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Sean greets the men who 'saved his life' as they came off the boat on Wednesday evening, (L-R) Deckhand Durroch Fulton, Skipper Mark Sheldrick and Sean Taylor. Inset: Sean and Natasha are looking forward to the arrival of their baby which as Natasha says 'will hopefully be here by the time people are reading this'.

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Crewmates saved my life

'I don't know if I can face going back to work'

REPORT BY

by EDEL KENEALY

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SORE EARS, a little breathlessness and a stiff knee – the only ailments Tarbert fisherman Sean Taylor is suffering after a horrifying eight-minute ordeal 50 metres underwater after being dragged overboard.

Just three weeks after the accident, which left him in intensive care, Sean says he is 'getting back to his old self'.

Sean was shooting a line of creels aboard the Blue Angel, as he had done hundreds of times before, when his foot got caught on a rope.

The 21-year-old was pulled from the boat and plunged 50 metres beneath the water.

Only the quick actions of skipper Mark Sheldrick and fellow crew member Durroch Fulton, who pulled Sean back on board, saved his life.

'I don't remember what happened, said Sean. 'It's strange, I can't remember the accident or anything from that first week.'

Natasha MacNaughton, Sean's partner of three years and mum-to-be, remembers that week very well. Describing the first time she saw Sean after the accident, in intensive

care, Natasha said it was horrible.

'There were lots of machines and tubes and bleeping and noises. The machines kept bleeping and flashing which really freaked me out because I didn't know what they were doing.'

Sean was heavily sedated for the first week in hospital, doctors giving his body time to rest before waking him.

As the effect of the sedatives wore off, Sean began to recognise his family around him. 'It was so good to see him respond,' Natasha said.

'He would squeeze my hand or do a thumbs up. He knew who we all were and understood what we were saying.'

Sean was in hospital for just over 10 days, getting home to Tarbert on January 17. Those close to him were amazed at his speedy recovery.

Having been home for just one week Sean returned to the Blue Angel.

'I didn't know if I could ever go back on a boat,' he said.

'I wanted to get it over with. I came down on Monday and I had butterflies in my tummy. I didn't go out, I just stepped on and had a look around.'

Skipper of the Blue Angel, Mark Sheldrick, said: 'Once we got him on to the helicopter I just prayed for him and got everyone I knew praying for him.'

Agreeing Sean's quick recovery was a miracle Natasha added: 'Both Sean and I, and our families, are very grateful to Mark and his family in Germany and the Netherlands and all of those people who kept us in their prayers. It certainly paid off.'

Looking to the future Sean said: 'I do want to go back but I don't know if I can face it. I really would like to as I enjoyed the job and Mark is a great boss. I'm alright but when I think about being back in the water it's scary.'

With their first child five days overdue Sean and Natasha are more mindful of the dangers of working at sea. Natasha said: 'When I was waiting in the hospital I was thinking this is not just my boyfriend but the father of my child.'

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Jo Garner, from Tayvallich, told Mr Rice that she was particularly concerned about the state of the roads in Argyll and Bute. 06_a04rice01

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Labour candidate pays a visit to Lochgilphead

SHOPPERS in Lochgilphead got more than they bargained for on Saturday afternoon as Argyll and Bute Labour candidate Mick Rice canvassed for votes.

The Dunoon man, who says he wants fairness for all, said he believes Lochgilphead economy is particularly vulnerable given that half of the jobs in the area are reliant on the public sector. He said Argyll and Bute Council's proposed compulsory redundancies would hit the town hard.

But Mr Rice said that Scottish Labour Party would like to see the pace of change slow down until the economy recovers.

Speaking of his vision for the future of Argyll and Bute the prospective MSP said he wanted more government support to help small businesses grow. 'Small businesses are the biggest employer outside the public services in Mid Argyll but the government has cut grant aid to them. I want to see that change,' he said. 'I want the government to work with the banks to guarantee funds for small businesses.'

Following the announcement that the education maintenance allowance would be cut Mr Rice said he wanted to see more financial support for young people undertaking training and apprenticeships.

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GRADUATION



Graduated from Stirling University with a BSC in adult nursing. Amanda Louise Kerr – Daughter of John and Morag, North Connel and granddaughter of Willie and the late Flora Kerr North Connel and Gillian and the late Stewart McKenzie formerly of Furnace.

Police Files Breach

A THIRTY-two year old male was arrested for an alleged breach of the peace on January 18.

Lochgilphead police officers came upon a disturbance on Lochnell Street at 9.25pm when they were on foot patrol around the town. They found the man shouting and swearing.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Careless driving

A WOMAN has been charged with careless driving after being involved in an accident on the A83 on January 20.

The woman, aged 34, was driving on the Tarbert to Campbeltown road when her car collided with another vehicle near Kennacraig.

The Campbeltown resident suffered minor injuries and was taken to the Mid Argyll Community Hospital. She has since been released.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Disturbance

POLICE officers were called to a disturbance on Garvel Road in Tarbert last Friday evening at 6.25pm where they found a 55-year-old male in breach of the peace.

The man was arrested and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Possession of cannabis

A GLASGOW man was found in possession of cannabis on Friday night after police officers stopped a car travelling on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road.

Officers found a small quantity of the drug when they searched the passenger in the car, which was stopped near Kilmartin.

The 31-year-old male was charged and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Teenager charged

A LOCHGILPHEAD teenager has been charged with a breach of the peace after police were called to a disturbance at a housing estate on Lochnell Street.

Police were called to the scene at 12.50am on Sunday morning but the boy had left the area. He was later found and arrested.

One of the best B&B's in Scotland

From a nuclear submarine to an Inveraray B&B Howard Spicer is enjoying being his own boss

AN INVERRAY man is this week celebrating a successful career change after learning that his luxury bed and breakfast has been named one of the best in Scotland.

Howard Spicer, proprietor of Rudha Na Craige B&B, has said that his four star gold award from Visit Scotland is well worth giving up life on the ocean waves.

Howard, who worked as an

engineer with the Royal Navy for 32 years, spent most of his career travelling the world on nuclear submarines.

But for the last four years Howard, together with his wife Susan, has been changing bed linen and serving breakfast for guests at his B&B in Argyll's Royal Burgh.

Restored by the couple in 2006 Rudha Na Craige, the red house on the rock, was built in

1864 by the Duke of Argyll.

Requisitioned by the Admiralty during the war years, when Loch Fyne was used for naval training, Rudha Na Craige, like it's owner, has a long history with the navy.

Hard Work

Howard's hard work restoring the Victorian mansion paid off this month when Rudha Na Craige was placed in the top one and a half percent of

all four star listed B&Bs in Scotland.

Howard said: 'What a fantastic Christmas present this was. It was totally unexpected because the Visit Scotland judge, when he revealed himself to us at the end of his stay, didn't tell us that he was putting us forward for the gold star award.'

The award, introduced by VisitScotland in 2009, high-



Howard Spicer is delighted with his VisitScotland four-star gold award. 06_a04gold01.

lights businesses that strive to exceed customer expectations.

Reflecting on the last four years at the helm of the busy B&B Howard said: 'What a life change it has been. I have always enjoyed meeting people. The navy allowed me

to meet some amazing people from all over the world but now these people come to me. We are meeting some lovely people and if we can give them a home from home then I have achieved all that I wanted to do.'

'Not everyone will like the revised school closures, but at least they will be informed'

THE REVISED proposal on school closures may not be popular but will be informed, according to Argyll and Bute Council's education spokeswoman Councillor Ellen Morton.

Councillor Morton has been visiting schools throughout the county to hear the concerns of parents and teachers ahead of the new list of proposed school closures being drawn up.

The previous school closures proposal was rubbished by many parent councils, who pointed out a number of inaccuracies in the document, such as school travel distances and occupancy rates. The council voted to delay the consultation while a new document was compiled under a new council administration.

Speaking to the Argyllshire Advertiser at Furnace Primary School, where she was joined by Councillor

Alison Hay, Ms Morton said: 'The response we have had from people has been very positive. The previous education spokesperson did not visit all these schools, so we are trying to evaluate by seeing and listening.'

Minard, Kilmichael Glassary, Achahoish, Lochgilphead, Kilmartin and Craignish were the other Mid Argyll schools visited by both councillors.

Pointing out the initial proposals were brought out under the previous administration, Ms Morton added: 'Whatever proposals come forward will be informed, having considered things like travel distances. I have been driving many of the routes myself.'

'Not everyone will like the proposals, but at least they will know they were informed.'

Councillor Hay sought the approval of the council's director of education before visiting the schools in her capacity as Liberal Democrats prospective parliamentary candidate for Argyll and Bute.

She said: 'The parent councils we spoke to didn't think anyone at the council was listening to them.'

Councillor Isobel Strong, the previous spokeswoman for education, said she regularly visited schools but did not do so in the build up to the proposed closures document going public. She added: 'There was a feeling that if I had visited the schools they would think they were going on the closures list.'



Councillors Ellen Morton and Alison Hay at Furnace Primary School. 06_a04morton01

Greenock men plead not guilty to stealing quad bike

A POLICE officer, who stopped a man for a minor traffic offence last week, soon discovered he was dealing with an alleged theft after a search of the vehicle revealed the driver and his passenger had taken a quad bike.

The bike, taken from a premise at Kilmory Industrial Estate, had not been reported stolen but a quick in-

quiry revealed the bike was missing.

The two men, from Greenock, aged 21 and 55, were stopped when driving a van on the A83 near Port Ann.

The men, both named James McWaters, pled not guilty when they appeared before Dunoon Sheriff Court on Monday. A trial has been scheduled for May 25.

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‘Have your say on how to improve our town’

REPORT

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A GROUP of Lochgilphead residents, dedicated to making the town a better place to live, is calling on locals to help them regenerate the area.

The Phoenix Project, set up in 2009 by residents worried about the state of the town, is asking people living and working in the area how they would like to see Lochgilphead improved.

