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Welfare reforms causing stress

THE HEALTH of dozens of Mid Argyll residents living with long-term illness and disease is plummeting as they struggle to cope with the stress caused by the UK Government's welfare reforms.

People attending Lochgilphead's MS Centre have told the *Squeak* they are getting even more ill with the stress of having to 'prove' they suffer from a debilitating disease.

Despite having doc-

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tors notes, scans and long medical history, one woman was told she was fit for work under the government's new capability assessment.

Referring to the Tarbert woman who had to appeal her assessment, Karen McCurry, MS Centre manager, said: 'She didn't sleep for weeks and her whole family was affected by it.

'Her eyesight went, she was shaking like a leaf, she was walking on a crutch; it was the stress that heightened these symptoms. You could see the physical side effects it was having on her.'

Karen Cameron, who is awaiting the outcome of her application for the new Employment Support Allowance, the revamped Incapacity Benefit, said one form took more than four to com-

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David Cameron, 63, will be getting his hair shaved off to raise cash for cancer research. 06_a03hair01

Hair today - gone tomorrow!

A LOCHGILPHEAD man known for his curly barnet will take on a hair-raising challenge next month when he waves goodbye to his luscious long locks.

David Cameron, who has had long hair since childhood, will go head-to-head with a razor on February 1 in recognition of his loved ones.

David, who is affectionately known as 'Crazy' amongst his friends and family, will shave off his hair to raise cash for Cancer Research UK.

The 63-year-old's family has been devastated by the illness.

He said: 'One of my friends asked me about doing the challenge and I thought it was a great idea.

'A few of my friends, my wife and my younger sister have suffered from cancer so I am more than happy to do it.'

David will be getting his hair cut by Hazel from Lochgilphead hairdresser Jodie's in The Stag Hotel at 7.45pm.

Tarbert volunteer denies two sexual assaults

A VOLUNTEER at Tarbert Soup Group has denied sexually assaulting a pensioner and a teenage girl.

David Bellshaw, who appeared from custody at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday, pled not guilty to sexually assaulting a 69 year-old woman at a house near Tarbert.

He is accused of kissing her, groping her, attempting to kiss her, brushing her cheek with his lips and pushing her against a wall.

The 59 year-old also denies sexually assaulting a 17 year-old girl at another address near Tarbert by seizing her by the body, kissing her on the lips, putting his arm around her and groping her.

Bellshaw, whose address was given as 3 The Stances, Kilmichael Glassary, is also accused of repeatedly making sexual remarks to the teenager and touching her inappropriately.

Bellshaw was released on bail and is due to stand trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on March 12.

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Relief road ready by the end of the month

AN EMERGENCY relief road to allow traffic into Mid Argyll when landslides hit the A83 should be complete by the end of the month. The Old Military Road at the Rest and Be

Thankful will be able to handle traffic from January 31, providing there are no hiccups in the final days of construction, Transport Scotland has confirmed.

Meanwhile one of Scotland's most respected engineers is to compile an independent report on possible long-term solutions for the Rest after local businesses expressed dissatisfaction with the Jacobs report commissioned by the Scottish Government.

Transport Scotland say the new diversion route, which will take two hours to open, will provide drivers with up to 15 minutes on average faster journey times as opposed to existing diversions.

It adds it belief it will also offer significant fuel savings.

Whilst work to finish

the Old Military Road is progressing, the debate about a long-term solution to landslides at the Rest continue to rage on.

Study

Donald Clark, owner of Inveraray's George Hotel, confirmed John Addison, who investigated the Edinburgh housing repairs scandal, will carry out his own study.

Mr Clark said: 'Some of the options in the Jacobs report are just not realistic.'

'Basically, I think we have to strip this back to the bare facts. My argument is to build a shelter over the road so that, if there is a landslide, it slips down over the road, that means the road is safe.'

It is hoped Mr Addison's report will be complete before the February meeting of the A83 TaskForce.



Inset: Carron Tobin of the HOATA, helps promote Dunadd Fort where Scotland's ancient kings were crowned.

HOATA held up as tourism business model for the future

AN INNOVATIVE alliance set up to boost tourism in Mid Argyll has been held up as an example of good business practice at a landmark tourism summit this week.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA), which brings businesses together to collectively market tourist attractions in the area, was highlighted as the tourism business model for the future.

Carron Tobin, co-ordinator of HOATA, was invited to give a presentation to the summit, held in Inveraray on Monday, sparking the interest of

national organisations such as Co-operative Development Scotland (CDS), Scottish Tourism Alliance and Scottish Enterprise.

Sarah Deas, chief executive of Co-operative Development Scotland, said: 'HOATA shows how effective a collective approach can be. We believe this offers a way forward for the tourism sector in other parts of Scotland'

HOATA, set up in 2010, promotes a range of Mid Argyll attractions including the Crinan Canal, Dunadd Fort, standing stones and Scottish Beaver Trial.

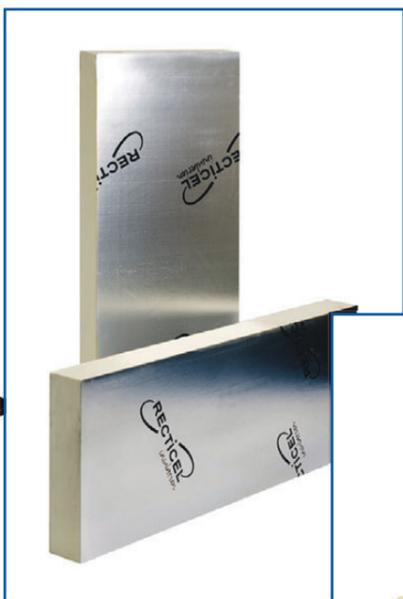
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Police files

REPORTS of a car being driven erratically on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road saw a man arrested for drink driving.

Police received reports from a concerned individual that the 46-year-old was driving dangerously near Cairnbaan at 9pm last Thursday.

Two people were charged with being in possession of drugs after a car was stopped and searched by police on the A83 near Furnace.

A 48-year-old woman and 35-year-old man were allegedly found in possession of cannabis shortly after midnight on Tuesday.

A third man, aged 26, was arrested for possession of cannabis when he was stopped and searched by police in Ardrishaig last Tuesday.

A MAN and woman were taken to Mid Argyll hospital and treated for minor injuries after a crash on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road on Saturday.

Two cars spun off the road after they collided just north of the Cairnbaan junction at 4.15pm

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a window of the Aros office building on Blarbuie Road was smashed.

A stone was thrown at the Lochgilphead building between 6pm on January 7 and 9am the following morning.

Anyone with information should contact police on 01546 702200.

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Substance abuse agencies will work together

'It's been a long haul to get to this point'

ARGYLL and Bute Council, NHS Highland and voluntary organisations have said they are determined to work together to tackle Argyll's substance abuse problems after a report described their working relationship as 'tense'.

The agencies, which make up Argyll and Bute's Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP), have pledged to work together to integrate services as it launches a new strategy to address substance abuse over the next three years.

The *Advertiser* understands that the discontent was about the distribution of resources and voluntary sector feeling its voice was not being heard.

Welfare reforms causing stress

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plete with Karen's help. 'About two days after getting the form I ended up in A&E with my symptoms much worse. I hadn't been too bad up until then. It could be a coincidence but I don't think so.

'What gets me is the family sees the stress it puts on you, then that worries you because they can't take that stress away from you.

'The things that go through your head. My partner is self-employed so we rely on some of the benefits and it's for essentials, not luxuries.

'It is like you are being punished for having this condition that is totally

But Cleland Sneddon chairman of the ADP said these issues have been resolved.

He said: 'Third sector organisations are represented at every level of the partnership. They are treated as full partners and although often for the third sector the frustration can be around the allocation of resources, the agreed approach we are embarking on in terms of the strategy development and subsequent commissioning will bring clarity to the future activity in Argyll and Bute and how the resources are used.'

Peter Garrett, manager of Encompass, which provides counselling support for people with substance abuse prob-

lems, said it had been a 'long haul' to get to this point.

'I am now a lot more satisfied the ADP is finally getting its act together. I'm fairly certain that things are moving forward in the right direction. It has been a long haul and it has been so dysfunctional over the years but the new co-ordinator is starting to put things right.

'The bottom line is people in Mid Argyll with any form of addiction get the help they need.

'The politics of how I do that has been a distraction. I feel the politics is now beginning to sort itself out and ultimately it should make my job easier.'

out of your control.'

