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AFTER their busiest year on record, the RNLI will be grateful



for the funding efforts of Lochgilphead High School.

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Barney's stem cell appeal takes off in Ardrishaig



Barney McNeill (centre) surrounded by family and friends at a dance in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday night. The dance was part of an appeal to raise funds to pay for stem cell treatment for Barney, who suffers from a muscle wasting disease. See page 2 for more. a09dan01

WAGE CUTS FOR LOWEST PAID STAFF

THE BIGGEST group of council workers facing wage cuts under Single Status proposals are the people at the lower end of the pay scale.

And it has emerged that 141 job losses will occur over the next three years.

Single Status is supposed to address equality issues and deal with historic imbalance in levels of pay within every council in the country.

One Lochgilphead admin worker said she was down £1,700 a year but said she was by no means the worst

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off. She said: 'A lot of the clerical staff are down two-and-a-half grand a year. Folk who have been here for 15 years are going from £14,577 to £12,008.'

Hardship

She said that workers were facing real hardship: 'We have got people with families to support. One couple I know are both clerical work-

ers, their family income is down by £5,000 a year.

'Another girl was saying she'll have to start making packed lunches for her daughter, because she won't be able to afford school meals.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'The biggest group of people losing out will be at the lower end of the pay

scale simply because there are more people at this level but please note not everyone at the lower end is suffering from a reduction in their salary.'

'So although the biggest groups suffering are at the lower end the greater individual loses will be incurred at higher levels, with some losing between £4,000 and

£5,000.' Donald Brown, chairperson for Argyll and Bute Council's UNISON union branch said: 'We are having a meeting in Inveraray with the stewards to discuss this. There's an impression that the decision has already been made but there is a consultation going on at the moment.'

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Supporting Barney



Barney McNeill and Jolomo with the colourful painting being auctioned to pay for medical treatment. Anyone wishing to bid for the painting can send their offer to: Brian McNeill, 14 Market Place, Tarbert, PA29 6AB, before March 31. a09j0101

LOCAL artist John Morrison, known as Jolomo, has joined the appeal to get treatment for Barney McNeill for a muscle wasting disease which has been a blight on his family.

The Tayvallich-based artist has donated one of his paintings with a market value of £1500 to the cause, complete with a silver gilt Venetian frame. The painting is in the artist's trademark style and features the Gatehouse, Taynish, Tayvallich after which it is named.

It will be sold through a silent auction running until March 31 when the winning bid will be announced at a fundraising dance in Tarbert village hall.

Barney has Cerebella Hereditary Ataxia which eats away at the

□ 'The response has been amazing. Thanks to everybody..'

nervous system and is raising funds for stem cell treatment in China. John became involved through Barney's mother-in-law, an old neighbour and friend.

A busy ceilidh in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday February 24 raised over £2000 for the coffers.

Co-op staff have also been collecting funds outside the Lochgilphead store.

Barney puts the cost of the treatment and travel to China at about £11,000 but thinks he is about halfway towards his target. Barney said:

'I want to thank John [Morrison] and Fraser McGlynn and Kevin and all the musicians who've helped out. The response has been amazing.'

'Thanks to everybody who has donated, from small to large. I was joking with my friend after the dance that I never thought us Tarbert boys were so popular up here!'

Anyone wishing to bid for the painting should send their offer to: Brian McNeill, 14 Market Place, Tarbert, PA29 6AB to arrive by March 31.

Outrage over council job cuts

PEOPLE across Argyll and Bute have reacted angrily this week to the Council's Single Status proposals. Employees and community groups have criticised the proposals, and have condemned the 141 job losses that

will occur over the next three years. More than 4,000 workers were sent letters last week with details of how their individual pay and conditions of service may be affected in future years due to Single Status, which addresses equality issues and deals with historic imbalance in levels of pay within every council in the country.

Oban community councillor Roddy McCuish is outraged that some low paid workers will see their salary frozen or cut for three years, and that the implications include job cuts to pay for the rise of some other employees wages.

Contempt

He said: 'To add to this shocking news about a reduction in their salary, the initial information was incorrect. In making further enquiries, many were told the cut in their wages would be even greater than first thought. This is contempt for the workforce.'

Fellow community councillor Neil Mackay added: 'We are all dis-

gusted at the number of jobs to go. They are destroying people's lives.'

Neil MacIntyre, who is an Argyll and Bute employee, said the claim by the council that 46 per cent of workers would gain from Single Status, was misleading, as changes in overtime and working conditions meant they would be working for less. Mr MacIntyre added: 'They are showing how much contempt they have for their workforce by trying to force people at the bottom to work for less money. The bosses know they are rock solid and the manual workers are expendable. The imbalance is horrendous. You could fund the jobs at risk by getting rid of 10 people at the top.'

Argyll Branch Chairman of trade union Unison, Donald Brown said Unison was 'totally opposed to any form of job cuts or redundancy. He said: 'Staff are already working to critical levels and not claiming overtime, so we are very concerned.'

'When the council come back with their

final proposals in June, we will ballot members to see if they accept or reject the proposals. If they do reject them, it is likely there will be a campaign of industrial action.'

'Single Status is affecting a broad spectrum of people across the council, although I would agree that in the main, it appears to be the lower paid manual workers who are most affected.'

Oban Councillor Donald McIntosh said even he didn't understand how the gradings were being applied.

'Three different lorry drivers on the council can be in three different bands because one drives for the roads department, one for refuse collection and one somewhere else.'

'I think it is all wrong. The reduction in overtime and the loss of weekend extra money has done a lot of damage to people.'

He added: 'The reality is not what it gives on the figures. There is no time and a half or double time anymore.'

Ardrishaig Gala group pleads for help

ARDRISHAIG Gala Day will go ahead this year - but the committee is pleading for help to make it a success.

Councillor Bruce Robertson of the gala committee said that they really needed help with setting up the 22 gazebos and tables in the morning and putting them away again in the afternoon.

The gala will take place on Saturday July 28 this year.

Anyone who can offer any form of help is asked to go along to the next committee meeting in Ardrishaig at 7.30pm on Thursday March 8.

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Vandalism spate

THERE have been numerous reports of vandalism this week.

A side mirror was reported damaged on a car in Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig on February 21.

Graffiti was reported and stones scattered around the Smiddy bistro in Lochgilphead on the evening of February 21.

On Saturday February 24, the parish church in Lochgilphead reported damage to small leaded windows with £500 worth of repairs needed.

Police are appealing for information regarding these and a spate of other incidents in Ardrishaig recently.

Car on roof

ON FRIDAY February 23, a driver went off the road at Cairnbaan corner and the vehicle ended up on its roof. There were no injuries.

Peace breached

A BREACH of the peace was reported on Sunday February 25 leading to the arrest of one male on Argyll Street.

Woman to hospital

On Monday February 26, a car went off the road 1 mile south of Auchindrain. The female driver was taken to hospital but was released with no injuries.

Lorry shed load

NORTH of Tarbert on Tuesday February 27, a lorry shed its load of slabs and breezeblocks. No incidents have been reported and police are still investigating the identity of the lorry.

Lochgilphead Police can be contacted on 01546 70 2200



St Margaret's church launched a recipe book on Saturday, which will raise funds to help the Mthuzi Centre. a09b0001

St Margaret's launch cook book

AT A coffee morning in Lochgilphead on Saturday (February 24), St Margaret's Church launched a recipe book to raise funds for the Mthuzi Centre.

The centre is run by the Comboni Mission and is on the outskirts of Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. It rehabilitates street kids who have been orphaned by HIV or AIDS or have found themselves on the streets due

to difficult family circumstances.

Last summer St Margaret's brought some of the boys from the centre to live with host families in Mid Argyll for a holiday. The boys met with many people in the community and played in friendly matches against local sports teams.

Collated

Theresa Sinclair of Kilmichael collated recipes

for the book from people throughout Mid Argyll. Piers Ranger, also of Kilmichael, did the layout and presentation. Both Theresa and Piers were part of host families when the boys visited.

