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Royal Burgh's £1m boost



TEN FAMILIES in Inveraray breathed a sigh of relief after learning they would receive thousands of pounds to repair their homes.

Historic Scotland announced on Tuesday the burgh would receive almost £1 million to regenerate

its famous whitewashed listed buildings under its Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

Residents of Inveraray's Reliefland Tenement will receive a portion of the funds to help pay the £25,000

repair bill they each face for the building. Frances O'Hagan of the Reliefland Residents' Association, the group which spearheaded the regeneration bid, said: 'The residents are all absolutely delighted and very relieved. This started 18 months ago

and most of the owners have been under the most phenomenal stress. Where on earth were they going to get that level of money? 'They were coming under pressure to do repairs that they just couldn't afford.

'This will make a huge

difference to them especially to those on low incomes, those with young families and pensioners.'

Reliefland is one of eight key buildings set to benefit from the CARS funding.

They are: Ark lands tenement, Marriage Rooms,

Relief Land tenement, Front Street East corner building, Front Street West Corner Building, Community Hall, Argyll Hotel front elevations, Main Arch to Avenue, Inveraray Parish Church and Inveraray Courtroom.

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Council backs two out of three A83 fix options

TWO OF the three options recommended in Transport Scotland's Rest and Be Thankful landslip report should be pursued, according to Argyll and Bute Council.

A full meeting of the authority met last week and discussed preferences from the study, which put forward three possible options to mitigate the effects of landslips on the road. In its report, Jacobs recommended the Red Option, which at £10million was the cheapest and least effective option. It would see new gutters and drainage installed on the road with extra netting and vegetation put in place.

The Yellow Option would see a new viaduct created adjacent to the existing road, costing



£83-95million, while the Green Option would see a new 4km stretch of single carriageway created on the opposite side of the glen, costing between £27-91million. While councillors expressed a need to see the rapid action the red option would present – and the comparative lack of disruption it would create during construction – it was suggested the green option could also be pursued.

However, councillor

Dick Walsh urged caution with how the authority responded.

He said: 'My worry is we get the Red Option and that's it. Should we not put forward that the preferred option is the green one?'

Dougie Philand added: 'We have to look at the permanent solution. Say we want green but give us the red because it causes minimum disruption to the road.' Meanwhile, the council's lead councillor for roads, John Semple, said progress was being made on upgrading the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown to trunk road status.

He said: 'A business case is being drawn up by the council and Transport Scotland and the council will be brought up to date on progress as it happens.'



The local RNLI fundraising group resurrected the SOS day to raise cash for the charity. They were supported by Olivia Foster and Rebecca Smyth who have been volunteering with the group as part of their silver Duke of Edinburgh award. 06_a05RNLI01

Residents answer RNLI's SOS call

PEOPLE in Lochgilphead answered the RNLI's SOS call on Saturday morning as they turned out in force to support the charity that saves thousands of lives at sea each year.

Locals descended on the Baptist Church for a special lunch, served to raise funds for the RNLI as part of the national fundraising day.

Maggie Donaldson from the local group said: 'We haven't done this

for several years but we decided to resurrect it and it's been really successful. It has been really busy and the response has been fantastic.

'We have two coffee mornings throughout the year one in May and one in November and we have added this one in between.'

The event raised £365 which will be used to support RNLI stations around the country.

Tarbert crossing to be considered

A PEDESTRIAN crossing could be established on the A83 through Tarbert as part of upcoming resurfacing work.

Councillor Robin Currie said action was re-

quired after the Jacobs report on the A83, commissioned by Transport Scotland, recommended the crossing be put in place.

During a debate on

the report at last week's meeting of the full council, Mr Currie said it made sense to carry out the work at the same time as the surface is upgraded.

Safe

He said: 'Since they're doing resurfacing work in Tarbert in the next few months' time, is that not the time to do the pedestrian crossing and make it as safe as possible?'

A representative of Transport Scotland, who attended the meeting, said they would consider the option.

Police files

A MAN was arrested in Lochgilphead for allegedly breaching bail conditions.

The 37-year-old was arrested at 9pm on Sunday and held in custody before appearing at Dumono Sheriff Court on Monday.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a number of iron drain grills were stolen from premises on Dalmally Road, Inveraray.

The iron was stolen sometime between 2pm on Thursday, January 17 and January 24.

Anyone with information on the theft should contact police on 01546 702200.

TWO MEN were arrested at a house in Tarbert for alleged possession of cannabis.

A 34-year-old man and 45-year-old man were searched at a house in Eastfield on January 26 at 4.30pm.

POLICE attended a noisy party in Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, on Saturday evening and arrested a 16-year-old man who was allegedly found with a small amount of cannabis.

A VAUXHALL Combo van left the road on the A83 near Furnace at 2pm on Saturday.

A 20-year-old man was later arrested with alleged careless driving. No one was injured.

TWO WINDOWS of a house at Duncholgan, Lochgilphead, were smashed sometime between 7.30pm last Friday and 9am on Sunday. Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 01546 702200.

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Yachts on the horizon

Town meeting decides to bid for famous Bell Lario Scottish set

CAMPBELTOWN is set to see a major boost in tourism as it bids to win the rights to the famous Bell Lario Scottish set. The town's tourism committee has agreed to bid for the set, which is currently in the hands of a private collector. The set is a masterpiece of Scottish art and is believed to be the most complete set of its kind. The town's tourism committee is confident that the set will attract thousands of tourists to the town each year. The set is currently in the hands of a private collector who is looking for a buyer. The town's tourism committee is confident that the set will attract thousands of tourists to the town each year. The set is currently in the hands of a private collector who is looking for a buyer.



Ambassador for Mary's Meals Martha Payne is 2012 Scot of the Year. 06_a25martha01

Lochgilphead's Martha is voted Scot of the Year 2012

TEN-YEAR-old Martha Payne has outshone Olympic Gold medal winners to be named Scot of the Year in 2012. The Lochgilphead youngster, who has to date helped raise almost £130,000 for Mary's Meals, has been awarded the accolade above Britain's greatest ever Olympian, Sir Chris Hoy, who came third in the poll, and second-placed Andy Murray, who be-

came US Open and Olympic tennis champion in 2012. The result came from a public vote. Martha, awarded Scot of the Year by ScotsCare, the charity for Scots in London, shot to fame in April after her NeverSeconds blog about school meals went viral. The blog put school meals back on the agenda and simultaneously helped raise £129,150

to help feed some of the world's poorest and hungriest children. Commenting on the latest award, Martha said: 'Wow! Thank you. It's very special to be awarded ScotsCare Scot of the Year. I wish everyone in the final could have won as well because they've all put smiles on so many people's faces this year. It is very kind that people have voted for

me. I've only done a little bit and lots of people have helped by doing a little bit as well. I'd like to share the award with everyone that has donated and all the kids in Malawi that we are supporting with Mary's Meals and especially those in Lirangwe, where the Friends of NeverSeconds kitchen is.' The award is a great achievement in 2012, the year Scottish Olympians triumphed like never before.

Olympic gold and silver medals. Martha's father, Dave, joked: 'She was in the final amongst some great names. I voted for the Scots Olympians myself.'

Water charges to rise in April

SCOTTISH Water's charges will rise this April for the first time in four years - but below the rate of inflation. The combined water supply and wastewater collection charges will increase by 2.8 per cent and will be included in Council Tax bills from April 1.

New police commander appointed for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire

A SENIOR police officer has been selected to head up the Argyll and West Dunbartonshire area when the single Scottish police force comes into effect. Chief superintendent Russell Dunn will head up the unit as a new team of 14 commanders are appointed to lead local policing across the country. They will be led by deputy chief constable Rose Fitzpatrick. Scotland's eight police forces are being merged into a single Scottish force from the start of April, under chief constable Stephen House.

Volunteers wanted for Kilmartin House Museum and Scottish Natural Heritage

PEOPLE interested in the Mid Argyll landscape, natural heritage, and archaeology are being urged to become a volunteer with two organisations at the heart of life in Mid Argyll. Kilmartin House Museum and Scottish Natural Heritage are joining forces to recruit volunteers to help on a range of projects that include monitoring wildlife on local

nature reserves, escorting groups of visitors around the historic sites of Kilmartin Glen, gardening and administrative work. **Appropriate** A coffee morning was held at the museum yesterday (Thursday), where SNH and museum staff were on hand to match a person's skills and interests to a number the appropriate projects.

Catering gas safety check

CATERING businesses in Mid Argyll will be having the safety of their gas installations checked by environmental health inspectors from Argyll and Bute Council. They will be carrying out the checks during routine food safety inspections to ensure businesses have gas safety records dated within the last year, and any defects are put right by business owners.

Call charges to be scrapped

PATIENTS telephoning NHS 24 will not be charged for their call from next year onwards as a new 111 number comes into use. The current cost to call NHS 24 from a BT landline is the price of a local phone call but calls from mobiles often cost more. NHS 24 provides medical advice and support to people when their GP surgery is closed.