Karen like so many people on benefits had a career until her illness took control.

One woman, who did not want to be named, worked for 17 years after she was diagnosed with MS.

'It is as if they don't

believe you, she said. 'You have to prove that you have this disease.

'I was a well-paid professional and worked until I was 40, until my body couldn't do it anymore. My finances went down but I had no choice, I just couldn't work anymore.'



One of the first boats to dock at Strachur's 90-metre pontoon. The new facility will be officially launched in spring.

New pontoon at Strachur Bay

A NEW pontoon has been built in Strachur Bay in a bid to attract visitors to East Loch Fyne and get more youngsters onto the water.

The 90-metre pontoon and shore access ramp will allow as many as five boats, up to 20 metres in length, to berth in Strachur at a time.

Strachur Bay Moorings Association has been working with Highlands and Islands Enterprise since 2009 to devel-

op the project, part of the Sail West Programme.

Iain Arnold from the association said: 'This is a big step forward for us and it will have a massive community benefit.'

'We have a great reputation for shinty and piping, but with the ramp next to the pontoon we want to encourage more young people to sail or even fish.'

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'Unsightly' blot could become home to a new facility in Ardrishaig

AN 'UNSIGHTLY' blot on the Ardrishaig landscape could become home to a new community facility in 2014 as Gleaner Oils prepares to call time on its base at the south of Pier Square.

The oil company's lease on the site, owned by Scottish Canals, ends next year and it is hoped the area will be transformed into an asset for the whole community.

The local waterways authority is urging Ardrishaig residents to come forward with their

ideas of what they would like to see on the waterfront site.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Mark Smith, strategic planning manager for Scottish Canals, said a full assessment of the site would be carried out when it is vacated.

Improve

'We would like to work out what would benefit the canal and the community,' Mr Smith said. 'Ardrishaig Community Trust has done a lot of work to improve the area and we hope to work with them on the

redevelopment of the site.'

Ed Laughton chairman of Ardrishaig Community Council said it was an exciting time for the village and a massive step forward in realising ambitions set out in the Ardrishaig Regeneration Masterplan, drawn up in 2008.

Explaining the Gleaner site had been identified as a potential area for developing marine leisure facilities in the past, Mr Laughton said: 'We want to ramp up the debate about the site and

listen to various community groups about what they want.'

Future growth

Ian Croall of Ardrishaig Boat Club said the group would be keen to get involved in the regeneration. He said the boat club had not taken a formal view on the site but added it had plans for future growth.

'We would like a workshop for repairs and we would like to provide professional boat maintenance and expand our existing facilities,' he said.



Youngsters at Skipness Primary School enjoyed getting to grips with beaver pelts and building their own dams when education officer Oly Hemmings paid a visit to the school.

Learning all about beavers

CHILDREN across Mid Argyll have been throwing themselves into learning about their new neighbours in Knapdale Forest.

Oly Hemmings, education officer with the Scottish Beaver Trial, who has been hosting beaver workshops in Mid Argyll schools, says she is getting a very warm response from youngsters.

Oly, who took her new post in April last

year, said: 'I have been very impressed with the schools so far. All the kids, before I visited, they had done research and used our education pack on our website. They have made posters about their research and have been really enthusiastic. The feedback has been really positive.'

Raising awareness of the beavers' habitat, the children are encouraged to think about the Argyll environment and trees

and waterways in their area.

Oly added: 'I am hoping when they go walking the dog or on a family picnic they are paying more attention to their surroundings. This promotes a sense of caring and ownership of the environment around them.'

The Scottish Beaver Trial began in May 2009 and saw the reintroduction of beavers to Scotland.

Business IT support offered in Mid Argyll

A NEW package offering business IT support to organisations and individuals in Mid Argyll has been launched by Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

The programme, which is in partnership with Business Gateway and supported by the Scottish Government, is free to users and includes 150 business IT guides written by specialists with a focus on supporting businesses.

The guides can be found at www.digitalhiguide.co.uk

Road safety talk at Tarbert and Skipness Community Council

MEMBERS of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council have invited Chief Inspector David Pettigrew to give a talk on road safety.

It is hoped the police officer will join the council at their February meeting to discuss road safety measures on the A83 from Lochgilphead to Kennacraig.

Sale of bus tickets 'under consideration'

PLANS to sell bus tickets at Argyll and Bute Council offices in Lochgilphead have been put on hold. The local authority has said tickets for the Citylink/West Coast Motors service to Glasgow will not be sold at Dalriada House at the moment, but added the proposal was 'under consideration'.

Lochgilphead Community Council asked the council to consider selling tickets for the lifeline route when West Coast Motors announced it planned to close its office at Ardrishaig depot.

Robert Millar, chairman of the community council, said: 'The council is backing away from the idea, as the reason for the threat of closure at Ardrishaig was not enough people were using the office.'

West Coast Motors has said the future of the Ardrishaig ticket office remains under review.

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MSP demands meeting with mobile phone companies

MICHAEL Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, is demanding a meeting with top mobile phone companies in the UK to discuss the lack of mobile phone coverage in the area.

Mr Russell said his requests for meetings have gone unanswered.

'I will be getting back touch to demand a meeting and will not take no for an answer,' he said.

Almost all off Argyll has no access to 3G phone coverage, Mr Russell added:

'Whilst these companies are getting excited and gearing up for major investment for the forthcoming 4G, people in Argyll and Bute are feeling like second class citizens. What's more they are paying the same as those who do have the infrastructure.'



Iain Robertson presents Jean Johnson with the Citizen of the Year plaque on behalf of Duncan and Elizabeth Henderson who have run the award for years via the village post office. a03citizen01

Jean is named Tarbert's Citizen of the Year

'Overwhelmed and excited'

A WOMAN who likes to see Tarbert 'thrive' has been named the Loch Fyne village's 2012 Citizen of the Year.

Jean Johnson, who has contributed to the successful development of sport and charitable organisations in the village for more than 30 years, was awarded the honour last week.

Jean was nominated for the title by friends and neighbours in recognition of her many years of selfless voluntary work and her kindness towards people in the community.

Commenting on the title, which honours ex-

traordinary commitment to the community, Jean told the *Squeak* she was 'overwhelmed and excited' at receiving the award.

'I just want to thank everybody that nominated me,' she said.

Help others

Jean was presented with the award at Tarbert's annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, which she helped organise for several years.

Iain Robertson, who presented the award on behalf of Duncan and Elizabeth Henderson who have run the award for years via the village post office, said: 'Jean is

one of those people who never has a bad word for anyone. She's always there to help others, always has a happy smile for everyone and never seeks recognition. It's the way she's always been.'

Jean has been a member of Tarbert Village Hall committee since the 1970s, has worked in the village thrift shop to raise funds for the local church, and helps organise Tarbert's annual Seafood Festival. She is a hard-working and active member of the bowling club, and until a few years ago, ran the junior badminton club.

Brave wins Golden Globe

DISNEY-Pixar's film *Brave*, inspired by the landscape and ancient heritage of Mid Argyll, has been named the best animated feature at the Golden Globes film awards.

The animation, with connections to Dunadd Fort and Kilmartin's standing stones, follows a Scottish princess on an adventure through the Scottish countryside.

Brave beat *Frankenweenie*, *Rise of the Guardians*, *Wreck It Ralph* and *Hotel Transylvania* to get the nod from the Golden Globes and has since been nominated for an Oscar and a Bafta.

The production team behind the film visited Mid Argyll, Loch Awe and Glen Coe during their research trips to Scotland.

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THE NEWS that well respected characters in Mid Argyll are feeling under pressure to prove they have a disability to welfare officials is disgraceful.

The *Advertiser* has this week heard stories of people having brain scans, doctor's letters and medical notes being told they are capable of doing a day's work.

To reject the findings of neurological reports and medical evidence is complete nonsense. These scans cannot be tampered with to fraudulently claim benefits.

Does the government wish to send these people with conditions such as multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis out into the world of work with blurred vision, poor mobility, memory loss and numbness? This would surely represent a danger to the individual involved, their colleagues and the general public.

The decision to quit work will have been a tough choice for many of these people, whose bodies no longer do the basic functions the rest of us take for granted.

Yes, the welfare system needs to be reformed to ensure those who are fit for work do so but the government will not achieve this aim by targeting vulnerable people.

If welfare workers were trained to understand the symptoms involved in some of these conditions they would realise that diseases such as MS cannot be cured - the condition typically gets worse over time not better.

