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**'I have never seen  
anything like it  
in my life'**

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'WORSE than that of a third world country' is how one Mid Argyll motorist has described a stretch of the A819 road between Inveraray and Dalmally.

Some drivers have labelled deep and wide potholes over a three-mile stretch of the road 'a disgrace' - a complaint being heard throughout Argyll - and comparisons have been drawn with 'a ploughed field'.

A public outcry at the state of the road has prompted urgent action from Argyll and Bute Council, which is currently carrying out temporary

repairs. Resurfacing will start at the beginning of February.

A council spokeswoman confirmed the A819 has been identified as a priority for repair and checks on the condition of the road surface were being done on a daily basis.

She said: 'Temporary works are being carried out as necessary. Resurfacing works to this stretch of road have been programmed for the week beginning January 31, weather permitting. We need to let the frost out of the sub-surface layers and allow any heave to settle before resurfacing can start.'

Signs have been placed along the road warning drivers of a 'temporary

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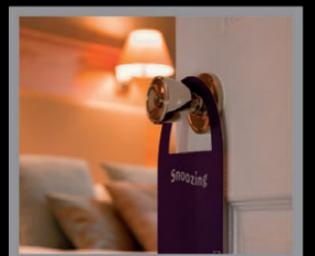
Transerv workers resurfacing Lochnell Road in Lochgilphead are being praised for completing the job in record time following a long delay because of bad weather but Mid Argyll's road network is crumbling. 06\_a03road01

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# Rural libraries under threat

IT IS not just Tarbert Library that is under threat from closure, the whole of the rural library service is threatened, Tarbert and Skipness Community Council feels.

Patrick McCann, culture and libraries manager for Argyll and Bute Council, attended the community council's meeting on Thursday in the Templars Hall; he said he wished he wasn't there to tell them the bad news.

The suggested cost cut would close the part-time library and with it its free Internet service to save £11,300. This cut still has to be agreed by the council.

In return the 300-plus regular users of the library would get a visit from the mobile library service.

But, and it is a big but, Argyll and Bute Council plans to cut one of its mobile library vans as well to save cash. So the mobile library service will be stretched ever thinner.

John Hutchison, from Skipness told his fellow councillors about the village's monthly service: 'The last visit Skipness had

was in the beginning of November; December was cancelled because of the snow.'

Jenny Carlisle, who chairs the community council asked: 'Will the library van be able to cope with over 300 Tarbert borrowers all turning up at the same time? Even if it stays here in Tarbert all day long, thereby depriving other borrowers on the west coast mainland, this is a huge throughput to have to deal with.'

Mr McCann admitted that closing Tarbert Library, along with the libraries in Cardross and Rosneath, and the removal of the Lorn Mobile van, is part of a package of savings designed to save the council around £150,000 each year. The decision to put forward the smaller libraries and one land-based mobile service as savings was done to protect the larger libraries in the main population centres of Argyll and Bute.

'Essentially, rural Argyll is losing its library service,' said a member of the public at the meeting.

The community council wants to know why the proposed cuts cannot be made more fairly across the library service as a whole, with the larger libraries all losing some hours.

'It's a horrible decision to have to make,' Mr McCann admitted but felt that protecting the larger libraries was the best move and this was the recommendation going before councillors at February's council meeting. See letters page

THE IRONY is that of the £11,300 it costs a year to run Tarbert Library, £5,200 goes to British Telecom for line rental for the Internet service.

The free service, part of the Pathfinder Project was started with government funds but the running expenses were passed to local authorities after a period of time.

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Retiring Inspector Neil Wallace, pictured with Lochgilphead Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie and other colleagues who presented him with whisky and a camera. 06\_a03neil01

## Lochgilphead officer retires after 30 years

A POLICE officer who worked in Argyll during all his 30 years of service was given a warm send off at Lochgilphead Police Station – where he began and finished his career.

Inspector Neil Wallace was given a camera and a bottle of Laphroaig whisky by colleagues on Tuesday.

A native of Ardrishaig, Neil was a police cadet in Lochgilphead before being posted to Rothesay, Isle of Bute on February 23, 1981.

From there he served in Arrochar and Dunoon before being promoted to Inveraray and was the last sergeant to be based in the Royal Burgh, before the position was moved to Lochgilphead.

He was made Inspector when he

moved to Oban Police Station soon after but moved back to Lochgilphead for the final 18 months of his service.

Neil, aged 48, said: 'I have always preferred rural policing and never really wanted to work in the central belt; Arrochar was the closest I got to that.'

'I have thoroughly enjoyed everything I have done up until my retirement from the police and I am glad I was able to come back to Lochgilphead to finish off.'

'I will miss the people and the camaraderie between colleagues but I'm looking forward to a brave new world; I'm not sure what the future holds, which is quite exciting.'

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A LOCHGILPHEAD man who was being evasive of police in Oban was found to be in possession of cannabis.

Ian Dunlop, 21, of 3 Fearnoch Gardens admitted being in possession of 4.25mg of the drug.

Dunlop was fined £120 at Oban's Justice of the Peace Court.

## Road network is crumbling

Continued from page one road surface' and a 30 mile-per-hour speed limit has been imposed on the most badly damaged stretch of the road.

Minard resident Leonard McNeill described the road as 'worse than that of a third world country', adding: 'The road looks like a ploughed field. It's atrocious. I thought the wheels were going to come off the car. Dear help anyone travelling on that road on a motorcycle, it is very dangerous.'

Motorists at the other end of Loch Fyne are equally angry at the state of the roads.

David Sutherland, who regularly commutes between Lochgilphead and Dunoon, said: 'The local authority roads are in the worst condition I have seen in 36 years of driving. The council is trying to fill these pot holes as best it can given the circumstances, however this is only a short term remedial measure and without proper extensive repairs these damaged areas of road surface will continue to break up causing further misery for road users.'

Strachur motorist, Ian Asher, said: 'It's a disgrace. The road to Dunoon is particularly bad.'

The council spokeswoman added: 'Every effort will be made to make the road network safe for the travelling public.'



Twelve-year-old Megan Yuill enjoys heading up her own seafood business.

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## Argyll's youngest entrepreneur

By Eilidh Campbell

JUGGLING school and homework is challenging enough for most 12-year-old girls but one Mid Argyll youngster is operating her own business as well.

Megan Yuill, a first year pupil at Lochgilphead High School, has set up her own seafood business - Kilmartin Shellfish.

Supplied by her father Dougie Yuill, a local fisherman, Megan's business caters for the seafood market in her home village of Kilmartin.

'Basically he catches the shellfish and I sell them,' she says.

'Once my dad's caught the seafood, he brings it to me and I'll sell it locally.

'If the orders are in the local area, I'll deliver them myself on my bike.'

Megan even offers to cook the shellfish for a nominal fee.

The assured schoolgirl has gained publicity for her shellfish by creating flyers. 'It started off in Kilmartin,' she said. 'Once I'd made flyers I posted them through people's doors and then I started to get orders over the phone.'

Kilmartin Shellfish offers Jura brown crab, lobster, Loch Craignish mussels, langoustines, squat lobsters and Islay King scallops.

## Russell defends his role in school row

THE EDUCATION secretary has defended his involvement in visiting Argyll schools on a list for closure in a special debate at the Scottish Parliament.

However Mike Russell's statement was not enough for Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid, who said it was time for Mr Russell to go.

Mr Russell was forced to make a statement to parliament after being accused of interfering in school closure plans in Argyll and Bute, the constituency he hopes to represent after the next election. A leaked email disclosed he had been advising SNP councillors in Argyll to oppose previous plans to close or merge 25 schools. It later emerged he had also met concerned parents in Luing, Mull, Campbeltown and Barcaldine.

Opposition parties claimed Mr Russell should have been more cautious because of his

role as education secretary.

The Labour Party referred Mr Russell to the Scottish Parliament's Standards Commissioner.

Mr Russell added: 'In keeping with official advice which I had sought I put arrangements in place for another minister to take decisions on, and to act in, all capacities concerning the matter. In every meeting and in every conversation I made three things clear. Firstly, I could only speak in my capacity as a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. Secondly, given my governmental office I could not and would not take a position on the issue of closure of any individual school; and finally, the only help I could give was to make sure that everyone was fully familiar with the rights of parents and communities under the Schools Consultation Act.'

However, Mr Reid said: 'It's high time he resigned.'

## Fisherman recovers at home

THE TARBERT fisherman plucked from the sea by fellow crew after being underwater for eight minutes is making a recovery at home.

Sean Taylor, who says he cannot remember much of the incident, was delighted to get home on Monday night from Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock in time for the imminent birth of his baby.

The 21-year-old has received hundreds of messages of support from family and friends since he was pulled from the *Blue Angel* by an automatic crab shooter on January 6 to a depth of around 50 metres below the surface of the water.

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Representatives of Mid Argyll Community Pool and the project's funders join Mid Argyll Resource Centre members, who tested the new easy access steps.

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## New easy access steps great news for those with mobility limitations

MORE people are being encouraged to use Mid Argyll Community Pool after the centre installed easy access steps.

The steps, which descend at a 45-degree angle and have handrails at either side, were paid for through grants from the Public Health Network and the Mid Argyll Community Care Association. Mid Argyll and Kintyre's People and Agencies Coming Together (PACT) group was also instrumental in securing the funding.

### Welcome News

The addition to the poolside has come as welcome news for health professionals and their clients and patients.

Among the first people to try the new steps were members of Mid Argyll Resource Centre,

who have started Water Confidence classes at the pool.

Senior physiotherapist, Liz Taylor, said: 'The pool is a vital and great resource for the local community. The installation of easy access steps is great news for those with mobility limitations as it allows improved access to the benefits of water.'

