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Ruffling feathers

Ardrishaig planning application branded unnecessary by residents

A CONTROVERSIAL planning application to build 15 homes plus four blocks of flats in Ardrishaig has been branded unnecessary by some residents.

The application, submitted by MacLeod Construction Ltd, has ruffled feathers with some members of the community making their feelings well known at their February community council meeting last week.

Around 30 people turned out to discuss the Kilduskland Road application, which could see up to 50 homes built if planning permission is granted.

Chair of the community council, Edward Laughton, said the application had to be 'built to the satisfaction of the local community'.

Dr Mark Simpson, whose property will directly overlook the development, said: 'When this application was first dis-

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cussed in 2007, there was no plan to build on the hospital site or at McMillan Court, so I think this is very embarrassing to the planners.'

Residents also have concerns over the potential increase of traffic on Kilduskland Road, as well as congestion and parking problems.

Questioned

Some members of the community also questioned the need for more affordable housing in Ardrishaig.

One community councillor said: 'Affordable housing beings with it ASBOs. There seems to be a lot of anti-social people in this village and building more affordable homes is not the answer.'

Another community councillor, who asked not to be named, said: 'There's no point

undertaking the regeneration of the village when it's going to be destroyed in other ways.'

But in a statement, MacLeod Construction Ltd said: 'The first phase of the proposed development at Glengilp is being designed in accordance with Argyll and Bute Council's Design Guide and, if approved, will be built to the very high standards set by Building Regulations. Traffic mitigation measures will be agreed with the Roads Department whose response to the application is awaited. The proportion of affordable housing within the proposed development is determined by Argyll and Bute Council's Development Plan.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman added: 'The Kilduskland Road site was allocated for development by the local plan.

'The local plan identified



Chair of Ardrishaig Community Council, Edward Laughton (left) and vice-chair, David Inglis take a look at the Kilduskland Road plans. 06_a06kild01

sites across Argyll which could potentially be developed for residential use, to meet anticipated demand. We

do not expect the demand for houses to be met in full by the development of those sites. As a result there is an allowance

made for houses to be built on other 'windfall' sites which emerge during the life of the plan.'



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Council prepares to swing budget axe

MAJOR decisions affecting each and every resident of Argyll and Bute were due to be taken at Kilmory yesterday, Thursday.

As the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press councillors were voting on a series of drastic cuts in an attempt to cut £55 million from its budget during the next three years.

At Risk

More than 200 council jobs are now directly at risk along with others which rely on local authority funding. Amongst

the proposals are increased charges, transferring ownership of council halls to community trusts, reducing provision of cleaning and janitorial services, increasing the cost of school meals for primary pupils and changing approaches to recycling.

The council also proposes to close libraries, cut community transport, withdraw funding to groups, axe swimming lessons, close public toilets, withdraw music instructors and replace sheltered housing wardens with home care and tele-care services.

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'It's not easy deciding to remove or change services but we do not have the money to everything the way we did in the past.'

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For more coverage on the council's decisions following yesterday's meeting, visit our website – www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk. Also, let us know your thoughts by contacting our news team via our Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser

Fight to the bitter end to save library

The nearest library service for people in Mid Argyll would be Oban, 38 miles away

LOCHGILPHEAD Community councillors have said they will fight to the bitter end to save the town's library if Argyll and Bute Councillors vote to close it.

As the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press (Thursday) Argyll and Bute Councillors were meeting to vote on the 2011/12 budget which included a proposal to close the town's library with a saving of £20,000 per year.

The closure would mean the nearest library service for people in Mid Argyll would

be Oban, 38 miles away and a 55-minute journey by car.

Chair of Lochgilphead Community Council Betty Rhodick said: 'I think it's absolutely disgusting. They spent all that money - £120,000 renovating it last year and now they want to close it. There are better ways to make savings.'

Injustice

Vice chair of the community council Bob Millar said: 'The proposal to close Lochgilphead library is clearly ill considered and wholly unfair. To remove the library service

from Lochgilphead, the only provision in Mid Argyll, while retaining five day opening in five other strategic locations in Argyll and Bute is an injustice.'

In a letter addressed to councillors, executive directors and the chief executive at Argyll and Bute Council, the community council proposed alternatives to the closure.

The letter suggests closing the other five main libraries in the region for half-a-day each week or integrating the library with a local school.

Speaking ahead of yesterday's budget meeting (Thursday) a spokeswoman for the council said: 'If the proposal is agreed, Lochgilphead would be served by the mobile library service.'

'Proposals such as these are a reflection of the very difficult choices the council faces in its bid to achieve a balanced budget.'

'If any library is closed as a result of the budget decision, the council will seek to offer redeployment opportunities to the affected staff.'



Frequent library users Stacey Rhodick and Sarah Taylor join Lochgilphead community councillors Betty Rhodick and Robert Millar to protest against the proposed closure of Lochgilphead Library. 06_a06library01

Swimming safety fears if lessons are cut for Mid Argyll pupils

CONCERN has been expressed for the future safety of Mid Argyll children ahead of Argyll and Bute councillors voting to cut swimming lessons for children in the area.

A proposal to slash the school's budget for swimming lessons throughout the region was being decided as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press on Thursday.

The council has been criticised for suggesting swimming lessons be withdrawn from Mid Argyll communities, which is surrounded by lochs, canals and the sea.

Stephen Whiston, chair of the Mid Argyll Community Pool, said: 'We believe this is not a good strategic decision, to cut the schools swimming budget is bad news for us and for parents and families liv-

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ing in a coastal area. School swimming is deemed so important that it is often debated to be a statutory requirement. It is a statutory requirement in England and surely if there is anywhere in Scotland where it is most important it would be here.'

Identify

But a spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The current financial situation means we are having to look at all our none statutory services in order to identify the savings we need to make to balance the budget. Paying for swimming falls into this category.'

'These sorts of decisions are obviously extremely dif-

icult. 'However, the council is not responsible for teaching children to swim. That responsibility belongs to parents, many of whom already take advantage of the wide range of children's swimming lessons, available in facilities across Argyll and Bute.'

The proposed cuts brings yet another challenge for the Mid Argyll pool, which delivers swimming lessons for Mid Argyll primary school pupils.

Eilidh Bartlet, business development manager at the pool, said swimming lessons generate just under £16,000 per year in income. 'The cut in swimming lessons plus the five percent cut totals almost a 20 per cent cut in the pool's income for the year ahead,' she said. 'This is a real blow for us.'

Helicopter rescue service privatisation put on hold

PRIVATISATION plans for the search and rescue helicopter service have been suspended and Ministry of Defence Police are investigating claims that one of the bidders had access to commercially sensitive information.

A consortium, Soteria, which was the preferred bidder has owned up to having access to the information.

Preferred

The Department for Transport and Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Tuesday that the preferred supplier would not be used.

At present the RAF, Royal Navy and the Coastguard helicopters and crews are used.

Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute welcomed the news: 'I am pleased that the vigilance of the new coalition Government has stopped Labour's botched privatisation plans for this vital service.'

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Residents call for front green to be improved

MORE THAN 100 Lochgilphead residents have called for the front green to be improved as part of a regeneration project for the town.

People who completed a questionnaire, carried out by the Phoenix Project, said they would like to see the loch front protected from flooding with the installation of sufficient drainage system and greater use of the space.

Provision

Converting the clock lodge into a backpackers hostel or heritage centre, an improved town approach from Inveraray and the provision of a community notice board were other main priorities for residents,

identified in the survey. Concern was also expressed for the overall look of the town and general maintenance of buildings, with one response reading 'make sure that all the buildings in Lochnell, Poltalloch and Argyll Street are in good structural and decorative order'.

Jane MacDonald, chair of the Phoenix Project, set up by a group of people dedicated to making Lochgilphead a better place to live, said: 'Just one week after launching the survey we have received more than 150 responses via the internet, postal questionnaires and the two-day drop in event, held last week.'

'We are still awaiting postal returns and more responses online as well as questionnaires from school pupils who will be telling us what they would like to see in their future, but already patterns are emerging.'

Identify

When all responses have been received the Phoenix Project will identify streams of funding which may support the community projects.

'The community notice board is something which could be achieved quite quickly', said Jane. 'However other concerns such as the front green will involve a long-term strategy.'



Sian wins Materials Award

ARTIST Sian MacQueen, from Kilmartin, has won the Winsor and Newton £250 Materials Award at the 131st annual exhibition of the Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolour.

Graeme Brown from Winsor and Newton presented Sian

with the award for her painting called 'Together'.

Sian, a former student of Glasgow School of Art, said the painting 'is a work about the relationship between objects as they age and spend time in each other's company'.

Police Files:

Woman taken to hospital after car skids off the road

A WOMAN was left badly shaken after her car veered off the road at Douglas Bridge in Inveraray.

Police were called to the accident on the A83 at 11.50pm on Monday after the woman's car skidded on the wet road.

The woman was taken to hospital but was later released, having sustained no injuries.

Storm leaves roads impassable

POLICE officers were called to assist motorists at various locations throughout Mid Argyll after a storm left roads impassable with fallen trees and debris.

The A816 near Kilmartin and the A83, at both Minard and Cairndow, were closed to traffic for a few hours last Friday whilst police and roads maintenance staff worked to clear the carriageways.

Alleged breach of the peace

A MAN has been charged with an alleged breach of the peace after police were called to a disturbance in Tarbert on Saturday.