The book includes some Italian recipes from Maria Guidi who used to have Tarbert café, Marjory Harvey's shortbread and Margaret Kent's tomato and lentil soup, amongst other gems.

The front cover shows a picture of a boy in the Mthuzi Centre at dinner, eating Nsima, which consists of porridge and cabbage. This is the typical daily meal for most Zambians.

All funds raised from the sale of the book, priced at £4.50, will go towards the centre.

The book can be bought by contacting Theresa, or through St Margaret's.

Thought for the Week

It won't be long until we see the first lambs in the fields and their antics will bring smiles to our faces. There are few things more delightful than watching a field of lambs enjoying themselves.

Jesus told of a shepherd who had a hundred sheep, one of which went missing.

Leaving the 99 he set out in search of the one that was lost. Perhaps someone told him not to be stupid, to be content with the 99 sheep he had and to forget about the stupid creature that had wandered off. But the shepherd in Jesus' story hunted until he found his lost sheep and

then gathered his friends together to celebrate with him. We are lost sheep. We've all left the straight and narrow, we've all wandered off, and every one of us deserves punishment. But on the cross Jesus, our shepherd, was punished in our place, so opening the way for those

who trust in him to receive forgiveness and a new beginning. We have a choice. We can either spend our lives looking back with regret or looking forward in faith to the Lord our Shepherd who will carry us safely home to heaven. (See Luke 15:3-7) **Irene Howat**

Young drivers sign up for sensible scheme

A SCHEME to encourage young people in Mid Argyll to drive sensibly will run again this year, following a successful start in 2006.

Constable Trish Collins of Strathclyde Police told members of Lochgilphead Community Council that this year's Young Drivers Scheme would cater for 16 people, but that the course was already over-subscribed. She also explained that last

year's scheme had been very successful, with the majority of those taking part reporting that their driving had improved as a result of attending.

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Ozzie recognises 'exotic' fish

AN AUSTRALIAN living in Ardrishaig recognised the 'exotic' fish we featured in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser.

The fish was washed up on the beach near Kilberry Head and Tim Jackson, owner of Port Ban Caravan Park, Kilberry, thought it might be a triggerfish, which could have come from the Caribbean.

Red Star's goal keeper, Luke Kalache said: 'It's a triggerfish. Back home in Australia we call them Leather Jackets. I looked them up on the internet, they're commonly known in UK waters.'

He said there were more than 80 different species of the fish, but that the Kilberry fish could be found in cold waters, between 50 and 120 metres deep.

Taking health lessons to heart



Lochgilphead Primary School's pupils were taking their lessons to heart on Valentine's Day, with a series of activities based around keeping their hearts healthy. As well as taking part in a sponsored skip in aid of the British Heart Foundation, pupils learnt about how to resuscitate someone who is ill and how to ensure they get enough exercise to maintain a healthy heart. Primary six pupils Duncan Clark, Emily West and Georgia Hepburn are seen here learning about healthy eating. a08hea01

Lochgilphead chewing gum problem

THE STICKY and unsightly problem of discarded chewing gum on Lochgilphead's streets was discussed last week by members of the town's community council.

Members agreed that the problem had worsened in recent years, and that efforts should be made to remove the gum from pavements in the town centre.

Chairman Eric Box told his fellow community councillors that he had discussed the issue with Donnie McLeod, Argyll and Bute Council's area roads and amenity services manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, who had advised that a machine used in Campbeltown for removing gum from pavements could soon be in use in Lochgilphead.

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Furnace is an Eco school



Furnace Primary School unveil their new flag to show their Eco School status. a09eco01

FURNACE Primary School has been granted an Eco Schools Green Flag award in recognition of its commitment to the environment.

The school pupils were praised for all their eco work including organising a transport survey and looking after the garden, even decorat-

ing their Christmas tree with recycled bags! They have also set up a wormery and sell the fertiliser to parents and friends.

Environmental Education Co-ordinator Gillian Stevenson said: 'Furnace Primary really is a good example of how Eco Schools can be

incorporated into everyday life at the school.' The Green Flag is valid for two years then it will be re-assessed.

Future

The school will have to show that its environmental work has been maintained and future plans have been progressed to achieve

its second flag. Fyne Homes has donated a flagpole to display their status after a pupil recently named its new housing development in the village.

Mrs Gillies said: 'I've learned a lot from this, not just the pupils. They've all done very well.'

Boost for Tayvallich Village Hall

TAYVALLICH Village Hall Committee has received another boost to its coffers with a £6788 award from LloydsTSB Foundation for Scotland.

The funds will go towards covering the costs of floodlighting the all-weather multi-purpose sports pitch which is to be built adjacent to the hall.

Donated

The award follows a grant given by Sportscotland

a few weeks ago and the base for the court and car parking donated by contractors George Leslie.

Committee chairperson Lorna McKellar said: 'We've a good donation from LloydsTSB but we've still got a lot of fundraising to do. Some of the funding we've been offered comes with a lot of conditions attached so there's still a long way to go.'



Job prospects showcased

Ian Wilson, modern apprentice trainer with the Forestry, supervises Ian Smith, apprentice forest manager, as he moves logs on a forwarder simulator. a09emp01

Tarbert's floating restaurant

THE TWO people planning to open a floating restaurant in Tarbert Harbour have spoken to *The Advertiser* about their plans.

Michael Casey and Linda Garwood have applied to harbour trustees to berth a Dutch Barge in the harbour which will operate as a licensed seafood café.

They plan to bring the boat, a 1920's steel Luxe Motor Barge, across the North Sea, through the Caley canal and round the Mull of Kintyre to Tarbert where they hope to establish a small restaurant serving local seafood in a relaxed European-style atmosphere.

'The logistics of buying a 100 foot Dutch barge in Holland and bringing her to Argyll are quite daunting' said Linda, who is a dentist in Tarbert. 'However there are already several of these vessels which have been brought over to Scotland. In fact, Dutch barges are a common sight on the Great

□ 'It's not as if we want to plonk an ocean-going liner on the quayside'

Glen where a handful operate as hotel-ships. And there is even a barge trading as a café/bar at Laggan Locks.'

The riveted-steel barge has a flat bottom allowing it to be moored in an area of the harbour which is shallow at most low tides and not currently used by boats for berthing. 'These boats were designed for shallow water and sitting on the seabed,' said Michael Casey, a free-lance sound designer. 'Dutch barges are ideal for this kind of use as they have a large hold with a flat floor making them easy to convert. This boat we are purchasing is already converted and currently operates passenger excursions in north Holland.'

Michael and Linda intend

to tap in to the boundless supply of local shellfish, most of which is exported from Scotland. 'It's frustrating that you can't buy a couple of prawns, 'tapas style' with a glug of wine, when you've just seen them being landed from a boat. And what could be better then being able to eat them on a boat in the harbour?' Michael said.

Linda said that Dutch barges are very sturdy and have a low freeboard allowing easy access to the deck from the quayside. 'The low profile of this boat makes it ideal for Tarbert harbour because it won't make a huge visual impact. It's not as if we want to plonk an ocean-going liner on the quayside and block out the view, she said.

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THE OPPORTUNITIES that Mid Argyll folk have for improving their job prospects were showcased at an event in Tarbert on Tuesday February 20.

Employers and education providers took part in an interactive event in the Templar Hall.

It was organised by Mid Argyll Employment Network. The group wanted to offer opportunities to those who have suffered setbacks in turning their knowledge and skills into employment.

It also aimed to help those who had ideas and wanted to take them to the next stage.

Argyll and Bute Council's Growing Our Own initiative was represented, as well as Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry Commission Scotland, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), Riverside Rascals and others.

Education providers taking part included: The Employability Team, Argyll Training and Job Centre plus.

Giving advice to those considering setting up their own business were the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

The Mid Argyll Employment Network includes: NHS Highland, Working Links, Careers Scotland which is part of Highlands and Islands Enterprise Argyll and the Islands, Argyll Training, Employability Team and Job Centre Plus.