'It is a welcome addition to the current access hoist, so widens the scope for current and potential users of the pool.'

Eilidh Bartlet, the pool's business development manager, said the new steps would make life much easier for a whole range of people, such as parents with babies or tired swimmers as well as those with limitations to their mobility or confidence.

## New manager for Mid Argyll pool

### 'I want to get the community pool back on track'

A NEW manager has been appointed at Mid Argyll Community Pool, as part of the recent reinvigoration of the centre.

Mark Kelly will be responsible for the running of the pool and his arrival follows on from the appointment of volunteer Kirsten Logue as communications project co-ordinator three months ago.

Mark, who will work alongside business development manager Eilidh Bartlet, took up his post on January 5 but insists there will be no sudden changes at the beginning of his tenure. Mark said: 'I want to get the community pool back on track but at the moment I am just getting up to speed with how things work here. I am keen to meet all the different user groups to find out what they think.'

The 29 year old has previously managed the Waterfront Leisure Complex, Port Glasgow Swimming Pool and the Gourock Outdoor Pool, which are businesses within the Inverclyde Leisure group.

But having worked for the group for

the past 12 years, he wanted a new challenge in Lochgilhead.

Tayvallich woman Kirsten Logue is confident of extending her voluntary role beyond the initial three months. She has recently graduated from Stirling University with a Masters in Strategic Public Relations and has been instrumental in rebranding the community pool and setting up its new facebook page and website [www.macpool.org.uk](http://www.macpool.org.uk).

### Priority

Pool director Jilly Wilson said: 'As soon as the business was financially secure the recruitment of a pool manager was a board priority. Directors and staff are very much looking forward to working with Mark - who has good experience in the industry - towards providing staff leadership and stability.'

'Kirsten has been a great asset to the pool - addressing communications and marketing, and developing policies to improve these areas.'



Pool manager Mark Kelly and communications project director Kirsten Logue hope to help take the community pool forward. 06\_a03pool01



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# Residents reject revised housing plan

THE REVISED housing development planned for Barmore Road in Tarbert has been met with disapproval from Tarbert residents.

The development, described by one villager as an 'abomination', features eight affordable homes, including five flats, situated in a two-and-a-half storey high building, one detached and two semi-detached houses.

A separate planning application for the building of a retail unit on the former Tarbert Garage site is also due to be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has told council planners that it welcomes the site being used for affordable housing but remained concerned about the density of the housing, the proximity of some of the houses to a neighbouring home and access roads.

In a letter to the planning de-

partment, Tarbert Community Council chairwoman, Jenny Carlile, said: 'It appears to us that in order to accommodate the retail use, the residential units have been flung to the far edges of the site. This has resulted in them being cramped, with only 1.5 metres from the large block of flats to the site boundary, and with the other units being very close to and under the truck road. This has given us a development, which completely lacks cohesion.'

### Example

Ms Carlile said affordable housing and retail units made 'uncomfortable neighbours', using the Burnside development at the back of the Co-op in Tarbert as an example. She added: 'We would not want the same to happen on Barmore Road.'

Michael Watts, who lives at Mossbank cottage, neighbouring the proposed site, said the scheme would be an 'abomination to a beautiful village.'

He said: 'In this amount of space the massing of dwellings is grotesquely high and the residential amenity is still extremely bad. The large block of flats is now to be pulled back to allow a pavement, which is good, but why only one metre from my boundary? A block of flats should be built in the centre of the plot to avoid so much noise pollution.'

But Ian Cram, director at Bell Ingram, responsible for the architectural work at Barmore Road, said: 'This application represents a rare opportunity to provide the village of Tarbert with much needed affordable housing. The design has been successfully developed through face-to-face meetings with the planners and changed to reflect any concerns raised. This has resulted in a solution, which accords with planning guidelines and will as a result integrate well within the village.'

## New houses at Kilduskland Road are top of the agenda

PLANS to build houses and flats on land west of Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig, are top of the agenda for the next meeting of the village's community council.

The application to build 15 houses, four of them affordable, and four affordable flats will be discussed at the council's next meeting in the Public Hall on Tuesday February 1 at 7.30pm.

'I can't comment until then,' said Jeanette Laughton, chairwoman of the community council, 'it will be the main item on our agenda that night.'

The development would be 'an oversupply' and put too much traffic on to the road one resident believes and he has made representation to Argyll and Bute.

'It will make the current use of Kilduskland Road for recreation, parking and primary school access difficult and dangerous,' said Dr Mark Simpson, in the objections he sent to Argyll and Bute Council.

And he also took the

council to task: 'I live in one of the two houses whose access road, to which I have legal right for 24-hour unimpeded access, will be destroyed during the building of this development, yet I have not been included in the list of those who have received neighbour

notifications. My access must be protected and maintained at exactly the same standard as it today, 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year throughout the time it takes to build this development.'

'It will take a very long time for all the houses to be completed.'

### GRADUATION



Robbie Paterson, only son of Alasdair and Morna, Carradale, graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a BSc Hons (1st Class) in Quantity Surveying and a MSc (with distinction) in International Project Management. Robbie is currently working for Gardner and Theobald Glasgow.

## Lochgilphead school reunion

A REUNION of classmates, who left Lochgilphead Secondary School in fourth year, in 1977, is being organised for May 28 this year.

Organisers say lots of former classmates have already pledged to attend and any teachers of this period and pupils who may have left the school prior to then, are most welcome to get in touch. Do you spot anyone you know in these two pictures of second year pupils at Lochgilphead Secondary School, circa 1975?

The event will be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig. Further details can be found on Facebook, or Friends Reunited - Lochgilphead Secondary Class of 1977 School Reunion.

For tickets and more information contact Lorna Crawford (Bruce) at 07733 278 225 or email ardrishaig69@gmx.com, Jimmy McCallum 01546 606 921, emailjas.mcc@virgin.net, or 07796 397 878, or Irene Leckie, at 07810 282 687, or email rennestu25@aol.com.



Class one, from left: **Front row** - Sheila Dixon, Catherine MacCallum, Isabel Weir, Janette Simpson, Margaret McNab, Edith Smith, Kay Coulter, Lorna Bruce, Evelyn Byk, Eleanor Begg and Corina Holt. **Second row** - Donald Urquhart, Robert Kilgour, James Ross, Charlie Gibb, Kenny Davidson, Robert McConnachie, Sandy Urquhart, Michael Taylor, Donald MacCallum and Donald Crawford. **Third row** - Alistair Brown, Ian Lindsay, John Cryans, Michael McTavish, Derek MacMillan, Terence MacAfter, Duncan McNiven, Jim Toner and Paul Dunnell. **Back row** - Janice Munn, Elaine Gray, Rosemary Munro, Lesley Ferguson, Sheena Cameron, Linsay Killeen, Margaret McCuaig, Hazel Mason and Rosemary Telfer, Teacher.



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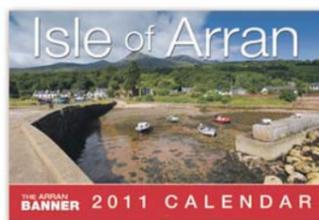


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## Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser  
Friday 23 January, 1981

### Employment office could face closure

UNLESS an alternative site is found for the Lochgilphead office of the Department of Employment, a possible threat of closure could face the office in the future.

This news was given to members of Lochgilphead Community Council at their meeting on Monday evening when a letter was read from Mr C.S.Colbery, manager of Oban Jobcentre.

In his letter, Mr Colbery referred to the high costs involved in running and maintaining the Lochgilphead office, and said that in the long term they could not continue to provide the service at such a high cost.

One of the main reasons for this, he said, was because the Department of Employment was housed in the old West Church, in the town's Lorne Street. Originally it included the benefits service as well, but was now only occupied by the employment department with one member of staff.

### Blizzard causes havoc on roads

THE BLIZZARD conditions, which swept the country last Friday, caused havoc on the roads throughout the Mid Argyll area.

But although there were innumerable minor accidents with bumps and skids, the police traffic department at Lochgilphead were pleased to report that there were no serious accidents.

Almost every road in the area was affected by heavy snow and driving conditions were extremely difficult throughout the day.

### Inveraray council picks lady chairman

INVERARAY guide leader Mrs Marjorie MacQuarrie has been appointed the new chairman of Inveraray Community Council. Mrs MacQuarrie was unanimously elected to the post and is the first lady to occupy the chair.

Mrs Kate Chrystal, Dalchenna is the new secretary and Mr J Smith, Royal Bank Manager and Mrs S Scott were appointed as treasurer and minute secretary respectively.

Mr J Y Stewart who acted as returning officer chaired the meeting during the appointment of the new office bearers. Mr Stewart also welcomed and made a special mention of the two new members Mrs M Mather and Mr B Wood.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'LET'S meet at Loch Lomond Shores for lunch' suggested my friend Alastair.

What a great idea! It was the most beautiful drive through the snow-covered hills and from Loch Lomond the view was stunning.

A white Ben Lomond was bathed in the rosy glow of the setting sun, and The Maid of The Loch waited patiently at her berth. It was lovely to meet up with all the family and the conversations never ceased. But all too soon it was time to go.

Another day and another time, a knock at the door heralded the arrival of an unexpected visitor. What a delight and surprise to see our friend standing on the doorstep. He was in the area and called to see us.

The visit was all too short, but we made the most of the time together.

We are blessed with the technology of communication from phones to e-mails, from Facebook to Twitter, but there's nothing like being with someone in person. A young woman told me that she had travelled from Australia to Campbelltown to arrive on Christmas Eve at her mother's door as a surprise. What a Christmas card that must have been! How much better than an e.mail!