The man was arrested after police were notified of the disturbance in the Glenfield area by a member of the public.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Planning application for hydro electric scheme near Tarbert

AN APPLICATION to build a hydro electric scheme, capable of powering 1,000 homes, on the Abhainn na Cuile River at Kintarbert has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

The proposed 900kW scheme involves building a concrete weir, burying pipelines along the river and building a power house on the right bank of the river, near Tarbert.

The hydro scheme will abstract water from the Abhainn na Cuile, which will later flow back into the river before it feeds into West Loch Tarbert.

Should planning permission be granted it is estimated that an average of 12-18 people will be employed during the construction programme, which is due to start next year.

A spokesman for Hydroplan, the agent acting on behalf of the developer, said that whilst there is a limited number of local contractors with experience in this field the project would employ local people.

The construction programme is expected to last approximately 12-14 months, with much of the civil works completed in a nine to ten month period.

Ardrishaig woman nearly three times over the limit

AN ARDRISHAIG mother caught nearly three times the legal drink drive limit took her high heeled shoes off so she could have better control of her car, the town court has heard.

Elizabeth Townsley, of 60 Glenfyne Park, pled guilty to driving her car whilst over the legal limit on October 30 last year in Union Street and Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead.

Procurator Fiscal, David Webster, told Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday (February 2) that police officers were called to a hotel at 1.20am on October 30 when they saw Townsley 'heavily under the

influence of alcohol'. He explained: 'Shortly after leaving the hotel, the officers noticed a red car being driven and that the driver was the accused who they had observed earlier in the evening.'

'When they stopped the car they noticed she was not wearing any shoes.'

Defence agent Sandy Mitchell said Townsley had no intention of driving her car but shortly after arriving at her sister's house she became concerned because 'youths were fighting on the street next to where her car was parked'.

'As a result of the fighting, the windscreen of her car was damaged so she decided to

drive it to a safer location,' explained Mr Mitchell. 'She covered between 30 and 40 metres to move the car to a safer area.'

'As to why she wasn't wearing any shoes, she tells me she had been wearing high heels and that she took them off so she was in better control of the vehicle,' added Mr Mitchell.

Sheriff Desmond McCaffrey said: 'Given how big this reading was I will not be imposing a minimum term.'

Townsley was banned from driving for 15 months and fined £300. She has also been given the opportunity to attend a drink driver's rehabilitation course.

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Diseased trees at Craignish to be felled

Ramorum was only discovered in Scotland last year

HUNDREDS of trees infected with a deadly disease on the Craignish Peninsula will be felled by the end of the month – the Forestry Commission for Scotland has said.

The felling starts after Ramorum disease was discovered in Japanese larch trees on the three-acre forestry plantation on December 8 last year.

It is the first time the fatal disease – which only last year was discovered to infect Japanese larch – has been found in Scotland.

Ramorum disease, caused by the fungus like pathogen *Phytophthora*, produces reproductive spores on larch trees, killing them.

The Forestry Commission has been working with the landowner since the discovery to seek a felling order and minimise the risk of the infection spreading.

Harvesting companies are currently being sought to carry out the work, which should take approximately four to five days to complete.

A spokesman for Forestry Commission Scotland said: 'We are very grateful that everyone involved in tackling this outbreak of Ramorum disease on Japanese larch has acted quickly enough to give us a chance of containing the disease. Nevertheless, there is no room for complacency and the forestry commission will be undertaking further surveys of potential host species in this area over the coming weeks.'

The commission has confirmed that the west coast of Scotland is particularly vulnerable as the disease thrives best in wetter climates. It can spread in mists, wa-

tercourses, air currents and water splash on boots, vehicle tyres and equipment, and by the movement of infected plants.

The spokesman added: 'We are also advising landowners and managers – as well as members of the public – to keep a keen eye on the condition of trees, particularly larch trees, in the area and to report anything untoward or suspicious. Walkers, and their dogs, are also advised to stick to roads and paths to reduce the risk of spreading the disease or indeed bringing infection back to their own garden plants.'

Symptoms on Japanese larch trees include wilting shoot tips, needles turning black and falling prematurely, and cankers that bleed resin can appear on the branches and upper trunk.



Hundreds of diseased trees will be felled at Craignish.

Dalmally drink driver disqualified

A RESTAURANT chef has been banned from driving for a year and fined £300 after being found guilty of drink driving.

Iain Bell, of 10 Forestry Cottages, Dalmally, was found nearly double the legal drink drive limit after crashing his car into a ditch on the B840 road between the A816 north of Kilmartin and Ford, on June 30, last year.

The 40-year-old father, who pled guilty to the charge against him, appeared at Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday (February 2).

Procurator Fiscal David Webster told the court that police were notified by a civilian witness of a car in a ditch with the driver trapped inside.

He said: 'One mile south of the locust, officers met a pick-up truck with the accused sitting in the passenger side. The civilian witness took the accused to hospital in Lochgilphead.'

Mr Webster said Bell had sprained his right shoulder as a result of the crash and that police were able to take a blood sample at the hospital, which, upon analysis, showed Bell to be over the legal limit.

Defence agent, Sandy Mitchell, said: 'My client was driving home from his work. At work he had been joined by his friend who had problems and they began drinking.'

'My client had been seeking to help his friend and that was the root cause of this problem.'

Mr Mitchell added: 'The crash came about because he struck a pothole. Up until that point he had managed to negotiate a serious of tight bends.'

Sentencing Bell, Sheriff Desmond McCaffrey, said: 'Given the circumstances and that its a remote area, your family and that you have a clean record, I will impose the minimum disqualification of 12 months.'

Man fined £100 for being in possession of cannabis

A LOCHGILPHEAD man who attempted to hide a bag of cannabis down the front of his trousers has been fined by the town's court.

Robert Alderson, of 43 Highbank Park, pled guilty to being in possession of 12 grams of herbal cannabis on August 30 last year in Lorne Street, Lochgilphead.

Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court heard that the 23-year-old father had been walking with two other boys when a police car drove past.

Procurator Fiscal, David Webster, said: 'The police noticed the accused attempt to put something down the front of his trousers.'

'The officers stopped and searched him and found a bag of cannabis grass in his possession.'

Defence agent, Sandy Mitchell, said: 'This was very much a one-off incident. He did have this [the drug] on him and did make an attempt to conceal the item when he saw the police.'

Alderson, who is currently carrying out community service for another conviction, was fined £100 by Sheriff Desmond McCaffrey.

Young Scot Awards

HISTORIC Scotland is urging communities in Mid Argyll to nominate young people who have worked passionately to support and promote their heritage as part of this year's Young Scot Awards.

Now in its fifth year, the awards are designed to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Scotland's young people.

Ruth Parsons, Chief Executive, Historic Scotland said: 'It is fantastic to see so many young people with a passion for their heritage. For more information on the awards visit www.youngscotawards.co.uk and explain in no more than 500 words why you wish to nominate an individual by February 18.'

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Landslide warning signs in operation

NEW SIGNS warning drivers there is a higher risk of landslides are now in action on the A83 between Ardgartan and Cairndow.

A two-year trial is being undertaken by Transport Scotland in a bid to highlight the risk of landslides on that section of road.

The Wig-Wag road signs came into use last Wednesday (February 2).

Six signs in total have been placed between Ardgartan and Cairndow. They will flash when there is a higher risk of a landslide, alerting drivers to take extra care on the road.

If the Wig Wag signs are illuminated drivers are advised to proceed with increased caution.

The A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful has been blighted with landslides over the years. Drivers have faced lengthy detours after slips in 2007, 2009 and September last year.

The new signs are part of a major £800,000 investment by Transport Scotland in improvement works on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

A spokesman for Scotland Transerv, who is undertaking the work on behalf of Transport Scotland, said: 'The works will help mitigate the effect of landslides, with an improved drainage and culvert system, new debris fences which will help contain debris from the hillside and an improved drainage and culvert system.'

Enhanced electronic hillside monitoring is also now in place and the temporary traffic lights have been removed.

The spokesman added said: 'Transport Scotland's Landslide Action Plan highlights the need for early warning systems for drivers. Our aim is to keep roads open as safely as possible.'

The wig-wag signs on the A83 between Ardgartan and Cairndow will warn drivers if there is a higher risk of a landslide.



Education funding for low income families protected

FUNDING to help young people in Argyll from low-income families stay in school or college has been protected - minister for skills and life-long learning Keith Brown has said.

Following a recent article in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* the Scottish Government has moved to correct claims that the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is to be cut.

EMA payments are for young people aged 16 to 19 who would not be able to stay on at school or attend college without financial support.

The UK Government announced earlier this year that the scheme was being stopped in England.

Ardfern driver fined almost £1,000 for a multitude of motoring offences

A MULTITUDE of driving offences has led to one Ardfern man losing his licence and being fined almost £1000.

Daniel MacDonald, of 1 Ardfern Cottages, pled guilty to four road traffic offences, when he appeared before Sheriff Desmond McCaffrey at Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday (February 2).

No Licence

The 21-year-old was fined £200 for driving his car with no licence on October 1 last year in Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead. On the same date and location, MacDonald drove his car with no insurance; he was fined £600 and issued with eight penalty points. He had no MOT certificate for his car and was fined £50. MacDonald had also declared his car as being off the

road when he was caught by police driving it; a fine of £100 was imposed.

MacDonald's defence agent, Laura Russell, said: 'My client is very sorry for getting himself into this situation and his guilty plea reflects that.'

Sentencing MacDonald, Sheriff McCaffrey, said: 'You are an extremely foolish young man who has found yourself in a lot of bother with a motor car.'

'If you continue with this stupidity you will end up being imprisoned.'

