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Hairdresser Theresa dyed Jock's hair in the Argyll Arms Hotel on Monday night. 06_a03pink01

Jock dons pink hair-do for Macmillan

BRIGHT pink hair is quickly becoming the fashion in Ardrishaig's Argyll Arms as customers experiment with hair dye in the name of charity.

Customer Jock 'the bolt' McLellan' donned a neon-coloured hair-do this week after vowing that he would do anything for charity.

The 55-year-old fisherman, originally from Campbeltown, underwent a 'pink transformation' on Monday night, after teasing

hairdresser and fellow customer Theresa Gallagher about her pink hair a few weeks ago.

'It all started off in here, the Argyll Arms,' Theresa said. 'I came in with my hair bright pink one night and Jock said he would do it too.'

'I just fancied a change but he said he would do it for charity and chose Macmillan Cancer Nurses.'

Explaining he was keen to sup-

port the charity, which helps people affected by cancer, Jock said: 'My niece died of cancer and the Macmillan nurses were there for her when she needed them; she was only in her mid forties.'

With his new hair proving popular Jock and Theresa had raised £500 on Monday night.

The pair said: 'People have been really generous and we would like to thank everyone for supporting such a good cause.'

Janitor deal saves the day at centre

THE FUTURE of Lochgilphead Community Centre as a hub for the arts, children and families looks secure this week as Argyll and Bute Council offers to retain some janitorial services for the building.

The council announced on Tuesday that it has worked with user-groups of the centre to draw up plans to modernise the management of the building.

The plan sees the end of centre supervisors and cleaners within the building and the introduction of one janitor/cleaner post.

The local authority, which owns the building on Manse Brae, had previously said it would cut all janitorial and cleaning services from the community centre in March this year in a bid to save money.

But, after working with the Lochgilphead Community Centre Association, the council is proposing to ensure that there will be one member of staff at the centre during opening hours.

Chairman of Lochgilphead Community Centre Association, Jim Morrison, said the proposal would ensure the survival of the centre, which needs a permanent member of staff to assist the 57 organisations that use the centre on a regular basis.

Commenting on the negotiations, Mr Morrison said: 'We have gone from having no janitor support to having a janitor when the centre is open and we believe that is the minimum support that we need.'

'We are happy with that.'

Councillor Donnie

MacMillan, chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee and a member of the Lochgilphead Community Centre council, said he was delighted with the outcome.

'The positive engagement between the two organisations has been a great example of what can be achieved even in the current challenging climate, and I congratulate all those involved,' Councillor MacMillan said.

'They have been a credit to their community, and their efforts have led to plans which will ensure that the hundreds of people who currently use Lochgilphead Community Centre will be able to continue to do so.'

The proposal will be considered by Argyll and Bute Councillors as part of the 2012 budget.

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Drink driver banned from road

A LOCHGILPHEAD man has been disqualified from driving for 18 months after admitting driving whilst being twice over the legal alcohol limit.

Richard Johnston, aged 33, of 63 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead, pled guilty to driving on Barmore Road and Harbour Street, Tarbert, with 69 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres

of breath on July 1 last year; the legal limit is 35. Johnston had previously denied the charge but changed his plea on Tuesday at Campbeltown Sheriff Court after the crown case of the trial against him had closed.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC described it as 'a scandalous waste of court time'. Johnson was also fined £500.



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Joan Robertson, Shirley MacIver, Neil John McLean and Morag Robins of MATV were delighted to receive to a £4,500 cheque from The Bank of Scotland Foundation. 06_a03transport01

Volunteer drivers celebrate

THE FUTURE of a life-line service that allows elderly and ill people to maintain their independence has this week been secured.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV), an organisation that provides transport, assistance and company for vulnerable people attending social engagements, will continue in 2012 after the organisation received additional funding.

The Bank of Scotland Foundation, Voluntary Action Fund, Argyll and Bute Council third sector fund and the Co-op Community Fund have all pledged their support

for the transport charity, which is run entirely by volunteer drivers and phone operators.

Morag Robins, of MATV, said: 'Thanks to the hard work of newly appointed fundraiser, Moyra Logan MBE from Skipness, the immediate financial future looks bright for Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers.'

'This funding is in addition to the three-year grant received from Argyll and Bute Council which has sustained the group over the past few years.'

'The committee is aware that this core funding comes to an end

on March 31 and hope the council will continue its support in the years to come.'

MATV drivers drove more than 40,000 miles last year, helping vulnerable people meet friends, go to appointments and do their shopping.

Drivers use their own cars to provide the service and receive a small mileage payment to cover fuel costs, whilst clients are asked to make a donation to MATV funds.

To find out more about Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers or to request assistance contact Joan Robertson on 01546 606634.

BT provides more Wi-Fi hotspots

BROADBAND operator BT this week said it has increased the number of Wi-Fi hotspots across Argyll and Bute.

The communications giant said it has 10,350 Wi-Fi spots in homes and businesses throughout the county, allowing people easy access to the internet.

Explaining Wi-Fi availability has almost trebled in the last two years, the firm said there are currently 320,000 Wi-Fi hotspots throughout Scotland.

Apprentice incentive

BUSINESSES in Mid Argyll can now get up to £2,000 when they take on any young apprentice.

The Employer Recruitment Incentive scheme has been broadened to provide businesses with a cash injection when they employ any 16-19 year old as an apprentice or offer an apprenticeship to anyone 20 years or over who has been unemployed for a short period.

Portavadie Marina, the Crinan Boatyard and The Brewery in Dunoon are already benefiting from the scheme.

For more information log on to www.sds.co.uk/eri.

Landfill site staff still threatening to strike

STRIKE action at Shanks' landfill sites across Argyll and Bute over pay and conditions was averted at the last minute on Friday.

Staff at the waste disposal company had voted through the GMB and Unite unions proposal to take industrial action in a row over a significant cut to sick pay entitlement and a one per cent pay increase offer, spread over three years.

Workers had intended to close the gates on the county's landfill and dump sites, including Lochgilphead's Lingerton dump, on Monday morning between 8am-10am, but Shanks' decision to return to the negotiating table meant the action was cancelled.

However, the company has been warned that the 30 workers affect-

ed will hold the two-hour strike on February 6 if a satisfactory agreement cannot be found.

Shanks operate in five of the county's burghs, Oban, Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Rothsay.

Further disagreement would result in a two-day strike.

Tom Connarty, whose Unite union represents 11 of the employees, said: 'Until now, staff at Argyll and Bute's landfill sites have been entitled to six months' full sick pay and six months half. Shanks have offered 18 weeks on a sliding scale of rate.'

The offer of a one per cent pay increase over three years is derisory anyway, but across the central belt the increase has been

between two to 2.75 per cent. If we can't come to an agreement by February 6, we will strike from 8am-10am again and there will be a ban on overtime.

'This is always the last resort.'

Alex McLucky of GMB said: 'The company has agreed to have a further round of negotiations and we're quite happy with that. We've given them four weeks to come to a satisfactory conclusion. If there's still no satisfactory conclusion, we'll look at taking action again.'

A spokeswoman for Shanks said: 'We continue to meet with union representatives through ACAS. While discussions are ongoing it would be inappropriate for us to comment further.'

Police files

Assault

AN INVESTIGATION into an assault of a 13-year-old boy is being carried out by Lochgilphead police.

The boy was assaulted in the Glen Gilp area of Ardrishaig at 8.40pm last Wednesday night.

Car off road

TWO PEOPLE narrowly escaped injury last week after the car they were travelling in veered off the road.

The driver and his passenger were driving along the A83 when the car skidded into a ditch near Port Ann at 3.20pm last Thursday afternoon.

Speeding

A MOTORIST was issued with a fine after allegedly caught speeding on the A83 last week.

The driver was stopped by police at 3pm last Saturday afternoon when he was driving in excess of the 30mph speed limit near Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Loud music

POLICE officers were called to a home on Pottaloch Street, Lochgilphead, in the early hours of Sunday morning after receiving reports of loud music. The occupier of the house was warned about the level of noise.

Alcohol seized

ALCOHOL was seized from a number of youths who had gathered in Colchester Square in Lochgilphead last Sunday afternoon.

Consol stolen

A GAMES consol has been stolen from a property in Ardrishaig.

The device was taken on January 10, after someone forced their way into a flat on Glenburn Road. Police officers are continuing to investigate the theft.

Rollicking rowers wanted for school club

ROWING and boat-building enthusiasts are being urged to join the Rollicking Rowing Club as Lochgilphead High School embarks on an innovative new project.

Pupils, parents and staff at the school have launched the club in an attempt to build a St Ayles Skiff boat and form a coastal rowing team.

Taking part in a nation-wide project to reinvigorate the sport of coastal rowing, the pupils are both building and training in a bid to start rowing around the Argyll coastline.

'An indoor rowing league has been established to get members in shape and adult

members are currently restoring two small skiffs, kindly donated by Adam Way, of A & R Way Boatbuilding, teacher Alec Ohnstad said.

The brainchild of Mr Ohnstad, the Rollicking Rowing Club will not be confined to the school but be an extra curricular activity, open to the whole community.

He said: 'We are hoping to attract new community members and are inviting anyone who is interested in rowing or boatbuilding to get in touch.'

Hoping to buy a boat kit to build the St Ayles Skiff in the coming months, the club has embarked on a series



Rollicking rowers Emma Dunkley and Lewis Cameron enjoyed a recent outing on the seas, courtesy of the Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club in Greenock.

of fundraising initiatives and was recently awarded £9,931 by the Big Lottery's Awards for All Grant programme.

People interested in becoming a member of the Rollicking Rowing Club are invited to attend a meeting at the joint campus on January

25. For more information call Alec Ohnstad on 01546 602598 or email Alec.Ohnstad@lochgilpheadhigh.argyll-bute.sch.uk.

Senior councillors are subjects of complaint

THE CONDUCT of three of Argyll and Bute's most senior politicians is to be investigated after a complaint from the county's MSP.