It is so good to be with family and friends in person – when they come in the flesh.

God sent the equivalent of lots of e-mails via the prophets and patriarchs, but he knew he had to put flesh on his words to make them real – to make them live. So he sent his son, and 'the word became flesh and dwelt among us'

We may plan to meet him, or perhaps someday he might just come knocking on our door totally unexpectedly. Thank God for the meeting times.

## Reply to Alan Reid

Sir,  
I write in reply to the letter of Liberal Democrat Mr Alan Reid MP, which appeared in last week's issue.

In these days of consensus politics it is pleasing to see that Mr Reid is in total agreement with the SNP group's position in that the Schools Closures Consultation process was fatally flawed and that he welcomes the SNP group's decision to vote against those closures.

It is a shame that he was not able to convince his own Liberal Democrat colleagues on the council to be of the same opinion as they voted to close 25 schools. In the same letter he also seeks to deflect the blame of the recent cut in Argyll and Bute Council's budget and place it at the door of the Scottish Government. Unfortunately for him the facts do not bear that assumption out.

The blame lies equally between COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) who asked the Scottish Government to make changes to certain areas of local council funding, the council officials who agreed to these changes without understanding or realising their consequences, and the persons who represented Argyll and Bute Council at the meeting between Scottish Government officials, COSLA and members from all of Scotland's 32 Councils on the 19th of November 2010.

While two of those persons were council leader Dick Walsh and chief executive, Sally Loudon, the inconvenient truth for Alan Reid, and hence the real reason for his letter, was that the third person who attended this meeting was Liberal Democrat councillor and their candidate for the coming Scottish Holyrood election, Alison Hay. Just why Councillor Hay, who is an environmental spokesperson, should of felt it necessary to attend the most important meeting regarding the council's budget in the last 20 years and not the council's own director of finance, Bruce West, is a question that the council needs to answer.

But in the end the people of Argyll and Bute are not stupid and they know where

## Letters to the Editor

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these cuts have ultimately come from. They have been imposed on Scotland by the ConDem Westminster Government of which Mr Reid is a member of, a government made up of many millionaires, who have, despise their rhetoric, refused to curb bankers' bonuses while leaving ordinary, every day working class folk struggling and in despair. And lets not forget Labour's part in this disaster. It was Gordon Brown who, as chancellor, deregulated the Financial Services Authority to such an extent that the banks were given cart blanc to do as they pleased.

**Mark McCormack,**  
17 Victoria Street,  
Rothesay,  
Isle of Bute

### Absolutely astounded

Sir,  
Like many of your readers I am absolutely astounded by the letter from Alan Reid, which was published across the Argyll and Bute local press last week.

Firstly his welcoming of the abandonment of the school closure proposals is both dumbfounding and disingenuous. The proposals, which he refers to as 'fatally flawed' were supported by his own Lib Dem councillors to be put to consultation. If it was their view that they were fatally flawed they should have taken the same action as the SNP Group and voted against them, in fact if it hadn't been for the SNP and opposition groups requisitioning a special meeting of the council these proposals would still be on the table. It was only when faced with overwhelming evidence presented to them by the Scottish Rural Schools Network prior to that meeting that the Lib Dem / Independent Administration were sufficiently enough backed into a corner that they tried to save face by agreeing to withdraw proposals that Mr Reid was already on record as saying 'should never have seen the light of day'!

Mr Reid then goes on to apportion blame for the massive cut in Argyll and Bute's budget to the SNP Government. Again this is at best a severe twisting of the truth. Whilst forgetting to refer to the overall cuts (too fast and too deep) being imposed on Scotland from his party in Westminster he also omits to tell the reader that the local government settlement is calculated using a series of formulae agreed by COSLA, and that changes to that formulae, which have led to a reduction of £6m for Argyll and Bute were agreed to by the council leader and COSLA representative, Lib Dem councillor Alison Hay, a member of Mr Reid's own party. So there you have it if anyone has cost Argyll and Bute £6m it's the Liberal Democrats, either because they didn't understand what was going on or that Mrs Hay was simply asleep at the wheel.

Finally Mr Reid attempts to suggest that Michael Russell should have kept quiet and then decided as Education Secretary not to have closed any of the schools, as the local candidate he wouldn't 'have been the final court of appeal' as Mr Reid puts it, Mr Russell's position as local candidate means that for transparency and fairness that any decisions would be transferred to another Minister, a course of action which SNP Ministers have always adhered to and one which Mr Russell had consistently made very clear from very early on.

Perhaps instead of wasting energy on disingenuous letters to the press Mr Reid could engage with all of us who are trying unstintingly to improve Argyll and Bute's position. He could perhaps use his place at Westminster and any influence he has, if any, to address the many concerns of Argyll and Bute residents including the high taxation on fuel, energy costs, privatising the Royal Mail and the rise in VAT but to name a few.

**Cllr Robert MacIntyre,**  
SNP Group of councillors

## The seabed 'looks like a desert'

Sir,  
I am unsurprised by the reaction of Mr MacDougal to my letter.

While I don't doubt for one minute his own integrity and endeavour to fish within the current EU law and I don't envy the harsh and dangerous environment that he works in, there are many in his industry who do not behave so conscientiously.

You only have to listen to the news from Aberdeen courts recently to hear of men and boats taking millions of pounds worth of fish illegally.

Would you like to discuss 'Black Fish'?

You need to listen to commercial divers, Mr MacDougal, to hear how the seabed 'looks like a desert' as a result of relentless dredging. For years I have witnessed dredgers working closer and closer to the shore, once even round inside the anchorage at the south end of the Garvellachs. Is nowhere sacrosanct?

If the wider public could see the equivalent devastation on land... our forests and woods ploughed to oblivion, there would be an unholy row.

As it is, you would be astonished, Mr MacDougal, at how many people complimented me on my letter with the words: 'Its about time somebody said it'.

This week we have seen Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall eloquently making the case for the banning of by-catch on Channel 4 and we should all support that campaign. I believe in Norway it is illegal to dump any dead fish overboard.

What we are weary of is the pusillanimous politicians who always bow to the fishing lobby when any Conservation Area is called for. The battle that had to be fought to create the smallest of no-take zones in Lamlash Bay was long and hard. Loch Sween was shelved, the Firth of Lorne was shelved. Can you not accept even the smallest of efforts to actually HELP you and your industry and your villages in the long term? Can you come up with a positive suggestion instead of demanding that any no-take zone be taken off the agenda permanently?

Can you tell me, Mr MacDougal, where all those fish that John Adair was talking about have gone?

**Mike Murray**  
**Crinan**

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# Mid Argyll's Social Scene

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INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month and the Janu-

ary meeting was full of folk chasing the winter blues away listening to good music and enjoying themselves.



The function room at the Argyll Hotel was filled with people enjoying themselves. 0\_a03inv02



Callum Millar, Hugh MacLean and Duncan Crawford came all the way from Tarbert to enjoy the evening. 0\_a03inv09



Fyne Folk are the unofficial 'house band' for the club; they're a group of friends who enjoying meeting up and making music: from left, Duncan Crawford, fiddle; Sally Hall, fiddle; Agnes Liddell, piano; AJ Macleod, fiddle and Jake MacKay, mouth organ. The group used to be lead by the late Janette Gibson on accordion, a good friend who is sadly missed. 0\_a03inv04



Margaret Mather and Gillian Kerr were on the door; Margaret is the secretary and Gillian the treasurer. 0\_a03inv01



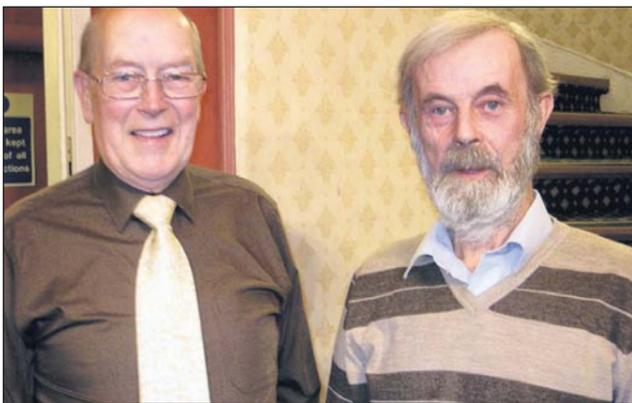
Gus Millar. 0\_a03inv07



The evening's guest performers were the Ian Anderson Trio from Gartocharn: Neil MacMillan, Ian Anderson and Gus Miller. 0\_a03inv06



Club chairman Niall Iain Maclean. 0\_a03inv03



Johnny Fisher and Allan McIntosh also performed. 0\_a03inv05



Brother and sister Alex and Arlene MacKechnie from Strachur, aged 14 and 12 respectively, are making a name for themselves in music circles. Both successful Royal National Mod medallists they are multi-instrumentalists and have also formed a band, Heron Valley, the English translation of Strachur. Joining them in the band at Ian Wilson and Euan MacNab. Amongst the band's first performances was a New Year's Day concert at the Cregans Inn Hotel, Strachur and they were such a hit they've been booked for next year! 0\_a03inv10



Fyne Folk take to the stage. 0\_a03inv08

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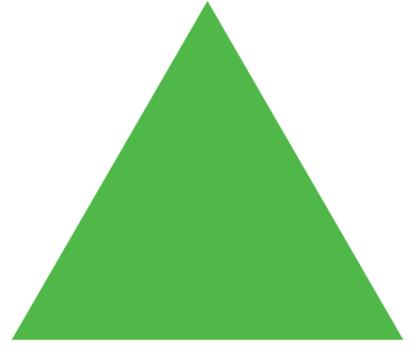
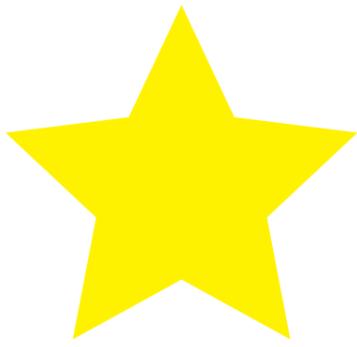
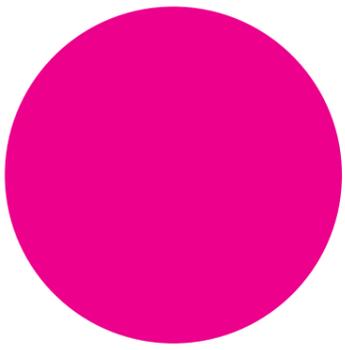
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**Tarbert Academy Pre-5 Unit**  
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 Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy – Catriona Hood



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Key contacts: May Taylor – Head of Unit – Depute Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy.  
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We very much welcome and encourage parent involvement in all our plans for the nursery.