MacDonald, a local shellfish farmer, has been banned from driving for six months.

'You will have your licence revoked through the totting-up points system,' explained Sheriff McCaffrey. 'The eight points imposed added to the points already on your licence takes you above the limit.'

GRADUATION



DOCTOR STUART SALMON

Recently graduated from the University of Stirling with a PhD in History, is Doctor Stuart Salmon. Stuart is the son Ian and Eunice Salmon, Ardrishaig and is the grandson of the late Angus and Catherine Fletcher, Lochgilphead and the late Robert Salmon and Mary Batten, Kintyre.



PUPILS from Ardrishaig, Inveraray, Kilmartin and Tayvallich enjoyed performing in a play with members of the Scottish Opera on Wednesday. The pupils had to retrieve the Stone of Destiny from Loch Ness during the play *Scotland, Our Scotland*. 06_a06opera06



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Pupils raise money for cancer charities

PUPILS at Lochgilphead Joint Campus danced their way to raising £1000 for charity.

Students queued in the school's main hall to take part in a Just Dance contest played on the Nintendo wii – each paying to strut their stuff.

The dance contest was part of a wider event, organised by the sixth year charities committee, to raise funds for two

charities - Cancer Research and the Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

Organised

The group of students organised a fun day at the school with students paying to take part in a non-uniform day and games such as beat the goalie, basketball shoot out and an obstacle course.

Chair of the charities committee Emma MacFadyen

said: 'We chose to support these charities because everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer whether it be a member of their family or a close friend. We wanted to be able to make a donation to help those causes.'

The committee hope to raise £1000, which will be split equally between the two charities.



Members of Lochgilphead High School's sixth year charities committee.

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(L-R) Sixth year boys Gary Cole and Nicol Ferguson take on first year girls Geannia Macrae and Emma Dunkley in the Just Dance contest. 06_a06dance01

Red Cross Bureau scheme underway

THE FIRST short break respite bureau has opened in Argyll and Bute.

The Red Cross, working in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council, launched the bureau in Helensburgh last week; it is hoped the scheme will be rolled out in Bute and Cowal, Oban Lorne and the Isles and Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

Fiona Johnstone, senior manager for Red Cross

Health and Social Care in Argyll, said: 'The service is aimed at all adults from the age of 18 upward, who have mental health issues, learning disabilities or physical disabilities.'

Short Breaks

'We will be looking beyond the traditional form of respite breaks such as residential care and helping to match people with the type of break they want to have. We want

to improve the range of short breaks available and to tailor them to the needs and aspirations of the individual.'

Argyll and Bute Councillor Andrew Nisbet, spokesperson for Social Affairs, said:

'The Council is fully committed to working with the third sector and I wish this venture every success as it starts in Helensburgh and develops across Argyll and Bute.'

Calling all animal lovers - our pets need you to provide them with a loving, comfortable environment

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Ever thought about adopting a pet but don't know where to start? Well now is the time to be kind and take one into your home. There are cats at Campbeltown Cat Rescue who are desperately looking for new owners and are all friendly, loving animals who are looking for a nice new home. After having been abandoned by their original owners, anyone with a real heart will be perfect for any of these pets.

Campbeltown Cat Rescue

Campbeltown Cat Rescue (SC030907) has been providing care and protection to abandoned, stray, injured and unwanted cats and kittens in South Kintyre for the past 16 years.

The rescue centre on Glebe Street is run by a team of local volunteers on a rota basis.

The work of the rescue would not be possible without the ongoing support it receives from cat lovers throughout Kintyre. Donations, car boot sales, coffee mornings and raffles all help to keep things going and pay for veterinary treatment, food, litter and all other associated running costs.

Sadly an increasing number of unwanted pet cats are being handed in to the rescue

centre, their owners being unable to keep them for various reasons.

Initially these cats feel very rejected and sad when left at the rescue, as they have known what it is to live in a house.

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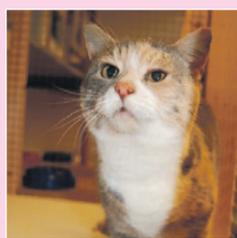
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Ormsary's Highlanders set for Oban's Spring sale

AFTER investing in the champion bull at the Highland Cattle Society's Spring Show and Sale at Oban last year, Ormsary Estates return to Oban Livestock Centre this weekend, to put forward quality Highland heifers carrying the progeny of the 2010 champion.

Ormsary Estate manager, Archie MacArthur, purchased the award winning bull, Calum 2nd of Goldenberry, from Alan Kennedy of West Kilbride, and is now looking forward to this year's event with considerable interest.

Speaking ahead of the Sunday and Monday show and sale, Mr MacArthur, said: 'The heifers, which are out of two of our folds, Ormsary and Carsaig, are seniors; they will be four-years-old when they calf.

'We're looking forward to the sale. It's our main sale for our Highlanders, as we don't trade at the autumn sale in Oban.

Attracts

'This sale always attracts a lot of interest, including some European visitors. And this year there is also quite a bit

of interest from south of the border.'

In addition to the Ormsary and Carsaig heifers, the estate will also present their three-year-old homebred bull, Ariagh Buid Heach of Ormsary for sale.

Pedigree

All three heifers, and the homebred bull, are bred from the estate's former stock bull, Hamish Mhor the 2nd of Callachally.

Ormsary Estates has three folds of pedigree Highland cattle: the Inver Fold, owned by Sir William Lithgow and



Alan Bosomworth, stockman at Ormsary Estates, with their three-year-old homebred bull, Ariagh Buid Heach, which will be put forward for this coming week's Highland Cattle Society Spring Show and Sale in Oban. 06_a06orms01

his son John; the Carsaig Fold, owned by Lady Lithgow; and the Ormsary Fold,

owned by Sir William and his son James. The estate currently runs 200 head of cattle

of various commercial breeds, including their 20 pedigree Highlanders.

More research into hill farming practice



(L-R) John Forster and Tony Waterhouse of the Scottish Agricultural College met with Mid Argyll farmers John Semple and Iain Malcolm. 06_a06farmers01

MORE RESEARCH into hill farming practice – that's what Mid Argyll farmers said they needed when representatives from the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) visited the area this week.

Farmers told Tony Waterhouse, head of the SAC's hill and mountain research centre, that they wanted to see more investment in research into standard production issues, the type of research that was done in previous years.

John Semple, chair of the National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS) Argyll regional

board, farms at Ellary farm in Achahoish. He said: 'We want to see a step backwards and the college doing more practical research into how best to make money from hill sheep and cattle.'

Mr Waterhouse said the SAC hoped to carry out more research on the ground following the publication of its report 'Farming's Retreat from the Hills'.

He said the college would carry out more sheep breeding work and that farmers would be involved in practical research applications.



Anne MacLachlan travelled all the way from Strachur to set up her Fyne Cakes stall at the Argyll Country Market at Campbeltown on Saturday. 04_c06mrt04

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Lochgilhead tops litter report

A KEEP Scotland Tidy Report has found that Lochgilhead has the highest level of cleanliness in Argyll and Bute, but is far from being completely free of litter or refuse.

The town sits at the top of the latest table of results for places in the Argyll and Bute council area, with a score of 68 per cent on the cleanliness index monitoring system, but just scrapes past the 66 per cent overall 'pass mark' to achieve the Litter Code of Practice.

The index was introduced by the council last year in conjunction with Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB), and is used to highlight problem areas and types of litter, as well as the council's success or otherwise in meeting the code of practice.

Validation reports were carried out by KSB in February and May 2000. Argyll as a whole achieved 60 per cent in February and 63 per cent in May.

Campbeltown was awarded 67 per cent, Dunoon 64, and Helensburgh 59.

The validation reports enable KSB to make recommendations to the council, so that corrective action can be taken.

Major boost for Youth Project

THE MID Argyll Youth Project has been awarded £20,000 by Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE) towards establishing a young people's centre in Lochgilhead.

The money represents the biggest award in the latest round of community action grants awarded by the local enterprise company.

A recent community survey identified the need for a dedicated youth resource and, with backing from Argyll and Bute Council, the Lochgilhead Community Centre Council and other organisations, the Mid Argyll Youth Project is preparing to convert the old library, on Union Street, into a drop in youth club for young people aged 12-25 years.

The facility, which aims to attract over 300 youngsters each week, will have a café and a games room. The council's community education department is contributing to support a youth worker for the project, which will cost £58,500.

Argyll and Clyde Health Board will be using the centre for health issues can be addressed.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE agreed that it was one of the weirdest feelings ever!

I was talking to a friend recently who was just back from a visit to Jordan, and we were discussing the experience of 'swimming' in the Dead Sea.

He did not like the rather slimy feeling the salt water left on his skin, and he found it really hard to swim in the very heavy salty water.

As I can't swim, I found it absolutely wonderful! For there I was bobbing about with everyone else and enjoying the fun. I thought this feeling of weightlessness must be a wee bit like walking on the moon.

It was very strange at first when I went into the sea and was told 'just let the water hold you'.

For someone who is afraid of going under, I found this really difficult and didn't trust the fact that water could actually keep me afloat.

As I let myself go tentatively down into the sea I felt the water did indeed support me, and in fact I just couldn't sink even if I tried to.

I even had to get someone to pull my feet down so that I could stand up! I was totally amazed at this strange sensation – it was like sitting in an armchair in the sea.

For me to let myself relax into the sea took a great leap of faith. I thought of the other leaps of faith we take in life – like stepping onto an aircraft and having faith in the pilot, or going in to hospital for an operation and having faith in the surgeon – or going into a church and having faith in God.

