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Councillor Dougie Philand collects Sign for the A83 petitions from Jeanette Laughton of Ardrishaig Community Council alongside the A83 and the place where a safe crossing point is needed. Ardrishaig residents have been signing petitions in the village's Rumbling Tum and Law's shop. 06_a05sign01

Sign for A83 campaign gathers pace

ARGYLL First, the party behind the ever growing Sign for A83 campaign, collected petitions from various villages in Argyll this week as people continue to pledge their support for the vital trunk road.

Hoping to take the petition to the Scottish Government at the end of the month, Argyll First is urging all those who have not yet signed the petition to do so.

The three councillors, Douglas Philand, John McAlpine and Donald Kelly, said: 'It is vital that we continue to campaign and stress to everyone that this might be the one-off opportunity to make a difference.'

The communities of Argyll and Bute are united behind the Sign for the A83 campaign. If you have not signed the petition, we urge you to

stand with us and sign either the hardcopy or the e-petition.'

The Argyll councillors welcomed the announcement from Transport Minister Keith Brown last week that a study into the future of the A83 would be conducted in the coming months.

People can 'Sign for the A83' at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/sign-for-the-a83.html>.

Buses boycott village road

Parents and pupils forced to walk to road end to meet school transport

PARENTS and motorists in Craobh Haven have hit out at the state of the access road to the village this week as bus companies refuse to drive on it.

West Coast Motors and Anderson Coaches, which operate the school bus service to Lochgilphead High School and Craignish Primary School, have stopped picking up children in the village and are now asking parents to meet them with the children at the road end on the A816.

The move comes as both bus companies state the road, which is privately owned by Craobh Haven Marina, is 'not safe for our large vehicles to operate on'.

Explaining their buses have to be maintained to a high standard because they are used by the public, Daniel Halliday of West Coast Motors, said buses had been damaged when driving on the road.

Mr Halliday added: 'If the road is upgraded we would be happy to resume with the school service.'

Until then parents are being urged to walk their children to the bus stop, on a route that has been approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

But one mother of two primary aged children, said: 'The council have said that it is acceptable for the children to walk from our home in Lunga to the main road accompanied by an adult. It takes an adult 40 minutes to do that walk one way, never mind a five year old child and imagine what it would be like in the weather conditions we might be getting soon.'

Holt Leisure, owners of Craobh Haven Marina and the road, said they have been trying hard to resolve the situation.

Gavin McDonagh, managing director of Holt Leisure, said: 'It is

our preference to have the full road upgraded and adopted [by Argyll and Bute Council] as opposed to constantly patching at greater expense than replacement.'

'This way forward has been the subject of discussion and agreement in principle with council officials as recently as December and we are hopeful that we will be able to go forward on that basis shortly.'

Agreeing with Mr McDonagh, a spokeswoman from Argyll and Bute Council said the authority was keen to take ownership of the road.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute Council is keen this road is brought up to an adoptable standard. If this happened, and following agreement by all landowners, the council would be in a position to adopt it.'

'We are trying to arrange a meeting with all parties to discuss how we can move this forward.'

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Tributes paid to a missing friend

THE SAILING community in Tarbert has this week paid tribute to a friend who has been missing for more than two weeks.

Brian Martin, who had been living aboard his boat docked in Tarbert Harbour for a few months and who was a regular visitor to the village for more than a year, went missing from his boat on January 18.

Brian, in his late 40s, is believed to have gone overboard his yacht, *Cena*, on Wednesday January 18 when it was found adrift and abandoned midway between Skipness Point and The Cock of Arran. There has been no trace of

him since. Friends and neighbours in Tarbert have expressed their sorrow and concern for his whereabouts.

'Everyone has been asking after him and if we have heard anything, Phil Robertson, who lives on a neighbouring boat, said. 'He was well known around the harbour area and was a very nice fella.

'He always had a smile on his face and when you saw him on the pontoons he would blather away to you.'

Explaining his thoughts were with Brian's family in Milton Keynes, Phil said he believed Brian had two brothers and an elderly mother.

He said Brian had worked for Coca Cola in the engineering field before moving to Tarbert permanently at the end of last year.

Phil said he had spoken to him about sailing to the Kyles as it was sheltered. Phil said: 'The first I knew of it was when the coastguard came up here and asked about him; as soon as I saw them I knew something wasn't right.'

A two-day search for Brian was carried out by the coastguard and RNLI lifeboats. The search was stood down on January 19 but Strathclyde Police are continuing to search the Argyllshire coastline.

Two new homes unveiled

TWO NEW homes built in an area starved of affordable housing were officially unveiled last Friday.

The homes, in The Pheasant Field on Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow are the first phase of a 15-house development and were opened by Sarah Jane Laing, head of policy at Scottish Land and Estates.

The homes, built under the rural homes for rent grant provided by the Scottish Government, were a joint project between the government, Ardkinglas Estate and Scottish Land and Estates. It is hoped future phases of the development will offer a mixture of affordable homes and plots for sale. The



Representatives from Ardkinglas Estate and Scottish Land and Estates officially open homes at The Pheasant Field.

housing project, which benefits from investment from Ardkinglas Estate, represents the estate's long-term aim of increasing the availability of affordable rented accommodation in the area. It is hoped

the Scottish Government's rural homes for rent pilot scheme will be developed into a permanent funding stream, through which more houses would be built in Cairndow and rural Mid Argyll.

Police files

A PENSIONER has been arrested for allegedly committing a breach of the peace in Tarbert in the early hours of last Sunday morning.

The man, aged 70, is said to have been shouting and swearing at a woman causing her to be in a state of fear and alarm.

SIX MOTORISTS were discovered driving a car without a valid MOT certificate last Thursday. The drivers were stopped by police officers when they were carrying out spot checks on vehicles in the Mid Argyll area.

A MAN who allegedly shouted, swore and frightened a woman in Ardrishaig last Sunday has been arrested for breach of the peace.

The 59-year-old man, who is not from Mid Argyll, is believed to have committed the offence at 4am last Sunday morning at a hostelry in the village.

A 30-year-old man who allegedly punched a man on the face outside a Lochgilphead pub has been arrested for assault. The altercation between the two men took place on Argyll Street at 1am last Sunday morning.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses this week after four sheep were stolen from a farm near Kilberry Castle.

The grey-faced hogs are believed to have been taken from the farm sometime between January 18 and 19.

Anyone who may have seen people in the area acting suspiciously are being urged to contact PC Nichol at Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

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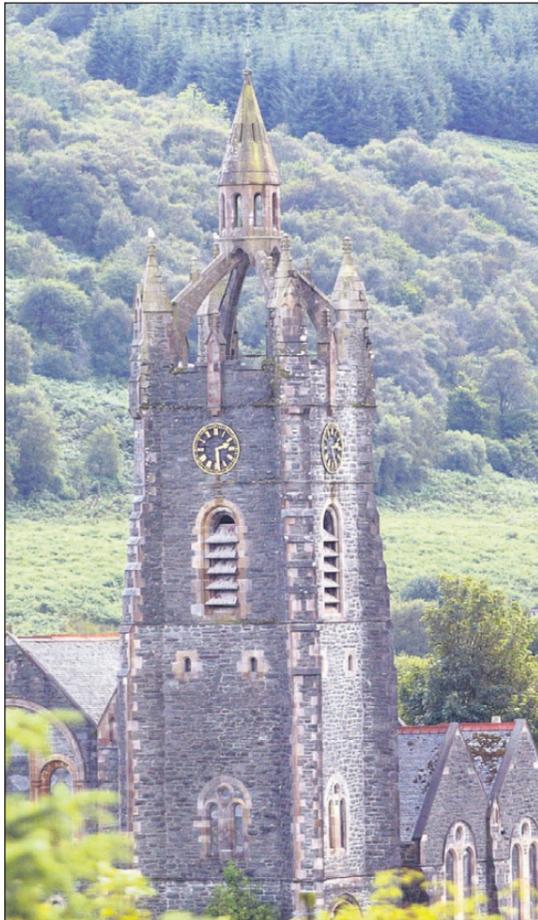
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Help with dental health

A PROJECT introduced to tackle poor dental health in children has been rolled out across every health board in Scotland.

The Childsmile programme emphasises the importance of regular tooth brushing and helps parents to establish a healthy dental health regime.

Through the scheme every nursery in Scotland is offered free, daily, supervised tooth brushing for their children and every child is provided with a dental pack.



Tarbert Church is visible from many parts of the village. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

Tarbert Church faces £500,000 repair bill

Urgent appeal to villagers to help

PEOPLE in Tarbert are being urged to support their village church as it faces a bill of more than £500,000 for repairs following storm damage to an already old and weak building.

The church, which sits at the top of the hill on the Campbeltown Road, is facing a bleak future with a new roof, organ, hall and carpets needed throughout the building.

The biggest problem the church faces is the roof which is nail sick, meaning the nails that fix the slates to the roof deck have corroded and no longer hold the slates

securely in place. 'The sickness is right across the roof so if we get another storm the tiles, along with the ones that we recently replaced, will be blown off,' Reverend Tommy Bryce, minister for Tarbert Parish Church, said.

The true extent of the damage to Tarbert Church was fully revealed following the storm which took place last month and ripped tiles from the roof, leaving the building and its contents no longer wind and watertight.

'The roof has been repaired temporarily'

Rev Bryce said. 'At the moment the building is waterproof and we have used temporary measures whilst we have a few builders and consultants looking at it.

'The insurance company is helping us but we cannot do anything until all the estimates are in,' he added.

Explaining the cost of repairing the roof is estimated at £180,000, Rev Bryce said one estimate for all of the repairs came in at more than £540,000.

'That type of money is not going about anywhere; it will take a

miracle,' he said. 'We are hoping that God has a hand in this and that and that something good will come out of it; this might be a new dawn.'

Urging local people to support the church Rev Bryce said the current difficulties facing the church are a good reason to bring everyone back together.

Stating the church should be brought 'back to the sentiments upon which it was built', Rev Bryce added: 'The church is about people not just a building; I can see the real church and that is the people.'

Freight group warns scrapping RET will increase costs

SCRAPPING the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) for lorries that use ferries to move goods between the western isles and the mainland will increase transport costs and stoke inflation on island

communities, Freight Transport Association (FTA) has warned.

RET sets ferry fares to the equivalent cost for vehicles travelling the same distance by road but from April lorries

will not be included in the scheme, when delivering goods to the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree.

Argyll haulers are worried about the changes and have said

the exemption from RET will mean increased costs for both themselves and islanders.