The Scottish Government's education secretary, Michael Russell, has lodged a complaint with the Commission for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland alleging that the council's deputy leader, Ellen Morton, and senior councillors Duncan MacIntyre and Robin Currie, misrepresented him.

The complaint revolves around a motion lodged on November 24 last year by Islay councillor Robin Currie and seconded by Duncan MacIntyre.

The motion alleged Mr Russell had, at a meeting on May 23 last year,

promised on behalf of the Scottish Government to help with future funding of the Jura passenger ferry if the council funded it in 2011, something that is not in his remit to do.

However, the councillors involved say they are 'surprised' that the complaint was lodged, denying any wrongdoing in the process.

Mr Russell said: 'I've made it clear from the beginning that this accusation was serious and, as it was untrue, I have sought an apology which has not been forthcoming.'

'Accordingly, I have made a complaint un-

der the Commissioner's Code of Conduct. It must be allowed to take its time to consider the matter.'

Mrs Morton said: 'It is very disappointing that he's found it fit to lodge a complaint then go public about it without having the decency to tell me it was being lodged.'

'I did receive an email from him asking for an apology. I didn't make one because I haven't done anything wrong.'

'I didn't move or second the motion. I voted for it, but so did others so I can't understand why there's a complaint about me.'

'I can understand him complaining about the mover and seconder.'

Mr MacIntyre said: 'I'm certainly surprised and disappointed. I don't see the problem; the Ferries Review has assured the future of the Jura Ferry for the next couple of years anyway. 'While I didn't hear his comments first hand, Ellen Morton is pretty accurate in these sorts of things.'

'He's not the minister for transport, but he was fully supportive of taking this forward.'

Mr Currie was contacted for comment but was unavailable at the time of going to press.

Family Tradition upheld

FOUNDER and managing director of Inverawe Smokehouses, Robert Campbell-Preston is carrying on a family tradition after being appointed Vice Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute.

As well as running a successful Argyll business, Mr Campbell-Preston has devoted much time to charitable work.

He follows in the footsteps of his uncle, the late Lt Colonel Robert Campbell-Preston OBE, who was for many years Vice Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute.

Good neighbour award

PEOPLE who go out of their way to help their neighbours will be recognised for their efforts in an awards scheme later this year.

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is launching its good neighbour award for the second year and is seeking nominations from its tenants.

The association said the award gives neighbours a chance to say thank you to someone they know who has shown kindness and consideration.

Nominations forms are available at ACHA offices and on the associations website www.acha.co.uk.



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Fyne Tackle agrees to house tourist info

VISITORS to Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll will once again be able to enjoy a tourist information point as a local business agrees to host a resource unit.

Fyne Tackle, on Argyll Street, has agreed to host a VisitScotland branded information point within its shop, after the town's tourist office closed last year.

The unit has now been built and is to be installed in the shop within days, ahead of the 2012 tourist season.

The information point will be officially launched next week by the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance.

See next week's *Advertiser* for more details.



Tarbert Folk Group has been selected to perform at Celtic Connections.

Folk group wins slot in concert

PUPILS and staff at Tarbert Academy are wishing good luck to star performers Tarbert Academy Folk Group as they prepare to play at the Celtic Connections festival.

The group, Lucy Kemp Smith, Emma Kok, Emma MacFarlane, Niamh MacKaveney and Hannah Prill, has been offered a slot on the Danny Kyle Open Stage Concert on Sunday at Glasgow's renowned Royal Concert Hall.

The folk group is one of a number

of acts that will perform at six open stage nights held throughout the duration of the festival, with six acts selected to perform in a final open stage concert.

Catriona Hood, headteacher of Tarbert Academy, said: 'Best wishes to these young performers as they strive for further success.'

The girls' performance will be broadcast on Celtic Music Radio 1530am/mw after 5pm on Sunday.

Joint bid to promote Cowal

ENTERPRISING community groups and businesses in Cowal are being urged to join forces in a bid to promote the area as a destination for music, sport and culture.

With a host of events taking place on the Argyll peninsula every month, businesses are being encouraged to market themselves, their events and Cowal to ensure a sustainable economic future for the region.

The call comes as businesswomen Jean Maskell and Sue Minns launch their 'Working Together to build a Stronger Cow-

al' campaign, which sees a host of proposals for Cowal organisations to adopt throughout 2012.

The proposals include an events diary for Cowal that can be accessed by event organisers and tourism businesses; joint marketing plans for each season of the year; a resource list and a list of possible funding organisations.

A meeting will be held at the end of this month, where it is hoped people will share ideas for joint-up working.

Explaining the event would be chaired by Chief Inspector Andrew Mosley, Mrs Maskell said the meeting would offer local people the opportunity to put forward ideas on how different organisations can work together and pool resources. 'The more things that are on, the more people will come to Cowal, so more money will be spent keeping shops and other businesses going,' Mrs Maskell said. 'Please come along with your dates for your 2012 events, a pen, notepad and a head full of new ideas.'

The meeting will take place at the Burgh Hall on Tuesday, January 31, at 7.30pm.

Missing hillwalker dies from injuries

A 72-YEAR-old man missing on Binnean an Fhithleir above Butterbridge at the Rest and Be Thankful on Monday has died from injuries.

The man had set off the day before to climb the hill but had been reported missing by his family when he had not called home at the end of the day.

Rescue teams had been searching through the night but had failed to find him.

Oban Mountain Rescue team joined Arrochar and Strathclyde Police teams at daylight and were lifted onto the hill by the Rescue 177 helicopter.

The helicopter then located the missing man but could not land and directed the Oban team to the location.

The team administered treatment to the injured man but he later died from his injuries.

Jobless figures rise again

FIGURES released by the Office for National Statistics show unemployment has risen once again.

There are now 231,000 unemployed people in Scotland. Nationally unemployment is 2.68 million, up 118,000 in the last three months.

SCOTTISH CARAVAN & OUTDOOR LEISURE SHOW 2012 SECC GLASGOW 2-5 FEBRUARY

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The Scottish Caravan & Outdoor Leisure Show returns to the SECC for 2012 and will run from Thursday, February 2 to Sunday, February 5. The event will be open from 10am to 6pm each day and will offer visitors the chance to see the latest trends and developments in the sector. To book tickets visit www.caravanshowscotland.com or call 0844 395 4000.

Wyvex Media has teamed up with The Scottish Caravan & Outdoor Leisure Show to offer five lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the 2012 show! With over 150 companies showcasing the very latest in Caravan and Motorhome design, the event will display the largest indoor range of static caravans, lodges and holiday homes in the UK.

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Lisa Hanna graduated from the University of Arizona on 17/12/2011 with the degree of doctor of nursing practice. She is currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner in charge of Palliative care in Orange County, California. Lisa is the daughter of Roy and Liz Johnston, Campbeltown.



Mairi Cowan, younger daughter of John and Lesley Cowan of Oatfield House, Campbeltown, has successfully achieved her PhD in Fish Reproductive Physiology at the Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling.

No 'specific improvement schemes' for the Rest and Be Thankful

THERE is no strategic plan or long term funding to address the continual threat of landslides on the A83, the Scottish Government has confirmed.

Responding to concerns raised by Argyll businesses and frustrated motorists, Transport Minister Keith Brown said there are currently no 'specific improvement schemes' in place for the A83's Rest and Be Thankful, which has been plagued by landslides for years.

Explaining the Rest and Be Thankful would not benefit from further capital investment this year, Mr Brown said the government would continue to deliver its landslide mitigation programme.

Responding to a written question, put forward by Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor, who highlighted the plight of local businesses, Mr Brown, said: 'The Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR)

identified the A83 as a route that would be maintained and safely operated within the general remit of Transport Scotland, but identified no specific improvement schemes.'

The minister's response has brought little comfort to Mid Argyll businesses, which say the region's economic future is dependent upon the viability of the trunk road network.

Improvements

Drew McFarlane-Slack, Scottish Land and Estates regional manager for Highland, said Argyll businesses are clear in their view that capital funded improvements are necessary.

Commenting on the minister's response, Mr McFarlane-Slack, said: 'This confirms what we already knew, namely that there is nothing in the capital budget for the A83 save the road accident reduction plan work. This will not satisfy the businesses being

put at risk by increasing route outages.

'I heard concerns from Scottish Land and Estate members last week; they are firm in their view that the stretch of road at risk of landslide requires immediate action and cannot wait for the next round of capital programme bids.

'There needs to be discussions between government, Argyll and Bute Council and stakeholders on drawing down contingency funds to provide an engineered solution or the economy of this part of Scotland will be at serious risk,' Mr McFarlane-Slack added.

The A83 was closed for several days at the end of last year after a landslide.

Flexible flow netting, geotechnical monitoring equipment and a new culvert and drainage system have all been implemented at the landslide site since 2007, costing approximately £700,000.



PUPILS at Kilmartin Primary School are full of moneymaking ideas.

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Kilmartin Primary School raises money for a host of charities

CHILDREN in Need, Mary's Meals and Breast Cancer Care are some just some of the organisations benefiting from the activities of enterprising pupils at Kilmartin Primary School.

The students, under the leadership of the pupil council, have been tirelessly fundraising for a host of charities, raising almost £500 in less than three months.

The youngsters have single-handedly organised a host of events, raffles and charity collections to raise cash for worthy causes including a Kilmartin's Got Talent competition.

Lending their moneymaking ideas to the Mid Argyll Pupil Council, the Kilmartin pupils reinvigorated the sale of car stickers, asking people for a donation for a sticker, as opposed to setting

a fixed price. The Kilmartin marketing plan boosted sales and raised an additional £70 for charity.

Headteacher at Kilmartin primary, Fiona Johnson, said she was delighted at what pupils had achieved without the assistance of teachers and parents.