We take many leaps of faith in life and they usually begin with a single tentative step.



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane was sent in by Ann Graham from Lochgilhead. The picture, taken over 50 years ago, shows the Gillies children Ann, Ian and Christine amongst friends at the V Free Church Sunday School picnic.

A first class event

Sir,
For many years my wife and I have had the pleasure of attending the annual Tarbert OAP's Christmas dinner.

The smooth running of the event is first class. Transport when requested from home and return.

An excellent meal followed by entertainment. The enthusiasm and polite, caring and smiling staff; all volunteers are wonderful. I can't thank them enough.

**Alec Peden,
Tarbert.**

Post consumer waste

Sir,
My initial reaction on reading Jamie McGrigor MSP's New Year exhortation to recycling was to criticise his seemingly over simplistic approach and narrow focus on Christmas cards and tree planting.

The Woodland Trust scheme has its merits and delivers feel good factor to participants and is good publicity for Co-Operative supermarkets and high street shops.

In the summer of 1996, *The Argyllshire Advertiser* published my letter strongly criticising Argyll and Bute Council's recycling and other

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recycling bodies for their poor results, their over indulgence in glossy brochures and other window dressing and the Oscars.

Now 14-and-a-half years on, little has changed, so let McGrigor's short message be catalyst. Let's look on the bright side.

Lets have some blue skies thinking applied to the complex issues which challenge us to devise better systems to deal with our ever mounting post consumer waste.

**Duncan Iain MacDougall,
Sunny Craig,
Tarbert.**

Nominations wanted

Sir,
We are calling on *Argyllshire Advertiser* readers to nominate their favourite local Lottery-funded projects for recognition in The National Lottery Awards 2011.

The awards are the annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects and recognise the dedication of the people behind them. Lottery players raise £28 million every week

for projects both large and small that make a difference to people, places and communities.

We would like to hear from readers if they know about a Lottery-funded project that has had a positive impact on the local area, made a real difference to people's lives or if they are personally involved with a project that is transforming their community with the help of Lottery funding.

The National Lottery Awards have seven categories, each reflecting the main areas of Lottery funding: arts, education, environment, health, heritage, sport and voluntary/charity.

The projects that make it to the finals of The National Lottery Awards will receive national recognition at a star-studded event broadcast on BBC One later this year.

Readers can visit www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk to find out more. Entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 18 February.

**Sarah Myers,
The National Lottery
Awards,
1 Atlantic Quay,
Glasgow.**

Banks of the Crinan Canal

Sir,
Large Areas of the Crinan Canal banks have been destroyed. A once beautiful and diverse habitat is now a wasteland of tree stumps and sawdust.

British Waterways' board response to this was to spin the spurious and baffling health and safety excuse, which is nonsense.

I didn't get here, from Glasgow, by banana boat so I don't buy their excuse. Was it the British Waterways' board that authorised this environmental vandalism? I think we should be told.

**Annette Davidson,
High Bank Park,
Lochgilhead.**

Small is beautiful

Sir,
I was invited to attend the Burns Supper in Skipness Hall last week, an event produced by former pupils and the children of Skipness School.

The talent of the young people was amazing and much appreciated by a large audience.

Argyll and Bute has some small but high achieving schools and for those who think big is best I would beg to differ and add that small is beautiful.

Thank you to all involved in the success of the evening.

**Anne Horn,
Councillor - Ward 2,
Kintyre and the Islands.**

Teen guide to epilepsy

Sir,
Many of us look back on our teen years and wonder how we got through it. Being a teenager today brings the wonders of IT plus the pressures of modern life. Now imagine the impact of being newly diagnosed with epilepsy at that age. Having this common, serious neurological condition may affect your self esteem, relationships, educational results and sense of wellbeing. Epilepsy Scotland cares about the hundreds of teenagers who develop epilepsy every year. That's why we are launching our 'Guide to getting on with your life' on St Valentines Day. It's been written by and for teenagers and has its own special micro website. Details at www.epilepsyscotland.org.uk or call our Freephone helpline on 0808 800 2200.

**Allana M Parker,
Epilepsy Scotland,
48 Govan Road,
Glasgow.**

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Re-jig time at Oban Music



OBAN Music has reopened with a whole new look, more instruments and greater variety thanks to a three-week refurbishment.

The new look shop is now even better equipped to meet every musical need, whether your instrument has strings, skins or keys.

And because the business is dedicated to proving an unparalleled level of customer service, you can rest assured that everything you need for your instrument - including sheet music and accessories - can be found in the shop in Argyll Square.



Run by Jean Gillies, Oban Music has established a reputation for quality products at affordable prices. The revamp of the shop brings that vision into even crisper focus, with the emphasis being on delivering a more satisfying customer experience.

This extends from simple design features such as new browser shelves for sheet music - making it far easier to find what you're looking for - to more floor space, letting you properly get to grips with the instruments before making your choice.

With an even bigger choice of instruments available, that's just as well.

Starting with strings, Oban Music's branded range of violins, cellos and violas are destined to please. Masterfully crafted acoustic instruments are complemented with a range of sleek electric fiddles, which can be plugged straight into an

amplifier for a stadium-filling sound.

Moving to guitars, the comprehensive range of acoustic and acoustic/electric guitars has expanded, while the shop is undoubtedly the best source for ukuleles, banjos and mandolins in the area; each and every one built to the highest specification.

Spare strings, plectrums and slide bars are all on offer, and you'll find tuners, capos and everything else you need to get precisely the sound you want.

If percussion is more your thing - fret no more. In the shop you'll find a selection of smaller percussive instruments, including djembes, bongos and the cajhon.

The range of keyboards on offer is impressive too. Stocking only best quality Yamaha products, you'll not only find portable keyboards, but full-size Clavinovas too. Like all the instruments in stock, you'll get a chance to try before you consider whether or not to buy.

Looking towards accordions, everything from the top-of-the-range

Crucianelli accordions to Stephanellis and even miniature varieties is on offer - catering for experts and beginners alike.

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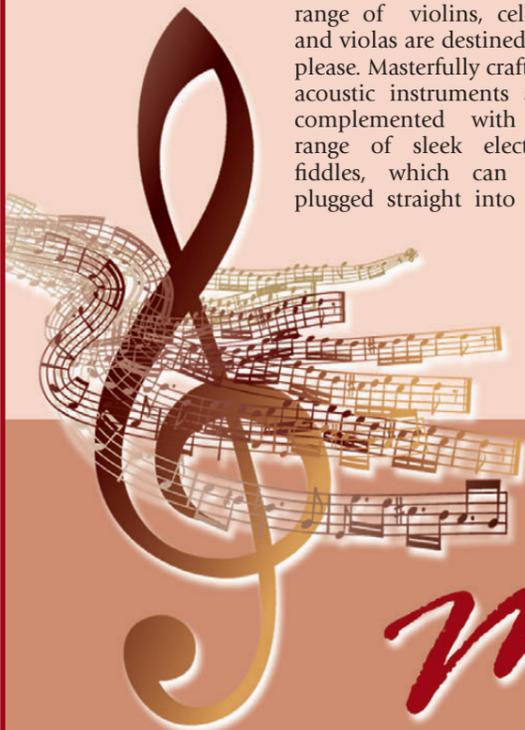
Best of all, if you can't find the instrument you want in stock, Oban Music will attempt to source it for you.

Completing the line-up, Oban Music stocks a range of microphones, radio mic kits and Marshall amplifiers, together with essential cabling.

If you're no musician but know someone that is, you'll be glad to hear Oban Music sells a range of gifts - including gift vouchers.

And if you want to become a musician, Oban Music can put you in contact with the finest teachers in the area.

So why not drop in to the new-look Oban Music today and see the changes for yourself.



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Top wildlife photographer shares his experiences

WILDLIFE photographer, Emmy and BAFTA award winner John Aitchison, was in Kilmartin last week to share his experiences of filming the

most charismatic animals in some of the most isolated parts of the world.

The Tayvallich cameraman, who has worked on pro-

grammes such as the BBC's *Planet Earth*, *Big Cat*, *Blue Planet* and *Natural World*, shared images and stories from his most recent trip to the Arctic and Antarctic with more than 80 people at the Living Stones Christian Centre.

John showed pictures and film clips of polar bears, penguins, walrus, humpback whales and albatrosses, which will feature in the BBC's *Frozen Planet* series, due to be aired in Autumn this year.

'We have been filming for two years and travelled to lots of amazing places,' said John. 'Some of the polar areas are the most isolated places on earth, they were very difficult to get to.'

The harsh conditions John and his colleagues endured proved to be worthwhile after their encounter with Emperor Penguins – something he describes as the 'amazing'.

Not Phased

Describing the penguins 'very good company' John said the 'curious' birds were not phased by their presence there and came close to have a look at the cameras.

