attract funding from the Scottish Government could be set up in 2013 in a bid to boost business in the area.

A Business Improvement District (BID), a Scottish Government initiative that encourages businesses to work together to improve their trading environment, could be rolled out across the region this year.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) and Mid Ar-

gyll Chamber of Commerce have confirmed they will be hosting a meeting in the coming weeks to explore the possibility of adopting the initiative.

A BID asks local businesses to invest collectively in improvement projects by paying a compulsory levy, which all businesses in the proposed BID area must vote in favour of before the BID can be established. The Scottish Government could also award the scheme up to £20,000.

The BID would help

businesses reduce costs, share risks and create new platforms for growth whilst helping to regenerate the area.

Carron Tobin from HOATA said Mid Argyll could learn from businesses in Oban and Mull and Iona, who have already embarked on the project.

She said: 'I think it offers a lot of opportunities especially with the public sector cutbacks. This is a way of gaining regeneration money to do local priorities, from signage to big-ger projects, and we de-

side what they money is spent on.

'It seems the right way forward given the cut backs, they [public sector] are not able to do what they used to so there is no point in waiting for them to do it. It could open doors and a way of getting things done that wouldn't happen otherwise.'

Jane MacLeod from the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce said members would be keen to learn more about BIDs and the potential benefits it would bring to the area.

Domestic abuse in Mid Argyll on the increase

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More personal safety alarms, which stun people with an extremely loud noise, will also be handed out to people in danger. These alarms give a person a few seconds to escape their attacker.

The alarms, which will be rolled out to the victims of domestic violence in the coming months, come as the figures of domestic violence in the area are released.

In the year between October 2010 and September 2011 there

were 63 recorded incidents of domestic violence in Mid Argyll. This increased to 80 between October 2011 and September 2012.

In 2012 there were 613 recorded incidents of domestic abuse in Argyll and Bute, with 23 per cent of cases involving a male victim.

Obvious increase

'There has been an obvious increase in domestic violence over the festive period here,' Trish said.

'We have quite high percentage

of male victims in the area and we want to support them. There is still a lot of pride involved in preventing men from reporting these incidents and there is still a lot going on that we don't know about.'

Continuing the fight against domestic violence Trish said more victims were coming forward, suggesting an increased public confidence in police to investigate incidents and a better availability of support services such as Womens Aid.

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Police files

A 43-YEAR-OLD man has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged abusive behaviour after police were called to a disturbance in an Ardrishaig home on Christmas Day.

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TWO MEN have been charged with being in possession of cannabis after police stopped and searched their car at 10.50pm on Boxing Day.

The men, aged 19 and 21, were stopped by police on the A83 near Tarbert.

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POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a 26-year-old man received minor injuries when a fight broke out in a Lochgilphead Bar.

The assault in the Lochnell Street Bar took place at about 12.50am after Boxing Day celebrations,

whilst people were also seen fighting on the street at 1am. Police are urging anyone with information on the fighting to contact Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

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A WINDOW on a property in Sinclair Drive, Lochgilphead, was smashed in the early hours of December 27. Witnesses are urged to contact police on 01546 702200.

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A MAN was detained by police in the early hours of December 27 after he allegedly assaulted and verbally abused a woman in a house near Inveraray.

The 38-year-old has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Later that day, in a separate incident, a 46-year-old man was charged with abusive behaviour when police were called to a disturbance in the Royal Burgh at 8.20pm.

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Charles and Jill Walker are retiring from Fyne Array Post Office in Inveraray after 17 years service. 06_a02post01

Royal Burgh Post Office pair retire after 17 years

A COUPLE from Inveraray who run the Royal Burgh post office will be stamping their last letters next week as they retire after 17 years service.

Charles and Jill Walker, owners of Fyne Array Post Office, will send their last letters on Monday afternoon.

Speaking about their time at the post office, Charles said it could not have been a success without the encouragement of local people.

'People have been so supportive and loyal and Inveraray has been a really nice town to work in,' he said.

The couple has expanded the business of the post office to sell

gifts, cards and stationery.

Jill said: 'This has meant people have come back year after year and the support of the community has been crucial.'

'The post office has remained a vital part of the community despite so many changes over the years.'

Now, Charles and Jill plan to remain in the area to enjoy their retirement.

Charles added: 'We really hope to stay in touch with everybody.'

Richard and Jan Burgess will run the Post Office from Tuesday and are moving into the area to take on their new roles.

Concern at poor state of cemetery

CONCERNS have been raised about the maintenance and access to Skipness Cemetery after a man described his visit to the graveyard as 'devastating'.

Steven Elder, from Lochgilphead, went to visit the graves of his grandparents at Skipness Cemetery over the festive season but was upset to see so many fallen headstones and the access road covered in mud.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week, Steven said the state of the graveyard was 'unbelievable'.

'The access is just beyond a joke. You have to park a half a mile down the road away from the cemetery, it is so flooded and muddy,' he said.

'I got my wellies on and plodded through the field but I am concerned about taking my cousin who's in a wheelchair.'

He added: 'What is

more upsetting is a lot of the gravestones are on the ground. Should someone not be obliged to go and pick them up? It is so disrespectful; I was devastated. It is as if people have forgotten about it.'

But an Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said the cemetery is frequently assessed by staff. She said: 'We recognise it is important for people to be able to access cemeteries as easily and safely as possible in order to visit the graves

of loved ones. Staff visit all burial sites regularly as part of our ongoing maintenance regime. These visits take place fortnightly from March to October, and monthly during winter.'

'We have contacted Mr Elder and advised that we will look at the issues raised and take any appropriate action - for example, improvements to the access road.'

'Unsafe headstones can be laid flat, but owners are responsible for the stones themselves.'

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CUSTOMERS of Scottish Water in Mid Argyll are being urged to take part in a major consultation asking for their views on future water charges.

The consultation, which ends on February 12, also aims to establish which areas of service customers would like to see improved. Scottish Water has set out its future plans to provide high quality drinking water, protect the environment and support the economy.

Young Scot Award nominations

THE YOUNG Scot Awards 2013 have this week opened for nominations.

The awards, which last year saw Lochgilphead High School's Climate Change Group win the environment category, recognise exceptional young people all over the country.

To nominate an inspirational young person aged 11 – 26 years, log <http://www.youngscotawards.co.uk> before February 17.

Kilmartin Museum outlines plans for major expansion

PLANS are being put together for a large expansion of Kilmartin House Museum with facilities to benefit both locals and visitors.