Members of the organisation are conducting a survey next week to identify priorities and key concerns.

Volunteers will be at number 15 Lochneil Street (the old ASet office) on January 31 and February 1 encouraging people to fill in a questionnaire. It will consist of 10 questions asking people their views on areas such as the front green and the approaches to the town.

When the survey is completed, it will be sent away for analysis and the community's priorities identified.



The Stag Hotel, which dominates Argyll street, closed two years ago and has fallen into a state of disrepair. Residents consider it an eye sore in the town. 06_a04stag02

Chairwoman of the Phoenix Project Jane MacDonald said: ‘Lochgilphead is a fantastic place to live in, our surroundings are beautiful but in recent years the town itself has started to look a little shabby.’

‘I want to give people a sense of pride in where they come from,’ she added.

‘People need to get passionate about their town and look after it.’

‘Many rural towns through-

out Scotland have been completely decimated; I don't want that to happen to Lochgilphead. The time for action is now.’

Councillor Dougie Philand said: ‘I think this is a unique opportunity for Lochgilphead folk to voice their opinions. Tarbert and Ardrishaig have both launched regeneration projects in the last few years and Lochgilphead has an opportunity to do the same.’

‘If the phoenix project canvasses public opinion it can then start to draw up a development plan and seek funding.’

The last public survey carried out in Lochgilphead was in 1995 and recent research carried out by the Phoenix Project indicates people are concerned about the town approaches, the backlands, the front green, the loch front, the Ebb and clock lodge.

Learning from best practice

PEOPLE in community projects across Argyll are being offered the opportunity to learn from the other rural groups which have been successful in staging community enterprises.

The Scottish National Rural Network is organising a series of events to give people in Argyll the chance to visit a project that is

working towards similar goals to their own.

The events, which take place in March and April, focus on five themes – environment and renewable energy, tourism, food and drink, village halls and community buildings and community enterprise.

For more information log on to www.ruralgateway.org.uk.

UXB turned out to be metal tube

A METAL object found on the shores of Loch Fyne, believed to be an unexploded bomb from World War II, has turned out to be a false alarm.

Police officers were called to the scene, a few miles outside of Tarbert, just before 2pm on Monday, to

examine the device after it was discovered by a woman walking in the area.

Bomb disposal experts confirmed that the metal cylinder was just a tube that had been washed up on the beach after Argyll police officers emailed pictures of the object.

Care charity's collection dates

CHRISTIAN care charity Blythwood has announced the Mid Argyll dates for its Round Scotland Collections.

Charity collections will take place on Wednesdays in the charity's shop and the car park in Tarbert (12.30pm - 1.30pm), Lorne Lorry Park in Lochgilphead (2pm - 4pm), the layby off the Manse in Furnace

4.30pm - 5pm) and the lorry park in Inveraray (5.15pm - 5.30pm).

The charity will take clothing, household goods, small furniture, books and other similar items.

The next collection date will be February 9, followed March 9.

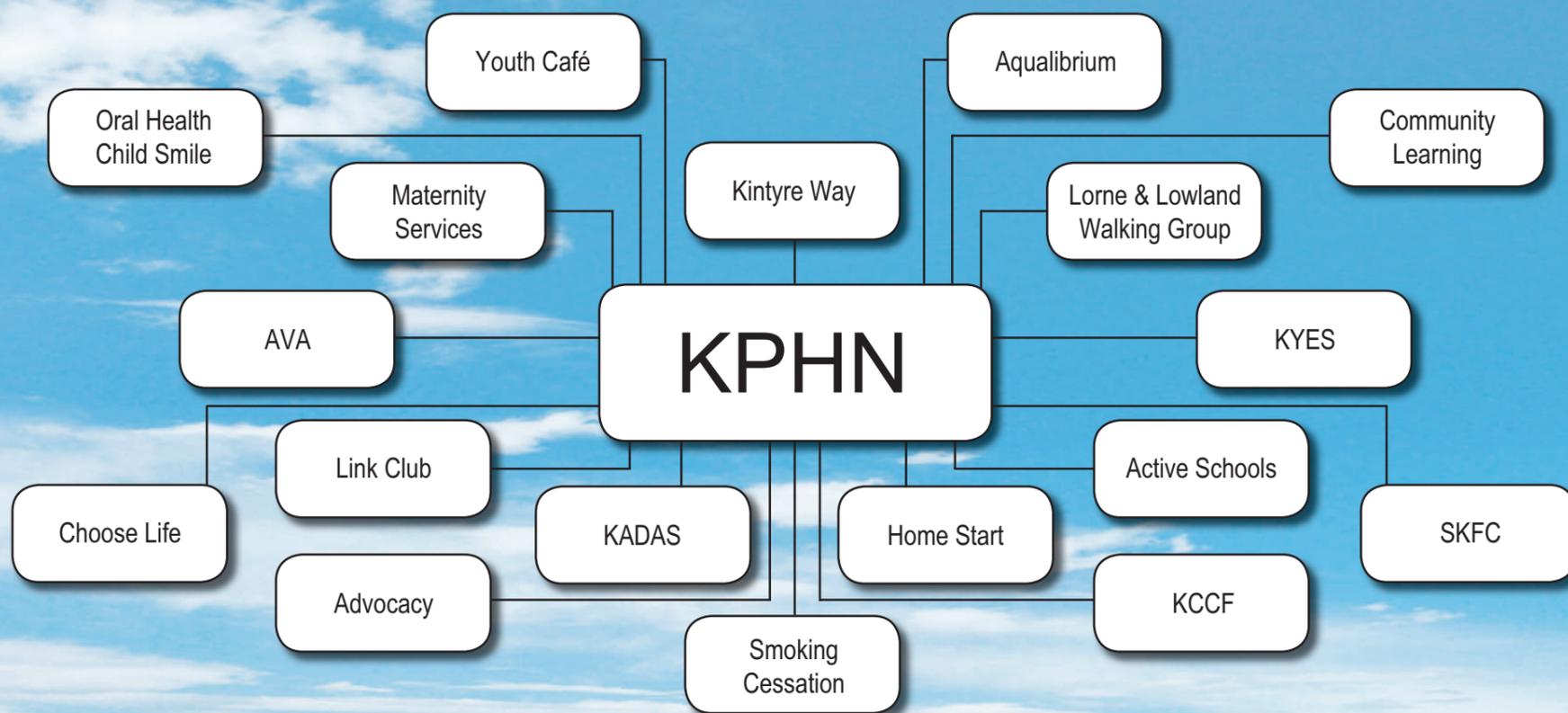
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Children from Ardrishaig, Kilmartin, Craignish, Tayvallich and Inveraray primary schools enjoyed a master class with Scottish Opera pianist Roger Glass
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Scottish Orchestra holds a children's masterclass workshop

PRIMARY school children across Mid Argyll were this week treated to a master class workshop with a member of the Scottish Orchestra.

Pianist Roger Glass spent Monday at Ardrishaig Primary School where pupils from Kilmartin, Craignish, Tayvallich and Inveraray primaries gathered to learn more about the performing arts.

Children from Lochgilphead, Minard, Furnace Glassary, Ashfield and Achahoish primaries then enjoyed a sing along on Tuesday.

Wider Project

The workshops are part of a wider project, which will see the children stage a concert with the help of a team of arts education specialists and

performers from the national Orchestra in February.

The opera, Scotland, *Our Scotland*, which features a host of colourful costumes and props includes songs *Fit Like?*, *Looking Good* and *Heart of the Dream*.

Head teacher at Kilmartin Primary School Fiona Johnson, who organised the event, said: 'This is a great way of bringing the children from the various schools together. It gives the children, especially the primary seven students preparing for secondary school, an opportunity to work alongside their peers and get to know children from other schools.'

The children are really excited. Scottish Orchestra has

already sent us songs to learn as part of the education pack so the children are working really hard on that.'

Education manager at Scottish Opera Audrey Blake said: 'Scottish Opera has been doing road shows all over the country for the last 39 years.'

Confidence

We create a different show each year, which we bring to the schools for children to perform. The workshops show children how to work as a team and gives them confidence, whilst having fun.'

The opera workshops are designed to work as part of the Curriculum for Excellence, and help deliver core elements like literacy, citizenship and technologies.

No change in Jobseekers claimants

THE number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance in Argyll and Bute has not changed in the last year.

Figures released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that 1,734 people aged between 16-64 in the council ward were on the dole as of November 11, 2010, just over three per cent of the population. While the number of men claiming the benefit in the last year dropped by 37, the exact same number of women made new claims.

Meanwhile, unemployment fell by a total of 5,000 throughout Scotland, while unemployment throughout the UK as a whole increased.

Total employment in Scotland increased by 17,000 during the three months to October 2010 - a rise of 0.3 percentage points, and the fifth consecutive reported increase in Scotland's employment rate.

Kilmartin House Museum holds consultation with local people

MORE SPACE was the main response when Mid Argyll folk were asked how Kilmartin House Museum could be improved.

Kilmartin residents descended on the museum last Thursday to take part in a consultation event aimed at finding out what they would like to see change at the museum, which sits in the heart of the village.

A team of experts with a track record in developing museums and tourism attractions, together with architects, met with members of the community to identify potential areas for development within the grounds of the museum.

Paul Jardine, director of Jura Consultants, the company charged with carrying out a development study on the museum, said three main concerns were identified during the consultation:

- A need to retain the Glebe Cairn Restaurant as it is
- Increased space for workshops and educational activities
- A flexible space suitable for temporary exhibitions at the museum.

Residents also raised concerns about the impact any development would have on the conservation area.

Mr Jardine said: 'We do not underestimate the challenges that a conservation area presents and we will work closely with the relevant authorities in gaining the necessary permissions for a development.'

He added: 'Any development proposed needs to be sensitive and appropriate to the surrounding landscape.'