Peter McKerral of McKerral & Co Haulage services, said his business would be

affected. 'We deliver to Gigha, Mull and Stornoway.'

'We have lorries going from Ullapool to Stornoway twice a day so it will definitely have an impact on us.'

Explaining it was bad news for islanders, Mr McKerral added: 'It is running costs up and up; it is bad news for everyone especially with the ever-rising cost of fuel.'

Tenants face new 'right to buy' rule

SOME tenants of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) lost the right to buy their Mid Argyll homes for 10 years this week.

A new rule, which came into effect on Tuesday, will not affect people who took out their tenancy with a social registered landlord before September 30 2002.

The decision to suspend the right to buy was made in partnership with

ACHA and Dunbritton Housing Association in a bid to help address an acute shortage of affordable housing in many parts of Argyll.

Mid Argyll and all of its settlements are a few of a large number of towns and villages

that have been labelled a pressured area. The affected settlements in Mid Argyll are: Lochgilphead, Achahoish, Ardrihaig, Cairnbaan, Clachan, Crinan, Ford, Furnace, Inveraray, Kilmichael/Glassary, Minard and Tarbert.

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A NEW counselling service for carers living with long-term illness and bereavement will be launched in Lochgilphead today (Friday).

The service, a partnership between the Dochas Centre and Macmillan Cancer Support, will be delivered by nine newly trained counsellors via the centre on Campbell Street.

To find out more about this new service and the launch see next week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

Trust tree challenge

THE WOODLAND Trust is challenging people across Scotland to plant one million trees in February 2012.

The trust, in partnership with Ardrishaig Community Council, will plant more than 100 trees in the Ardrishaig area.

The mass plantation project will mark the Queen's Diamond jubilee and help transform communities for future generations.



German translator Colin Imrie, Virginia Sumsion, Anna Augustyn from Taste of Rural Europe Project and Fergus Younger.

Food from Argyll goes global

FOOD from Argyll went global last week as local food producers promoted the county's most desirable produce at International Green week.

The festival, held in Berlin, is the largest stage upon which food producers, farmers and agriculturists can showcase their goods. Virginia Sumsion from Food from Argyll attended the event on behalf of the group, following an invitation by the European Commission.

Making a presentation at the event, alongside Fergus Younger of Argyll Agricultural Forum, Virginia hosted a food tasting session promoting Argyll foods such as venison, whisky, salmon, haggis, shortbread, chutneys, sauces

and cheeses. Virginia said: 'Food from Argyll was proud to be there to showcase Argyll and Scotland as a good food producer and destination. The visit highlighted the role of Leader funding in supporting and kick starting regional initiatives.'

Explaining the importance of collaboration between regional businesses, Virginia said the Food from Argyll group is now participating in the Taste of Rural Europe Project.

Established in 1926, International Green Week offers producers from all over the world an opportunity to test-market food and luxury items and establish a brand image.

Council budget debate looks at saving £8.2m

ARGYLL and Bute Council was set to yesterday (Thursday) debate proposals to save £8.2million over the next two years.

The executive committee will consider the measures set out in the draft budget before they are presented to the full council meeting on February 16.

This year's service review proposes savings of £1.8million for 2012/13, £2.75million for 2013/14 and £3.645million for 2014/15. Most of these relate to management and operational cuts and efficiencies, although it is proposed to increase council fees and charges by three per cent for each of the next three years.

In addition, the package of revenue savings agreed last year will continue to

deliver savings over the next three years. These amount to £4.6million in 2012/13, £5.1million in 2013/14 and £5.1million in 2014/15.

The council say £83million of capital investment will be made over the next three years. Of that, grant funding from the Scottish Government will be £9.65million for 2012/13, £8.9million for 2013/14 and £13.2 million for 2014. Funding allocated to Argyll and Bute Council by the Scottish Government over the next three years amounts to £224.1million in 2012/13, £222million for 2013/14 and £220.3million for 2014/15.

This compares to £221.592million in the current financial year.

Council tax remains frozen, meaning the local

authority will continue to collect just over £45million per annum over the next three years.

Council leader Councillor Dick Walsh said the proposed budget would allow the council to continue making the necessary savings whilst protecting frontline services. He said: 'Argyll and Bute's residents and communities should not underestimate the scale of the ongoing challenges which all local authorities face. However, they can be assured that we will not let up in our efforts to explore every avenue in our bid to improve the efficiency of our organisation so as to shield those services which people care about the most from the effects of the financial squeeze.'

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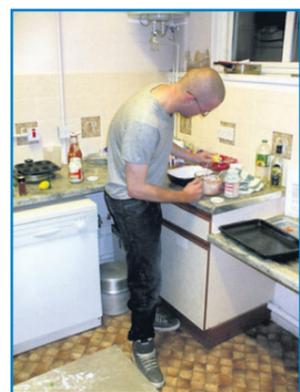
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 Charmaine



Life skills at play.

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Pledge to improve Tarbert road safety

ROAD safety in Tarbert is expected to improve in the coming years after the Scottish Government pledged it would address concerns about pedestrian safety in the village.

Keith Brown Minister for Transport and Infrastructure has reassured Tarbert residents that a thorough investigation will be carried out into the width of the Barmore road and pedestrian safety in the village.

In a recent letter to Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, Mr Brown said: 'I am pleased to advise that Transport Scotland is appointing engineering consultants to investigate the feasibility of improvements for the whole of the A83, including:

Feasibility for removing pinch points including Barmore Road and Erines Narrows as well as narrow bridges and pedestrian safety in villages including Tarbert and Ardrishaig.'

Roads authority Transport Scotland said it was already looking for a consultant to carry out the investigation into the A83 and expected a full report on the issue to be available by the summer.

Explaining any further improvements to the road would be informed by the report a spokeswoman for Transport

Scotland said: 'Upgrades to the A83 will be subject to the relevant statutory processes, the availability of funding and competing priorities across the Scottish trunk road network.'

Welcoming the letter from minister Keith Brown, Bob Chicken, chairman of the roads committee of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council said he was cautiously optimistic.

'I am optimistic because the minister has put his name to this letter,' Mr Chicken said, 'but I am weary because this is a feasibility study and I won't be happy until a proper action plan is in place with details and a commitment to resolving the problem.'

Campaigning
Tarbert residents have been campaigning for more than 20 years to improve pedestrian safety in the village, raising concerns about the narrowness of Barmore Road, where large vehicles frequently mount the pavement in order to pass each other.

Transport Scotland officials - regional manager Phil Hinchliff, road safety manager George Henry and national network manager David Hamilton - will attend Tarbert and Skipness Community Council on February 9 to update Tarbert residents on the A83 investigation.



Jim McMillan, Michael Kidd, Rhona Crawford, Laura McMillan and John Hodgart.

Inveraray Burns Club hosts annual supper

MEMBERS of Inveraray Burns Club gathered at the Royal Burgh's Argyll hotel on Saturday to host their annual Burns Supper.

There was a very full attendance at the event and club president, Michael Kidd, welcomed one and all. The supper was, as

usual, opened with the address to the haggis, this year performed by Jim McCulloch.

John Burns proposed the toast to the Queen; the Immortal Memory was given by uest from Ayrshire John Hodgart. Jim McMillan proposed the toast to the lassies and

the reply was given by Rhona Crawford.

Some members of folk group *Fyne Folk* provided the club with entertainment for the evening, with the proceedings completed with a rendition of *The Star of Rabbie Burns*.

Volunteers needed to assess grant bids

VOLUNTEERS are being sought by a Scottish charity to help distribute £4 million of funding to good causes.

The Scottish Community Foundation, one of Scotland's busiest grant makers, is seeking volunteers to help assess grant applications.

The organisation helps distribute funds from its clients to charities all across Scotland

and hopes Argyll folk will help them assess applications from the comfort of their own homes. The volunteers will be offered training and the opportunity to visit organisations seeking grant funding in their area. For more information, visit the foundation's website at scottishcf.org or contact Alice Dansey-Wright on 0141 341 4960.

Search on for talented young writers

BUDDING young writers in Mid Argyll are being urged to enter their work into a national competition.

The Academy of Children's Writers is launching its 27th annual competition in search of an unpublished children's writer. The competition, which closes on March 31, offers £2,000 to the winner.

Police warn that bogus workmen have been operating throughout Argyll

ARGYLL residents are being urged to be on the lookout for bogus workmen following the arrest of two men for fraud in Campbeltown last week.

Police inspector, Julie McLeish said that the men may have been operating throughout the county for some time.

The arrests come as police continue to investigate complaints about other bogus workmen.

Inspector McLeish is urging locals to be aware of the possibility of fraudsters, calling anyone with doubts about work done or suspicious individuals to contact the police immediately.

She said: 'Bogus workmen will pressurise you to have work carried out that is often unnecessary or carried out to a poor standard. They will use different methods to try and persuade you to part with your money and you may feel under pressure to pay cash in advance of any work

being completed. 'The best advice I can give is to use companies which come with a personal recommendation, are established, or are locally based companies or workmen.'

If you have concerns, you should contact your local police office immediately.

No rise in water rates

WATER rates are to be frozen for 2012 - the fourth year in a row the charge has remained unchanged.

The average household charge will remain at £324 - the same level it was in 2009/10.

A Scottish Water spokesperson said: 'The fact that charges are being kept at the same level for the fourth year running is a tribute to the efforts of management and everyone who works at Scottish Water in creating an even more efficient Scottish Water.'

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Compact decision for Mid Argyll Hospital

A DESIGN for the new Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead has been selected.

After an extensive consultation, which involved public exhibitions on three designs in Inveraray, Tarbert and Lochgilphead, the Mid Argyll Hospital Steering Group has adopted the most compact of the three designs, labelled 2A/2.

The steering group took account of workshops where health professionals had their say, as well as the three public roadshows.

Consultation revealed that the most important aspect of the new one-stop-shop £13million hospital was quality of care, followed by clinical effectiveness and accessibility to services and facilities.

Concern over Argyll and Bute housing costs

ARGYLL and Bute Council has one of the highest management costs per council house in Scotland, according to Scottish Executive figures.

George Lyon, MSP for Argyll and Bute, has written to the council asking for an explanation.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



WE were enjoying coffee and scones in the cosiness of The Smiddy when the world went dark again.

However this time it wasn't a power cut. Someone had inadvertently severed a main cable while working on the road outside.

We were simply cut off from the source of power and there was uncertainty as to how long this situation would last.

Good-humoured banter ensued and we were very well looked after indeed by Bruce and his team.

We finished our coffee in the gloaming and exchanged stories about the recent storms and power cuts.

