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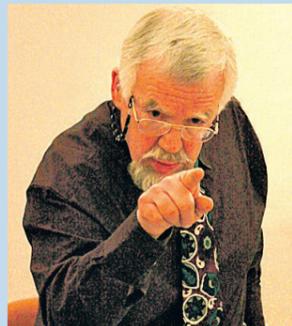
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Forestry row hits SNP

Dalriada members oppose forestry lease plan

DALRIADA branch of the SNP has decided that it will oppose government plans to sell off 75-year leases of Forestry Commission land.

Dan Convery said this week that he and fellow members of the branch, which covers Mid Argyll, were taking action against the government sell-off of leases.

He told forestry workers of their decision at a meeting they held in Lochgilphead on Friday. Nearly 60 people attended the event and met with Alan Reid MP and Councillor Douglas Philand.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Convery said: 'We are sending a delegation to the AGM in Inveraray at the end of the month to say that the proposals by the SNP

government are totally unacceptable.

'The forests belong to the people of Scotland not the leaders of the SNP. It should not be up for disposal. The knock-on effects for the community would be an absolute calamity.'

The 79-year-old pensioner has been an SNP member for more than 40 years and he is worried that the whole

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Boccia Olympians on their way to success

Athletes from Lochgilphead Resource Centre's Boccia Team received a welcomed financial boost last week as they came a step closer to their Special Olympic dream. Pictured is Iain MacCallum, in his last deed for the local Co-op committee, handing over a cheque to members of the boccia team and coaches. For more on this story see page five of this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*. a07boc01

Alleged domestic incident

A MAN was detained in Lochgilphead Police Station on Saturday (February 7) after an alleged domestic incident at a house in the town. The man was later released without charge.

Fishing boat vandalised

A FISHING vessel moored at West Loch Tarbert was vandalised during the night of Sunday into Monday (February 8-9).

Anyone with information is asked to contact Lochgilphead Police Station.

Biomass seminar

A SEMINAR designed to inform and educate businesses across the area on the subject of biomass was held on Wednesday in Cairndow.

Representatives from the catering industries as well as the building sector attended the event, organised by the Here We Are Centre. For more on this story see next week's *Advertiser*.

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Marine Scotland

THE SCOTTISH Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has welcomed a greater focus on Scotland's marine environment following the announcement of a new Scottish Government marine management body called Marine Scotland.

SEPA's director of environmental science Chris Spray said: 'We welcome this opportunity to work more closely with the government and our partner agencies to deliver a more integrated approach to protecting our marine environment and to ensuring economic growth.'



Members of Lochgilphead Flower Club with their Co-op 'Dash' arrangements. Pictured are – Catherine Smith, Isabella Soudan, Linda Tighe, Dadie Ferguson, Allison Pearson, Janet MacVean, Helen Kessell, Jenny Campbell, Kathleen McFadden, Agnes Clark, Jen Shuttlewood, Ann Norwell and Phyllis Angus.

A blooming good time for flower club

MEMBERS of Lochgilphead Flower Club held a Co-op 'Dash' with a difference at their February meeting when each member of the club had an identical bunch of Co-op flowers

and identical containers to make a floral arrangement.

All the arrangements turned out beautifully and in a fun secret vote Isabella Soudan's arrangement was given

first place, with Catherine Smith second, Phyllis Angus third and Janet MacVean in fourth place.

Photographs of the arrangements will shortly be on show in the Loch-

gilphead Co-op store.

The club is holding a Valentine's Day Coffee morning tomorrow (Saturday February 14) in the Red Cross Hall from 10am with all the usual stalls.

Charity launches blistering attack on beaver release

A CHARITY which defends wild fish interests has launched a blistering attack on the release of 17 beavers in Knapdale, due to take place this spring.

The Tweed Foundation accuses the 'pro-beaver lobby' of selective use of scientific research, erroneous statements and a lack of understanding of how beavers and fish interact.

Andrew Douglas-

Home, chair, said the trial release of beavers in Knapdale, where there are no fish which migrate upstream, seemed designed to avoid difficult questions about the impact of the mammals. The foundation argues beaver dams and pools they create would act as a barrier to migratory fish like salmon and trout, threatening fish stocks and angling jobs. He said: 'The beaver

protagonists have consistently maintained that beavers and beaver dams are entirely beneficial to fish populations. However this is simply not borne out by the available scientific evidence which the Tweed Foundation has now drawn together.'

The organisation, which promotes wild salmon and trout stocks on the River Tweed, wants a guarantee all

beavers will be removed at the end of the trial.

But Simon Jones, project manager for the re-introduction of the creatures, once native to Scotland, said the trial would be independently monitored. He added: 'The future of beavers in Scotland is a decision that will be made by the Scottish Government once the findings of the trial have been evaluated.'

Forestry workers want to meet Minister

Unanimous vote to invite Minister to a meeting

FORESTRY Commission workers in Argyll want the Environment Minister to meet with them and not just his party and Argyll and Bute Council.

Mr Russell the then Environment Minister was due to meet council leaders on February 23; the council has held off making a response to the consultation over the sale of leases until this meeting. Mr Russell was replaced in a cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday.

Councillor Dick Walsh will be asking the new Minister, Roseanna Cunningham, to clarify a range of issues raised by the Government's consultation paper.

Concerns

The council leader said: 'I am well aware of the concerns expressed by local people over the possible effects of these proposals, and in particular the impact of the proposal to lease 25 per cent of the National Forest Estate in Scotland to the private sector.'

'Given the economic and environmental importance of forests to the whole of Argyll, people are naturally concerned about any effect the proposals may have on jobs, on tourism and on the environment. 'The proposal on leasing, however, is only one amongst a number of important issues raised.'

The meeting on Friday was organised for forestry unions after the public meeting in Lochgilphead a fortnight ago; so many people attended that forestry workers decided to give up their seats to members of the public and have their own meeting later.

The forestry work-

ers voted unanimously on Friday to invite the Minister to a meeting.

For the SNP there are three crucial factors behind the proposed legislation; the Scottish Government has no borrowing powers as a national parliament would have. The Forestry Commission Scotland presently operates at a substantial loss across the board.

A significant increase in planting that private sector money would create would lock in a substantial amount of CO₂ which would become available for biomass at a later date; helping the huge requirement for Scotland to play its part in the reduction of carbon emissions.

See this week's letters page for more local debate on the forestry proposals.

Appointment welcomed

ARGYLL and Bute Lib Dem MP Alan Reid said he welcomed the appointment of new Scottish Environment Minister, Roseanna Cunningham in Tuesday's reshuffle. Congratulating her he said: 'I am delighted that former minister Mike Russell has been replaced. He simply was not listening to the strong opposition of the people of Argyll to the SNP plans to sell our forests to private investment companies. 'I have sent her a message of congratulations and asked her to come to a public meeting when she is scheduled to be in Argyll on February 23 to meet councillors.'

Give tortoises a longer shell'f life

MID Argyll is home to a number of tortoises and one leading veterinary charity is urging owners to give their shelled-friends a balanced diet.

Incorrect feeding of dog food and hard-boiled eggs to tortoises has been seen by vets say the PDSA.

Problems

This could result in problems such as shell deformation and potentially fatal kidney and liver failure.

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Selfish drivers will be fined warn police

DRIVERS in Lochgilphead are being asked to be less selfish by police as people continue to flout parking restrictions in the town centre.

Inspector David Ferguson of Argyll's

Road Policing Unit in Lochgilphead said drivers should be aware of parking restrictions in Argyll Street.

Problems include people parking in disabled bays who do not display a disabled badge and

parking out with the 30 minute parking restriction.

He said: 'Designated disabled bays are located on Argyll Street and Colchester Square for those who have possession of the Disabled

Blue Badges and provide easier access to the town due to their disability.'

Restriction

Inspector Ferguson said complaints had also been received of drivers parking their ve-

hicles on Argyll Street for long periods where a 30 minutes parking restriction is in place.

'Local officers will be carrying out checks of the parking problems and will be issuing £30 fixed penalties to

those who continue to flout the restrictions,' warned Inspector Ferguson.

He added: 'I would ask that all drivers be less selfish and mindful of the disabled driver or passenger.'

Blood donations

THE SCOTTISH National Blood Transfusion Service will visit Lochgilphead on Wednesday February 18.

Local residents are invited to donate blood from 2.30-3.45pm and from 5.15-7.30pm at Lochgilphead Community Centre.

Breach of peace

POLICE in Lochgilphead arrested a woman on Tuesday February 3 for an alleged breach of the peace.

The alleged incident took place in the town's Lochnell Street at around 2pm.

Controlled substances

A MAN was stopped by police in Lochgilphead last Thursday (February 5) for a number of alleged traffic offences and for being in possession of controlled substances.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon.

Carers fear there is not an alternative to Fyne View

'We can take to the streets and protest, but the decision as has already been made'

CARERS groups have accused Argyll and Bute Council of underhand tactics in deciding the future of a Lochgilphead respite home.

They argue the council has got its sums wrong, has not consulted users and carers and is rushing through a decision to close the Fyne View home to save money, without a plan for alternative provision.

Helen Kessell, of Crossroads carers support group, said the first it knew of the plans was when a carer stumbled upon the proposals on a council website, ten days before the decision was due to be made.

Vulnerable

She said: 'The council are picking the most vulnerable group, they know carers won't go on strike. It was done sneakily, so that the first we would know about it was when it was all done and dusted.'

Tricia Morrison, of Argyll and Bute Carers' Network, who also sits

on the Fyne View steering group, said she was not consulted or notified. She said: 'It's been done undercover. We can take to the streets and protest, but the decision has already been made by the council of officers.'

The purpose-built home opened five years ago to plug a gap in respite care services for adults under 65. Now the council's budget, which was agreed yesterday (Thursday), included cuts to funding for adult care. Officials told councillors at last week's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee that Fyne View cost more than other respite options and its closure would save £125,000. They denied there had been a lack of consultation.

But carers argue alternative provision has not been discussed Fyne View users and is not available for many service users.

Rhona Sinclair cares for her 28-year-old daughter Lisa-Marie who has epilepsy and Downs Syndrome. She said her daughter cannot be cared for anywhere else and is devastated at the proposed closure: 'I could have burst into tears when I heard about it. It's going to affect my life, and Lisa's, dramatically.'

Important

'Without those breaks, I would be at my wits' end. I'm rested and that's very important in being able to care for Lisa. She looks forward to going in to Fyne View. She's always got big smiles for them.'

Rhona said she was angered the decision appeared to be purely financial: 'If any of the councillors had any disability in their family, [I'm sure it would not be getting closed.]'



Rhona Sinclair says she cannot get respite care for her daughter Lisa-Marie if an Argyll home closes. A071isa01

Kilmartin Glen gets arty

AS PART of the 'Spirit of the Glen 2009' celebrations the organising committee have come up with the idea of a local arts competition.