Responsibility

'It really is their responsibility and they do not have teachers to fall back on to do things for them', Mrs Johnson said. 'If they forget about it nothing happens and that is real life and that is what we are trying to practice in the pupil council, real life.'

Pupils are already thinking about their money-spinning ventures for 2012 and are hoping to organise a fun-run for Sport Relief and an Easter-egg hunt.

ACHA payment method change

TENANTS of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) will no longer be able to pay their rent and insurance in ACHA offices as of April this year.

Rent payments can

be made through local freepost office and pay-point outlets with the ACHA payment card; online at www.acha.co.uk, by direct debit, standing order or by using ACHA's customer

service centre freephone number: 0800 028 2755, where staff can also advise tenants on balance enquiries.

For more information on the changes contact your local ACHA office.

Electricity network inquiry

AN INQUIRY into the state of Scotland's electricity network has been welcomed by Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute.

The UK government's Scottish Affairs Select Committee last week announced it would examine the reliability of the electricity network and its ability to cope with extreme weather conditions, following a series of storms in recent months.

Mr Reid said: 'Questions must be asked as to how the Scottish electricity supply network can be improved to make it much more robust against the storms which seem to be happening much more often these days.'

People must submit their views regarding the power black outs to the select committee before February 2.

Sorry - our mistake!

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to clarify that the first baby born in 2012 has been named Kyra Carruthers as opposed to Kyra Harris, as stated in the paper on January 13.

Parents of Kyra, Ami Harris and Philip Carruthers, would like to thank friends and family for all of the kind wishes and generous gifts given to Kyra over the past few weeks.

GRADUATION



Ailsa MacNab graduated recently with a BA in Business Studies from the University of the West of Scotland, Paisley. Ailsa had previously gained an HND in Administration and ICT from Glasgow College of Nautical Studies where she was course prize-winner. She attended Ardrishaig Primary and Lochgilphead High School and is the younger daughter of John and Jennifer MacNab, Ardrishaig.



Eleanor Macpherson, Dunblain, Southend was awarded a honours degree in Community Health Nursing by the University of the West of Scotland.

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Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser
Friday 17 January, 1992

Local hero saves couple in blazing inferno

A COURAGEOUS cop who risked his life to rescue an elderly couple from a blazing building was this week hailed a 'local hero' by police and firefighters.

But shy 'special' constable and ex-ambulance-man Billy McIver shunned the accolade and said: 'I just happened to be there.'

Mr McIver, 57, fought intense heat and smoke to save Mr Alick McLeod, 63, and his wife Mary, 67, from their blazing house in Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead.

'There is no doubt Mr McIver saved both their lives,' said Fire Station Officer Mr Brian Robins.

Cash row continues

A ROW erupted over whether councillors should provide receipts for their own expenses at last week's meeting of Argyll and Bute District Council's finance committee.

Production of receipts for items like hotel accommodation, meals and ferry trips, would allow the district council to recoup thousands of pounds in VAT, according to some elected members.

Councillors get a flat-rate subsistence allowance to cover their expenses for a 24 hour period when on overnight business.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE last rays of the late afternoon sun had left the sky bathed in a rosy winter glow, and the islands had already become silhouettes on the horizon.

The sea had become calm as the waves lapped gently to the shore

It was then I spotted it – a great dancing, twisting, drifting cloud of starlings.

I was fascinated by this aerobatic ballet in the sky and soon became engrossed in the beauty and precision of the dance of the starlings.

There must have been more than 200 birds in perfect harmony moving gracefully as one.

I've seen this often on TV and I believe there is a place in Denmark where over a million starlings dance this amazing dance.

They twist and turn with no apparent signal or leader, and as two groups merge, there is never a collision or disruption to the formation.

It is indeed a wondrous sight.

I watched as they swept across their invisible motorways in the sky to roost.

There was quietness when the whirr of wings had gone and I was left with a sense of wonder in the stillness.

A solitary heron broke my thoughts as he too made his way to rest for the night.

It seemed as if all of creation was going to sleep.

The smoke drifted from my chimney and as I turned to go into the warmth, I gave thanks again for the wonder of nature, and the beauty that is on our own doorstep.

The fire crackled its welcome and the first star came over the hill behind the house.

All of Nature appears to be at peace after the storms and seems to almost sigh with relief.

The winter gales have done much damage, but the new green shoots have broken through to remind us that the dance of spring will enchant us once again.

Letters to the Editor

Political game?

Sir,
I'm not a nationalist and I'm not a unionist. I'm Scottish.

I never thought that I would have to defend myself for being so. Criticising the SNP Government should not mean that you are criticising Scotland.

Mr Salmond keeps telling us that it is up to the people of Scotland to decide on their future, but then doesn't give us the information we need to allow us to make an informed decision. He'd rather pick a fight with London.

What I would really like him to tell me is why it will be better for my family, my friends, everyone in Argyll and Bute and in the whole of Scotland.

If independence is the best thing for Scotland, then I'll vote for it - but the SNP needs to stop treating this as a political game to be won or lost with tactics. This is too important.

This is not just about us voting right now, this is about the next 300 years and future generations of Scottish people. Can we guarantee that they will be richer and better off, simply because Salmond was the best politician at the time we voted?

The LibDems took a proper kicking in the last election for things that happened south of the border - and in many ways, rightly so. But right now I am not ashamed to say I agree with them. I think the best way forward for Scotland is to have more powers based on home rule.

I am a very proud Scot, currently living and working (for Scotland) abroad, and I am very proud of my Argyll roots.



Down Memory Lane

THIS week's Down Memory Lane photograph comes from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives. The picture shows Jim, Linda and Tracy McCulloch of Argyll Caravan Park receiving a certificate from organisers of the 2000 Calor Gas Caravan Park Awards, in which Argyll Caravan Park won the most improved category. 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.

I'd like to know if I'm a lonely voice, or if people at home agree.

**John Frame,
33 Dun Mor Avenue,
Kilmory,
Lochgilphead.**

Angels of the storm

Sir,
I am an 85-year-old widow living alone in an all-electric house and during last week's power failure I was without electricity for three days.

This could have proved very serious but not in Tarbert. First to arrive at my door was my friend Anne who battled through gale-force winds last Tuesday morning to see me, in case I might try to go out shopping.

Sometime later a young mother with a young family, brought me a flask of hot water so that I could have a hot drink. Then hot soup was delivered to my door from Marina, another neighbour. When Jackie, another young mother, delivered more hot water I felt blessed indeed. My neighbour Margaret and her family also took care of me with food and a hot water bottle.

Last but by no means least Mr and Mrs Alec Jackson took me to their home where they had a coal fire, where I was thoroughly warmed and fed before going to bed.

Now if this had of been a one-off it would have been wonderful but this was the pattern of events

over the next three days when I was without electricity.

From an extremely grateful old woman, God bless you all, my angels of the storm.

Thanks a million,
**Morven,
Tarbert.**

Local windfarm development

Sir,
I read that my friend Robert McPhail takes exception to remarks made by another friend, David Bridge, over a proposed new windfarm (Advertiser, December 23).

David has since fired back a wonderfully tart reply (Advertiser, Janu-

ary 6), the like of which sends a rare frisson through the community, perhaps calculated to take our minds off our hum-drum existence at a dreary time of year.

To recap, Robert believes that Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust should get as much money as possible out of local windfarm developments when and if they appear. David, on the other hand, prefers not to encourage developers in the first place, especially to areas of high scenic value that come already with a presumption against such development.

He castigates windfarm developers who benefit from the unduly favourable financial support we all have to subsidise through increased electricity charges, and in way does he spare Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust for their implied future complicity.

Both have valid arguments that stem from a natural concern for the locality. Robert has long demonstrated his absolute commitment to further investment for community projects, his personal efforts being prodigious. Equally, David is insistent that horrendously expensive and near-useless windmills should not be encouraged in beautiful but fragile countryside.

I do not wish to intrude on this debate but would like to make a couple of points. Firstly it is unwise to invoke the Scottish Government's unfounded faith in windfarms as a good reason to boost expectation of cash handouts. That the productive capacity of a windfarm can automatically generate a 'windfall' for local communities is far from certain. Further, not everybody is happy that their independence of mind and action is so easily bought, for the benefits can also spawn dis-benefits.

Secondly, if there is one attribute of windfarms we might all be able to agree about, it is that their merits and demerits divide the community, absolutely, and like nothing else.

**Neil Duncan,
Stonefield Farms,
Tarbert.**

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Celtic Connections Festival underway in Glasgow

THE BIGGEST annual celebration of Celtic song, literature, music and art began last night as Scotland's Celtic Connections festival got underway.

A festival that focuses the spotlight on Celtic culture and music, the event will see more than 2,100 musicians from around the world take to the stage at 20 venues across Glasgow.

Featuring singers, fiddlers, pipers and artists from across Argyll, the region will be well represented at the 18-day festival featuring 300 concerts, ceilidhs, art exhibitions, and workshops.

Scottish bagpipe legend, Fred Morrison, who recently spent time training Mid Argyll pipers, will take to the stage next Tuesday, when he will join the Irish quartet of Dónal Lunny, Liam O'Flynn, Andy Irvine and Paddy Glackin. Fred will perform material from his 2010 album *Outlands*, which com-

bines his family's South Uist piping style and that of US bluegrass.

The ever-popular Blazin' Fiddles will also be returning to the event with the band's new members – Shetland fiddler Jenna Reid and multi-instrumentalist Anna Massie. Hailed as one of the best live acts to see today, the group will play songs from their recent album *Thursday Night in the Caley*.

Homage

Argyll Piper Angus MacColl has also been asked to play at the Gordon Duncan Recital.