We have a large outdoor play area / garden and greenhouse for the children to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

The children often go out for many walks and visit the hens and our four lovely donkeys. Our fantastic staff group have worked hard to create a nursery with the very highest of care standards, of which we are all very proud.

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# Dalriada Fiddle and Accordion Club tunes up for 30th anniversary year

MUSICIANS from across Argyll gathered at the Argyll Inn, in Lochgilhead, on Tuesday evening as the Dalriada Fiddle and Accordion Club welcomed two special guests.

Accordion player Ian Lockhart

and fiddler Ross Thompson, from Stirling, joined a host of local players for a traditional session.

Rodger Gillespie and Roddy McCallum from Campbeltown, Sandy Watson from Southend and Alec MacKinnon, from

Carradale, joined Mid Argyll musicians John Holt, John Hunt and Alec McPhee at the event.

## Anniversary

The January session marked the start of a very special year for the club, which will celebrate

its 30th anniversary in March. Chairman of the Dalriada Club John Hunt said plans were already underway to make it a celebration to remember.

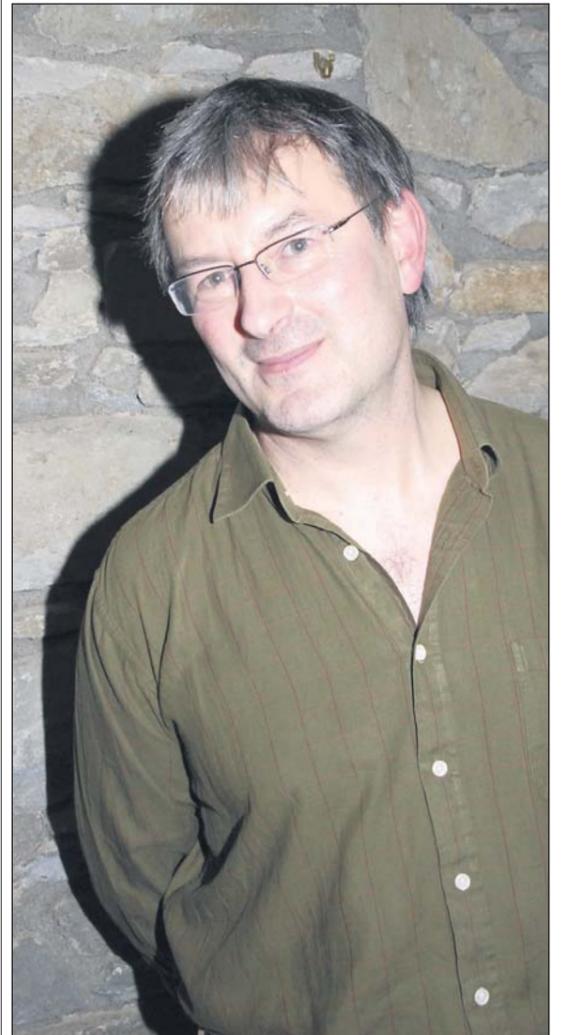
'It will be a big celebration and feature a special guest,' he said.



Local musicians were, back row, left to right: Rodger Gillespie, Sandy MacDonald, Sandy Watson, John Hunt and Alec McPhee. Front row, left to right: Roddy McCallum and John Holt. 06\_a03fdd01



Accordion player Ian Lockhart and fiddler Ross Thompson were special guests at the Dalriada Fiddlers and Accordion Club event on Tuesday night.



Kilmartin man Gordon Gray Stephens spoke to foresters, farmers and Mid Argyll folk about one of Argyll's best-kept secrets.

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## Kilmartin Museum hosts talk on one of Argyll's best-kept secrets

THE GLEBE Cairn Cafe was jam packed on Tuesday evening as Mid Argyll folk gathered to hear about the region's hazel woods.

Gordon Gray Stephens, director of Scottish Native Woods, was at Kilmartin House Museum to talk about the management and features of a tree unique to Scotland.

'Hazel is internationally important because it is unique to Scotland and therefore we have a responsibility to look after it for the rest of the world,' said Gordon. 'It is the Scot's equivalent to the tiger.'

The clear air and relatively undisturbed conditions of Argyll have allowed this woodland to survive locally. Hazel Glove Fungi, a rare fungus which forms rosettes of orange finger-shaped lobes on the stems of old hazel trees, was first discovered in Argyll in the 1980s.

Gordon was brought up on a farm near Ardrishaig and, as director of the Scottish Native Woods, Gordon is passionate about raising awareness of forestry and conservation work in Argyll.

'People are not aware of what is on their doorstep,' he said. 'We are working to raise awareness of local woodlands and have created paths through many to make them more accessible.'

Craig Loigste, near Inveraray, is one such native woodland with an organised path network. The walk features a viewing platform built into a tree canopy.

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# MOVE hits the stage

## Mid Argyll musicians perform at Celtic Connections

MUSICIANS from Mid Argyll will be at the centre of a headlining show at this year's Celtic Connections.

Ford based Scottish music producers Wild Biscuit will present an exclusive premier of their new live show production, MOVE, at the festival in the 02 ABC, Glasgow tomorrow (Saturday). The performance is supporting bands Lau and Crooked Still.

MOVE is a unique collaboration between Wild Biscuit and breakdance crew Random Aspekts, together with a line up of pipers and drummers from Argyll, seven of whom are students of Lochgilhead Joint Campus and all under 17 years of age.

Special guests Neil Primrose of Scots band Travis and multi-instrumentalist Fraser Fifield of Salsa Celtica complete the line up for the performance combining contemporary dance and hip hop with an urban-infused mix of traditional and original Highland pipe music.

### Developed

The show has been developed specifically for Celtic Connections Festival.

MOVE, the live show, features original choreography by Tony Mills, one of Scotland's most accomplished contemporary dancers.

As well as touring his own productions, Tony has worked with Curious Seed, Off Kilter, Kelly Rowland and David Guetta (MOBO Awards 2009), Dancebase and State of Emergency. He is principal member of Random Aspekts, a professional crew that has worked with a string of high profile clients, and individually with artists including Kanye West, East 17 and Scottish Ballet.

For Celtic Connections, Wild Biscuit Director John Saich has created a signature blend of soul and R&B to complement the pipe music, and has been developing some new compositions with

the young pipers as part of the show.

The new compositions have been written by Lochgilhead students David Proven, Chris Coates and Ewan McCulloch and Rod Buchanan from Kilmartin will be performing his Somerled's Legacy with James Dunkley.

### Exceptional

John said: 'Mixing up pre-recorded beats and samples with live instruments and dance is Wild Biscuit's forte. Add the talents of Neil Primrose and Fraser Fifield to that and we have something quite exceptional.'

'It's a great high-energy team with everyone bringing their individual talents to the show and we're delighted to have this billing with Lau and Crooked Still as part of Celtic Connections 2011.'

The full line up of pipers and drummers from Argyll are: Rod Buchanan, Bill Halliday, Ashleigh Kilgour, Bethan Phillips, Maddy Ward, Ewan McCulloch, James Dunkley, David Proven, Chris Coates, Colin Brown and Sally and George Hall.



Performers in the Wild Biscuit collaboration of MOVE.

## Minard's story of 'rags to riches'

THE THIRD and final phase of the Minard Village Hall renovation is set to take place in the next fortnight when MacLeod Construction fit new PVC double-glazed windows in the building.

So far Minard Community Trust has had to fix the roof and re-lay flooring in the hall, which had fallen into a dilapidated state. They have even installed a second-hand kitchen.

Now residents have started using the hall once more.

Leonard McNeill, who has been heavily involved in the project said: 'People had stopped using the hall because it had become a health hazard but this really is a story of rags to riches.'

'It is all thanks to a lot of free manual labour and the generosity of local tradesmen and building companies. They have kept costs down and we couldn't have done it without them.'

The third phase was given the green light following a grant from the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme worth £1,250, which was match funded by the community trust.

Argyll Voluntary Action

## 'AVA GO EVENT'

Wednesday 26th January  
10.30am - 2.30pm  
Kinloch Guide Hall, Kinloch Road

Have you ever needed a volunteer? - maybe for some gardening, help at an event etc  
Have you ever thought about being a volunteer? - you never know what you have to offer.

Argyll Voluntary Action is hosting an 'AVA GO' event to promote the idea of volunteering and to show that it can be fun and rewarding for all parties.

Why not come along, enjoy a cuppa and meet some of the people who can offer volunteering opportunities or the people who can help you find a volunteer. Discover more about Timebanking.

We will also be having some interesting workshops and some fun activities for everyone to join in. Enter the 'rogue item' quiz with the chance of winning a prize.