Argyll and Bute prepare for 2011 Census

A TEAM of more than 100 people is preparing to carry out the 2011 census in Argyll and Bute as part of Scotland's biggest population count.

The 107 census takers will spend the coming months distributing and gathering census questionnaires.

The census is the only survey to ask people all the same questions at the same time.

The information gathered measures the size of the population and forms statistics about peoples age, health

and life style.

The census informs the planning of health, education and transport services as well as business investment and retail opportunities throughout Scotland.

Householders will be able to fill in their census questionnaire online in English or Gaelic for the first time.

For assistance completing census forms call the census helpline on 0300 123 1702 or log onto www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk

Job information club reforms

SUPPORT for unemployed people will once again be available in Lochgilphead as the Mid Argyll Job Information Club reforms.

Information on job hunting, CV writing and college courses will be available as well as advice on improving numeracy, literacy and computer skills.

Assistance in accessing benefits and support available to the unemployed will also be offered at the club.

The club will meet on Friday January 28 between 10am and midday.

Community Service

AN ARDRISHAIG man, who lapsed back into drug use, was given community service at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

Graham Alan Leith, 31, of Seaside Park, Ardrishaig, admitted possessing 1.9gm of diamorphine worth £60 after his car had been stopped by police. Taking into account Leith's early guilty plea, Sheriff Eric Brown sentenced him to 80 hours community service, reduced from 120 hours.

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Those Were The Days

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Outcry over new prices for 'leaky' hall

NEW charges introduced by Argyll and Bute District Council for those wishing to use what has been described as a leaky, cold and scruffy village hall have been condemned by Dunadd Community Council.

The building in question is the Lachlan Miller Hall in Kilmichael Glassary and, despite repeated requests from the community council and other groups and organisations that it is upgraded, the hall remains a source of embarrassment to all concerned and a millstone around the neck of the District Council.

Untreated sewage causes concern

THERE is growing concern among many Tarbert residents at the prospect of yet another summer of untreated sewage contaminating the village's harbour area.

At the height of the tourist season, as many as 50 sailing craft are berthed at the pontoons in Tarbert harbour at any one time, and in the course of the season, up to 5,000 yachts frequent the area.

The only public toilet facilities available to visitors are situated on the opposite side of the bay, a journey which crews are reluctant to make after dark.

Thirty minute cut to drinking time

TIME will be called 30 minutes earlier in bars throughout Argyll as a result of the response of the Lorne, Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Licensing Board to a request from the Scottish Office.

That request, because of complaints of late night drinking, has prompted the divisional board to rule that, in future, drinking will stop at 1am, not 1.30am as had been the case.

The new limit will cover 159 bars, hotels, clubs and licensed restaurants throughout the area, including 34 premises in Oban, 22 in Campbeltown and six in Lochgilphead.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



I THINK Jesus would have loved living in Kintyre!

You may think this a strange statement and wonder how I come to this conclusion.

Well, when I think of all the hospitality that is the hallmark of this community, I think Jesus would feel really at home.

I think he would love to sit by the fire with us on a dreich morning looking across Campbeltown Loch eating warm scones, as stories are told of days gone by.

I think he would love to sit round a table on a cold winter's night when friends invite us to share food as well as friendship.

I think Jesus would be delighted to take part in the informal songs and ceilidhs that happen spontaneously on the west coast.

I think he would enjoy the fun and the laughter when people gather with no other reason than to be in each other's company.

I think he would enjoy the company of those who would bring the gift of friendship into our own homes, and who would be at our door at the first sign of trouble.

I think he would enjoy the exuberance of the children's visits, which leave us exhausted, but all the richer for the blessing of their company.

Jesus was the great 'seanchai' or storyteller, and I think he would so enjoy the stories from the folks here who have such wonderful tales within them.

I'm sure he would relate to the story of the sheep that were lost in the big snow, or the time the boat had to bring supplies to a snowbound Southend, or the time the flash floods washed away fences and gates and fields at Muasdale.

We know from scripture that Jesus loved being with people that he rebuked those who failed to show hospitality and welcome, and that he told a good story.

I think Jesus would love Kintyre.

Argyll Road Speak

Sir,

Long spells of severe frost for the second winter running must be a real nightmare for highways authorities everywhere, no matter how good the previous condition of their roads.

In Argyll the worst damage is to stretches of road that were in a poor state before the frosts, but – as most of the bad sections of the A83 trunk road have been resurfaced in recent years – it's the council maintained 'A' roads that have suffered most.

As you report, the council is busy patching the worst damage, but I wonder if it realises just how much it alienates drivers by seeming to be in denial about the state of the roads?

Putting 'temporary road surface' signs at the most badly damaged stretches might seem to councillors and roads managers to be efficient use of existing resources – signs intended for use during resurfacing work – but in fact it is nonsensical use of existing resources as the potholes and broken tarmac are NOT 'temporary surfaces' – they're not surfaces at all.

The main roads are so badly damaged in some places that they deserve proper and systematic provision of clear warning signs. Between Lochgilphead and Oban there are some vicious potholes (usually on bends, and thus unavoidable) as well as considerable stretches of severe damage between the Cairnbaan road end and Killinoc-honoch. These places desperately need signing, unless the council intend to fix all the problems overnight.

To be driving after dark, on a rainy night when the road damage is difficult to see, and to find other traffic overtaking where you would ideally move out to avoid the worst of the damage (assuming you know the road) – and to be subjected to a complete absence of warning signs – doesn't encourage sympathy for the roads management.

Surely the council is leaving itself, and us, open to real danger and massive financial penalties if it neglects to take reasonable care to warn drivers of severe surface damage;

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negligence would be difficult to deny.

What would a few dozen 'Danger – Surface Damaged' signs cost? Or is it some misplaced sense of pride on the part of the roads management – or even some crazy legal advice – never to admit the roads are damaged, rather than very occasionally just suffering from a 'temporary surface'?

**Robert Wakeham
Craigard Cottage
Castleton**

'Illegal fishing is a crime against the environment'

Sir,

In reply to Mr Murray's letter of Friday 21 he raises numerous points, questions and opinions which he wishes me to reply to.

Black fish is fish that are over quota and landed illegally. The specific case he mentions was a massive fraud in respect of illegal landings to the value of £15million from 2002 to 2005. There is more to come into the public domain in these matters. As this case is still before the court it would be inappropriate to discuss or further mention it specifically.

My personal opinion is that all illegal fishing is a crime against the environment by destroying stocks. It undermines conservation efforts, disrupts markets by unfair competition, undermines compliance if undetected and damages the reputation of law-abiding fishermen.

Mr Murray let me be quite unequivocal; to land illegal 'black' fish is theft from fellow fishermen and causes untold economic and environmental damage.

In my own sector, the Nethrop Trawl, I am confident that there are no 'black' or illegal over quota landings as all vessels fully comply with the buyers and sellers legislation in that there is full traceability from the actual vessel landing to the product leaving the factory gate. Also vessels have quota bought and leased to cover any overshoot in al-

located quota thus avoiding discarding, much in the same way as the milk quota rules apply to the dairy farming sector in 'ring fenced quota'.

It is true that there is a no discard policy in Norway; unfortunately on the west coast of Scotland it is illegal to hold more than 2.5kg by-catch of Cod, Haddock and Whiting combined, per 100kg of Nethrops onboard the vessel (the infamous 2.5% rule).

I may be wrong and stand to be corrected, in that for the past four years a scallop dredge ban has been in force in the Firth of Lorne, over reefs that were deemed to be of special scientific interest, which also includes parts of the Garvellachs. I think therefore, your assertion that the Firth of Lorne scallop dredge ban has been shelved due to lobbying by fishermen is factually wrong.

Argyll Fishermen have, by lobbying the Westminster Government, had a weekend ban introduced on all mobile gear in the Clyde since the 1980s as a conservation measure, this was long before marine conservation became popular among the chattering classes. Argyll Fishermen through the C.F.A. fully supported C.O.A.S.T in the introduction of the no take zone in Lamlash Bay, so to suggest that fishermen lobby and have lobbied against such conservation initiatives is spurious to say the least Mr Murray.

**John MacDougall
Ardglass, Garvel Road,
Tarbert**

Charity's SOS for fundraisers

Sir,

This month, the RNLI will hold its biggest day of fundraising – RNLI SOS Day on January 28 and I would like to invite your readers to join me in supporting this tremendous event.

The Scottish coast is something I hold very close to my heart and the men and women at the 45 RNLI lifeboat stations in Scotland who help keep our waters safe do

a remarkable job, particularly at this time of year when the weather can be cold and treacherous.

What is most remarkable about these people is that they are ordinary people – like you and me – who volunteer to risk their lives to help others in danger at sea. They are teachers, doctors, carpenters, office workers, fishermen and housewives. They don't get paid; they don't have to do it. But this winter, those people will go out in all types of dangerous weather conditions, including freezing fog or gale force winds, often at night, to help anyone who needs them.

What's equally remarkable is that the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is a charity, entirely funded by the public. RNLI SOS Day offers a chance for everyone to help keep the RNLI going. So why not get involved and help raise funds – it will be a great way to start 2011!

**Neil Oliver
Presenter of BBC's Coast**

Thanks for your support

Sir,

I would like to publicly thank the hundreds of people who signed the petition to keep Tarbert's library open. Also, a big thank you to the traders who found space to display the petition and the poster. Our thanks also go to all who attended our packed-out community council meeting on January 13 and who showed such overwhelming support for the retention of our library service, the public internet access and the under-5's Rhyme Time.

We are sure there are better ways of saving the £11,300 it costs to run our library. Tarbert is a vibrant wee town and offers a wide range of services to a large rural area.

Closing our library would be a huge backward step. In addition to that, we fear for the future of the whole of the rural library service in mainland Argyll if three more libraries close and the number of mobile libraries are reduced. But it is quite possible that the councillors will ignore all that and will close us down anyway.