The museum, which announced plans for expansion a year ago, is this week seeking an architect to draw up plans for an extension that features large display areas, open display facilities, a community room and dedicated space for education events.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* about the redevelopment Sharon Webb, director of Kilmartin House Museum, said the museum was seeking an architect that could create a building that would fulfil the needs of

many groups that use it. 'We are not sure at the moment what the best design solution is, which is why we really want an architect so they can come up with ideas and work with us,' Sharon said.

'We want to redevelop the education and storage area to teach more people about the history of the area.

'In 2011 99 per cent schools in Argyll used our education service but we've only got room for about 10 children so we hope to expand our education facilities.

'We also want to develop the open storage so mature students at Argyll College can access our collections more easily.'

Explaining a lack of space means the museum cannot display its full range of artefacts, Sharon added: 'This will be a brilliant opportunity to improve the visitor experience.

'We have fantastic collections on the West Highlands and people want to know about it but there is not enough room to display it.'

'A bigger facility would also be fantastic for bringing more tourism into the area.'

It is thought the redevelopment will take up to six years, but Sharon added: 'It is exciting times, we have come a long way in 15 years.'

Islands harmed by RET decision

THE DECISION to remove the RET discount scheme for commercial lorries travelling to Argyll islands is having a 'negative impact across all island areas' according to a new report.

The report, by transport consultancy MVA, states the Scottish Government's decision to remove RET (road equivalent tariff) from

commercial vehicles in the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree is harming Argyll hauliers, islanders and other businesses.

The report was welcomed by Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie MacGregor who said it vindicated Argyll hauliers, accused of not passing on the benefits of the discount scheme to islanders.

Pensioner's appeal to fit smoke alarms

A PENSIONER in Ardrishaig is encouraging people in Mid Argyll to get their homes fitted with smoke alarms and fire safety equipment to keep them safe.

Isa Cunningham, 76, who is a keen supporter of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's Fight Against Fire campaign, has a regular home safety visit from a fire officer to ensure her home is as safe as possible.

Duncan Litster, watch commander at Lochgilphead Fire Station, recently paid Isa a visit, checking her smoke and heat detectors and providing her with fire retardant bedding.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week, Isa said: 'Two years ago they asked to come and check my fire alarm and I said yes. Now they come every year. I find it is just as well to take precautions, it's nothing to get checked out and they renew everything for you.

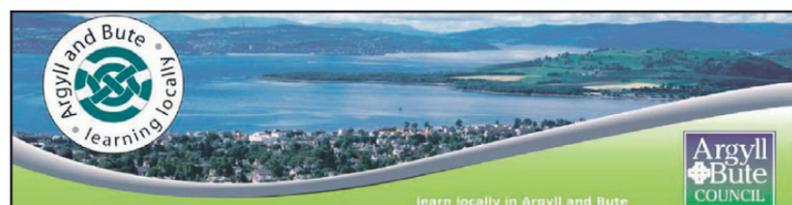
'I sleep much better at night, as do my daughters who feel better knowing I'm safe because I live on my own.'



Isa Cunningham had her smoke alarms checked out by Watch Commander Duncan Litster of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Isa's recent visit was part of the Join the Fight Against Fire campaign by Strathclyde Fire and

Rescue, which is asking people to think about the causes of fire in the home.



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Police files

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A 26-year-old woman is this week recovering from an assault after a disturbance broke out in a house near Lochgilphead at 11.50pm on December 28.

A man, 31, was later charged with assault.

ONE MAN was arrested and another issued with a fine after a fight broke out on Lochnell Street at 1.15am on December 30.

A 23-year-old man has been charged with assaulting a 23-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman.

A second man, aged 24, was fined £40 for a breach of the peace.

ON SUNDAY, December 30, a man was detained by police in Inveraray after he allegedly breached his bail conditions.

The 38-year-old has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

ENQUIRIES are continuing into an assault in Tarbert which saw a man hit over the head with a bottle.

The assault on the 28-year-old took place last Wednesday morning on Barmore Road.

Police are urging anyone with information on the assault to call 01546 702200.

POLICE are appealing for information after the window of a car parked in Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig, was smashed. The back window of the BMW was smashed in the days leading up to January 6.

TWO PEOPLE escaped injury after a car crash on the A816 near Kilmichael on Monday.

Two cars collided on the Lochgilphead to Oban Road just south of the main Kilmichael junction at 6.55pm.

Owners warned to clear up dog mess

DOG OWNERS are being warned to 'scoop it, bag it and bin it' as another Mid Argyll man is issued with a fine for failing to clear up after his dog.

Argyll and Bute Council is this week reminding dog owners to clean their pet's waste as it steps up special patrols to tackle the problem of dog fouling.

Explaining several dog walkers have been issued with a caution, the council is reminding locals they face a hefty fine if they fail to pick up the dog mess immediately.

Kayak instructor coaching

WATERSPORTS enthusiasts interested in becoming a qualified kayaking instructor are being urged to contact Mid Argyll Watersports.

Formerly Mid Argyll Sailing Club, the organisation is offering Kayaking instructor training to people willing to help develop the sport locally.

The club needs at least four people to gain their UKCC level 1 coaching award to run kayaking lessons.

A requirement for the UKCC level 1 course, which will be offered in spring/summer 2014, is the completion of the personal 2 star award in paddle sports. That training is available tomorrow (Saturday) and on January 19 and 26.

The kayaking arm of the Mid Argyll Watersports is governed by the Scottish Canoe Association (SCA), which demands a UKCC level 2 coach present for sheltered water coaching sessions and four star leader guides for planned sea kayak trips.

Dave McBride is scheduled to complete the UKCC Level 2 coach assessment in the coming weeks. To take part in the course email Dave McBride on kayaks@midargyllsc.co.uk.

Emergency plan in spotlight

AN EMERGENCY plan to be rolled out across Lochgilphead when severe weather hits will be discussed at Lochgilphead Community Council when it meets on Monday evening.

The council meets at Lochgilphead Community Centre at 7pm.

Pool prices rise

PRICES for a swim at MAC Pool have risen for the first time in 16 months.

But the costs - £3.80 for an adult swim and £2.80 for a child - still reflect great value for money, according to pool manager Stuart Owen. He said: 'We've invested in our facilities and have listened to our customers. I'm looking forward to welcoming both our regular swimmers and some new ones in 2013.'

Questions over funding for A83 Rest and Be Thankful project

THERE is 'significant concern' among members of the A83 TaskForce over the lack of identified funding for solutions to landslips at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Members of the group will meet next Friday to quiz civil engineering firm Jacobs on their report, which recommended installing barriers, gutters and new vegetation at a cost

of £10million - the cheapest and least effective option.

The TaskForce will then be asked to tell the Scottish Government what their preferred option is on February 25.