John camped for three weeks on the frozen sea to film Emperor Penguins – the tallest

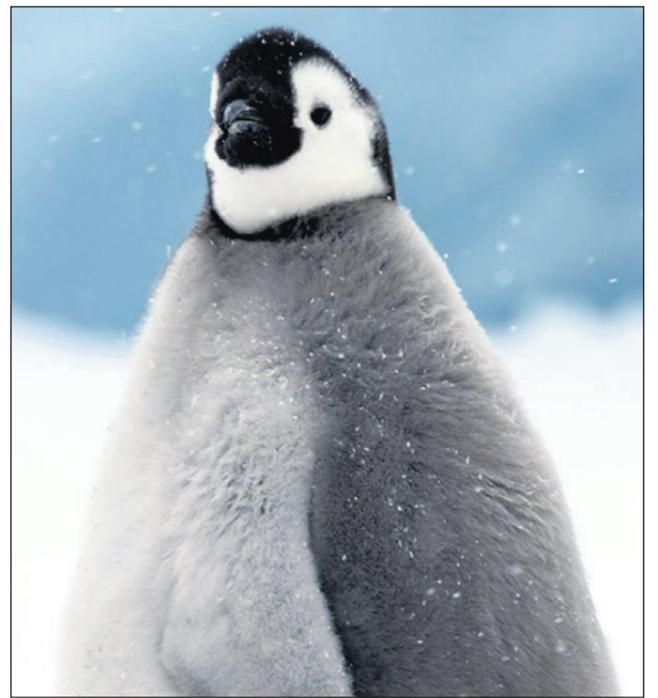
and heaviest penguins of the species - dive into holes in the frozen ocean, where they would fish for a week at a time to bring food back to their chicks.

Best Things

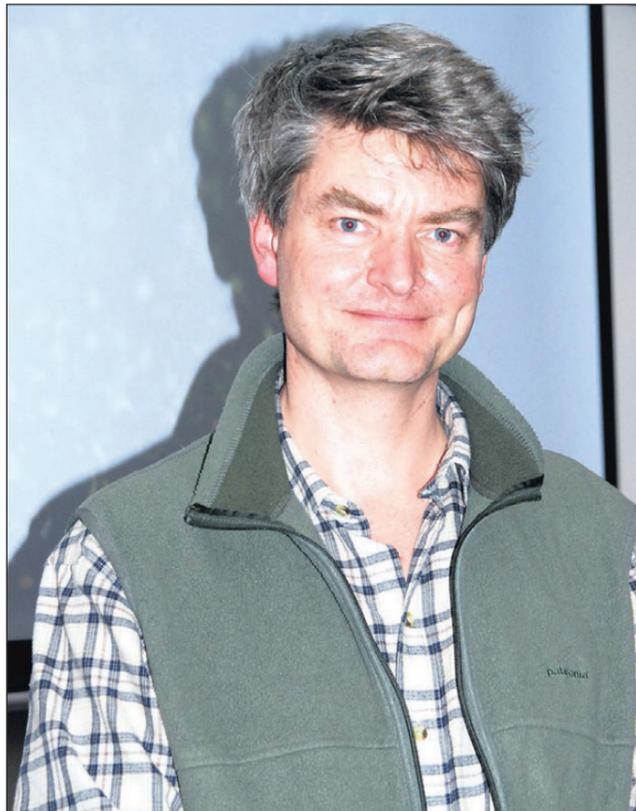
'It was one of the best things I've ever done, not just in this series but throughout my 15 years as a wildlife cameraman,' said John.

John, who lives with his wife and three children in Tayvallich, started life as a wildlife cameraman with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) in 1986 and has since filmed and produced a series of wildlife documentaries for the BBC.

In 2010 he received an Emmy award for cinematography for BBC two programme *Life* and a BAFTA award for cinematography for programme *Yellowstone*.



A baby emperor penguin, pictured by John on his trip to the Antarctic.



Argyll wildlife cameraman John Aitchison wowed his audience in Kilmartin with tales of his Artic adventures. 06_a06wild01

Wayne's returns to the Dalriada club

ACE ACCORDIONIST Wayne Robertson will be this month's guest artist at the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Accompanied by Malcolm Ross on the drums, the Perth duo will be joining local artists at the Argyll in on Tuesday evening for the February session.

Wayne is well known throughout Scotland for

his lively playing in the true Scottish tradition and for the originality of his programmes.

Welcome

Chairman of the club John Holt said: 'Dalriada supporters are in for a fine night of music, as are any visitors to the club, all of whom will be most welcome.'

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Flora Currie from Lochgilhead has a go of filing a wooden chair leg at last Saturday's woodland day in Ardrishaig. Flora is watched by Sharon Williamson and Betty Rhodick. 06_a06wood01

Woodworking skills on show at Ardrishaig

KEEN craftsmen descended on Ardrishaig Public Hall at the weekend as Argyll Green Woodworkers Association offered the opportunity to learn traditional woodworking skills.

Members of the association offered woodwork tips and knowledge as part of the Almost Spring Crafty Curry Ceilidh, organised by Blarbuie Woodland and Argyll and Bute Hospital.

The event featured an exhibition displaying furniture, arts and plants produced by Blarbuie Woodland, as well as a curry served by Ardrishaig's Bangladesh Tandoori restaurant and a ceilidh with varied music by local bands.

Event organiser Hugh Fife said: 'So many people to thank – not least the Hospital and Woodland staff and volunteers – but the greatest outcome is the involvement of people residing at the Hospital, whether helping to set up, playing music, or dancing'.



Six-year-old Hannah Thomas has a go of shaving some wood. Hannah, a pupil of Ashfield Primary School in Achnamara, was helping her mum at the woodland event. 06_a06wood02



Ladies of Ardrishaig Parish Church Guild had been busy baking for last weekend's coffee morning. 06_a06coff01

Church Guild hold coffee morning

LADIES of Ardrishaig Parish Church Guild exceeded themselves last weekend as they hosted a busy coffee morning in the village's North Church Hall.

Delicious

Tables brimming with delicious scones, pancakes and sticky cakes greeted visitors last Saturday (February 5).

President of the guild, Pearl Inglis, said the coffee morning and sales table event

had replaced their usual jumble sale, usually held in May.

Mrs Inglis added: 'The money raised from our coffee morning will go into the guild fund, which will then go back into the church to help with various things.'

The next event on the guild's calendar is another coffee morning on Saturday April 2 in the North Church Hall.

Private viewing at Crinan Gallery

WELL-known Crinan-based artist, Frances Macdonald, held a private viewing of her first exhibition of 2011 last Saturday evening (February 5).

Entitled 'Frances Macdonald and Gallery Artists', the exhibition takes place in the Gallery of the Crinan Hotel, which Frances owns with her husband, Nick.

As well as displaying work from artists out with the area, the exhibition includes pieces from local artists: Ross Macdonald Ryan, Rob Walker, Rebecca Barnett, Melanie Chmielewska and Caroline Hunter.

The exhibition runs until March 3. Frances also hopes to hold monthly exhibitions with the next one taking place during March and April; it will house a selection of artists from across Scotland.

For more information on the Crinan Exhibitions, telephone 01546 830261.



Frances Macdonald pictured in front of one of her pieces 'Triptych - Mull of Kintyre', which is being displayed as part of her exhibition in the Crinan Gallery. 06_a06franc01

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Synopsis: Gulliver's Travels
Lemuel Gulliver is a perpetual underachiever and wannabe travel writer at a New York newspaper. When he finally makes an effort to actually venture out of the city to write a travel piece, a storm-tossed voyage lands him on an island inhabited by tiny folks called Liliputians. After a rocky beginning, the gargantuan Gulliver becomes an inspiration to his new six-inch-tall friends. He brings them modern-day wonders like a PDA and music video games - while they help him learn that it's how big you are on the inside that counts
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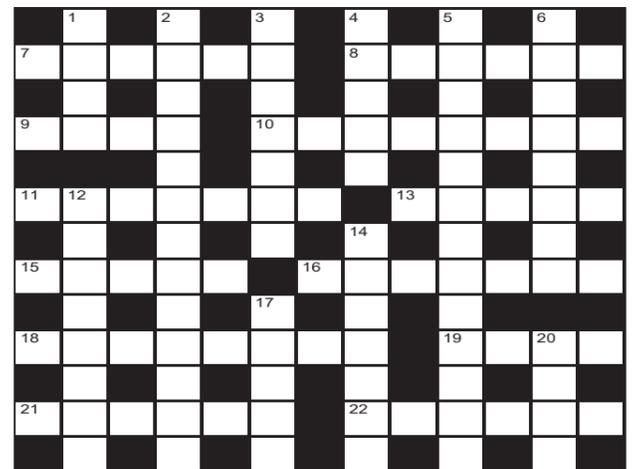
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Last Week's Solution



LOCHGAIR

Ishbel celebrates her 90th birthday

A STALWART of the Lochgair community was joined by more than 50 friends and neighbours last Friday night (February 4) to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Isabella Johnstone, or Ishbel as she is known to her friends, enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a Ceilidh at the Lochgair Hotel.

Music was provided by Tarbert piper, John Hunt, as well as Lochgair resident, John Holt on the accordion.

Born in Glasgow in 1921, Ishbel attended Albert Secondary School, and upon leaving she took up several secretarial posts.

In 1942 Ishbel was called-up to serve in the Second World War where she served with the Military Intelligence in Hastings.

After the war she took up the post of a company secretary prior to her moving to Argyll. Ishbel lived in Lochgilphead for a number of years before settling in her home in Lochgair in the mid 1980s to 'live a quiet life'.

But a quiet life it was not to be, as Ishbel became involved with several local clubs and organisations. She became well known for her organisa-



Ishbel, pictured seated front, third from the left, was surrounded by friends and neighbours for her 90th birthday party in the Lochgair Hotel last Friday. 06_a06birthd02

tion especially her work in putting together the Lochgair Regatta. Ishbel was also the village's postmistress for several years.

At her party, Ishbel was joined by her some of her former Brownie Guides who she has kept in touch with over the years.

A Brown Owl, Guide Captain, Ranger Lieutenant and Commissioner, Ishbel volunteered for many years with a Brownie pack in Glasgow.