It would be interesting to know how much money the UK Government has spent on this protracted admin process, pursuing people who were deemed unfit for work on the basis of facts and medical evidence. Putting a stop to this horrendous process could save them millions!

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Sense of sadness

Sir,
IT IS with a sense of sadness that I write to thank those of you who were kind enough, not only to read *Thought for the Week* but to frequently pass on words of encouragement and appreciation to me about the weekly column.

The editorial team wish to give a new fresh look to the Letters Page, and so have decided to discontinue *Thought*.

It has been a great joy to get to know many of you through this weekly *Thought* and I thank you most sincerely for all your support over the past three years of writing for you.

I would also like to thank the *Courier* and *Squeak* for including the column during this time, and wish the papers all the best for the future.

Most of all I wish you, the readers, God's richest blessings and guidance in this coming year and beyond.

Marilyn Shedden
By email

Phone bill called into question

Sir,
I am writing in response to a letter published in the *Advertiser* on December 14, calling into question MSP Jamie McGrigor's phone bill and the assistance he offers his constituents.

Mid Argyll farmers are still grateful for the assistance and advice provided by MSP Jamie McGrigor in 2010 when clarity was needed on the rights of

farmers in the event of a vehicle causing damage to roadside walls or fences belonging to farmers.

Mr McGrigor, through correspondence and questions raised in the Scottish Parliament, established that farmers are entitled to obtain the name of the driver, vehicle details and insurance details, without having to pay £60 for a formal police report as was established practise.

As noted by a previous correspondent, Mr McGrigor's mobile phone was rarely silent during meetings with us farmers. Clearly Mr McGrigor's advice is sought and appreciated by more than just a few.

John Warmerdam,
Rhudle Farm,
Kilmichael Glassary.

Help resolve litter problem

Sir,
As 2013 gets underway, I write to ask your readers to help resolve Scotland's litter problem. Scotland is beautiful and we all must do what we can to prevent its beauty being blighted by litter and eyesores like flytipping.

By using public recycling and litter bins - or taking your waste home to dispose of - you can make a real difference. There are also some excellent initiatives you can get involved with, like 'People Against Litter' (<http://www.peopleagainstlitter.org/>) and 'Clean Up Scotland' (<http://www.cleanupscotland.com/>), where you can sign a pledge or join a local clean-up event.

Richard Lochhead,
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment.

Cracking down on dog fouling

In last week's edition of the Squeak we told you that Argyll and Bute Council was cracking down on dog fouling in the area. You took to Facebook to voice your concerns.

Barry Niall Cameron: About time too, the streets are a mess. And yes, I always pick up after my dog.

Mary Anne Royal: Well about time, it's really annoying when someone doesn't clean up after their dog. Why have one in the first place?

Agnes Sillars: There is no excuse for this. If you are lucky enough to own a dog/dogs you should be prepared to clean up after them and all these filthy, lazy people who DON'T should be ashamed of themselves and should be NAMED. All this throws bad light over the responsible owners who really love their dogs and pick up without even thinking about it.

Mhairi MacVicar: I am glad people are being fined at last, I hope it is hefty enough to have an impact. I am disgusted at the amount of dog dirt on our streets. My young children know that you pick up after your dog, so why do some adults find it so difficult to adhere to the rules? I would never dream of leaving the house with my dog without bags in my pockets.

Gillian Meikle: My daughter stood on dog mess outside Ardrishaig Primary School yesterday. It's a disgrace that dog owners leave the mess - but outside a school is ridiculous! I own a dog and I always

carry bags. It's not difficult to pick up - and it's not the dog's fault either.

Debbie Lowe: I take my dog for walks up the back path to the cemetery towards Achna-breck and the amount of dog mess that is on that path is out of order. Just because you take your dog walks off the street does not mean you can get away with not picking it up. It's about time something was done about it and yes, I pick up after my dog no matter where I am with him!

Phyllis Cameron: Not before time. I clear up any mess my dog makes. I find it disgusting at the amount of dirt that dog owners leave, and then you get the owners who pick up the mess, bag it and then proceed to hang it from a tree! Why I wonder, have they no brain? So yes a nice big fine just might get them to bag it and bin it. Good luck.

Eilidh Thomsen: I pick my dog's mess up. No it's not pleasant but neither is seeing or standing in it. The canal bank is covered in dog mess. Also why do people pick it up and drop the bag on the ground close to bins allocated? Forest walks need at least one bin, at the moment I've not seen any with a bin. The council need to do something about that, not exactly going to take your dog's poo in the car and take it home!

Kathleen Cameron: Some folk think there are poo fairies as they leave their plastic bags hanging on branches of trees!

Bob Waller: More owners need to be caught and fined before habits will change. Some owners are harder to train than their pets!

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My Say:

WELCOME to our new My Say feature which hands over the columns of our newspaper to you the reader to discuss an issue that you are passionate about.

Over the next few weeks we will hear from parties that are particularly concerned about the proposed windfarm at Freasdail, near Whitehouse.

They each have their own story to tell...

David Bridge moved to Kintyre four years ago and built his dream home in Whitehouse.

Attracted by the amazing views, David set up home there with his partner Valeria Wells, 86-year-old mum Dorothy Bridge, and mother in law Lilian Smith, who turns 97 later this month.

WE VISITED Kintyre on holiday and loved the place, the openness and the wildlife. We decided to come here and live so we found a suitable plot to build our new home on.

Before committing ourselves we checked windfarms didn't threaten the area.

The local plan, which

is a major document for planning decisions clearly showed preferred areas for these dubious devices; they were well away from where we intended to build our new home.

We are now faced with having one looking right at us, the nearest will be seventeen hundred metres away, which is

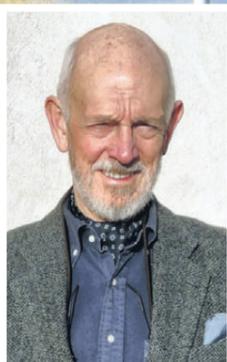
within the recommended 2km distance windfarms should be away from settlements.

We have invested more than £450,000 in our property and are now faced with the possibility of it not being sellable and having declined in value, a major company of chartered surveyors has confirmed this.

If we do have a reason to move somewhere else a windfarm on our doorstep is going to make it much more difficult, that's what annoys me.

It makes our future look much more uncertain and it is very frustrating.

If the windfarm does go ahead, it would greatly reduce the quality of our lives. I do not want to look at and listen to these industrial mon-



David Bridge's home is less than 2km away from the proposed Freasdail Windfarm.

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sters everyday. Had we known about this we would most certainly have moved elsewhere.

Mausdale site may not be built until 2020

THE COMPANY behind a proposed windfarm in Argyll say grid capacity restriction means the site may not be built until 2020 – even if planning permission is granted in 2014.

Musdale Windfarm, sited 12 kilometres south east of Oban and six kilometres west of Loch Awe, is being proposed by renewables company Infinis.

The company submitted an initial design for the windfarm to Argyll and Bute Council in September.

However, the potential production from the proposed 20-turbine development – around 50 megawatts – means planning permission could be decided by either the council or the Scottish Government.

Jamie Grant of Infinis told Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council last Wednesday: 'We are aware of the limited capacity in the area. Even if we do get permission within a year of submitting the application we would be unlikely to connect to the grid until about 2020.'

Schemes to address the problems of grid capacity have included Active

Network Management (ANM) schemes, which use advanced IT systems to balance energy flows, which allows more ca-

capacity to be freed up in areas where the grid has no permanent spare capacity.

There has also been

a suggestion of 'legacy' contracts to allow new schemes to take the place of cancelled proposals.

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Kandinsky Trio at Ardrishaig



The Kandinsky Trio, who will perform at the Mid Argyll Arts Association on Saturday.

THE RENOWNED Kandinsky Trio will kick start the Mid Argyll Arts Association's 2013 programme of recitals when they perform in Ardrishaig tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

The trio – Fenalla Barton on violin, Alexei Sarkisovi on cello and Lora Dimitrova on piano – will take to the stage at Ardrishaig Public Hall to perform pieces by Mozart, Fauré and Schubert.

A real treat for music enthusiasts in the area, the musicians are award winning in their own right and play brilliantly together.

Fenella has been described as a 'gifted and decisive' musician and has played with some of the most impressive ensembles in classical music. She has appeared at BBC proms, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and at UK and international festivals as a chamber musician, whilst one of her chamber CDs was named record of the year by *Gramophone Magazine*.