How much we take for granted these days and how dependent we are on the things that have become essential in our modern lives.

We depend on central heating, electricity, water and so many things that make life comfortable.

We sat in the dark because we were cut off from the source of light.

We wondered how long this would last and we could only wait till we were re-connected.

Thankfully it was reported to someone who could make the connection for us and bring us back into the light.

I thought of how we can cut ourselves off from God and we don't know how to fix it.

We sit in our spiritual darkness and long to be back in the light.

Fortunately there is one who can fix that too and can re-connect us with God again.

Jesus is the one who can take our hand in our own darkness and bring us back into the light of God's unending and unfailing love.

For God's love never fails or flickers or falters. It is the source of all light and is there for everyone to connect with at any time and in any place.

Soon the power came on and it was a great excuse to have another scone to celebrate!



Down Memory Lane

THIS Week's Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives. The picture shows Ardrishaig residents celebrating the village at the turn of the millennium. To submit a photographs for the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Landslips on the A83

Sir,
Recent articles in your columns indicate that there are neither ideas, plans nor money to resolve the problem of landslips at the Rest and Be Thankful area of the A83.

We all know that this road is a vital artery for all businesses in this area and crucial development in tourism; it beggars belief that there is no political will to address this problem.

Where our councillors, MSPs, MP and MEP? The road is the responsibility of the Trunk Road Authority but these are the people who should be bringing awareness of the potential disaster to those who control the purse strings at Holyrood.

It has been pure luck that there have been no fatalities so far. Elections are looming and I

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would have thought that at least some of these people would have this problem high in their agenda as it is of great importance to us all.

It is interesting to note that other countries, faced with similar problems opted years ago to use tunnels. Italy, France, Germany and Greece to name a few have been proactive and bored tunnels under suspect surface ground.

Instead of constantly pouring vast amounts of money reactively into clearing the road and installing monitoring equipment to advise drivers of an enhanced risk would it not be better value for money to remove the problem altogether by driving a

road tunnel through the danger area?

**Douglas Robertson,
Bralorne,
Mealdarroch,
Tarbert,
Argyll.**

Another tough year in prospect

Sir,
Projections from CITB-ConstructionSkills that 2012 will be another tough year for the Scottish construction sector come as no surprise but are still a cause for concern. Longer term the industry is expected to recover – albeit slowly – but the damage caused by the current downturn

risks being felt for many years to come.

It is particularly concerning to see the industry's core manual trades hit so hard by redundancies, with thousands of skilled individuals expected to lose their jobs over the next five years.

It needn't have to be that way. The Scottish Government's ambitious commitment to create 25,000 new apprenticeships each year over the lifetime of the current Scottish Parliament should become more than a simple numbers game. Beyond funding for apprenticeship places, the Scottish Government needs to put additional funding into key sectors such as house building and the

warm homes fund. That will enable more employers to offer young people an apprenticeship in construction, helping to build the future skills and capacity we need for the long term.

**Michael Levack,
Chief Executive
Scottish Building
Federation,
Crichton House,
4 Crichton's Close,
Holyrood,
Edinburgh.**

Family history

Sir,

As you can see, my surname is Wilkie, which is a pretty common name in Scotland. The problem is that my forbears often lived under anything but the surname Wilkie, McQuilkan is just one. This makes finding your roots very difficult.

From my research I know that part of our family history is rooted in North Kintyre, around Saddell and Skipness but I keep getting a blank in the early 1800s.

I am looking for two family histories. The first is the family of Donald Thomson (a Crofter) and his wife Elizabeth (maiden surname Murray) who I believe came from Skipness. Their daughter Christina Thomson (c.1835-1915) married my great grandfather, Hugh Wilkie (c.1829-1879) in Largs in 1852.

The second family is the Wilkies themselves. I have managed to trace back to Malcolm Wilkie (McQuilkan) a Blacksmith and his wife Mary (maiden surname Bell); parents of Hugh Wilkie. Malcolm (McQuilkan) married Mary in Skipness in September 1827.

On the 1851 census they were at Tunadle Farm, Skipness. It looks like Malcolm was born in Glasgow but Mary came from Clett, Argyll. I think Mary may have been his second wife, the first being Jean Taylor whom he married in Skipness in January 1820.

I hope to be coming up to Lochgilphead before Easter and would love to meet or exchange emails with anyone who may be able to help.

**Richard Wilkie,
Hampton Gardens,
Sawbridgeworth,
Hertfordshire,
CM21 0AN.**

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Make the most of online trading

BUSINESSES hoping to develop their presence online are being urged to contact Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team.

The local business advice and support centre has helped dozens of Argyll businesses to make the most of online trading and wants to know if more businesses need assistance.

Some of the Business Gateway workshops, covering website building and the use of social media, are already fully booked across Dunoon, Oban and Inveraray but the team is keen to hear from anyone hoping to take part in internet-based workshops as additional dates may be arranged.

Tayvallich artist Jan Hendry benefited from Business Gateway's advice about websites when she relocated to Mid Argyll from Fife.

'I attended the website-building course in Inveraray. It was a good day and it was very worthwhile,' Jan said. 'I'm now more confident that I can create a website, which certainly should help in promoting my work.'

Jan is a professional artist with a particular interest in earth history, earth pigments and ecology, who makes her own paint from natural mineral pigments. She runs creative workshops for people of all ages and abilities.

Business Gateway can offer free, practical advice on a wide range of topics from experienced local business advisers as well as providing a wealth of useful information and interactive tools at www.bgateway.com. To find out more visit www.bgateway.com or contact the local office on 01546 605 459.

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Fun at the fair as pair launch new business

Beauty of Argyll the perfect backdrop for new interiors venture

THE BEAUTY of Argyll will provide the perfect backdrop for a new interiors business which launches next week.

West Coast Living, launched by two Craignish women, is a new business venture that will bring vintage furniture and accessories to beautiful towns and villages across Argyll.

The brainchild of Katie Richie and Sara Qualter, West Coast Living will

host bi-monthly home and interiors fairs featuring a select gathering of unique stalls.

Each fair will feature an eclectic mix of vintage, antique and new furniture, textiles, accessories and gifts providing customers with an exciting blend of styles, ranging from 'shabby chic' and vintage to the elegant, practical and modern.

With both Katie and



Katie Richie.

Sara having experience of collecting and selling furniture – Katie at Barbreck Farm Shop and Sara at her two shops in Yorkshire – the women decided to combine their expertise and create an interiors fair that could be brought to people living in rural locations.

Argyll has such a dispersal of population that you have to take the product to the customer,' the girls said.

Venues

'We hope, by holding fairs at different venues throughout Argyll, that we will be able to find new amazing places, connect with more people, introduce new stall holders and meet new customers wherever we go.'

'We also hope to provide a forum for other small businesses of a similar nature, to offer their products for sale.'

They added: 'Above all, we want to share our passion for vintage interiors and provide an event which will allow people to come

along, spend a little time with friends, experience the thrill of rummaging through all sorts of goodies to find something that they love and, ultimately, just enjoy a great day out in beautiful Argyll.'

The latest business venture for the fashionable duo, Katie Richie is well known in Mid Argyll as a partner at Barbreck Farm in Ardfern. Opening the renowned farm shop in 2010, Katie introduced her desirable 'bric-a-brac' collectables to the shop last year and has never looked back.

Sara, recently relocated to Mid Argyll, has 12 years experience of searching for and selling furniture, accessories and textiles from her two shops in Yorkshire, her home in France and via trade events, some of which she organised in the north of England.

The first West Coast Living event will be held in Lunga House on February 12.



Sara Qualter.

Help at hand at spring workshops

ENTREPRENEURS across Mid Argyll can boost their business skills in the coming months as Business Gateway launches its spring programme of workshops.

Business start-up workshops, basic bookkeeping and the make the most of online trading workshops are all being held between February and March at a range of locations throughout Argyll and Bute.

Allocated places for the workshops, which have proved very popular in the past, are filling up fast and business people looking to develop their skills are being urged to sign up soon.

'Feedback from all these workshops is very good,' Councillor Neil

Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for enterprise, said. 'As well as helping our local entrepreneurs acquire key business skills, the workshops also present a great opportunity for people to come together, share ideas and support each other.'

Workshops

Places are still available on the two-day business start-up workshops running in Lochgilphead on February 8 and 9, Campbeltown on March 19 and 20 and Rothesay on March 27 and 28.

The basic bookkeeping workshop is running in Inveraray on March 8 and the make the most of online trading workshop in will be in Inveraray on March 5.

VAT change alert

HM REVENUE and Customs (HMRC) has issued an alert to VAT-registered businesses across Mid Argyll about important changes that come into effect this spring.

From April 1, 2012 all VAT-registered businesses must send their VAT returns online and pay their VAT electronically. Currently, only newly-registered businesses, and those with turnovers of more than £100,000, have to file and pay their VAT online.

The new rules will cover VAT returns filed for accounting periods beginning on or after April 1, 2012.

If a business is not already filing VAT online, it will see a host of ben-

efits including:

An automatic acknowledgement that the VAT return has been received

An arithmetic checker to help make sure sums are done correctly

An email alert to remind businesses when their next online return is due.

To file a VAT return online, businesses need to register for HMRC's VAT Online Service – visit www.online.hmrc.gov.uk and click 'Register' under the 'New user' section.

For more information log on to HMRC's website at www.hmrc.gov.uk/vat or call the VAT Online Services Helpdesk on 0845 010 8500.



West Coast Living will sell vintage furniture and 'shabby-chic' accessories.

Small business checklist

This month:

Consider whether further staff training could help your business. If so, the Flexible Training Opportunities scheme from Skills Development Scotland could provide up to £5,000 towards training costs. Call the helpline to find out more 0800 783 6000.

Thinking of taking on a new member of staff? Use the free online tools at www.bgateway.com.

com to help recruit staff, create contracts of employment and get new workers started.

If your business is in the field of arts and heritage, check out whether you are eligible for a HI Arts Award to help you develop at www.hi-arts.co.uk. The application deadline for projects starting after April is March 2, 2012

Feel strongly about regulations affecting

your business? Join the Red Tape Challenge debate to get your views heard.

Nearly 30,000 comments have been received so far. See www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk for more information.

Need help or more information? Business Gateway offers support and advice, contact the local office on 01546 605459.

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Murray tunes in to Ardrishaig

CONCERT pianist Murray McLachlan will delight members and guests of the Mid Argyll Arts Association as he visits Ardrishaig next week for a special concert.