Counselling Diploma coming to Lochgilphead?

A COUNSELLING Diploma may soon be available in Lochgilphead if enough people show an interest in the course.

Argyll College is hopeful it will have the course up and running in the autumn for the start of the next academic year, subject to academic approval.

Skills

At the moment, Argyll College offers courses in 'Counselling Skills' and an 'Introduction to Counselling'. Students then have to travel to Glasgow or Edinburgh to study for the Diploma. Providing this in Lochgilphead is seen as the next logical step.

Distress

In addition to making the training more accessible, organisers hope it will increase the number of counsellors available in the area to offer support to those in emotional or psychological distress.

Anyone interested in the course should contact Argyll College for further information.

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President visits Ayrshire breeders AGM

THE KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its 35th annual general meeting at the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, when Hamish Smith, chairman welcomed 17 members and friends.

After reviewing the club activities during 2006, he thanked all present for their support for, and interest in, the club's affairs.

Archie Reid, treasurer reported a surplus of £184.37 on the year's workings and was thanked for his careful

work during the last 12 months.

The guest speaker was the society president David Dickie from Knockenjig, Sanquhar. He brought members a most interesting insight into current society business as well as answering all questions most ably.

Members were also entertained to a review of how his family had developed their farming enterprise in Dumfriesshire since his grandfather had left Killeonan Farm near Campbeltown in 1901 for pastures new.



Graeme Pirie, Sandy Pirie, Alan Nicol and Robert Mitchell at the Sheep ID rules meeting organised by The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department which was held at the White Hart, Campbeltown, on Monday. The meeting allowed producers the chance to ask questions and address questions about sheep identification. Topics such as the amalgamation of holdings or the five-mile concession were explained and clarified. c09frm01



David Dickie, president of the Ayrshire Breeders presented the stockjudging trophies to members of the Kintyre and district club. Nicola Gilmour, left, of Largiemore Farm, won the Alta Genetics Cup for most points in the 14-26 age group. James Barr of Clochkeil Farm won the ACSCup for most points overall. c09ayr01

Shows under threat from proposals

THE FUTURE of agricultural shows on the west coast could be at risk next year if new regulations to combat animal disease are approved.

The Scottish Executive is proposing 'biosecurity' regulations for all types of animal gatherings be it agricultural shows, sheepdog trials or large scale livestock shows.

One of the regulations would see all livestock being banned from land used for an agricultural show 27 days before and 27 days after an event.

But the National Farmers Union of Scotland (NFUS) is proposing that the restrictions be cut to 21 days before the event and restrictions after the event should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis depend-

ing on specific risks.

A number of shows rely on farmers to give up their land for a day to host the event and a ban on livestock from using the land could prevent this from happening.

The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD) met with around 150 representatives from 80 different agricultural events in Ingliston earlier this year. Results from a survey carried out at the meeting showed that 74 per cent of the representatives felt the rules would affect their events' viability.

The chairman of the Bunessan Show on Mull, Ronnie Campbell, believes the regulations could affect their event in summer 2008.

Bunessan Show is held on land owned by

the Duke of Argyll and worked by tenant farmer James Fisher.

Mr Campbell said: 'Next year is going to be the problem. We would have to fence off where the show takes place and keep stock off it. This is of great interest to rural areas. I went to the Lochaber, Strontian, Salen and the Road to the Isles shows last year which were terrific.'

With the Scottish Parliaments and council elections in May, Mr Campbell believes the issue should be pressed home to politicians before they begin their electioneering.

The Road to the Isles Agricultural Show which only started 11 years ago is held in Camusdarach each June. It is open to producers from an area including

Knoydart, the Small Isles, Arisaig, Morar, parts of Ardnarmurchan, Glenfinnan and Banavie. Chairman Bill Henderson says the event will go ahead in June as normal but feels the proposed regulations could make things difficult in 2008.

He said: 'It is not so bad before the show; the problem is after the event. We hold the show on Andrew and Angela Simpson's land where they have Hebridean sheep. But after the show in June the grass is starting to grow and they would need the ground.'

'We are all for disease control but we are fairly isolated here. We always use footbaths but it is up to the public to use them. We need licences for the show and there is a lot of paperwork now, we are lucky that Andrew does a lot of it.'

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Invaders

THE first meeting of Argyll's Invasive Species Forum took place in Inveraray this week.

There were no sightings of any extra terrestrial beings in the Royal Burgh but a commitment by various organisations and individuals to tackle alien species which threaten Argyll's native species.

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Time for Action in Argyll

THE PEOPLE and businesses of Mid Argyll are getting behind plans to improve the health of the area.

They are all signing up to take part in Action Argyll, a week-long event that will encourage healthy eating and exercise for all ages and fitness levels.

The event is the brain-child of Lilia Sinclair, a Lochgilphead woman who is passionate about improving Scotland's health.

Lilia is currently studying a clinical diploma in nutritional healing. She taught aerobics at Mid Argyll Sports Centre for years and owns Heaven Salon in Ardrishaig, so health has always been high on her agenda.

Lilia said: 'Our Scottish health record is one of the worst in the world. Not only is this embarrassing, it is terrifying for our children, families and friends. This will not improve without effort, willpower and education.'

Awareness

Lilia has got together with Kirsty Simpson of the Mid Argyll Public Health initiative to organise a fun, awareness week.

Taking place from Monday April 30 until Sunday May 6, the whole community is being asked to get involved.

Businesses which provide sit-in or carry-out food have agreed to provide an exciting, healthy option on each day of the week.

Lilia said: 'It's all about trying to change attitudes. You ask the kids what their favourite lunch-time choice is, they say chips and cheese. You ask them what their

second choice would be, they say chips and curry sauce.'

The Stables Restaurant in Lochgilphead owned by Kerry Russell is one of the businesses taking part. Kerry said: 'I think people should have the option. However they usually don't take the healthy option but at least we are providing it for them.'

Lilia is hoping that local businesses will work towards the Scottish Executive's Healthy Living Award. The award is the sign of healthier food when eating out in Scotland, whether that be in a workplace canteen, local sandwich shop, café or restaurant.

As well as promoting healthy eating, the week will also provide the chance to get active with surfing, golf, biking, hiking, bowling, sailing, jogging, dog walking, frisbee and much more in the pipeline.

Forestry Commission Scotland is also planning to get involved, with ideas such as tai chi in the forest, orienteering, dog walking, frisbee and much more in the pipeline.

A juicing demonstration showing the health benefits of fruit and vegetables will be held towards the end of the week, on Thursday May 3, then Heaven will launch its new collection 'Isolation' on Friday May 4.

To finish the week a mini music festival will take place in the Argyll Hotel Lochgilphead with top bands booked for Friday to Sunday. Joining the fun will be *Framed*, *Vagabonds*, *Random Bloke*, and Adam and friends.



Lilia Sinclair wants to see Action in Argyll over Scotland's health record. a091101

Early bus to Glasgow

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Council raised the possibility of an early morning bus to Glasgow at a transport meeting held last week.

At a meeting of the community council on Monday February 12, Elaine Vassie asked members whether they thought a bus leaving Lochgilphead at around 7am would be a viable option.

Those present agreed that her suggestion could be explored, and that the idea should be raised at Argyll and Bute Council's local transport strategy consultation at Lochgilphead Community Centre on Tuesday February 20.

Tayvallich's night at the races



Some of the fabulous hats that were on display when Tayvallich Sailing Club held a race night in the village recently. a071ay02

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ARIES

There can be a sense of tension, even oppression. Internally this can see you feeling more anxious than usual but can also see you keen to liberate yourself from situations which you believe are unfair. If you feel under the weather don't hesitate from seeking out the advice of a health practitioner. Romantically, one new person can prove sincere. Call me to handle this weeks Full Moon....