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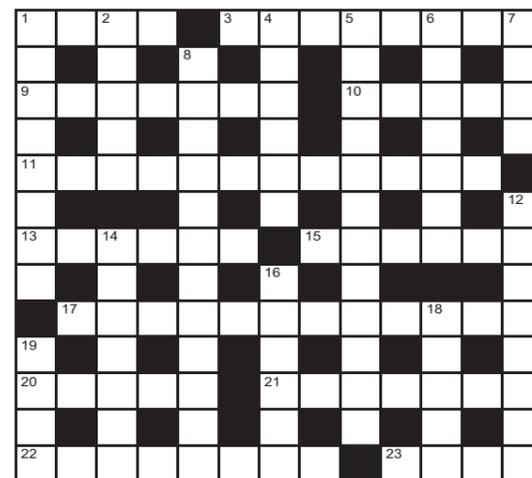
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- 1 A sign of tiredness (4)
- 3 Trivial chat (8)
- 9 Type of meal placement (3-4)
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- 11 Spinning horses (5-2-5)
- 13 Art moves? (4,2)
- 15 Draught (6)
- 17 Mediocre (3-2-3-4)
- 20 Cover (5)
- 21 Campaign (7)
- 22 Stickiness (8)
- 23 Measure of stride (4)

### Down

- 1 Veils (8)
- 2 Dilute (5)
- 4 Bay or bow? (6)
- 5 Rude (12)
- 6 Pill (7)
- 7 Decorative edging (4)
- 8 Most good of the godly (4,2,6)
- 12 Overdetermined (4-4)
- 14 Feed (7)
- 16 Building material (6)
- 18 Angry (5)
- 19 A priest in Tibet (4)



### Last Week's Solution



**GLENDARUEL**

## Community right to buy

COLINTRAIVE and Glendaruel Development Trust has been granted a community right to buy the Glendaruel Hotel.

The hotel, which stands at the centre of the clachan of Glendaruel, has been closed for 18 months, which residents' claim deprives them of an essential social hub and tourist attraction.

The development trust established a working group in August 2010 to explore possible uses for the building after the owners failed to get the business up and running.

Charles Dixon-Spain, chair of the Development Trust said: 'I am delighted to announce that with the help of the working group, who have put substantial time into this project, and our HIE-funded consultant Tom Sillar, we have secured the community the opportunity to decide whether it wants the trust to run the building as a social enterprise.'

The community has been entitled to the right to buy under the terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act, which gives the community first refusal when and if the hotel comes on to the market. The act requires that a ballot be held to ascertain the community's opinion of such a course of action.



The view of the back of Glendaruel Hotel from the kirk in the clachan. Inset: A postcard showing the front of Glendaruel Hotel in 1900.

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**CRAIGNISH**

### Race Night

A RACE night to be held in Craignish Village Hall will raise funds for two Argyll-based charities.

Proceeds from the event, which will be held in Craignish Village Hall on February 19, will go towards The Dochas Centre, Lochgilphead and to the Oban branch of Alzheimer's Scotland Action on Dementia.

### Burns Supper

THE GALLEY of Lorne will host a Burns' supper on January 22 as Craignish celebrates the life and work of The Bard.

Master of ceremonies will be Simon Bevan and all funds raised will be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

### Boat Jumble

THE ANNUAL boat jumble and car boot sale will be held on March 26 this year.

The event, organised by Craignish Community Company is always popular with residents.

**MINARD**

### Plaque to be repaired

PLANS are afoot to repair a plaque dedicated to the soldiers from Minard who served and died in The Great War.

The plaque, which had been hung in the village hall, had required repair but amateur attempts at a restoration have only served to worsen the problems.

Now the community plans to apply for a grant to have the damaged three-foot by two-foot brass plaque professionally restored to its former glory.

**TAYVALLICH**

### Funds sought to re-launch Jura ferry

JURA Development Trust is currently seeking funds to re-launch its successful passenger ferry service from Tayvallich.

The ferry has completed its three-year pilot operation,

carrying more than 7,200 passengers between Craighouse and Tayvallich, 25 per cent of whom were Jurachs.

The development trust now wants a new contract to operate the ferry between Easter 2011 and September 2013 and met representatives of Argyll and Bute Council's transport department yesterday (Thursday) to discuss the future of the service.

The trust's Deborah Bryce said: 'The ferry has been recognised as a great success. The service is very much in its infancy but a new contract would allow the service to become even better known and used by more passengers.'

The trust has also contacted the Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown.

The project qualifies for support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), which was represented at Thursday's meeting.

A decision on whether the service will go ahead could be made by the end of February.

**TARBERT**

### Road safety

PETER Peacock, Highlands and Islands Labour MSP, has written to the new Transport

Minister Keith Brown asking him to improve road safety on the A83 through Tarbert village as soon as possible.

Mr Peacock's plea comes after he was contacted by a constituent who believes there is a need for effective traffic management on this busy route to balance the needs of motorists and local residents.

In his letter to Mr Brown, Mr Peacock writes: 'At Tarbert the A83 becomes very narrow at the Barmore Road section and allied to this there is a lack of a safe pedestrian crossing for those wishing to cross the road. There is considerable local concern at this situation and there have apparently been a number of 'near misses' over recent months. I would be very grateful if you would be able to outline what steps the Scottish Government is taking to enable improvements to be made to the A83 at Tarbert Village to ensure that the risk of serious accidents will be minimised. I know you will agree with me that even in times of difficult public finances public safety must not be compromised.'

Local community councillor Bob Chicken said: 'Tarbert and Skipness Community Council have, for many years, been trying with little success

to improve the safety of this stretch of the A83 and are grateful to Peter Peacock for taking up the case with the minister.'

## New members

TARBERT'S mixed-voice Gaelic Choir is on the lookout for new members. The choristers practice on a Monday evening and are particularly keen to recruit soprano voices.

For more information contact Mary Macalister Hall on 01583 431 233

### CAIRNBAAN

## Two road accidents

BLACK ice on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road caused two accidents near the Cairnbaan junction on Tuesday morning.

A young man narrowly escaped injury after his blue Subaru car left the road at 8am between Dunamuck Farm and Cairnbaan.

A second driver also escaped unharmed when his black Corsa slid into a ditch a few metres from the turn off to the village.

Police attended both incidents and the road remained open to traffic going in both directions.

### ARDRISHAIG

## New directors wanted

ARDRISHAIG Community Trust is appealing for two new directors as it prepares to hold its annual general meeting next month.



A driver escaped injury after their black corsa slid into a ditch on the approach to the Cairnbaan junction on the A816 on Tuesday morning.

The call comes after directors Donnie Macleod and Hamish Nicol announced they would not be standing for re-election.

The role of director involves taking forward community trust projects, which benefit

those living and working in the area. Current projects include the windfarm and King George V field.

Ardrishaig Community Trust was set up by residents in 2008 with the aim of implementing the regeneration projects identified by the community council.

The trust's AGM will be held at 7.30pm on February 8 in Ardrishaig Village Hall.

### STRACHUR

## The Bard's birthday

DUNOON singers Arthur Young and Pearl Adamson will be performing at the Stralachlan community centre tonight (Friday) as Strachur celebrates Burns Night.

Guests will be tucking into a traditional supper of haggis, neeps and tatties before being treated to an evening of poetry and song.

To book a place at the event contact Alistair and Flora McLauchlan on 01369 860329

### EREDINE

## Councillor resigns

AFTER many years representing Eredine with great dedication, Len Ross has resigned from Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council for personal reasons.

The community council praised his work over a number of years.

### LOCHGAIR

## Burns Supper

THE Lochgair Association is holding a Burns Supper in the Lochgair Hotel today (Friday).

The event starts at 6.30pm for 7pm.



ARGYLL building company MacLeod Construction has presented second year bricklaying apprentice, James McMillan, from Oban, with the company's Apprentice of the Year Award for 2010.

James was nominated by site manager Gordon Ram for the quality of his work and his positive attitude.

James is one of approximately 20 trainees and apprentices currently employed by MacLeod Construction throughout Argyll, with others working in trades such as joinery, roof tiling and cement work, administration, management and computer aided design. James is pictured receiving his certificate and a cheque for £50 from director, Kenny MacLeod.

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# SAC announce three dates for farmers' meetings

STAFF at Scottish Agricultural College's Oban Office face a very busy end to January with three Argyll events having been postponed until now because of the weather.

As well as a discussion on muirburn in Ardrishaig and a Sheep Health Care meeting in Colintraive, the SAC will travel to Islay for a pollution awareness day.

Niall Campbell, SAC's Senior Agricultural Consultant at the Oban Office, said: 'Two of these events should have happened before Christmas

but it just was not possible, given the conditions, so we have had to concertina things a bit in January.

'They are all important topics where regulations and techniques have changed, so it is important to get the up to date messages out there.'

## Colintraive

The Sheep Health Care meeting will be held in Colintraive next Wednesday at Lorne and Joanne Sinclair's Southall Farm.

A major element of the day will be foot care as poor feet

result in welfare issues and poor performance as well as reduced income. There will be expert advice on topics including lameness, footrot, CODD (Contagious Ovine Digital Dermatitis), white-line infections and general flock management. A local vet there will hold practical sessions in the pens.

'Methods of treating feet have moved on since our fathers' day,' says Niall. 'The latest techniques are less severe for the sheep. Likewise new information on sheep

wormers and eradication of diseases like BVD in cattle will be valuable.'

## Islay

The following day attention focuses on Islay and a Pollution Awareness day at Island Farm, Bowmore, courtesy of Ian McKerrell.