Whatever decision Argyll and Bute Council makes in February we know that we have made a good case for the retention of our small, friendly and successful library. Tarbert and Skipness Community Council is very grateful for the support shown for its campaign in Tarbert and the villages around.

**Jenny Carlile
Chair, Tarbert and
Skipness Community
Council**

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Much more than just first aid

British Red Cross is thriving in Mid Argyll and Kintyre

A silent army of dedicated volunteers work throughout the year providing a range of services to communities in and around Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

The British Red Cross is one of the oldest voluntary organisations in the world with millions of people benefiting from it each year.

Reporter **Jenny Sutherland** went to meet the people behind the local Red Cross branches and find out just what they have to offer.

THE RED Cross certainly does a lot more than stick plasters on people.

From therapeutic care to patient transport, the organisation provides hope and compassion to millions of people worldwide.

On a local level, many of us will be familiar with the sight of luminous yellow jackets at show fields, concerts and sports events throughout the year. But behind the yellow jackets are hundreds of volunteers across Argyll and Bute who give up their time to help others.

Tucked away in an office in Lochgilphead is a small, but dedicated team of volunteers and staff.

The Mid Argyll and Kintyre branches of the Red Cross fall into the Mid Scotland and Argyll Territory.

Co-ordinating

And co-ordinating everything from volunteer first aid cover to patient transport is Murdena Clark, service manager, and Peter Harper, transport manager.

Many people in the county are probably unaware of the Red Cross services available to them; and in turn, how they can help the Red Cross.

'We have a core of volunteers in each area,' explains Murdena. 'But we're always on the lookout for more as it would be great to have a pool of people.'

And it does not just have to be first aid volunteering that people can get involved with.

'We have a range of services so if someone wanted to get involved with becoming a transport volunteer or even a therapeutic volunteer – there is something for everyone,' said Murdena.

'There is a huge range of choices on what they may like to do. For example, with first aid training, volunteers can learn how to use a defibrillator or supply oxygen.

'Or people can assist with patient transport by becoming

a driver or escort,' explained Murdena.

In Argyll and Bute the transport side of the Red Cross plays a vital role.

Peter said: 'We are here to help people of all ages. Whether it's making sure someone gets to a hospital appointment in Glasgow or if they need to be met off the ferry in Islay – we will assist them.'

Other services offered locally include; medical loan – the Red Cross will loan out wheelchairs, commodes etc to people in need; therapeutic care – providing hand and arm massages; emergency response – providing support in unexpected situations such as flooding, accidents etc; message tracing – tracing family or relatives involved in world catastrophes, war etc.

'We certainly do a lot of things many people probably don't realise we're involved with,' said Murdena.

'We would really like to recruit more volunteers and I'd encourage anyone who is thinking of joining, to contact me. I'd be more than happy to talk to them,' she added.

For more information on local Red Cross services or to find out more about becoming a volunteer contact Murdena Clark on 01546 602386.



Red Cross staff: Murdena Clark and Peter Harper.

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Jenny, pictured far left, with colleagues at the Red Cross shop in Lochgilphead. 06_a49redx02

Red Cross: a way of life for Jenny

LOCHGILPHEAD resident, Jenny Campbell first joined the British Red Cross in October 1952, signing up as a volunteer with the Kintyre Branch. Jenny then transferred to the Lochgilphead First Aid detachment, part of Argyll 22, in 1959.

Jenny is one of the longest serving members of the Red Cross in Mid Argyll and certainly has seen her fair share of plasters, bandages and more recently coffee mornings.

Accolade

Last year (2010) Jenny was awarded the Red Cross' highest accolade – the Badge of Honour for Outstanding Service, something she says she is 'very proud of'.

Jenny is probably one of very few people in Britain to hold both Red Cross badges, as she received the Badge of Honour for Devoted Service in 1978.

She said: 'Every year I say to myself that I'm going to step down. That I'm getting too old for it all but here I am all these years later.'

Jenny, who lives at Badden Farm with her husband Duncan, recalls the earlier days of serving as a Red Cross volunteer.

She said: 'One of the largest volunteering events of the year was when the motorcycle event was held at Carnasserie back in the 80s.

'That was very worrying: I hated seeing them all whizzing about. They didn't even wear body armour back then.'

In her role as a Red Cross volunteer, Jenny has been to some exotic places.

In 1984 she travelled to Geneva to visit the Red Cross Headquarters. 'That was really something,' she said. 'We were able to go into the room where the Geneva Convention was signed.'

And then in 1998 Jenny attended Buckingham Palace to celebrate 100 years since the Royal Charter was signed.

Jenny embraces all aspects of the Red Cross, from fundraising to therapeutic care, serving pots of tea and baking cakes.

She said: 'It's a different ball game now to how it was in 1952. There have been some big changes over the years but you've got to move with the times.' Jenny, who was awarded Lochgilphead Citizen of the Year in 2009, added: 'I feel that the Red Cross is a way of life for me.'

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NFU Mutual and NFU Scotland welcomes new partners



NFU Mutual



Throughout the country NFU Scotland members benefit from a dedicated team of branch secretaries, head office staff and office bearers. In Argyll & the Islands this team was strengthened in 2010 by the addition of two new branch secretaries, ensuring an even better level of service for their members.

Donna MacDougall and Catherine Gallagher joined the four other branch secretaries who cover Arran and Argyll & Bute, along with Lucy Sumsion, Regional Manager. Lucy was delighted to welcome the pair to the team, saying their appointment is an indication of the Union's commitment to supporting all our members across the area.

Donna MacDougall joined the Union in April last year, having spent two years working for NFU Mutual senior partner, Euan Warnock at Oban's Livestock Centre. A local to the area, Donna grew up on a croft on Seil and returned to live there after going to university to complete a degree in politics. Her two years working with

Euan allowed her to build a good relationship with many of the members she now looks after on a day-to-day basis. Since becoming a group secretary Donna has looked after the Lorn and Mid Argyll branches from the Oban office.

Like Donna, Catherine Gallagher became a branch



NFU Mutual representative for Oban, Donna MacDougall, is pictured with Cameron MacFarlane of Oban Argyll Agricultural Engineering. 15_t04nfu1

secretary in April last year. Originally from Campbeltown, Catherine moved to Dublin after leaving Campbeltown

Grammar School to work towards a degree in sociology and social policy at the city's Trinity College. She returned

to her hometown in 2009 for a job with a housing association, before joining the NFU Scotland team at the Campbeltown

office. Catherine is responsible for the Kintyre area.

All the branch secretaries have a



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Cathrine Gallagher has joined the partnership and is now working at the Campbeltown office.

real understanding of the issues facing farmers, crofters and rural communities right now. So, whether a farmer or crofter, branch secretaries can offer you individual attention; from people living and working in the area. That means your branch secretary will be able to appreciate your exact circumstances and tailor support to precisely meet your needs.

In addition the head office team of specialists gives members instant access to agricultural expertise, helping out with all manner of business issues. NFU Scotland have helped countless members with subsidy appeal cases and returned huge sums of money to the industry. Lobbying activity takes place at every level of the Union. All issues,

no matter how big or small, are discussed from consultation at Branch level through the Union's Committees and Head Office.

And it works! In June last year Scottish Government's decision to adopt NFU Scotland's proposals for improvements to the delivery of the Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme (LFASS) will secure a significant uplift in funding to all those receiving LFA payments from the 2011 scheme. The LFASS modifications will now ensure LFASS payments, from the 2011 scheme, are targeted at those actively farming in LFA areas, wherever they are in Scotland.

However, there are issues that still need to be resolved. NFU Scotland joined other

industry stakeholders in briefing European Commission officials in October over continuing problems relating to the controversial electronic tagging (EID) rules for sheep. A paper prepared by NFU Scotland for the event tackled ongoing concerns around farm inspections and cross-compliance requirements with regards to the regulation. The Union also took the opportunity to call again for European tagging requirements to change so that they only need apply when an animal is leaving its holding of birth.

Members through the local branches raise many of the issues that NFU Scotland tackles, which is why the role of the branch secretary is so important in gathering your views. So whatever

issue you would like to raise the local branch secretary is the first port of call.

NFU Scotland and NFU Mutual are historically linked and have a strong working relationship to this day. NFUS Group Secretaries act as the local representative for both NFUS and NFU Mutual. Group Secretaries work with new and existing customers on NFU Mutual insurance and financial services, as well as promoting NFU Scotland membership and supporting existing members.

So if you live in the Argyll and the Islands area and would like to find out more about the benefits of membership, why not get in touch today with a branch secretary.

NFUS - 9000 members and growing

FOR almost a century, NFU Scotland (NFUS) has been the lead organisation representing and promoting the interests of farmers and crofters. Since its formation in 1913, the organisation has been committed to influencing government, the supply chain and consumers in order to secure a

better future for all its members, the length and breadth of the country. Faced with falling farm incomes and an ever-increasing burden from paperwork and regulation, the need for strong, effective representation has never been greater. And the good news is that although

the number of farmers in Scotland is falling, the membership of NFUS is growing as more and more come to value the work the Union does on behalf of all those farming the land. Those 9,000 farmers and crofters who are members of NFUS get help and support on any issue affecting

their business with access to information and advice on all major policy and legislative matters. They also get the opportunity to influence government and, through NFUS, they have a voice. That voice can be heard nationally, using the policy staff at the Union's headquar-

ters near Edinburgh, or locally through the Union's unique network of 52 group secretaries and local offices. Your Regional Manager for Argyll and the Islands, Lucy Sumsion, is also on hand to help with any queries or raise any issues that you have. If you are already a member of NFUS,

thank you for your support. If you would like to join NFUS and want more details on what NFUS can do for you then please contact the local offices at Oban (01631 567036), Arran (01770 840235), or Campbeltown (01586 552428) or go to the Union's website at www.nfus.org.uk

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Laird of Lunga Estates Collin Lindsay MacDougall made a very animated and entertaining address to the haggis. 06_a04burns02



Galley of Lorn chef David Baird had the honour of cooking the traditional haggis, neaps and tatties supper. 06_a04burns01



Mid Argyll Pipe Band member Nick MacLean, from Kilmartin, was invited to play as the haggis was brought to the dining table. 06_a04burns03

Ardfern folk celebrate the life of Burns

TARTAN was the dress code at the Galley of Lorn on Saturday night as Ardfern folk gathered to celebrate Burns Day in style.