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)
09111 767 272

TAURUS

Someone will be working valiantly on your behalf but for now they may not be keen to let you in on exactly why. Equally you may have to invest trust in someone, before you are really sure of their motives. All this can be a bit like an audition. If you pass it, then they'll reveal their hand. Socially, plans can be off and on. Call me to hear who can be so good for you....

(Apr 21 - May 21)
09111 767 273

GEMINI

Your ruler continues to spin backwards but at least now it's better placed for you. Travel plans that were off will alter but stand a good chance of happening in March - and especially by mid-month when constraints will melt away. A new friend made this week could turn out to have a long term role in your world. Call to hear why Mars can bring so much magic to you this month....

(May 22 - June 21)
09111 767 274

CANCER

The Full Moon pushes issues out into the open that you might prefer to keep hidden under the carpet. You can be mistrustful of those who are overly direct but it can benefit you if you accept that we live in a modern world, and Freedom of Information is a basic tenant of it. As long as you're not defensive, a frank debate can work out well. Call me to get the inside story....

(June 22 - July 22)
09111 767 275

LEO

If you and someone you care deeply for have found yourselves at other ends of the settee - or worse, be assured things can improve - provided you can shrug-off putting mutual guilt trips on one another. This can also be a week when your taste for competitive action, grows by the day. This can also see you acquisitive in love. Call your Leo prediction line for more insights....

(July 23 - Aug 23)
09111 767 276

VIRGO

Energy is still at a premium or is it because someone is having such a dazzling impact on you that you are set to go weak at the knees? If you are solo, your eye can certainly wander, in fact you can find it wandering to more than one person! Settled? That may prove to be a euphemism - such are the restless vibes set to buzz around you. Call me for your financial scope in full....

(Aug 24 - Sep 23)
09111 767 277

LIBRA

Sir Bob Geldof and Ghandi spring to mind as Libran's protective of other's rights. And of course when shaken you can be stirred into making bold stands for your own. This week you may decide you need to, especially if you feel that someone is taking your good nature for granted, be it at work or by leaving all the chores to you at home. Call me to hear how love can blossom....

(Sept 24 - Oct 23)
09111 767 278

SCORPIO

If you and that family member or close friend are still to sit down and sort out that misunderstanding, it will be you who loses out as much as they. Not least your health can bear the brunt of any nervous tension. And do you know a solution may yet come up in this situation, but one you or they hadn't thought of before. Call to hear why such a lot of switchbacks can now occur....

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)
09111 767 279

SAGITTARIUS

You could feel unsettled. For others it can be hard to know whether to leave you in peace and quiet or to reach out to you. If you feel cramped at home or at work, you could feel much more tetchy than usual. And yet, if you can overcome moodiness, you can end the week in a much better frame of mind. Sports activities can also soothe.

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)
09111 767 280

CAPRICORN

If someone is still playing games over cash or a possession they owe you, they'll soon regret it as you show a very much feistier side of your nature. Where as a rule you may be inclined to keep your own counsel, now you are going to want to speak out - even if it does rock the boat. If you're travelling this week, do pace your journey. Call to hear why life's pleasures can so appeal....

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)
09111 767 281

AQUARIUS

With Mars getting a firmer toe hold in your sign, any frustrations that have held you back this year are unlikely to do so now - provided you can fight off the limiting energy of Saturn on Neptune which stresses the need for realism and to focus your energies. The latter part of the week can be particularly promising romantically wise. Call me to get your lovescope in full....

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)
09111 767 282

PISCES

There is something potentially tricky that you'd rather avoid looking at. If you bury your head in the sand you're not going to find the answers. But be aware of what is coming up on your flanks. Your desire to separate yourself from past associations is unlikely to occur without any fallout what-so-ever. Be realistic about this. Call me if someone from your past is a bugbear....

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)
09111 767 283

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Down Memory Lane



Mrs Mackay of Ardrishaig submitted this photograph of people at Lochgilhead Mod in 1967. It shows, back row from left: Nan Menzies, ??, Margaret MacLean, Rosemary Black. Front row: Sandra Mackay (Mrs Mackay's daughter), ??.

Why not share your old photographs with our readers? Send them to us at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilhead, PA31 8NB.

Climate change

Sir,
I was interested to read Deirdre Henderson's letter about global warming (February 16), I too believe that, as individuals, there is much that we can do to reduce our waste of finite resources.

It is encouraging to read of schools who are making children aware of these problems (namely Achahoish, February 16).

However there is another way, equally important, in which we can act. I am a member of the World Development Movement. Along with other organisations - Oxfam, Christian Aid, UNISON and many others - they are uniting to run a campaign on 'Climate Change'.

WDM has worked hard over the years to win justice for the world's poorest people. They mobilise public pressure on governments and companies to change the policies that keep people poor and they have achieved a great deal through their campaigns.

Here in the UK coping with climate change will be a challenge for all of us. But for people in developing countries, already struggling to cope with decades of inescapable poverty, it could be catastrophic.

The government's recently announced climate change bill is

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only setting long-term targets for carbon emission cuts. That lets them delay taking action for years to come and passes the buck to future governments and generations. But we must act now. We CAN stop catastrophic climate changes if our government lives by its promises and leads the way by reducing emissions NOW.

If anyone would like to take action on this serious threat to our world, there will be cards to send to the Prime Minister in Ardrishaig Post Office, Lochgilhead Post Office, Ardrishaig church and Lochgilhead library.

Mary Stirling, Ardrishaig Harbour board on the barge

Sir,
Further to your article on the application to moor a floating restaurant in Tarbert Harbour, may I take this opportunity to outline the process that the harbour board intend to follow to allow all objections to be fully considered.

The board has advertised the application to allow any objections or comments to be lodged

and consideration will now be given to them by the trustees. (This does beg the question as to why some people on reading the advert should complain about a lack of consultation. How else is the board expected to consult at this stage?)

The objections received will now be considered by the trustees and discussed with the applicant with a view to how they might be overcome. If it is necessary they will be discussed further with the objector. The harbour board will also ask for the views of the relevant stakeholders at its next meeting with the consultation group (a body set up to represent all of the stakeholder groups who have an interest in harbour business.)

A petition with some 200 signatories, together with around 70 objections/comments have been received, many of which favour the application. In view of the level of interest shown the board has decided to hold a public meeting after the further consultation referred to above has been completed. The board will then reach its decision.

In dealing with this application the board has been attempting

to consult as widely as possible and to be as open and transparent as it can be to ensure that the applicant is dealt with fairly and that the community and other stakeholders have an opportunity to air their views. Any accusations to the contrary are clearly unfounded. There is no statutory duty on the board to undertake this level of consultation.

May I also take this opportunity to allay some of the fears expressed by many of the objectors. Scrutiny of the drawings that were made available for inspection shows that the barge would be connected to both the public power supply and sewage systems. There is therefore no fear of any noise from generators or sewage in the harbour.

Alan Macdonald, Chairman, Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority

Who cares about the elderly?

Sir,
Who cares? You ask. Councillor Macaskill says Argyll and Bute authority cares.

Would that be the same authority at the centre of

a national crisis because of its policy on personal care for the elderly?

Or that same authority which has withdrawn home help from swathes of the old and infirm; that only last week sent a letter to those same old people threatening withdrawal of the operator collection of refuse bins from their homes?

Is it the same authority which charges an eye-watering £35,000 per year for a place in its care homes - one of the highest charges in Scotland and far above the national average of £25,000?

And could it be the same authority that, when old people understandably have to sell their homes and possessions to pay these charges, secretly obtains a legal charge to secure their hold on the estate, a clandestine act which leaves the old and their families feeling dirtied and somehow criminalised?

Who cares?
The care staff in the homes care. The home helps care. Their work at the hard end is greatly appreciated.

The same cannot be said for the leaders and policy makers in the authority. The sooner someone with vision grasps that the administration and management of care for the old in Argyll and Bute is not fit for purpose the better for us all.

Norman Rea, Tayvallich

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Lochgilphead High School news

Practice makes perfect for pupils raising cash for kids cancer charity

IF PRACTICE makes perfect, the musicians of Lochgilphead High School instrumental department could be flawless by next week.