Delighted at how wonder-

ful her party was, she said: 'I would like to thank everyone for making the evening so special.

'Particularly the hotel who did us proud – the food was excellent.'

FORD

Fire safety and cupcakes

FORD Rural were very grateful when Community Safety Advocate David Millward stepped in when the cake decorating demonstration had to be cancelled.

After a very interesting and informative talk he and his colleague, Tommy

Keay, Station Commander at Oban Community Fire Service, had the dubious pleasure of picking the winners of the competitions.

The best advice in the case of a fire is 'Get Out, Stay Out' and call the Fire Service out.

Best Cupcake went to Pat Holt closely followed by Liz Malcolm and slightly harder for the men to choose was prettiest earrings.

First Sheena Carmichael, Second Marie McPhee and third Sue Grocock.

The usual tasty Rural supper closed the evening.

The next meeting takes place on March 1 and will be a talk and film on Mountain Rescue, which is an open meeting and anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

ARDRISHAIG

Revenue from wind turbine

ARDRISHAIG residents are being asked to think about ways the revenue from their share in the Allt Dearg Wind-

farm could be spent. Donnie MacLeod, a member of the village community council, urged people to get their thinking caps on.

Ardrishaig Community Trust will own one of 12 wind turbines at the farm near Ormsary.

Speaking at the community council's February meeting last Tuesday, Mr MacLeod said: 'Residents should keep in mind the Placemaking event and the aims and objectives contained in that. Everyone should be thinking about ways this money can be spent to regenerate the village.'

Mr MacLeod said he thought insulation grants, the regeneration of Pier Square, providing a business start-up grant to local people, investment in the King George V playing field and supporting elderly residents in the village, were some of the ways the money generated from the turbine could be spent.

Roads praise

ARGYLL and Bute Council's roads department have been praised for their 'heroic' efforts in ensuring Ardrishaig's roads and pavements were gritted during the recent cold snap.

One resident said the roads men were quick to grit the village and that the subsequent potholes were also quickly filled.

Oh deer!

ARDRISHAIG gardeners will have to cover up their cabbages and throw the tarpaulin over their tatties after some four-legged animals have taken a liking to the villagers' gardens.

No, it's not the return of the famous goats but deer have now decided to wander around



John Hunt from Tarbert played a selection of tunes for Ishbel at her party. 06_a06birthd01

the village. Kilduskland Road resident, Ron MacInnes, told Ardrishaig Community Council last Tuesday, that deer were now coming off the hills behind the village and helping themselves to foliage from people's gardens.

Word of Ardrishaig's tasty garden treats must be spreading in the animal kingdom.

New treasurer

ARDRISHAIG Community Council has appointed a new treasurer after the sad death of one of their longest-serving members, Gordon Hutton. Mr Hutton, who lived in Inverneil died last year.

Peter Hogbin has now taken over as treasurer.

ORMSARY

Turbine tip changes

FOLLOWING detailed wind speed analysis, Ormsary Windfarmers have had to apply for a variation to their planning consent to increase the tip height on their wind turbines.

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Wind Farm said the wind data was kindly gifted by npower renewables, the previous unsuccessful developer.

The data revealed that Allt Dearg has higher wind speeds than the team had originally planned for and as a result they require different turbines with slightly taller towers.

Mr Lithgow explained: 'This increase in tower height will not increase the hub height, which we had consented, but it might raise the turbine tip height if we go for the same hub height with bigger blades.'

'The turbine in the original planning application had a tall tower and short blades.'

'The windier the site, the greater the need to keep the turbine blades clear of the turbulent air close to the ground, hence the higher tower.'

He added: 'In reality it is pretty near impossible to tell if the blade tip is at 77m or 81m, and any increase in tip height will be dependent on the model of turbine we decide on.'

The high wind speed is good news for the developer, as Allt Dearg will have a 'very high energy yield up to 40 per cent', explained James. The Scottish average is around 33 per cent.

'The Allt Dearg site is very energy rich, being on site last week demonstrated the tremendous wind speeds, with some of the marker posts blow clean out of the ground over the winter,' added James.

CRINAN

New seafood bar opens

A SEAFOOD bar which uses only sustainable fish has opened in Crinan.

The Crinan Hotel has gone back to its roots by creating a dedicated seafood bar.

Years ago the hotel was renowned for having some of the best seafood in the area but a surge in bar meals saw the owners having to shelve their seafood restaurant as demand for pub grub increased.

But now owners, Nick and Frances Ryan, have returned to providing a dedicated seafood menu.

Mr Ryan, who can count Rick Stein as being a fan of his hotel, said: 'We've created an environment for all seafood lovers.'

'The prawns are landed here, in Crinan, by local fisherman, Chris Brown, and we want to use only sustainable fish stocks.'

Head chef, Gregor Barra, said: 'I'm very excited about the seafood bar. It makes sense for us to do this as we are so close to the sea; that's what made us famous in the past



Head Chef of the Crinan Hotel, Gregor Barra, with some of the locally-caught prawns. 06_06seaf01

so we're just getting back to our roots.'

The seafood bar is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner.

CRAIGNISH

Madagascar charity programme

THE FOUNDER of an overseas charity is urging people to switch on their televisions and tune-in to a BBC programme which will show the work his charity is doing.

Jamie Spence, who lives in Craobh Haven, is the founder and director of Feedback Madagascar, a charity which aims to alleviate poverty in the country.

Jamie, who set up the charity alongside friend, Will Self, also from Argyll, said: 'Madagascar's weird and wonderful wildlife is going to be brought to you in David Attenborough's new, brilliant BBC series *Madagascar* and we want as many people as possible to enjoy it.'

'Over the next four weeks this extraordinary island will be beamed into our homes. If you have the time to watch,

I am sure it will amaze.' The programme, which first aired on Wednesday night, will be broadcast each Wednesday at 8pm on BBC 2 for a further three weeks.

The charity's Wild Silk Forest project will feature in the fourth programme, *Attenborough and the Giant Egg*.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Safety lights competition

CRINAN Bicycles in Lochgilphead has launched a competition to win safety lights as part of a cycle safety campaign.

Teaming up with Bicycle Legal, which provides legal advice for cyclists throughout Scotland, the cycle shop is offering 20 Topeak Headluxes lights worth £15 each.

The lights have a white and a red light. They can be attached to a cycle helmet making them a flexible additional light for cycling at dusk or after dark.

Bicycle Legal's principal solicitor, Andrew Bird said: 'By law, cyclists must use lights on their bike after dark. Being extra visible also helps cyclists in Argyll to be safe.'

Competition entry forms are

available from Crinan Cycles on Argyll Street. The closing date is February 21.

INVERARAY

Burns poetry competition

PUPILS at Inveraray Primary School fought it out to win the Primary Schools Burns Poetry reading competition.

The event, now in its fourth year, saw entries from 15 school children from primaries six and seven.

Lucy Hendry, former winner of the primary six category in 2010, won the overall competition and first place in the primary seven class. Cally Joynson took second place.

In the primary six competition Niamh Rodden took first place and Romy McPherson second.

ARDFERN

Escaped serious injury

A MAN and teenage girl narrowly escaped serious injury after the vehicle they were travelling in left the road and overturned two metres down an embankment.

TARBERT

Appeal for witnesses

The pair were travelling on the Lochgilphead to Oban road when snow on the road surface caused their four-by-four car to skid near the Ardfern junction.

Emergency services attended the scene and the 13-year-old girl, who suffered a minor back injury, was taken to hospital. The man suffered cuts and bruises.

FURNACE

Car crashes into barrier

A MAN narrowly escaped injury after crashing his car into a barrier on the A83 near Furnace.

The man was travelling on the Lochgilphead to Inveraray road when his car skidded on the road surface just after 9am on February 2.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a fishing net was stolen from a boat in Tarbert Harbour on February 2.

Police are asking people who may have seen someone acting suspiciously on Harbour Street to contact them on 01880 820 200.

Petrol stolen from two cars

CAR OWNERS are being asked to remain vigilant after petrol was reportedly stolen from two cars parked on School Road in Tarbert.

A gentleman reported the incident to the police at 5.30pm on Monday afternoon. Police are appealing for witnesses.

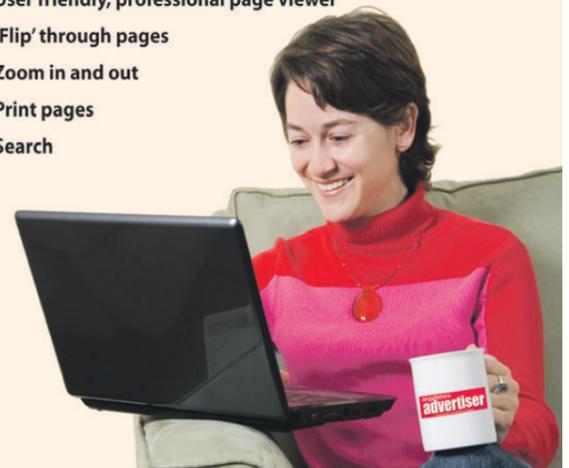
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- **Ref No: 10/01844/PP**
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Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant with soakaway and formation of access
Site Address: Land South Of Barmaddy Port Na Cloiche Carsaig Tayvallich Lochgilphead PA31 8PN
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 10/02037/PP**
Applicant: Mr Allan Redpath
Proposal: Construction of a 3G Synthetic pitch with associated lighting, fencing and access paths.
Site Address: Kinloch Park Kinloch Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 11/00138/PPP**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs H Service
Proposal: Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse (Revised proposal).
Site Address: Land West Of Corranmor Farm Ardferrn Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 11/00152/PPP**
Applicant: Mr Stewart Alexander Marshall
Proposal: Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and associated works
Site Address: Land East Of Rhuval Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6YF
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

Planning Application Reference Number: 10/00909/PP

Proposed development at: Cour Wind Farm, Carradale, Argyll & Bute

Notice is hereby given that an addendum to the environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll & Bute Council by SSE Renewables Developments (UK) Limited relating to the planning application in respect of the Erection of 10 Wind Turbines, permanent anemometer, electric sub-station and formation of new access.