The aim is to capture the spirit of Kilmartin Glen in art form. This can be a photograph, a drawing in pencil, crayon or charcoal, a painting in water-colour, acrylic or oil, a model, sculpture or ceramics.

Entries are invited from all ages and the judging will be in several categories from pre-school through to primary and secondary to adult.

Entry forms with details are available from Kilmartin Village Shop, Kilmartin House Museum and the Archway, Lochgilphead.

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Councillors concern at forestry moves

CONCERNS over plans to lease Forestry Commission land to private companies were raised by councillors at last week's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee.

Councillor Alison Hay said she extremely concerned at the impact on jobs and the land if control was handed over for a generation: 'It is a long-term lease and you might as well say bye bye to the ground for 75 years.'

No salt shortage

WHILE many local authorities struggle with snow, Argyll and Bute Council has been stockpiling salt to keep roads clear.

A spokeswoman said the road's department had 3,300 tonnes with more deliveries due. She said: 'This quantity of salt should be enough to take the Council through to the end of the winter.'

Neighbours object to building store

'I would oppose even temporary permission for a construction store in the middle of a residential area'

COUNCILLORS will hold a public hearing next Wednesday on whether builders can keep equipment next to new homes at Baddens, Lochgilhead.

Neighbours say it is near a school bus stop and not appropriate in the midst of family homes. Eighty-five residents signed a petition and 33 wrote to the council to oppose the plan. They will be invited to hearing at Mid Argyll Youth Project building in Union Street at 2 pm.

M and K MacLeod Ltd have planning permission to build another 18 homes, but cannot start until May while flood prevention work on the Badden Burn is carried out. In the meantime,

builders are keeping supplies and a portacabin on the site between Cnoc Mor Place and Meadows Place.

Brian McCurry of Meadow Place said though the building site was supposed to be mothballed, traffic to and fro had continued.

He said: 'It's a building site right next to the school bus stop where the kids wait for the bus in the morning. That would be our main concern.'

Mr McCurry said he would oppose even temporary permission for a construction store in the middle of a residential area. He added residents had asked for the hearing to take place in the evening, so working people could attend:

'Now they are going to hold this meeting during working hours as well, and I feel that is a bit disappointing.'

Keith Lucas, one of the first to move into the development four years ago, said: 'We have had four years of dust, you can't walk on the road. If they are going to build down there, fair enough I suppose.'

MacLeod applied to Argyll and Bute Council for the next phase of the development in August 2007. Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee gave them the go ahead last week to build eight flats, four terraced houses and six semi-detached homes, one quarter of which will be low-cost housing.



Achahoish pupils donned fancy dress and learnt about Papua New Guinea last Friday.

Cartoon characters raise funds for UNICEF

PUPILS at Achahoish Primary tucked into a very exotic school dinner last week, to raise funds for UNICEF.

Not only were the youngsters in fancy dress as Disney char-

acters, but they enjoyed a Papua New Guinean stew made of yam, butternut squash and other vegetables grown there and a tropical fruit salad.

The school also spent

the day learning about the country, which lies north of Australia, and children's rights for UNICEF's annual day for change. They raised £35 towards the charity's work there.

Shanks consultation to look at job cuts

WASTE management group Shanks has begun a consultation process with staff to implement job cuts after a sharp fall in the value of recyclable materials.

The company, which has an office in Lochgilhead, plans to cut 55 jobs from its 3,000 strong UK workforce.

Shanks, which provides household and

construction waste disposal and recycling across the UK said trading had been 'challenging' because of a sharp fall in the value of recyclable materials.

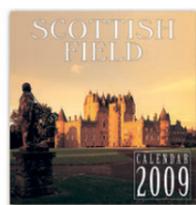
Annual Savings
The firm said the move would deliver around £2 million in annual savings.

The company employs more than 3,000 people

at 100 sites in the UK including Lochgilhead.

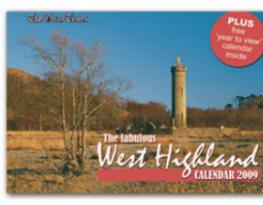
A statement from Shanks said: 'Looking forward, the broad based nature of our portfolio and technologies provide relative resilience during the difficult economic outlook and position us to deliver good growth once conditions improve.'

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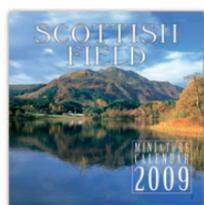
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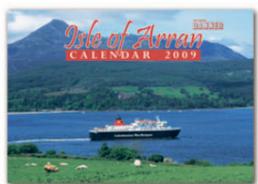
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Writer gives 'personal' view of history

AWARD-winning writer and journalist Marian Pallister was the guest of Inveraray and District Local History Society recently which attracted a good turnout of members and guests.

The title of the talk, 'All roads lead to Inveraray', did not, it emerged, refer to physical roads, but to the importance of the town locally and nationally, and hence to its appearance in a variety of record sources.

The talk began with a survey of the types of record available.

Apart from the public and judicial sources, there are the more personal records in diaries, gravestones, accounts by ministers and schoolmasters, and newspapers.

These reveal the lives



Marian Pallister.

of ordinary people as well as important events. Among a wealth of examples may be singled out the report, from the minister of Ardnamurchan to the Lord Justice Clerk, then in Inveraray, of the landing of Prince Charles Edward Stuart in 1745; the punishment by public flogging of a man who stole tools from the mines in Strontian in 1730 and the Craae quarry disaster in 1886, reported in many newspapers.

Dorothy Wordsworth, who visited the area

in 1803, despite critical comparisons with her favourite Lake District, gives us a fine description of fishing boats on the 'lake'.

And Queen Victoria, here in 1847 as a young queen and back in 1875 as mother-in-law of the Duke, was much more impressed. In thanking Miss Pallister, Dr Gordon Jackson welcomed her personal view of history over the common institutional one.

The next meeting on March 3 will be a musical evening.

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce to hold economic seminar

THE MID Argyll Chamber of Commerce is bringing together private and public sectors to discuss the challenges but more importantly the opportunities facing businesses in Argyll and Bute during the current turbulent economic times.

A Seminar is to be

held in Argyll and Bute Council's Chambers, Lochgilhead on February 25, 2009, chaired by Michael Levack, Chief Executive of the Scottish Building Federation with Guest Speakers David Sutherland, Chairman, Tulloch Group plc, Liz Cam-

eron, Chief Executive, Scottish Chambers of Commerce and David Douglas, Regional Director, Clydesdale Bank plc.

Business representatives throughout Argyll and Bute as well as local politicians and officials from Argyll and Bute Council and HIE

have been invited to attend. The Chamber hopes that businesses in Argyll and Bute can take advantage of today's business climate to highlight business opportunities in Argyll and Bute as a place to come to set up business.

MSP defends paying wife £4,000 to read local newspapers

'My employment of my wife, which I publicly declare in the relevant register is within the rules of parliament'

A LEADING Argyll politician has defended paying his wife £4,000 a year for reading newspapers.

Sir Jamie McGrigor, a Conservative Highland and islands list MSP, last week faced a call for a parliamentary investigation over employing his wife, Emma, as an 'assistant/researcher'.

Professor David Miller, of not-for-profit monitoring organisation Spinwatch, wrote to the Scottish parliament's corporate body seeking an investigation into the work carried out for the MSP.

A report in the *Sunday Herald* this week suggested it was unclear what work Mrs McGrigor did, and revealed that the MSP had a full-time aide who acts as a researcher, Douglas Patullo, as well as constituency officer worker, Pauline Houston. The MSP also paid £7,500 of his allowances last year into the Scottish

Conservatives' press and research unit which provides MSPs with research briefs.

According to the MSP staff register, Mr McGrigor started to employ his wife in February 2001, four months before she gave birth to their second of four children.

The *Sunday Herald* article also told how the MSP was recently criticised after it emerged he was charging the public more in rent for staying in Edinburgh on parliamentary business than any other MSP - claiming £950 a month.

This week, Mr McGrigor, whose family home is at Ardchnonell Farms, by Loch Awe, told *The Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'First of all the *Sunday Herald* story suggested my wife was paid £6,000 or £7,000 when the real figure is in the region of £4,000.'

'My wife provides a valuable service to me in terms of monitoring

the local newspapers and the *Press & Journal* in my region of the Highlands & Islands which stretches from Campbeltown to Shetland.'

'My employment of my wife, which I publicly declare in the relevant register, is within the rules of parliament, and indeed 26 other MSPs also employ relatives. I love being a representative for the Highlands and islands and I suppose occasional criticism is expected for politicians, but the recent focus on my expenses, all of which are within the rules of parliament, might lead some people to suggest someone has perhaps got it in for me.'

On Tuesday, the MSP's aide Douglas Patullo said that Mr McGrigor had been informed by the parliament's corporate body that 'it will not be investigating' Professor Miller's complaint.



For the record: Jim Mather MSP, Deputy Registrar General for Scotland Paul Parr, Lolita and David Lavery with Argyll and Bute Council Leader Dick Walsh. A07book02

Book of Scottish Connections

A KINTYRE couple are the first entry in a new record of Scots born or married overseas, launched last week at Kilmartin House Museum.

David and Lolita Lavery were presented with a certificate recording their marriage in South Africa in 2003, the first from the new Book of Scottish Connections.

The couple, who are expecting triplets in July, said an official Scottish record of their marriage would give their children an important link to their heritage.

David, who with his wife runs the Dalnaspici

dal guest house near Kilmarnock, said: 'It is a wonderful privilege for us to be part of this special event and to be the first entry in the Book of Scottish Connections.'

'The historical significance of that was something we wanted to pass on to the wee ones.'

Lolita said they had chosen to marry in the sweltering heat of Cape Town so friends and family could attend, but were keen to have a Scottish element. A piper had played Flower of Scotland and David's kilt raised a few eyebrows among locals.

Now the new record book has created a per-

manent link. They plan to proudly display their certificate at home.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh said it was very appropriate for Kilmartin to host the national launch of this new chronicle, given the historical significance of the area.

Presenting David and Lolita with their certificate, Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather said the project would boost tourism by strengthening links with the 29 million people who claim Scottish descent.

He said: 'We are looking to get even more connected and maintain the ties that bind us.'

Council colleagues support SNP

JIM MATHER, Argyll and Bute MSP, has indicated support being made by his colleagues at Argyll and Bute Council to SNP members of the European Parliament about the effect of the European Working Time Directive (EWD) and its application in areas like Argyll and Bute.

Mr Mather said the issue of EWD has been very actively publicised across Argyll and Bute.

He added: 'I know the Scottish National Party MEPs have actively campaigned against this proposal in the European Parliament and voted against any change during the debate in December.'

Warrant arrest

A MAN was arrested on an apprehension warrant in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead on Friday February 6.

The man was detained in custody.