Funding

However, concerns are already being expressed over the lack of identified funding for the project, with some saying the option recommended by

Jacobs demonstrates the Scottish Government's desire to spend as little as possible on a solution.

The Rest and Be Thankful does not currently feature in any of the Scottish Government's identified capital spend plans and a spokesman confirmed this week that the process of sourcing funding will not start until an option to be taken forward is identified.

Jane MacLeod, of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said: 'Funding will be the first question to be raised.'

Concern

'I had formed the impression funding would be made available, but it is definitely a concern.'

'However, I don't think they would have gone down this road if they didn't think it was possible to fund it.'



Youngsters and staff at Badden Farm Nursery were jumping with joy after receiving the results of their recent inspection. 06_a02baddens01

Delight as Badden Farm Nursery gets top marks in report

THERE are smiles all round at Badden Farm Nursery this week as a recent inspection gave the Lochgilphead nursery top marks.

The nursery, which cares for an average of 60 children each year, achieved an excellent grade in five out of six categories, with excellent being the highest grade possible.

The inspection, carried out by industry watchdog the Care Inspectorate, examined the nursery's approach to health

and wellbeing, how the children are welcomed and valued, the children's environment and learning opportunities.

Jennifer Campbell, manager of Badden Farm Nursery, said all the staff were delighted with the inspection results.

'The Care Inspectorate is a very thorough, professional organisation and to score excellents almost across the board is an amazing achievement,' Jennifer said.

'I want to thank the

parents for their on-going support of the nursery and a huge thank you to the entire staff group for their hard work and commitment. The inspection is a true reflection of their dedication and professionalism.'

Badden Farm Nursery was set up ten years ago and has strove for excellence ever since. It employs 13 staff who look after children in two units - one for babies and toddlers and a second for children aged two to five.

Year-long forest survey

FORESTS in Mid Argyll are to be surveyed throughout the year to build up a picture of how many people use them and how often.

The yearlong survey will be carried out by Forestry commission Scotland as part of an ongoing national monitoring programme, which gathers information on visitors.

The survey aims to establish how far people travel, their reasons for visiting the forests and how much money they have spent in the local economy.

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Those Were The Days

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For the second time in two years, traders and local residents were forced to batten down the hatches as flood water burst across the sea wall at Barmore Road, Tarbert.

Carpets were ruined in the China Shop when three inches of sea water breached defences.

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A FORMER Ardrishaig Primary School pupil has been awarded the OBE (Order of the British Empire) in the New Year's Honours List.

John McPherson, deputy director of education for Strathclyde, was born in Ardrishaig and attended the village primary school, Lochgilphead Junior Secondary and Dunoon Grammar School.

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A TARBERT woman is in Shetland helping to lift oil-soaked birds, the victims of the Braer oil tanker disaster, from the beaches of the island.

Sheena Chainey, 31, who is a medic on the Greenpeace ship MV Solo, was in Thurso Bay last week when news came through that the Liberian oil tanker Braer was adrift, heading towards Quendale Bay on Shetland. The MV Solo was immediately diverted to Shetland to assess the amount of damage caused when the tanker struck the rocks. The Braer – carrying 84,000 tonnes of crude oil – was heading from Scandinavia to Canada. When it hit rocks, crude oil simply oozed out of the vessel into the North Sea.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT WAS the wildest of mornings as we set off for Skipness church, where I was to have the privilege of leading worship.

The sea was mountainous and grey, and thunder cracked as we approached Kennacraig.

Nature seemed to have unleashed some angry fury as she showed the full power of wind and sea.

The surf flew high at Cloanaig, and I was glad I was not going on the ferry that morning, as the Arran peaks loomed dark in the swirling mist.

However we soon arrived at the wee church and entered into the warmth of welcome and friendship.

People began to arrive but were indistinguishable under hats and coats as they tumbled in from the storm.

The weather did not deter the worshippers. Soon smiling faces appeared from hoods and scarves, and the church became alive with cheer and chat.

As sleet hurled itself against the walls, I thought of how people here have endured the storms of nature and of life to seek the sanctuary of their lovely church.

I was admiring the beautiful stained glass window, which is a superb example of Celtic art, when I was told that the craftsman who made this window also made a similar one for St Paul's cathedral.

I knew that many more people would see that window, and that there would be many more worshippers at St Paul's that morning, but I wouldn't have exchanged my experience at Skipness for all the beauty of that great cathedral.

The singing drowned out the wind as folks raised their voices to praise the one who has guided them in the past and who will be with them in the future.

Hospitality was continued over tea and coffee, and as we prepared to go back out into the storm, I knew that peace would always be found within these walls.

Down Memory Lane

THIS week's Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the *Argyllshire Advertiser* archives.

The picture shows young pipers Jean Morrison from Ardrishaig and Grant Preston from Motherwell competing at Inveraray Highland Games.

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, Lochgilphead. a02dml01



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Positive vision of independence

Sir,
Argyll and Bute is one of the largest and most beautiful constituencies in Scotland and it is a great honour to represent its people.

Living as I do in Gendaruel in Cowal, I know many of the key issues at first hand – transport, housing, employment and council services being the ones most likely to be raised with me.

The new council administration which took office in May has already started to make a difference and I look forward to continuing to support Roddy McCuish and his team in the coming year.

A good, positive and productive relationship has been established between them, myself as the local MSP and the Scottish Government and we are already seeing the benefits of such close interaction with commitments to better

ferry services, road improvements, upgraded air transport and additional investment in infrastructure and housing.

Over the next twelve months I will work with all my constituents to continue such improvements and to seek new initiatives where we can. I will also want to bring a positive vision of independence to every part of Argyll and Bute and I hope to organise and address meetings across the area.

If you would like one in your community, or are part of an organisation that would like to host one, please let me know.

My staff – Marie-Claire and Ron, who are full time in Dunoon, and Louise and Emilie Louise who are part time in Oban and Edinburgh – work extraordinarily hard on behalf of the area and they have my thanks for that effort.

All of us look forward to doing even more for you and for all our com-

munities during 2013.
Michael Russell,
Argyll and Bute MSP.

Learning to knit and crochet

Sir,
I have holidayed many times in your part of the country and find the local people lovely.

I was wondering if anyone has any used or unwanted dolls clothes and toys or knitting patterns they do not use anymore as my daughter is learning to knit and crochet and we are finding these really hard to find.

J Fisher,
1 Hillcrest,
Thirsk,
North Yorks.

Thanks from Marie Curie

Sir,
Marie Curie Cancer Care local fundraising committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who so gener-

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Domestic violence on the increase

Figures released showing a 27 per cent hike in domestic violence in Mid Argyll in just one year is worrying.