Cellist Alexei's talent has also been recognised with many awards including the Grand Prix in Citta Di Moncalieri International Competition. He has performed in the presence of Pope John Paul II in the Vatican and former Russian President Boris Yeltsin in the Kremlin, as well as the Prince of Wales.

Lora, who has performed to great applause all over the world, now runs a music school in England. She plays keyboards for electronic renaissance rock band *Crisium* and piano in her own jazz quartet *Salora*.



Senior citizens danced the afternoon away when former Tarbert resident Robert Crumlish took to the stage to perform an up-tempo set.

Put on your dancing shoes!

NINETY pensioners shook off the winter blues and donned their dancing shoes last week as Tarbert held its annual Christmas Party.

Strangely held every January, the party saw the village's older generation gather for an afternoon of fine dining, song and dance.

Wealth of talent

The event, held last Friday, saw a wealth of local musical talent on show, with folk-blues

singer and guitarist Colin Hunter performing during the meal and Mod Gold medallist Tarbert Academy Folk Group, *Na Seudan Acadamaigh an Tairbeart*, taking to the stage.

Mull-based singer and former Tarbert resident Robert Crumlish later delighted guests with his powerful voice, encouraging both the young and not-so-young to get on their feet and dance the afternoon away.

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Dick Whittingham at Cairndow

THE PANTO season has not yet ended in Mid Argyll as Cairndow Community Childcare hosts a special show tomorrow (Saturday).

Glasgow's Hopscotch Theatre Company will travel to the Loch Fyne village to perform their new pantomime *Dick Whittingham and his Amazing Cat* at Cairndow Village Hall.

The show, suitable for pre-school to P7 and all those adults who are still young at heart, begins at 7pm.

Funding for the Cairndow show has been provided by Cairndow Windfarm Trust.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- Mild expletive (4)
- Toy to keep on track (5,3)
- Please used in church (7)
- Swollen (5)
- Neither think left or right (3-5,4)
- Anger (3)
- Cliffside dwelling (5)
- Grassland (3)
- Stabalization of value (12)
- Horned beast (5)
- Tranquil ocean? (7)
- Niggling (8)
- If you were its' surgeon, you would be cutting into it (4)

Down

- Almost guaranteed to send one to sleep (8)
- Pungent herb (5)
- Regret (3)
- Want of self-restraint (12)
- Propagative (7)
- Reminder list of commotion (2-2)
- Science of medicine (12)
- Small Welsh dog (5)
- Clinger in the sea (8)
- Jubilance (7)
- Deduce (5)
- Crystalline compound found in discharged liquid (4)
- How to sort gold from gravel (3)

Last week's solution

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Saturday 19 January for 6 days at 7pm
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Saturday 26 January for 6 days at 8pm
Jack Reacher (12A)
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Coisir Ceann an Turic holds annual dinner in Tarbert



Choir member Dr Neil MacDonald and his wife Hilary, from Tarbert. 16_t03tuirc01

ARGYLL male voice Gaelic choir, Coisir Ceann an Turic, had its annual dinner in Tarbert's Starfish Restaurant last Friday.

The members sang for their supper while celebrating a successful 2012, during which they released their debut album, *Deich Bliadhna*, and were placed third in the male voice competition at the Royal National Mod in Dunoon.

After celebrating well into the night, choir secretary Davy Paterson thanked the staff for a great evening.



Tarbert's Rob and Isla Reid joined in the celebrations. 16_t03tuirc04

Community Noticeboard

Kintyre Piping Society Presents
A BURNS NIGHT CEILIDH
 in the Masonic Hall
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 Featuring:- Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, Sound of Kintyre pipers, Campbeltown Brass, Highland dancers, Frank Rochford, Gus McAllister's band, Addressing the haggis, singers, Ceal Na Mara Fiddle Group.
 Admission £3 – pay at the door. Don't miss it.

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NHASMA
 Thursday 24th January
Wildlife Photography - Lorne Gill, Scottish Natural Heritage (Joint meeting with Photographic Society)
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 and commence at 7.00pm
 Attendance free to members, visitors £1 per head
 Any queries to Membership Secretary Phil Holt on
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Mid Argyll Sports Centre WINTER Timetable 2013

DAY	CLASS	TIME	INFO
Monday	Bootcamp	6.15pm	Intensive circuit based class aimed at burning calories and improving overall fitness
	Thump	7.30pm	Boxing for fitness
Tuesday	Cardiac Rehab	11.30pm	Exercise on Referral
	Ab Attack	1.15pm	30 minute total abdominal workout
Wednesday	GP Referral	2.30pm	Exercise on Referral
	Power Toning	5.30pm	Combination of legs, bums and tums with power hoop
	Spinning	6.15pm	Studio cycling class
	Club training	7.30pm	Kilmory Shinty club training
Thursday	Spinning	12.30pm	30 minute studio cycling class
	Boot	6.30pm	New high Intensity workout in just 45 minutes, designed to maximizing fat burning
Friday	Core circuit	7.30pm	45 minute core strengthening class
	Spinning	7.30pm	Studio cycling class
Saturday	GP Referral	10am	Exercise on referral
	Cardiac Rehab	11.30pm	Exercise on referral
	Body Conditioning	5.30pm	Strengthen and tone all the major muscle groups
Sunday	Fusion	7.15pm	Postural strength and injury prevention with yoga based moves
	Kettlebells	12.30pm	30 minute strength and cardio vascular training
	Spinning	6.15pm	Studio cycling class

FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE ON 01546 603228



Class Programme: With effect from Monday 14th January 2013

DAY	TIME	CLASS	CLASS INFORMATION	INSTRUCTORS
MON	0915-1000hrs	Mum's Bootcamp	Mixture of Classes/Gym Circuit	Emma, Jamie
	1100-1145hrs	Super Sixties	Mobility Class for Over 60's	Fiona, Emma
	1730-1815hrs	H.I.T. 30	High Intensity Training	Fiona
TUE	1815-1900hrs	Torque	Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Jamie, Emma
	1900-1945hrs	Zumba	Latin Inspired Dance Fitness Party	Tracy
	1915-2000hrs	Thump	Boxing / Kickboxing Combo	Jamie
	0830-0915hrs	Over 60's Aquafit	Water Based Aerobics	Tracy
WED	1100-1200hrs	GP Referral	Rehabilitation Class	Fiona
	1215-1315hrs	Cardiac Rehab	Rehabilitation Class	Fiona
	1745-1830hrs	Zumba	Latin Inspired Dance Fitness Party	Hazel
	1900-1945hrs	Aquafit	Water Based Aqua Aerobics	Kerry, Eilidh
	1930-2015hrs	Torque	Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Emma, Fiona
THU	0915-1000hrs	Mum's Bootcamp	Mixture of Classes/Gym Circuit	Emma, Jamie
	1130-1215hrs	Super Sixties Circuit	Circuit Class for Over 60's	Emma, Jamie
	1545-1630hrs	Junior Hoopers	Powerhoop for P5-P7	Hazel
	1745-1845hrs	Combat/Strength	Martial Arts Inspired Exercise Class	Elaine
FRI	1800-1845hrs	Aquafit/Aquazumba	Water Based Aqua Aerobics	Fiona, Tracy
	1900-2000hrs	Kettlebells	Swing, Throw & Press Yourself Fitter	Jamie, Emma
	0715-0800hrs	Torque	Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Fiona, Emma, Jamie
SAT	0915-1000hrs	Kettlebells	Swing, Throw & Press Yourself Fitter	Emma, Jamie, Tracy
	1100-1200hrs	GP Referral	Rehabilitation Class	Fiona
	1215-1315hrs	Cardiac Rehab	Rehabilitation Class	Fiona
SUN	1100-1145hrs	Torque	Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class	Jamie, Emma

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UA Stirling

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Bullocks averaged 212.59p (+19.71p) and sold to 266.0p per kg for a 369kg Charolais cross from Braendam and £1460 for a 724kg Limousin cross from Elmscleugh.

Heifers averaged 203.88p (+12.59p) and sold to 259.10p per kg for a 359kg Charolais cross from Braendam and £1150 for a 604kg Charolais cross from Holehouse.

Cast cows averaged 132.70p to 200.90p for a Limousin cross from Monzie Farms and £1820 for another Limousin cross also from Monzie Farms.

Argyll and Bute Local Access Forum AGM discusses range of issues

THE ARGYLL and Bute Local Access Forum held its AGM in Lochgilphead when a variety of outdoor access related topics were discussed.