Designed as a homage to the famous piper, Angus, from Oban, has been invited to play music from the Scottish, Irish and Breton piping traditions, which Gordon enjoyed and excelled in playing. The Glenfiddich Piping Champion of 2010, Angus will compete against pipers Alexis Meunier and Northern Ireland's Robert Watt for the Gordon Duncan Recital title.

The 2012 event will see a focus on Irish song as well, with musical greats from the emerald isle uniting to perform the Song for Ireland concert. The cast includes two veteran colossi of Irish folk, singer and uilleann piper Finbar Furey and singer/accordionist Séamus Begley, the latter will be joined by his daughter Méabh. The renowned Cara Dillon and Luka Bloom will each cast their distinctive but equally compelling spell on the night, together with Eleanor McEvoy and Julie Feeney, winner of the Choice Music Prize for Irish album of the year.

The famed Celtic Connections ceilidhs are also on the bill for this year's festival, with no less than six ceilidhs scheduled throughout the 18-day festival. Shetland dance band, The Cullivoe Ceilidh Band, will take to the stage next Saturday urging the audience to kick up their heels and join in.



Blazing Fiddles – Allan Henderson, Andy Thornburn, Anna Massie, Bruce MacGregor, Iain MacFarlane and Jenna Reid – will take to the stage as part of the 2012 Celtic Connections festival.

Cowal Gathering nominated for Scottish Event of the Year award

A HIGHLAND gathering in Argyll has been nominated for the Scottish event of the year award at a prestigious outdoor events awards ceremony.

The Cowal Gathering, the largest highland gathering in Scotland, has been named a finalist in the National Outdoor Events Association's (NOEA) Scotland Awards.

Described as the 'Oscars of the events industry', the NOEA Scotland Awards recognise the events and individuals in the event industry that have excelled in the previous year.

The Cowal festival, which brings pipers, Highland dancers and athletes from all over the world to the Cowal peninsula every summer, has been selected as one of two events to be shortlisted for the Scottish event of the year award.

Malcolm Barclay, event manager

of the Cowal gathering, said: 'I am delighted that the Cowal Highland Gathering has been recognised in this way by our industry peers; it is amazing recognition of the outstanding work done by our small team of volunteers, conveners, suppliers, competitors, sponsors and the local council who are all so important to the success of the event.'

Honour

'It is also recognition of the efforts Dunoon and its people make to accommodate the event and the thousands of people who attend. To win the award would be an honour, but just reaching the final two against such tough competition feels amazing.'

The winners of the National Outdoor Events Association Awards will be announced at a special ceremony in Birmingham on March 22.

Submarine at Tarbert Film Club

A DARK comedy will light up the screen at Tarbert Film Club this week as members gather to watch their first film of 2012.

The film, *Submarine*, will have audiences in laughter and tears as it follows a lovelorn teenage boy in 1980s Swansea.

Written and directed by Richard Ayoade, of Channel 4's *IT Crowd*, *Submarine* is a coming-of-age story about Oliver Tate, a duffelcoat-wearing loner, the object of his affection Jordanna and their troubled families.

Featuring a stellar cast of Craig Roberts (Oliver), Noah Taylor, Paddy Considine, Sally Hawkins and Yasmin Paige (Jordanna), the film is a 2010 adaptation of a novel by Joe Dunthorne.

Richard Ayoade's first feature film, *Submarine*, tackles issues of terminal illness, marriage breakdown and teenage anxiety.

The film will be screened at Tarbert's Templar's Art and Leisure Centre at 8pm, following Tarbert Film Club's AGM, which begins at 7.30pm.

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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

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

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
SOUTHEND	SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY	12pm – 4pm	ST BLAANS HALL
CAMPBELTOWN	SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY	12pm – 4pm	TOWN HALL

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Saturday 28th January
in Argyll Hotel
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Admission at door £3

NHASMA
Friday 27th January 2012
Marine Conservation.
Jane Dodd, Operations Officer (Marine) SNH
All meetings, unless otherwise stated are at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilthead and commence at 7.30pm
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Any queries to membership Secretary Phil Holt on 01546 810205 or e-mail glasvaar@btinternet.com

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Wild Biscuit to perform at Celtic Connections

TEENAGE musicians from across Mid Argyll will this week fulfil life-long ambitions by performing their own music compositions in front of hundreds of people.

The young musicians, involved in the Argyll production company Wild Biscuit, will this week bring their production *MOVE* to the Celtic Connections festival, where some of their newly composed music will be played for the first time.

Performed

New compositions written by Thomas McCulloch, David Provan, Chris Coates and Sally Hall will be performed

to audiences at the 02 ABC club in Glasgow on Sunday.

The Mid Argyll cast will be joined on stage by a host of extraordinary musicians and dancers for the *MOVE* production, which has been described as 'vibrant', 'inclusive' and a production that 'embodies modern Scotland'.

The cast features multi instrumentalist Fraser Fifield, guitar virtuoso John Goldie, Travis drummer Neil Primrose and a team of pipers, drummers and young vocalists from Argyll.

Edinburgh based choreographer Tony Mills and breakdance crew

Random Aspekts complete the east-west collaboration, with musical direction courtesy of bass player and arranger John Saich, a former member of Scots Gaelic band Capercaillie and now Wild Biscuit director.

The Wild Biscuit pipers and drummers, all hailing from Argyll, have worked with John over the past 18 months in a series of workshops and rehearsals to create new compositions and routines for *MOVE*.

The fifty-minute show, which now includes nine original music compositions, brings a special sense of place to the



The *MOVE* production is being promoted across Glasgow as the cast prepares for the 2012 Celtic Connections festival.

unique and exiting production.

John Saich, Wild Biscuit director, said: 'It is a pleasure to be able to provide an outlet for these compositions and fitting additions to the

set list, and to see the imaginative choreography of Tony Mills and the Random Aspekts Crew taking shape around them.'

The full Argyll cast line up is: Bill Halliday,

David Provan, George Hall, Bethan Phillips, Orla Ward, Chris Coates, Sally Hall, Ashley Kilgour, James Dunkley, Maddy Ward, Thomas McCulloch, Colin Brown and Kim Carnie.

Pantomime season extended

THE PANTOMIME season has been extended in Mid Argyll this year after severe weather put an end to performances in Clachan.

Clachan Calamities latest pantomime production, *Ali Baba*, was due to be launched this month but power cuts put an end to both rehearsals and the live shows.

Despite rehearsing in the dark with headlamps in the village hall, persistent bad weather meant it was too dangerous for the cast to travel to and from the hall.

The Clachan Calamities panto, now in its 21st year, will be performed on February 9, 10 and 11 in Clachan Village Hall.

Quintet Zambra provide a 'wonderful night of music' at Mid Argyll Arts Association

Review by Sheila McCallum



Quintet Zambra - Heather North, Sarah Cruickshank, Nicola Turner, Craig MacDonald and Fraser Gordon - delighted music lovers in Ardrishaig last weekend.

IT WAS evident from their playing that *Quintet Zambra* have established themselves as one of the most popular wind quintets in the land.

The quality of playing from start to finish was well articulated and balanced, with great attention to detail and dynamic range.

Cleverly

The programme began with Mozart's *Overture to the Magic Flute* and

was followed by three sea shanties, cleverly and amusingly arranged by Malcolm Arnold.

The first half concluded with an arrangement for wind quintet of the string quartet in F, opus 96 by Dvorak, subtitled *The American*.

This was the highlight of the evening. It was given a most vivid interpretation throughout its four movements and required much stamina

and breath control from the musicians.

The second half opened with three short pieces by the French composer, Jacques Ibert, and continued with a quintet in five movements by Paul Hindemith. Much of the thematic material resembled military march style.

The fourth movement was most surprising with a short main theme interspersed with brief

cadenzas from each instrument - and all in the space of one minute.

Concluded

The concert concluded with a dance suite by Norman Hallam. This comprised Waltz, Bossanova Quick Step and Charleston. The last dance featured synchronised movement as well and was the perfect conclusion to a wonderful evening's music making.

Fiddle club

THE IAN Anderson Trio joined Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club for the first session of 2012 this week.

Club members from across Mid Argyll and Kintyre gathered at the Red Cross Centre, in Lochgilphead, on Tuesday evening for a night of traditional music.

The Dalriada club was forced to relocate to the Red Cross Centre for its monthly session after the town's Argyll Inn closed last month.

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Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) has always been the smartest man in the room...until now. There is a new criminal mastermind at large—Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris)—and not only is he Holmes' intellectual equal, but his capacity for evil, coupled with a complete lack of conscience, may actually give him an advantage over the renowned detective. When the Crown Prince of Austria is found dead, the evidence, as construed by Inspector Lestrade (Eddie Marsan), points to suicide. But Sherlock Holmes deduces that the prince has been the victim of murder—a murder that is only one piece of a larger and much more portentous puzzle, designed by Professor Moriarty. The cunning Moriarty is always one step ahead of Holmes as he spins a web of death and destruction—all part of a greater plan that, if he succeeds, will change the course of history

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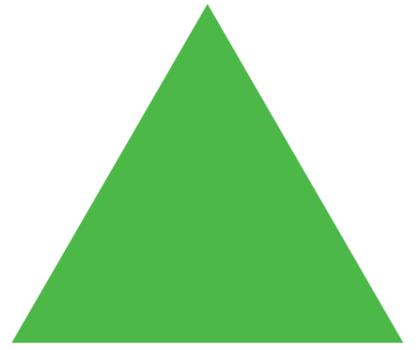
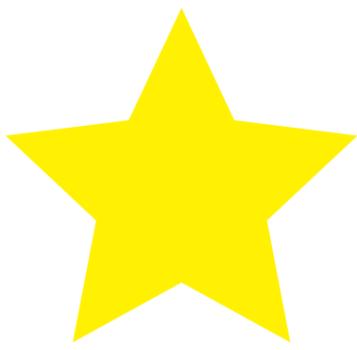
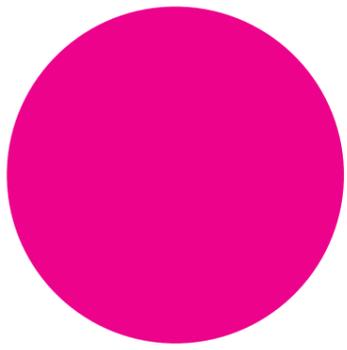
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Road safety on agenda

ARGYLL and Bute's regional manager of Transport Scotland is to attend the next meeting of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Mr Hinchliff, and Transport Scotland's safety officer, will attend the meeting to discuss a number of road safety concerns expressed by the community council for many years.