In the year between October 2010 and September 2011 there were 63 recorded incidents of domestic violence in Mid Argyll. This increased to 80 between October 2011 and September 2012.

In 2012 there were 613 recorded incidents of domestic abuse in Argyll and Bute, with more than half of all incidents reported involving drugs or alcohol.

We hope the statistics are a reflection of the courage people are gaining to come forward to report this troubling abuse and are not solely a hike in the number of households in the grip of this destructive cycle of cruelty.

We hope that these startling results shock decision makers into action to provide more care and support for people living in fear of physical and mental abuse in their own homes.

The people living in these households must be remembered when councillors, MSPs and MPs are deciding how to spend taxpayers money.

ously donated money to the Lights to Remember appeal which ran during December.

The total raised was £350.98, all of which is used locally for the care of terminally ill people, which enables them to be cared for in their own home with their family alongside them. This service could not be offered without your donations.

Thank you all once again.

Frances Fleming,
Mid Argyll
Fundraising Group.
Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The dangers of carbon monoxide

Sir,
We are pleased Coronation Street's latest storyline, with Fiz left fighting for her life, is alerting people to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Unfortunately, carbon monoxide poisoning is more than just a soap storyline.

According to the Department of Health,

more than 50 people die from carbon monoxide poisoning in the UK every year and thousands more are treated in hospital.

It is likely many more victims go unrecognised because the symptoms can easily be mistaken for common illnesses such as flu or food poisoning.

Despite these dangers, a recent study by Liverpool's John Moore University found fewer than one in ten homes have a carbon monoxide alarm.

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Carbon monoxide is produced when fuels such as gas, oil, charcoal, coal and wood do not burn fully.

The most common cause of this is when a household fuel-burning appliance, such as a boiler, is installed incorrectly or poorly maintained.

For more information about how to stay safe visit www.co-bealarmed.co.uk

Karen Roe,
Campaign Manager,
Carbon Monoxide – Be Alarmed! Campaign.

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It surely can't get any worse? Or can it?

WELCOME to the *Argyllshire Advertiser's* new monthly farming column. In this part of the paper we will introduce you to the characters working land the length and breadth of Argyll. They will tell you about what is happening on their farms and comment on some of the most serious issues facing Argyll farmers in 2013.

In this first edition we introduce to Thomas Irwin, a young farmer who farms alongside his parents at West Drumlemble near Campbeltown. He manages 200 dairy cows plus young stock and is an active member in Campbeltown Young Farmers.

WELL we now find ourselves in 2013; let's hope it's better than last year although it wouldn't be hard. If we learned anything last year, it's that if we can keep farming through a year like that, we can keep farming through any year.

It surely can't get any worse? Or can it? As for Christmas and Hogmanay here most things seemed to go fine although there were a few unscheduled calvings here and there, but

that's all part of the fun. Unfortunately the cows still have to be milked on New Year's morning. You know you're tired when you're heading out to milk and you find yourself jealous of the dog sleeping in his basket.

Exciting time
I find this an exciting time of year as from now on in the days can only get longer and warmer (hopefully). With the grazing season soon to be upon us, (got to think

positive!) attention will soon be getting paid to having grass ready for cows to graze by early April.

I know it's not easy thinking about grazing cows while there is rain battering off my window. The first problem will be to sort drains and remove large puddles, or should I say lakes, from fields to help dry them out somewhat. With all this rain we've had I suspect there is a lot of compaction in the ground at the moment so if we get a chance we may aerate and maybe subsoil some areas with heavy poaching or trafficked areas around gateways to fields.

On the milk price front, we have had a few price rises lately but it's still behind the cost of production which means we are all still losing out on every litre we pro-



Thomas Irwin farms alongside his parents at West Drumlemble Farm near Campbeltown running 200 dairy cows plus young stock and is an active member in Campbeltown Young Farmers. 08_c02farming02

duce. But as one of the giant retailers enjoys saying too often every little helps.

As for young farmers these days February will see our AGM take place.

I'm holding out not to get any promotions on the committee this year (hint hint) but we'll see. Thanks for reading and a good New Year to you all.

New finance director appointed

FIRST Milk, the company running the Campbeltown Creamery, has announced it has appointed a new finance director.

Gerry Sweeney stepped into the role on Monday, having previously been finance director of Robert Wiseman Dairies for 15 years.

First Milk chief executive Kate Allum said: 'The role of finance director is a pivotal one for our company as we work to deliver our strategic goals plus the reporting requirements and controls of a more diverse business.'

Gerry takes over from Ian Forgie who has decided to move on from First Milk.

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Bumper year for rain in Lochgilphead

IT HAS been another bumper year for rain in Lochgilphead as 2012 has the second highest level of rainfall in the last eight years.

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West Kintyre Stargazers

WEST Kintyre Stargazers will be holding a free event on January 13 to encourage people to look to the night skies, as part of BBC Stargazing Live.

The BBC programme returned to television screens on Tuesday, with a three night series, which aims to help beginner and keen amateur stargazers to make the most of the night sky.

The event, which will take place in the Putechan, will be lead by astrophysicist Dr Alec MacKinnon of Glasgow University. Ed Tyler will also give a talk on biodynamic gardening, there will be an astrophotography slideshow and weather permitting, stargazing will take place in the evening.

A homemade rocket competition for older and younger participants will take place at 3.30pm. More information about the event can be found at the West Kintyre Stargazers website: www.westkintyrestargazers.weebly.com.



Skerryvore finish their winter tour with a delighted audience in Tarbert. 06_a02skerryvore01

Big crowd turns out to watch Skerryvore at Tarbert

HUNDREDS of people packed into Tarbert Village Hall at the weekend to watch award winning Scottish folk band Skerryvore perform on the final date of their winter tour.

Touring

The Scottish folk band, which was formed on the Island of Tiree in 2005, have been busy touring the globe as part of their *World of Chances* tour, which comes off the back of their fourth album of the same name.

Mixing traditional West Coast Scottish music with folk, the band have enjoyed continued success in 2012 after winning the Scottish New Music Awards Record of the Year and Scottish Traditional Music Awards Live Act of the Year in 2011.

Glad to be back

But the band, which is made up of Tiree brothers, Daniel and Martin Gillespie who both play the accordion, drummer Fraser West, Alec Dal-

glish, fiddle player Craig Espie and newest member bass player Colin Cunningham, were glad to be back in Argyll.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, lead singer Alec said it was great to be able to come back to where it all began.

'We don't get a chance to come back here through the year, so for our winter tour we come to the west coast,' he said. 'We played in Tarbert last year and it was a really great night. We

always make it part of our tour and it's always really well attended.'