Before tucking into a traditional supper of haggis, neaps and tatties Ardfern resident Hew Service welcomed locals to the celebration.

Mid Argyll Piper Nick MacLean then played as chef David Baird brought the haggis to the table of Collin Lindsay MacDougall, Laird of Lunga Estate.

Taking centre stage, dressed in tartan trousers and waistcoat, Mr MacDougall entertained diners as he made his

address to the haggis. Darren Taylor toasted diners with the Selkirk Grace whilst owner of the Galley of Lorn Andrew Stanton made the immortal memory.

Robin Turner made a toast to the Ardfern lassies whilst Margot McMurdo made the reply.



Mid Argyll's tenor drummers wowed crowds at Glasgow's Celtic Connections festival.

Community Noticeboard

Kintyre U3A
General Meeting
White Hart Hotel
Talk - Bird photography in Kintyre
Thursday, February 3rd at 10.30am
Refreshments available
Update on group activities
All retired and semi-retired people are welcome
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Coffee Morning Special Fundraiser - £1.00
Come and support the local Salvation Army in raising funds for the upcoming Ian White Concert
Baked goods and fresh pancakes also available for sale
Huge Jumble Sale! £5 per bag!
Saturday, 29th January
10:00am - 12:00 noon
The Salvation Army, 10 Burnside Street

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Kintyre Local Committee
COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 29th
January 2011
in Victoria Hall
10am - 12am
Admission £1.00
Usual stalls

Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll
Friday 28th January 2011
Stone in Mid Argyll
Links between geology, archaeology and architecture
Dr Roger Anderton
All meetings are at the Community Centre, Lochgilphead, 7.30pm

The Lochgilphead Parish Church is holding a coffee morning, table sale and raffle from 10am till noon on Saturday 29th January 2011

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MOVE performs to sell-out crowd

MUSICIANS from Mid Argyll performed to an audience of more than 1,300 people on Saturday as they took to the stage as part of a headline show at Celtic Connections.

Ford based Scottish music producers Wild Biscuit presented an exclusive premier of their new production, MOVE, at the festival in Glasgow's ABC nightclub.

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

Neil Primrose of Travis joined the group for the performance along with Fraser Fifield on sax and Highland Pipes, making it a night to remember.

Opening the show with a passion akin to that of the late Martyn Bennett, Chris Coates wowed the audience with his rendition of Eilean Dearg.

Wild Biscuit director Mags Trenouth Russell said: 'Arthur's 50th Birthday Bash by Ewan McCulloch, Urban Aspekts by David Provan and Somerled's Legacy by Rod Buchanan all gave the Glasgow audience a taste of some amazing composition work coming from Argyll in the 21st century.'

Argyll tenor drummers Ashleigh Kilgour, Bethan Phillips and Maddy Ward surprised the Celtic Connections audience on the night by dancing themselves.

The girls put aside their drums to perform a dance routine with Ashley Jack of Random Aspekts to a country blues setting of Pipers Cave.

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Three-year-old Lewis McEwan enjoyed being transformed into Spiderman by Tarbert Youth Group face painter Mason Monks. 06_a04coffee02

Tarbert Youth Group raise £400 at coffee afternoon

YOUNGSTERS at the Tarbert Youth Group raised almost £400 by organising a coffee afternoon on Saturday.

The children, aged between 10 and 16, arranged the event in a bid to raise funds for their trip to see the eagles on Mull at Easter.

The Tarbert Youth Group headquarters at the village hall was jam packed as local residents enjoyed home made soup, rolls, cakes and biscuits.

Members of the youth group waited on tables, painted faces, sold home-baking and held competitions, such as guess the weight of the cake and the

number of lollies in the box, to raise the funds.

Project co-ordinator at Tarbert Youth Group Heather Bellshaw said that the £390 raised would cover the cost of accommodation during their visit.

Experience

'Twelve children will be going on a three day visit to the isle of Mull, she said. 'They are really looking forward to learning more about the sea eagles. For many of them it will be their first time away from home so it will be good experience for them to stay in the hostel and cook their own meals as well.'



Hollie Guy recorded people's guesses for the weight of the specially made Tarbert Youth Group cake. 06_a04coffee01

Gaelic song narrowly misses out

A GAELIC song narrowly missed out on the UK top 40 this week after fans of Celtic supergroup Mánran raced to download the band's latest single.

Latha Math, which was released last Monday, reached number 61 in the UK charts and number six in the Scottish Charts.

The song, written by lead singer Norrie MacIver

about his native Isle of Lewis, also topped the UK singer/songwriter charts at number one on Sunday.

Spean Bridge accordion player Gary Innes, who, along with Fort William's Ewen Henderson makes up a Lochaber core to the band, said: 'We are over the moon.'

Special publication of the Kist

NATURAL History enthusiasts are celebrating this week as they mark 40 years of raising awareness and enjoyment of Mid Argyll's natural ancient history.

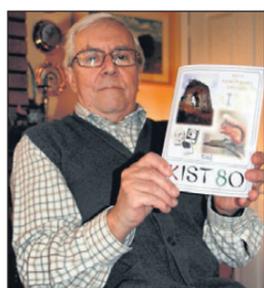
The Natural History and Antiquarian society of Mid Argyll (NHASMA) is marking the occasion with a special publication of its magazine – The Kist.

The 80th edition of the magazine, a twice-yearly publication, has been printed in colour for the first time and features contributions from Argyll author Marian Pallister and Kilmartin Museum's Sharon Webb.

Founded in 1971 by Marion Campbell and Eric Cregeen, the NHASMA has been at the heart of projects searching for

and recording sites of archaeological importance in Mid Argyll.

Secretary of NHASMA, Phil Holt said the society and it's magazine had helped him understand the landscape in which we live. 'I find it absolutely fascinating,' he said.



Phil Holt secretary of NHASMA proudly shows off the 80th edition of the Kist.

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Sale of the Century

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th February
Victoria Hall, Campbeltown
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 3.30 – 5.30pm
 Friday 11th February
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Rotary Club of Campbeltown

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29th January 10am
Tarbert Village Hall (Youth Garden)
Making and preparing raised beds

12th February 10am
Tarbert Medical Practice Healing Garden
Composts and seaweed sowing

19th February 10am
Tarbert Medical Practice Healing Garden
Preparing the garden for the year ahead

12th March 10am Tarbert Medical Practice Healing Garden
Care of seedlings and vegetable bed preparations

19th March 10am Templars Arts and Leisure Centre
Workshop on how to reduce your energy bills

19th March 7pm Templars Arts and Leisure Centre
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Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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KILMICHAEL-GLASSARY

JoLoMo backs young motocross rider

MID ARGYLL artist Jolomo has pledged his support for a young motocross competitor by offering one of his limited edition prints for raffle.

The artist, together with a host of Scottish businesses and individuals, is helping to raise funds to send 11-year-old Liam Scott to the Scottish Motocross Championship.

The competition, which kicks off in March, features six events throughout the year and will mean Liam traveling to as far afield as Tain and Duns.

The Kilmichael youngster is a member of the Mid Argyll Motocross Club and is a regular on the Scottish Motocross scene.

A family disco will take place at the Argyll Arms in Ardrishaig on February 11 at 8pm to raise funds.

Painting at WRI meeting

THE JANUARY meeting of the Kilmichael Glassary WRI was an artistic affair as members tried painting.

Ginny Crawford encouraged the ladies to lift a brush and some masterpieces were created.

This month saw the ladies compete for the top spot for their fudge and egg sponge delights.

Egg sponge: 1. Jean Blackwood 2. Christine Litster 3. Catherine Smith

Fudge: 1. Christine Litster 2. Catherine Smith 3. Betty Rhodick

LOCHGILPHEAD

Fundraising for ENABLE

STAFF at the Co-op in Lochgilphead have kick-started a year of fundraising for ENABLE Scotland - The Co-operative's charity of the year for 2011. To mark the beginning of the year long campaign, on Friday, staff at the Oban Road store donned a variety of running and racing gear, and dressed as cheerleaders with pom-poms to cheer each other on.

The Co-operative Group, as part of its commitment to inspiring young people, hopes that the money raised will help the charity transform the lives of thousands of young people with a learning disability.

Funds raised will be used to launch projects to work with 20,000 young people with a learning disability, along with parents, carers and local communities.

ENABLE Scotland is the country's leading charity for children and adults with learning disabilities.



Liam Scott in action

GLENDARUEL

Forest decision coming soon

A DECISION on whether or not the communities of Collintraive and Glendaruel can buy Stronafian Forest will be reached in the coming weeks.

The community trust has applied for the right to purchase 600 hectares of the forest, which sits between the two villages.

As the Advertiser went to press yesterday (Thursday) the National Forest Land Scheme Panel was meeting to agree its recommendation to the Forestry Commission Scotland.

The director of the forestry commission Bob McIntosh will now consider that recommendation and a final decision on the right to buy is expected within the next four weeks.

A number of possible uses for the forest have been identified including the building of a windfarm, affordable housing and crofts and running a conventional Sitka Spruce plantation.

The National Forest Land Scheme gives community organisations the opportunity to buy or lease national forest land where they can provide increased public benefits.

ARDRISHAIG

Community evening

RESIDENTS in Ardrishaig are being invited to a community evening to hear about changes being made to their area.

Ardrishaig Community Development Trust is asking

people to come along to their open evening on March 8 for an update on the current regeneration projects. Work is currently underway on a community windfarm and improving the King George V field.