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Taxi fare increase thrown out by councillors

'The last real increase we had was in 2008'

A PROPOSAL to allow taxi companies to increase prices across Argyll and Bute was thrown out by councillors last week.

The proposal, put forward by Dunoon Taxi Owners and Drivers Association, asked for an increase in all three taxi tariffs in operation throughout the county. The maximum price for a five-mile journey would increase under tariff one from £10.64 to £11.84, tariff two from £12.54 to £14.04 and tariff three from £16.92 to £19.11.

Justifying the proposal the Dunoon operators said the running mile had not increased since

2008, the cost of fuel has increased by 60 per cent since April 2008 and the minimum wage has increased by 77p per hour in the past four years.

But referring to operators in Campbeltown and Helensburgh, who said an increase in taxi fares could see a drop in business, councillor Rory Colville said: 'Most operators are facing very difficult times just now. Any major increase I think would drive people away. They [taxi drivers] have the option for long journeys of negotiating the fare price, if people want to go to Glasgow for example.'

John Byrne of Glen-

fyne Taxis said he was very disappointed with the decision.

'The last real increase we had was in 2008, five years ago,' he said. 'In the interim we had a 20p increase in the flag fall (a 20p increase per journey) but, considering the cost of fuel, insurance and everything else, quite honestly I am beginning to wonder if Argyll and Bute Council wants taxis in their area at all.'

At the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee last Wednesday councillors also agreed to carry out a survey to ascertain demand for taxis across the county.



Staff from Semple's Garage in Inveraray helped the MOD recovery an underwater mine from the shores of Loch Fyne last week.

Mine recovered from the shores of Loch Fyne

RECOVERY vehicle workers from Semple's Garage in Inveraray had an unusual client last week as the MOD tasked the men to recover a four-foot under water mine from the shores of Loch Fyne.

Bomb disposal experts from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) joined local coastguard, police and firefighters in Inveraray last Friday morning after residents saw the mine in the water.

Police were called to the shoreline opposite the garage at 4pm on

Thursday and the MOD was drafted in on Friday morning to check out the suspicious device.

Stephen Mearns from the garage said a member of staff saw the mine in the water and was about to call the police when they arrived.

'It was right in front of the garage,' he said. 'We were all looking at it and one of the older guys said it was an under water mine. We all laughed; we didn't believe him.'

'I thought they would evacuate the whole place and do what they

had to do but they said it wasn't live, which was good news.'

It is believed the mine had been used in a training exercise and become buried in the seabed until uprooted by a boat or fishing vessel.

Stephen added: 'It was egg-shaped and about four foot tall. The MOD asked us to drag it up the beach and put it into their vehicle.'

'I was a bit worried but the police kept saying, 'it's okay, they have ensured us it's not live'.'

'There were lots of people around so I pleased to see it packed up and taken away.'

He added: 'It was no ordinary day at the office.'

Danny McGeachy, sergeant at Lochgilphead Police Station said: 'Many thanks to Semple's staff for all their help removing it.'

Cancer patients struggle to cope with fuel bills

CANCER patients in Argyll and Bute are struggling to cope with their fuel bills and relying on grants given out by Macmillan Cancer Support.

The charity paid out more than £24,000 to cancer patients in the county last year.

Figures reveal that almost half of the money was used to pay heating bills.

The news comes just weeks after almost all major energy suppliers hiked their bills by an average of eight per cent.

Elspeth Atkinson, of Macmillan Cancer Support, said fuel bills often rise because cancer patients are spending more time at home and often feel colder because of their illness.

She said: 'Cancer patients need to put their energy into getting better. Instead many are living in cold homes and are anxious about how to cope with rocketing fuel bills.'

Shelter launches new campaign

A NEW campaign aimed at making Argyll's growing private rented sector fit for families has been launched by Shelter Scotland.

The charity's Rethink Renting campaign is calling for an end to the short-term renting cycle which sees tenants forced from pillar to post on short-term agreements.

It says with families priced out of the housing market and 4,000 households on the Argyll housing register, families are often forced into renting unsuitable accommodation.

Graeme Brown, director of Shelter Scotland, said: 'Short-term tenancy agreements do not provide the stability and security individuals and, in particular, young families in Argyll, need in order to live a settled life and bring up children.'

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Affordable housing plans rejected by community

The local area development plan prohibits construction along the lagoon to Craignish Loch. Residents fear the Glebe project may set a precedent for further development in the highly sensitive scenic area. 06_a07marina01

Clampdown on flytipping

A CLAMP down on illegal fly tipping has begun in Mid Argyll and those who are caught could face prosecution with a maximum £40,000 fine and six months imprisonment.

Staff at Argyll and Bute Council when confronted by flying tipping will now do everything possible to find the culprits, who also risk a £50 fixed penalty notice.

Busy west coast lifeboats

WEST coast lifeboat crews were amongst the busiest in the country in 2012, according to new figures released by the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI).

Campbeltown Lifeboat was the busiest in the country, clocking up 765 hours at sea, including training time, whilst Tighnabruaich had 11 rescues from 18 launches.

Church of Scotland plans described as 'horrifying'

A COMMUNITY desperate for affordable housing has rejected a planning application that would see six social housing units built at the heart of its village.

The planning application by the Church of Scotland to build 11 houses on land south west of Ardfern House, Craignish, has been described as 'horrifying' by local community councillors and divided opinion in the village.

The application follows years of hard work between the local community, General Trustees of the Church of Scotland and Fyne Homes to negotiate a settlement that would suit all parties.

But last month when the plans for the development, partly funded by Argyll and Bute Council's rural housing fund, were finally drawn up it sparked outrage in

the village. The plans revealed five large four-bedroom homes with double garages would be built across much of the land, with two blocks of affordable housing on the end. This affordable housing includes two three-bedroom homes and four two-bedroom cottage flats.

Mary Smyth, secretary of Craignish Community Council, said there was a 'degree of horror' when the plans were revealed to locals last month.

Commercial
Explaining the plots of land could be sold for £100,000 each Mary said people felt the development had moved from a community initiative to a commercial exercise.

She added: 'In the current local development plan that area is zoned for 100 per cent afford-

able housing and open space. Most people would prefer it not developed at all as it is a particularly scenic area.

'It is just because there is such a need for affordable housing in Ardfern and, at the time, there was no alternative that people were prepared to accept it for affordable housing only. But now it has moved so far from that.'

Some villagers however feel Ardfern cannot miss out on another opportunity to build affordable homes.

Referring to an earlier chance to build on the Glebe, Malcolm Campbell, said: 'As a community we made a dreadful mistake, let's not do the same this time around.'

'I have banged on about affordable housing for 20 years. If we miss this opportunity it will be gone.'

Moving the site not an option

FYNE Homes, the social landlord building six affordable houses on the Lower Glebe, Ardfern, has dismissed proposals to move the development to another site.

The announcement comes after locals suggested the development be moved to Soroba Meadow, Ardfern. Owned by Colin Lindsay MacDougall of Lunga Estates, the land is situated behind Craignish Primary School and has planning permission for residential development.

But Fyne Homes, which is working in partnership with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland on the Glebe project, said changing sites could jeopardise its

£300,000 grant from Argyll and Bute Council.

Janet McAllister of Fyne Homes said the board of directors last week decided to progress with the existing application.

'The grant is time limited and we should have been on site in September last year,' she said.

Relaxed

'Argyll and Bute Council has already relaxed the terms so to pull out now or consider another option we would have grave concerns that the council could give the money to another site.'

Argyll and Bute Council awarded the housing scheme £293,667 from its Rural Housing Development Fund in March last year.

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As Campbeltown continues to present itself as an international hub for renewable energy and Oban pursues its title as Gateway to the Isles, how will Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll present itself to the rest of the world?

Residents, community groups, businesses and the local authority must come together to create a vision of the area to ensure that the towns and villages at the very heart of this region are not left behind.

We need to ask what makes us different, what makes us special and communicate that to the masses.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance and Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce have been making strides in promoting the area but more can always be done.

Lochgilphead has always been seen as the centre for local government but as Argyll and Bute Council continues to make cutbacks we can no longer rely on it to either provide the same level of employment or invest for the area as it used to do.

With hundreds of people in Mid Argyll employed by the council, the area will undoubtedly be the worst affected by cutbacks.

So lets get together and create a vision of Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll, one that is fit to serve the needs of the local community in 2020.

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Phoenix Project working hard to improve Lochgilphead

Sir,
I am writing in reply to a letter from Douglas MacLeod printed in the January 25 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

To answer Mr MacLeod's concerns we, the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project, have been working tirelessly to make Lochgilphead more of a destination town rather than a dormitory town.

We have to date been working on the Clock Lodge trying to find a way of bringing it back to life to benefit the local community and possible tourists in the area. Initially we had hoped to bring back into use the 1995 Environmental Improvement Survey which highlighted the three gateways into Lochgilphead as a concern.