Members talked about the Argyll and Bute Core Paths Plan, wild camping, the proposed new extension to the John Muir Way - which would create a new long distance route linking Dunbar and Helensburgh - and the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (AICCT).

Chairman of the planning, protective services

and licensing committee councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'The Local Access Forum is a really important group and over the last two years it has been keenly involved with the development of the Argyll and Bute Core Paths Plan which is now nearing a public local inquiry.'

Key document
'The Core Paths Plan is a key document that will record paths in Argyll and Bute that have been identified by the communities and people of the area as being important to them.'

The Local Access Fo-

rum is an independent body which includes volunteers with land management and recreational backgrounds. They then aim to provide informed independent advice on matters relating to outdoor access in Argyll and Bute.

More information on the Argyll and Bute Local Access Forum along with the Argyll and Bute Core Paths Plan can be found on the Argyll and Bute Council's web page: <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/outdoor-access-argyll-and-bute>

Market reports

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United Auctions

Bullocks
Up to 250kg - East Barnago Grazings £500, 214.60p;
251-300kgs Calton £765, 257.60p;
301-350kgs Hilton of Cardross £860, 251.50p
351-400kgs Braendam £1010, 266.0p
401-450kgs; Point £1100, 253.70p;
451-500kgs Shiel-dhill £1165, Townhead

237.90p;
501-550kgs Point £1200, 232.10p;
551-600kgs Wester Myre £1280, Holehouse 215.70p;
601-650kgs Hoprig-shiels £1300, 214.90p;
651-700kgs Hoprig-shiels £1360, 208.0p;
701<kgs Elmscleugh £1460, 201.70p.
Heifers
Up to 250kg - Cauld-coates £490, 200.80p;
251-300kgs Ashmark £665, Calton 229.80p;
301-350kgs Townhead £800, 233.20p;

351-400kgs Braendam £930, 259.10p;
401-450kgs Point £1025, 229.80p;
451-500kgs West-er Boreland £1110, 223.80p;
501-550kgs Wester Borland £1150, Shieldhill 214.0p;
551-600kgs Macharioch £1140, Kerelaw Mains 200.0p;
601-650kgs Holehouse £1150, 190.40p.
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House 171.8p, Fall-side Hill (AA) £1350, 188.02p, Whitsome Laws (Sim) £1250, Collymoon 179.4p, Monzie (BB) £1240, 155.5p, Claylands (MO) £1055, 136p, Thomanean (Sal) £1045, Bolfracks 148.5p, Clova Farms (SH) £1043, 144.7p, Little Ardoch (BA) £1030, 163p.
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ARDRISHAIG



Staff at Ardfenaig Care Home put on a show with a difference as they performed Snow White and some dwarves recently. Despite being low on dwarf numbers, residents, friends and family thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Eco coffee morning in North Hall

MEMBERS of the Ardrishaig's Eco Congregation is holding a coffee morning in the village's North Hall tomorrow (Saturday).

There will be tea, coffee and delicious home baking on sale between 10am and midday.

Ceilidh at the bowling club

ARDRISHAIG families are being invited to a ceilidh hosted by the village bowling club.

The dance will be held next Friday, January 25, when a light supper will also be provided.

The event, open to children and adults, begins at 7.30pm.

LOCHGAIR

Association celebrates Burns Night

LOCHGAIR Association will celebrate Burns' night tonight (Friday) with a traditional four-course meal.

The evening will see Burns' poems recited by locals and live music from Eoghan Anderson, fiddler Mairi Voinot and accordionist John Holt.

Newly formed musical group, Lochgair Choristers, will sing a medley of Burns' songs to round off the evening.

The night kicks off at 7pm in the Lochgair Hotel.

CRAIGNISH

Community council special meeting

A SPECIAL meeting of Craignish Community Council will be held on Wednesday evening to discuss the potential development of affordable housing on Glebe Land.

A deal struck with the church means the land will now be used by Fyne Homes to build housing. The meeting will be held in Craignish Village Hall at 7.30pm.

INVERARAY

The life of the bard celebrated with an evening of entertainment

INVERARAY Burns Club will host its annual Burns night celebrations in the Argyll Hotel with an evening of entertainment.

Now in its seventh year, the event will welcome retired Ayrshire schoolteacher Gordon Bishop to give *The Immortal Memory*.

This year, the toast to the lassies will be given Brian Spalading with the reply from his wife, Pamela.

Bringing the evening to a close, a selection of Burns' music will be performed by Ayrshire band *Bletherskyte*.

New Year, New You? Business Gateway Workshops in Argyll and Bute

Planning to start your own business?

Develop your ideas into a practical and effective plan to launch your business. Getting the marketing right for your business is crucial to its success. This workshop will help you to understand your competitors, identify your customers and understand the things you need to consider for effective marketing.

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- January – 21/22, Helensburgh; 23/24, Dunoon
- February – 13/14, Lochgilphead
- March – 5/6, Oban; 18/19, Campbeltown; 20/21, Helensburgh; 26/27, Rothesay

The "Practical Basic Book-keeping" workshop

Book-keeping is a core business skill, and, even if someone else does it for you, you still need to understand and value the process.

If you want to know the starting point for good record-keeping, this is the course for you. Those new to business and with little or no formal training in bookkeeping will particularly benefit.

- February – 19, Dunoon
- March – 1, Helensburgh; 12, Inveraray; 20, Oban

Introduction to social media for your business

This workshop is aimed at people that are very new to or still sceptical about the idea of using social media for their business.

Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of what social media is and what benefits there may be of using it for business
- Give delegates a chance to explore some of the basic technical aspects of well-known social media sites (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter)
- Show delegates how to get the most out of using social media and how to deal with negative feedback

The workshop will explain the principles behind what social media is, how it works and why it is so popular. It will explain how the "process" of social media allows it to be used for a wide variety of business objectives. It will discuss and explain a number of the most popular social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Blogger, etc.

- February – 18, Mull; 21, Rothesay
- March – 4, Inveraray; 7, Oban

Improve your business website performance

Aimed at small businesses that already have a website, whether this was built by a professional website designer or homemade, who feel that their website isn't producing the results that they expect, or needs refreshing. It is also suitable for people currently in the process of building or having a website built to make sure the end result is going to be successful. It is aimed at those with no technical web development skills BUT basic PC skills are required.

Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of which factors are key to the success of a website
- Show delegates how these factors can be used to create a good design
- Give delegates examples of common mistakes made
- Provide delegates with a number of online sources that provide further good practice and advice. The course will discuss the 4 key success factors of website development: visibility, appearance, functionality and compatibility. It will cover issues including graphic design, layout, navigation, the online sales process, search engine optimisation, browser compatibility and site feedback.

- February – 18, Mull; 21, Rothesay
- March – 4, Inveraray; 7, Oban

Build your own business website

Aimed at small businesses looking to build their own business website. It is aimed at those with no technical web development skills or experience but basic PC skills are required. The course will include some very basic online trading.

Course objectives:

- Introduce delegates to the basics of good website design
- Explain the various (online) tools available to build a website and how to choose the one best suited for the purpose
- Show delegates the kind of activities that are involved in building their own website using an online tool

Delegates will be introduced to the basic essentials of website design, how to make it findable as well as attractive and at the same time usable. The course will explain which tools are available and how to pick the one that would be best suited for the purpose. Delegates will learn a wide variety of skills using a simple online website building tool. These skills include working with text, images, colour and layout as well as managing pages (navigation) adding links and some simple functionality.

- February – 19, Mull; 22, Rothesay
- March – 5, Inveraray; 8, Oban

NEW Online trading essentials

Small businesses that are considering selling products or services, or taking bookings and payments online, but don't know where to start. This course is less suitable for people who are already trading online and are looking for detailed technical advice.