TARBERT

Christmas dinner in January

PENSIONERS in Tarbert broke tradition again last week and enjoyed their Christmas dinner in January.

The tinsel and turkey was resurrected to ensure the village hall was dressed in its finest for the annual event.

Volunteers, including staff at the Tarbert Hotel and chef Oscar from Stonefield Castle, prepared the meal.

Library closure

MP FOR Argyll & Bute Alan Reid has this week called upon Argyll and Bute Council to reject the proposal to close Tarbert village library.

Mr Reid said: 'Libraries provide a wide range of important services, in addition to the traditional ones of access to free books, magazines and newspapers. They are a very important source of educational resources for people of all ages, especially children. We all want to encourage children to read more, so libraries are important.'

'The council has a very difficult job balancing its budget but I hope the council will be able to find savings elsewhere and keep these libraries open.'

MINARD

Community Trust awarded £1,250

MINARD Community Trust has been awarded £1,250 by the Argyll and the Islands LEADER programme.

The money will be used to carry out phase three of the village hall upgrade, installing six new windows in the hall. Phases one and two of the regeneration project repaired

the roof and upgraded the kitchen.

Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme is a rural development initiative that hopes to inspire local individuals and groups to take action to improve everyday living within their communities.

Fancy Dress Disco

BIG HAIR and flares will be the order of the day in Minard Village Hall when the village hosts a 1970s/1980s fancy dress disco.

The event, which has been organised by the Minard Community Trust, will be held on February 26.

KILMARTIN

Basket making

JANE Allan will be at Kilmartin House Museum this weekend to teach basket making.

Jane will be using locally grown willow to teach Mid Argyll folk how to weave a basket.

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KILBERRY

Inn holds on to top award

THE KILBERRY Inn has held on to its coveted Michelin Bib Gourmand for a sixth consecutive year.

The inn is one of only four restaurants in Scotland to hold the prestigious award, which recognises good food at moderate prices.

Chef and owner of the restaurant Clare Johnson, became the first female in Scotland to achieve a Bib Gourmand over ten years ago and she has consistently retained it ever since.

She said: 'We are very fortunate to have such wonderful ingredients on our doorstep, from great seafood to delicious beef and game. The secret is to treat everything simply and with care, and allow the ingredients to speak for themselves and our guests seem to appreciate that.'

The Michelin accolade is one of many honours awarded to the remote restaurant, situated between Lochgilphead and Tarbert, in the last few years.

It received a César Award in the 2010 Good Hotel Guide and won the Scottish Restaurant of the Year Award in 2009. The restaurant has also featured on the Hairy Bikers TV programme.



Kilberry Inn has held on to the Michelin Bib Gourmand for a sixth successive year.

Jog Scotland in Ormsary contact Dinah Bosomworth on 01880 770279

LOCHGAIR

Burns Supper

REVEREND Dr Roddy Macleod chaired The Lochgair Association's Burns Supper on Friday at the Lochgair Hotel.

Eoghan Anderson piped in the haggis, which was addressed by Tom Clarke.

After a hearty traditional meal Douglas Murray proposed a fascinating Immortal Memory, Peter Rice gave a nautical view of the Toast to the Lassies, and Fiona Rice provided a poetic Reply From the Lassies. Kenny Stark's atmospheric Tam o' Shanter was very well received.

Music was provided by accordionist John Holt and soprano Moira Shaw.

INVERARAY

Riochan road will be repaired

RESIDENTS living in Riochan, have this week been reassured that the access road to their housing estate will be repaired.

Argyll and Bute Council has said that the road, which has a crumbling speed bump and is covered in potholes, will be resurfaced once works on the adjacent A819 are complete.

The announcement comes

after residents raised concerns about road safety around the Inveraray housing estate.

Riochan resident Drew Anderson said: 'When you turn into Riochan from The Avenue you have to swerve to avoid the potholes. The bend is narrow enough at the best of times and this makes it even more dangerous with oncoming traffic.'

Marine event at Inveraray hotel

PEOPLE across Argyll with an interest in the sea are being invited to have their say on how a new marine planning system should work.

The new Marine (Scotland) Act will lay foundations for a more simplified local system, with the first step being to create Scottish Marine Regions.

Views are invited on the options for the boundaries of the Marine Region in the south west of Scotland at an open event at the Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray, at 11.30am on Tuesday, February 1. Lunch will be provided for everyone who registers by Friday, January 28.

For further information and to register for the event, contact Kirstie Dyson on 0141 951 0820.

Further information can be downloaded from scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/seamanagement/regional/Consultation.



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Crinan Classic Boat Festival

THE DATE has been set for this year's Crinan Classic Boat Festival – Thursday June 30 to Sunday July 3.

Organisers have said the format will be similar to that of recent years but promised a few twists and turns.

Mike Dalgligh said: 'It will be the same place, same boats, same whisky but hopefully even better weather and even better company – you would be crazy not to be there.'

The event website www.crinanclassic.com will be updated regularly and entry forms will be available in the coming weeks.

ORMSARY

Running club being launched

A NEW Jog Scotland running club is being launched in Ormsary.

The class, which will cater for beginners and those who have never run before, will take place on Saturday mornings at 10.30am.

To book a place on the class or for more information about

UA to link with farmers via Facebook and video reports

LIVESTOCK auctioneers, United Auctions, are hoping to revolutionise the way farmers think about their business by revamping its online content.

From next week, the company is launching a new website and is set to start its own Facebook and Flickr accounts, complete with information on the company's heritage and recent sales. And with four documentary clips posted on the video-sharing website YouTube last week already attracting hundreds of viewers - with no promotion at all - it seems the unusual move is paying off.

Administration manager for United Auctions, Chris Forsharpe, admits that the move is a gamble, but is hopeful that the approach will prove popular.

He said: 'It came about when we had a look at our website and decided it needed a revamp. As with any social medium, we'll have to see how it goes.'

'What we want to do is provide historic information and our customers would also like to see current events. For example we could have videos of the Dalmally sale or whatever event we have.'

Chris said: 'We've got to think about younger farmers; probably 99 per cent of those guys are probably already on Facebook. While they may not be the decision makers now, they may be one day in the near future.'

One avenue United Auctions are not keen to go down is conducting sales online.



The Highland cows' ability to produce a commercially viable first-cross calf has seen renewed interest in the breed as livestock producers review input costs 17_t04coo01

International breeders bid to give Highland spring sale added lift

REPRESENTATIVES from Finland, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland have confirmed that they, and their cheque books, aim to boost the ringside buzz when the Highland Cattle Society host their 120th Annual Spring Show and Sale at Oban in two weeks time.

The Oban event comes at a time of encouraging trends for the breed, with 77 cattle, including seven young bulls, recently exported to Estonia.

This export project comes as a result of Kairo Pilviste's visit to the Oban sale two years ago when he purchased two bulls, including the reserve overall champion.

Pleased with the success of the breed in Eastern Europe, the Estonians are keen to buy more Highlanders.

Yearling and two-year old heifers from various well-known folds including Woodneuk, Ardbhan, Achnacloch, Druimdearg, Pollock and Ashieburn have joined bulls from Craigowmill, Ardbhan, Woodneuk, Pollock and Killochries in Estonia.

Society breed secretary Hazel Baxter said: 'It's great to see the interest from countries such as Estonia, the Czech Republic and France establishing links with the society and building on the already

great contacts we have with Germany and Denmark.' Society past president Andrew Kirkpatrick from Glengarnock, Ayrshire has been appointed as judge for this year's Sunday show and he will have more than 160 head in front of him, including 47 pedigree bulls.

There will also three Oban show debuts for breeders from south of the border.

The annual event kicks off a busy year for the breed society with two open days planned north and south of the border to maintain renewed interest in using Highland cows for first-cross calves using native or continental sires.

Turnault Simmental cows sell to £740 at Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 1,008 store hoggets and feeding ewes, plus 45 cattle at Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday.

Bullock calves sold to £440 and 187p per kilo for a pen of Limousins from Iochadar.

Heifer calves sold to £400 and 189p per kilo for a pen of Simmentals from Back of Keppoch.

Over 30 Month cows proved in demand and sold to £740 for a 725kg Simmental

from Turnault while a Highland bull from Balure sold to £650.

Store hoggets sold to £69 for Suffolk crosses from Poltalloch, Kilmartin.

Ballimackillichan, Lismore sold Suffolks to £68 and Mules to £65, with Auch Estates, Bridge of Orchy selling Blackfaces to £65.

Swales from Glenoe Farms sold to £56, with Cheviots from Callart to £51.

Feeding ewes sold to £70 for Texels from Iochdar while riggs from Lochawe also

fetched £70.

Blackface ewes from Stroneskar sold to £52, as did Cheviots from Mingary. Texels from Barcaldine sold to £68 with Mules from Ederline Estate to £63.

Cast rams sold to £72 for a Texel from Frakersaig, Lismore and to £70 for Texels from Lochdar.

Border Leicesters from Lochawe and Cheviots from Knock fetched £69, with Bluefaced Leicesters from Glenshellach selling to £67.

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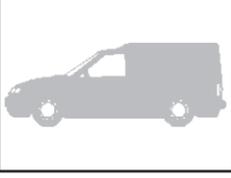


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Happy 18th Birthday Sarena on the 27th January



Lots of love from all the family

Happy 70th Birthday George



Margaret, Angela, Stuart, Fiona & families.

I would like to thank family and friends for making my birthday special, for all the lovely gifts, cards and flowers, and all who travelled to be with us. Also the Seafield Hotel for the lovely meal and service.
Gladys.

LYNDSAY Happy 21st on 1-2-11



Love from Dad, Mum & Claire

To the staff at Glenside Tractors, customers, friends and family, many thanks for presents, cards and good wishes on my retirement.
Ewing.