Unfortunately everything cannot be done at the one time and we have come to the conclusion that the Glasgow gateway was the one in most need of upgrading.

We thought it would be a really good idea to include the Clock Lodge in this project, as it seemed to be an iconic building for the area.

At the moment we are in the process of analysing the options put forward by local people for possible uses of the building from the public survey, completed

at the end of last year and we hope to move forward to the next stage soon.

Jane McCurdie,
chairwoman
of Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.
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Appeal for information on Christchurch history

Sir,
Christchurch, Lochgilphead, is in the process of compiling a history of the church and would like to use your column to appeal for any information or anecdote, good or bad, and any memories of past characters - it is the people that make a church, not just the bricks and mortar.

If anyone has photographs of previous events that they would be willing to share the compilers would be most grateful.

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Council must stop wasting money - especially on consultants

Sir,
I hope your editorial on January 25, concerning the possibility of the privatising of care services, gives our councillors food for thought.

Privatisation, as you point out, will not result in cost savings or improvements in quality of care services. I am surprised it has even been considered.

However, often the privatisation mantra is chanted as a panacea for our economic difficulties, it simply has not worked.

Just one example - the G4S failure during the Olympic Games when the public sector in the form of the army and the police had to step in at the last minute to provide security guards.

We simply cannot allow our most vulnerable people to fall prey to the vagaries of corporate mistakes.

This issue will be highlighted during the coming days as the council decides their spending priorities.

There will be the ritual cries that tough choices have to be made, reinforced by the entirely spurious public consultation on their budget. This is a transparent attempt to kid us into believing that we have a real input into the democratic process.

No real choices are allowed us, however any money spent in one department, we are warned, will be deducted from another one, according to councillor James Robb.

So those who treasure our schools to give their kids a good start in life, those who depend on care services to look after their elderly parents or disabled child, those who need a well maintained road network to earn a living, will inevitably be set against each other. This is disgraceful.

Simply chopping lumps from departmental budgets, as the council proposes, sacking

another 400 employees in the process, is crudely primitive - truly neanderthal economics.

And quite unnecessary, because there is another way to save money, in fact the only certain way is stop wasting it.

One glaring example is the lavish use of consultants, almost double last year from the previous year.

If we cannot get good advice from the current council managers, some paid £2,000 per week, then they should be replaced.

Such casual wastage, no doubt replicated in many forms throughout the council, will require a steady and ongoing effort to eradicate.

A tedious process to be sure. But it must be started now; otherwise our essential council services will be crippled by unnecessary austerity.

Stuart White
By email.

Couple retire after 17 happy years at Inveraray Post Office

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By email.

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Two arrested on vandalism charges

TWO PEOPLE have been charged with smashing the windows of three Lochgilphead shops before Christmas.

A 29-year-old man and 18-year-old woman have been with alleged vandalism of Cockles Fine Foods, Argyll Chemist and RS McColls on the night of December 21.

The arrest comes after shopkeepers offered a £200 reward for anyone with information to come forward.

Royal Burgh's £1m boost

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The total cost of repairs is estimated at £3 million but Argyll and Bute Council will contribute to the fund whilst Argyll Community Housing Association will contribute to repairs of its housing stock.

'We still have an application into the Heritage Lottery Fund and we will hear about that in March. The combination of the two is very important to us,' Frances added:

'This is a major boost to the area, as far as I know we have never had anything like this before.'

The CARS bid for Inveraray was prepared by Argyll and Bute Council.

John Semple, lead councillor for development and infrastructure, said: 'This is great news for Inveraray which is an iconic town and very popular with visitors to Argyll and Bute.'



High winds and torrential rain leave trail of debris

High winds and torrential rain have battered Mid Argyll throughout the week leaving a trail of debris. A massive clean up will soon begin on Lochgilphead Front Green after the high winds caused waves to swamp the area, depositing masses of seaweed and rubbish on the grass. The weather also wreaked havoc for drivers as surface water made roads difficult to drive on in Mid Argyll, whilst roads in Campbeltown and Clachan were completely flooded.

Windfarm plan in public spotlight

ENERGY company E.ON is holding a series of information events this week for residents in Mid Argyll to find out more about their plans to build a windfarm at Inverneill.

The events will be in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Thursday and Ardrishaig Public Hall on Friday. Both sessions will be held between 2pm and 8pm.

Kintyre/Ayrshire ferry trial to start this summer

Cross from Campbeltown to Ardrossan

A PILOT for the new Kintyre to Ayrshire Ferry will commence this summer, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

The ferry route between Campbeltown and Ardrossan will go via Arran as part of the proposed upgrade in service provision on the Brodick to Ardrossan route.

It is proposed the new service will operate three days per week and will be timed to enable a day trip to be undertaken as well as overnight and weekend stays.

Results of the pilot will be used to assess whether

or not there is sufficient demand to continue the service in winter.

The service will not have a dedicated vessel and will share the *MV Isle of Arran* with the Ardrossan - Brodick route, which dictates that the service will not be able to operate directly between Ayrshire and Campbeltown five days per week, as requested by local businesses.

However, the council has confirmed it will be establishing a working group including key stakeholders such as the Scottish Government's ferries division and ferry operator to ensure

that the sailing days and timetable offer maximum benefit to communities and businesses in Argyll.

Meanwhile CalMac has quashed rumours that Portavadie would be included in the new service.

A company spokesman said: 'There are currently no plans within the Government's Ferry Plan, published at the end of the year, to link Portavadie with the proposed Ayrshire-Arran-Campbeltown service and we are not aware of any subsequent discussions or proposals to do so.'

Oyster bar embarks on major renovation project

LOCH Fyne Oyster Bar closed its doors to the public on Wednesday as it embarks on a major renovation project.

The restaurant will close for two months to allow a renovation of the kitchen and a change of layout, while

the farm shop will close on February 4. The renovation is part of a wider project to rejuvenate the business, now in its 25th year.

Moyra Dey, front of house manager at the restaurant, said: 'To complete the work as

quickly as possible we need to close the oyster bar and shop and we aim to open by Easter.'

From April onwards the business will be celebrating its anniversary at the Clachan site with special events.



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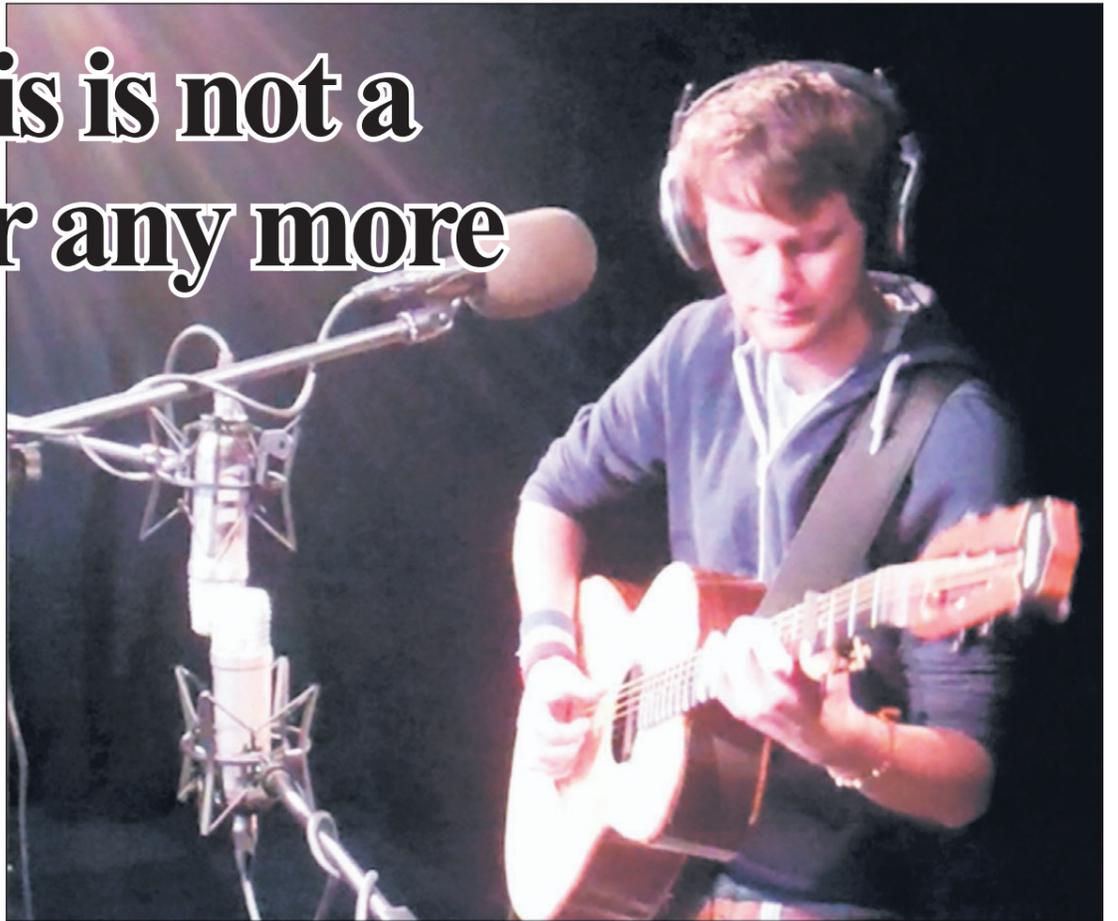
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Morris is not a Minor any more



Elliott Morris is making a name for himself on the UK folk scene.