A copy of the addendum to the environmental statement and the associated planning application 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; 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 SSE Renewables Developments (UK) Limited at a cost of £15.00 for a cd rom and £25.00 for a paper copy.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll & 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

**Mr R. Kerr
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

BIRTHS



HART - Derek and Amanda (née Johnston) are delighted to announce the birth of Bethany Barbara Mary on January 14, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. First grandchild for Duncan and Mary and fifth grandchild for Nancy and Derek. Thanks to all midwives at S.G.H. and Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

MACLEAN - ROSS - Michelle and Malcolm are delighted to announce the arrival of Thianna, first grandchild of Neil John and Caroline, Ardrishaig and granddaughter of Mary and the late Malcolm Ross, Campbeltown.

RUSSELL - **ARBuckle** - Allan and Joanne are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Lewis Callum on January 8, 2011. Many thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Special Care Baby Unit, Southern General Hospital.

SHAW - At Ninewells Hospital on February 2, 2011, to Kenneth and Louise, identical twin sons, Harry James and Alexander Robert, brothers of Lily and Lachlan. Grandsons for Bob and Helen, Lochgilphead and Chris and Angela, Broughty Ferry.

DEATHS

DAVIDSON - Peacefully at Abbotsford Nursing Home, Newburgh, Fife on Thursday 27, January 2011, James (Jimmy) Nairn Davidson, formerly of Calton Avenue, Campbeltown. Beloved husband of the late Marion McMillan. Church and funeral service took place on February 2, 2011. Jim will be sadly missed by family, friends and the staff of the nursing home. Many thanks to everyone who remembered him and kept in touch.

Catherine Henderson.
DUFFY - (née Kane) formerly of Campbeltown. Peacefully on January 29, 2011, Mary aged 86 years, beloved wife of the late Charlie, a loving mum, nan and great nan.

McMILLAN - Peacefully at his home on February 5, 2011, with his family by his side, after a dignified battle against his illness, Donald McMillan aged 70 years of Mingarry, Bishopton Road Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Isobel and loving father of Fiona, Donna and Marian much loved Parpar of Iain, Hayley, Louise, Craig, Ewan, Kyle, Kern and Ruan, dear brother of

Gladys. Respected father in law of Iain, Donald and the late Lachlan, dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery on Wednesday February 9, 2011. Forever in our thoughts.

McPHERSON - Peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, on February 6, 2011, Iole Grumoli, in her 91st year, formerly of Burnside Cottage, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David McPherson and a much loved sister and aunt. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Wednesday, February 16, at 1.00 p.m. 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 Auchinlee Care Home.

MORRISON - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 9, 2011, Daniel Morrison (Dan) in his 89th year, 9 Killeonan, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isabella McKay (Bunty) and a much loved father and grandfather. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday, February 11, at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only.

WILLIS - Ian. Suddenly, but peacefully, on February 7, 2011, Ian Willis, in his 75th year, of Ford, Argyll. (Former proprietor of Highland Heathers). Beloved husband of Valerie, dear father of Nigel and Alistair. Funeral service will be held at Kilmartin Parish Church, on Friday February 11, 2011 at 11.30am - no black ties please. Kilts and bright colours would be preferred. Family flowers only. Donations to 'Mary's Meals' and Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Church Funds. Thereafter a private family service will be held at the crematorium.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
MCLAREN - Elizabeth (Betty) McLaren and William would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of Tarbert Medical Centre and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their care of Willie, to Margaret Sinclair for her very comforting service and to all those who attended the funeral at Tarbert Parish Church and Carrick Cemetery. Sincere appreciation to Stan Lupton for his guidance and professional services and to the Tarbert Hotel for catering.

MUIR - Jean, Jessie, Jim and all the family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls following the sad loss of their dear mum (Bessie). Thanks to the paramedics, Dr Leask, Dr Lazarus for his care over the years, district nurses, Campbeltown police, Seafield Hotel and Kintyre Network Centre. Special thanks to Ian McKerral for piping at the graveside and David Gardner for the music in the church, to the Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. Retiring collection for Motor Neurone illness raised £989.02.

YOUNG - Nan. Dan, Rhoda, Kenneth and families would like to thank all relatives and friends, both at home and abroad, for their support and kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. They would also like to thank all who attended Nan's thanksgiving service and thanks to all those who have so kindly made donations to the Scottish Spina Bifida Association, with which Nan had a long association. Thanks also to Rev Tom Pollock, John Gormley and all others at Sherbrooke St Gilberts who contributed to her uplifting thanksgiving service.

IN MEMORIAMS

ANDERSON - Precious memories of John (Kynamp), a dear husband, dad and grandad. Passed away February 13, 2010. What we keep in our memory is ours forever.

Rena and family
BROWN - Treasured memories of our daughter and sister, died February 12, 1993. Forever in our hearts and minds.

Mum, Dad, Sister and Brothers.

CAMPBELL - John George of Carnasserie Farm, Kilmartin, who died February 15, 2010. In memory of a great and true friend. Thinking of you everyday, missing you more than words can say.

- Ewan
MACCUISH - In loving memory of a much loved wife and mother Mairi, who passed away on February 8, 2008.

Aye fond kiss
- John and John junior

MILLS - Cherished Memories of our beautiful mum Margaret, Who died February 8, 2008.

We love and miss you every day,
And keep you close to us in our hearts.

Lots of Love Corrinna & Lynda xXx

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 13th February 2011
Glassary 11.30am
Rev Cliff Acklam
All are welcome
SC002121

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 13th February 2011
11.15am
Morning Worship
Creche (0-3yrs): Church
FunDay Club: 3yrs- P5- Kirk St Hall
JaM: P6+ - Church
12.10pm
Prayer
Monday 14th February
7.30pm
Guild: Kirk St Hall
(United Meeting with Lorne and Lowland Guild)
Tuesday 15th February
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm: P1- P4
7.30pm - 9.00pm: P5 - P7
No Bible Study Fellowship this week
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)
Scottish Charity Number SC016097
Sunday 13th February 2011
Home (Psalm 90:1)
Cumlodden Church (Furnace)
10.30 am
Lochfyneside Church (Minard)
12 noon
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig (Monthly Gaelic Service)
Lochgair Church 3 pm
Tea to follow
Ceud mile fàilte
All Welcome
Rev. Roddy MacLeod

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Morning Worship
Sunday 13th February 2011
Inverlussa Church 10am
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Kilberry Church 2pm
Margaret Sinclair
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 13th February
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class) (Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Monday, 14th February
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 17th February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 18th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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Wednesday
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Scottish Charity No SC023277
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8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Communion
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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 13th February 2011
11.00am Morning Service with communion
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE
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Tarbert Golf Club awarded £2,000

TARBERT Golf Club has been awarded £2000 to help their campaign to attract juniors, and their parents, into the sport.

In 2005 the club was the hundredth [of the now 300] in Scotland to come on board with the national junior programme, clubgolf.

And tackling the issue of an ageing membership are six qualified volunteer coaches who coach over a dozen children through the season.

Dedicated

Until now the challenge for the club has been the lack of a dedicated practice area for the junior coaching and the

absence of a club pro to teach the group the more advanced skills. But thanks to their grant from the 2014 Communities Big Lottery Fund, the club is well on the way to making their vision a reality.

Tarbert Golf Club's clubgolf coordinator, John MacNab, explained: 'Because of our situation close to the loch, when the tide forgets to stop we have terrible problems with flooding so we decided to improve an area of the course.'

'The grant will allow us to have a dedicated area where we can take the kids. We will improve the drainage, making it dry and safe and usable during the winter and spring.'

The £2000 will go a long way at Tarbert, affording a drainage pipe, gravel, turf and the hire of machinery. Club members will provide the labour in kind for the new facility which the club plans to open in the spring.

It will also allow the club to



Tarbert Golf Club committee with their Big Lottery Fund notification. Pictured left - Sheena Ferguson, Jimmy MacNab, Eric MacDougall - president, Archie Black, John MacNab - Junior Coordinator and Peter Cupples - secretary. 06_a06golf01



Tarbert Golf Club Junior Coordinator, John MacNab coaching children on the clubgolf programme.

buy golf equipment to help make the game affordable to every child in the area, and pay for coaching for its most advanced juniors by hopefully using a professional.

2011 will see a broad promotional campaign by the club, targeting senior aged pupils at Tarbert Academy as well as primary aged pupils at the Academy, Clachan and Skipness primary schools

who have played clubgolf's introductory game. And they intend to grow adult membership. If their initiative to develop the ladies section - which has brought in 30 new members in recent years - is anything to go by, then it should all be a success.

'Being a small club with a limited catchment, due to our rural setting, we realise we need to forge much closer

links with the local schools,' explained John. 'The local Active Schools Co-ordinator, Frances Hardie, is a great asset because she has been encouraging children to take up golf in the schools and is also a member of the club.'