Forestry row hits SNP

Continued from Page 1 forestry question will see support for SNP in rural areas 'become a desert'.

'This could be for the SNP what the poll tax was for the Tories,' he said.

'It's a political move without explanation. Personally I'm ashamed by what they are trying to do at Holyrood on this matter.'

Principle

'I'm not going to resign on principle; I'm going to fight from the inside. I've been a supporter of Scottish independence for over 40 years and I'm not giving up because of this.'

Alan Clayton, Argyll and Bute convener for the SNP confirmed there was apprehension amongst some members but the then Environment Minister Mike Russell had been invited

to their AGM in Inveraray on February 28.

Mr Russell was replaced in a cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday: the job has now been taken over by Roseanna Cunningham and he has moved to Culture Minister.

Mr Clayton said: 'Argyll and Bute constituency is supporting party policy.'

The SNP has dismissed as 'exploitative nonsense' the actions of the Liberal Democrats in calling public meetings like the one held in Lochgilphead a fortnight ago, attended by more than 450 people.

Mr Clayton added that he was aware that some of the branches had concerns but he reassured: 'They will feel more comfortable with this when they have heard from the minister directly.'



Flora Currie demonstrates the sport of boccia. A07boc02

Co-op help Olympians on their way

ATHLETES from Lochgilphead Resource Centre are a step closer to taking part in Great Britain's Special Olympics, thanks to a donation from the Scottish Co-operative.

Campbell Ferguson, Iain MacDougall and Sandy MacKellar, current west of Scotland

champions, and Flora Currie, taking part for the first time, are training hard for the competition in July.

They will be part of the West of Scotland team in the sport of boccia, a seated version of bowling. Coaches John Gillies and Karen Heafey will also accompany the

team to Leicester University.

Iain MacCallum of the Co-operative presented a cheque for £500 towards the cost of attending the competition. He said: 'I'm glad that we are able to help. The best of luck to you all and it will be gold medals all round we hope.'

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Council grants

LOCHGILP-HEAD'S front green will be 'radically improved' after councillors agreed a one-off grant of £3,220 to improve it. The work will help tackle flooding.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area councillors also decided to fund dropped kerbs outside Lochgilphead Community Centre, improving disabled access, and give a further £7,500 to the Tarbert Scottish Series yacht race.

Mill Brae dig

AN archaeological dig, which must take place before work on the A816 at Mill Braes, is due to take place this month.

The investigation will take between two and four days and if nothing is found, work to widen the road and remove traffic lights could be brought forward to this summer.

Argyll and Bute Council also need to purchase land for widening the road before work can start.

Trust receive plenty of local support

£1 million being pursued to complete consolidation of Tarbert Castle

TARBERT and Skipness Community Trust AGM was supported by a record number of members and friends recently.

Retiring Chairman Robert McPhail reported that following the funding problems in the later part of 2008 members and directors had rallied round, with subscription payments, donations and fundraising. A total of 20 new members had also joined and assistance obtained from the Voluntary Action Fund.

Disappointments during the year were the drying up of funds available for community buy-outs which prevented the Trust purchasing the old boatyard

site and funding and planning refusals for the Re-create project.

These problems were outweighed by the success of further substantial expenditure on Tarbert Castle for path fencing and floodlighting, more funds in the pipeline for new paths and applications being pursued for almost £1million to complete consolidation of the ruins.

A feasibility study for community wind turbine is underway and proposals for a 'Community Plan' to co-ordinate projects are being progressed following Jim Mather MSP's meeting with the community.

The big event of the

year was the grant of £128,000 received from the Climate Challenge Fund for the Trust to manage action to reduce CO2 emissions.

AGM business of accounts and electing new directors was conducted with unanimous agreement on all issues.

The Trust is fortunate to have new younger directors as well as the more experienced now in place and Colin Hunter as the new Company Secretary.

Following AGM business Ed Tyler the director piloting the Climate Challenge action gave an enthusiastic presentation on how the Trust planned to spend the money to bring about the required outcomes.



Pictured, left to right, are Davie Sykes, Rev. Hilda Smith, John Orr, Ian Davidson, Sheena Nicolson and Alistair Nicolson.

Good company and great entertainment at Burns Supper

THE Thirteenth Lochgilphead Parish Church Burns Supper took place in the Council Chambers, Kilmory recently when some 56 members of the congregation and friends were wined, dined and entertained by a wonderful array of speakers and artists.

Ian Davidson chaired the evening, introducing each speaker to the

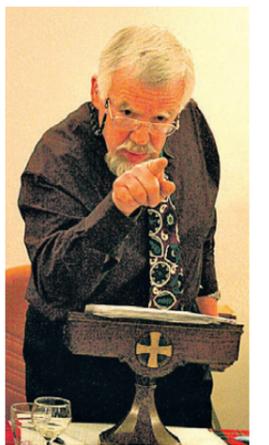
gathered assembly with wit and humour, and kept the evening running smoothly.

The evening began with Geordie Hunter piping in the haggis, which John Orr then addressed with his usual gusto. John later led the community singing.

Alistair Nicolson gave a most humorous and knowledgeable Immortal Memory and Davie Sykes, from Morpeth, Northumberland proposed his very first Toast to the Lassies, which was extremely funny and much appreciated by all.

The Rev. Hilda Smith replied, not sparing Davie for his jousting comments about the fairer sex.

Jim Morrison gave a most dramatic recitation of Tam O' Shanter



Jim Morrison reciting Tam O' Shanter.

and not to be outdone Ruth Morrison followed with a very moving rendition of To a Mouse.

The evening ended with the usual Auld Lang Syne and everyone headed home feeling replete after an evening of good company, good food and great entertainment.



John Orr addresses the haggis.

Cancer Care celebrate the Bard



Members of Mid Argyll Cancer Care Support Group held their annual Burns Supper at the Red Cross Care Centre in Lochgilphead recently. Over 40 people attended the event and heard Alistair Nicholson give the Toast to the Lassies and Willie Young address the haggis.

Tarbert Youth Club head to Mull

MEMBERS of Tarbert Youth group in conjunction with Strathclyde Police will be camping on the Island of Mull during Easter in a bid to protect sea eagle nesting sites. During their busy nesting period, the birds are most at risk from curious visitors disturbing them and there is often a threat of wildlife crime.

ing this project including SNH and RSPB.

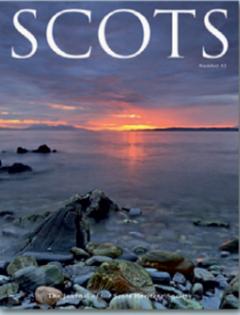
If anyone feels they could help support the group with a donation towards travel and food costs or by supplying camping equipment, warm gear or torches then contact Heather Bellshaw, Tarbert Youth Group on 07770530249, wildlife crime officer Kenny Brack on 01880820200, or Firearms officer Derek Smith on 01546 702201.

The group will be joined by a number of other agencies dur-

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My Village Tarbert



Catherine Sadkowski has lived in Tarbert since 1928. a05tarb01

Catherine Sadkowski was born and brought up in the fishing village of Tarbert. Here the 80-year-old tells why the village holds a special place in her heart.



A view across Tarbert, which features Catherine's favourite place the Church of Scotland.

What makes the village of Tarbert special for you?

This is where I was born in a cottage beside the Free Church.

How would you describe the village to someone who had never been there?

The village is very spread out from what we call the concrete at the East end and I have always taken the West Loch as the other end of the village with the Tarbert Hotel as the centre point with the school behind and lots and lots of houses, with a fine harbour.

How much has it changed since you were a child?

We used to have about sixty shops and gradually over the years they have closed to the few we have today. Vans went out mainly from the grocers, bakers and fish merchants to Kilberry and Skipness. The people who lived here have changed from people who were born in Tarbert to people who wish to retire to our village.

Is there a time of the year when you just want to be there?

Tarbert is fine for me at any time of the year, however I really wish we had a drier climate to enjoy what we have in the village.

Were you born there?

I was born on March 12, 1928 as I said at the

beginning, at School Road beside the Free Church to Isabel and Donald Smith. My father had horses and lorries and used to distribute all the parcels and boxes etc. to the various businesses in the village. No motors at that time.

Cargo boats (the name of the cargo boat was Ardyne) brought in all the goods required for the shops and puffers brought in coal which had to be discharged and delivered to the various businesses.

How would you describe the village to someone who has never been there?

Tarbert has a very safe harbour, as you can see by the number of boats that seem to be resident all year. I see more pontoons have arrived in the harbour. The harbour wall was planned and constructed by Thomas Telford in 1820.

The village was mostly a thriving fishing village with boats from the north coming to fish in the area as well as local boats also from Carradale and Campbeltown. Lots of work

for local transport and other firms to transport the fish and of course it brought work for people ashore and then as John McConachie said in his Carradale section herring just disappeared and boats had to turn to prawns and clams.

With a very busy quay on one side of the harbour on the other we had Dickie's boatyard and it was a big day when a new fishing boat was launched or a yacht. Also during 1939 - 1945, MTBs were built there for the navy. I really feel quite sad when I look across the harbour and see what is left of a very good working boatyard.

Do you still have family there?
I have a sister who was born in Tarbert but lives in Banchory with all her family. I have a daughter Kryisia who lives in Stirling and teaches in Balfron. My son Donald joined the army and stayed there for 28 years.

He had wanted to go to the fishing. All my aunts and uncles on both sides are all gone. My only relatives in Tarbert are second cousins. However, that is how life goes.

How would you improve your village?

The only way I would like to see change is for someone or some people to start up once again Cubs, Scouts and

I'm not sure if they have Brownies and Guides any more, thank goodness we now have a building for teenagers just finished. We need to have something to keep our young people in the village.

However, we have a bowling club, a golf course and a new football facility, at one time Tarbert could boast of having three football teams. I'm such the bowling club and the golf club would welcome new members.

Do you have a favourite building?

Yes, I have. It's the Church of Scotland built in 1886 and is in a very commanding position. I think that's why people remember it.

Is there anyone from your village who is famous?

I have heard of two brothers. Sir Donald McAlister Bart KCB, Chancellor of the university of Glasgow, also attended Cambridge, president of the General Medical Council 1904 - 1931. Sir John Young Walker McAlister Knight, OBE, FSA, Hon FRSM. Born 1856 - died 1925. Also John McDougall Hay, born in Tarbert, became a minister in Paisley. He wrote the book Gillespie set in a west coast fishing village Briston. His son George Campbell Hay was a noted Gaelic poet.



Catherine is pictured with her daughter, Kryisia (seated) and her grand-daughter, Carlyn.

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Thought for the week with Irene Howat

We all like things that are familiar, don't we? New shoes are never quite as comfortable as old ones. We relax better in old clothes than in glad rags.

There are familiar verses in the Bible too, and we take comfort from them. Perhaps this is one of the best known of them.

Jesus said, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

God stopped at nothing to give the gift of eternal life, not even the death of his son, the Lord Jesus. And it was all for us.