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PLANNING

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 18/02/2011

● Ref No: 10/01934/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs D Owen
Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and detached double garage
Site Address: Plot 3 The Avenue Inveraray Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray

● Ref No: 10/01971/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs K Horner
Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and erection of replacement lockup.
Site Address: Rosedale Cottage Minard Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8YF
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead

● Ref No: 10/02129/PP

Applicant: Mr David Ralston
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with integral garage and stable previously granted under 09/01572/PP.
Site Address: Rhoin Farm RAF Machrihanish Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6NT
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

● Ref No: 10/02151/PP

Applicant: Allt Dearg Wind Farmers LLP
Proposal: Construction of 12 no wind turbines on wind farm site subject to planning consent 10/00160/PP with revised turbine type increasing blade tip height from 77 metres to 81 metres and with remaining infrastructure as per previous consent.

Site Address: Land South West Of Stronachullin Farm Cruach A Phubill Ardrishaig Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Application for a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2005

Notice is hereby given that CalMac Ferries Ltd of The Ferry Terminal, Gourock, PA19 1QP are applying for an Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The application relates to the following premises M.V. Finlaggan, The Ferry Terminal, Kennacraig, PA29 6YF. The application has been made to: The Licensing Office, Inverclyde Council, Municipal Buildings, Greenock, PA15 1JA. Information about the applications is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the applications:

A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities.

A person who has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities

A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories

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Applicants, for either post, who do not meet the following minimum educational requirement, but who meet the remaining essential criteria will be invited to sit an administrative selection test. You must hold 5 Standard grades or GCSE (or equivalent) including English and a subject which clearly demonstrates numeracy. Passes must be at grades 1-3 or A-C. You will need to have good communication skills as well as the ability to plan and organise your work to meet deadlines. In addition, you will need to be able to build good working relationships with team members. You will have computer skills, including experience of Microsoft applications but as the scheme has its own dedicated software, training will be provided.

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Informal enquiries to: Mr Kevin Willan, Estates Officer, Tel: 01546 605604.

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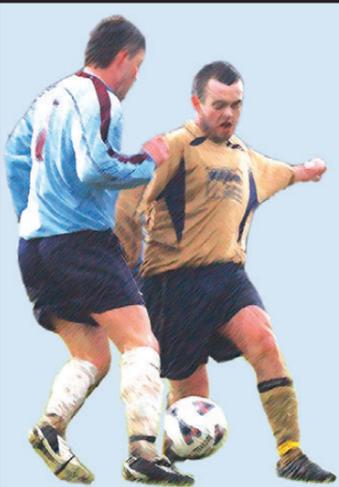
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

In Jesus 'we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28).

BIRTHS

BRODIE - MEHIGAN - Danielle and Craig are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Ryan, on January 10, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A little brother for Keira.

MCALISTER - Barry and Kate are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Cormac William Cameron, on January 4, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A little brother for Tom, Felix, Kyle and Ben. Third grandson for Ian and Mary.

REID - HOLBROOK - David and Jo are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Harry, on January 5, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A wee brother for James and Oliver. Many thanks to all the Campbeltown midwives and at SGH.

ROWAN - LOFTMAN - Chris and Lauren are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isla Hollie Rowan, in Hereford Hospital on November 23, 2010. First grandchild for Christopher and Anna and first great grandchild for Colin and Elda.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

MACDONALD - MCKERRAL - January 23, 1951, James MacDonald to Elizabeth (Betty) McKerral at Castlehill Manse, Campbeltown by Reverend J R H Cormack.

DEATHS

EDWARD - Suddenly after illness, at Lochgilphead Medical Centre on January 19, 2011 in her 68th year, Jean McKay née Banner and formerly Weir of Lochview, Darroch Road, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Alexander Weir, much loved mother of Jacques, Ross, Gavin, Graham and the late Heather. Beloved grandmother to Joelle, Aimee, Enya and Niven. Greatly missed by her sister and best friend, Helen Minkler. Funeral Service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Donations, if desired, to MacMillan Nurses Mid Argyll.

GIRVAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 24, 2011, Archibald Ritchie Girvan, in his 91st year, 1 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, last surviving member of the family of James and Catherine Girvan, formerly of Gowanlea, Campbeltown. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 28 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

GRAHAM - Peacefully at home, Ardura, Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown, on January 20, 2011, Jean Younie Graham, in her 51st year, dearly beloved mother of Gordon, much loved daughter of Hugh Mitchell and Isobel MacDonald and a loving sister and aunt.

HARVEY - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on January 19, 2011, Catherine Helen Knox Carmichael, in her 86th year, formerly of 134 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the

late Malcolm Harvey, much loved mother of Ian, George, Callum, Christine and Helen and a loving and much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

GRINSTEAD - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital on January 25, 2011, William Henry Grinstead, in his 104th year, Christlach Farmhouse, Southend, loving husband of the late Rene Grinstead, best beloved father of Squirrel and grandfather of Jo, Zoe, Alex, Sam and Matthew and great grandfather of Joshua and Oliver. A Service of Remembrance will be held in Southend Parish Church, on Monday, January 31, at 1.00 p.m. To which all friends are respectfully invited. A Private Cremation service will take place thereafter.

KAHANE - Peacefully at Rivendell Care Home, Birnam on January 21, 2011, Anne Merrilees, aged 87 years (née Robieson) MBE, MA, FSA Scot (formerly Kilmartin and Lochgilphead), widow of Jacques, mother of Mathew and Clare, grandmother of Victoria, Sarah, Jane, Sofia and Shahzoda, and step-grandmother of Muhammad. Funeral service has taken place.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on January 24, 2011, Seonaid McLachlan, in her 91st year, 31 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown and formerly of Peninver, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert MacArthur, much loved mother of Mhairi and the late Campbell, loving and much loved nannie of Catriona and David and a loving great grandma of Robert and Laurie. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 28 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 the Kintyre Care Centre and Cancer Research.

MUIR - Suddenly at home, 32 Limecraigs, Campbeltown, on January 22, 2011, Elizabeth Colville Muir (Bessie), in her 88th year, dearly beloved mother of Jean, Jessie, Jim and the late Catherine and a loving and much loved granny, great granny, sister and aunt.

PURSELL - Alan, on January 20, 2011 in Melbourne, aged 48 years, after a long and courageous battle against cancer. Beloved husband of Sanja and much loved father of Sasha. Loving brother of Helen, Caroline and the late Jacqueline and only son of Duncan and Helen Pursell, Melbourne, late of Davaar Cottage, Campbeltown.

YOUNG - Nan (née Donald), died suddenly on January 22, 2011, aged 78 years, in the Victoria Infirmary. Much loved wife of Dan, mother to Rhoda and Kenneth, gran to Heather, Kirsten, Cameron, Kathryn, Iona and the late Euan. Formerly teacher at Shawlands Academy. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Scottish Spina Bifida Association. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service on Monday, January 31 at 11.45am in Sherbrooke St Gilberts, to which all friends and family are respectfully invited.

INTERMENT SERVICE

ARKELL - An interment service for the late David G Arkell, formerly of 61 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, will take place in Kilkerran Cemetery on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited, meeting at cemetery gates of Kilkerran Cemetery at 12.50pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EVANS - Terry, Babs and Jackie wish to sincerely thank all family, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and phone calls after the sad loss of their father John (Taff). Our thanks also go to Dr Leask and all the staff of the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital for the outstanding care and kindness given to Taff. To Rev Burroughs for the comforting service, all who paid their last respects at the church and cemetery, the Ardsheil Hotel for purvey, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their excellent service. We would also like to pay a special thanks to Donny McLean and Peter Laing for the friendship and many visits they made to our father over the past few years, it really meant so much to him.

WARDROP - Helen and family would like to sincerely thank relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy and compassion in our recent loss. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown. We would particularly like to thank Rev Philip Burroughs, Dr Lazarus and paramedics, and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their excellent professionalism in the services they provided. The family would also like to mention the generosity of the people of Campbeltown following the collection for Lorne and Lowland Church (£1128.59).

IN MEMORIAMS

COOK - In loving memory of Elizabeth, much loved wife and mum, who died January 25, 2007. Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts Never forgotten. - Love Malcolm, Steven and Darren.

GREEN - In loving memory of our mum, Mary, who fell asleep on January 31, 2010. The call was sudden The shock severe To lose our mum We loved so dear. As thoughts drift back Every day they do We cherish our memories We have of you. - Megan and Graham.

LOCKER - GREEN - In loving memory of my husband, Joe, who died on January 31, 2009 and my precious daughter, Mary, who died on January 31, 2010. I reach out But you are not there I hear a whisper I turn But you are not there You are gone I am lost Wait for me Wait. **MITCHELL** - In loving memory of my dear husband, our dear father, father-in-law and grandpa, Jimmy (The Butcher), who passed away so suddenly but peacefully on January 29, 1991. Memories are like the stars that shine They last until the end of time. We think about you everyday And in our hearts you will always stay. - Cathie and family xxxx.

MORRAN - In loving memory of my mum, Sheila, who fell asleep on February 3, 2007. The call was sudden The shock severe To lose a mum We loved so dear As thoughts drift back As they often do We cherish memories We have of you. - Your loving son Tommy and Janette xxxx.

MORRAN - Treasured memories of a dear nannie, who died February 3, 2007. Precious memories keep you near As time unfolds another year. Forever loved. - Linn and Tommy xxx.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered always. - Anne, Stuart and family.

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P1 - P7
6.30 - 7.45
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Monday, 31st January
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st February
Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 3rd February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 4th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 30th January 2011
Tarbert Church 11.30am
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Tuesday 1st February
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm: P1 - P4
7.30pm - 9.00pm: P5 - P7
7.30pm Bible Society Action Group
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Sunday 30th January 2011
Responses to Jesus - Amazement
Cumlodden Church (Furnace) 10.30 am
Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon
Songs of Praise
Lochgar Church 6.30 pm (Tea to follow)
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Wednesday 2nd March
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2.30 pm



The 2010-2011 Red Star line up. 08_team1

Good win for Red Star as they play their first game in 2011

Scottish Amateur Football League – Division 1
Red Star 5 - Duncanrig 'B' 0

SATURDAY saw Lochgilphead Red Star play their first game of 2011 and the three-week delay was worth it as the home side sealed an emphatic victory over their visitors from East Kilbride.