Course objectives:

- Explain the basic building blocks of an online trading site
- Discuss various options available to achieve an online shop or booking system
- Show various means of taking online payment
- Make delegates aware of the legislation in relation to online trading

The workshop will introduce delegates to the basics of online trading. It will look at the essential things needed in order to be able to take online orders or bookings, and how they can be achieved, including online payment such as PayPal. It will cover various means by which an online shop or booking system can be achieved, including using third party providers such as eBay, Amazon or Booking.com

- March – 6, Inveraray

HM Revenue and Customs Becoming Self Employed

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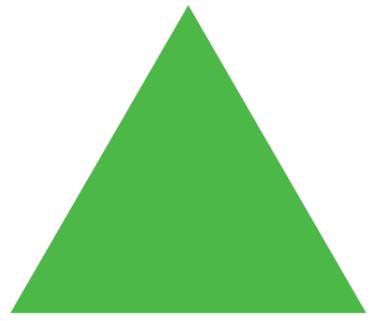
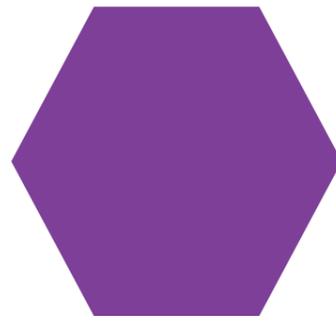
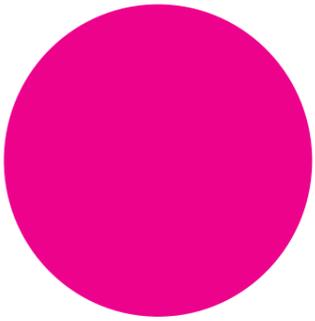
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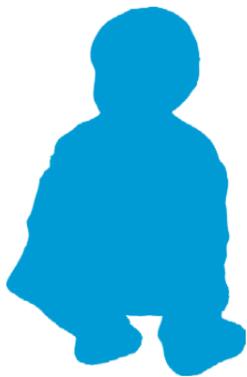
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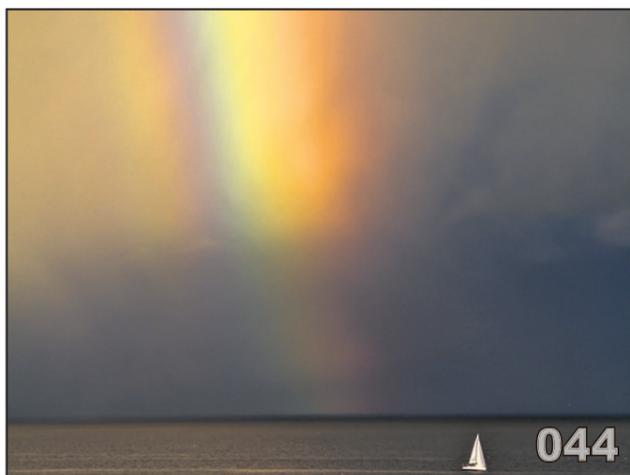
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Steve Partridge, Carradale: A combination of intense evening sunlight and a huge rainbow. Looking seaward from near Peninver, Kintyre. T02stevepartridge1no 044



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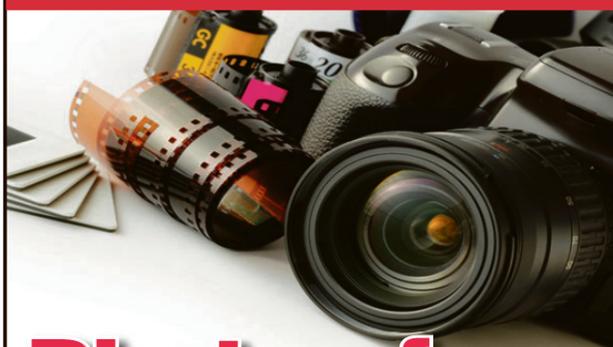


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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02514/PP	Erection of storage/toilet block in existing car park.	Scottish Children's Reporters Administration Manse Brae Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8DX	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/02768/PP	Installation of access ramp.	Newlands High Airds Carradale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6SA	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/02827/PP	Demolition of derelict dwellinghouse and out-house (part retrospective).	The Rowans Union Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8JS	Ardrishaig Area Office

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02766/PP	Erection of residential development comprising 11 dwellinghouses (6 affordable), installation of treatment plant and associated accesses	Land South West of Ardfern House Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
13/00015/PP	Alterations and change of use from school (class 10) to bed and breakfast establishment (class 7), alterations to gate piers and demolition of playground shelter	St Kierans Primary School St John Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00016/LIB	Internal and external alterations, change of use from school (class 10) to bed and breakfast establishment (class 7), alterations to gate piers and demolition of playground shelter	St Kierans Primary School St John Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (DISABLED STREET PARKING - MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY) (AMENDMENT)(NO.1)ORDER 2013

On Monday 14th January 2013, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in accordance with the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Order, which comes into operation on 4th March 2013, makes it an offence for anyone to park in a marked disabled persons' bay as described within the Order, unless they are a holder of a valid blue badge and are using it in accordance with the national blue badge legislation.

A copy of the Order and plans relative thereto are available for inspection during normal working hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the following offices;

- (i) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Burnet Building, Campbeltown;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead;
- (iii) Tarbert Post Office, The Rest, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert ;
- (iv) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll.

This order affects the following streets:-

- CAMPBELTOWN - Argyll Street, Castleacres, Hillside Road, Smith Drive
- LOCHGILPHEAD - Dewar Avenue, High Bank Park
- TARBERT - Harbour Street.

Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 18th January 2013, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

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

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Based at Loch Gruinart, Isle of Islay

7.5 month contract Full Time 37.5 hours

Salary Range £15,300 to £17,000 per annum

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic 'people person' to work for the RSPB on a seven-month project on Islay. This is an exciting opportunity to promote Islay's amazing wildlife and rich heritage.

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

Interview date: 14 February 2013.

Community Information and Tourism Officer

Based on Isle of Mull, Argyll

7 month contract Full Time 37.5 hours

Salary Range £15,300 to £17,000 per annum

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic 'people person' to work for the RSPB on a seven-month project on Mull. This is an exciting opportunity to promote Mull's amazing wildlife and rich heritage.

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

Interview date: 15 February 2013.

For further information and to download an application pack please visit our website.

Closing date for both posts: 27 January 2013.



www.rspb.org.uk/vacancies



The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity. England and Wales no. 207076. Scotland no. SC037654.

Argyll and Bute Women's Aid



Children & Young Person's Support Worker

Campbeltown/Kintyre Area
Refuge/Follow On/Outreach
Ref CYPW 0012

38 hours per week. Fixed Term until 31/3/2015
Salary £25,674.72

You will have a clear understanding of domestic abuse and its effects on children and young people, along with knowledge and experience of child protection issues and 2 years experience of working with children in a professional setting.

You must be registered with the SSSC or be eligible to register. A current clean driving licence would be an advantage. Some evening and weekend work may be required.

For an application pack email:
argyllwomensaid@btconnect.com
or call 01369 70 6636. Packs can be emailed on request.

Closing date: 12th February, 2013
NB. Successful candidates will subject to PVG membership and checks.
Women only may apply under section 9 of the Equalities Act 2010

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Starting salary: £13,000

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Crinan Boatyard is looking for a person to work with the Slipping Crew

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Strathclyde Fire & Rescue are now recruiting Retained Firefighters for the retained duty system at Lochgilphead Community Fire Station.

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The home is operated by a charitable trust and we require an experienced manager. All applicants should have previous experience in care of the elderly. They must be a strong leader with good character and caring skills.

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The successful applicant will oversee the day to day running of the branch and work with colleagues locally, regionally and centrally, to maximise profitability through a trained and motivated team.

With an outgoing personality and the ability to deliver customer service both face to face and by telephone you will be responsible for effective operations and efficient administration controls.

The ideal candidate will be familiar with the preparation and progression of quotations as well as invoicing, ordering, stock control as well as possessing strong people management skills.

Branch Assistant

The successful candidate will be involved in all areas of the branch, yard and warehouse. Together with excellent customer service skills, forklift license would be advantageous. This is an opportunity for a flexible, hardworking individual to train in all aspects of our operation.

HGV Driver category C1 or C (7.5t Rigid Vehicle)

Drivers are at the forefront of the Company. The successful candidate will be delivering to customers in Oban & surrounding areas.

The role ideally requires an individual who enjoys dealing with different people and being part of a small team.

A Digital Driving License is essential;
CPC Driver Training & FLT Experience would also be advantageous.

In return we offer a competitive salary, contributory pension scheme, and staff discounts as well as Contributory Travel and Health Insurance Schemes.