But while eternal life is held out as a gift, we have to take it each one for ourselves. And one of the ways that best brings that home is to take the same verse and put our own names where Jesus said the word 'whoever'.

Try it and let God's word make a fresh impact on you. Put your name in the blank space.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'



Down Memory Lane

THIS Week's Down Memory Lane photograph shows Tarbert Academy Sports Day in 1963. Pictured are the gold medal winners. Back row – Krysti Sadkowski, Karine Black, Liz Thomson, Dougie McDougall, Alistair McFarlane, Mary McQuarrie, Margaret McQuarrie. Middle row – Lilian Richmond. Front row – Janice Murray, Della McQuarrie and Richard Cooper. a07dm11NO

Knee jerk negativity

Sir,
It is disappointing to see Alan Reid MP attempting to whip up anxiety over the Forestry provisions of the Climate Change Bill.

The status quo which he seems to prefer has seen a steady attrition of jobs and of planting over many years resulting in closure of local sawmills and a situation where it is increasingly difficult to obtain locally grown timber for construction and craft purposes.

Our forestry is a resource which has been underutilised for generations. A greater degree of mixed planting would lead to improved

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landscape quality and biodiversity.

New investment offers the opportunity of better utilising the economic potential of our woodlands to provide more jobs, greater added value, and a dynamic and sustainable timber industry in Argyll and Bute.

Using locally sourced timber for construction and craft industries as well as for biomass represents further climate change advantages beyond the significant sequestration of carbon that increased planting will provide.

Compared to other timber producing countries we have failed to invest in this resource, lagging behind in all aspects of timber production.

Local interests needs to be actively and knowledgeably represented in this debate but this ought to be done in a constructive way where political opportunism takes second place to the interests of the people of Argyll and Bute.

Unfortunately, yet again, Mr Reid's addiction to publicity seeking seems to take precedence over responsibly engaging with this issue.

Instead of knee jerk negativity perhaps Mr Reid could explain how he would propose to in-

crease investment in our forestry without cutting other budgets.

Mike MacKenzie
Argyll and Bute SNP
Prospective
Westminster
Parliamentary
Candidate

Forestry questions

Sir,
As an MSP for Highlands and Islands who lives locally, I attended the public meeting held in Lochgilphead last Friday evening which I was alerted to by a notice in *The Oban Times* the day before.

It was obvious that the LibDem politicians were painting themselves as the sole saviours of forestry employees should the SNP government go ahead with a proposal to lease off 25% of the forest estate for 75 years.

This could not be further from the truth. I was the first to raise this issue with Alex Salmond at First Minister's question time on November 27 last year asking for guarantees on the employment terms and conditions of forestry commission employees and access rights for the public should such a lease go ahead.

I also know that La-

bour's Sarah Boyack put down a motion showing concern on the same subject. There was no Labour politician present at the meeting in Lochgilphead, probably they had not seen *The Oban Times*.

What has not been openly explained by George Lyon and Alan Reid is that there has just been a consultation on the Climate Change Bill of which this forestry leasing issue is one SNP idea. The results of the said consultation which closed on January 27 have not been published.

It is refreshing that the proper process of having the consultation before any decision is now being employed, it is surely a more honest and democratic approach to listen to the responses to a consultation before making one's mind up on an issue.

Having said that and while waiting for the results of the consultation to be published, we Conservatives remain to be convinced that this leasing will be good for employment or be value for money for the taxpayer.

It certainly is a good idea to look at ways of maximising the contribution which our national forest estate makes to the local and the national

Those Were The Days

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Salmon Galore

IT was a case of salmon galore at Minard last week. The storms towards the end of last week ripped more than a dozen salmon cages from their moorings at Quarry Point near the village.

Efforts using two fishing boats to keep the cages from drifting ashore failed and on Friday morning villagers awoke to find the shore line littered with dead salmon.

'It was like something out of whisky galore,' said on resident. 'People were wondering about all over the place with carrier bags full of fish. Folk were phoning each other all Friday night to swap salmon recipes.'

Big cat – on camera

AN Argyll man believes he has filmed a puma from his kitchen window. Mr Tom Glen, 62, of Kames near Lochgair, Argyll, thinks he caught a shot of the cat as it pounced on its prey.

His wife, Mrs Vi Glen, saw the huge cat when she was in the kitchen last Wednesday morning, and she quickly called her husband.

Mr Glen, a retired electronics engineer was lucky enough to have his video camera set up so he started to film the cat in action.

'It took a couple of jumps, landed on what looked like a stoat, gave it a good shake and tracked back into the forest,' he said.

economy and we hope that new ideas will come forward from the consultation which may satisfy this end.

Jamie McGrigor
Highlands and Islands
Conservative MSP

Minister not asked

Sir,
Apart from the bizarre sight of Tory MSP Jamie McGrigor sitting on a platform in Lochgilphead attacking proposals he had just voted in favour of in the Scottish Parliament, the most notable aspect of the meeting on Scottish forestry was the absence of the minister involved - the SNP's Michael Russell MSP - who lives in Argyll.

Mike wasn't present because, very deliberately, he wasn't invited.

Had he been present he would have been able to expose the completely dishonest nature of the event and as a result would have blown up a nasty and dishonest little plot cooked up by the desperate Lib Dems and Labour.

This more than anything shows us the depths to which the Lib Dems and Labour will stoop to try to damage the SNP.

In their desperation, as their poll ratings col-

lapse, Alan Reid and George Lyon, in an unholy alliance with floundering Labour, are reduced to blatant distortion and scaremongering over Scotland's forest estate.

Perhaps the Lib Dems can't read but what is suggested is that a proportion of Forestry Commission land should be leased to commercial operators ie the forests will remain in firmly public hands.

As the ownership will remain with the Forestry Commission all activity in the forest will be determined by conditions set by the Forestry Commission. Public access will be maintained and there will be no loss of jobs on the proposals being considered.

The primary object of the exercise is to exploit some of this huge national asset more effectively to provide more employment in forestry, and to raise funds by increased activity which will be used to increase the acreage of land under afforestation as the Scottish Government does its bit in the battle against climate change ...

There is not even a hint of privatisation in the proposals.

David McEwen Hill
Dalningart
Argyll

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Kintyre red meat transport issues highlighted

'Obviously distance is a major factor between Kintyre and the abattoirs'

CO-ORDINATING farmers to share transport has been highlighted as one of the key difficulties in red meat transportation as part of a recent local food study.

Five different mainland and island abattoirs for processing Kintyre red meat, many butchery options and different transport routes were also identified.

The Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum, Fyne Homes and the Kintyre Environmental Group have been working together on a wider project to identify the supply and demand for local food produce in Kintyre.

Hannah Jones, of High Belloch Farm in Kintyre, was taken on to research the possibilities for the supply of Kintyre red meat to Kintyre. Hannah said: 'Obviously distance is a major factor between Kintyre and the abattoirs. For farmers to transport livestock over 40 miles, they are required to obtain a 'Certificate of Competence,' which is done by attending a training course and passing a test.

'When using hauliers to transport animals, farmers are dependent on fitting in with when the hauliers have journeys already booked to markets.'

The report demonstrates how the remote-

ness of Kintyre in relation to central abattoirs can cause difficulties and complications even in the initial stages of the process.

Hannah explained: 'Costs are high for Kintyre farmers, with increased labour time, fuel costs and haulage costs. These costs have to be reflected in the cost of local food.'

The report contains a directory of contact details and prices for abattoirs, butchers and transport routes.

Details are available on the forum website to assist farmers in finding a transport route, abattoir and butcher suitable to them.

The wider project on the supply and demand of all local food produce in Kintyre has been undertaken by Loic Caron of the Kintyre Environmental Group.

Loic said: 'We have received a very enthusiastic response to our study. Initial results show a strong demand for local food in Kintyre.'

The full report will be available in March.

Funding for the project has been secured through the Scottish Government Wider Role and Argyll LEADER.

The full details of the Red Meat Feasibility report and directory can be found at www.argyll-agriculturalforum.com

Farmers' Market at Heritage Centre



Ronnie Kennedy from Barbreck Farms. c07far06



Trish Baxter from the Scottish Tablet Company. c07far04

LOCALS packed into the grounds of the Heritage Centre on Saturday to enjoy three events in one go.

The Farmers' Market joined with a car boot sale and a coffee morning proved popular, with all three events working well together.

This is the first time that this has been tried and glorious sunshine helped to make the day a pleasant one.

As well as the usual meat stalls at the farmers market, the Scottish Tablet Company from Carradale, and Argyll and Bute time-banking also had stalls.

Judging at Clochkeil

CLOCHKEIL Farm will host the annual stock-judging for the Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club tonight (Friday).

Master judge for the evening will be Malcolm Ronald from Ormsary and the evening will start at 7.30pm.

The annual general meeting of the club will be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on February 23.

Guest speaker for the evening is George Templeton, Knowe, Auchinleck president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society.

Ploughing match

IF THE annual ploughing match held by the Kintyre Agricultural Society does not go ahead on Saturday it is unlikely to go ahead at all.

This will be the fourth time the match will be attempted as bad weather has prevented it from taking place in the last few weeks.

The match that was originally scheduled for January 17 is being held by kind permission of the Barbour family. Classes as follows: class 1: 10 to 12 inches; class 2: over 12 inches; class 3: reversibles.

Stirling sale meets rising cattle trade

UNITED Auctions sold 1,356 store cattle at Stirling last Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 170.85p per kilo (+4.01p) and sold to 215.8p per kg for a 241kg Charolais cross from Palacehill and £1,040 for a 602kgs Limousin cross from Whiteflat.

Heifers averaged 161.6p per kilo (+2.49p) and sold to 196p per kg for a 237 kgs Charolais cross from Shaw of Touch and £980 for a 552kgs Limousin cross from Pogbie.

Forward cattle averaged 143.25p and sold to 153.5p for a Limousin cross from Easter Mye and £955 for a Limousin cross from Easter Mye

Cast cows averaged 114.97p and sold to 153p for a Charolais cross from Westlodge and £1230 for a Limousin cross from Loanhead of Duchally.

Society's annual dinner

THE annual dinner of the Kintyre Agriculture Society will be taking place on Friday February 27 in the Ardshiel Hotel.

There will also be a whistle drive and if you are planning on going can you please get your name to either John Armour or your local director by Friday February 20.

Store cattle trade remains firm at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 227 store cattle and 50 Over 30 Month cattle when all classes continued to sell at the high prices of the previous sale.

Bullocks averaged 172.6p and sold to 218.9p per kg for a 265kg Limousin crosses from Calrossie

Mains, Nigg, and £935 for 632kg Limousin crosses from The Laurels, Balblair.

Heifers averaged 161.6p and sold to 202.4p per kg for 252kg Limousin crosses from 387 Elphin, Lairg and £850 for 505kg Limousin crosses from Easter Kinkell, Dingwall.