The school has been taking part in a sponsored practice-a-thon for two weeks culminating in a concert in the school on Wednesday March 7.

Motivate

It is hoped that this will motivate the students to keep up the practice and to give them the opportunity to perform.

It will also celebrate the hard work and talents of the many instrumental students in the area and include pupils from various primary schools in Mid Argyll.

Charity

The concert and practice-a-thon aim to raise funds for the children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent and awareness of their work. The performance, entitled 'A celebration of music', will start at 7pm.



From left: Andrew McCulloch, Bethan Phillips, Lorna Semple, Rachel Dickie, instrumental instructor Mr Darren Tarn and Lawrence Goringe. a07mus01

3 XL class raises cash for RNLI

AFTER their busiest year on record, the RNLI will be grateful for the funding efforts of Lochgilphead High School.

The school's 3 XL class organised and took part in the RNLI SOS fundraising day recently, raising £445.53.

They planned a 'non-school uniform' day with all pupils who took part donating £1. Shoelaces from the RNLI were sold during break.

The money donated will fund vital training for the volunteer lifeboat crews

and help save 22 lives every day.

Pupils were given a presentation by Ronnie McKillop, Coxswain for Oban lifeboat station, and retired crew member Willie Melville on the work of the RNLI.

The school has a number of associations with the RNLI with staff member Margaret Donaldson currently the president of Mid Argyll/Ardrishaig lifeboats and maths teacher Lesley McGarry a volunteer crew member for 3 years in Helensburgh.



Lochgilphead High School's 3 XL class with RNLI representatives and teachers Bernine Powys and former lifeboat volunteer Lesley McGarry. a05ml01

Drama group enters Shakespeare festival

LOCHGILPHEAD High School's third year drama group recently entered the Shakespeare Drama Festival.

An annual event, 25,000 students from all over the UK perform a play of their choice in front of the paying public at a professional theatre.

The Lochgilphead group performed The Taming of the Shrew at the MacRoberts Theatre, Stirling.

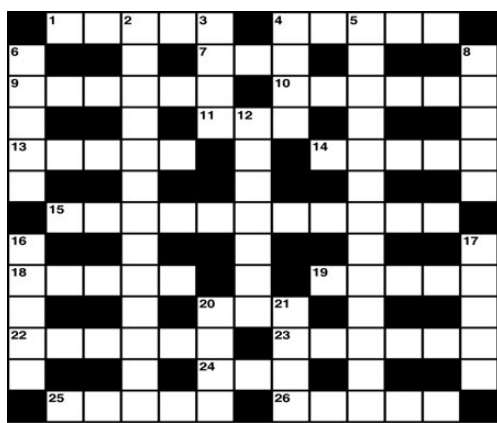
Three other groups were taking part and the standard was very high but the group rose to the occasion and entertained the audience with a mixture of comedy and drama.

The cast were praised by the assessor for their vibrant, colourful production and good ensemble work.

The group performed the play again for locals in the high school on Thursday February 8.



The Lochgilphead drama group members who entered the Shakespeare Drama Festival. a07shr01



THE THINKER

ACROSS
 1 I can't cope with fun (5)
 4 Punishment on a fishing vessel (5)
 7 Ring the Queen, encountering little resistance (3)
 9 Avoiding risk, he'll draw back after firm start (6)
 10 Referee in trial noticed jump I refused (6)
 11 Suitable for a part-time job (3)
 13 It's wrong to involve novice in safe-cracking (5)
 14 I'm back twice with carbon copy (5)
 15 Exciting pop trio is on offer (11)
 18 Find value in slow or thick employees (5)
 19 First communication can be a telegram (5)
 20 Copy article on physical education (3)
 22 Sadly return morning greeting (6)
 23 Evil doings newsman covered (6)
 24 Emotion that is about right (3)
 25 Pal lacking character is a devil (5)
 26 Analysing sin in religion class proves a wash-out (5)

DOWN
 2 Food venue reports fat can cause damage (9,4)
 3 Final passage for the cryptographer, we hear (4)
 4 Filthy humour must be cleared up (4)
 5 Claim a point if suffering enlargement (13)
 6 Self catering not available - eat all you can (5)
 8 Clearing up sauce boat (5)
 12 Standard cut for the vegetable (7)
 16 Stylish show starts with a request (5)
 17 Get flexible by gripping an object (5)
 20 Advert includes road running through (4)
 21 Never? Almost always (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 2.Urge 4.Ormer 7.Hop 9.Meant 10.Orate
 11.Satyr 12.Edit 13.Ideal 15.Roles 16.Gusto 18.Plume
 20.Pubs 21.Oomph 22.Ducat 23.Okapi 24.Rev 25.Horse
 26.Bail
DOWN: 1.Whooping cough 2.Update 3.Game 4.Outstrip
 5.Mortal 6.Retrospective 8.Candelabras 14.Loophole
 17.Simmer 19.Uncurl 22.Diva

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Phoenix Accordion and Fiddle Club

IT WAS very much the same again on the first Wednesday of the month.

Same venue – the Argyll Arms Hotel in Ardrishaig. Same starting time – 8pm. Same format – local players doing their stuff, up 'til guest artiste time, in their two separate spots.

Different
 All those similarities, but once again the evening was still different, perhaps due to the choice of guest artistes, very much a local based band, The Archie MacVicar Trio.

In their two spots they showed that quality bands are very much alive and kicking in this neck of the woods and going local is no bad thing.

The trio was made up of Archie on midi accordion, Donald Chisholm on fiddle and Ryan McGlynn on drums.

Supporting local artists excelled as usual. Those appearing were, on accordion: Fraser McGlynn, Rodger Gillespie (Campbeltown), Johnny Fisher, Ryan McGlynn, and on fiddles Roddy MacCallum (Campbeltown) and Archie MacAllister.

Drummers on stage in various combinations were Donald MacDonald, Sandy MacDonald, Johnny Fisher, Ryan McGlynn, with the club's own Sandy Black doing sterling work on his big fiddle.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 7 when special guests will be The Dun Mor Ceilidh Band, with a few surprises as well.

Clachan Calamities coming to Tarbert

CLACHAN Calamities are coming to Tarbert to support the Tarbert Village Hall renovation Fund.

They are bringing their hilarious family pantomime Aladdin to the hall on Saturday March 10.

Funds
 Director Lesley Kean said: 'The hall committee has asked us to come and help them raise funds for their hall renovation fund. 'This will be the first time we have performed in Tarbert and we're hoping to be able to give them a great night.'

She added: 'We need the support of the people of Tarbert to make it successful.'

Many familiar faces are in the cast, including Margaret Henderson playing the Dame, Peter Rocket as Wishy Washy, Arthur Duff as Abanazar and Caeleigh Kean as Aladdin.

Tickets priced at £5 are on sale at Clachan Filling Station and John Hunt's, Tarbert. Pre-school children go free. For more information call Lesley Kean on 01880 740 203.

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Apocalypto (18) As the Mayan kingdom faces its decline, the rulers insist the key to prosperity is to build more temples and offer human sacrifices. Jaguar Paw (Youngblood), a young man captured for sacrifice, flees to avoid his fate. When the end comes, not everyone is ready to go.

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Phoenix Accordion and Fiddle Club
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 Wednesday 7th March 8pm

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 All players welcome

In aid of Tarbert Village Hall Renovation Fund

Clachan Calamities
 has been invited by Tarbert Village Hall to present out world famous adaptation of David Swan's

Aladdin

Saturday 10th March 7.30pm Tarbert Village Hall
 Tickets £5 pre-school children - free
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Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall
 Saturday 3rd March
 12 - 2.30pm

Saturday 3rd March
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Set sail for the season

Up and down the West Highlands boat owners are coming out of their winter hibernation and starting to prepare for the mammoth task of fitting out for launching.