Latest album

The group have performed tracks off their latest album to audiences in Mull, Lewis and Ullapool in recent weeks, with fans able to hear an album of completely of self penned work.

Alec, who writes many of the group's tracks, said: 'This album is all self-penned and mixes traditional music with

our own style. There's a lot more emphasis on our own songs.'

On finishing up the tour Alec said: 'It's great to finish the tour off here. It's been a great year for us and been really good fun and we've performed to really nice audiences.'

Well-earned rest

Now the band is taking a well-earned rest before performing at the Celtic Connections music festival at the end of the month.

An afternoon with Robert Burns

MEMBERS of Inveraray Senior Citizen Club are gearing up for a busy start to the year.

On January 23 the club have a Burns Afternoon with Agnes Liddell, Jake and Jane Mackay and other members of Inveraray Burns Club, stopping by to celebrate the occasion. In February Willie Mather will give an illustrated talk on Barcelona and the Reverend Dr Roddy MacLeod will also give a talk entitled *My Schools and Schoolmasters*.

History Society

THE MEMBERS of Inveraray and District Local History Society held their first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday night. Those who went along to the Nicoll Hall enjoyed a talk by Angus Campbell on *Asknish Manor*.

The next meeting will be held on February 5 at 7.30pm, with Jane MacLeod giving a talk about her role as deputy Lord Lieutenant of Argyll.

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Take the plunge at Mid Argyll Swimming Pool

PEOPLE that have shied away from the water for years are being urged to take the plunge and dive into adult swimming lessons.

Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool is determined to get people of all ages swimming and will this week offer adult non-swimmers a free lesson.

Running its learn to swim programme throughout January, the pool is offering people a free trial on Tuesday evening to encourage them to take the plunge.

Stuart Owen, manager of the pool, hopes to see some new faces in the pool in 2013.

Exercise

He said: 'Swimming is a brilliant, affordable exercise. It uses all the major muscle groups and will give you a cardio workout. There's no impact on joints and the only equipment you really need is a costume. To book your free lesson, all you need to do is give the pool a call and we will put you on the list.'

It is not just beginners who will find something to help them stay motivated. The pool's popular Learn to Crawl sessions, for people who



Last Year 190 adults and children took part in the pool's Learn to Swim programme.

can swim a little but want to improve their front crawl technique, resume on Saturday mornings.

'Last year we increased the number of people on our Learn to Swim programme, with 190 adults and children taking part during the second half of 2012.

'We're also really proud that 140 children on our Learn to Swim programme received regular free swimming, which has helped them improve quickly. This is something we'll continue in 2013.'

Busy schedule of events for Kilmartin House Museum

KILMARTIN House Museum has a jam-packed schedule of events to keep people entertained through a dreary and dull January.

The museum's Roddy Regan will give an insightful talk about the recent archaeological finds in Argyll.

Reviewing 'exciting finds' over the last year, Roddy will be discussing the results of recent excavations at

Tayvallich Mill, Dun Mhuirich, Carnassarie and research survey work on Colonsay.

The talk will be held at the museum on January 23 at 7pm.

Archaeology club

Meanwhile children's archaeology club the Great Aulks will be treated to a visit to Campbeltown Museum and Tarbert Castle on January 26.

Noticeboard

SOUTHEND BURNS SUPPER

Friday 25th January 2013
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Committee Members

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Tuesday 15th January 2013

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Wednesday 16th January 2013
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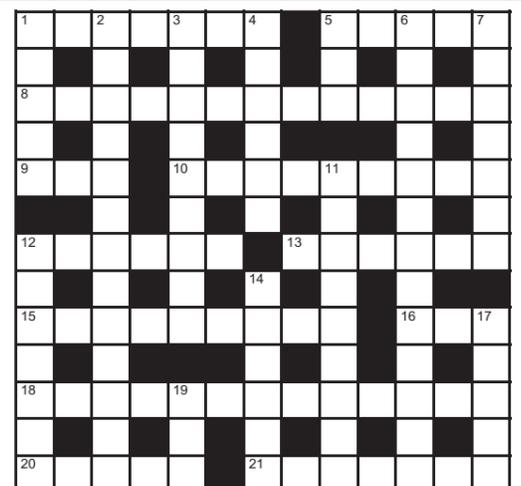
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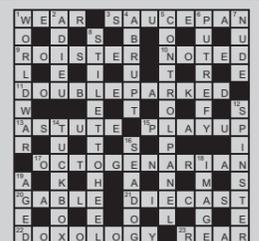
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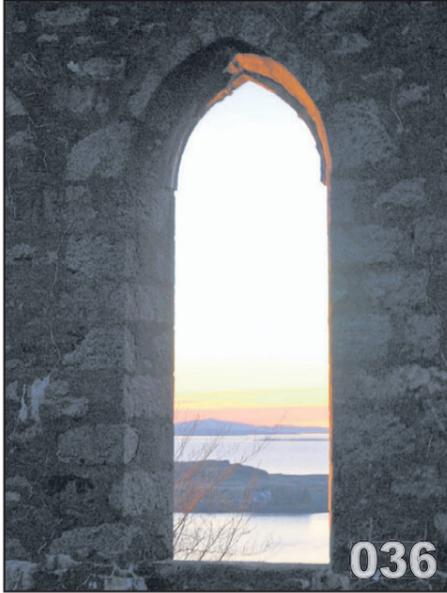
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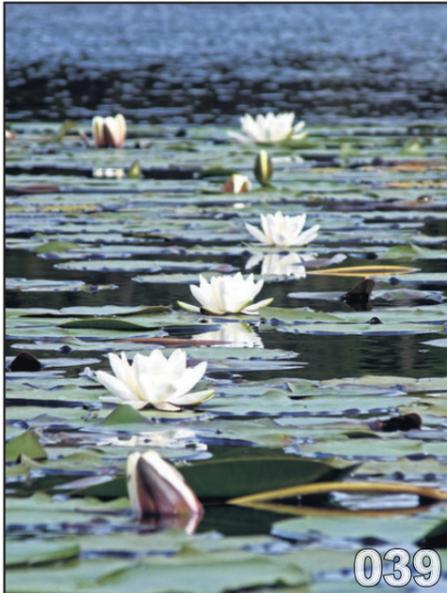
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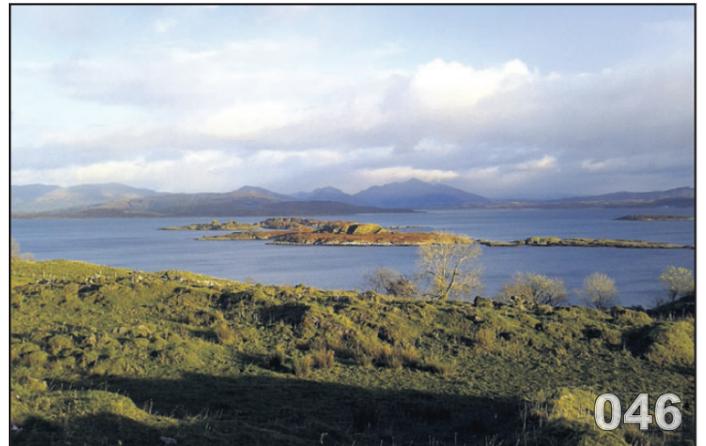
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Grahame Sinclair, Coldingham, Berwickshire: Loch Sween from Achnamara looking towards the Paps of Jura. T02grahamesinclair1no