According to Niall, on an island with intensive farming, good food and a lot of environmental tourists it is important producers know about the latest regulations.

'We will be covering manure and slurry spreading

recommendations, on-farm pollution prevention and the disposal of sheep dip, pesticides and plastics. If ground conditions permit, there will also be a demonstration of slurry spreading through an umbilical system.'

The Royal Hotel in Ardrishaig will be the venue for discussion about muirburn on January 31.

It has been organised as a practical day where farmers are encouraged to bring along their own maps of their farm and receive individual advice

on planning their own muirburn. This will be a hands-on day with moorland specialist Alistair Hamilton of SAC the main speaker.

Alison Phillips, Black Grouse project officer and Helen Bibby SAC Conservation Consultant for Argyll will also be on hand to aid discussion and give individual advice.

'We hope the event is going to be muirburn with a practical and a scientific approach,' says Niall. 'Fire is a good servant but a bad master.'

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## Loch Fyne Oysters set to expand

THE MANAGING director of Loch Fyne Oysters says the business is looking to expand on its already considerable global market this year.

Bruce Davidson said the company would be looking to increase its share of the market in the US, Japan and Taiwan. It is also looking to extend its customer base in France.

Loch Fyne Oysters, which employs 120 people in Argyll, already exports worldwide, where its biggest markets include Hong Kong, Singapore, Switzerland and the Middle East.

But despite its growing worldwide reputation, Mr Davidson said there is no possibility of the company upping sticks.

He said: 'We believe we've got a global brand but being in Argyll is an asset; one of our best selling tools is our location.'

'It would be a big mistake to change that.'

## Prime sheep rates rise again

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 1,724 prime lambs and 394 cast ewes and rams at Millhall market on Tuesday of this week when trade for prime sheep continued to rise.

Prime lambs averaged 183.44p per kilo (+4.13p on the week), and sold to 220p for Beltex lambs scaling 40kgs consigned by DS & RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill. Beltex lambs from Wester Thomaston sold to £96 with Texels from Ballinloan fetching £94.

Ewes sold to £100 twice for Texels from Hallbeath Farms and High Auchensale. Texels from Markethill sold to £94.50 and Blackfaces from Knockderry to £59 while cast rams sold to £112.50 for Texels from J McKerrow, Riverview.



Jessie Main and Roy, bring the Blackface hogs up towards the pen. 04\_c04shep06

## Nursery series continues at Ronachan

THE third in a series of five nursery sheepdog trials to pick the Arran and Kintyre Nursery Team for the Scottish sheepdog championships was held at Meinan Farm, Ronachan, on Sunday, by courtesy of the Pollock family.

Judge for the day was Andrew Ronald Jnr, Campbeltown, with Richard Semple acting as time-keeper.

The next nursery trials trial will be on Saturday February 5, with the event this time being held at Skipness.

Results:

Nursery:

- 1 Lorne Clark's Moss, Meinan, with 85pts;
- 2 Kenny Grieves' Bett, Skipness, 79pts;
- 3 Peter Clark's Jill, Stewarton, 78pts;

4 Mike McNally's Finn, Invergarry, with 71pts;

5 Alec McCuish's Rock, Skipness, 69pts;

6 Brian Strachan's Robbie, Roybridge, 64pts.

Class 2:

1 Brian Strachan's Mac, Roybridge, with 91pts;

2 Peter Clark's Vic, Stewarton, 82pts;

3 Jesse Main's Roy, Largie, 80 pts.



Peter Clark, Stewarton, with Vic. 04\_c04shep02

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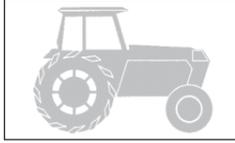
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Lorriane and Paul would like to thank family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts they received following the birth of their daughter, Courtney. They were much appreciated. x

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Will hold a surgery in Lochgilhead on Friday 28th January 2011 at Lochgilhead Community Centre between 1.00pm and 2.00pm.

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**Tuesday 8th February 2011 7.30pm in clubhouse**

*All members are invited to attend*

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**Tuesday, 1st February 2011**

**Scottish Marine Regions Consultation**

**11.30 a.m. for 12.00 noon**



**Hear about Scottish Government's plans for Scottish Marine Regions and then have your say on their current consultation**

The Firth of Clyde Forum is hosting a free open event in your area on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The Marine (Scotland) Act provides for the creation of marine regions and the delegation of marine planning to a local level. This will eventually allow for local accountability and input to Regional Marine Plans. Scottish Marine Regions (SMRs) will be created through secondary legislation once the characteristics for establishing their boundaries are determined. Marine Scotland wants to know where you would draw the line for SMRs. The full consultation document can be downloaded from [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/seamangement/regional/Consultation](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/seamangement/regional/Consultation).

The event will include a presentation from Marine Scotland along with opportunities for questions and answers and annotation of maps. There will be a light lunch for registered participants during the event.

Come along and find out more about Scottish Marine Regions.

**All are welcome and those that register will be provided with lunch.**

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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**(C38, KILMICHAEL GLEN ROAD) (TEMPORARY 18 TONNES MGW WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2011**

On Monday 17th January 2011, 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 motor vehicle whose maximum gross weight exceeds 18 Tonnes, on that length of the C38 Kilmichael Glen Road, extending from its junction with Am Baile Mor Housing Scheme Road to Socach Farm access road, a distance of 7065 metres or thereby.

This restriction is required to prevent further serious damage to the structure and surface of the road. Exemptions will apply to fuel delivery vehicles or any vehicle which is being used in connection with the delivery of farm supplies and movement of livestock.

This Order, which will be effective when indicated by signs, will come into operation from 0001 hours on Monday 24th January 2011 and will remain in operation until 2400 hours on Monday 18th April 2011.

Alternative Route: There is no alternative route.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD

**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE, THE CUT, ACHNABA, BY LOCHGILPHEAD, ARGYLL, TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 13/09**

Take notice that the above Authority in terms of the powers conferred upon them by Section 161 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has confirmed the above Tree Preservation Order which took effect on 8th July 2011, modified to the following extent: under the description heading on page 4 of the said order the following words have been inserted after the word "hereto" occurring on the third line of the said description "between points X and Y marked on the said map the Order will be restricted to trees lying between the burn and the access road to Achnaba Quarry which leads from the A83 for a distance of 20 metres only, declaring that there are no trees growing on the ground lying to the east of the said Quarry access road. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Order visibility splays to Highway or Trunk Roads Standards will be kept clear of obstruction to visibility at Points A and B on the said map" and under the situation heading on page 4 of the said Order the following word have been inserted after the word "ground" occurring on the fourth line of the said situation "shown outlined in red and hatched in green between points Y, X and B on the said map".

A Certified Copy of the said Tree Preservation Order and map, as confirmed, have been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council's Development Services Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll and may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 28 days from the date of this advertisement.

CHARLES REPPKE, Head of Governance and Law, Kilmory, Lochgilphead 7th January 2011

**PLANNING**

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 11/02/2011

● Ref No: 10/02031/PP

Applicant: Holt Leisure Parks Ltd  
Proposal: Erection of shed for marine repairs  
Site Address: Marina Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8UD  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Ardferr

● Ref No: 10/02057/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs K Campbell  
Proposal: Formation of 2 dormer windows, 3 roof lights and formation of new window  
Site Address: 2 Brae Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA30 8EB  
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead

● Ref No: 11/00015/PP

Applicant: Mr Kenny MacLeod  
Proposal: Erection of garage and workshop  
Site Address: Barvaltair Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RU  
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead

● Ref No: 11/00037/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs S McKinlay  
Proposal: Erection of car port with deck over (retrospective)  
Site Address: Coul-Na-Mara Peninver Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QP  
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Councils website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess)

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- Reporting of incidents and accidents

Other duties will also include:- producing site improvement reports, Stock Level Management, holding monthly depot meetings (which must be minuted) and the issue of work permits. You will have responsibility for depot security and maintenance, whilst also being the depot key holder where applicable. Possession of ADR certification and HGV licence would be advantageous.

If you are interested in this vacancy, please send a CV and covering letter to [recruitment@brogans.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@brogans.co.uk). Shortlisted candidates will be notified within 2 weeks after the closing date. If you are not contacted, you should assume that you have not been shortlisted.

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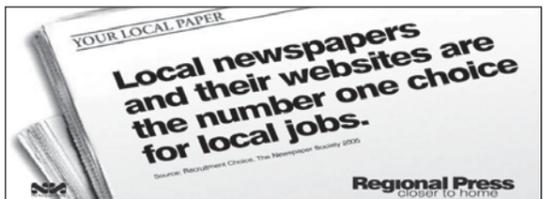
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**Applicants should apply in writing including their cv preferably online to [Julie.lockhart@dawson-energy.co.uk](mailto:Julie.lockhart@dawson-energy.co.uk) or by post to J.Lockhart at the above address.**

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Please apply to - [alan.shaw@dmcnairshipping.com](mailto:alan.shaw@dmcnairshipping.com), attaching your CV to email.

Or via regular mail to - Mr. Alan G. Shaw, D.McNair & Son, Kinloch Road, CAMPBELTOWN. PA28 6EG.



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**2 x Marine Operatives -**  
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**1 x Marine Operative -**  
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(Salary £15,221.75 based on 40 hours per week)

Candidates will be enthusiastic, self-motivated and be able to demonstrate prior experience in working within small, focused teams. Day to day duties will include fish welfare, sampling, grading and moving of the fish, site maintenance, net changing and boat handling. Previous aquaculture experience is desirable for this post; the company can offer further development and training opportunities through in-house training and also by external training providers. Preference will also be given to those candidates who can offer transferable, related skills and qualifications.