Make no mistake, do a good job now of getting your boat ready and it will pay dividends for you all season long; skimp and it'll catch up with you when you least expect, or want, it too.

First things first, if your boat is in a yard find out your lift-in date - you've got that deadline to work to. Remember also that

sail lofts are often under pressure at this time of year so get in there first! Sails must be taken out of their stowage and checked over for wear. It is always advisable to get a professional sail-maker to see to this. Even the slightest tear must be repaired and if new sails are needed get that order in quickly.

Right now, it might all look overwhelming, but planning, preparation and priorities will make the whole job far less daunting.

Start by cleaning the hull and repairing any scratches

and gauges with the appropriate products.

On wooden boats, sanding or touching-up the hull may be required. When sound, the hull should be polished and a protective wax applied and you'll keep it looking pristine throughout the season. Your chandler has an extensive range of products and the expert advice.

The bottom should have been scrubbed and cleaned pre-lay up to remove as much of the old anti-fouling as possible; work on the bottom is very important. Don't forget that your

choice of anti-fouling are dictated by use and there is a wide range of finishes available from specialist racing to cruising.

Make sure the keel shows no signs of rusting or pitting; if there are then make sure you treat the problem appropriately.

Replace the anode as necessary.

Check the rudder and skeg fittings for any signs of wear and tear and check also the propeller and grease well.

Once all that is in order and all is well, anti-fouling can be applied by brush or roller. It goes without saying that you should remember to read the product instructions or application and use protective clothing... you'd be surprised how many people don't. If all else fails, read the instructions.

Next turn your attention to the engine and get it well looked over. Is an oil and filter change in order? Remember, those orange-coloured boats have RNLI written on them, not RAC. Don't let your engine down now and it won't let you down later.

Check the stern gear and all hose and electrical connections for wear, and grease appropriately. Grease seacocks and see that bilge-pumps are working effectively.

Where gas is used the system should be inspected annual to comply with regulations.

Be sure to engage a professional if unable to undertake any task yourself.

Batteries should be charged.

All deck gear should be overhauled. Decks and cockpits scrubbed down

and wood varnished as required.

It is essential to check all the rigging and where there are signs of wear and tear, replace as necessary.

The masthead light, aerial, wind instruments and all blocks and fittings are easier to check and repair before the mast is stepped. That also applies to all sheets, halyards and fenders.

Look over anchors, chain and replace if there is any corrosion visible and make sure all deck fittings are working properly.

Now you can move inside and set to work giving everything a good clean up. Get into all the lockers and bilges as well as the galley area.

Winter-tired paintwork can be freshened and GRP polished.

Woodwork should be varnished lightly each year; hatches and lockers should be checked to see they are all operating smoothly.

Berth cushions and such like should be cleaned.

This is the time in proceedings to re-install any navigation and communication equipment that was removed for winter; make sure the connections are checked.

Fire extinguishers and flares should be renewed and required, lifejackets inflated to check for leaks

and life rafts serviced.

Rubber dinghies should be cleaned, outboard motors serviced with the boat's name marked on them. Every year, without fail The Oban Times police file section carries reports of dinghies and outboard engines falling prey to light-fingered individuals. Do a spot of crime prevention now and it could save you an insurance claim.

Each boat should have an inventory of where everything is stowed so that in an emergency items can be found more quickly.

All boat equipment should now be installed.

There you have it, your pride and joy is smart, safe, fresh and inviting for the start of the 2006 season. All that hard work is going to be rewarded with some great days on the water.

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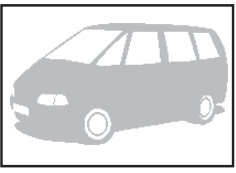
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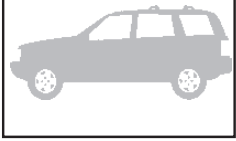
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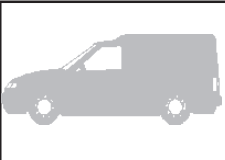
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PLANNING

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. 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: 07/00305/DET**
Applicant: Serenity:The Beauty Shop
Proposal: Repaint shopfront
Site Address: Serenity:The Beauty Room 4 Burnside Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6JE
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
Closing date: 23.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00305/DET**
Applicant: Serenity:The Beauty Shop
Proposal: Repaint shopfront
Site Address: Serenity:The Beauty Room 4 Burnside Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6JE
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
S60 Setting of Listed Bldg Ad - 21 Days
Closing date: 23.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00313/DET**
Applicant: Ormsary Estate Office
Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Site Address: Ormsary Estate Office Ormsary Argyll And Bute PA31 8PE
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days
Closing date: 16.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00314/LIB**
Applicant: Mrs J M Hobbs
Proposal: Alterations to wall to form entrance
Site Address: Beach Hill Low Askomil Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6EP
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
Closing date: 23.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00307/LIB**
Applicant: Crook's Emporium
Proposal: Erection of new signage (retrospective) and erection of canopies
Site Address: 61 - 63 Longrow Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6ER
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
Closing date: 23.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00308/DET**
Applicant: Crook's Emporium
Proposal: Erection of canopies on shopfront
Site Address: 61 - 63 Longrow Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6ER
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
S60 Setting of Listed Bldg Ad - 21 Days
Closing date: 23.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00309/COU**
Applicant: Ms Christine Doogan
Proposal: Change of use and alterations of outbuildings to form dwelling house - amended proposal
Site Address: Bothy Old Dairy East Trodoyal Farm Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
Closing date: 16.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00322/DET**
Applicant: Ormsary Farmers
Proposal: Erection of 8 dwelling houses and installation of shared biological treatment plant - amended proposal
Site Address: Land Around Football Pitch Achahoish Ormsary Argyll And Bute PA31 8PE
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 Advert - 14 Days
Closing date: 16.03.2007
- **Ref No: 07/00323/DET**
Applicant: Ormsary Farmers
Proposal: Erection of 6 dwelling houses
Site Address: Land East Of 1-3 Ionad Shomhairlie Achahoish Argyll PA31 8PD
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 Advert - 14 Days
Closing date: 16.03.2007

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. 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.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 06/02548/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs J Broly
Proposal: Erection of 4 dwelling houses - Policies Contravened - POL RUR1 and RUR2 of the Mid Argyll Local Plan
Site Address: Land North Of 7 Torran Mhor Ford Argyll And Bute PA31 8LJ
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 18 Local Plan Departure Adv 21)
Closing Date: 23.03.2007

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

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (ROUTE B8024 GLENRALLOCH, TARBERT) (WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (REVOCATION) ORDER 200_

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to revoke the existing Order, which will remove the current 25 tonnes maximum gross weight restriction on a section of the Kilberry Road (Route B8024), near Glenralloch, Tarbert. Full details of these proposals, which form the proposed "The Argyll and Bute Council (Route B8024 Glenralloch, Tarbert)(Weight Restriction)(Revocation) Order 200_" together with a plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, are available for inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the following offices:

- (i) Area Manager, Roads and Amenity Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead;
- (ii) Tarbert Post Office, The Rest, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert;
- (iii) Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Democratic Service and Governance, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll by 23rd March 2007.

Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD, Argyll, PA31 8RD

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Finding your property

TAKE a good look at what is available before setting your requirements as to house and price.

Remember that beautiful scenery in spring or summer may turn bleak in winter and the beautiful flower garden will fade.

If you are new to the area, consider short-term renting first, if you can until you get a real impression of your chosen area.

Don't be put off by appearances; a badly presented house could be a bargain.

Buying to let can be a worthwhile investment.

Title conditions

There may be conditions attached to titles, restricting what you can do, but don't assume you have to put up with awkward or out of date conditions.

With flats, know what your share is of the cost of maintaining common parts and the roof.

Prices

Houses advertised at "offers over" a certain figure may go for less, or much more.

It depends on the interest from purchasers at the time, the state of the local market, and the seller's attitude.

A fixed price may be fixed more in despair than in expectation; and it may be the cue for a quick bargain.

Sometimes, carefully quizzing the seller can help you find out what price may be acceptable.