A concert pianist, who has appeared as a soloist with most of the leading UK orchestras, Murray has received outstanding critical acclaim for his intelligent and sensitive interpretations and superb technical ability.

Receiving long-standing

international recognition, Murray has recorded more than 30 commercial records, including the complete sonatas of Beethoven and Prokofiev and many rarities.

In 2003 Murray performed the complete cycle of 32 Beethoven Sonatas to critical acclaim in Manchester, and in 2004 his Wigmore Hall Erik Chisholm Centenary Recital and subsequent national tour attracted superlatives in the

national press. Murray has also given first performances of works by many composers, including Martin Butler, Ronald Stevenson, Charles Camilleri, Michael Parkin and even Beethoven.

Winning rave reviews across many publications, BBC Music Magazine said: 'Murray McLachlan is a pianist with a virtuoso technique and a sure sense of line. His timing and phrasing are impeccable, and

his tone-full but unforced in the powerful passages, gentle and restrained in the more lyrical - is a perpetual delight.'

Murray was awarded a knighthood by the Order of St John of Jerusalem in recognition of his services to music in Malta in 1997.

Murray will perform for the Mid Argyll Arts Association in Ardrishaig Public Hall next Saturday, February 11 at 7.30pm.



Murray McLachlan will perform in Ardrishaig next week as part of the Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.

Poetry project hits all the right notes

GAELIC singer and Mòd Gold Medallist Joy Dunlop has joined forces with musicians to convert poems to song.

Argyll vocalist Joy, together with fiddle and harp duo *Twelfth Day*, has put poems written exclusively by Scottish women to music.

Exploring lives, loves and experiences of women in Scotland, the collection of songs is dubbed *Fiere*, a Scots word for companion or friend, and will be released as an album in March.

Drawing from a mixture of Gaelic, Scots and English texts, *Fiere* includes poetry from esteemed writers such as Carol Ann Duffy and Morag Montgomery.

Commenting on the experience, Joy said: 'To be able to bring together a body of work that celebrates the experiences of Scottish women in a new way has been a privilege.'

A prominent figure in the Scottish music and Gaelic scene, Joy Dunlop was nominated Gaelic Singer of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2010 and 2011.

Heron Valley entertain at fiddle club

TALENTED youngsters *Heron Valley* joined the recent meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and fiddle club.

The musicians - Alex and Arlene MacKechnie, Iain Wilson from Strachur and Euan MacNab from Sandbank - created a stir amongst members of the group with their amazing sound and skill in playing a range of instruments.

Alex played the accordion, fiddle and guitar, Arlene the keyboard and accordion, Iain the small pipes and cajon drum and Euan played the guitar and banjo.

The group entertained the audience to a very well rehearsed pro-



Talented youngsters Heron Valley.

gramme for the first half of their performance with a great selection of marches, jigs, waltzes and reels - keeping everyone informed as they went along. Then for the second half they played - changing instruments as required - for well over an hour, to the great

delight of the audience, who were hearing 'a new west coast sound'.

Member of the club, Margaret Mather congratulated the teenagers' on their outstanding performance.

'It was terrific - the only word for it - given that their average age is

15 and a half,' Margaret said. 'We certainly look forward to watching the progress of this highly talented quartet for what promises to be an exciting musical journey ahead and all at the club wish them every success in the years to come.'

Supporting *Heron Valley* at the club meeting were *Fyne Folk*, with Alex John MacLeod and Jake MacKay on fiddle and Agnes Liddell on keyboard; James MacArthur from Oban on melodeon; Alex MacKinnon, Carradale, on button box accompanied by Jimmy MacDonald, Tighnabruach on keyboard; Jake on 'moochie' with Agnes on keyboard.

Hanna brings spirit of Marilyn to Inveraray

Review by David Finlay
IN THE 50th anniversary year of her tragically early death, the spirit of Marilyn Monroe was brought to Inveraray on Saturday night.

Hanna Emily Nixon, performing under the stage name *Unmistakably Marilyn*, both entertained and moved the audience with a performance which included anecdotes (many of them unfamiliar to anyone other than a Marilyn expert), no fewer than seventeen songs and even an improvised question-and-answer session.

The musical talents of Graham Dickie added an extra level of magic to the

evening as he provided perfectly judged accompaniment to the songs on piano keyboard and guitar. Anyone unlucky to have missed the show this time will have plenty of opportunity to see it in the near future, as there are plans to perform it throughout Scotland in the near future.



Unmistakably Marilyn, also known as Inveraray Jail's Hanna Nixon.

Scottish Community Drama Association Kintyre Argyll District

Campbeltown Drama Festival

Campbeltown Grammar School
Tuesday & Wednesday 14th & 15th February
Curtain Up 7.15pm

Tues	Carradale Drama Club	"The Beach Hut" by Mark Rees
	Peninver Players Drama Club	"Our James" by Ros Moruzzi
	Accent Players	"Some Mother's Son" by Mark Rees
Weds	Lochgilhead Drama Club	"The Big Cats" by Alex Baron
	Peninver Juniors	"The Wise Villagers" by Ron Nichol
	Dunaverty Players	"Background Artists" by Stephen Smith

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Hazel Galbraith and mum Brenda. Hazel is learning fiddle at Tarbert Music Centre.



Paula McLean, Ryan McGlynn and Jamie McLafferty collectively known as Ceilidh's Homet.

Ceilidh hits the high notes

THE TARBERT Hotel played host to Tarbert Music Centre's fundraising ceilidh on Saturday night.

Music was provided by Ceilidh's Homet, better known to music centre pupils, as co-ordinator Paula McLean and tutors Ryan McGlynn and Jamie McLafferty, who got everyone up on their feet and dancing.

Highlight of the night was the Arcadian Strip the Willow that had the

whole room up joining in. Interval music was provided by ex-music centre pupils Caragh Sinclair and Lauren Prentice whose beautiful singing and playing lit up the room and showed why the music centre is so proud of them.

The music centre is having more fundraising events over the year and it hopes to see more parents supporting the work it does for young people.

Argyll pipers make their MOVE onto festival stage

WILD Biscuit's exuberant music and dance production MOVE, which features Argyll pipers alongside a break dance crew, took to the Celtic Connections stage last week at the prestigious 02 ABC music venue in Glasgow.

The standing audience was mesmerised as the hour-long set showcased many brand new and exciting numbers from the 2012 cast that features not only a host of Argyll talent but a who's who of Scottish music and

contemporary dance. New compositions by members of the cast seamlessly integrated with established tunes, all with an upbeat modern edge, leaving a buzz in the air and the festival audience wanting more.

Some bold new dance routines featuring the Wild Biscuit drummers mixed perfectly with the professional moves of Tony Mills and break dance crew Random Aspekts. For the first time, MOVE added live vocals to the set, adding

another intriguing level to the dynamic show.

Receiving excellent reviews of its Celtic Connections performance, MOVE has received great acclaim in a year when the festival presented one of its most adventurous programmes yet.

Attracting the attention of several UK events and festival promoters it looks like 2012 will be an exciting year for the MOVE production, which was born in Argyll.



Break dance crew Random Aspekts perform the dance moves to coincide with the beats produced by Argyll drummers.



Argyll drummers performed alongside break dance crew Random Aspekts.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
 Synopsis: Mission Impossible - Ghost Protocol
 The IMF is shut down when it's implicated in the bombing of the Kremlin, causing Ethan Hunt and his new team to go rogue to clear their organization's name.
 Synopsis: My Week with Marilyn
 In the early summer of 1956, 23 year-old Colin Clark (Eddie Redmayne), just down from Oxford and determined to make his way in the film business, worked as a lowly assistant on the set of 'The Prince and the Showgirl'. The film that famously united Sir Laurence Olivier (Kenneth Branagh) and Marilyn Monroe (Michelle Williams), who was also on honeymoon with her new husband, the playwright Arthur Miller (Douglas Scott).
 Nearly 40 years on, his diary account The Prince, the Showgirl and Me was published, but one week was missing and this was published some years later as My Week with Marilyn - this is the story of that week. When Arthur Miller leaves England, the coast is clear for Colin to introduce Marilyn to some of the pleasures of British life, an idyllic week in which he escorted a Monroe desperate to get away from her retinue of Hollywood hangers-on and the pressures of work.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- Cultivated (7)
- Beat (5)
- Nickname (9)
- Rent or stop prematurely (3)
- Teenager maybe (5)
- Number of printed rows (7)
- Not giving good results (13)
- Funnel shaped flowers (7)
- Watery discharge (5)
- Road coating (3)
- Ranking order (9)
- Grant (5)
- High pointed roof (7)

Down

- Hazardous (5)
- Watch chain (3)
- Nor (7)
- Those who cross (6-7)
- Behemoth (5)
- Know what one sees (9)
- Cotton fabric (7)
- Not normal (9)
- Solvent from distilling petrol (7)
- Rigging (7)
- Not in any manner (5)
- Possibly (5)
- Ceiling (3)

Last week's solution

Open day success

MORE than 30 people have expressed an interest in developing their local heritage sites in Mid Argyll.

The people, who came along to an open day at Kilmartin House Museum, are learning more about volunteering at both the museum and Scottish Natural Heritage sites - national nature reserves Moine Mhor and Tainish.

The potential volunteers learned about opportunities across a range of roles including guided walk leaders, garden assistants, museum assistants and educational and archaeology support. For more information about volunteering contact Kilmartin House Museum on 01546 510278.

Spotlight on Maggie's centres

MEMBERS of the Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group will learn more about the support offered by Maggie's Cancer Centres at their February meeting.

The group will welcome Carole Bridge, a nursing consultant at Maggie's Highland Centre, to the meeting next Monday, February 13.

Maggie's Highland is situated in the grounds of Raigmore Hospital in Inverness. It offers psychological and emotional support and practical advice to anyone who has, or has had cancer.



Cathy McLean, right, with Rhian Thomas who will be running Clachan Filling Station. 21_c05clch01

Tourism summit planned

A TOURISM summit that hopes to develop ideas to make the 2012 summer season a landmark year for local businesses will take place in March.

The Argyll and the Isles Tourism Summit, organised by the region's strategic tourism partnership, will discuss how to make the most of opportunities such as the 2012 Olympics and Creative Scotland 2012. The event, which will be held at Portavadie Marina on March 1,

will explore the potential of cultural and marine tourism for the area, hear from regional marketing groups and learn more about social media and networking.

VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead OBE will be among the high-profile industry leaders speaking at the event and will answer questions from attendees.

For more information or to register for a place at the summit log on to www.vsargyllmar12.eventbrite.co.uk.