The home side started the game well, taking the lead after the Duncanrig keeper fumbled a Naisby cross with the ball landing at the feet of Gregor Peacock who wasn't going to miss from five yards out.

Star continued to press and netted a second goal after good

work down the right hand side allowed Broderick to fire in a low cross, which once again found Peacock for an open goal. The youngster was on hand to double his tally and put star 2-0 up before half time.

As the second half got underway Duncanrig tried to find a way back into the game pushing more bodies forward, leaving plenty of space for Star to hit them on the break. Star scored a third after Peacock latched on to a C Crawford through ball, which he passed to the on-rushing Naisby, who placed his shot into the bottom corner.

Peacock completed his hat-trick with 20 minutes remaining

when he once again managed to beat his marker for pace on the left hand side before cutting inside and beating the keeper with a right footed shot.

As the end of the match drew near, Star had many chances to add to their goal tally, with Broderick narrowly missing goal opportunities on a couple of occasions and Docherty having his shot well saved by the keeper.

A fifth goal was eventually scored after C Houston was felled in the box. However, referee Lister played a good advantage and the ball fell to Peacock once more, who managed to slide in and lift the ball over the keeper to make the final score 5-0.

If Keith had sunk another nine puts he would have nearly won!

CONSIDERING how difficult the frosty conditions were this weekend Keith Cowan played some great golf. He was nearest the pin at the seventh and if he had only sunk another nine puts he would have very nearly won.

Ross Sinclair was four under par in impossible playing conditions and should be wearing a superhero outfit as he may have special powers.

He wasn't too grumpy as he was having so much fun making the rest of us look very ordinary. He enjoys reading out the scores when he knows

he has thrashed the rest of the players.

Kenny Cameron was good on the back nine holes after a poor start and just beat Donald Carmichael over the closing holes.

Donald was beating Keith with three holes to go but some cruel bounces tested his self control to the maximum.

John Downie was going well on the first nine holes but his 'hit it and rip it' style karma finally caught up with him and the only luck he got was of the bad kind.

John practises his putting

on the hall rug and would have performed better had his attempt to replicate conditions by putting the rug in his freezer overnight not gone wrong. A kipper and two Lorn sausages stuck to the rug and it was more like putting used to be when Alec Macaulay was our crazy golf green-keeper.

John Davidson arrived on time and was in shock during the first nine holes, carding the poorest score, but he got to grips with things on the back nine and eventually woke up.

Robert Baxter Jr, Tommy Angus and Jim Hunter picked

up the last of the points and they could only gasp in amazement as Ross read out his winning score.

Grant MacDougall won the mat of shame which was made worse for him when Ross told everyone that he had more points for his first eight holes than Grant had for eighteen.

Results: 10 (pts) R Sinclair; 9 K Cowan; 8 K Cameron; 7 D Carmichael; 6 A MacAuley; 5 J Downie; 4 J Davidson; 3 T Angus; 2 R Baxter jnr; 1 J Hunter.

Nearest the pin: 7th K Cowan.

Wanderers net five

Lochgilphead Wanderers 5 - Tayinloan 1

LOCHGILPHEAD Wanderers played host to Tayinloan last Thursday in what was the first match of 2011 for both sides.

The Wanderers opened the scoring midway through the first half when Andy Weir managed to turn his marker before hitting a looping shot over the Tayinloan keeper into the net.

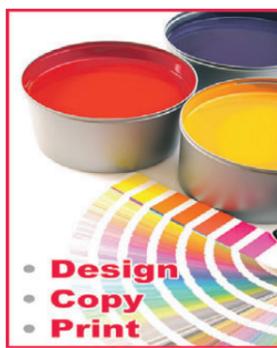
The second goal did come from Craig Johnstone. After some scrappy play in the box the ball fell kindly to the midfielder who blasted his shot into the roof of the net. The Wanderers were well into their stride now and added further first half goals through Johnstone again, and Lewis MacNicol to make the half time score 4-0.

In the second half the Wanderers made numerous changes to the line up, which upset their rhythm. Tayinloan were now getting to grips with the astro pitch and starting to create some problems for the Wanderers backline. They eventually got the goal that their play deserved after a well-flighted corner was powered in by MacKinlay to make the score 4-1.

Immediately

However, the home side replied immediately. Almost straight from kick off a neat passing move was finished off by David Weir to make the final score 5-1.

Both sides would like to thank A&D Watt Plumbing who sponsored the match and local referee Jimmy Lister who had an excellent game.



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Tarbert take on Rutherglen at Cil Andries

TARBERT Athletic Football Club missed out on another football match on Saturday as heavy frost on the pitch meant the game was cancelled. The team was due to play against Celtic Community Academy.

The cancellation means the Dookers have only played one game in the last two months, when the team lost away to Port Glasgow.

The team is now looking forward to Saturday when they will take on South Lanarkshire side Rutherglen, who they defeated 3-1 earlier in the season.

Tarbert Athletic player manager James Prentice and coach Ricky Graham are hopeful of gaining another three points to help push the Dookers up the league table.

The match against Rutherglen, referred to by Peter Laing, kicks off in Tarbert at 2pm.

Club lottery numbers

INVERARAY shinty club lottery numbers for this week are 1, 14 and 18.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400.00 next week.

THERE were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw. The numbers drawn were 14, 15 and 20. The jackpot next week will be £700.

KILMORY Camanachd shinty club lottery numbers for this week are 15, 16 and 17. There were no winners and the jackpot next week will be £600.

Under 16s take on Greenock

LOCHGILPHEAD soccer centre under 16 footballers were disappointed again this week after their football match was cancelled.

The team will challenge Greenock Thistle for another three points when they play at home on Sunday.

The match will take place at 2pm at Ropework Park. Peter Laing will referee the match.



David MacPherson said he missed shinty like crazy when he was going through treatment.

David raises £3,000 for cancer unit

'The amount of support I have received has been overwhelming'

LESS THAN a year after being diagnosed with cancer Argyll sporting inspiration David MacPherson is back playing shinty, running marathons and raising thousands of pounds for charity.

Just weeks after getting the all clear from doctors at Glasgow's Beatson Oncology Centre the Inveraray shinty star handed over £3,000 to the hospital charity Friends of the Beatson.

Fantastic

'I wanted to put something back into the Beatson,' he said. 'The Friends of the Beatson is a fantastic place for patients to go and get a cup of tea, read a magazine and just get away

from it all; you don't feel like you are in hospital.'

David was diagnosed with testicular cancer in April last year after visiting doctors with what he believed to be a sporting injury. The 31-year-old had been suffering from a dull ache in his testicle, which he put down to a knock received in training a few weeks earlier.

But a check-up revealed a much more serious illness and David was told to return to hospital for an operation the next day.

David had signed up for the Great Scottish Run three days before being diagnosed and hadn't planned on running for

a charity. But following the support and care he received from the Friends of the Beatson during his recovery David decided to run to raise funds and awareness of the disease.

Thank

Speaking to the Argyllshire Advertiser David said: 'I want to thank everyone who made a donation. The amount of support I have received has been overwhelming. People I don't really know made a donation so I hope this thank you reaches them.'

David urged anyone concerned about testicular cancer to 'get it checked out'.

'The most important thing is to catch it early,' he said.

Wolves beat their older stablemates in Oban

ON SUNDAY the Oban Express Primary Football League continued with its winter programme and had all formats playing on an enjoyable day.

The P1 and P2s carried on with their development in the indoor arena playing their frantic Fun Fours with the junior P3 and P4 outside with their 7 a side league along with the seniors.

Over in the senior league the team of the day had to be Lochgilphead Wolves who opened their fixtures with a match against their older stablemates the Warriors but found themselves one down through a Ciaran McPhie effort.

However the Wolves rallied and scored a deserved equaliser from a corner which Warriors failed to clear and the

ball bobbed into the net.

After that excellent result against the league leaders Wolves marched to a three goal lead against Lochnell with Brody Kalache and Kian Francis scoring before a terrific Angus Lewis free kick. Two late goals from Lochnell's Stewart McAllister ensured a nervous finish but the Wolves held on.

A further three points were secured with a single goal from Kian Francis just before half time in their match with Thistle to cap a fine day.

Stoddarts kept up their challenge at the top, scoring nine without reply in their two matches against Lochnell and Tralee with Danny MacVicar and Lomond MacPherson amongst their scorers.

Saints Boys (under 11's) also kept up their challenge with Daniel McCuish and Lewis Buchanan finding the net against Tralee who then scored a late goal through Lewis Reeves to ensure a nervous finish but the Saints held on.

The Saints Boys picked up three points against Thistle with Bepe Lopez scoring the only goal of the match in a tight encounter.

The Warriors had started the day as league leaders and after their earlier draw found themselves up against both Saints teams and recorded an important victory over their nearest challengers Saints Boys. But in the game of the day Saints Under 12's opened the scoring through Duncan MacDougall

but the Warriors showed their battling spirit and equalised through Ciaran McPhie.

The game swung from end to end with both teams looking for the winner and with time running out Saints Zander Kilmurray pounced to stroke the ball into the net and inflict the Warriors first defeat of the season.

Lochnell secured an important victory over Stoddy Boys thanks to a solo effort from Micheal Strathern but Stoddy's got themselves back on

track with a win at Tralee.

At the half way stage of the senior winter league, the Warriors and Saints Boys sit joint top on 19 points with both Stoddarts and the Wolves three points behind.

Oban Saints have brought themselves back into contention with that important win over the Warriors and sit a further three points behind with all to play for in the coming weeks. The next meeting is Sunday January 30 once again at the Community Pitch.

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