Young bulls averaged 145.6p and sold to 157.1p per kg for 452kg Luings from Inverbrora Farm, Brora, and £710 for the same animals.

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The Charlie Kirkpatrick Trio will be guest artists at the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club next week.

Stunning soprano and virtuoso guitarist to star in Argyll

The beautiful combination of female voice and classical guitar promises a magical evening

THE CELEBRATED duo, 'Canto Vivo' embarks today on a concert tour of Argyll, taking in Rothesay, Ardrishaig, Dunoon, Oban and Campbeltown, and these five music clubs are fortunate to have attracted two such world class performers.

From New York to the New Town, the press has been unanimous in praising Claire Debono and Simon Thacker, the two stars of 'Canto Vivo'. Claire's stunning soprano and Simon's virtuoso guitar playing create one of the most intimate, sensuous and affecting combinations you are likely to hear. The beautiful combination of female voice and classical guitar promises

five magical evenings.

The Duo's programme will include an attractive mixture of English, French, Italian and Spanish songs, at times fiery and flamboyant, at times poignant and romantic. They will be interspersed with guitar solos, such as Arcas' much loved Fantasia on themes from Verdi's 'La Traviata' - in fact perfect music to round off Valentine's Day.

Claire Debono, who is Maltese by birth, has become a familiar face at many prestigious opera houses, festivals and concert halls

- Paris, Madrid, New York, Japan - as well as Edinburgh and Glyndebourne nearer home. Her stunning and unique soprano voice as well as fine linguistic skills ensure she is always much in demand.

Simon Thacker recently received the Royal Philharmonic Society's 'Young Artist Music Award' - the UK's highest recognition for live classical music-making. His London Purcell Room debut was critically acclaimed and his solo recital in 2007 at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh received a

five star review in The Scotsman. Abroad, recent performances in Cuba were broadcast solo on Cuban TV, whilst at home, Simon is Head of Guitar at Napier University, being equally at home in the jazz or classical idiom.

Saturday's MAAA concert is at 7.30pm in the Ardrishaig Hall and on Tuesday, the Kintyre Music Society concert will be in the Lorn and Lowland Church Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door and all are most welcome at either performance.



Claire Debono and Simon Thacker, the two stars of 'Canto Vivo', will dazzle audiences in Rothesay, Ardrishaig, Dunoon, Oban and Campbeltown over the next few weeks.

Charlie Kilpatrick trio return to fiddle and accordion club

EVER welcome visitors to the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club, the Charlie Kirkpatrick Trio, will be guest artists next Tuesday in the Argyll Hotel, with the session getting underway at 7.30pm with local artists.

Charlie who is noted

for his repartee and his black Shand Morino accordion has entertained the Club every three years since the early nineties, and his music and craic remain always as fresh as ever.

Backed by piano and drums, he will present a mixed programme of

West Coast music in his own distinctive style to provide excellent listening for the Dalriada Club audience.

So why not join them next Tuesday and enjoy an evening of Scottish accordion and fiddle music as good as it comes.

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Charlie Kilpatrick trio return to fiddle and accordion club

EVER welcome visitors to the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club, the Charlie Kirkpatrick Trio, will be guest artists next Tuesday in the Argyll Hotel, with the session getting underway at 7.30pm with local artists.

Charlie who is noted

for his repartee and his black Shand Morino accordion has entertained the Club every three years since the early nineties, and his music and craic remain always as fresh as ever.

Backed by piano and drums, he will present a mixed programme of

West Coast music in his own distinctive style to provide excellent listening for the Dalriada Club audience.

So why not join them next Tuesday and enjoy an evening of Scottish accordion and fiddle music as good as it comes.

Stunning soprano and virtuoso guitarist to star in Argyll

The beautiful combination of female voice and classical guitar promises a magical evening

THE CELEBRATED duo, 'Canto Vivo' embarks today on a concert tour of Argyll, taking in Rothesay, Ardrishaig, Dunoon, Oban and Campbeltown, and these five music clubs are fortunate to have attracted two such world class performers.

From New York to the New Town, the press has been unanimous in praising Claire Debono and Simon Thacker, the two stars of 'Canto Vivo'. Claire's stunning soprano and Simon's virtuoso guitar playing create one of the most intimate, sensuous and affecting combinations you are likely to hear. The beautiful combination of female voice and classical guitar promises

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The Duo's programme will include an attractive mixture of English, French, Italian and Spanish songs, at times fiery and flamboyant, at times poignant and romantic. They will be interspersed with guitar solos, such as Arcas' much loved Fantasia on themes from Verdi's 'La Traviata' - in fact perfect music to round off Valentine's Day.

Claire Debono, who is Maltese by birth, has become a familiar face at many prestigious opera houses, festivals and concert halls

- Paris, Madrid, New York, Japan - as well as Edinburgh and Glydebourne nearer home. Her stunning and unique soprano voice as well as fine linguistic skills ensure she is always much in demand.

Simon Thacker recently received the Royal Philharmonic Society's 'Young Artist Music Award' - the UK's highest recognition for live classical music-making. His London Purcell Room debut was critically acclaimed and his solo recital in 2007 at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh received a

five star review in The Scotsman. Abroad, recent performances in Cuba were broadcast solo on Cuban TV, whilst at home, Simon is Head of Guitar at Napier University, being equally at home in the jazz or classical idiom.

Saturday's MAAA concert is at 7.30pm in the Ardrishaig Hall and on Tuesday, the Kintyre Music Society concert will be in the Lorn and Lowland Church Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door and all are most welcome at either performance.



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Community Noticeboard

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David Mayo
'Harbouring the Nemesis - Kintyre and the Royal Navy, World War II'
on Wed. 18 February 2009 in Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, at 7.30 p.m.
All welcome.

Valentines Day Coffee Morning
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Great Calamities at Clachan

Clachan Calamities took the boards at the weekend for two nights with their brilliant production of Snow White, staged in the Village Hall. Lesley Kean directed the panto by Ron Hall and Andrea Grant took the starring role of Snow White, with David Brown as Prince Valentine. Lesley said: 'Recently we were asked what does the panto group do for the community? Well, for four months over the long winter the group provides entertainment and a chance to rekindle friendships whilst making friends with new ones.' C07ca101

Fascinating Orde family talk

A TALK on the fascinating Orde family can be heard in the Red Cross Hall, Lochgilphead on Friday February 20.

'Mad, bad and dangerous to know' were the words used to describe Sir John Powlette-Orde, the owner of Kilmory Castle and Estate for

most of the 19th century.

He was responsible for the reconstruction of Kilmory Castle in the 'Gothic style' which can be seen today, but was notorious in his time for a conviction on a charge of assault with a whip on a Lochgilphead resident

as he rode through the town. He then built Red Lodge and a causeway over Loch Gilp so that he would never again need to pass through Lochgilphead. He also hoped that Queen Victoria would use it to visit Kilmory on her journey through the Crinan Can-

nal, but she never did.

To find out more about the Orde family in a talk by Michael Davis, Argyll and Bute Council's Reference and Lifelong learning librarian in the Red Cross Hall, from 7.30pm. Admission is £5 including refreshments.

Heritage Centre hosts three events

AS WELL as the farmers market in the Heritage Centre car park, Campbeltown on Saturday a coffee morning and car boot sale was also held.

Right: Gareth McMurchy, aged 11 c07far07

Below: John Simpson, Eileen McInnes, Margaret Raeside and Dorothy McMurchy. c07far01



Valentine's coffee morning

A VALENTINES Day coffee morning is to be held tomorrow (Saturday) in the Red Cross Centre, Lochgilphead from 10am to noon by Lochgilphead Flower Club.

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Southend reunited this weekend

SOUTHEND Reunited is taking place this weekend and the Dunaverty Village Hall Committee is asking people to bring along photographs of people in Southend from 1900 to the present day.

Taking place in St Blaas's Hall from 2pm on Sunday, local woman Avril Stone is looking to create a photographic snapshot of people's lives in this parish from the early 1900s to the present day.

Produced

This will be a community-based book and can only be produced with the help of the people currently living in Southend or whose families once lived there.

People at work, play, involved in events and activities are of particular interest and if you are not sure of everyone in a photo someone else might be able to help and you might be able to tell us about people in pho-

tos already submitted. Susan Paterson, chair of the committee said: 'It will be a lovely record

of the area and we will be able to show future generations of what life has been like in the 20th

Century. Even if your photo isn't used it will be a very interesting afternoon for everyone.'

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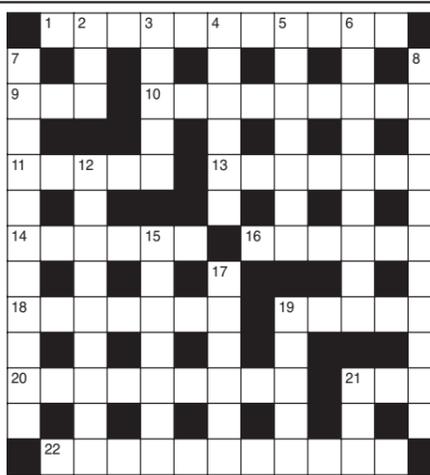
Chloe (voice of DREW BARRYMORE), a diamond-clad, bootie wearing Beverly Hills Chihuahua enjoys her luxurious lifestyle so much, she hardly notices Papi (voice of GEORGE LOPEZ), a tough looking Chihuahua who happens to be head-over-paws for the pampered pooch. But when Chloe gets lost in the rough streets of Mexico with only a street-wise German Shepherd (voice of ANDY GARCIA) to help her find her way home, Papi heads south of the border -- joining forces with a motley crew: two humans (PIPER PERABO, MANOLO CARDONA), a sly rat (voice of CHEECH MARIN) and a nervous iguana (voice of PAUL RODRIGUEZ) - to rescue his true love.