Village toasts couple as they hand over filling station reins

A WHOLE village turned out this week to show their gratitude to a couple who have gone above and beyond their normal duties as shopkeepers.

After 15 years of owning and running Clachan Filling Station, Cathy and Calum McLean, have passed on the reins to a Lochgilphead couple.

The couple have always gone out their way for the villagers and visitors, and were thanked for their hard work and kindness over the years when the whole village turned out on Tuesday evening.

Calum and Cathy are originally from Islay, and have lived in Clachan for 35 years.

They first came to Clachan when Calum was in the Merchant Navy.

The couple also carried out a milk run in Tarbert

for four years and when the opportunity came up to take over the shop they took it.

'It is really going well,' said Cathy. 'We enjoy it here, we feel as if we know everybody. We are so grateful for everyone's support and custom over the years.'

'We feel it is the right time and we want time to do things that we don't get time to when we are running a full time business. We have given it our all.'

Taking over will be Rhian Thomas and Eilwyn Davis from Lochgilphead.

Running a petrol station is second nature to Rhian, as her family owned one during her time growing up in Wales.

Some may know her from her time as a West Coast Motors' bus driver in Ardrishaig.

Cathy now plans to

get stuck back into her hobby of showing dogs and has been successful in the past at having her Samoyed dogs placed at Crufts.

That's not before a well-earned holiday however.

West Kintyre Community Council chairwoman Elizabeth Ball paid tribute to the couple.

'They have met customers with a cheery welcome, provided a lifeline service, given valuable information and guidance to everyone, including visitors and newcomers - they have basically gone way beyond the responsibilities normally expected of shopkeepers,' explained Elizabeth.

'We thank them most sincerely for all they have done for our community and wish them every enjoyment and good health in their retirement.'

Canal residents on the lookout for cheeky squirrel

PEOPLE living along the Crinan Canal are keeping their eyes peeled for a mischievous squirrel.

The red squirrel has been discovered swinging from bird food boxes and running amok in a greenhouse.

The cute but crafty creature was recently found peeling off a large fleece from plants in Heather Cameron's greenhouse and dragging it out into the garden.

Heather, who lives at Ardloch Cottages, said: I saw him in the garden and went to get my camera. By the time I got back he was in the greenhouse. I found him

pulling this great big fleece from the plants. It went on for some time and when it got stuck I could see him studying it; he went on tugging and then gave up.

Explaining she would have thought a cat had moved the fleece had she not caught the squirrel; Heather said it was 'remarkable'.



The squirrel was having a great time swinging from the ball holder attached to the bird box.



The mischievous squirrel tugging the white fleece from Heather's greenhouse.

GRADUATION



Megan Wilson from Kilmichael Glassary, daughter of Ian Wilson and Shona Young, has recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing Studies with Honours. Megan now works as a Staff Nurse in Critical Care at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge.

WEDDING



Ashley Nicole Sciacca and John Michael Pierce were united in marriage on September 3, 2011, at Wyldewood Cellars Winery in Peck, Kan, with the Rev. John Williams officiating. The bride is the daughter of Laura and Danny Ebeling of Dimmitt. She is the granddaughter of Margaret Price of Canyon and Angela and Charles Price of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Mary and Steve Pierce of Maize, Kan. He is the grandson of Irene and Max Pierce, Newton, Kan and Mr & Mrs John McInnes, Campbelltown.



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It has become quite traditional for couples to go out to dine on St. Valentine's Day and restaurants all over the country will be putting on special celebration menus for this specially romantic event. Husbands and wives will be organising surprise outings for each other, engaged couples will be using the festival to celebrate their betrothal, and lovers will be taking advantage of the romantic atmosphere to 'pop the question'. Love will be in the air with a vengeance.

And really what better way to encourage a romantic mood on this most romantic of festivals than with good food, superbly prepared and presented, fine wines in perfect condition, and an atmosphere of warm and welcoming friendliness?

British caterers today have an enviable reputation that has been gained since the last War, in the face of a great deal of adverse criticism and music-hall jokes. Fifty years ago the brick bats were richly deserved and customers were prepared to put up with the mediocre and second rate.

Today's restaurant customer however, is a more discerning creature, a sophisticated diner with sophisticated tastes. Only the best is good enough and few are prepared to accept anything less. So for St. Valentine's Day celebrations, caterers, whether they be pubs, hotels or dedicated restaurants, will be looking to provide what their clients require with a little something extra on top.

If you have it in mind to book a table for two, it would be as well to do it without delay, because this is a popular evening and tables do get booked up fast at the best restaurants.

Look around your favourite restaurants and see what each is offering. Many will be presenting a very special meal. Some will provide music, dancing and perhaps even entertainment. Most will be decorating the restaurant with flowers, hearts and cupids to make the event that bit more special.

Obviously you will book in at the one offering the sort of evening you both like the best, but do make sure the table you are allocated is the one you want. A good plan is to go into the establishment when making the booking and indicate personally the table you prefer.

You will probably be having wine with your meal. Again, look at the wine list in advance and make sure what you want is there. It may be well to order the wine in advance to be sure of getting it, and if it's white or bubbly, to ensure it has been sufficiently chilled for when you're ready to drink.

When you scan the menu, make sure your loved-one's favourites are on offer. There should be a selection of light, delicious starters - oysters are an excellent idea! And don't forget the sweet



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trolley. There's nothing more conducive to life than a heavenly, creamy pud. If he or she has any special requirement, do mention it in advance so the caterers can take it into account and provide as delicious a selection of foods as for everyone else.

A nice touch is to have some special flowers delivered to your table, after you sit down. The end of dinner is also a good time to present a small, Valentine's gift. A small piece of jewellery in silver is ideal.

Don't let this Valentine's Day go unmarked. Make sure you and your other half really enjoy the atmosphere of togetherness. Wining and dining your loved-one on this special occasion is the perfect way to set the seal on a long, romantic relationship.

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Lambing Spotlight

Lossit lambing goes indoors

A DECISION by Kintyre farmer Adam Armour to dramatically alter the lambing system at his 740 acre Lossit Home Farm, at Machrihanish, near Campbeltown has hugely benefited his enterprise

over recent years. After encountering serious problems with scavenging crows and ravens six years ago Adam opted to lamb all his ewes inside, a decision he feels was forced into making.

'I had 16 lambs due one morning,' explained Adam, 'and when I went into the field only one was alive. The rest had been killed by the crows and ravens.' In that moment Adam

decided the best, and perhaps only, way forward was to complete his entire lambing in a shed, regardless of the increased workload. Adam and his family are tenants at Lossit, but own South Glencreggan Farm, north of Campbeltown, at Glenbarr.

He farms 740 acres at Lossit, and 400 at Glenbarr.

In contrast to Lossit's combination of ploughable land with a hill out-run, South Glencreggan is made up of mainly hilly ground, with the combined venture carrying a stock of just over 1,000 ewes, made up of 600 Cross ewes, 400 Blackfaces and 80 Cheviots.

'My system of lambing is unique - nobody else lams in the individual pens the way I do, but it works for me and anyone who has seen it in operation has been suitably impressed,' said Adam. Adam uses the raddle system at tugging time,



Lesley and Adam Armour in their lambing sheds at Lossit Farm. 21_c05lossit03

which allows him to predict when lambs will be born.

'I put harnesses on the tup, and attach a coloured crayon to it. This means a crayon mark is left on the ewe after it has been mated,' said Adam.

Adam changes the colour of the raddle crayon five times during the tugging period which identifies the rotation of the housed ewes come lambing time. 'I can bring the sheep in for lambing in stages - there are five different colours as a guide.

'When they are brought in the sheep with the first coloured crayon go into individual pens and when the new born lambs are about two days old, they move with their mothers into bigger pens with around six other ewes and lambs.

'They spend one more day in the bigger pen, then weather permitting they go back outside to the fields.

'The sheep are only in the shed for a week; it's like a conveyor belt, they get moved along the pens as required. The sheep are brought in just before the lambs are due, and once they've lambed they are back outside a few days

later. 'It saves having the whole lot in the shed at the one time.'

Adam also believes that scanning his pregnant ewes represents money well spent.

'Scanning is important for me, so you know what they're having. I tend to get a lot of triplets. If I've got a ewe with triplets and another carrying a single lamb then I will adopt one of the triplets onto the ewe with a single lamb.'

Adam starts lambing in March 1 and aims to be finished by the end of May. His lambs benefit from a single tube of Cholostrum when they are born.




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Adam Armour has invested in pedigree Texel ewes to breed his own replacement tups. 21_c05lossit04

He said when lambing 40 to 50 sheep a day it is difficult to make sure every single lamb has suckled the ewe. 'We give the lamb a tube of Cholostrum just to be sure they have been fed sufficiently,' he said. Replacement stock is bred on the farm rather than buying in as it results in a hardier ewe and proves more cost effective. He buys a replacement Texel tup every two years to get new blood into the flock but now aims to extend the home-bred policy to include the sires. 'Instead of buying in a ram, I have bought in six pedigree ewes to lamb

that will give me different types for the next few years,' he said. 'I bought them from Achnamara-born shepherd Robert Cockburn.' Adam grew up in Kintyre at High Tirfergus Farm, Drumlemble and when he left school he went to work on Laggan Farm in nearby Peninver. He then moved into the forestry sector before working at Lossit for three years - then returning to forestry for a while. In 1994, Adam and his wife Lesley bought South Glencreggan - but Adam continued to work full time in forestry. In 1998 the opportunity arose to

take the tenancy at Lossit Home Farm - and the family moved in. Although Adam readily admits that running the two places is very hard, it is also very rewarding. This Kintyre farmer is positive about the outlook for the Scottish sheep sector, aiming for as good, if not even better than the last 12 months. 'Last year was a record year for the whole of the sheep industry,' Adam explained. 'Over the last three years prices have nearly doubled, rising by 30 to 40 per cent due to environmental and economic factors across the world.'

Early start at Gartvaigh



One of the lambs from Gartvaigh, Southend. 21_c05farm02

Gartvaigh Farm in Southend, Kintyre. 21_c05farm01

LAMBING time at the 500 acre Gartvaigh Farm, Southend on the Kintyre peninsula starts in January with the Cameron family's pure-bred Suffolk flock. Thomas Cameron lams 380 ewes made up of Suffolks, Mules and Blackfaces, and expects to achieve a lambing average of around 140 per cent. 'Every year is different', said Thomas, 'it just depends on what nature throws at us.' The pure-bred sheep are lambed inside and a fed a diet of compound, barley and silage, while the Mule ewes receive

compound, barley and molasses outdoors. Thomas buys 50 Blackface replacements privately each year to combat interbreeding by introducing new blood into the flock and these ewes receive molasses and mineral buckets pre-lambing. The farm's 40 Mule ewes start lambing at the beginning of March with the balance of the flock later in the month. Gartvaigh markets its lambs through United Auctions with around 40 Mule ewe lambs going through the Stirling sale ring, while a further 20 are sold privately.