A YOUNG singer-songwriter who regularly performs with his friend and chart superstar Ed Sheeran will be taking to the stage in Inveraray next month.

Elliott Morris, who has been making headlines in the music industry in the last few years, will be sharing his music with people in Inveraray's George Hotel on April 05.

But the 23-year-old has been the subject of national news before, thanks to an error in *The Oban Times*.

The young musician's birth caught the imagination of newspapers across the country when it was mistakenly printed in the cars section of *The Oban Times*.

He became famous following his birth on St Andrew's Day 1989, when his proud family submitted his birth notice to *The Oban Times*, to be published in the issue of December 14.

Although born in Swindon, the guitarist is the son of Janice Morris (nee Laver), daughter of the late Albert Laver, registrar and district clerk in Oban until 1984 and previously, in the

'I play north of the border whenever I can'

1960s, in Tobermory.

But an editorial error – presumably resulting from Elliott's surname – led to the birth announcement being printed in the Used Cars section in the paper's Classified Ads.

An eagle-eyed journalist in Glasgow spotted the mix-up and wrote it up for *The Glasgow Herald* diary section.

Elliott's father, Nigel, was soon fobbing off Fleet Street hacks, who

had decided that this would make a hilarious and touching Christmas baby story.

Elliott went on to spend his childhood in West Wales and Lincolnshire where he has lived since he was 11.

During the last few years, with hundreds of gigs behind him, Elliott has gained a formidable reputation as one of the hardest-working and most sought-after young artists on the acoustic

scene.

'I've always been proud of my identity as a half Scot,' Elliott said. 'I play north of the border whenever I can.'

Through family connections in Edinburgh and spending a week with his parents every summer on the Isle of Mull, he has developed a passion for Scottish folk music.

'There are some fantastic sounds coming out of Scotland,' he add-

ed. 'I had the great honour last year to support Lau in Lincoln.

'And it's just amazing to be in the An Tober arts centre in Tobermory and to think that it was my mum's primary classroom!'

Last October Elliott featured at the internationally renowned Ullapool Guitar Festival. In addition to Lau he has played with a host of well-known folk musicians.

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Event planning workshop

A WORKSHOP to help third sector organisations manage successful events is to be held next month.

The event, run by Sheila Durie of the Social Enterprise Academy, will assist people in planning events, marketing and branding their event and assessing the impact and value it adds to the local economy.

Advice will also be given on accessing funding and writing business plans for events. The workshop takes place on Saturday, March 2, between 10.20am and 4pm, at Council Chambers, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilhead.

Second in green energy league table

THE HIGHLANDS and Islands has been named second in Scotland's first Green Energy League Table.

The table measures an area's performance in embracing green technology and shows 29 per cent of people in the Highlands and Islands have considered installing or have already fitted money-saving low-carbon upgrades to their homes.

The new statistics, which found people in the North East are more likely to embrace green technology at home, are based on an Energy Saving Trust YouGov survey of more than 1,000 people.



A vision of Ben Arthur Pier.

MP calls for new fuel price probe

THE HIGH cost of fuel in Argyll and Bute must be looked into again, according to local MP Alan Reid.

Speaking after the Office of Fair Trading's report into petrol and diesel prices was published, Mr Reid said

a lack of competition in Argyll was keeping fuel prices high at the pumps.

Fuel summit

Mr Reid was due to attend the Scotland Office fuel summit in Glasgow yesterday as *The Argyllshire*

Advertiser went to press. 'This summit will give me the opportunity to question fuel distributors and retailers, the Treasury and the OFT as to why fuel prices are so high and what can be done to bring them down,' he said.

£70m facelift for Arrochar resort

THE DERELICT torpedo range in Arrochar is to undergo a £70 million facelift as the Ben Arthur Resort prepares to build a five star 130-bed hotel and 250-berth marina on the shores of Loch Lomond.

The development, approved by Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority this week, will create more than 300 jobs and inject an estimated £9.8m into the local economy a year.

Construction on the development, which will feature 16 luxury residential properties and 36 apartments, is due to start within the next six to eight weeks. The build will provide work for 210 people.

It is hoped the quality of the resort will attract visitors from all over the world, with the resort aiming to bring in 100,000 visitors to the park each year, generating additional expenditure of £2.9m in the economy.

Speaking after the decision to approve the development, Linda McKay, convener of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, said: 'In this Year of Natural Scotland, we need to celebrate Scotland as a destination and capitalise on the stunning landscape we have in Loch Lomond and The Trossachs to help grow both the local and national tourism economy.

'Tourism is by far the

biggest contributor to our rural economies in the national park. It generates over £200m every year and accounts for a third of employment. The superb quality of the resort means that we can attract more international visitors to the area and open up further opportunities for the community and business growth, transforming an abandoned derelict site into a premier visitor destination and a new marine gateway for the national park.'

The development will also see a new pedestrian link between the resort and Arrochar village, in the form of a timber walkway alongside the shore and through a wooded peninsula.

Ford guesthouse owners hope to create creative hub



Craig Ward and Inge Bos have taken over Ford Guesthouse with the aim of turning it into a hub of creativity for artists and musicians.

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A COUPLE who have moved to Mid Argyll to run Ford Guest House hope to turn it into a hub of creativity for artists and musicians.

Craig Ward, his partner Inge Bos and 16-month-old daughter Morven took over the guesthouse in December with the aim of expanding the business to include art exhibitions, live music and art workshops.

Craig, a musician, and artist Inge said they hope their unique skills will help establish the

guesthouse as a destination for people in the creative arts industry.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week Craig said the artistic element of the guesthouse would help it stand out amongst its competitors in a tough economic climate.

The musician who has toured all over the world with bands said: 'We asked ourselves what do we have to offer and that is our skills. We can use our ideas so it's not just a guesthouse or a typical bed and breakfast.

'We want musicians to come here and write new material. We hope they will come here and give us a little gig as well, that's what we are aiming for.'

The guesthouse held its first gig in January when Craig performed with his friend Mark Mulholland, with more than 30 people turning up.

Meanwhile Inge is planning to host regular workshops to share her expertise. She said: 'I want to create workshops where people will come for the night and

do various art projects.

'We hope to use our connections from Holland and Belgium to get artists exhibiting their work here along with those in the thriving scene in Argyll.'

Craig and Inge lived in Holland and Belgium for several years, before moving to Glasgow and finally settling in Ford at the end of last year.

Craig added: 'We hope to have a real push in March when the spring arrives and get everything up and running from then onwards.'

Property market remains uncertain

THE ARGYLL property market is showing signs of moving forward but the position for 2013 remains uncertain, according to estate agent Bell Ingram.

The property and land

management agent has revealed healthy sales figures for properties and estates in 2012 coupled with a buoyant rental sector.

However house prices are, for the most part, similar or lower

than their values from 12 months ago. The firm said employment uncertainty, a poor economic climate and lack of finance would continue to have an impact in 2013.

Business Gateway spring workshops prove popular

MORE than 100 bookings have been made for Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway workshops throughout spring.

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Benderloch farmer Allan MacKellar with some of his flock set to lamb this month. 20_105allanmackellar1

PREPARATIONS for lambing have already begun for Benderloch farmer Allan MacKellar, despite not expecting his first lamb until February 22.

Based at Seaview, Allan will be lambing his flock indoors, with 10 Bluefaced Leicesters and six mules set to be lambed over a frantic few days.

He's hoping to take at least one to the Royal Highland Show later this year, having performed well at the event since claiming a high profile double in 2010.

Not only did his sheep Esmeralda claim the reserve female champion title, but her tup lamb was first in class that same year. He followed that up with firsts and seconds in 2011 and a six and seventh place last year.

Before he can start to think about building on that success, he has to prepare for the busiest week of his year.

He said: 'Bluefaced Leicester lambs are born pure skin, there's no wool, so they have to go under the heat lamps for the

first couple of days at least. They're slightly softer than lowland sheep.

'They can be quite hard work. I'll be lambing day and night for four days. It's quite intense. To be successful you've got to give 110 per cent commitment to the job, even more so with Bluefaced Leicesters.'

While hard work, Allan - who will sell his shearlings at Oban Livestock Mart this October - enjoys the challenge.

'There's a massive market for Bluefaced Leicesters. If you look at the national percentage, 54 per cent of the UK's stock is made up of Mules; the sires of Mules are Bluefaced Leicesters. A Leicester will also lamb at about 180 per cent.

'They're hard work, but worth it.'