You cannot bid '£100 more than the highest offer you have received'.

Where the price is over £60,000, it should be split between the building and the contents, since only the former bears stamp duty.

Help in the purchase

Most solicitors will give you a free interview to discuss your



requirements for house purchase

Ask a solicitor to "note interest" to help ensure the house is not sold before you can bid.

Don't offer without a survey, unless the house is new or nearly new and you don't need a mortgage.

If an estate agent of-

fers to arrange the survey for you, decline. It is safer for your solicitor to instruct a surveyor

Don't skimp on surveys. Remember how much money you are thinking of committing for a purchase.

Valuations can be 10% or even more than 20% at variance with what

people are willing to pay.

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is nothing to prevent such use in the title deeds or local planning regulations.

Once missives (the offer, acceptance and further formal letters) have been concluded by the solicitors, both you and the sellers are locked into a contract and risk substantial penalties on default, even though you have signed nothing.

It may be worth putting the house in one spouse's name alone if the other has a lot of capital in a business or other property.

Ask your solicitor about what will happen if you or your partner / spouse dies while you jointly own the property.

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The lender has the right to sell your house if you

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Save on extra fees and charges by avoiding 100 per cent or nearly 100 per cent mortgages if you can.

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Don't accept the first offer of a mortgage without checking whether you can get a better deal elsewhere.

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Ref 92-SB
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Ref 94-SB
 Applications are invited for the positions of Seasonal Port Assistant based at Tarbert, Loch Fyne from 30 March until 30 October 2007. Reporting to the Port Manager, you will require a flexible approach to your day-to-day responsibilities. You will deal with customer enquiries and assist in sales of passenger/vehicle tickets; cash handling and other duties as required by the Port Manager. You must be computer literate, with excellent verbal and written communication skills. You are expected to have a flexible approach to working as shift and weekend work will be involved. You must be customer focused, have a clear understanding of the customer interface and have a proactive approach to customer care.

If you are interested in this position, please respond by sending your CV quoting the appropriate reference number/s 92-SB - 94-SB no later than Friday 16th March 2007 to:
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Ref: RS0298

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REF: RS0298

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Further information about the post and application procedures is available on our website at www.LTScotland.org.uk/vacancies alternatively, please contact Gael Inglis, Resourcing Officer, Learning and Teaching Scotland, Gardyne Road, Dundee, DD5 1NY. Email: g.inglis@LTScotland.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 16 March, 2007 at 12 noon

Gheibhear barrachd fiosrachaidh mun dreuchd air an làrach-lìn againn aig www.LTScotland.org.uk/vacancies air neo, cur brath gu Gael Inglis, Oifeagair Stòrais, Ionnsachadh is Teagaisg Alba, Gardyne Road, Dùn Dè, DD5 1NY. Post-d: g.inglis@LTScotland.org.uk
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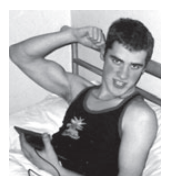
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BIRTHS



LAW - John Law and Natalie Armour are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their baby daughter Katie Anne Law, born on February 7, 2007, granddaughter for Anne and Peter Law, Ardrihaig and Mark Gilchrist and the late Mary Gilchrist, Glasgow. Thanks to the midwives at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A special thanks to Dr Haxton.

REID - HOLBROOK - David and Jo are delighted to announce the birth of Oliver, on February 11, 2007, a wee brother for James. Thanks to all Campbeltown midwives, especially Elspeth, also to Ruth and the ambulance crew in Lochgilphead and all at R.A.H.

ENGAGEMENTS

MACAULAY-WILSON - Calum and Catherine Anne Macaulay, Campbeltown, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Rhona to Michael, son of Mary and the late Harry Wilson, Manchester.



MCDONALD -

JASKOT - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Karen, eldest daughter of Janette and Murdo, Lochgilphead to Daniel, youngest son of Sesyilia and Stefan, Poland.
Gratulacje!

STARK - ROBERTSON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Shirley, youngest daughter of Agnes and George to Andrew, son of Douglas and the late Nan Robertson.

SILVER WEDDINGS

BARKER - BLAIR - George to Janette on March 6, 1982 at Tarbert Parish Church by the Rev Tom Kelly, Present address Croft Park, Tarbert.

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CRAWFORD-BAXTER - At New Kilpatrick Parish Church, Bearsden on February 18, 1957 by Reverend J Fraser McLuskey, Duncan MacVicar Crawford to Phyllis Patricia Sandeman Baxter. Living in Furnace, Argyll.

RUBY WEDDINGS



MACPHEE-KING - At Appin Parish Church on March 3, 1967, by the late Rev Kenneth MacMillan, Ian to Laura. Present address Lochgilphead.

DEATHS

BLACKSTOCK - Peacefully at home, 3 Bellochan-tuy Cottages, on February 22, 2007, Samuel Blackstock, in his 78th year, a dearly loved father, grandfather and brother.

CRAWFORD - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on February 25, 2007, Christina (Chrissie) McCallum, aged 80 years, of 2 Redwell Park, Furnace. Beloved wife of the late Niven (Bunty), dear mother of John, Moira and Christine. Dear Gran of Scott, David, Joanne, Cara and great-gran of Charley. Dear sister of Davie. Funeral service was held in Cumlodden Church, Furnace on March 1, 2007, followed by interment at Kilevin Cemetery. Will be sadly missed.

CUNNINGHAM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital on February 27, 2007, Agnes Reid Blair (Nan), in her 93rd year, formerly of Calton Avenue, Campbeltown. Dearly beloved wife of the late James Cunningham; dearly loved mother of Agnes, Bobby, Neil, Stewart and the late Eileen, and a much loved grannie, great - grannie and great-great - grannie. Funeral private.

ELLIOTT - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 14, 2007, Douglas Charles Elliott in his 82nd year, Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, formerly of Kirk Street, dearly beloved husband of the late Christine Cunningham and a much loved father and grandfather. R.I.P.

GLENCROSS - Suddenly at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow on February 18, 2007, Sharon Glencross, aged 28 years, of 6 Ardpark Place, Lochgilphead, much loved daughter of Agnes and David, loving sister of David, William and Mandy and cherished mum of Zoey and Nathan. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Friday February 23, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

JOHNSTONE - On February 25, 2007, peacefully at Knapdale Ward, Community Hospital, Lochgilphead, Catherine McMillan MaEachran Gilchrist, formerly of Campbeltown, in her 96th year, beloved wife of the late Neily Johnstone, and much loved mother of Jean, Catherine, Annetta, Neilina and the late Johan and Donald, a dear mother-in-law, grand-mother and great-grand-

mother. Sadly missed by all. Funeral service took place at Lochgilphead Baptist Church on February 28, 2007, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery.

TAYLOR - Suddenly at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on February 23, 2007, Elizabeth Wilson Paterson (Liza), in her 55th year, 150 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Jimmy Taylor, dearly loved mother of Arlene and a much loved sister and aunt.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GALBRAITH - Bobby, Patrick and family would like to thank relatives and friends for all their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them after the sad bereavement of their loving mum, Nancy Galbraith. Special thanks to Dr Hall, for his continued support to our dear Mum throughout her illness, and to all the staff of the Campbeltown Hospital, Acute Ward for their kindness, care and attention. Special thanks also to Father Stephen for his support and comforting service. Also thanks to Alasdair Blair for his efficiency with the funeral arrangements and to all who gave their last respects at the Church and cemetery.

GLENCROSS - I want to thank all the medical staff in Lochgilphead, who assisted my daughter, Sharon Glencross, on Friday February 16. We are fortunate to have them. From a grateful Mum. Thanks to the minister Rev. Hilda Smith, Lochgilphead Parish Church for a lovely service on Friday.

McMILLAN - Duncan and May, on behalf of the family, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received on the sad loss of Flora. The staff, past and present, of Auchinlee Residential Home for their kindness and devotion during her stay of 15 years, also Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention on various occasions. Sincere thanks to the Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting words and very appropriate service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements and the Argyll Arms Hotel for their excellent catering. A retiral collection for Auchinlee raised £206.