Eoghan Smith, Tarbert: Wild lilies growing in a lochan near Tarbert. T02eoghansmith1no



Romana Haisova, Slovakia: Photo was taken on Isle of Lismore. Before sunset, over Firth of Lorne to Ben Cruachan. T02romanahaisova1no



Milena Kusnierova, Oban: Magical clouds at sunset in May, taken from Oban Esplanade. T02milenakusnierova1no



Sheena Robertson, Campbeltown: Looking towards Westport from the west road. T02sheenarobertson1no



Jimmy McCallum, Lochgilphead: Clansman passing Safe Water Mark, Oban Bay narrows, in June. T01jimmymccallum1no



Graham Hughes, Benderloch: Otter, taken in Oban. t01grahamhughes1no



Klaudia Racz, Oban: Butterfly. t02klaudiaraczbutterfly2no

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. If you feel you look your best, your confidence will grow and you'll find you can cope with it all, simply because you do feel so good about yourself.

So where do you start? You begin in the only place where you cannot hide the truth, in the privacy of your own home, in front of the mirror before you dress.

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 hedgehog? 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.

What about doing a good deed by helping out the planet by starting to recycle?

As you begin to achieve improvements in all the above departments, you'll start to look better, you'll also begin to feel better. Your step will lighten, your

posture will straighten, your face will reflect a new, inner peace. You will be a healthier, more beautiful you, not

only for the arrival of Spring but, if you keep it up, also for the coming year right through.

Campbeltown slimmers' success

A Campbeltown slimming club is celebrating a very merry Christmas after losing a combined 47 stone as part of a 12-week challenge to slim down for the festive season.

Members of the Campbeltown Slimming World groups dreamed of a light Christmas when they embarked on their 'Count-down to Christmas' weight-loss mission in October.

Morag and Rhona, who run the groups, say: 'Some people thought we were mad holding a Christmas party three months before December 25 and we surprised even more people when we said that there was plenty of time for peo-

ple to lose a stone or more before Christmas.

'The Campbeltown Slimming World groups are proof that we were right.'

Zena Coffield, from Campbeltown, lost one stone during the 12-week campaign and an impressive two and a half stone altogether since joining Slimming World in mid August 2012.

She said: 'I can't believe how different I look and feel in such a short time. There are so many choices on the Slimming World plan. I can eat at any time of the day and there is no weighing and measuring involved.'

'The whole family has lost weight because we all eat

the same thing.'

Kay Johnston, also from Campbeltown, lost three stone since she started in early August and said: 'Slimming World has been a revelation. There is always a way to eat well and healthily and the support of the consultants and the group is invaluable to keeping going.'

If you'd like to lose weight and make your New Year's resolution a reality, everyone's welcome at the Campbeltown Slimming World groups, held every Tuesday at 1pm, 5.30pm and 7.30pm at the Masonic Lodge, St John's Street.

New members can pop along on the day, call Mor-

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02763/PP	Demolition of existing cottage, erection of 3 dwellinghouses and installation of 3 bunded oil tanks.	Achnaglach Cottage Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6SX	Sub Post Office Tarbert
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12/02828/PP	Installation of oil tank and associated boiler (retrospective)	22 Seaside Park Ardrishaig Lochgilhead Argyll and Bute PA30 8ED	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/00002/PP	Variation of conditions to amend wording of conditions 2,3,4,5,6,8, and 10 by deleting 'Prior to the commencement of the development' and by replacing with 'Prior to the commencement of the construction of the development' relative to planning permission 07/00983/DET - Erection of five dwellinghouses.	Gortchan Farm Hillside Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NL	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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(1 Peter 1:2).

BIRTHS



HARVEY – MARTIN

Mikey and Jamie-Lee are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Jack Michael Gordon Harvey on December 27, 2012 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Beautiful new grandson for Michael, Mary, Gordon and Sarah. Many thanks to all midwives involved and also ambulance boys, Malkie and Charlie. Mum and baby Jack well, Dad ecstatic!!



ROBERTSON – MCNEE

Tammy and Andy are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son, Andrew Thomas, on December 22, 2012.

ENGAGEMENTS



CRAIG – CAMPBELL

Both families are delighted to announce, on Christmas Day, the engagement of Gavin, only son of Colin and Agnes Craig, Alloway Place, Ayr, to Tracy, only daughter of Christine Campbell, Fort Argyll, Campbeltown.



MCALLISTER – BLACK

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Richard to Laura, on New Year's Eve.

MARRIAGES

BANNATYNE – GRAHAM – On December 22, 2012 at Gigha and Cara Parish Church, by Rev A McIvor, John, son of the late Neil and Joan, Gigha, to Michelle, daughter of John and Elizabeth, Machrihanish.

DEATHS

ARTHUR – Elizabeth Jean RGN, RFN, née Craig, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs M H Craig, Minard, sister of M Craig, Lochgair and the late Maisie, Sheena and John. Peacefully, at Edinbarnet Nursing Home, Duntocher, on January 2, 2013,

dearly beloved wife of Scott, mother of Jane and mother-in-law of Richard. There will be a memorial service in Wellington Church, University Avenue, Glasgow, on Friday, January 11 at 3.00pm. No flowers please, donations to Alzheimer Scotland Action on Dementia, if desired.

DUNCAN-JONES – Jean, née Mackenzie, on January 4, 2013, aged 93, beloved widow of Andrew and good friend to many. Funeral Service was held at St Columba's, Pottaloch, on Thursday, January 10, followed by interment at St Columba's Churchyard.

MACMILLAN – Suddenly, at her home, Lodge 2, West Loch Shores, by Tarbert, on December 30, 2012, Frances Mary MacMillan (Murphy), aged 61 years, adored mum of Pamela and George-John and much loved granny of Fern and Brianna. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, January 11, at 11.00am, thereafter to Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert.