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- Drivers preferred but not essential
- Competitive rates of pay

For more information and to apply please contact our Friendly team at our Oban Branch on 01631 562422 (Monday – Friday 9am-5pm)



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info@oes-group.co.uk
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Please send full CV's for either position to Angus MacPherson, Managing Director, OES Ltd
Closing Date Friday 1st February 2013



Seasonal Full Time and Part time Cleaner required for busy Fort William holiday park, must have previous experience, driving license and be able to work Saturdays as part of their weekly hours. The successful applicant will be able to work as part of a team and keep to a rigid timeframe. They will be physically fit, friendly and hard working, references will be required as will an immediate start.
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Tel. (01397) 772376 for more information, or email relax@linnhe-lochside-holidays.co.uk



The Beaches & Marine Litter Project is looking for a part-time, temporary Argyll & Bute Beach Forum Events Co-ordinator
14 hours a week
(flexible term-time working may be possible)
Salary is £20,457 (pro-rata),
This post is fully funded by
The Crown Estate until April 2015

This post will be based in our Oban Office located in Lorn House, Albany Street. However, the post covers the whole of Argyll, so a full clean driving licence and the use of your own car would be essential.

Please contact Julie Fairbrass on 01631 569174, or email julie.fairbrass@grab.org.uk for a full Job Description and Application Form. Closing date for applications – Tuesday 29th January 2013. Interviews for this post will take place during week commencing 4th February.



Vacancy: Site Manager

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Relevant experience of seawater production is essential. All duties must be carried out in a consistent manner and to a high standard that will comply with all Food Hygiene, Health & Safety and Environmental legislation as well as Welfare recommendations. Qualifications such as Sea Survival and First Aid are essential.

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All applications should be sent by 21 January 2013 to:
Vicci Laird, Human Resources Manager, Meridian Salmon Ltd, Crowness Point, Hatston Industrial Estate, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1RG.
Electronic applications welcomed – vicci.laird@northernissalmon.com
For further information please call: 07747 840 052

Dochas Carers Centre Carer's Assessment / Information Support Worker

(Mid-Argyll, Kintyre & Isles / Oban, Lorn & the Isles)

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- An SVQ or equivalent Professional qualification
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- Require flexible working hours
- Computer literate

It is essential you have previous experience of speaking with and providing information or advice to vulnerable and/or disadvantaged people and have used assessment or evaluation tools to prepare reports. You must also be able to plan, organise, prioritise and administer your own workload to meet deadlines.

The days and hours worked are flexible and regular home working may be possible. You must be able to travel independently throughout Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles/Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

Closing date for applications is Friday 1 February 2013, 4.00 pm.

For further information and an application pack, please contact Maggie McLaren, Centre Manager at 01546 600 022 or Email enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk

ARGYLL & BUTE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Patient Adviser

Salary: £20,520 pro rata + 6% pension
Hours: 21 per week,
Based: Lochgilphead

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The Patient Adviser will provide advice and information to clients in the local Health Board area, support bureau volunteers, carry out marketing and liaise with external organisations.

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Scottish Charity Number SC030477



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Essential skills will include several years' fish farming experience and a sound understanding of fish husbandry, biology and welfare. Leadership skills combined with strong interpersonal, communication, organisational and planning skills, as well as the ability to motivate and achieve results through the success of others are some of the attributes also required for this post.

In addition, applicants should have a full driving licence and should be prepared to undertake travel as required.

In return the successful candidate will benefit from a highly competitive salary package and bonus. Assistance with relocation will also be available, if required.

Informal enquires can be addressed to Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.

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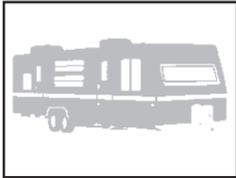
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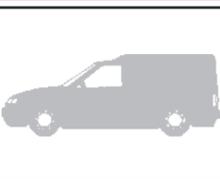


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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



BROWN

Fraser and Emmeline are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Frederick (Freddie) Andrew Alexander, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow on January 13, 2013.



GRUNEWALD - DALBY

Ian and Abby are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Logan, on January 12, 2013. First grandchild for Joanna and Steven and first great grandchild for Harry and Marion. A huge special thank you to the midwives at Mid Argyll Hospital.



MCSPORRAN

Neil and Rhona are delighted to announce the birth of Niamh Kara, on November 30, 2012. A gorgeous wee sister for Hannah, Rhian, Sophie and Hayley. With thanks to all midwives, and Campbeltown and Southern General hospitals.



WESCHE - GREEN

Nathan and Julie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, James Graham, on January 12, 2013, at Peel Maternity Hospital, Mandurah, Western Australia. All well.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER—Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on January 9, 2013, Peter Alexander (Peatsie), in his 51st year, 7 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of

Nancy Murray and a loving brother of Sharon. Funeral private.

CUNNINGHAM – Peacefully, at Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 14, 2013, Alexander Huie Cunningham (Sandy), in his 83rd year, formerly of Park Square, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Barbara Cunningham and a much loved brother and uncle. Service in the Salvation Army Citadel, Campbeltown, on Friday, January 18 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

JOHNSTON – Peacefully at home, Kinloch Villa, Longrow, Campbeltown, on January 14, 2013, Isabella Jack Shanks, in her 90th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Johnston and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

KERR – Peacefully, at Derby County Hospital, on January 11, 2013, Archie, second son of the late Edward and Mary Kerr.

MACLEAN – On January 10, 2013, suddenly at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Violet Colston Anderson Maclean, née Davidson, in her 66th year, beloved wife of Hugh Maclean and much loved mother of Lesley Ann and Lindsay Jane, dearly loved sister of Janet, Jessie, Agnes and George, and cherished gran of Amanda. Funeral services were held at Tarbert Free Church, on Wednesday, January 16, and Kilmaccolm Old Kirk, on Thursday, January 17, interment thereafter at Houston Cemetery, Renfrewshire.

ORGAN – On January 14, 2013, Arthur Frederick Organ, aged 88 years, husband of Jean, father to Robin and Rupert and grandfather to various grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service at Christ Church, Lochgilphead, on Wednesday, January 23, at 11.00am. Cremation service thereafter at Cardross Crematorium, arriving 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, or donations to RNLI.

RAMSAY – Peacefully, after a long illness, in the Lynne of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch, Colina (Lena) Ramsay, aged 84 years, formerly of 5 Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig and Island of Islay, dear sister of Margaret and Katie. A much loved aunt to all the family, a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, January 18, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please.

SAYERS – Peacefully, at Eastwood Court Nursing Home, Giffnock, on January 15, 2013, in her 98th year, Jessie (Bill) Sayers, beloved wife of the late Hamish Sayers, loved and loving mum of Eve and Jacky, mum-in-law to Donald and George, much

loved gramma of Tracy, Julie, Amy and Abigail and great gramma to Hamish and Magnus. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar on Monday, January 21 at 3.00pm, to which all family and friends are invited. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Campbeltown Branch of the British Red Cross.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FOGGIN – Teresa Foggin thanks all doctors, nurses and care workers who cared for her husband, Walter, prior to his recent death and to neighbours for the many phone calls, lovely cards, letters and care she has received since. All greatly appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

HARKNESS – In loving memory of a dear husband and dad, Chris, who died January 20, 2000.

The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- From his loving wife Ellen and daughter Tina.

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.

MACLELLAN – Treasured memories of our parents and grandparents, Norman, died January 10, 1990 and Isabella, died January 17, 2008.

Forever in our thoughts.

- Norma, Alex and boys, Alistair and family.

MCKERRAL – In loving memory of my beloved husband, Alistair, who died on January 17, 2012.

Though his smile is gone forever

And his hand I cannot touch

I still have so many memories

Of the one I love so much His memory is my keepsake

With which I'll never part God has him in his keeping

I have him in my heart.

Sadly missed, but never forgotten.

- Jean x.

MCKERRAL – Remembering a loving dad and granda, who died January 17, 2012.

Always in our thoughts.

- Andrew, Alistair, Marie, Jamie, Scott and Nicola.

WARDROP – On January 16, 2011, Robert, a dearest husband, dad, granda and great granda.

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- Helen and family.

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Rev Philip Burroughs
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Tuesday, 22nd January
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Friday, 25th January
Lunch Club- 12:00 noon

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10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
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1.30pm Home League

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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Primary 1 – 5 6pm – 7pm
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Riding club top shots

ARGYLL Riding Club members swapped their saddles for shotguns last Sunday when they enjoyed an afternoon of clay pigeon shooting.

Organised and run by Tarbert Gun Club, the 28 members, their partners and friends braved the rain and cold weather to enjoy instruction on the sport of shooting at Barmore Shooting Ground near Tarbert.

After learning about the safety of shooting, the crowd of equestrians were able to have a go themselves under the watchful eye of Tarbert Gun Club's instructors.

The group was then split into six teams to pit themselves against each other.