Visit The Wee Pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DOUBLE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1985 Best Picture Oscar-winner (3,2,6)
 - Either of the two upper limbs of the human body (3)
 - Konstantin, Soviet president 1984-85 (9)
 - Albrecht, German painter and engraver who died in 1528 (5)
 - Very hard yellowish-white metal (7)
 - Second epoch of the Tertiary period during which hooved mammals appeared (6)
 - 1979 disaster movie starring Sean Connery and Natalie Wood (6)
 - Port in Kentucky on the Ohio river with an atomic energy plant (7)
 - The — Republic is the western part of former Czechoslovakia (5)
 - In Arthurian legend, the wife of King Arthur (9)
 - Mr Mineo, actor who played Plato in the film *Rebel Without a Cause* (3)
 - Actor who played Scrooge in a 1951 film (8,3)

- QUICK CLUES ACROSS**
- Presumptive (11)
 - Plant (3)
 - Denial (9)
 - Order (5)
 - Percolation (7)
 - Shipped (6)
 - Motor (6)
 - Sorrow (7)
 - Languished (5)
 - Accuracy (9)
 - Pale (3)
 - Ignominy (11)



- SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK**
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across:** 1 Soca; 3 Shagreen; 9 Raphael; 10 Owens; 11 Frankenstein; 13 Litchi; 15 Dunlin; 17 Mulligatawny; 20 Trevi; 21 A priori; 22 Thursday; 23 Rynn.
- Down:** 1 Scrofula; 2 Capra; 4 Helena; 5 Ghost Busters; 6 Ezekiel; 7 Nash; 8 Mark Phillips; 12 Endymion; 14 Trudeau; 16 Iguana; 18 Woody; 19 Stet.
- QUICK - Across:** 1 Doff; 3 Estimate; 9 Deliver; 10 Erode; 11 Contribution; 13 Tetchy; 15 Fiasco; 17 Prolongation; 20 Mufti; 21 Allegro; 22 Designed; 23 Pelf.
- Down:** 1 Dedicate; 2 Felon; 4 Scribe; 5 Inextricable; 6 Amorous; 7 Ever; 8 Overwhelming; 12 Round off; 14 Tariffs; 16 Enlace; 18 Ingle; 19 Amid.

- DOWN**
- City in Germany whose Gothic Minster has the world's highest spire (3)
 - Mr Hammerstein, librettist who died in 1960 (5)
 - Character played by Joan Collins in the TV drama *Dynasty* (6)
 - William, 19c Scottish engineer and scientist who worked in the field of thermodynamics (7)
 - Carnivorous arthropod with a body of between 15 and 190 segments (9)
 - British aircraft firm which made the Halifax bomber (7,4)
 - 1886 play by Henrik Ibsen (11)
 - 'The —', robot-like sculpture by Jacob Epstein (4,5)
 - Central portion in the head of a comet (7)
 - Miss Easton, Scottish singer/actress born in 1959 (6)
 - '— Light of Day', 1980 novel by Anita Desai (5)
 - One of a pair of runners used for gliding over snow (3)

- QUICK CLUES DOWN**
- Frequently (3)
 - Spasmodic (5)
 - Wheelie (6)
 - Unfetter (7)
 - Ferment (9)
 - Set up (11)
 - Free (11)
 - Disclaim (9)
 - Voter (7)
 - Climb (6)
 - Postulate (5)
 - Court (3)

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Four versions of the Qubo

will be available when it goes on sale this January with prices ranging from £9750 to £12,350. There will be two engine options, Fiat's award-winning 1.3-litre MultiJet turbodiesel and a perky 1.4-litre petrol, plus Active and Dynamic trim levels that incorporate a generous amount of standard-fit equipment.

Safety features are a priority, with all models offering driver, passenger and side airbags as well as head restraints and three-point seatbelts for all five seats. ABS anti-lock brakes and EBD Electronic Brake Distribution are also standard fit.

The car's comprehensive standard equipment list, including electric front windows, power steering and a fully adjustable steering wheel, is further enhanced by Fiat's unique and highly innovative Blue&Me hands-free communication system. This features across the range and is unique for this class of car.

The more highly specified Dynamic model comes with air conditioning, body-coloured and heated electric door mirrors, anodised aluminium interior door handles and dash inlays, height adjustable driver's seat, roof bars and 16-inch alloy wheels replacing the regular 15-inch items.

Signalling that Qubo has more to it than the ability to shift loads and people in comfort, it will become available with a choice of nine vibrant colours including a funky green and fiery orange. These are the perfect complement to a shape that's sleek and stream-



lined but also incorporates a raised driving position for maximum visibility and safety. Cleverly considered details include a protruding front bumper to protect vulnerable components, along with sliding rear doors to maximise the practicality of the Qubo's five-seat layout.

The comfortable but versatile interior has been designed to look stylish while still being hard-wearing and driver friendly. It's also capable of adopting 16 different positions. Remove the split folding rear seats and 2500

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Both the Qubo's engines conform to the latest stringent emissions requirements. The 1.3-litre 16v MultiJet returns a Combined economy figure of 62.8 mpg, and low, tax-friendly emissions of 119 g/km. Strong economy is also one of the bonuses of the 1.4 petrol, thanks to its multipoint injection system.

The MultiJet engine can be specified with Fiat's Dualogic six-speed automatic transmission. This can be used as

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To ensure drivers get the most out of their Qubo, the car will become compatible with Fiat's new eco:Drive system. This enables owners to use the Blue&Me USB slot to download details of their driving and have it analysed by a bespoke computer programme. The result is that they can reduce substantially the impact their car has on the environment, and save fuel too.

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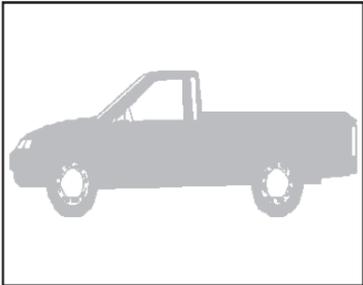


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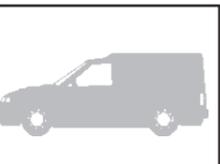
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PLANNING

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, RELATED LEGISLATION PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below, at 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 14 or 21 days of the appearance of this notice, whichever is applicable as indicated below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 09/00088/DET**
Applicant: Inverliever Hydro Ltd
Proposal: Construction of a 0.575mw hydro electric scheme - amended application - alternative pipeline route
Site Address: Inverliever Lodge Ford Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RH
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days
- **Ref No: 08/02223/DET**
Applicant: MacLeod Construction Ltd
Proposal: Erection of five dwelling houses and formation of play area (amended proposal).
Site Address: Land North Of Barrmor View Kilmartin Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00059/DET**
Applicant: Mr E P Bowden-Smith
Proposal: Construction of Hydro Electric generating scheme
Site Address: Braevallich Hydro Scheme Braevallich East Lochaweside Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00050/DET**
Applicant: Mr Dan Thompson
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and installation of septic tank.
Site Address: Plot 2 Land South Of Saddell Schoolhouse Saddell Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996

The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. The proposals contained in the application are considered to be a departure or potential departure from the Development Plan for the area concerned.

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the applications identified below should do so in writing within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Area Team Leader Development Control at the address below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

- **Ref No: 08/02223/DET**
Applicant: MacLeod Construction Ltd
Proposal: Erection of five dwelling houses and formation of play area (amended proposal) - Policies contravened - Policy H012 of the Mid Argyll Local Plan (2nd Alteration) 1993
Site Address: Land North Of Barrmor View Kilmartin Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 18 Local Plan Departure Adv 21)

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll, PA30 8DX

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

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy. Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

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



Does Campbeltown need a BMX track?

To explore the possibilities of creating one adjacent to skate park, a meeting will be held in the **Aqualibrium at 7pm on Monday 16th February. All welcome.**

Lodge St. John's Campbeltown No 141

The regular meeting scheduled for **Monday 16th February has been cancelled.**

Mid Argyll Musical Society AGM

Argyll Arms Ardrishaig
Thursday 19th February 8.30pm

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All welcome

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL PROHIBITION OF THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINK IN DESIGNATED PLACES (AMENDMENT) (No. 1) BYELAWS 2009.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Sections 201, 202 and 203 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that Argyll and Bute Council intends to apply to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation of the amendment to the byelaws relating to the prohibition of the consumption of alcohol in designated public places. Representations on the byelaws may be made to Scottish Ministers, Criminal Law Division, St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG up to and including 14 March 2009.

A copy of the byelaws amendment in respect of which the application for confirmation is to be made is open for inspection free of charge at the Corporate Services Offices, Argyll and Bute Council at the following addresses between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and a copy thereof can be obtained free of charge either by attending at or by writing to those offices or telephoning Legal Services on 01546 604198. The offices are:

- Dalriada House, Colchester Square, Lochgilphead, PA31 8ST
- Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown, PA20 6BJ
- Islay Servicepoint, Jamieson Street, Bowmore, PA43 7HP
- Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AR
- Hill Street, Dunoon, PA23 7AP
- Eaglesham House, Mountpleasant Road, Rothesay, PA20 9HQ
- Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh, G84 8BP

Susan Mair, Head of Legal & Protective Services



MID ARGYLL TRANSPORT VOLUNTEERS AGM

Grey Gull, Ardrishaig
February 19th 2009 7pm

Inveraray Golf Club AGM

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The successful candidate will be a caring individual with a commitment to offering high quality personal care to elderly individuals. Experience not necessary as full training will be given. Duties will include, helping residents with their day-to-day needs, working with senior care staff, completing relevant paperwork and other related tasks as required. This post is subject to enhanced disclosure.

Please contact
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North Argyll House
Bealach an Rìgh
Oban
PA34 5TG
01631 562168
Closing Date: February 23, 2009



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For further details contact:

Human Resources on 01224 295668

or email hr@marlab.ac.uk

or visit www.frs-scotland.gov.uk/recruitment



Closing date for all applications
18th February 2009, 5pm



Fisheries Research Services is an Agency of the Scottish Government. We welcome applications from all suitably qualified individuals and aim to employ a diverse workforce which reflects the people of Scotland.

Community Powerdown Officer – Mull & Iona (2 yr fixed term)

Salary Range £12,600 gr. p.a. 3 days per week
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Download details from www.mict.co.uk

Deadline for returns 21st February

The Trust acknowledges funding for this post from the Scottish Government Climate Challenge Fund, managed by Keep Scotland Beautiful. The Community Trust is part of the Powerdown Consortium with Development Trust Association Scotland & Community Energy Scotland



Mull & Iona Community Trust
Scottish Charity SC025995
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01631 562383/ 07774480393

Senior Receptionist

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We are looking for an enthusiastic individual with an outgoing personality to manage our Reception area.

The ideal candidate will have excellent communication skills, be a good organiser and have experience of managing a busy Reception.

Duties will include answering our switchboard, transferring calls, dealing with basic enquiries, greeting visitors, providing administrative support and managing 2 Reception staff.

Further information and Application Forms are available on line at www.sams.ac.uk or by contacting The Human Resources Section, Job Ref. D27/08.IC, Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1QA, UK, or e-mail: recruitment@sams.ac.uk

The closing date for receipt of all applications is
Friday 27th February 2009

SAMS has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes applicants from all sections of the community.



SCOTTISHPOWER

Cruachan Power Station receives thousands of visitors each year and we seek to provide them all with an interesting and enjoyable experience, from the moment they arrive to the moment they leave. All of these posts require you to be flexible and adaptable to different situations and visitors, and to be able to project a positive image of ScottishPower and the Centre at all times.

Seasonal Café Assistant

£13,322 - £19,981

Your role will be to prepare and serve a range of snacks and drinks, maintaining the necessary hygiene standards and helping provide visitors with an enjoyable experience at the Centre.

Relevant experience will be advantageous and you should also preferably have an Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate and some cash handling experience.