The meeting will take place at Templar's Arts and Leisure Centre on February 9 at 7.30pm.

KILMARTIN

Village on awards shortlist

KILMARTIN stands to win £50,000 this week as the village goes head to head with two other Scottish towns in a bid to win a creative place award.

The Creative Place Awards is a new scheme that recognises and rewards smaller Scottish communities for using their creative and cultural assets to promote their local identity, attract and welcome visitors and boost the local economy.

Kilmartin has been



MINARD

21st birthday fun

Minard's Chloe Clarkson celebrated her 21st birthday with friends at the Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead last week. Chloe enjoyed tea and cake at the celebration, which was organised by her friends and staff at Lochgilphead Resource Centre.

nominated for the award for places with a population fewer than 2,500 alongside Creetown and Wigtown, in Dumfries and Galloway.

The winner will be announced on Tuesday.

CRAIGNISH

Boat jumble and car boot sale

THE RENOWNED Craignish Boat Jumble and Car Boot Sale will take place on March 24 at Craignish Village Hall.

The sale, now in its 13th year, offers people an opportunity to have a clear out and make some money from unwanted goods.

Organised by charity Craignish Community Company, the sale also offers people the chance to pick up a bargain amongst the anchors, electronics, sails and even boats, which will be on offer.

For non-nautical people, there will be a number of 'general' stalls to browse round and lunchtime refreshments will be available.

Spaces for the sale are at a premium, so anyone wanting to participate should book a table inside or a space in the car park as soon as possible. For more information

call 01852 500689 or email jan@craignish-communitycompany.org.

FURNACE

Table tennis returns

TABLE tennis in Furnace Village Hall has resumed after the Christmas holidays.

The village hall will be open between 8pm and 10pm on Wednesday evenings for people who want to take part in the sport.

DUNOON

Drama about life and love

A ONE-woman drama about life and love in Argyll and Bute will be performed in Dunoon next week.

Viewpoint, written and performed by Naomi Breeze, is inspired by her experiences in the county and interviews she carried out with people living in Campbeltown and Rothesay.

'It's clear that the

quality of life, strong family ties and friends and the glorious landscape draw many people back and attract newcomers to Argyll,' Naomi said. 'That's a very rich tapestry for a writer to draw inspiration from so I hope people will come and see the play and enjoy it.'

The play will be performed at the Argyll and Bute Council Education Centre in Dunoon on January 25.

ARROCHAR

Top marks for pre-fives

THE PRE-FIVE unit of Arrochar Primary School is one of the highest performing in the country, a recent inspection has revealed.

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland graded the provision at Arrochar Primary's pre five unit as 'excellent' in three categories and 'very good' in the other.

The quality of care and support, range of communication methods used and the quality of

management and leadership in the unit were graded highly.

The news was welcomed by Councillor Ellen Morton, Argyll and Bute's spokesperson for education and lifelong learning.

'This is a wonderful report, and I would like to congratulate Arrochar Primary head teacher Alison Palmer and her team for working so hard to make Arrochar's pre-five unit the fantastic place that it is,' she said.

INVERARAY

Burns Day celebration

THE ROYAL Burgh's senior citizens club will mark Burns Day with a special celebration at this week's Wednesday Club.

Members will enjoy an afternoon of music with Duncan Crawford and friends when they meet at the Nicoll Hall between 2pm and 4pm.

Legion plans lottery

THE INVERARAY and district branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland hopes to introduce a 100 Club in a bid to raise funds for people affected by warfare.

The lottery draw will cost £1 per month and half of the money raised will be offered as prize money.

The remainder of money will be donated to charities such as Erskine, Scottish War Blinded and the Ghurkha Welfare Trust. For more information on the 100 Club contact 01499 302483.

STRACHUR

Community council

THE NEXT meeting of Strachur and District Community Council is on January 25 at Strachur Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Fun for all

RESIDENTS of Strachur will be gathering at Strathlaclan Community Centre next Friday night, January 27, to celebrate Rabbie Burns.

People will enjoy a traditional Scots night, celebrating the life of Scotland's greatest poet. The event begins at 7.30pm.

LOCHGILPHEAD



The children who were confirmed at St Margaret's in December.

Confirmations at St Margaret's Church

THIRTEEN children were confirmed at St Margaret's chapel in December by Bishop Joseph Toal, proving a happy ending to a very special year for parish priest Father David Connor.

Father David, who is the newest priest in the diocese of Argyll and the Isles, was ordained by Bishop Joe in June and has already become a well-known face in Mid Argyll since being appointed

parish priest at St Margaret's. He said: 'It was wonderful to have so many children coming for confirmation and it was good to welcome Bishop Joe to the parish for such a joyous occasion.'

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Prime hogg trade slips on week

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 1876 prime hogs and 627 cast ewes and tups at Stirling on Tuesday when trade for hogs proved down on the week but still well ahead of last year's rates.

Prime hogs averaged 193.83p (-4.7p on the week + 10.4p on the year) selling to 244p per kg or £105 for Beltex from J and J Frame, High Dyke.

Beltex from Easter Ochtermuthill sold to £104.50 and 242p per kilo and to £101.50 and 232p for Beltex crosses.

Blackface hogs from Craigens sold to 189p per kilo, and to £86 Wester Coilechat.

Export ewes averaged £58.85 (+£1.38) selling to £75.50 from J Graham and Son, Wester Balgothrie, with heavy ewes averaging £89.40 (-£3.73p) and selling to £139.50 for Texels from J McKerrow, Riverview.

Blackfaces from West Balgothrie sold to £75.50, with East Tandlemuir selling Blackface crosses to £74.50.

Tups averaged £86.15 (+£2.26) selling to £127.50 for a Texel from J M Cullens, Dollarbank.

Mid Argyll man wins Kintyre Blackface stockjudging

MID ARGYLL man Ian Shaw proved he knows his sheep when Kintyre Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association held its stock-judging competition last Friday evening at Langa Farm, Kilkenny.

Sheep were provided by the association's Kintyre members and judge for the evening was Sybil MacPherson, Brackley, Dalmally.

With a total of 73 individual entries, the overall competition was won by Iain Shaw, with Grant MacPherson and Archie Armour in joint second place.

The junior prize was won by Alastair MacArthur from Arnicle

with Grant MacPherson winning the Young Farmers prize.

The ladies were led by Mairi Barr and the McArthur family won the team prize.

Results
Open competition: 1 Iain Shaw, Mid Argyll, 2 equal Grant MacPherson, Mid Argyll and Archie Armour, Ballybrennan;

Ladies: 1 Mairi Barr, Lochgilphead, 2 Janice McKendrick, High Dalrioch, 3 Margaret Bateman, Langholm;

Junior 1 Alastair MacArthur, Arnicle, 2 equal Katherine Semple, Kilkeddan and Nathan Armstrong, Ballywilline.

Young Farmers: 1 Grant MacPherson, Mid Argyll, 2 equal Alec MacPherson, Mid Argyll and Graeme MacMillan, Mid Argyll.

Team prize: Iain MacArthur, David MacArthur and Alastair MacArthur.



Dalmally's Sybil MacPherson was judge for the evening at Langa Farm. 21_c03sheep01

Argyll man appointed to board of Caledonian Marts



Colin MacPhail from Callachally, Mull is welcomed onto the Board of Directors of Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd by chairman James Cullens

CALEDONIAN Marts have co-opted 37-year old Colin MacPhail of Callachally Farm, Aros, Isle of Mull on to their Board of Directors following the retirement of long standing director Tom Brown, West Adamston, Muirhead, By Dundee.

Long connection
Chairman James Cullens said that the board were delighted that Colin had accepted the position given his family's

long standing connection and support of the company both on the island, in Oban and at Stirling.

Milestone
Colin has experience in the procurement of prime stock and is currently senior consultant at Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) in Stirling.

Colin said that he was excited about joining a company that was reaching a milestone of

50 years in business and were very supportive of the west coast livestock farming industry from their base in Oban.

He hoped to add value to the society in both their Stirling and Oban centres and is looking forward to attending his first board meeting.

Stirling prime rates back on last week's trade

UNITED Auctions sold 4,296 prime sheep including 3,161 hogs averaging 193.2p/kg (-11p on week) and 1,135 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday.

Texel hogs from Connaghan sold to £113 and to 228p per kilo from Blackford, while Ballylochneck sold Suffolks to £96 and Netherdoun to 210p per kilo.

Lochmill sold Beltex to £96 and 223p per kilo, while Blackfaces from Merkins sold to £85.50.

Texel ewes from Woodhall sold to £132.50, with Marvingston selling half-breeds to £125.50.

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Are currently seeking cleaning staff for the coming season, Immediate Start

Seasonal with a minimum 2/3 day week
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Manager, Mid Argyll Community Pool

We are seeking a dynamic and highly motivated individual to lead the team at the Mid Argyll Community Pool and to help to develop the enterprise to the benefit of the local community.

Salary will be in the region of £22 - 25,000/annum dependent on experience

To find out more about this opportunity and to download an application form, please visit www.macpool.org.uk

Closing date 31st January 2012

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Interviews for this post will be held February 2012
Previous applicants need not apply

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Reception - dealing with boat owners, handling telephone calls and taking and recording payments

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Applicants with suitable clerical experience would be preferred but this is not essential as full training will be given.