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FOR many farmers lambing season has already started in earnest, however, one Islay farmer has another two week wait until one of the busiest times in the farming year begins.

Ian McKerrell of Island Farm near Bowmore rents approximately 1500 acres of land, with 300 acres of those ploughable and the rest hill land.

He has 300 Blackface ewes, which are put to Bluefaced Leicester tups, and around 30 purebred Border Leicester ewes, which are also put to Bluefaced Leicester tups as well as his Border Leicester tups.

When choosing tups, Ian purchases his from Kelso and usually brings in two a year. He prefers them to be 'big and long with a leg on each corner.'

His pure breeds are used to produce homebred tups while the Blackface ewes and Bluefaced tups produce Mules.

While his pure breed sheep are lambed and remain indoors, Ian's Blackface ewes only come inside to lamb before going back out to the hill again. 'The Blackies are gathered in to lamb and when they have lambed they go out,' he said.

During lambing time his ewes are fed feed blocks.

The ewe lambs produced are sold on at the Islay breeding sale held around the end of September and his wedder lambs are sold off the farm fat.

Ian then sells his homebred tup lambs to a growing market locally.

When asked if he is anticipating a good year, he said: 'I hope so. We are just dosing again for fluke today. The ewes seem in good enough order - so God willing.'

Ian's pure bred ewes will start lambing indoors in around a fortnight, while the remained of his ewes are not due to start until April.



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Heifers averaged 210.5p per kg and sold to 243.5p per kg for a 560kg Limousin from Knockhouse Farm and to £1442 per head for 620kg Limousin from the same home.

Knockhouse sold a pen of eight cattle to average at 233p per kg.

Butchers cattle sold in excess of 225p per kg to average at 230p per kg and sold to 236.5p per kg, for a 530kg Limousin heifer from North

Glassmount Farm, Kirkcaldy.

Young bulls sold to 217.5p per kg for a 635kg Limousin from West Glespin Farm, Douglas and to £1,600 per head for a 760kg Limousin from Airthrey Kerse Farm, Stirling.

Cast cows sold to £1625 for a Limousin from R Johnstone, Balaclava, Isle of Islay and to the same price for another Limousin from J Caldwell, Moorfield, Kilmarnock.

Cast bulls sold to £1495 for a Limousin from Craigevern, £1335 for a Charolais from Hill and £1155 for a British Blue from Gartfern.

Over 30 Month cattle sold to 199.5p per kg for a 575kg bullock from Bogside Farm, Newmains and £1374 for Charolais cow, from Eorabus Farm, Islay.



Waste often has a value as a fertiliser at the time when it can be taken up by the growing crop

Farm waste workshops start at Auchindrain

A SERIES of workshops on how to handle farm waste - and the legal implications, will the subject of three practical on-farm workshops hosted by the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC).

The first of these workshops will be held at Auchindrain, by Inveraray next Wednesday.

'For farmers and crofters, it is at this time of the year that the winter really starts to bite,' says

Niall Campbell senior consultant for SAC in Oban.

'For those with livestock outside, the wet weather affects the condition of the stock, can cause issues with poach-

ing of land and makes it difficult to manage feeding sites.

'For those with livestock inside, slurry stores, tanks and middens are filling up and the condition of the fields means that it is difficult to get machinery on the ground to spread the waste.

'However, as these wastes often have a value as a fertiliser, it makes sense to spread them at the time when they can be taken up by the growing crop'

To highlight these issues, SAC are holding a series of practical on-farm workshops in Argyll.

These workshops will cover the general binding rules, good agricultural and environmental condition (GAEC) and establish the actual value of farm wastes.

The workshops will be held on Islay, Inveraray and Appin.

Appin host farmer, David Colthart said: 'No matter what the weather throws at you, we still have a responsibility to ensure that our actions do not cause an issue with pollution of burns and rivers, or have any negative impact on the welfare of the livestock we farm.'

'I have been lucky recently that I have had a

new shed erected under SRDP.

'This has brought all cattle inside under one roof in a modern system.

'It is a huge step forward for me.

'That said, I still have to pay attention and manage the system properly. This workshop will include a walk around my own steading, which will be a useful exercise to check that I am doing everything right.

'When setting up this event, dung samples from my farm were taken to check nutrient value and I will be interested to see the results.'

All three workshops will start at 11am prompt.

A light lunch will be provided, so booking is essential.

This event is funded by the Scottish Government as part of its Pollution Prevention and Climate Change Advisory Activities.

The workshops are to be held on Wednesday, February 6 at Auchindrain, by Inveraray, Thursday, February 7 at Achnacone Farm, Appin, and Tuesday February 26 at Mulindry Farm, Isle of Islay.

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Pupils, staff and parents gathered at Tarbert Academy to say a final farewell to their headteacher Reverend Catriona Hood.

Tarbert Academy says farewell to headteacher

A SPECIAL assembly was held at Tarbert Academy last Friday when pupils and staff said a final farewell to their much-loved headteacher.

Pupils presented Reverend Catriona Hood with a handmade card, with parents and staff congratulating the popular teacher for all her achievements, which in-

cluded a glowing report in a recent inspection from Education Scotland.

Catriona is leaving her post to take on a new challenge as headteacher at Campbeltown Grammar School.

Speaking at the assembly she said she would miss everyone and hoped the school continues with its success.



Pupils from Sandbank Primary School will battle it out against youngsters from Dingwall Primary School in the next episode of TV show Gleusta. a05sandbank01no

Clarification

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to clarify that Ardrishaig Parish Church's eco-congregation is asking people's views on how funds should be spent to improve the North Church Hall.

In last week's edition of the paper it stated the group was seeking people's ideas for the future of the village hall, leading to confusion with Ardrishaig Public Hall.

The Advertiser apologizes for the error and confusion caused.

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GRADUATION



Tracie Michelle Milloy has recently graduated from the University of the West of Scotland (Hamilton Campus) with a BSc in Mental Health Nursing. Tracie Michelle is the youngest daughter of Donna and Shaun Harvey, Campbeltown, and is currently working in Stirling as a Psychiatric Nurse.

WEDDING



SEMPLER - MACALLISTER
Councillor John Semple married Jackie MacAllister in Glasgow's Park Circus Registry Office on December 22, 2012.

Thought for the Week

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EACH year at the summer solstice we go to the standing stones at Ballochroy.

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However we have never walked up Ballochroy Glen, and so on a beautiful clear day a couple of weeks ago we set off with a picnic to enjoy the day.

Visibility was perfect and looking back the islands seemed suspended on the calmest of seas.

The trees still seemed scraggy and bare, but on closer inspection the faintest buds heralding new life could be seen.

We looked for frogspawn in the rivers but found none.

There was the faintest flicker of snowdrop white, scarcely visible as if they were reluctant to come out and face the January gales.

At each bend we wondered what new wonders would be revealed as the path meandered through the glen inviting us to follow it.

We stopped on a big boulder to have our picnic and the sun was warm on our backs and the silence was tangible.

On our way back we met a group of people and their dogs.

They were a buzz of conversation and they obviously wanted to share their news with us.

'Did you see it?' they exclaimed with excitement.

'Did you see the eagle?'

Well, to our disappointment, we hadn't seen the eagle and despite scanning the sky we failed to catch sight of that magnificent bird.

Sometimes we forget to look up and we may miss the magic moment.

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ARDRISHAIG

ActionPACT celebrate the life of the bard

ARDRISHAIG Parish Church youth group ActionPACT enjoyed a Burns Night with a difference as Lochgilphead Butcher Ferguson's treated the young people to a haggis-tasting.

Fourteen teenagers and helpers sampled five different varieties of haggis from local and national sources, along with the traditional accompaniments of neeps and tatties.

Everyone said the Selkirk grace before tucking into the Scots fare, which included the slightly less traditional haggis crisps and Scottish favourite Irn-Bru.

After trying all the types of haggis, everyone scored them out of five and when the points were added up Ferguson's haggis came out on top.

A certificate from ActionPACT has been presented to Ferguson's for display in their window.

CLACHAN

Panto season back at Clachan

OH NO it's not, oh yes it is! The panto season is back this weekend, as the Clachan Calamities present the hilarious family panto, *Sleeping Beauty*.

Written by Ben Crocker, residents can catch the show, which started its three-night run last night, in Clachan Village Hall. The Tonight's show starts at 7.30pm with tickets available from Clachan Filling Station and John Hunt's in Tarbert.

TARBERT

Busy year ahead for Castle Trust

A BUSY year lies ahead for Tarbert Castle Trust, which is looking forward to taking ownership of the castle in the summer.

In June, the trust is planning the Medieval Melee, which will celebrate the completion of eight years' work. Families are being invited

INVERARAY



Front row left to right: Pamela Spalding, who gave the reply from the lassies, Brian Spalding who toasted the lassies, John Burns who addressed the haggis. Back row left to right: Bletherskyte's Alex McCallum, Inveraray Burns Club president Kenny Stark, Gordon Bishop who said the Immortal Memory, Bletherskyte's Alan McMillan.