Lambing Diary

TO HELP monitor lambing time, a free waterproof diary is available. The Quality Meat Scotland Scottish Sheep Strategy is offering the lambing diaries to aid farmers during their lambing season. Kathy Peebles, QMS Livestock Development Manager said: 'Lambing time is a very busy period and it is amazing how easy it is to think you will remember the finer details, but after a few days of early starts and late finishes, it can sometimes be difficult to recall events accurately. 'Being able to track the ewes and tups that are underperforming is the best way of improving flock profitability and the Lambing Diary is an excellent way of record-

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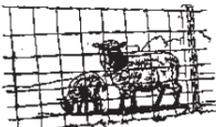
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Main Speakers

Helen Bibby, SAC Conservation Specialist
John Forster, SAC Agricultural Consultant
Elaine Jamieson & Chris Bradley, Forestry Commission
Donald Kennedy, Control by Lever & Mulch

Light lunch provided and attendance is free to all farmers, landowners and crofters
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Native breeds feature of Stirling sale

AA heifers sell to £1,100

UNITED Auctions sold 836 store cattle incorporating a native breed sale, 155 cast cows and 810 store sheep at Stirling on Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 207.75p (-3.04p) and sold to 251.8p per kg for a 274kg Charolais cross from Corsencon and £1,300 for a 664kg Charolais cross from Holehouse.

Heifers averaged 204.09p (+2.31p) and sold to 242.6p per kg for a 272kg Charolais cross from Sorn Mains and £1,200 for a 576kg Charolais cross from Westhouse.

In the native breeds section, Aberdeen Angus heifers from Westerton sold to £1,110, while Laigh Carnduff sold Hereford heifers to £1,000 and 174.8p per kilo and Shorthorns to £730 and 173p per kilo.

Cast cows averaged 165.38p and sold to 177p per kilo for a Limousin cross from Mill of Tulliebelton and £1,365 for a Aberdeen Angus cross from Quixwood.

Forward cattle averaged 123.99p and sold to 177.5p per kg and £1,535 for a Limousin cross from Quixwood.

Beltex cross hogs from Drumnessie sold to £79 while Suffolk crosses from the same home fetched £75.

Charollais crosses from Ardmaleish and Knocknaib, Texel crosses from Ardmaleish and Edengrove all sold to £71.

Blackface ewes from Lettre sold to £40.



Rhododendron infestations can be very severe in some areas smothering all native vegetation over large areas

Meetings look at new methods of clearing Argyll's Rhododendron

THE MARCH of Rhododendron ponticum across Scotland has been well documented. Over the years the exotic shrub, imported by plant hunters for country house collections, has escaped and spread. According to local Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) Conservation Consultant Helen Bibby, in many areas of Argyll it has become a major issue for farmers and land managers.

Smothering vegetation
'Rhododendron infestations can be very severe in some areas smothering all native vegetation over large areas, preventing access, destroying local bio-

diversity and limiting grazing'.

Now SAC is running two, practical, on farm workshops, one at Tayinloan and one in Luss, to explain the latest thinking on the options to control this very invasive shrub and the grant aid available. They include a new, environmentally friendly technique developed in the Highlands. Both events are funded by the Scottish Government as part of its Biodiversity and Conservation Advisory Activity.

The normal method of rhododendron control involves cutting the bush, burning the brush, and spraying the re-

growth. However there is an alternative 'Lever and Mulch' method, of control, developed in the Highlands by Gordon French and Donald Kennedy of Morvern Community Woodlands.

It involves systematically dismantling the bush using nothing more than hammer, saw, body weight and various techniques. Most plants are uprooted, but any root crowns left in the ground are macerated with a hammer before being mulched with leaves and brush. It means no fires are needed and no herbicides required during the follow up period as re growth is very limited. This ensures

the site recovers more quickly. It is a method that has been used with promising results on a number of sites and is now a recognised as appropriate for grant aid.

The first free meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 from 11am to 3pm in Tayinloan Village Hall, Kintyre and then on Wednesday, February 8 in Luss Village Hall between 12.45 and 4.25 pm. Those wishing to attend should come prepared for a local site visit.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Campbeltown SAC office on 01586 552502 or Stirling SAC office on 01786 450964.

Heifer trade stay strong at Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 274 cattle at their weekly sale at Stirling last Thursday comprising of 129 bullocks and Heifers, 24 young bulls, 21 Over 30 Month bullocks and heifers and 100 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks averaged 199.5p per kg (-6p per kg on the week) and sold to 224.5p per kg for

a 665kg Limousin from Learielaw, Broxburn.

Heifers averaged 204p per kg (+1p per kg on the week) and sold to 222.5p per kg for a 655kg Limousin from West Thomaston, Banknock.

Young bulls averaged 180p per kg (+2p per kg) and sold to 217.5p per kg for a 915kg Limousin from Upper Spit-

talton, Thornhill.

Over 30 months cattle sold to 208.5p per kg and £1,532 for a 735kg Limousin from West Thomaston, Banknock.

Cast cows sold to £1,205 for a Charolais from J A Thomson, Balbie Farm, Burntisland while bulls sold to £1,565 for a Shorthorn from W Young, Templehall, Kirkcaldy.

Castle Douglas to host Galloway show and sale

THE GALLOWAY Cattle Society will hold its show and sale on pedigree Galloway cattle at Castle Douglas on Thursday February 16 and Friday, February 17.

The Thursday show will see Jimmy Wallace, Fingland, Dalry, Castle Douglas judge the bulls while the heifers will be judged by Horst Kraft from Germany.

Prize winners will receive their awards at a reception being held in the Kings Arms Hotel, Castle Douglas on Thursday evening, prior to Friday's sale.

TARBERT

Youth group exhibition

TARBERT Youth Group is getting arty this month as members prepare to hold an art and photography exhibition.

The youngsters will display a range of works for sale, both done by themselves and other children in the community, at the premises at Tarbert Village Hall.

The exhibition will be held over two days, on February 14 and 15, between midday and 4pm and 6pm and 8pm in both days.

Golf course appeal

MEMBERS of Tarbert Golf Club are being urged to devote some of their time on the green to repairing damage caused by storms last month.

The club is hosting another clear-up day next Saturday, February 11, where it is hoped local golfers will turn out to clear the last of the debris around the course. The workday begins at 9am.

KILBERRY

Ten years of concerts

CREAR Concerts is to celebrate its tenth year



Children from the pre-five unit at Tayvallich Primary School with firefighter David Millward at Lochgilphead Fire Station.

Children enjoy visit to fire station

CHILDREN from the pre-five unit of Tayvallich Primary School enjoyed a visit to Lochgilphead Fire Station recently.

The youngsters were shown a short DVD about the equipment fire fighters use before being

in business with another fantastic programme of concerts and events throughout 2012.

The tenth anniversary celebrations will begin with a double-bill performance from Steven Osborne and the Fifth Malcolm Martineau International Masterclass for professional singers and pianists.

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allowed to sit in a fire engine and pretend to be real fire fighters. The highlight of their visit was taking turns at using the fire hose.

The children, who visit-

ed the fire station to learn about people who help in the local community, would like to say a huge thank you to firefighter David Millward for making their morning so enjoyable and for the lovely goodies they received on the day.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Love your library

NATIONAL Love Libraries Day kicks off on Monday and locals are celebrating their library on Manse Brae.

Local Theatre company Three Wee Crows are presenting Theatre at the library at 8pm on Monday to mark the special event.

CLACHAN

Panto time for village

KINTYRE residents will be able to enjoy the extended pantomime season this year as Clachan Calamities performs their latest show this week.

The panto, *Ali Baba*, will be performed in Clachan Village Hall on February 10 and 11 after severe weather put an end to both scheduled rehearsals and performances in January.

ARDRISHAIG

Community council

THE FIRST community council meeting of 2012 will be held on Tuesday February 7, where a range of issues and problems in the Ardrishaig area will be discussed.

Directors from the Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool will also attend the meeting and give a presentation detailing the current activities being undertaken by the community pool.

FURNACE

Unusual fish found

A FURNACE resident found something unusual when he brought his dingy onto the shores of Loch Fyne last month – a blue fish.

Stephen Mearns was bringing the dingy to shore on January 19 when he looked inside and found the exotic looking creature, which had marooned itself on the boat and died.

Puzzled as to the type of fish it was, Stephen



took a picture, posted it on facebook and trawled the internet seeking answers.

Stephen said. 'Some-one found the species

on facebook; it was a lump sucker.

'It is interesting that Loch Fyne has so many different types of fish,' he added.



Left to right: Linda Divers of Inveraray Community Council, John Taylor of the Highland Arts shop and June Moore from The Old Rectory Bed and Breakfast, who kindly sponsored the trophy.

HIGHLAND Arts shop in the Royal Burgh has been awarded a trophy in recognition of its festive window display over the Christmas period.

John Taylor from the shop was awarded the

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trophy on behalf of Inveraray Community Council, which organised the Christmas Lights switch on. This is the second year the community

council has organised a window display competition and the group hopes it will become an annual event. Inveraray Community Council thanked all the shops and businesses that took part.

INVERARAY

High standard in verse speaking competition

CHILDREN from Inveraray, Furnace and Minard paid tribute to Robbie Burns last week as they took part in the Inveraray Burns Club verse speaking competition.

The annual competition, which took place at Inveraray Primary School, saw primary six and seven pupils across Loch Fyne recite Burns poetry.

The competition was judged by Leonard McNeill, Sylvia Stark and Pamela Spalding. The judges congratulated all the children who took part, commending them on the extremely high standard.

All participants were awarded a certificate of



Winners of the Inveraray Burns Club verse speaking Competition – pupils from Inveraray, Furnace and Minard primary schools. a05competition01

achievement, and the winners received a further certificate and will be presented with a Burns book. A pupil from In-

veraray Primary School was named the overall winner and awarded the Perpetual Shield.