After a good few hours shooting, the winning team was declared 'Cold n Wet' – captained by Ross Blackwell.

As the rain eased for a short while, the shooters then individually stepped up to have a



Argyll Riding Club Clay Pigeon Winners 2013: From left: Jo Smith, Jenny Sutherland, Catriona Wilson, Andrew Barr, Ross Blackwell, Iain Smith, David Sutherland and David Harris.

go at the knockout competition. With a closely fought contest between Stephen Dunlop and Iain Smith, Iain was crowned the eventual winner.

Argyll Riding Club would like to thank Tarbert Gun Club for their hospitality, patience and organisation of the day.

Results: Winning Team: 'Cold n Wet' – Ross Blackwell, Jenny Sutherland, David Sutherland, Catriona Wilson, Andrew Barr and Iain Smith. Winning Ladies' High Gun: Jo Smith. Winning Men's High Gun: David Sutherland and David Harris. Knockout Competition: Iain Smith.



Ladies high gun winner, Jo Smith, in action under the watchful eye of Tarbert Gun Club instructor, Norman MacDonald.

Cameron nearly gets it right!

KENNY Cameron has found that his predictions tend to be more accurate when he uses snow-globes rather than the traditional crystal ball. This week he predicted that it would snow, that he would win and that he would be surrounded by wise men as he collected his prize in a byre.

He got some of it right as there was snow on the hills but he collected his prize for second place in the locker room which is colder than a byre and the players who surrounded him were not wise after playing eighteen holes in the cold.

Keith Cowan is through to the semi-finals of the knockout cup and, as he has won twice before, he has got to be a contender.

He needs a new golf buggy as the wheel keeps falling off (sabotage suspected but not proven) and he might need to go to America to find a suitable replacement which is up to the task (anti tamper alarm

required).

Ross won again but was in a foul mood. Hypothermia was making it very difficult for him to remain calm. It is alright when he is playing golf but the cold really started to bite when he was reading out the scores. How he misses his burnt soup on a day like this.

David Sinclair had a long list of bad luck stories to explain his defeat to Keith in the knockout cup but as none of the players were the least bit interested, he had to just shake Keith's hand and say well done through clenched teeth.

Tommy Angus did not play today as the lure of white water rafting on the river Spey was too much for him but he should be back next week.

John Downie was nearest the pin at the ninth hole but went home soon afterwards.

He is suffering from duffitis which is an ailment that has symptoms such as hitting the ball at right angles, miss-

ing very short putts and loosing lots and lots of golfballs. The only cure is early retirement and buying a new car but as he has already tried that he should consider dressmaking as an alternative to golf.

Raymond Flanagan and Grant MacDougall have both been cured of duffitis using alternative therapies at the Spa at the Carrick. They have plasma televisions and free toiletries in their locker room as well as central heating, it must be really boring.

Simon Taylor has now played well for several weeks. When he was struggling you did not get annoyed by his massive handicap - in fact you would have been happy to give him more to put a smile on his face. Now he is smiling all the time and it is getting annoying.

Results: 10. R Sinclair, 9. K Cameron, 8. A MacAulay, 7. S Taylor, 6. K Cowan, 5. R Flanagan, 4. G MacDougall, 3. D Sinclair, 2. L Hardman, 1. J Downie.



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No crowning glory for Red Star in Coronation Cup

RED STAR crashed out of the Coronation Cup on Saturday after a heavy defeat playing away to East Kilbride.

The visitors never got going at all in the first half and found themselves 4-0 down at the interval after a very disjointed first half.

Star adapted better to the 4G surface in the second half and the contest was much more even but the damage was already done. East Kilbride scored twice more in the second half in between which Meikle grabbed Star's only goal of the game on an otherwise forgetful afternoon. The defeat in the second round of the cup is a hard pill to swallow as the local lads brought the Coronation Cup home to Lochgilphead less than 12 months ago.

Red Star will have to improve drastically before tomorrow's (Saturday's) match against Caledonian Premier side Giffnock North. The game, which kicks off at Ropework Park at 2pm, is the third round of the West of Scotland Cup.

Primary school badminton

YOUNGSTERS armed with racquets and an appetite for sport will be descending on Campbelltown's Victoria Hall next week as the Argyll and Bute Primary Badminton Championships get under way.

Kicking off on January 26 at 11am, the event is open to all primary six and seven pupils who attend schools in the county. Winners of the competition will be eligible to compete in the Scottish Schools Championships to be held later in the year.

Entry forms are available from schools and should be returned to area organiser Anne Littleton by Monday. Anne can be contacted on 01583 421421

Doull double gives Dookers all three points

Scottish Amateur
League
Division 1A
**Tarbert 2
Millbeg 1**

YOUNG prodigies playing for Tarbert AFC impressed at Cil Andres on Saturday, earning three points and an elevated league position for the Loch Fyne team.

Blighted by injury and

absenteeism, Tarbert's interim manager Bruce MacNab gave young players a chance to impress when the side took on Millbeg FC.

The home team came flying out of the blocks and for the first 10 minutes Millbeg hardly got a touch. The pace and passing between the Tarbert midfield and for-

wards was causing havoc, with numerous opportunities being made without a goal arriving.

But Tarbert were not to be denied and finally opened the scoring on 20 minutes after a lovely move up the left hand side.

A quick throw by keeper Martin found the left back Elliott. He ran half the length of the park before squaring to Stuart in the middle, who played in MacConnachie on the left. His low cross found Doull at the back post and he tapped in from six yards.

A close miss by Doull two minutes later seemed to spur on the visiting team which started to see more of the ball.

Millbeg enjoyed numerous corners but the Tarbert defence, which was well marshalled by team captain Craig Martin, held firm.

However, this changed after 35 minutes when Ronald made a very un-



David 'Sprocket' Ronald takes on Millbeg's big centre half. a03foot01

characteristic error and gave the ball away in the right back position, allowing the Millbeg forward a simple finish from 10 yards.

Free kick

Millbeg almost took the lead shortly after when a well struck free kick from 25 yards hit the Tarbert bar, so it was a relieved Tarbert side that reached half time level at 1-1.

The away side piled on the pressure in the second half but failed to breach the Tarbert defence. The midfield and forwards also performed well, using their pace

to hit Millbeg on the counter. This however also played against the youthful team as they were frequently caught offside.

Despite a missed chance Doull never let his head go down and two minutes later a lovely diagonal pass from MacConnachie over the Millbeg defence saw Doull race in on goal and he produced a great

finish as he lobbed the keeper from 12 yards to give the Dookers the lead in the match.

The referee brought the game to an end and with no failures in the home team, Tarbert deserved the win. The young players showed exactly what they are capable of.

More of the same will be needed next week when another three points are a must.



Young Kasper Krawczyk runs down the Millbeg midfield. a03foot02

Good home win for the Under 16s

IT WAS a triumphant day for Red Star under 16s on Sunday as the local lads defeated 2012 league leaders Allander Colts in front of a home crowd at Ropework Park.

Playing their first game of 2013, Star took a few minutes to get going after the Christmas break in what they imagined to be a very tough game.

The opening goal came in the 19th minute from a McCallum free kick that deflected off the wall and deceived Reid in the Allander goal, who could not hold the ball

as it crept over the line.

The away keeper made amends making a good save when Deans pounced on a loose ball in the box to fire in a snapshot. The defence cleared as Coates and Mahaffey looked to profit on the rebound.

The second half started in much the same fashion as both teams looked to score the vital next goal. This came in the 65th minute when Deans picked up the ball on the left and cut inside and passed the ball to Moore who unleashed a powerful shot from outside

the box that beat the despairing dive from Reid in goal.

Any thoughts that the points were in the bag were soon forgotten as Allander were awarded a penalty that they duly scored, after an unfortunate handball in the box from Moore.

Red Star restored their two goal advantage three minutes later when Hendry found space in the right hand side of the box to shoot low past the keeper to make it 3-1.

The final goal came near the end of the game when Hendry's first time

lay off found Whitefield on the left hand side of the box, who produced a tremendous shot of power and accuracy into the far corner of the net.

Manager of the team Brian Deans said: 'This is a welcome three points that at times the team had to dig deep to produce. The final score was a touch on the flattering side, but the quality of the goals could not be disputed.'

Star take on old adversaries Helensburgh's Ardencaple tomorrow (Saturday) in an away game.



Kyle Doull on his way to scoring Tarbert's winning goal and his second goal of the game. 06_a03foot03

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