Burns Night celebrated in the Argyll Hotel

AROUND 60 people gathered at the Argyll Hotel in the Royal Burgh on Saturday evening as Inveraray Burns Club celebrated Burns Night.

Members of the club and special guests enjoyed entertainment, which included local piper Laura Under-

wood and traditional band Bletherskyte who perform every year.

Education projects

A raffle was held on the night, with the proceeds used to support Rabie Burns education projects in the area.



Youngsters from Minard, Furnace and Inveraray primary schools took part in the annual Burns Poetry competition.

Inveraray pupils win interschool poetry competition

THE ANNUAL interschool poetry competition run by Inveraray Burns Club, was won by two pupils from Inveraray Primary School.

Recited

Last Friday, youngsters from Minard, Furnace and Inveraray primary

schools recited versus from Burns' *Address to the Haggis*.

The overall winners this year were P7 pupil Zoe McKillop and Iona McCulloch of P6, who put in a massive amount of effort into their performance.

to take part in medieval games and other activities on the day.

Volunteers are continuing to look after the sheep at the castle and Bertie the tup is on site, with the hope of lambs from mid May onwards.

formed in the last five decades.

Their eagerly awaited visit to Tarbert lived up to expectations, with operatic singers Katie Grosset, Eleanor Dennis, Duncan Rock and Nicky Spence enthralling their audience with song, acting and costume.

Music Director Ruth Wilkinson provided an outstanding musical accompaniment throughout the performance.

STRACHUR

History Society

THE STRACHUR and District Local History Society will be hosting drama evenings on February 22 and 23.

The events will feature a re-enactment of the 1691 Inveraray court case of local hero Half Hung Archie. The events starts at 7.30pm in Strachur Memorial Hall.

Poppy Appeal raises £300

NEARLY £300 was raised for the Strachur and District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal last year, the local representative has revealed.

John Fleming, convenor of the local appeal, said he was most grateful to all the local businesses who displayed the poppies, collecting cans and to everyone who contributed.

KILMARTIN

Great Auks in Campbeltown and Tarbert

YOUNGSTERS from Kilmartin's young archaeology club, The Great Auks, headed to Campbeltown and Tarbert at the weekend.

The group of ten, joined by parents, headed to the Burnett Building in Campbeltown, where they saw some archaeological artefacts from the Neolithic and Mesolithic period.

Whilst making their way around the building the youngsters had their knowledge tested as they took part in a quiz.

The group then made their way back to Tarbert, where they stopped off at the castle for a guided tour by Robert McPhail, treasurer of Tarbert Castle Trust.

Robert also showed the youngsters his family tree, which showed he is a descendent of Robert the Bruce.

Archaeological finds in Argyll

KILMARTIN House Museum was packed out last week, when Roddy Regan gave a talk on recent archaeological finds in Argyll.

Roddy discussed the result of recent excavations at Tayvallich Mill, Dun Mhuirich Dun, Carnassarie and recent survey work on Colonsay.

He also gave an introduction into the work being done by pupils at Tayvallich Primary School as part of the All Our Stories programme, which will see them research the Iron Age and medieval heritage with pupils from Northern Ireland.

It is also hoped youngsters from Tayvallich Primary School and Lochgilphead High School will be involved in a future dig at Tayvallich Mill.

In February, the museum looks forward to a talk from Lewis Pate, a Scottish Wildlife Trust ranger.

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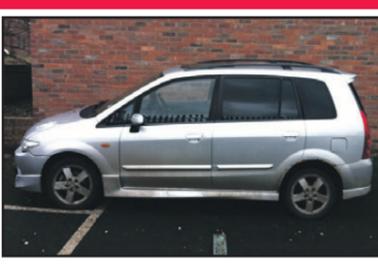


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Love from Mum, Dad, Emma & Andrew xXx

My thanks to family and friends for all the cards and gifts received on the occasion of my 80th birthday. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Willie Durance

Margaret Robertson, 11 Princes Street, Campbeltown, better known as 'Gaga' was 80 years old on Thursday 31st January, 2013.

Happy 80th Birthday to the real Lady Gaga, You wee cracker! Lots of love, sister Sandra and Andy xx

Happy Birthday, Auntie Gaga! Love & best wishes on your 80th birthday From the Harrison nieces and nephews xxxxx

Have a barking birthday, Auntie Gaga. Woof woof! Wee Alba xx

Happy 25th Birthday on February 2nd To our beautiful daughter Eilidh Lafferty

Have a really good birthday dear

Love you lots Dad, Mum and the boys XXXX

Happy 25th Birthday to our lovely Granddaughter

Eilidh Lafferty (Harrison)

Happy birthday darling on February 2nd, Have a good one. Love and best wishes Granny, Grandpa and wee Alba XXX

Machrihanish Village Hall
Scottish Charity No. SCO15180
Notice of **Annual General Meeting**
In the Village Hall On Tuesday 5th February 2013 At 7.30pm

LOCHGILPHEAD GOLF CLUB
AGM
12th February 2013
7pm for 7.30pm
at the Club House
All Welcome

MID ARGYLL MUSICAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting
in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Thursday 7th February at 7.30pm
All Welcome

LEE GARDEN TAKE AWAY

Lochgilphead
Annual Holiday
We will be closed from Monday 4th February to Tuesday 26th February 2013,
We re-open on Wednesday 27th February 2013 as usual.

KINTYRE JUVENILE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
Will be held at Campbeltown Grammar School, Campbeltown Thursday 7th February At 7pm

PROPERTY

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TAXI FARE REVIEW (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

Notice is hereby given that Argyll and Bute Council, having consulted with taxi operators licensed by the authority, propose to make no amendments to fares for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council. This proposal will become effective from 30th April 2013.

Any person wishing to lodge representations in respect of these proposals should do so by writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT, by no later than 4th March 2013.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: EARLY YEARS

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROVISION?

Preschool education from August 2013 will be available for:-

- Four year old children whose birth date falls between 1st March 2009 and 28th February 2010
- Three year old children whose birth date falls between 1st March 2010 and 28th February 2011

A list of current preschool education providers, including those offering Gaelic Medium, is available from:

- All Preschool Education Providers
- All Primary Schools
- <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/preschool-education>
- Preschool Education Helpline noted below

Information leaflets will be available from preschool education providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Preschool Education Helpline, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Telephone 01369 708503).

Parents of eligible children should register at their preferred preschool education provider, taking along their child's birth certificate or passport, during week commencing 4th February 2013 during the normal operational hours of the unit.

PLANNING

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

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02705/PP	Erection of 22 self catering units, 1 self catering apartment building, 1 staff accommodation unit, operations building, installation of 4 treatment plants and enabling works.	Former Wildlife Park Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XT	Sub Post Office Inveraray

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00119/PP	Installation of a flue and 170kw biomass boiler	Former Garage Building to South West of The Arch Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QT	Sub Post Office Carradale
13/00145/PP	Repair to dormers (cladding of fascias in upvc) and partial demolition of chimney (retrospective)	Struan House Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UD	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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

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

Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, Kilmory At 10.30p.m. - Wednesday, 6 February, 2013

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ARGYLL AND BUTE PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA): ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Notice under Section 18 (1) (a) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and under Section 16 (2) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

Argyll and Bute Council has prepared a Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) that consists of three elements. The Written Statement; Proposals Maps and Supplementary Guidance (SG). An Environmental Report (Strategic Environmental Assessment) also accompanies the plan.

The Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan and the Environmental Report are issued for representations to be made from the 4th February until 29th April 2013.

They can be viewed at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp>. A number of open days are being arranged throughout the Council Area details of these are available on the web site.

The documents will also be available to view in the Council Offices and Service Centres listed below 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday, and in the following libraries and post offices during their normal opening hours:

Council Offices/ Service Centres

Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; Chalmers St. Ardrishaig; Municipal Buildings; Oban, Milton House; Dunoon; Blairvadach, Helensburgh; Bowmore, Islay; Tobermory, Mull; Crossapol, Tiree; Craighouse, Jura; Scalasaig, Colonsay, Libraries

Tarbert, Rosneath, Cardross, Oban, Helensburgh, Dunoon, Rothesay, Campbeltown, Lochgilphead

Post Offices

Arinagour, Coll; Achnacroish, Lismore; Ardmish, Gigha

Forms to make representations to the LDP or Environment Report are also available on the Council's website, or can be obtained by contacting Sheila McKenzie on 01546 604158.

Please note responses must be made on the official response form and received before 5pm on the 29th April 2013 to Sheila McKenzie, Development and Infrastructure, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RD or by emailing ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk

PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING IN ARGYLL & BUTE - TENANT & LANDLORD RESEARCH

In order to plan for the future, Argyll & Bute Council has appointed consultants Arneil Johnston in conjunction with Research Resource to carry out a survey of landlords and tenants in private rented housing during January and February 2013.