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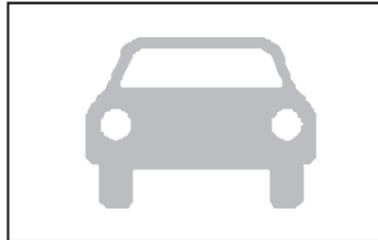


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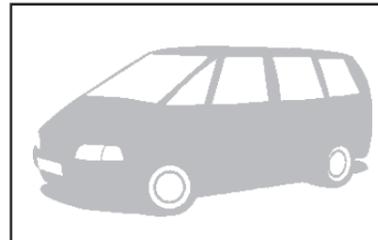


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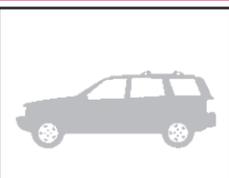


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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
11/02199/PP	Extension of existing garage to form dwellinghouse	Garden Ground Of Redbrae Bellochinty Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/02525/PP	Erection of 3 wind turbines (100 metres high to blade tip) control building, new and improved access tracks and ancillary development.	Land South Of Auchadaduie Barr Glen	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/02540/PP	Construction of a 99KW micro-hydro electricity scheme on the Lephincorrach Burn, including intake, penstock, turbine house, outflow, access road and temporary construction compound area.	Land At Lephincorrach Farm Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QT	Sub Post Office Carradale
11/02576/PP	Erection of a single 100 kilowatt wind turbine (30 metres high to hub height).	Kildalloig Farm Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00006/PP	Erection of 45.9 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine and formation of temporary access road.	South Tomaig Farm Tomaig Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00007/PP	Erection of 45.9 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine and formation of temporary access road.	Oatfield Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00009/PP	Erection of 45.9 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine and formation of temporary access road.	Lagalgarve Farm Bellochinty Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00020/PP	Erection of 5 dwellinghouses (including 2 affordable), installation of septic tank and formation of play area	Plots 9-13 Torran Farm Ford Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RH	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/00063/PPP	Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse	Land South East Of Greenhill Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QT	Sub Post Office Carradale
12/00127/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse and formation of associated access road.	Land North West Of 'Bayview' Carradale Argyll And Bute PA28 6RY	Sub Post Office Carradale East

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 13

Planning Application Reference Number: 11/02525/PP, Proposed development at Land South Of Auchadaduie, Barr Glen, Glenbarr, Kintyre

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Fyne Futures Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 3 wind turbines (100 metres high to blade tip) control building, new and improved access tracks and ancillary development., notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Dalriada House, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8ST; Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Fyne Futures Ltd, 81 Victoria Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0AP at a cost of £10.00 (CD) or £200.00 (paper excluding p&tp).

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Mr R. Kerr, Principal Planning Officer, Dalriada House, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8ST

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

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

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

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

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE, CRAOBH HAVEN, BY LOCHGILPHEAD, ARGYLL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 12/10

The above Authority under Section 160 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has made a Tree Preservation Order which takes effect on 25th January 2012 and hereby gives notice that:-

- The Tree Preservation Order was made to ensure the protection of trees at Craobh Haven, by Lochgilphead, Argyll and considered by the Authority as the Local Planning Authority to be of considerable merit and contribute to the overall setting of the property and the local area;
- A certified copy of the Provisional Tree Preservation Order and map has been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council Development and Infrastructure Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll and may be inspected during all normal working hours;
- Objections and representation with respect to the Tree Preservation Order may be made to the undersigned in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, which Regulations state that:-
 - every objection or representation to the Planning Authority with respect to an Order shall be made in writing, shall state the grounds thereof, and specify the particular trees, groups of trees, or woodlands in respect of which it is made.
 - an objection or representation shall be duly made if it complies with Regulation 5 and is received by the Planning Authority by 2nd March 2012
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CHARLES REPPKE, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead

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7pm 14th
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In Clubhouse
All members are requested to attend.

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Tuesday 7th February 2012
Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown at 7.30pm
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

BIRTHS

GRAHAM – ROSS – Jamie and Elaine would like to announce the safe arrival of Ollie, on January 15, 2012. First grandchild for Valerie and David Graham, Machrihanish and second grandchild for Joan and David Ross, Alness. Many thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown and Raigmore Hospital.

WOODS – Tom and Hazel are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Aodhan Mauchline, on January 3, 2012. A first grandchild for Rolly and Rosemary Mauchline, Campbeltown and Tommy and Anna Woods, Cumbernauld.

ENGAGEMENTS

COLEMAN – MACLEOD – Murdo and Jane MacLeod, Achnaba House, Lochgilphead are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mairi Christina to James Coleman, son of Jim Coleman and Mrs Irene Paisley, Glasgow.

DEATHS

COWIE – Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on January 30, 2012, Andrew Walker Cowie, aged 86 years, of 1 Salen, Tayvallich, by Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of the late Jean Cowie, much loved dad of Frazer and loving grandpa of Alice and Tom. A dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research and Glasgow Disabled Scouts.

JAMIESON – James Graham (Jim), aged 74, died peacefully at the Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth on December 25, 2011. Jim, who was an Agricultural Salesman specialising in fertiliser and grass seed, wished to thank all farming and associated customers together with friends throughout the Argyll and Bute area for their valued support over the years.

MCGLYNN – Peacefully with his family by his side, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 30, 2012, John Francis McGlynn, in his 65th year, Killeen Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Nancie Smith, much loved father of Fiona, Katherine and Shona and loving seannair of Katie, James Cara and Aimee. RIP.

WATSON – Peacefully with her family, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 31, 2012, Betty Scally McSparran, in her 77th year, 9 Wallace Cottages, Southend, dearly beloved wife of Sandy Watson, much loved mum of Fiona, loving granny of Lisa and Jamie, great granny to Hollie, Daniel and Jake and

a much loved sister and aunt. Service in Southend Church on Friday, February 3 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 Church and the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

YOUNG – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 28, 2012, Ruth Fraser, in her 93rd year, 102 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Young, much loved mother of Elma and Roberta, loving grandmother of Johnnie and much loved great grandmother of John.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ALLAN – The family of the late Roddy Allan (Gigha) would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and phone calls received in their very sad and sudden loss. Special heartfelt thanks go to Anne, Maggie, Andy, John, Gigha coastguards and ferry crew; to Rev Anne McIvor for an uplifting and comforting service; to Mr Blair for advice and efficient professional services; Gigha Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveyard. A retiral collection of £772 will be shared between various good causes on Gigha.

FYFE – The family of the late Jean Fyfe would like to offer thanks to all who gave their support and kind expressions of sympathy following our recent bereavement and to all who attended the funeral service. Sincere thanks to Rev Cliff Acklam for his comforting service, to Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for his Gaelic reading, to D MacDonald and staff for their helpful support and professional service and also to the Tayvallich Inn for providing warm and welcoming purvey. Special thanks to all the staff at Ardfenaig, who looked after Jean so well in her later years and made her feel comfortable and at home with them. A retiral collection of £375 was donated to MacMillan Nurses.

MCKENZIE – Ruth, Rita and Robert would like to thank family and friends for the flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy since the bereavement of Ian, a much loved father, brother, father-in-law and grandpa. Special thanks go out to Dr Villalba, Kitty Millar, Eleanor and her team of district nurses during Dad's short illness. To Anne and Iain, the nurses on duty at the time of Dad's passing, thank you for your sensitive treatment you gave Ruth and Rita. Our gratitude goes to the Rev Phillip Burroughs for his comforting service and to Kenneth and Alisdair Blair for their efficient funeral arrangements and support. Thanks also to the Ardshiel Hotel for the funeral tea. A very special thanks goes to Sarah for playing the pipes, Ian would have been proud. To everyone who attended the funeral and those who made the effort

to come from far and wide, thank you. And finally to Ben Brown who stepped in to help Mr Moonshine, thanks. A retiring collection for Macmillan Nurses raised £461.22.

MCKERRAL – Jean, Andrew, Alistair and Marie wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for all support and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Alistair. Many thanks to doctors, Acute Ward and all health care providers, especially Marie and Lorne. Thanks also to Rev Burroughs for a comforting and uplifting service, to Alasdair and Kenny Blair for their efficient and professional service and Seaford Hotel for the purvey. A retiral collection of £587.47 will go to the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

IN MEMORIAM

CARD – In loving memory of our mum, Annie, who passed away on February 6, 2008.

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us every day.

- From Tarbert and Aberdeen.

MCMILLAN – Treasured memories of my loving husband, Donald, taken from us on February 5, 2011.

Tears in my eyes I can wipe away

The ache in my heart will always stay.

- Isobel xx.

Dad, love and miss you every day.

- Fiona, Donna, Marian and families.

MORRAN – In loving memory of my mum, Sheila, who passed away on February 3, 2007.

We will keep on speaking your name

Some things change

Some things stay the same

Love and miss you so much, Mum.

- Love Tommy and Nette xxx.

MORRAN – Brilliant memories of my amazing nannie, Sheila, who passed away February 3, 2007.

They say in time you do forget

To some that may be true

But no morning dawns, no night returns

Without a thought of you

Love you and miss you heaps.

- Love Linn and Tommy xxx.

MUNRO – In loving memory of Robert (Toby), a dearly loved husband, dad, grandad and great grandad, died February 5, 2010.

There is no death where memories live,

And memories live forever.

- Loving wife Betty, sons Bobby and Neil and families.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of my dear brother, Donald, died February 6, 2003.

Thinking of you today, Donald

I will always love you.

- Sister Nan, East Kilbride.

ROBERTSON – Precious memories of Willie, a much loved husband, dad and grampa, who passed away on January 31, 2002.

A daily thought, a silent tear
A constant wish that you were here.

- Netta, Gail, Ailsa, Jenna, Blair and Ava.

SOUDEN – In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Alex, died February 4, 2007.

This day is remembered and quietly kept,

No words are needed we will never forget.

- Inserted by his loving daughters, Isabel and Liz, sons-in-law, Martin and John, and grandson, Graeme.

CHURCH NOTICES**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Saturday, 4th February
Walking Group - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, 5th February
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)

Rev. Philip Burroughs

Monday, 6th February
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th February
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 9th February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 10th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

Highland Parish Church

SC002493

Saturday 4th February 2012
2.00pm-4.00pm
All-Age Craft Afternoon
Kirk St Hall

Services in Kirk St Hall until further notice.