In return, the Company offers a comprehensive pay and benefits package including entry into the Company pension scheme after the qualifying period. A full, clean driving licence is also essential.

For an application form and job description, please contact:

HR Department, The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd, Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH

Tel. No. 01499 600 415

Email: [cairndowhr@scottishsalmon.com](mailto:cairndowhr@scottishsalmon.com)

Closing date for applications: 5.00pm 28th January, 2011

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## The Scottish Salmon Company

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### MARINE SITE MANAGER (Isle of Harris)

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Job descriptions and application forms available from

The Scottish Salmon Company, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis HS2 0DB.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O Lord, supported me' (Psalm 94:18).

**BIRTHS**

**MCGOUGAN** – Gary and Tina are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Euan, on December 23, 2010, at Aberdeen. A little brother for Lewis and fourth grandchild for Gus and Kathleen.

**WYLIE – BROWN** – Paul and Lorraine would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Courtney, born on December 21, 2010 at the Southern General Hospital. A wee sister for Connor. Thanks to all staff at the Campbeltown and SGH maternity units for all their help.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**MCCABE – MORRISON** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 25, 2010, of Philip Cairns of Downfield, Dundee, elder son of William and Christine, to Kirsty Margaret, also of Dundee, formerly of Greenock, younger daughter of Calum and Margaret, Bellochantuy.

**MCINTOSH – CRETTON** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Laurene, elder daughter of Duncan and Gail McIntosh, Carradale and Jim, younger son of Colin and Margaret Cretton, Farnham, Surrey.

**SMITH – PATERSON**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Roseanna and Mario on January 1, 2011.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**CRANSTON – CORBETT** – At St Margaret's Church, Glenrothes on January 21, 1961, by the Rev David L Levison, Andy to Jessie.

**DEATHS**

**COWAN** – Christina. Suddenly but peacefully, at the Western Infirmary on January 18, 2011, Chris, beloved wife of the late Thomas, dearly loved mother of Christine and Irene and a much loved grandmother. For funeral arrangements please contact Wylie and Lochhead Funeral Directors on 0141 954 4488.

**LIVINGSTON** – Helen Park Livingston, née Morrison. Peacefully on January 15, 2011, at Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch, in her 87th year. Wife of the late Jimmy Livingston, Seafield Farm, Achnamara. Dear mother of Chrystine, Jeffrey, James, Anne and Margaret; mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Funeral service will be held in Inverlussa Parish Church, Achnamara, by Lochgilphead on Monday, January 24, 2011, at 12 noon. Thereafter a private family service will be held at the crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland (Action on Dementia).

**MACCORMICK** – Jill Margaret. Much loved wife and friend of Coll. Loved daughter-in-law of Dugie and Dorothy (Campbeltown, Scotland). Loved sister-in-law of Neil and Maureen (Prestwick, Scotland), Euan and Margo (Perth, Scotland). Loved Auntie Jill of Duncan and Marie. Messages to; The Mains Farm, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QG. Macdonald and Weston Funeral Home, New Zealand.

**MILLAR** – Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 15, 2011, Catherine Isabella Margaret Finlayson, in her 91st year, Gartholm, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Killivan Farm, dearly beloved wife of James G Millar, much loved mother of Bobby, Elizabeth and the late Anne and a loving granny and great granny.

**SHELDRIK** – Peacefully at Kintyre Care Centre on January 19, 2011, Joan Sheldrick, in her 83rd year, Port Ban, Kibberly, by Tarbert. Dearly beloved wife of the late David Sheldrick and loving mother of Jonathan, Peter, Mark, Nigel, Vrecca, Cheryl, Morar, Fiona, Jeanette, Timothy and Elenor. Sadly missed. Celebration Service at Church of Scotland, Lochgilphead on Saturday, January 22 at 10.30am, followed by Interment at Achnabreac Cemetery, followed by refreshments at Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin. Flowers not necessary. Donations are invited for Living Stones School and Church Centre in Pakistan. "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain".

**WARDROP** – Suddenly at home, 34 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, formerly of Machrihanish, on January 16, 2011, Robert Wardrop, in his 91st year, dearly beloved husband of Helen McCormick Mitchell, much loved father of Jean, Ian, Rosemary, Rhona and Kerry and a loving and much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, on Friday, January 21 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. Aretiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Church.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BRODIE** – The family of the late Lionel wish to thank all family and friends for their support during this sad time. Also thanks to all staff at Auchinlee for their care, to Rev P Burroughs for the service and to Alasdair Blair for all his help. Also to all staff at the Argyll Hotel for the tea.

**KELLY** – Elizabeth and family wish to thank relatives and friends for the many cards, calls, flowers and help in so many ways after their sudden loss of Willie. Our thanks go to the ambulance men for their kindness and efficiency, to Dr J Leftley and Dr J Leask of the A&E Department, to staff of Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, to Rev M Lind for his touching and uplifting service and Lodge St John's 141 and Alex Russell for the excellent purvey, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their help and efficient handling of Willie's funeral. Last but not least to everyone who attended church and graveside. Retiral collection of £776.89 was donated to the Highland Parish Church.

**KING** – The family of the late Billy King, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received, in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead and at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban for their care, to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service at Lochgilphead Parish Church and to Rev Ian Miller for an uplifting service at Cardross Crematorium, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn, Cardross, for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and crematorium. The collection for the Helicopter Retrieval Team raised £260.

**MACKINNON** – Lynda, Marie and families would like to thank everyone for their kindness, cards and flowers following the death of their mother, Margaret. Special thanks to Dr Villalba and staff at the Acute Ward, to Rev Lind, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair and the Argyll Hotel and to everyone who attended church and graveside. Retiral collection for Acute Ward raised £370.21.

**MCCLYMONT** – My family and I would like to thank all the people, schools and organisations who gave so generously at the funeral service of my wife Sheila McClymont. The sum of £1,180 was given to the charity Children First, who have asked me to convey their appreciation and thanks. My wife was dedicated to the welfare and safety of children and this was a wonderful tribute to the memory of a very wonderful lady.

**MCKERRAL** – Joan would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and neighbours for their support and kind messages of sympathy, including cards, phone calls, visits etc after the loss of her beloved husband, Alec. Special thanks must go to the following – Dr Ian Norrie for his exceptional care for both Alec and Joan; the staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and understanding; ambulance drivers and paramedics; members of the Integrated Care Team; staff of Ward 23 of Southern General Hospital who were so supportive of Alec and Joan; Rev Philip Burroughs for his truly personal tribute and comforting service; David McEwan for his beautiful music; Ian McKerral for his rendering of 'Home to Davaar' at the graveside; the staff of Argyll Arms Hotel for their hospitality and last but not least, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and personal service. The community of Kintyre has been a great support to Joan in her sad loss. The sum of £429.88 was raised for Campbeltown Hospital. Thank you.

**MALONEY** – Janette, Hazel, Lorraine and families would like to thank family, friends and colleagues for their support after the sudden loss of Campbell. Special thanks to Rev M Lind and Rev C Hood for spiritual comfort, Mr D McEwan for apt music in church and Craig and Iain Campbell for piping at cemetery. Thanks to Dr Lazarus for attending Campbeltown for the years, Drs Leftley and Villalba and staff at the Acute Ward for caring in his last week and Seafield Hotel for excellent service. Last but not least, thanks to

Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional service. Retiring collection for Highland Parish Church was a very generous £1678.36. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended Campbell's service in church and at the graveside.

**MILLER** – Flora and family of the late Robert Miller (Robbie) express thanks for the messages of sympathy and support they have received at this sad time. Sincere thanks to all who attended the service and for all the cards, flowers and donations received from family, friends and neighbours and for the service conducted by Margaret Sinclair at the High Church, Tarbert.

**RALSTON** – Maggie and the family of the late Willie Ralston would like to thank relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital for excellent care and compassion shown to Willie and ourselves, to all the nurses who attended at home before going to hospital, to Rev Philip Burroughs for his very comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for a most efficient and professional service, to the Argyll Hotel for catering, to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside and contributed so generously to the collection for Campbeltown Hospital.

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- Ellen and Tina.

**HARKNESS** – In loving memory of a much loved dad and special papa, of David, Joanne, David, Christopher and Leanne, taken from us on January 20, 2000. Forever in our hearts.

**HARROGATE** – In loving memory of my husband, Norman, died January 22, 1991.

Sad is my life without you

Silent are the tears that fall

Living my life without you

Is the hardest part of all.

- Mary.

**MACKENZIE** – Cherished memories of parents, grandparents and great grandparents, Ian, who died November 22, 1990 and Jessie, who died January 21, 1994.

- Sadly missed by Jennie, Yvonne, Eddie, Susan and grandchildren.

**MCLELLAN** – Loving memories of a much loved mum and nana, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000.

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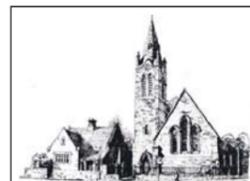
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**Monday, 24th January**

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followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean

# Ruaridh picked for Glasgow team

A TEENAGE rugby prospect from Mid Argyll has taken a step closer to representing his country after being selected for the Glasgow district team.

Ruaridh Aitken from Kilmartin will play at under-16 level in an inter-district competition in March and in the build up to the event he will attend training sessions in Giffnock, Glasgow as often as twice a week.

The 16 year old played for Glasgow North against Glasgow South in an initial selection match and is now part of a full Glasgow squad that has been whittled down to 23 players.

Ruaridh's performances for Argyll in the Scottish Rugby Union's National Pathways Programme caught the eye of the Glasgow selectors, but the Lochgilphead High School pupil will also be keen to impress the Scotland selectors at the inter-district tournament.