This research is designed to obtain a better understanding of the private rented sector in Argyll & Bute, and to identify the needs and views of both tenants and landlords. This will help to inform the Council's Local Housing Strategy. Participation in this survey is hugely important to help the Council and its partners understand how local housing needs can best be met and to promote improvements in the private rented sector.

Tenants and landlords will be contacted directly by consultants. However, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the survey, please contact:

Lorna Shaw, Research Resource on 0800 121 8987 or by email lorna.shaw@researchresource.co.uk

Research Resource, 17B Main Street, Cambuslang G72 7EX

All information will be treated confidentially but if you require verification or would like any further information regarding the survey, please contact Allan Brandie, Research & Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council on 01369 708679 or allan.brandie@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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E-Mail - manager@inveraray-castle.com

Fyne Families

Fyne Families is a voluntary sector, parent run, charitable company, whose purpose is to support families in Mid Argyll and ensure good quality play and learning experiences for children. Fyne Families has three member organisations: Elfs, Lochgilphead After School Club and Duncholgan Family Centre.

MANAGER

20 hours per week term time plus 2 weeks
£9.10 per hour

We are seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to lead our services. The successful candidate will work in partnership with the Board of Directors to develop and shape Fyne Families services and ensure a sustainable future for the organisation.

Applicants must have, or be willing to undertake study towards, an appropriate degree level qualification.

SENIOR PRACTITIONER, ELFS NURSERY

13 hours per week term time
£8.57 per hour

Relevant experience and qualification essential. The Board may be willing to consider combining these two roles into one post.

Appointment is subject to PVG scheme membership. For an application pack, contact Jenny or Lorna at fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 07512794940

Closing date for both posts FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY. Interviews to be held week commencing 25/2/2013.

**AREA MANAGER
KINTYRE**

(Salary subject to experience)



Highland Fuels Ltd wishes to recruit an enthusiastic and diligent individual to complement its management team. We are looking for a proven leader with a track record of people management and business development.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Ensure safe and efficient operation of our Kintyre fuels and Campbeltown filling station business.
- Management of staff and the day to day operations of the County Garage Service Station.
- Timely ordering and control of stock at the Station and Depot.
- Develop the existing bulk fuels customer base and oversee tanker operations within the area.
- Maintain overall security and respond to general enquires direct to our customers.

Good local knowledge and links within the geographic area are essential along with strong communication skills and the ability to grow our business.

Please phone **01463 245805** for an application form or send your CV and covering letter to ops@highlandfuels.co.uk or by post to **Alistair McIntosh, Highland Fuels Ltd, Affric House, Beechwood Park, Inverness IV2 3BW**

Closing date for applicants is Friday the 15th of February 2013.



Supporting People & Communities

Carr Gomm is a national charity and not-for-profit company. The main focus is Supported Living - supporting people to lead their lives, access services and achieve their hopes and dreams. The first service started in 1938.

Social Work Emergency Service

Argyll & Bute - Oban

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in establishing a new Social Work Emergency Service which will provide an out of hours service in Argyll & Bute. Full time and part time applications are welcome for the following vacancies:

Social Care Call Handlers - Oban

£15,515 - £16,153 pa

Based in Oban you will be responsible for responding to all calls which are received by the Social Work Emergency Service outwith normal office hours. You will require to listen carefully, establish the nature of the problem and decide on the required action.

You will have excellent communication skills, be comfortable dealing with potentially difficult situations and be confident to liaise with a variety of people, internal and external to the organisation. Working with a professional manner at all times, you will be computer literate with the ability to follow recording and monitoring systems.

Please quote Job Reference No: 260 when applying for this post.

SERVICE MANAGER

£23,818 - £27,897 pa

The Service Manager will manage the service to achieve its objectives of providing an effective out of hours social work service which fulfils statutory and local service requirements, manage and support team members; and liaise with other agencies.

This is a rare opportunity to join an innovative organisation and a supportive management team and work alongside experienced and committed colleagues. Service Managers provide leadership, ensure that the people we support have control over their lives and maintain creative practice.

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We offer competitive terms and conditions including: pension, enhanced annual leave, training and career advancement opportunities. We aim to provide services and recruit staff without discrimination.

For an application pack visit our website: www.carrgomm.org, e-mail: recruitment@carrgomm.org, Tel: 0131 659 4770, or contact Carr Gomm, SPACE, 11 Harewood Road, Edinburgh EH16 4NT. Closing Date: Friday, 8th February 2013



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**THE KINTYRE WAY
ROUTE MANAGER**

The management company of The Kintyre Way is looking to appoint the Route Manager for the long distance walk that runs from Tarbert Loch Fyne to Campbeltown. Recently in receipt of significant grant aid, the walk is to be extended and its infrastructure upgraded. The person appointed will report to the Kintyre Way Board and be expected to project manage a team that will carry out a major redesign of the walk, increasing its length and put in place ways of improving links with Northern Ireland, Arran and the Ayrshire coast. The appointment is for an initial period of 2 years but is expected to result in a permanent position. Salary is in the region of £20K-£22K for a 37 hour week.

MARKETING & PROJECT OFFICER

We are also looking to appoint a Marketing & Project Officer for the long distance walk. The person appointed will report to The Kintyre Way Manager and will be responsible for the provision of a Marketing and Development strategy that ensures the long-term viability of the walk as well as assisting in the successful completion of the expansion project. The appointment is for an initial period of 2 years with a salary in the region of £18K-£20K for a 37 hour week. This post is suitable for part-time working and salary will be pro-rata.

For an informal discussion about either post contact Marcus Adams

01583 431 223 or carradaleh@aol.com

Applications should be made to Clive Good at clive.good@btinternet.com

Both posts funded through The Coastal Communities Fund

Closing date for both posts February 15th 2013

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The primary responsibilities will be:-

- Sales Administration
- Customer Service
- Administration
- Reporting

Skills/experience required:

- Sales Administration
- Customer Service
- Administration
- Reporting

If you are interested in this job opportunity, to apply please send your CV to hr@gb-oils.co.uk or call the HR Department for an application form on 01896 322222



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Applicants should have experience of managing a small office, along with good IT skills plus the enthusiasm to learn new skills. This is a part-time post of approximately 16 hours per week with flexibility to suit a variety of applicants and includes a company pension.

For further information and a job description please contact:-

Email: arlene.dawson@euroforest.co.uk

Tel: 01466 794938

Closing date for applications: 6th February, 2013.



Operations Manager	Lorn or Lomond
Salary £30,204 - £34,282	35 hours per week
Property Manager	Cowal & Bute
Salary £26,050 to £30,204	35 hours per week
Safety & Plant Manager	Lorn or Lomond
Salary £26,050 to £30,204	35 hours per week
Service Administrator	Lorn or Lomond
Salary £16,296 to £18,035	35 hours per week
Repairs & Maintenance Operatives in various locations across Argyll	
Salary £21,996 - £26,013	37.5 hours per week

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- 1 Builder / Joiner - Islay
- 1 Plumber - Mid Argyll & Kintyre
- 1 Plumber / Gas - Mid Argyll & Kintyre
- 1 Builder - Mid Argyll & Kintyre
- 2 Joiners - Mid Argyll & Kintyre
- 2 Electricians - Mid Argyll & Kintyre
- 1 Electrician - Oban & Lorn
- 1 Plumber / Gas - Lomond
- 2 Plumbers / Gas - Cowal & Bute
- 1 Joiner - Cowal & Bute
- 1 Builder - Cowal & Bute
- 1 Electrician - Cowal & Bute

All these posts will be subject to a Basic Disclosure Scotland check

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 15th February 2013

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For further information and to apply on-line please visit our website: www.redcross.org.uk/About-Us/Jobs or email Optionsadmin@redcross.org.uk for an application pack quoting the relevant reference. Alternatively telephone 01294-313008. Please note that we do not accept CV's for any of our positions. Closing date for receipt of completed on-line application forms is Sunday 10 February 2013. We shall be holding an Open Day on Monday 11 February 2013 at West Highland Housing Association, Crannog Lane, Oban between 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. All hand written applications should be hand delivered to the Open Day. Online applicants also welcome to attend. Take the opportunity to meet managers and have informal discussions about the organisation and posts. Interviews will be held Tuesday 12 February 2013. As the post holder will be carrying out regulated work with or protected adults they will be required to become a member of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme as established by the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007. We are committed to welcoming people from the widest possible diversity of background, culture and experience. The British Red Cross, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (220949) and Scotland (SC037738)



Marine Farming Career Opportunities

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To obtain an application pack, please contact Claire Scott on 01786 445521 or email claire.scott@scottishseafarms.com. **Closing Date: Friday 15th February 2013**

All applicants are required to have a clean drivers' license.

STRATHCLYDE
FIRE & RESCUE



Strathclyde Fire & Rescue (SFR) are now recruiting
Retained Firefighters
for the retained duty system at Tarbert fire station.

Fire & Rescue personnel will be circulating recruitment information at residential and work premises in the Tarbert area week commencing 4th February 2013, an SFR recruitment vehicle will be located in the Tarbert town centre area on Saturday 09th February 2013 between 10:00hrs and 16:00hrs to provide further information on recruitment for the Tarbert Community Fire Station.