Please send your CV to Jim Berry, Craobh Marina, Craobh Haven, By Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8UD

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Applicants must be 18+ as you will be providing personal care and working occasional nights. Experience and references required. Applicants should be capable of dealing with a 25 year old female who requires 24hr personal care. One full time, live in, carer also required. Would suit someone with no ties. Own room with en-suite. Duties will involve all aspects of care. Own transport is essential. Successful applicants are required to provide a disclosure. Disclosure expense will be met by applicant. Immediate start. Email your CV including a photograph to: mailto:cranbreh.jobs@btinternet.com



The Scottish Salmon Company

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The Scottish Salmon Company is a leading independent producer of high quality Scottish Salmon. We are committed to high standards of animal welfare, sustainable operations and promoting a responsible environmental policy.

We are currently recruiting for the following located at our Marine Site located on Loch Fyne:

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(REF MO/AR/01/12)

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Working hours are normally 40hrs per week Monday to Friday, with weekend working required on a rota basis. Overtime is paid at enhanced rates.

A full, clean driving licence is also essential for these positions.

In return, the Company offers a comprehensive pay and benefits package including entry into the Company Pension Scheme after the qualifying period.

For an application form and job description, please contact:
HR Department, The Scottish Salmon Company, Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH.

Tel. No. 01499 600 435 / 415

Email: cairndowhr@scottishsalmon.com

Closing date for applications: 5.00pm Friday, 3rd February 2012

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ACHA - Putting Tenants First.

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Head of Repairs Business Development

Salary Grade 3 (£42882-£47170 per annum)

Location: Argyll, Scotland

35 hours per week, permanent contract

Starting salary £42882 with increases dependant on performance

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

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

ACHA welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to promoting equal opportunities.

To apply visit our website at www.acha.co.uk ;

Tel 01546 605859 or email recruitment@acha.co.uk

Closing Date: Friday 27th January 2012

Interviews for this post will be held in Inveraray on Monday 13th February 2012



Retail and Food & Beverage Team Leaders

We are looking for two dynamic people one to help run our Retail Departments and one for Food & Beverage.

Excellent leadership, customer care skills and previous experience are necessary. Full time salaried positions.

Contact main office for an application form on 01838 400271 or e-mail mail@thegreenwellystop.co.uk

Closing date 31st January 2012

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Flexibility to work on HGV and agricultural machinery
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Outreach Support Worker

30 hours per week - £15,690

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

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

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

North Argyll Carers Centre's commitment to Equal Opportunities is reflected in our selection process. The post is fixed term for 1 year • CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 3rd February 2012 at 12 noon Interview date 15th February 2012 Registered Charity no:SC040902



Freshwater Technician - Couldoran Hatchery Kishorn

Scottish Sea Farms Ltd has a vacancy for a Freshwater Technician at Couldoran Hatchery.

Applications are invited from individuals who have an interest in aquaculture and feel that they could play a key part in strengthening an already skilled team responsible for producing Atlantic salmon Fry, Parr and Smolt. Previous experience in the industry would be an advantage, but is not essential, as training will be supplied. A full clean driving license is required for this position.

The successful applicant would be required to carry out a variety of tasks including:

- Routine stock husbandry
- Environmental monitoring
- Stock health and welfare monitoring
- Site and equipment maintenance
- Weekend working and alarm cover on a Rota basis

An attractive salary package is on offer and assistance with accommodation may be available for the successful candidate. To obtain an application pack, please contact Claire Scott on 01786 445521 or email claire.scott@scottishseafarms.com.

For an informal chat about the position, please call Niall McCallum, Couldoran Site Manager on 01520 733248.

Closing date for applications is Friday 17th February 2012



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Ref: OS/0104. Salary: £6.87 per hour plus holiday pay. Hours are flexible to meet the needs of the service.

We are looking for reliable and enthusiastic individuals who have a genuine interest in working with people to work in our community support team. As a Personal Supporter you would work directly with older people, people with learning disabilities or people who have mental health issues to enable them to be included in their local community.

Working largely on your own initiative but as part of a team, the ideal candidates will have a flexible person-centred approach to work practices; they will be friendly, non-judgemental, enthusiastic, practically minded, flexible and adept in a variety of domestic and social situations. Candidates for these vacancies must have a full driving licence, good communication skills, proven problem solving and organisational abilities as well as basic recording and reporting skills.

You will work a variety of hours as part of a shared rota system which is determined by the needs of the people we support, therefore early morning, evening, and weekend work is included. If you believe you could be a flexible, reliable and available addition to our team we would love to hear from you.

As an organisation, we are committed to developing all of our staff, providing an extensive training and development programme and career opportunities within ENABLE Scotland. We offer positive terms and conditions, including a contributory pension scheme.

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To view and apply for all our vacancies, please visit www.enable.org.uk

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Closing date: Tuesday 31st January 2012

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North Argyll Carers Centre is a value-based charity, which supports those who look after a family member or friend due to illness, disability, frailty or addiction on an unpaid basis. We provide information and advice as well as practical and emotional support through our Carers' Centres. The organisation is seeking to recruit the following:

Outreach Support Worker

30 hours per week - £15,690

Fixed Term for one year subject to continuation funding
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ACHA

argyll community housing association

Vacancies for Independent Board Members

We are looking for voluntary Independent Board Members who can help to lead our organisation in offering high quality services to customers and help us to enhance the Argyll & Bute communities where we work.

ACHA's Board of Management continually undertake self assessment to identify areas on the Board where the recruitment of specialised skills would be beneficial to the Association.

What are we looking for?

- People with experience in:
- Financial management/ Insurance
 - Building sector
 - Housing sector
 - Governance or Legal compliance
 - Human Resources
 - General business
 - Performance management
 - Customer services

Having recently been granted charitable status for our parent company, we are now setting up a separate trading subsidiary to allow us to extend the way we currently manage our day to day response repair service, and to continually improve our delivery of emergency and routine repairs. At the same time we are adapting to the significant economic, political and policy changes affecting the housing sector in Scotland today. We are committed to addressing the challenges by working with partners and the community to find solutions by adopting good practice, improved performance and efficiency.

What commitment will you require?

- Approximately 1.5 days a month supporting Association business
- Please note: we generally hold our Board meetings on a Thursday morning, once a month, usually in Inveraray

What can we offer you in return?

- Support, training and development
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If you are interested in obtaining an application pack, please contact Lesley Lindsay, PA to the Board of Management, Argyll Community Housing Association Ltd, 50 Sinclair Street, Helensburgh, G84 8TQ. Telephone: 01546 605971 or email: lesley.lindsay@acha.co.uk or visit the Association's website at www.acha.co.uk where application packs can be downloaded

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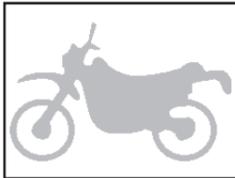
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Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

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Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

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Application forms for grants to third sector organisations for 2012 are now available at local area community learning offices. They can also be accessed using the following link: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants

The closing date for applications for a decision in April is 24 February 2012.

For further information please phone 01546 604189 or email Communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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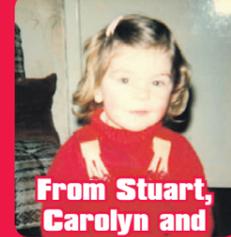
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Love from Mum, Dad, Duncan and Rowan.

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argyll community housing association

Acha seeks expressions of interest from suitably experienced contractors wishing to tender for our solid fuel servicing contract on Islay.

Respondents submitting expressions of interest should send copies of any relevant qualifications and a brief resume of experience in this field of work, to establish their suitability.

Short listed contractors will then be invited to submit a tender through a selective competitive tender procedure. Expressions of interest should be made in writing to Norrie Lamont email address norrie.lamont@acha.co.uk by 12 noon on Monday 6th February 2012.

Mid Argyll Musical Society

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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

BARRETT – Both grandparents are delighted to announce the birth of Stella McAulay Barrett, to Gemma and Mark, on January 1, 2012 at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. First grandchild for Mandy and Duncan McGowan and second for Malina and Duncan McAulay.

MCCARTNEY – Callum and Zara are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Lacey, on January 9, 2012. First grandchild for Jim and Ailsa. Thanks to all the midwives at Royal Alexandra Hospital and Mid Argyll.

PATERSON – Neil and Sonia are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Rosie, born on December 30, 2011. A first granddaughter for Graham and Denise Anderson and Jock and Flora and the late Sheila Paterson. A great granddaughter for Anna and the late David Anderson and Shirley and the late Malcolm McMillan and Sandy and the late Betty Paterson.

WIKE – Jamey and Ashleigh are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Joey Andrew, at Campbeltown Maternity Unit on January 4, 2012. A wee brother for J.J. Special thanks to all midwives for their care.

ENGAGEMENTS

BLAIR – ROBERTSON – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Tommy Blair, Manchester, to Karen Anne Robertson, Inveraray on December 28, 2011.

CAMPBELL – MACKILLOP – Both families have great pleasure in announcing the engagement, on Christmas Day, of Scott, eldest son of Kenneth and Nannette, Crossibeg Cottage, and Laura, only daughter of Gilbert and Audrey, 12 Bumbank Cottages, Drumlembie.

MARRISON – DARGE – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Christmas Eve, of Iona, daughter of Graham and Mary Marrison, Kilbarchan, to Andrew, son of Andrew and Jackie Darge, Johnstone.

MILLOY – DUNCAN – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Tracie Michelle, daughter of Donna Harvey and Shaun Harvey, to Donnie Duncan, son of Donald and Florence Duncan.