Ruaridh said: 'I was relieved to get the letter saying I got selected because I didn't know whether I would get picked. I am really chuffed to have got this far.'

Asked whether he wants to be a professional rugby player, Ruaridh replied: 'If the chance was there I would love to make it my career but there would be a lot of games and training sessions to complete until I reached that level.'

Ruaridh's father, Duncan, drives his son the 200-mile round trip to Glasgow for training every week and says he is proud of his achievements.

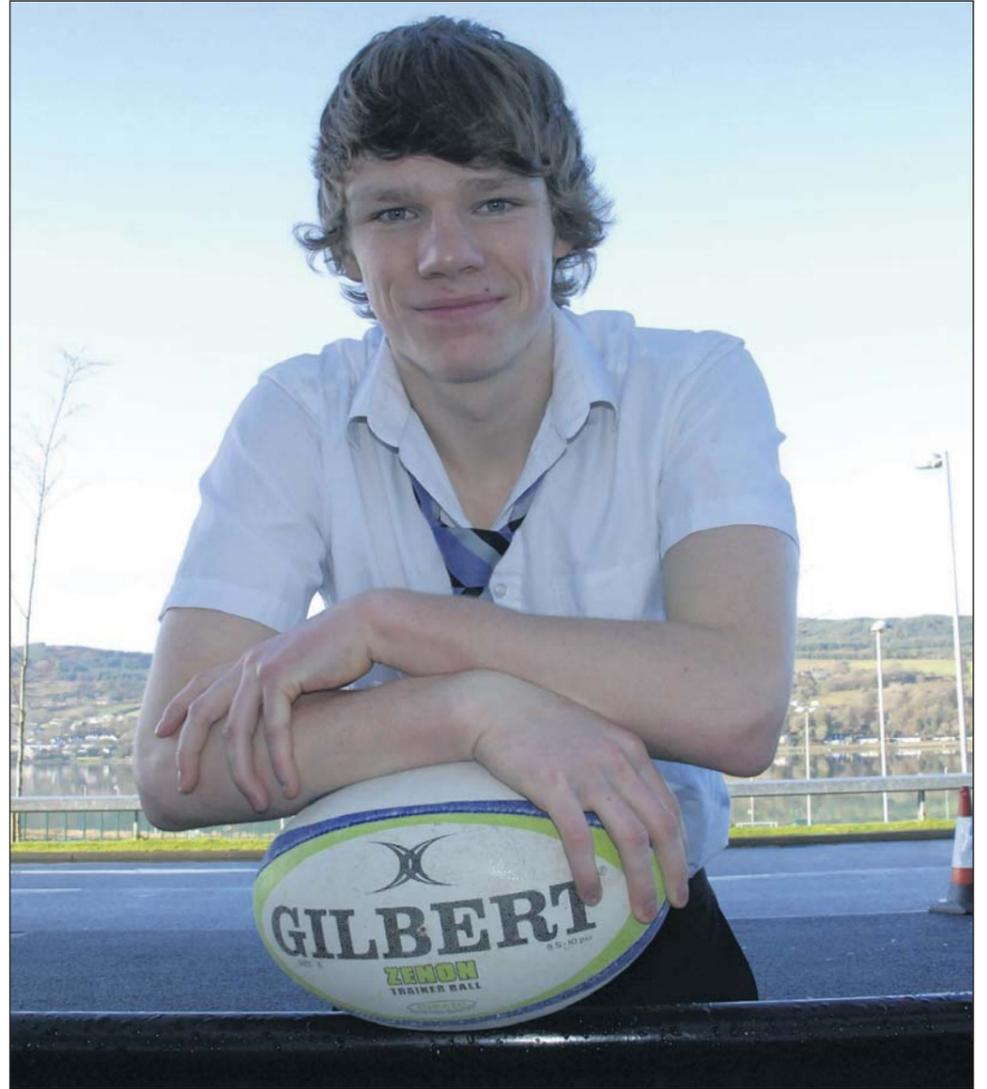
Duncan, who still plays rugby for Mid Argyll at the age of 56, said: 'Billy Thomson, the Argyll and Bute rugby development officer, has been doing a lot of work with the schools and clubs over the past three years. That has helped improve rugby in the area and

without the National Pathways Programme Ruaridh probably wouldn't have been spotted.'

Ruaridh helped Argyll School under-16s win the final of the Scottish schools' Brewin Dolphin Scottish Regional Bowl against Biggar on Monday in a 56-22 victory at Lochinch. The win has catapulted the boys into the Brewin Dolphin National Bowl Finals.

Within the first five minutes impressive running from Ruaridh, playing at inside centre, provided the platform for two early tries, one of which was converted by Mull stand-off Ciaran Whyte. Lochgilphead High School's Douglas Campbell scored a try in what was a convincing win.

The team, which has only been beaten once since their season started in August last year are back in action this Sunday playing East Kilbride in the league at Glencruitten, Oban at 1pm.



Ruaridh Aitken has been picked for the Glasgow district team. 06\_a03ru02



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## SAFL fixtures and results

**SATURDAY'S results:**  
Premier Division - Arkleston 2, Oban Saints 2. Premier Division One - Kings Park Rangers v Campbeltown Pupils A, postponed. Premier Division Two - Port Glasgow OBU 1, Tarbert 0. Division One - Lochgilhead Red Star v Duncanrig, postponed. Division Three - Campbeltown Pupils B v Bothwell and Udingston Albion, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures:  
- Aikenhead Thistle v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils v Kilbowie Union; Celtic CA v Tabert; Lochgilhead Red Star v Duncanrig; Millerston v Campbeltown Pupils B.

## Crinan Puffer 8.5

THE second Crinan Puffer 8.5 mile running race takes place at 10am on April 17th this year. The event will attract 150 runners from all over Scotland.

Starting in Pier Square, Ardrishaig the course follows the east bank of the picturesque Crinan Canal finishing in Crinan. It is a fast course with only 75 feet height gain. Tina Barrie, event secretary, advises local athletes to be prompt with entry forms, stating: 'It has already proven to be a popular event.'

Proceeds go to assisting local sports organisations including Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. Online or paper entry available via www.midargyllcycleclub.co.uk

## Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw.

The numbers drawn on Monday were 10, 15 and 18. The jackpot rises to £600 for next Monday.

THE numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were: 4 - 11 - 13.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.



Lochgilhead Soccer Centre Under-16s players and coaches.

# Soccer Centre play their 'home' cup tie in Oban

## Under-16s unlucky to lose out in extra time

WITH the Ropework unplayable and the joint campus astroturf pitch deemed unsuitable by the SYFA West Region, Lochgilhead Soccer Centre (SC) Under-16s had no choice but to take their 'home' cup tie to Oban.

The Regional Cup match was played at Oban High School's third generation astroturf pitch and, with regular goalkeeper Chris Selfridge unwell, Cal-

lum McGuinness deputised between the sticks.

In a strange twist of fate the home team were drawn against St Peter's Boys Club from Paisley for the second cup competition this season and once again the match went all the way to extra time. Lochgilhead started slowly and found themselves a goal down midway through the first half before Kyle Doull

whipped in a corner kick, headed on by Jamie Meechan, only for the away team defender to head into his own net.

### Penalty

Shortly afterwards the Argyll boys were awarded a penalty kick after a hand ball offence, which Stuart MacBrayne calmly converted to make the score 2-1.

However, on the stroke of

half time St Peter's equalised as their midfielder thundered a 25-yard shot past McGuinness. Chances were few and far between in the second half with young McGuinness in goal in outstanding form when called upon, given that this was his debut in the position. Referee Jimmy Litster blew the final whistle after 80 minutes with the score even at 2-2, so 30 minutes extra time was required to decide the match.

St Peter's took the lead during the first period and hung on to give themselves a 3-2 victory in a hard fought and sporting match. Coach Billy Meechan said: 'Disappointing to go out of another cup competition after extra time, however all players can be proud of their hard work and endeavour against a very good St Peter's team.'



Stand-in goalkeeper Callum McGuinness.

Lochgilhead SC: C McGuinness, Kennedy, Allen, Meechan, Donald (Capt), Bertioli, McCallum, MacVicar, MacLean, Doull, MacBrayne Subs: I McGuinness, MacLennan, Watt, Bruce.

## 'Uncle Joe' wins by five shots

AFTER the enforced winter break it was business as usual for Ross Sinclair, a level par round in windy conditions and a win by five shots.

However his demeanour had also remained as consistent as his golf and he grumped and groaned at everyone about everything and has become the 'Uncle Joe' of the winter league.

Alec MacAulay really enjoys his golf without the responsibility of being the crazy golf greenkeeper and as a previous winner will always be in contention.

John Downie is by far the luckiest golfer in the west coast of Europe; his hit it and hope style of play is complemented by a host of jammy bounces off roads, trees and out of burns that most golfers could only dream of. It's not golf as most of us know it but in all fairness to John you need nerves of steel to play this way and they were nearly snapping today when he beat David Sinclair at the second sudden death hole.

Robert Baxter senior

taught his son Robert Jr how to play golf left handed to great effect as they both hit the ball a long way.

Donald Carmichael is the Winston Churchill to Ross's 'Uncle Joe' and it should be a titanic battle in the final between these two. Never in the course of human conflict has so much nonsense been down to so few.

Results: 10 (Pts) R Sinclair; 9 A MacAulay; 8 J Downie; 7 R Baxter; 6 K Cowan; 5 R Baxter jnr; 4 D Carmichael; 3 D Sinclair; 2 R Kennedy; 1 T Angus.

Nearest the pin: 7<sup>TH</sup> D Sinclair; 9<sup>TH</sup> J Downie.

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