11.15am
Morning Worship

FunDay Club(3yrs - P5)
JaM (P6+)

12.10pm
Prayer time

Tuesday 7th February
Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7

Wednesday 8th February
7.15pm
Bible Study Fellowship

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Jesus & The Gospels: DVD

Thursday 9th February
7.30pm
Congregational Board - Hall

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10.30am

Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
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Luncheon Club

1.30pm Adult Home League

Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 5th February
"Whoever will listen, let them listen and I will speak to you" (Ezekiel 3:27)
Services in
Ardishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30p
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 5th February 2012
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10.45am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 5th February 2012
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Sunday School 11.20am
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
Rev Tommy Bryson
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Monday 6th February
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
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Sunday 5 February 2012
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Thursday 9 February 2012
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Mr Gordon Cosgrove
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11.15am
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Mr R H Craig - Canon of Old Testament Scriptures
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Wednesday 8th February 2012
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Ardishaig Parish Church
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

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Sunday 5 February
Tayvallich Church
11:30 am
Worship led by
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Tuesday 7 February
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Winners and runners up from Monday's Argyll Area Scottish Badminton Finals Qualifier show off their medals at Oban's Corran Halls on Monday.

Badminton players battle it out for place in Scottish finals

MORE than 140 teenage badminton players gathered at Oban's Corran Halls on Monday for the Argyll Area Scottish Badminton Finals qualifier.

Participants in the U14, U16 and U19 age categories travelled from all over the county, with entries

from, Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Tiree and Islay.

Winners from each category will now go forward to enter the Scottish Schools Badminton Finals.

Organiser, Liz Clunie, said: 'It's the biggest entry

we've had and it's far more than we were expecting. We started playing at 9am so there was nine hours of badminton. We witnessed some very high-level matches. 'Congratulations to everyone who took part.'

Angus discovers key to winning golf

AS HE completed his OZ style Aerobics routine on the front green on Saturday, Tommy Angus discovered the remains of an ancient putting green and in the process found the long lost key to hitting the golf ball straight.

Usually he is more Gene Kelly than Indiana Jones but he used the key to great effect by whipping most of the players into submission as he danced off with both the nearest the pin sweeps and his best round in ages.

Lee Hardman is usually the underdog but not today. His under par score on the back nine holes put him in second place and has given him hope of being the first duffer to qualify for the final since John Downie.

Ross Sinclair won the league part of competition on Sunday, as he cannot be caught even though there are still four weeks of league play remaining. He asked his cousin to make the announcement but David suggested that he do it himself, as there was no point pretending that he was modest or shy. So he did it his way and made everyone even more determined to beat him in the final.

Tom Campbell has been for lessons and is even talking about

new clubs and the lessons worked today as he came in third. He should really talk to Keith before making a purchase however as Keith's latest golfing gem entitled - Golf Equipment - How to very nearly buy awesome clubs is now available on Kindle.

Alec MacAulay has always been able to hit the ball straight and it was probably him that dropped the key on the front green when cutting the grass during the last war.

Donald Carmichael is in second place in the league only one shot ahead of Alec and five ahead of David and the fight is on for the runner-up spot.

Recovery

Kenny Cameron is losing fewer golf balls since he damaged his golf swing in a nasty fall. The rest of the players wished him well in his recovery but needless to say Ross suggested that he would be better playing one handed and that he might even reduce his handicap.

Results: 10. Him Again (Ross Sinclair) 9. L Hardman; 8. T Campbell; 7. T Angus; 6. A MacAuley; 5. K Cowan; 4. D Sinclair; 3. D Carmichael; 2. G MacDougall; 1. N Russell.

Nearest the pin: seven and nine: T. Angus

Rugby girls power on to semi-finals

ARGYLL and Bute's under-15 girls rugby team progressed to the semi-finals of the Brewin Dolphin Cup on Sunday after beating Boroughmuir in Edinburgh.

As the first half progressed the Argyll team gained confidence and finished the half four tries to two in the lead.

They then started the second half in brilliant form and scored two quick tries.

Captain Rhona McGlone showed excellent leadership. Try scorers for Argyll were: Rhona McGlone, Ellie MacNiven, Brooke Nisbet (4) and Olivia Nisbet (2). Olivia also converted all of the tries. Travelling with the team, SRU Modern Apprentice



The girls celebrate securing their semi-final place.

Emma Roxburgh said: 'I am very proud of the way the girls have played today. Given that many of them are from Mull and they haven't had much opportunity to train as a

team they showed great determination. We will be arranging as many training sessions as possible before their next fixture.'

The Argyll U18 team

should also have been in action against Gala however the Borders team had to withdraw, meaning the senior girls are also through to the next round of the cup.

Battling performance from Lochgilphead Under 17s results in well-deserved draw

INVERCLYDE Academy was the venue for Lochgilphead under 17s on Sunday as they matched up against Gourock Utd.

The visitors started the stronger team pressing for an early goal however Gourock defended resolutely then took the lead against the run of play as their forward latched onto a long clearance which evaded Meechan to shoot low past McGuinness in the away team's goal.

Lochgilphead continued to

make all the play with both Gourock centre backs and a keeper in top form keeping them at bay. The equaliser did come ten minutes before half time as McCallum was crudely challenged in the box and the ever-dependable MacBrayne made no mistake from the spot.

The second half kicked off with Lochgilphead once again enjoying most of the possession, but some poor finishing from the usually dependable McCallum and McGuinness kept the score even as the bar

and post were struck and the home keeper pulled off an outstanding save from a McGuinness shot.

Midway through the half Gourock once again took the lead as slack play allowed their midfielder to shoot high into the net.

Despite this set back the Lochgilphead lads battled away and were rewarded when McCallum finally found his shooting boots to strike his fourteenth goal of the season.

With time running out and

Gourock holding on desperately Boyd was unlucky to see his late header flash across goal, however this was to effectively be the last chance of the game as the referee blew for full time.

In what was the team's eighth away match of the season sincere thanks to Campbeltown fuel merchants, D McNair & Son, who kindly supplied a free tank of petrol for the minibus.

Lochgilphead and Inverclyde are due to meet again this week at Ropework Park on Sunday.

Volunteers complete coaching course

ELEVEN volunteers from across Argyll have completed the 19-hour UKCC Level one course in rugby coaching.

The representatives from Mid Argyll, Oban Lorne RFC, Etive Vikings, Atlantis Leisure and sports coaches from Oban High School learned practical-based skills focused on technique, safety in the game, rugby specific coaching skills and other aspects of the game.

The course was run in Oban from January 19 - 21 by Glasgow North Regional Development Manager Kenny Brown and Glasgow Hawks development officer Grant Talbot.

Argyll Rugby Development Officer Allan Wright said: 'This qualification will act as a major step forward in the development of rugby coaches in the area.'

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Dookers lose ground after draw

Port Glasgow Hibs 2 – 2 Tarbert AFC

TARBERT AFC travelled to Greenock on Saturday to take on Port Glasgow Hibs. The Tarbert Shellfish sponsored side travelled without MacIver and Captain Martin, who were replaced with Johnstone and striker Mackinnon.

The home side started the brighter as Tarbert sat off their opponents and had the chance to open the scoring when Johnstone was adjudged to have fouled the Hibs striker in the box. It seemed a harsh call, but referee Laing pointed to the spot immediately. Up stepped the Hibs no 10, but keeper Martin guessed correctly and made a fine save to keep the Dookers level.

Tarbert began to dominate after weathering the early storm and took the lead with 25 minutes on the clock. A cross from Ronald hit Prentice at the back post and he squared for Mackinnon to head home from close range. It wasn't long before the away side increased their lead after a quick counter attack. McCormack played a fine diagonal ball over the top of the Hibs defence for Prentice to run onto, he advanced goal wards before beating the keeper at his near post.

Tarbert were now in full control and should have been three up only minutes later. Once again Prentice's pace was too much for the home side and after squaring the ball for Mackinnon, it

seemed a certain goal; however the home keeper made a superb last ditch save to keep his side in the match. This seemed to spur on the Hibs side and they were handed a lifeline immediately when once again Laing awarded a penalty after Smyth tangled with a Hibs striker.

The same player made no mistake this time around, and the half ended with Hibs finishing stronger.

The second half began with Hibs pressing for an equaliser; however they struggled to break down the away defence as they were forced to shoot from a distance.

They did find an equaliser after 75 minutes when a long-range effort cannoned off the post and into the path of a Hibs midfielder; he beat two men before coolly slotting a shot into the bottom corner.

This shocked the Tarbert boys who were now struggling with the physical and determined home side. With the Hibs team sensing a winner, Tarbert countered with the pace of Talbot and Prentice, and with ten minutes remaining, the latter won the Dookers a penalty with a strong run into the box. Prentice himself stepped up for the shot but once again it was the keeper who came out on top, saving low to his left, ensuring a share of the spoils for both sides.



Red Star under 13 will face Lenzie again on Sunday, when they will hope to win a full three points. 06_a03under13s01

Good away point for Lochgilphead Red Star Under 13s after long trek

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star Under 13s made the long journey to Kilsyth last Sunday and returned with a point but maybe deserved more.

There were few early chances as the teams probed for a weakness and Red Star found one in the centre of the home defence after 12 minutes with an excellent move from their own box. Lorne MacFarlane found

Dunbartonshire Football Development League

Lenzie Youth Club Under 13s 3 – 3
Lochgilphead Red Star YFC Under 13s

Cammy McCallum in midfield and he placed an inch perfect pass through the home back four for Liam Cameron to run through and slide the ball into the net.

Hesitation

Unfortunately the lead only lasted two minutes

as hesitation in the Star defence allowed Lenzie space to fire in the equaliser but Lochgilphead upped the pressure and had the best of the rest of the half.

Red Star forced a number of corners and after 23 minutes when one was cleared to the angle of the box Ryan Caskie fired it back across the keeper and into the net to restore Lochgilphead's lead. And the lead was doubled with three minutes of the half remaining. Star were awarded a free kick 20 yards from goal when Liam Cameron was brought down and Aaron Whitefield curled it over the wall, just out of the reach of the home keeper.

Half time: 1-3.

Lenzie started the second half strongly to try and get back in the game and two goals in two minutes drew them level. Both teams had chances in the remaining minutes and Star could have won the points when chances fell to Ryan Caskie and Lorne MacFarlane but both were well saved.

There were several good performances but

special mention to Cammy McCallum who had an excellent first half in an unfamiliar central midfield role and was solid in defence in the second half.

A good away point for the Under 13s and they have a chance to go one better when they play Lenzie again on Sunday – kick off 11.30am at Ropework Park, weather permitting.

Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 5, 8 and 11. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

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THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 7, 13 and 14 drawn. The jackpot will be £400 next week.

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THE JACKPOT for next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery is £400 after another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 2, 6 and 15.

Tarbert Golf Club league

RESULTS from Tarbert Golf Club league: Round seven: 1. Joe Macfarlane on 19 points; 2. Kenny Macfarlane on 18 points.

Round eight: 1. Keith Blair on 17 points; 2. Joe Macfarlane.

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