DEATHS

CASH – Peacefully, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on January 17, 2012, Annie MacIntyre, in her 82nd year, Erans, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Fredrick Cash, much loved mother of Valerie and the late Freddie. Service in the Lorne and

Lowland Church on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 2.00pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A cremation service will be held in Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 2.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

CLIMSON – Anna Vettes. Peacefully at Golfhill Nursing Home on January 15, 2012, Anna, much loved mum, mother-in-law, gran and sister. Will be sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service on Friday, January 20, at Daldowie Crematorium at 10.15am.

GILLIES – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 14, 2012, Angela Jean McMillan, in her 56th year, Cara View, Tayinloan, loving mother of Fiona, sister of Catherine, a loving and much loved aunt and daughter of the late Angus and Jean McMillan. Service will be held in A'Chleit Church, on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A Retiral collection will be held in aid of the MS Society, Campbeltown Branch.

HUTTON – Suddenly, but peacefully, after a short illness, borne bravely, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 12, 2012, Geoff Hutton, aged 61 years, of Dunaven, Victoria Park, Minard. Beloved husband of Marion, loving father of Michael and step-father to Linda, Maureen and Jane. Adored grandpa and papa. Cherished brother of Diana and a dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service was held on Thursday, January 19 at Christ Church, Lochgilphead. Sadly Missed.

LEYS – Peacefully, at the home of her daughter Karen, on January 14, 2012, Jane, beloved wife of the late Donald and much loved mother, mother-in-law and granny and a dear friend.

MACDONALD – Peacefully in the Sun Room at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 13, 2012, Flora McKenzie Docherty, in her 90th year, 54 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Hughie, mother of Hugh, mother-in-law of Mairi, sister of Moira and the late Angus, Phemie and Margaret and a treasured aunt, great aunt and great great aunt.

MACNICOL – Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on January 8, 2012, Netta MacNicol, aged 87 years, of 39 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead. Beloved daughter of the late William and Christine MacDonal. Loving sister of Catherine MacDonal (Tayness, Kilmartin). Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, January 19, 2012, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

MCINNES – Suddenly at home, 43 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, on January 11, 2012, Margaret Catherine Campbell, in her 78th year, dearly beloved wife of John McInnes, much loved mother of Elaine and Caroline and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

MCKENZIE – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 15, 2012, John Coffield McKenzie (Ian), in his 80th year, 135 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Lily McIntyre, much loved father of Nan, Heather and Ruth, loving granda of Morag, Iona and Islay and a loving brother of Rita and Nan.

MCKERRAL – Peacefully, with his family at home, 11 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, on January 17, 2012, Alistair McKerral, in his 72nd year, dearly beloved husband and dearest friend of Jean McLeod Weir, much loved father of Andrew and Alistair, loving father-in-law of Marie and loving granda of Jamie, Scott and Nicola. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL – The family of the late Isabella Campbell wish to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and support at this time. Special thanks to all staff at Auchinlee for their excellent care of Mum over the last three years and also Dr Lazarus. Thanks also to the many people who attended the church service and graveside on Friday. Our deep gratitude is extended to Rev Catriona Hood for an uplifting service, David McEwan for lovely music and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient and professional service and also to Ardshiel Hotel for an excellent purvey. Christina, Anna and Emily.

MCLEAN – Aileen and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their support and kind expressions of sympathy following the sad bereavement of Betty. Heartfelt thanks to all the medical staff in Campbeltown and Beatson hospitals, especially Dr Lazarus, MacMillan nurses, in particular Kitty Millar, district nurses, ICT team, OT team and all her carers and the Telecare team whose support, dedication, care and friendship allowed us to have her wishes acknowledged. Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting services here and Glasgow, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professionalism and sensitive support shown to all the family during the funeral arrangements, the Seafield Hotel for excellent catering. A retiral collection of £260 will go to MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

IN MEMORIAM

COLVILLE – In loving memory of James Colville (Jimmy), a dearly loved son, nephew and cousin, who died January 19, 2008. "Loved and remembered always". - Family at home and away.

COOK – In loving memory of my wife, Elizabeth. A much loved mum who died on January 25, 2007. Forever in our hearts. Loved and remembered always. - Malcolm, Steven and Darren.

HARKNESS – In loving memory of a dear husband and dad, Chris, who died January 20, 2000. Never more than a thought away. Loved and remembered every day. - From your loving wife, 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.

MACDONALD – Cherished memories of a much loved mum, gran and great gran, Netta, died January 16, 2009. Though absent you are always near, Still loved, still missed, still very dear. - All the family, home and away.

MACLELLAN – Treasured memories of our parents and grandparents, Norman, who died on January 10, 1990 and Isabella, who died on January 17, 2008. Forever in our thoughts. - Norma, Alex and family. - Alister and family.

MCLELLAN – Loving memories of a much loved mum and nana, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000. Mum, it's twelve years since you were taken away But you're loved and remembered every day. - Loving daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.

MUIR – Fondest memories of our dear mum, Bessie, died January 22, 2011. No farewell words were spoken No time to say goodbye You were gone before we knew it And only God can tell us why. - Love Jean, Willie, Jessie and Bill xx. We can't have the old days back When we were all together But secret tears and loving thoughts Will be with us forever. Miss you x. - Love from all the grandchildren.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 22nd January 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Tarbert Art and Leisure Centre
Kilberry Service 2.00pm
Rev Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 22nd January
"Stand on your feet and I will speak to you"
(Ezekiel 2:1)
Services in
Ardishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Scottish Charity Numbers
(SC010713 & SC010782)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 22nd January, 2012
Kilmartin Church 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Communion
Kirk Session Thursday,
26th Jan. 2012
in Kilmartin Hall at 7.30p.m.
All welcome
SC002121

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 22nd January 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Bobby Holden Ardrishaig
10.50 Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr Bobby Holden Ardrishaig
7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 25th January
10.00am Jellytots – Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 22nd January 2012
11.00am Morning Service with communion
Monday 23rd January
Ladies Meeting
Mrs Margaret Parfitt
Ardrishaig
Wednesday 25th January
Messy Church
5pm
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 22 January 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Breakthrough Prayer"
Thursday 26 January 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

Highland Parish Church

SC002493

Sunday 22nd January 2012
Pending replacement of church heating system. Sunday services will be held in Kirk St Hall. Duty officebearers please set up hall at 10.30am sharp.
11.15am Morning Worship
FunDay Club (3yrs – P5)
JaM (P6+)
6.30pm
Evening Service in Stewarton Village Hall
Monday 23rd January
2.00pm
Guild Concert for Senior Citizens – Kirk St Hall
Tuesday 24th January
Badminton Club – Kirk St Hall
6.30pm – 7.45pm P1 – P5
7.45pm – 9.00pm P6 – P7
Wednesday 25th January
7.15pm
Bible Study Fellowship – Manse
Luke's Gospel: DVD
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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services
Sunday 22nd January – all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochfyneside (Minard) 10.00am
(Louis Bezeidenhout)
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church 11.30am
(Louis Bezeidenhout)
Sunday Club starts – all children welcome to join!

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5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship
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12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League
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7.00pm Bible Study
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Sunday 22 January 2012
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Sunday, 22nd January
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 23rd January
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 24th January
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 26th January
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 27th January
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

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Red Star Under 13s won their first match for four months at home last Sunday. 06_a03under13s01

13s net six goals against Riverside

Cammy MacCallum scores the team's first hat-trick of the season

Dunbartonshire Football Development League - under 13
Lochgilhead Red Star 6
Dumbarton Riverside 0

THERE were celebrations and jubilations at Ropework Park on Sunday as Red Star Under 13s won their first game for four months, beating Dumbarton Riverside.

On a very heavy Ropework Park the Hire A Joiner sponsored home side started well and took an early lead when a teasing Aaron Whitefield cross was turned into his own net by a Riverside defender.

Crashed

The lead was almost doubled five minutes later when a powerful Ryan Caskie shot crashed off the post but the second goal was only delayed until the twentieth

minute. Liam Scott picked up the ball in his own half and drove infield before scooping an excellent pass through for Lorne MacFarlane who drove in from the left and finished well.

Half time 2-0

The home strikers were changed at half time with Liam Cameron coming on and Cammy McCallum moving forward from defence and both made a significant impact scoring their first goals of the season.

Cammy scored two minutes into the half after the ball broke free from a corner, the first of numerous second half chances which fell the home team's way.

Liam Cameron's speed caused problems for Riverside defence and, when put through by Aaron Whitefield, there was no catching him and his cool

finish sealed the game for Red Star.

The scoring didn't finish there and Cammy McCallum completed the team's first hat-trick of the season with two goals in two minutes midway through the half.

Tally

Several more chances fell Lochgilhead's way but they couldn't add to their tally and the game finished 6-0.

On a day when much of the play was in the opposition half the defence and goalkeeper Ally Pow also deserve credit for a clean sheet. James Jackson slotted into left back well and regular defenders Craig Young, Allan Cameron and Cammy Simpson rarely put a foot wrong.

It is another home game for Lochgilhead on Sunday as the under 13 side take on Goldenhill FC.

Under 15s lose out to Clydebank

Dunbartonshire Football Development B League - under 15
Clydebank BC 4
Lochgilhead Red Star YFC 0

RED STAR fell to defeat in their first game back since Christmas with a lacklustre display away to Clydebank.

The game was over after 25 minutes as Clydebank raced to a three goal lead with goals in the seventh, tenth and twenty-fifth minute of the game.

Red Star were a bit shell shocked at this stage but, to their credit, started to get a grip in midfield and play their way back into

the game without creating anything of note, until Andrew Guy hit the post after a great run down the left, Josh Coates shooting the resulting rebound past the other post.

Red Star started the second half on the front foot looking for the goal that would bring them back into the game. Coates was unlucky to not be awarded a free kick after he burst through the middle only to be brought down on the edge of the box by two defenders, the referee waived play on insisting he had fallen over of his own accord. Miller in goal made a

good double save after Clydebank thought they had scored a fourth after a corner from the left bobbed about in the box.