If you are interested in joining one of the biggest fire & rescue services in Europe whose role is to protect the communities we serve and responds with dedication and professionalism whenever and wherever the need occurs. For further information, details can be found on www.myjobscotland.gov.uk

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The hours of work are 37.5 per week as scheduled with the national contact centre management team. You will generally be expected to work at least one late night per week (until 8pm), and one Saturday in four between 9.15am and 1pm, with time off in lieu.

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Based at RSPB Loch Gruinart and other Islay Reserves

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Although this post is ideally suited to a development role we would still expect you to have:

- experience and knowledge of handling livestock
- experience of tractor and machinery operation - preferably certified, although training will be offered to a suitable candidate
- commitment to the highest standards of livestock care and welfare.

You should also be prepared to learn, be hard-working and able to work as part of a large and varied team. This is not a run-of-the-mill post; it will be challenging but also rewarding. The possibility of career advancement exists as does the offer of renting single shared accommodation.

If you are successful, you will be part of the Argyll Area Team and may also occasionally be required to work on other reserves in the area.

Closing date: 15 February 2013.

Interview date: 25 February 2013.

For further information and an application form, please visit our website or contact Liz Hathaway on 01496 850505.

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Under-8s perform well in Glasgow

YOUNGSTERS with Red Star's under-8s football team travelled to Rouken Glen in Glasgow for a Fun Fours festival on Sunday.

The local lads took on teams from Celtic Boys Club, Scotland Boys Club and East Kilbride.

The 14 boys, who had an early rise for the 10.30am kick off, performed brilliantly and more than held their own against such well established teams.

Team coaches Jamie Mackenzie and Davie Campbell said they were very proud of the boys and thanked parents for their continued support.

In the coming months the under-8s team will be playing in a number of tournaments within Argyll and Glasgow, the next being in Ravenscraig in February.

The local club is also hoping to host a Fun Fours festival in Lochgilphead in the near future.

Dugald key member of Scottish Angling team

DUGALD MacGilp has retained his place in the Scottish Angling Team and will represent his country at the Bewl Water International competition in May.

Dugald, a member of Lochgilphead Angling Club, will travel to Kent in the summer for the 2013 International after impressing at the Lough Sheelin championship in Ireland last year.

Dugald was the third best Scottish Rod in the contest with three brown trout measuring



Dugald, fourth from left back row, was a key member of the Scottish team when they took on Ireland in the Lough Sheelin International.

121 centimetres. Commenting on his success

Dugald thanked the local community for their support in helping him compete in the competition, hosted by the Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association.

He said: 'I would like to thank all those who helped raise funds for this year's international including Lochgilphead Angling Club, Lochgilphead Community Council, Ena MacDonald and all those who bought loch raffle tickets, which enabled me to attend the event and represent the area.'

Lochgilphead Angling Club

NEIL Ward retained his club championship title in 2012 and is going for a hat trick this year. It is hoped more junior anglers will take part in angling in 2013 and compete for some of the club's junior trophies.

Competitions

The club has so far arranged two interclub competitions with Campbeltown for 2013, a club they have not competed against before.



Dugald with a brown trout he caught whilst practicing his technique at Lough Sheelin.

Group completes kayak training

A GROUP of budding kayak leaders overcame wind, rain and cold conditions to gain their personal two star award in paddlesports, canoes and kayaks, at the weekend.

The group, which took shelter in Tarbert Harbour to carry out their training under the watchful eye of instructor David McBride, hope to use their new skills to develop watersports in Mid Argyll.

The course, organised by the newly formed Mid Argyll Watersports, is the first step for the members of the group in gaining a UKCC Level one coaching award. The qualification will allow the members to assist the club in delivering kayak training sessions to young people and adults in the area.

Mark Middleton, who took part in the course, said it would offer another sport to local children.

'I have kids and I would like to take them out on to the water, to give them that opportunity as well as their friends,' Mark said. 'We can't

offer the children here the shopping centres of the city but we can offer them everything else that city children come here for, that sense of adventure and fun outdoors.'

Dave McBride, rear commodore of kayaking with Mid Argyll Watersports said Mid Argyll is ideal for paddlesports, which are very accessible for local families.

'The west of Scotland including Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Ardrishaig I would say is one of the best places in the world for sea kayakers,' he said. 'They come from all over the world to Argyll and the islands.'



Mark Middleton, front, is keen to see kayaking increase in Mid Argyll. 06_a05kayak05



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£1,500 jackpot win for Gwen

GWEN Lindsay won a mammoth £1,500 in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw with lucky numbers 11, 13 and 19. The jackpot next week will be £100.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw with numbers 14, 15 and 19 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £600.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw were 9, 16 and 17. There was no winner and the jackpot will be £600 next week.

Primary schools badminton

CHILDREN from Lochgilphead Primary School travelled to Campbeltown on Monday to take part in the Argyll and Bute Primary Badminton Championships.

Around 50 children took part in the competition, which saw Lochgilphead Primary pupils Alistair Cupples and Gregor McGeachy take first place in boys doubles competition.

The boys beat Dunoon's Jordan McIlkeny and Rhys Boyle to take the championship title.

The event was held in the Victoria Hall.



Alistair MacVicar, left, and Ruaridh Aitken, members of Mid Argyll Badminton Club, won the boys under-19 doubles title. 16_t15badminton02

Feathers fly for Mid Argyll boys

IT WAS third time lucky for two Mid Argyll teenagers in pursuit of the senior boys doubles title at the Argyll Schools Badminton Championship.

Alasdair MacVicar and Ruaridh Aitken from Lochgilphead High School

won the under-19 boys doubles on Monday after missing out in 2011 and 2012.

Ruaridh, from Kilmartin, and Alistair, Lochgilphead, both 17, were amongst the 57 badminton players from Lochgilphead High to take

part in the championships in Oban's Atlantis Leisure.

With a total of 160 school pupils from Oban, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Tobermory competing, Lochgilphead had by far the largest contingent of

competitors. Prizes were well shared throughout the 15 competitions across three age groups, under-14, under-16 and under-19, with standout performances from the top players at every school. The event saw Lochgilphead's

Ben Miller named runner up in the under-16 boys singles, Chloe MacNeil and Shannon Wilson runner up in the under-16 girls doubles and Ruaridh Aitken take second place in the under-19 boys singles.

Glenn Barr boy Neil Lit-

leson dominated the under-14 category, winning the junior singles and the doubles alongside Declan Wilson to claim Campbeltown's only two trophies.

Dunoon High School equalled Oban's haul of six trophies.

Pie man beats Simon - it's not fair

SIMON Taylor played his best winter golf and with 39 points you would have expected him to win on a difficult windy and wet day. As the scores were read out by the man who ate all the burnt pies last year (Ross Sinclair) we were all pretty sure that Simon would prevail but yet again he was piped by Ross on a countback - it's just not fair.

Ross wanted me to say that he is not grumpy every week, but he is, so I won't. What I will say however is that his level of consistency with his play and his moaning is exceptional.

Kenny Cameron played really brilliantly and would have won had he not five putted on a couple of occasions when he got fed up with the bumpy greens. His drive at the first hole plugged beside the green, a

distance of over 300 yards. He is just awesome.

John Downie has copied the Lee Hardman solution to fixing your game when you are going through a bad spell and not play. As a result he did not lose any balls or damage his kit but he made the mistake of turning up and speaking to Ross, which did not make him feel any better.

Paying dividends

Keith Cowan is going through a good spell at the moment, his long conversations with the woman in his car's SATNAV about his swing, his putting and chipping are paying dividends but it's only a matter of time before she tells him to get lost.

Tommy Angus does not need a SATNAV as he is like a salmon and will always find his way back to the clubhouse despite

the weather. He could do with being cold blooded like a salmon as it is freezing in the locker room when he gets there.

Jim Hunter can play really well some weeks but really badly other weeks and his only consistency is his inconsistency. You just don't know which Jim is going to turn up. I like the Jim that brings Elle's chicken soup and fancy sandwiches the best.

Grant MacDougall and Raymond Flanagan are also inconsistent and this is a result of them being spoiled by the deluxe conditions at the Carrick where they have central heating.

Results: 10. R Sinclair, 9. S Taylor, 8. K Cameron, 7. K MacAulay, 6. K Cowan, 5. A MacAulay, 4. D Sinclair, 3. G MacDougall, 2. T Angus, 1. J Hunter. Nearest the pin: Jim Hunter.

Well done Dunadd

DUNADD Camanachd travelled to Fort William last Saturday to compete in Glengarry's annual indoor five-a-side tournament. Dunadd entered two teams who competed very well on the day, both teams finished third in their league.

The Dunadd girls were happy to cheer on the overall winners Glasgow Mid Argyll as two of their players used to play for Dunadd.

The girls now hope to arrange a few friendly fixtures before the new season begins in March.

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