Seasonal Receptionist

£13,322 - £19,981

You will be responsible for welcoming visitors and controlling the tour booking system, ensuring that daily tours run smoothly, assist with embarking and disembarking visitors from coaches and helping answer any of their questions in a polite and professional manner. You'll also ensure that all stock is attractively presented within the gift shop.

Good people skills, an enthusiastic and welcoming personality and, preferably, some cash handling skills will all be advantageous.

Seasonal Driver/Guide

£13,322 - £19,981

As well as ensuring that guided tours run smoothly, you'll help answer questions, take good care of visitors' safety and welfare, assist them in the Centre shop and café as required and ensure the Centre, coaches and surrounding grounds are clean.

A first-class driver of large vehicles (i.e. with a full UK licence and preferably experience of a 24 seat minibus), you'll have excellent communication, organisation and people skills. Flexible and adaptable to different situations and visitors, you must be able to project a positive image of ScottishPower and the Centre at all times.

To apply for any of the above vacancies please visit www.scottishpower.jobs

Closing date Thursday 19th February 2009.



Scottish Ambulance Service

South West Division

Volunteer Ambulance Car Drivers

Highland & Islands Area

The South West Division of the Scottish Ambulance Service is currently seeking keen and enthusiastic volunteers to assist with the transport of suitable patients to and from Treatment Centres within the Highlands & Islands area. With a population in excess of 244,000 this is a rewarding and worthwhile service where volunteers are paid for out of pocket expenses and fuel costs. Currently this is 30.5p for engines under 1500 cc and 36.9p per mile for engines over 1500cc.

Volunteers are required to have their own four-door car to MOT standards and comprehensive insurance. Once registered, volunteers are contacted by telephone with details of the patient journeys for the following day. Our Area Service Office gives help and support when carrying out these journeys.

If you feel that you can provide this essential service and have time to spare please contact Karen Pickett, Patient Transport Supervisor, Scottish Ambulance Service, 15 Craw Road, Paisley, PA2 6AD or by telephone on 0141 849 3012 for details.



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Salary will be determined by experience with additional payments for Alarm Duty and Weekend responsibilities. Assistance with seeking accommodation may also be offered.

Job description can be obtained by calling our Personnel Department on 01786 445521. To apply, please send a copy of your current CV and covering letter to: Claire Scott, Scottish Sea Farms Ltd, Laurel House, Laurelhill Business Park, Stirling FK7 9JQ Email: claire.scott@scottishseafarms.com

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Source: Recruitment Choice: The Newspaper Society 2005

So, if you're looking for a new job or new staff, use the regional press, the best medium to get results.



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Mull Ref: CSE62980/1

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Campbeltown Ref: CSE62990/1

Senior Clerical Assistant (Part time)
£15,147 - £16,570 per annum, pro rata **Oban Ref: CSE51341/1**
30 hrs per week, Oban High School

Classroom Assistant (Term time) – 3 Posts
£13,869 - £14,709 per annum, pro rata
4:15 hrs per week, Kilchattan Primary School Lorn Ref: CSE54461
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Oban, Lorn & the Isles Ref: CSE54331/1

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£6.17 per hour (variable hours) **Islay Ref: OSF21044**

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Cleaner (Term time)
£6.17 per hour **Islay Ref: OSF20779**

15 hrs per week, based at Islay High School
☎ 01546 604873 for the above 5 posts.

Closing date 27th February 2009.
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Argyll & Bute Community Health Partnership

Senior Information Analyst (Alcohol & Drug Addictions) – Band 6

£24,103 - £32,653 pro rata
18.75 hours per week

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Based within the Information Services Department, you will work closely with the clinical team to improve and develop information resources to support the provision of the service. With a blend of experience working in an information team allied to working in collaboration with a clinical service, you will have a degree or equivalent in an appropriate numerate discipline and demonstrable skills in using analytical tools and MS Office products. You will work in the Information Services Department and can be based in Helensburgh or Lochgilphead.
Informal enquiries to Bill Staley, Information and Projects Manager on 01546 605629.

Application packs are available from the HR Department, NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute CHP, Aros, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8LB, call 01546 606788 (24 hour answering service) or email: recruitment.ab@nhs.net

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Streetlinks Detached Youth Project
 The Project wishes to develop opportunities for young people who are not involved in services, education, employment or training. The focus will be on establishing contact and developing relationships via street work in Soroba, Glenshelloch area and Central Oban

Sessional Detached Youth Workers
 Hour's variable. Rate - £8.50-£11.42, Qualified Rate -£11.42-£15.32 per hour plus benefits.
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Responsible for assisting the personal development of young people not involved in existing mainstream or youth provision. You will have experience of working with young people in different settings; have good communication and listening skills with young people and colleagues, and an ability to work on your own initiative and as part of a team.

This Project is funded by The Scottish Government Wider Role Grant & Argyll Community Housing Association and West Highland Housing Association.
 For application pack contact CLS 0141 952 4382 or e-mail zoe@comlinks.org.uk
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BIRTHS

DUNLOP - John and Sarah (née Stevenson) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Geoffrey Donald John on February 1, 2009 at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, second grandson to Ron and Margaret, Oban, first grandchild to Margaret and the late Geoffrey, Skipness and second great-grandson to John Stevenson. Grateful thanks to the Mid Argyll Midwifery team for all their care and support.

FRASER - Kevin and Brenda (née Stevenson) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Ava Nuala, born on January 31, 2009. Fourth grandchild for Sandy and Nuala Stevenson, 27 High Street, Campbeltown.

MCCALLUM - Willie and Sharon are absolutely over the moon to announce the safe arrival of their son Finn Crawford Gillies on February 5, 2009. First grandchild for Willie and Jacqueline Gillies, Campbeltown and Lamont and Margaret McCallum, Kilkenny. Special thanks to all staff at both Southern General Hospital and Campbeltown Maternity Unit. A little treasure for both families to enjoy.

MCFARLANE - Kristian (Shuggy) and Cara are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Lewis, on January 29, 2009 in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. A wee brother for Charley.

YOUNG - LITSTER - Colin and Laura are proud to announce the arrival of Cameron on February 3, 2009. Both families are delighted. Many thanks to midwives at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

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GRAY - SUTHERLAND Bill to Helen, at Leith Salvation Army on February 14, 1959, by Brigadier Harold Hales. Present address Ardrishaig.

DIAMOND WEDDING

ALLAN - CAMPBELL - Stevie to Florence at Saddell Church, Carradale on February 10, 1949 by the late Rev J A Argyll Baker.

DEATHS

KIRK - At Stirling Royal Infirmary on Thursday, February 5, 2009, William Duncan Kirk, beloved husband of Elizabeth Barbour Ronald (Elsie), dear dad of David and Lorna and a much loved grandpa of Prentice, Michael, Louise and Sam.

MCCONNACHIE - Archibald (Archie) on February 6, 2009, Ellesmere House, London SW3, after a short illness bravely fought. Previously of Campbeltown, Scotland and Helsinki, Finland. Cremation took place on February 12, followed by a memorial service at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1. Any donations should be made to St Columba's Church.

MCKINVEN - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on February 6, 2009, Janet McIvor (Jenny), in her 97th year, 88 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Bernard John McKinven, much loved mother of Jan, Jane, Alex and the late Barney and a loving and much loved granny, great-granny and great-great-granny. RIP.

SERGINSON - Darlington, Co Durham, February 6, 2009, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Agnes (Nancy) née McCrank aged 83 years. Beloved wife of the late John (Jack), loving mother of Ian, Andrew and Stuart, a dear mother-in-law, sister, grandma and auntie. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. A Requiem Mass followed by cremation took place today, Friday, February 13, 2009 in Darlington. Any donations if so desired would be greatly appreciated in aid of CAFOD and will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Cockerton House, 11 West Auckland Road, Darlington, DL3 9EJ, Telephone 01325 482999.

SMITH - Suddenly at his home, 1 Finnish Houses, Ford, on February 4, 2009, Jeffrey (Jeff) Smith, aged 61 years. Much loved husband of Marylyn. A dear father, grandfather and brother. A much respected work colleague, neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held in Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Sadly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LOCKER - Cathie was overwhelmed and would like to thank all her family, friends and neighbours for the many cards, flowers and the messages of support she received in her hours of need. Special thanks are extended to the medical teams for their efforts to save Joe and make him comfortable, especially Dr Leftly, Hilary, Katie and Sally at Campbeltown Hospital, also the recovery team and ICU doctor and nurses at the Royal Jubilee in Clydebank. A huge thank you to the Rev Lind for his comforting words and moving service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professionalism in attending to every need, Flora and the staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for a lovely tea after the service and finally to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The sum of £402.10 was raised

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MCALLISTER - In memory of a dear mother and grandmother, died February 10, 2000. Sadly missed.

- Your loving son George, Lorraine, Gary and Kevin. RIP.

MCARTHUR - In loving memory of James (Shamus), a loving husband, dad and grandpa, who died February 16, 1999. Forever in our thoughts.
- Moira, Hilary and Louise.

MCEWING - In loving memory of Jim, a much loved husband and dad, who died on February 17, 2008.

You can remember me and only that I am gone, Or you can cherish my memory and let it live on. - With love always, Susan, Iona and Ross.
MCEWING - Treasured memories of a dearly loved son Jim, who was taken from us so suddenly on February 17, 2008. In our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. God bless Jim losing you is hard to bear.
- From Mum and Bertie.

MCEWING - Treasured memories of Jim, a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle, who is sorely missed every day and always in our thoughts.

In life he respected and helped many.
- From his loving sisters and their families.

MCGUINNESS - In loving memory of Ron, a dear husband and dad, died February 16, 2005.

A golden heart stopped beating
And you were now to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.
- Mary and Roslyn.

MCGUINNESS - Ron, dear brother-in-law and friend, died February 16, 2005. Always remembered.

- Margaret, Davie and Maureen
MARTIN - In loving memory of Lena, loving mother and granny. Always in our thoughts.
- Neil John, Caroline and family.

MARTIN - In loving memory of Lena, a dear mother and granny, who died February 14, 2006.

To us you were someone special
What more is there to say
Except to wish with all our hearts
That you were here today.

- John, Rhona, Craig and Lynsey.
ROBERTSON - In loving

memory of our dear mum Lesley, who left us 10 years ago on February 11, 1999. You are always missed.

- Love Julie and Iain.
THOMPSON - Tommy, our dearly loved husband and dad, passed away February 15, 2007.