PENMAN – Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 5, 2013, Henry Duddy Penman (Joe), in his 91st year, 92 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Netta McShannon, much loved father of Raymond, Dennis and William and a loving and much loved father-in-law, papa, great papa and great great papa.

SCOTT – On January 1, 2013, peacefully at Dundonald House Nursing Home, South Ayrshire, Joyce Scott (Burt, Barras), in her 86th year, beloved wife of James H Scott and the late Stanley Burt (1924-1982) and dear mother of George, Barbara and Carol, stepmother to Barbara, Maureen and Graeme, grandmother to seventeen and great grandmother to five. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on January 9, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery. The collection for Alzheimer Scotland raised £405. Special thanks to Dundonald Nursing Home for all kind care and attention, to Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BARR – Kirstie and the family would like to thank everybody for the kind expressions of sympathy following the recent passing of Willie. Special thanks to all the doctors and nursing staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and to all the carers for their attention and kindness over the last few years, to Rev Cliff Acklam for his excellent service and to all who attended at Glassary, to Donald MacDonald for efficient arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for catering. The retiral collection raised £500 for RNLI and £500 for Poppies Scotland.

MACAULAY – Marie and family of the late Thomas Macaulay would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received. Sincere thanks to doctors, ambulance crews and all staff who cared for Tommy in Glenaray, also for the short time in Glassary Ward. Thanks to

David Carruthers for his comforting service, also to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional services. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. Collection raised £205 for Marie Curie (Mid Argyll).

SINCLAIR – The family of the late Dugald (Doug) Sinclair, would like to thank everyone, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Doctors and staff at Lynne of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch. for the kind care and attention received, to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Argyll Arms Hotel Ardrishaig for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Cancer Research, raised £170.

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We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we miss you more

Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can ever fill your vacant place.

Remembering you every day.
- With all our love, Mum and Dad xxx.

CAMPBELL – In loving memory of our wee brother, Kenneth and big uncle Kenneth, who was taken away from us on January 14, 2006.

Miss you every day.
- Love from Donna, James, Christopher, Chloe and Kyle xxxxx.

CAMPBELL – In loving memory of my brother and best friend, Kenneth, died January 14, 2006.

Miss you every day
Always thinking about you.
- David and Anne x.

EVANS – In loving memory of a dear dad and grandad, John (TAFF), who died January 7, 2011. Also a loving mum and granny, Margaret, who died December 4, 2005.

Loved and remembered every day.
- Jackie, Tom and Stephen.

MACKINNON – In loving memory of Margaret, a dear mum and gaga, died January 6, 2011. Also our dear dad and papa, Alasdair, died April 9, 2007.

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- Lynda, George and family, and Marie, Jim and family.

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

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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.

MACMILLAN – Remembering Norman, who died on January 15, 2010.

Then and now "Among the undefeated,
Because they have gone on trying.
And so renewed, transfigured,
in another pattern".
Then and now, my love, he moves in beauty.
Always in my thoughts.
- Ae fond kiss, Kate.

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- Robert, Ruth and the girls.
MCKENZIE – In cherished memory of Ian, beloved brother of Rita and Nan and much loved uncle of the family, passed away January 15, 2012.

Ever in our thoughts.
- Rita.

TURNER – In loving memory of our grandson, Jonathan, died January 10, 2008.

Today, tomorrow, our whole life through,
We will always love and remember you.
- From Gran and Papa, Tarbert.

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

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Forever in our hearts
Never forgotten.

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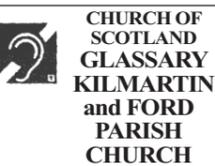
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Friday 19th January
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Red Star start New Year with Coronation Cup victory

Coronation Cup
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THE FIRST competitive match for Red Star since early November saw the local team welcome Millerston Thistle to the Ropework on Saturday for the first round of the 2013 Coronation Cup.

The soft pitch proved difficult for both sides coming back from the Christmas break but it was the cup holders who started this contest brighter and found themselves 1-0 up after two minutes.

Some good link up play on the right involving Docherty and Naisby resulted in a cross coming in and with Millerston unable to clear, Kirk was on hand to score the opener from

eight yards out. Red Star were passing the ball well and never allowed their opponents to settle in the first half and hit the woodwork twice before making it 2-0 after 20 minutes.

A well-worked passing move resulted in Crawford delivering a deep cross from the left which was met by a glancing header from Meikle, leaving the keeper with no chance.

The home side were still in no mood to sit back and made it 3-0 before the break with Kirk sliding a neat through ball into Meikle's path. The midfielder was able to chip the ball over the keeper for his second goal of the afternoon.

Into the second half and the visitors started to see a bit more of the ball as Star dropped

off slightly when shooting up the slope. But the home defence were in no mood to give anything away and keeper Kalache was a virtual spectator, on hand to deal with any crosses coming in.

The scoring was complete with 25 minutes remaining when Broderick managed to get forward from his full back position and fire in a low cross, which was finished superbly by Kirk for his second goal of the afternoon and one he thoroughly deserved.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Red Star travel to face East Kilbride AFC in the second round of the Coronation Cup knowing that they face a much more difficult tie and will need to be at their best if they are to stand any chance of progressing.



Red Star started the defence of the Coronation Cup they won last season with a 4-0 home win.

Future looks brighter for Dalriada Dolphins

THE FUTURE of the Dalriada Dolphins swimming club looks bright as more volunteers come forward to help manage the club.

The club issued an SOS in December as it desperately needed a chairperson and secretary to manage the club and ensure its survival.

Support

But, an extraordinary meeting saw more people than ever before turn up to show their support for the popular amateur swimming club, which currently has a membership of more than 20 children, aged eight to 17.

Stepping into the role of chairwoman is former treasurer Sylvia Bolwell who is relieved the club can now continue into 2013.

'We are delighted so many people came forward to help the club,' she

said. 'Now we can look forward to a busy year ahead.'

The club no longer has a secretary with the role being spilt between the rest of the volunteers, which includes funding co-ordinator Jane Fowler and poolside rota co-ordinator Dinah Bosomworth.

Dalriada Dolphins meet at Mid Argyll Community Pool every Thursday and Sylvia said the club could not survive without the support of the pool.

'We would like to say a special thanks to pool manager Stuart Owen and the rest of the staff for their continual support,' she said. 'They're always keen to keep the dolphins going. They have helped us with our cash flow and encourage children who get their level eight swimming to continue through to the club.'

Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 12, 16 and 17.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £1,200 next week.

The winners of the Christmas Bonus were Pat Semple, Duncan Robertson, David McLaren and Eric, the chef from the George Hotel.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 7, 8 and 10 drawn. The jackpot will be £300 next week.

The Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week drew numbers 7, 16 and 20. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.



WIN

£2500 JACKPOT

All you have to do

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

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Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown,

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Tarbert squad hit by injury and player availability

A HEAVILY injured Tarbert AFC will field a young team at Cil Andreis tomorrow (Saturday) as the side plays their first home league game of 2013.

The Dookers, who are missing a horde of experienced players, will be desperate to put in a winning performance against Millbeg FC as the team currently sits at the bottom of SAFL Division 1A.

Training under the watchful eye of Bruce MacNab, who is leading the team whilst manager James Prentice is in America; the Dookers are missing Iain Johnson, who is suffering from a long-term hamstring injury, Iain MacKinnon and James Smyth.

Bruce said: 'The Dookers currently sit bottom of the league after a poor first half of the season but are hoping to get off to a positive start on Saturday.'

'With some senior players still injured and on holiday it will give some of the exciting crop of youngsters

a chance to show what they are capable of.'

The Millbeg game will be particularly exciting for the Dookers as the team are waiting to hear whether or not they will have to play Millbeg in the Coronation Cup.

The two teams were due to play in a first round cup match in December but Millbeg failed to travel to Tarbert. The cup commit-

tee will soon decide if Tarbert should be allowed an automatic pass to the second round or if the game should be re-scheduled.

'This game will give us an indication of what we would face in a cup game, should the committee decide the game is to be replayed,' Bruce said. The match against Millbeg FC kicks off at 2pm at Cil Andreis.



Many of Tarbert's most experienced players will not be at Cil Andreis tomorrow as injury, holiday and university timetables keep players off the pitch. 15_t36tarbert01

Join Jog Scotland and keep yourself fit

PEOPLE hoping to get fit in 2013 are being urged to join Jog Scotland Mid Argyll after the success of the running club's pre-Christmas programme.

The group is launching two ten-week classes next week to cater to people's varying abilities and ambitions to get fit and healthy in 2013.

The first starting on Wednesday, January 16 is a walk to jog class where absolute beginners can take their first steps towards

running fitness with a gentle walk/jog formula designed to see them running a mile within 10 weeks.

Experience

The second class, starting on Thursday January 17, aims to take those who have already got some jogging experience running from around 1 mile in week one to 3 miles by week ten.

Both classes will meet at 6.30pm at the Mid Argyll pool.

The group is still

holding its regular Jog Scotland sessions for all abilities from experienced runners to those that like to get out for an occasional jog. The groups also meet at the pool every Wednesday and Thursday at 6.30pm.

Great success

Matthew Watkiss, Jog Scotland leader said: 'Previous beginners courses run by the group have proved a great success with some runners going from absolute beginners to run-

ning 10km races within a year.

'The nice part is that each person will have their own goals that Jog Scotland can help them achieve, whether that is competing in an event or simply getting a bit more active through jogging once or twice a week.'

For more information about Jog Scotland Mid Argyll log on to the group's Facebook page or contact Matthew on 07970 811159.

All guns blazing at Barmore shoot

IT WAS all guns blazing at Barmore Shooting Ground last Sunday as Tarbert Gun Club's first shoot of 2013 got underway.

The January leg of the club's winter shoot saw a full contingent of teams turn out for a hard-fought competition in atrocious weather, with heavy wind and rain.

There were a few complaints about the shooting targets being too difficult but Ivor Ferguson did not think so as he broke all 25 clays to win the sporting section of the competition.

Ally McDonnell put in an impressive performance to take the lead in the Down the Line shoot.

The winning team was once again the teenagers and their pensioner captain, who told those

complaining the targets were too difficult to try a little harder.

The January meet saw the Ferguson brothers from Kilmichael Glen continue to shoot well especially the youngest, Donald, who has taken first place twice and won second place in the last three shoots.

The shock of the day was the final points tally which saw all four team captains shoot well below their class. The leaders will have to up their game for the February meet.

Results: Class A: 1. Ally McDonnell, 2. Ivor Ferguson, 3. Bob McColl. Class B: 1. Niall Wilson, 2. Ronald Jenkins, 3. Norman MacDonald. Class C: 1. Euan MacDonald, 2. David Thorburn, 3. Nicol Ferguson. Class D: 1. John Cupples, 2. Archie MacGill, Shaun Johnson and Malcolm Holder. Class E: 1. Donald Ferguson, 2. David Johnson, 3. Steven Laird. Teams: 1. Bob McColl, Niall Wilson, Euan MacDonald, Shaun Johnson and James McLean. 2. Ivor Ferguson, Roy McNeil, David Thorburn, Buddy Peterson and David Duff.

New Year breakthrough for Inspector Gadget

HAVING received virtually every new piece of golf gadgetry available for Christmas Grant MacDougall had only to get it to work properly to secure maximum points. He managed to do this and more impressively he managed to do it while playing with Ross Sinclair.

Ross has a bit of a reputation for being a little bit grumpy and it is said that on occasion he puts pressure on his opponents in the form of psychological skulduggery intended to make them play poorly. Grant countered this by wearing the earplugs that his doctor had prescribed as a necessity for playing Keith on the previous week but even then he nearly succumbed, as Ross is proficient in a rude form of sign language.

Keith Cowan was playing David Sinclair in the quarterfinals of the knockout cup and

it turned out to be a close match.

David did not need earplugs as he no longer listens to anything Keith says. Instead he just smiles and nods his head and waits for Keith to talk himself off his game.

He was not smiling at the final hole however when Keith hit one of his trademark lob wedge shots over the trees and on to the green to half the match. They will play again next week.

John Downie has got the shakes so bad that the only way he would score would be if the course was circular and played in an anticlockwise fashion. Maybe his previous efforts at course design had this in mind - who knows. Alec MacAulay was too good for him and moved into the semi-final.

Simon Taylor had a win in his sights but some encouragement by Ross ensured that

he fell short of the winning total but he is learning a lot along the way.

Tommy Angus is often too tired from all his other activities by the time he hits a ball on a Sunday morning. Zumba, Samba and Gangnam style routines do not make for a smooth putting stroke and he should probably give the gymnastics a rest until the weather heats up.

Tom Campbell put the busy Christmas period behind him by playing like an idiot and should not be taking his clubs on holiday if he wants to enjoy himself.

Results: 10. G MacDougall, 9. R Sinclair, 8. A MacAulay, 7. S Taylor, 6 K Cowan, 5. K MacAulay, 4. D Sinclair, 3. J Downie, 2. T Angus, 1. R Kennedy.

Nearest the pin: R Sinclair and K MacAulay.

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