There then followed a 15-minute spell when Red Star contrived to hit the post, the bar, shoot narrowly past and miss-hit a shot in front of goals. It was not going to be their day after Clydebank scored the fourth and final goal of the day when they broke down the pitch straight from another Lochgilhead corner to finally seal the game.

There was still time for Red Star to twice put

pressure on the home teams' goal when two of Deans' free kicks from the right were begging for a Red Star player to attack but Clydebank eventually dealt with them.

This game was lost in the first half but if Red Star had converted the chances they had in the game they could have scored four goals, although in fairness could easily have lost another couple of goals as well.

Return of the Crazy Golf King to Lochgilhead winter league

MANY of the players have complained that the winter course is longer and harder than during the summer but this made no difference to Alec MacAulay who is the official king of crazy golf and found it easy. Alec plays best when the conditions are tough and he and Tommy Angus are still game unlike some of our more youthful competitors.

Chipmaster

Robert Baxter received a Bronty chipmaster for Christmas, which he can hit 300 yards and this has meant that he now requires only one club to play with as you can putt with it as well.

It worked well today and he came in second but what will happen if he snaps it - only time will tell.

Donald Carmichael is the 'Prince of Putting'

and was in stonking good putting form today.

He sank putt after putt most of them from off the green as the rest of his play was less effective/rubbish.

This still added up to a good score and he had the satisfaction of beating Ross on a count back.

Ross was not so good as he had an upset stomach but then he is usually upset about something.

Neil Russell was reading Keith's golf instruction book by torchlight during the blackout and it probably worked to his advantage that his batteries were low on power, as it has not detrimentally affected his game.

Jim Hunter wants to play in the Duffers Derby so he can retain the trophy and is a bit worried that continued good play will mean that he has to

play in the main event. Do not worry Jim you will still have some bad rounds left in you based on your usual performances.

Telepathic

Andy Law beat David Sinclair to the triple rollover nearest the pin with the last shot of the day. David congratulated Andy on his fine shot but it is just as well that Andy is not telepathic.

Keith Cowan had some bad bounces and with a bit of luck he could have very nearly won this week. As it was he was last and won the mat of shame instead.

Results: 10. A MacAulay; 9. R Baxter; 8. D Carmichael; 7. R Sinclair; 6. N Russell; 5. J Hunter; 4. G MacDougall; 3. L Hardman; 2. T. Angus; 1. D Sinclair.

Nearest the pin: R Sinclair and A Law.

Star defeat Jags in Coronation Cup tie

Coronation Cup 1st Round

Lochgilhead Red Star 3, Inverkip Thistle 0

LOCHGILHEAD'S Red Star returned to action last Saturday in a Coronation Cup tie against Inverkip.

There were chances for both sides to open the scoring early on with Inverkip going close when the ball broke kindly to their big centre back in the box but his shot clipped the bar as it went over.

McGuinness should have put Star in front shortly after, however he couldn't connect properly with Docherty's cut back and the ball drifted wide.

Star did eventually go in front on the half hour mark when, after some good wide play from Docherty, he fired the ball across the face of goal where the keeper could only parry the ball in off the on-rushing Crawford.

Into the second half and Red Star started well, playing some decent football on a heavy surface. The second goal duly arrived after Peacock beat his man by cutting inside before firing his shot into the bottom corner.

Within five minutes Peacock netted his second of the afternoon and Star's third as the Inverkip defender played a slack pass back to his keeper who could only kick the ball off the Red Star forward and the ball bounced into the empty net to make the score 3-0.

Inverkip never gave up but young keeper Johnston was in excellent form pulling off some excellent point blank saves to keep his clean sheet intact on his debut game.

Red Star is back in league action tomorrow when they will face Cambria in Stepps.

The team will be looking for a much-needed three points as they aim to fight the risk of relegation at the end of the season.

Red Star would like to thank staff at the Stag Hotel for their excellent hospitality following Saturday's game.



Action from last Saturday's Coronation Cup tie between Lochgilhead Red Star and Inverkip Thistle played at the Ropework Park. 06_a03footy02

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Book up now for big coaching event in Oban

SPORTS enthusiasts hoping to turn their passion into a sports coaching qualification are being urged to sign up to Argyll's champion coaching event.

Organised by Argyll and Bute Council, the coaching event offers professional training across a host of sports, from badminton to shinty.

The event, now in its fifth year, will feature new courses when it is hosted in Oban on February 4 and 5, including triathlon, Nordic walking, watersports, gymnastics, archery, gym instructor and table tennis.

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for communities, said: 'We have expert sports coaches ready to share their knowledge and the biggest number of courses we have ever offered. Coaching champions provides the tools but it is the inspirational people who want to lead others to fulfil their dreams who provide the magic ingredient.'

The deadline to book a place on a course is Monday, January 30.

Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 7, 10 and 14. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 8, 12 and 15 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

The jackpot for next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery is £200 after another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 16, 17 and 20.

Top performances at Mid Argyll leg of Sports Hall Athletics

THE MID Argyll leg of the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championships took place on Sunday, with some impressive performances from local children.

One of the stars of the three-hour action packed competition was Chloe Fairman, an S1 pupil at Lochgilphead High School, who was the under 13 champion, winning six out of the eight events. Chloe was impressive in winning both the three and six-lap races and excelled in all four jumping events.

In the same age group runner-up Hayley Ryan did not win any events but was placed second in six events. The other winners were Lea van Well in the shot putt and Rosie Hetherington in the speed bounce.

The under 15 girls sec-

tion was the most competitive, with only half a point separating the top two girls.

Bethan Lemmon from Port Ann was overall winner ahead Inveraray's Freya Corner. Bethan enjoyed wins in the long jump, triple jump and shot putt plus three second places. Freya won the six-lap time trial and high jump clearing 1.34metres and shared first place in the 3-lap race with Olivia Kerr from Ardrishaig. Olivia was third overall.

Katie Todd, Lochgilphead, was the under 11 champion and she had to be on top form to out-point Erin Downie, also from Lochgilphead Primary. Katie won the high jump, long jump, three-lap race and javelin with a 13.25metres throw. Katie and Erin

crossed the finish line together in the six-lap race in 54.9seconds. Erin won the speed bounce and standing triple jump with an excellent 5.18metres.

Katie Todd's young sister Carla was an outstanding winner in the under 7s winning all six events in some style.

Family Double

Megan and Kyle Danson completed a family double with Megan winning the under nine category and younger brother Kyle was the under seven champion. In the same age group the younger Anna Airlie, from Ardrishaig Primary, was runner up to Megan in what was her first indoor competition.

Tom West from Lochgilphead was the boys under nine champion and William Brock, Ar-

drishaig Primary, was the under 11 overall winner ahead of Joseph Harper from Kilmartin. William is outstanding in the running events and his winning times of 24.1seconds in the three-lap and 52.5 in the six-lap races could have been bettered had the Castleton lad chosen to run harder from the start.

Donald Ferguson from Glassary primary won the under 13 contest thanks to good performances in the high jump, three-lap and six-lap races and shot putt.

Donald's older brother Finlay was the under 15 champion and excelled in the shot putt throwing 8.40metres.

The under 17 competition ended in a tie between Erik Riddell from Tayvallich and Toby Corner from Inveraray.



Harris Campbell hops, skips and jumps in the triple jump. 06_a03athletics01

This was a fair result as both boys won four events with Erik winning the standing long and triple jumps in addition to the three-lap in 21.2 seconds and six-lap in 44.1 seconds. Toby won the high jump with 1.53metres, shot putt throwing nine metres, vertical jump and speed bounce.

Successful athletes from Sunday's competition will be invited to compete in the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on the February 25.

For a full list of results from the athletics competition see next week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*.



Full of concentration, a young athlete prepares to throw the javelin. 06_a03athletics03

Kenny wins round six of winter league

ROUND six of the Tarbert Golf Club winter league got underway at Glenralloch last weekend, with members keen to play some golf and take advantage of a rare dry weekend.

The course was surprising dry underfoot, following the recent storms, and Kenny MacFarlane was quick into his stride carding 21 points, the best score of the day, which will surely help slash his handicap at the end of the season.

Keith MacTaggart took second place on 15 points, putting in a good effort after a hard day on Saturday.

The remainder of the crew failed to make much of an impression with Gordon almost running out of balls and Keith Blair almost doing damage in the car park at the ninth hole.

Result: 1.Kenny Mac Farlane; 2. Keith MacTaggart.

•Staff at Tarbert Golf Club would like to thank all those who took part in the course clean up last weekend. There was a great turn out and a great effort from everybody. The club hopes to have another workday before the end of the month.

Tarbert big shots!

TARBERT Gun Club held its first shoot of 2012 recently with the January leg of the winter league.

Once again the wind caused problems for shooters, making the targets dive. The crossing clay was the downfall for most competitors except John Weir, who was the only shooter to break all 25 sporting targets and take the High Gun Prize.

In the team competition two teams are lead-

ing far ahead of the others - Ally McDonnell's team and Bob McColl's team, with Bob's boys piping Ally by a single target in the January shoot.

Results: Class A: 1. John Weir; 2. Ivor Ferguson; 3. Bob McColl. Class B: 1. Akram Khan; 2. John Paton; Andy Peden. Class C: 1. Alisdair MacCallum; 2. Johnathan Gargan; 3. Stewart MacAllister. Class D: 1. Euan MacDonald; 2. Malcolm Holder; 3. Pierre Godts. Class E: 1. Michael Harvey; 2. Shaun Johnson; 3. Phil Robertson.

Teams: 1. B McColl, A Khan, J Gargan, P Godts and B Peterson; 2. A McDonnell, A Peden, A MacCallum, I Winnard and M Harvey; 3. B Baird, R Jenkins, H McLean, S MacAllister and A Currie.

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