'By encouraging all the local children then it might help to attract their parents, particularly those that don't play golf, to come and play.'

Top award for Oban Saints secretary

DAVID Buchanan from Oban, is celebrating after walking away with a top honour at the eighth annual McDonald's / Sunday Mail Grassroots Awards, in partnership with the Scottish Football Association.

David, who's responsible for the day-to-day running of the senior Oban Saints team, who play in the Scottish Amateur League Premier Division, was named Best Volunteer in Adult Football at an awards ceremony, held at Hampden Park on February 3.

The awards celebrate the tireless efforts of the volunteers who give up their

time to provide footballing opportunities in communities across Scotland.

Scotland legend and McDonald's Head of Scottish Football, Kenny Dalglish, singled out David's work to help youths and adults in Oban get the most out of the game.

Dedication

Kenny said: 'Football in communities is built on the hard work and commitment of volunteers like David. His dedication to football and Oban Saints has contributed enormously to the development of the game in the community of Oban.'



Primary school shinty players at the Mid-Argyll First Shinty Festival last Sunday.

Inveraray and Ardrishaig to represent Mid Argyll

SHINTY players from Inveraray and Ardrishaig enjoyed success at the Mid-Argyll First Shinty Festival last Sunday.

Inveraray Primary School's primary seven class won the tournament, whilst Ar-

drishaig's primary five and under squad took first place in their age category.

Festival

Both teams will now represent Mid-Argyll at the National First Shinty Festival in

Fort-William on February 26. Four primary schools and a group of ten under 14 players took part in the Mid-Argyll qualifier event, held at the Mid-Argyll Sports Centre.

Darren Reid Argyll and Bute

Shinty Development Officer presented prizes to all the participants. Ardrishaig's Eoin Yuill was awarded the player of the tournament for a series of great performances during the afternoon.



Kenny Dalglish, David Buchanan and Scotland manager Craig Levein at last week's awards ceremony.

Scottish Amateur League fixtures and referees

SATURDAY'S fixtures: Premier Division - Greenock HSFP v Oban Saints, referee A Saverese.

Premier Division One: Rolls Royce EK v Campbeltown Pupils 'A', referee P Murphy.

Premier Division Two: Du-noon v Port Glasgow OBU, referee D Milton.

Division One: Auldhouse v Lochgilphead Red Star, referee S McGovern.

Division Three: Campbeltown Pupils 'B' v Bothwell and Uddingston Albiion, referee J Scott.

West of Scotland Cup: Castlemilk v Tarbert, referee J Carberry.

Second Crinan Puffer 8.5

THE second Crinan Puffer 8.5 mile running race takes place at 10am on April 17 this year. The event will attract 150 runners from all over Scotland.

Starting in Pier Square, Ardrishaig the course follows the east bank of the picturesque Crinan Canal finishing in Crinan. It is a fast course with only 75 feet height gain.

Tina Barrie, event secretary, advises local athletes to be prompt with entry forms, stating: 'It has already proven to be a popular event.'

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Gun club

MEMBERS of Tarbert Gun Club enjoyed a successful day shooting on Sunday as the February leg of the winter series got underway.

The mild and dry weather conditions on the day were to the liking of Brian Baird as he never lost a target all day, winning the class A competition.

Campbeltown shooters performed particularly well with Stewart MacAllister and Brian Thompson both winning their classes.

Twins Euan and Ross MacDonald, from Minard, showed potential during the class E contest with Ross edging his way to second place and Euan in third.

Akram Khan and his lads were named the top team on Sunday, the penultimate shoot out of the season.

Class A: 1. B Baird; 2. N MacDonald; 3. B McColl. Class B: 1. S MacAllister; 2. I Wilson; 3. A McCallum. Class C: 1. B Thompson; 2. L MacDonald; 3. N Ferguson. Class D: 1. A MacDonald; 2. R Laird; 3. Niall Wilson. Class E: 1. A Wilson; 2. R MacDonald; 3. E MacDonaid. Top team: Akram Khan, Jonathan Gargan, Nicol Ferguson, Andrew McDonald and Ross MacDonald.

Under 16s

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre Under 16s had no game last weekend because of bad weather.

The team will play away to Easthall Star in a league game this weekend, weather permitting.

Coaching

CHILDREN from primaries two, three and four are being invited to attend additional football coaching sessions at Lochgilphead Soccer Centre.

Football coaches will be delivering the one-hour sessions for children who are already registered with the soccer centre on February 13 and 20.

Coaching will begin at 11am at the indoor sports centre at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Lottery

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers are this week are 1, 11 and 18. There are no winners and the jackpot will be £600 next week.

The winning numbers for the Tarbert Football Club lottery are 5, 13 and 16. There are no winners and the jackpot next week will be £900.

Kilmory Camanachd Club Lottery draw numbers this week are 6, 7 and 8. There are no winners and next week's jackpot is £200.

Oban coaching event proves a great success

SENIOR pupils from Lochgilphead High School were the first of many Mid Argyll folk who received training in sports coaching last weekend after volunteers received almost £2,000 in sports funding.

Funded by the Big Lottery ten S6 students took part in the Argyll and Bute Sports Coaching Conference, receiving training on to how to coach athletics, football, shinty, and deliver first aid.

The students will now deliver after school activities and sports clubs for the benefit of all the Mid Argyll community.

Jillian Gibson, active schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll, together with P.E teacher Elizabeth Carver, sought funding to develop opportunities for sports coaching in the area.

Supports

Jillian said: 'We were awarded £1,960 from the Big Lottery Fund's 2014 Communities Programme which supports grass roots involvement in sport and physical activity. The funding allows us to be able to provide more opportunities for young adults to develop leadership skills and in turn increase participation in sport as they use those skills

to deliver sporting activities in Mid Argyll.'

She added: 'The sports conference, held in Oban - right on our door step, was an affordable and accessible way to gain sports coaching.'

The sports conference, organised by Argyll and Bute Council, is one of several training events Mid Argyll volunteers will attend throughout the next twelve months.

More than 400 people from across the county took part in the Argyll and Bute Sports Coaching Conference, receiving training across 35 sports and activities.



Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute football development officer, delivered the football coaching course in Oban last weekend.



Finley Moody (pictured centre) from Kilmartin will be the Scottish Rugby team's mascot tomorrow (Saturday) when they step onto Murrayfield to take on Wales in the Six Nations Cup. Finley is pictured with some of his Mid Argyll Rugby Club Minis team mates. 06_a06rugby01

Finlay selected as Scotland mascot

A KILMARTIN youngster has been selected as Scotland's mascot when the country's rugby team steps out onto Murrayfield tomorrow (Saturday).

Finley Moody says he's excited to be walking out with the team when they take on Wales in the Six Nations Cup.

The Kilmartin Primary pupil had his name drawn out of a hat as part of the Mid Argyll Rugby Club minis selection.

Coach, Duncan Aitken, ex-

plained: 'Clubs across Scotland are given the chance to send a player as a mascot. Our club was selected and Finley is the lucky lad chosen to go.'

Excited

Finley, aged 11, said: 'I'm really excited. It's so cool. I'm not nervous just now but I probably will be before I go out.'

Anyone interested in getting involved with the Mid Argyll Rugby Club, adult or junior teams, should contact Duncan Aitken on 01546 510267.

Photo finish for Baxter and Sinclair

GOLFERS in Lochgilphead remembered a good friend as they began the week's Golf with a minute's silence for Donald McMillan, who passed away recently.

Robert Baxter and David Sinclair have not had the best of luck on their winter league marathon so far and it was unfortunate that they both managed to play their very best golf on the same week. Tied on six under par it went down to the best scores on the last three holes and David came out the winner by virtue of a birdie two at the last hole.

Robert jnr also had a good week and came in third on his own on 38 points. The Major shock this week was that Winston (Donald Carmichael) beat Uncle Joe (Ross Sinclair) at the last hole in their knockout match. A battle if ever there was one with the result being decided by the putting on the last green with both players having putts to win.

Results: 10. D Sinclair; 9. R Baxter; 8. R Baxter jnr; 7. K Cameron; 6. D Carmichael; 5. J Hunter; 4. R Sinclair; 3. T Campbell; 2. R Flannagan; 1. A MacAuley
Nearest the pin: 7th R Sinclair; 9th D Sinclair

Dookers share the points

SAFL Premier 2:
Celtic CA 4
Tarbert 4

TARBERT AFC travelled to Maryhill on Saturday to take on Celtic CA. The Dookers were looking for their first win of 2011, which would push them up the league table.

The Dookers have been guilty of losing early goals in recent weeks, and this game was no different. A set piece was not cleared and the Celtic player managed to bundle the ball over the net. Tarbert needed a quick response, and they got it when Jamie Stuart drilled the ball home for the equaliser.

It was against the run of play when the third goal came for the home side.

Again Tarbert struck back immediately through Stuart who took one touch before hitting a great finish into the top corner for his second goal of the game.

The Dookers took the lead just before half time through Prentice, who made no mistake from 10 yards.

Celtic were level again in 60 minutes, this time a corner kick found a Celtic player who headed home, Miller unable to keep the ball out on the line.

The home side were now pushing on for the winner, and they did regain the lead moments later with a fine finish sending the home fans wild.

Tarbert were now struggling to create any major chances, needing someone to produce a bit of magic.

It came from player and manager Prentice, who rifled home a free kick from 20 yards leaving the keeper with no chance.

Tarbert could have won it at the death when McDougall played in Mackinnon, however the home keeper made a great save from his effort to earn his side a point.

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