Love and miss you always.
- Your loving wife Reenie. Much loved and missed by Maureen, Senga and families. We were proud to call you Daddy.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR

(Church of Scotland) Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 15th February 2009

A Balanced Faith (Romans 12:9)

CUMLODDEN (Furnace) 10.30 am

LOCHFYNESIDE (Minard) 12 noon

LOCHGAIR 3 pm

Rev. Roddy MacLeod

Ceud mìle fáilte ALL WELCOME

United Service on Sunday 22nd February in Cumlodden church 10.30 am

GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2009

Kilmartin 11.30am

Rev Alastair Dunlop

All most welcome especially children

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 15th February 2009

11.00am Morning Service

6.30pm Evening Service with communion

Monday 2.30pm Ladies meeting

Rev Walter Ritchie Kilmartin

Wednesday Alpha 7.00pm

Jumpstart Group Friday 10.00 - 11.30am

NO KIDS CLUB on 13th Every Friday "The Edge"

Kids Club 6.30pm - 7.45pm

5yrs to 11 yrs Scottish Charity SC015187

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 15th February 2009.

Family Service at 11am Rev Hilda Smith

A Congregational meeting with the project team

At 7pm in the Church on Wednesday 18th

There will be a coffee morning

On Saturday 21st from 10am - 12 noon

The Toucan club meets on Sunday 22nd

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
9am Eucharist
11am Eucharist
ST COLUMBA'S POTALLOCH
3.30pm Evening Prayer

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 15 February 2009 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
Thursday 19 February 2009 7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome "Come and see"

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Morning Worship
Sunday 15th January 2009
Bellanoch Church 10am
Worship led by John Morrison All welcome
Interim Moderator: Rev. Hilda Smith 01546 602238
www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 15th February 2009
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Afternoon Service 3pm
Tarbert Art and Leisure Centre
Margaret Sinclair Interim Moderator
Guild meets Monday 16th February at 7.30pm Church Hall
For all church inquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01499 500633
Everyone very welcome

Highland Parish Church
Sunday 15th February 2009 11.15am
Morning service
crèche at church (0yrs - 3yrs)
No FunDay Club
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday, 15th February
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 16th February
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 17th February
Mothers and Toddlers
No Meeting This Week
Thursday, 19th February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 20th February
Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services 10.30a.m. and 6.30p.m.
Tuesday
Over 60's Luncheon Club - 12.30pm
Ladies Home League - 1.30pm
Thursday - 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Café
New-to-you Stall
Bible Study 7.00p.m.
Major Dolores Thomson

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10.45 a.m. Coffee
11.15.a.m All Age Service
Wednesday
Mid Week Bible discussion & prayer 8.00 p.m.
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 15th February 2009
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
8.30 am Holy Communion
10.45 am Family Communion
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Hat-trick of wins for youngsters Tigers lift the trophy

THE SENIOR section of Oban Express Primary Football League played the twice postponed Split League Challenge last Sunday at the third attempt and the excitement lasted to the final minute of the final game before Lochgilphead Tigers lifted their third trophy of the season.

Both Lochgilphead Under 12s teams played in the top league of the competition which featured the top five finishers in the Autumn League. Tigers opened against Cobras and

scorned several chances before Cameron Hendry struck to give them a narrow 1-0 win. Panthers first game against Spartans was very even but in the last minute Spartans nudged the ball over the line after a goalmouth scramble for a single goal victory.

A local derby followed and some fine saves by Josh Coates in the Panthers goal kept Tigers out in a goalless draw which dented both teams' trophy chances. Both teams next games were also goalless, Panthers v Cobras and Ti-

gers v Rovers, to leave them in 3rd and 4th place going into the final games.

Panthers couldn't win the trophy now but Ben Miller has made a habit of scoring vital goals this season and another of his 20yard thunderbolts gave Panthers a tremendous 1-0 win over Rovers which set up Tigers final game with Spartans as the cup decider.

Spartans only needed a draw and looked like getting it as they matched Tigers for much of the game but with 60 seconds left on the clock Coll McCullum set up Keir Whitefield to score the crucial goal and captain Ewan McCulloch stepped forward to lift another trophy for the Tigers.



Lochgilphead Tigers lifted the Split League Challenge trophy in Oban last weekend.

Lochgilphead Prostar Sixes

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Prostar community 6-a-side league saw Yaldi FC come close to recording only their 2nd win of the season but they were narrowly beaten 6-4 by a hard working Sons of Vino outfit.

AC Aray saw off Bayern Bru 1-0 to maintain their position at the helm of the table with a four point gap over the two teams chasing them. One of the teams, Mean Machine, were made to work hard for their 3-1 win by opponents Ardrishaig but they stood up to the test to collect two points.

KCJB remain in 3rd, level on points with 2nd placed Machine after running out comfortable 3-0 winners against Inter Aray although the losers certainly gave their all and never gave up.

Pimps FC took on Kilfern Utd in a match which looked like a victory for the latter on paper, however Pimps strutted their stuff and ran out deserved 3-1 winners in the end.

Steaua Needarest picked up two important points with a 5-2 success against Tavy Boys who remain 9th in the table following the defeat.

League organiser Stephen Mullane said, "The title chase is getting very interesting now as the season approaches the later stages. There are still a number of teams in the hunt although AC Aray look to be the firm favourites. Head Referee, Jimmy Lister, is doing a fantastic job in ensuring matches go ahead smoothly and on time and I would like to thank him for the superb job he has done."

School challenge

SCHOOLS and youth groups across Scotland are being encouraged to enter teams for the 2009 Fieldfare Kielder Challenge, a national outdoor adventure competition.

The challenge is open to teams of 13-16 year olds with and without physical, learning and sensory disabilities and provides opportunities for youngsters to compete in problem solving and team building games.

For more information telephone Alison Rae on 01334 657978.

South Africa challenge

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For more information visit www.childrentoday.org.uk for more details.

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| Spartans | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Rovers | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Panthers | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Cobras | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 |

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Tarbert take on Sporto at Cil Andreis

TARBERT'S away match to Cambria 'B' last Saturday was cancelled due to a frozen pitch.

Tomorrow (Saturday February 14) the West Loch Shores/Islay Frigate Hotel-sponsored side are due to play at home to Sporto on Division One league duty.

Kick off is at Cil Andreis at 2pm.

Lottery numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 4, 13 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

KIMORY Camanachd Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 1, 18 and 20. There were no winners with the jackpot rising to £200 next week.

Oban coaching weekend voted great success

A SPORTS coaching conference held in Oban saw just under 300 people from across Argyll and Bute take part.

The event, organised by Argyll and Bute Council, was held last weekend in Oban High School and Atlantis Leisure.

The conference was designed to address the aims of the Council's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy by increasing the number of coaches in Argyll and

Bute, developing the quality of coaching and encouraging a general increase in sports participation and physical activity levels. The programme also reflected the Scottish Government's Reaching Higher Strategy for Sport.

Outdoor sports were also well represented, with courses in trail cycling, canoeing, kayaking and orienteering.

The event also marked the launch of the 'Foundation Certificate' for

working with children in sport, incorporating child protection, first aid and good practice and, for existing coaches who want to increase their knowledge, there was also a series of Sportscoach UK sessions on nutrition, strength and conditioning, working with disabled athletes, and child protection.

The event was the second of its kind in Argyll and Bute and was fairly unique in Scotland.



Some of the participants pictured with football development officer Dylan Kerr who took part in the coaching courses at the Argyll and Bute Coaching Weekend held at Oban High School and Atlantis Leisure last Saturday and Sunday. t07coa02



Pictured is Lochgilphead's Douglas Campbell leading the GYMCC Championship Race 2008.

Mid Argyll MX Club gets going

THE MID Argyll MX Club Championship will be held at Achnashelloch Track, Lochgilphead.

The dates for the championship are - round one, Sunday March 22, round two, Saturday May 16 and Fun Sunday May 17, round three, Sunday July 19 and round four, Sunday October 4.

Classes from auto to adult. Any riders wishing to enter or enquire about the procedures for the championship should contact Stewart or Yvonne on 01546 606852. Postal entries only, with membership forms and entry forms available to download from Scottish Motocross and click on the Achnashelloch Track link.

Closing date for entries will be Wednesday March 18. As the championship is regulated under the SACU, riders must be a club member and hold a current competition licence.

Star get geared up for Duncanrig

TTB-SPONSORED Red Star's away game to Sporto fell foul of the recent bad weather.

The club have been given a home fixture this week against Duncanrig AFC with a 2pm kick off at the Ropework Park in Lochgilphead.

With the club's Sportsman's dinner coming up on February 21 the club still have 20 tickets available for the night. This will help enormously with the remainder of this seasons funding and also help at the start of next seasons.

The club is delighted with the response for the dinner in aid of much needed funds. Speaking for Red Star, Dougie Moore said: 'We have had a great response with a number of people offering to help

with next years fund raising and giving ideas on helping the club stay in the community.'

He added: 'If you want to have an excellent night out with some great speakers like Brian MacGinlay, FIFA Referee, Murdo MacLeod Ex Celtic and Scotland Star, as well as local teacher and excellent speaker, Robin Finlay, then come along.' #

Memorabilia

Those attending will also have the chance to bid for some memorabilia as well as the chance to bid to play for 45 minutes at Parkhead, Ibrox and Tynecastle in your own named strip in aid of Football Aid, a diabetes charity supported by Red Star.

Contact Dougie Moore or Allan Weir for further details.

Alec shows them how it's done

By David Sinclair

ALEC MacAulay is often criticized for the way he sets up the golf course but his usual reply is to show the rest how it should be done and he did that again today.

In impossible conditions with snow and ice on the greens his under par round only goes to show how useful his diploma in the 'Maintenance and Design of Municipal Crazy Golf Courses' has proved to be.

Tommy Angus had been out on his ice skates as he is expecting a call to participate on 'Dancing on Ice'. With his natural rhythm and balance he found the conditions easy as he waltzed into second place.

Jim Hunter, Ross Sinclair and Kenneth MacAulay were running round the course in order to be finished in time to see the start of the Scottish Cup game on the telly and their scores suffered as a result.



Alec MacAulay is geared up to take the Winter League title. a07alec01

Ross was even more grumpy than usual as the group in front were

slowing him down by trying to play Golf.

Unfortunately the cup game was called off and they had to wait in the clubhouse for an hour until the rest of the field completed their round. What a bunch of Duffers!

Keith Cowan has just finished a draft of his third book entitled 'How to very nearly play quite well, considering the conditions, in snow and ice' and did some more research today.

John Davidson hits the ball so squint that the bouncy conditions could only help him and he did well where others struggled and was nearest the pin at the ninth.

Tom Campbell used his 'Get out of jail' card on several occasions bouncing off walls, fences

and roads but held it together to finish in the points.

David Sinclair hit the ball straight down the middle with every shot but this seems to be the wrong strategy and maybe he needs to hit a few squint shots or bounce off some obstacles if he wants to score.

John Downie finally run out of luck, having had every kind of jammy bounce possible during the last three weeks he got his comeuppance today and richly deserved the Duffer of the week award.

Results - 10 A. MacAulay 9 T. Angus 8 J. Hunter 7 K. Cowan 6 J. Davidson 5 T. Campbell 4 R. Sinclair 3 K. MacAulay 2 D. Sinclair 1 J. Downie.

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