IN MEMORIAM

COFFIELD - In loving memory of John Dempsey, a dear husband, dad and papa. Always remembered. - Jean and family.

KERR - In loving memory of our dear father, John Kerr, died March 4, 2006, also our beloved mother, Sarah Armour, died August 24, 1986. Forever in our thoughts. Remembered by all the families, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

KILPATRICK - In loving memory of our dear dad and grandpa, Angus (Gus), who passed away on March 6, 2006; also our dear mum, and granny, Fiona, who passed away

January 6, 2001. In our thoughts and hearts always, missed every day. - Sandra, Angus, Eric, Aimee, Laura and Lewis.

SCALLY - In loving memory of a dear mum, Barbara, who died on March 6, 2006. March comes round with sad regret The day, the month, we shall never forget A daily thought, a silent tear Always wishing you were here. -Love, Norrin and John.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



Sunday Worship Service
Aqualibrium Conference Room 11 a.m.
Midweek Bible Study and Prayer
Enquiries to
Rev. D. Stuart McLean
Telephone **01586 551016**
Everyone very welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4 March 2007
Morning Worship
Inverlussa 10 a.m.
Rev. Richard West
Friday 2 March 2007
World Day of Prayer Service
Bellanoch Church .. 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 8 March 2007
Prayer Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Tayvallich Church
Enquiries **01546 606 926**
www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
(A Province of the Anglican Communion)

Sunday 4 March 2007
Second Sunday of Lent
8.30 a.m.
Holy Communion
10.45 a.m.
Morning Prayer
Source of Joy - Prayer as Enjoying God
Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries to
Rev. A. J. Williamson
Telephone **01586 551478**

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Friday 2 March 2007
World Day of Prayer Service
Bellanoch Church .. 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 4 March 2007
Kilmartin 11.30 a.m.
Celebration of Holy Communion
Rev. Richard West
All most welcome
Wednesday 7 March 2007
Annual Stated Meeting
Kilmartin Church Hall
7.30 p.m.
followed by refreshments
All members cordially invited

SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street,
Campbeltown
Sunday Services

10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. Home League
(Ladies' Meeting)
Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Major Dolores Thomson

ST COLUMBA'S POTALLOCH

Eucharist 9 a.m.
CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Eucharist 11 a.m.
NB: Monday 5 March 2007
2.30 p.m.
1 in 3 Meeting in Bishopton House with Dean Fostekeew

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR

Sunday 4 March 2007
Obey and Submit?
(Hebrews 13:17)
Cumlodden (Furnace)
10.30 a.m.
Lochfyneside (Minard)
12 noon
Lochgair 3 p.m.
Rev. Roddy MacLeod
Friday 2 March 2007
World Day of Prayer Service
Lochgair Church 7 p.m.
United Under God's Tent
Service prepared by Christian Women of Paraguay
Tea to follow
All welcome
Monday 5 March 2007
Cumlodden Church
Kirk Session 7.30 p.m.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

www.lorneandlowland.com
Saturday 3 March 2007
Walking Group 11 a.m.
Sunday 4 March 2007
Morning Worship..11.15 a.m.
(Creche, Sunday School and Bible Class)
Jim Campbell
Monday 5 March 2007
The Guild 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 6 March 2007
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45 a.m.
Kirk Session 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 8 March 2007
Choir Practice 7.30 p.m.
Friday 9 March 2007
Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow,
Campbeltown
Sunday Services
Breaking of Bread 10 a.m.
Family Service with
Sunday School and Creche
11.15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship ... 7.30 p.m.
All welcome
Wednesday
Jellytots Parent and Toddler
Group 10 a.m.
For details of Bible Study
Groups and other enquiries
contact The Church Office
01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
Pastor: **Chris Holden**
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TARBERT LINKED KILBERRY PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4 March 2007
Tarbert Church
11.30 a.m.
Sunday School 11.15 a.m.
Coffee Morning after service
Margaret Sinclair
Interim Moderator
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 22 March
Tarbert Art and Leisure Centre
3.15 p.m.
GUILD MEETING
Monday 5 March
Church Hall 7.30 p.m.
For all church inquiries and pastoral care
Telephone **01499 500633**
Everyone very welcome

Highland Parish Church



Friday 2 March 2007
Badminton, Kirk Street Hall
S1 upwards 7-9 p.m.
Sunday 4 March 2007
11.15 a.m.
Morning Worship
Creche in church (0-3 years)
FunDay Club (3 years-P5)
JAM (P6 upwards) Church
Service in Stewarton Hall
6.30 p.m.
Monday 5 March 2007
Bible Society Action Group
Meeting, Kirk Street Hall,
7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 6 March 2007
Badminton Club,
Kirk Street Hall
P1-P5 6.30-7.45 p.m.
P6 upwards 7.45-9 p.m.
Thursday 8 March 2007
Bible Study Fellowship
Kirk Street Hall, 7 p.m.
Rev. Michael J. Lind
Everyone very welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All welcome
Friday 2 March 2007
World Day of Prayer
Free Church Hall ... 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 4 March 2007
11 a.m. Morning Service
Family Service followed by
shared lunch
Evening Service..... 6.30 p.m.
with Communion
Monday 10.30 a.m.
Discipleship Course
Monday 5 March, 2.30 p.m.
Ladies' Meeting
Captain C. McCallum
Salvation Army, Oban
Tuesday Evening 7.20 p.m.
'Alpha'
Wednesday@7
Purpose-Driven Church
Thursday 8 March 2007
Coffee Morning 10-12 noon
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
Come along and join us
Friday 9 March 2007
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
'The Edge' Kids Club
5 years to 11 years

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

KILMARTIN
Saturday 3 March 2007
PRAYER BREAKFAST
Breakfast 8 a.m.
Prayer and Praise 9 a.m.
Sunday 4 March 2007
Worship Service for all ages
followed by light lunch
11 a.m.
Speaker: **Graham McLean**
Thursday 8 March 2007
7.30 p.m.
Praise, worship and sharing
All welcome
'Come and see'

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 4 March 2007
Ardrihaig at 11 a.m.
(in the North Hall)
Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.
-oOo-
Look at Luke
Chapter 8
-oOo-
FACT
meets in the South Hall,
Ardrihaig, at 11 a.m.

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4 March 2007
Service 11 a.m.
Rev. Hilda Smith
Retiring offering after the
service
All welcome
The Church Annual
General Meeting will be
held after the morning
service on March 11

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Strachan wins knockout Cup

Golf
IN the twentieth and final qualifying round of golf at Lochgilphead's winter league, 15 competitors set out in fresh conditions. With only two places in the finals up for grabs, the spotlight fell on Hugh Strachan and Iain MacInnes who were playing the final of the singles matchplay trophy.

Iain and Hugh couldn't be separated at the turn with Hugh out in 19 to Iain's 20 but winning five rounds of qualifying started to tell and Hugh ran out a magnificent winner of round twenty. Hugh will be emotional on the night seeing his name next to Ross Sinclair's straight four wins. Overall, Hugh finished fifth with three wins.

Ross Sinclair birdied holes eight and thirteen and was only one point away from a fifth win. With two under nett,

second overall and doubles winner, it adds up to a very lucrative winter for Ross so far.

Big points for John Dickinson who had two level par nett rounds. If this was the 'duffers derby', John would have a four point lead. Birdie at four for Kenneth MacAulay who was only two over nett. Kenneth has qualified after only 12 appearances due to injury so well done to him.

First overall with an eleven point margin, five wins and two runners-up trophies, and red hot favourite for the big win – Iain MacInnes has had an amazing winter league and has been first overall for an unbelievable 17 of the 20 weeks.

Lovely birdie three for David Sinclair at the eighth and a good round to cement himself in fourth position. I feel David has kept his

powder dry recently and will explode into action come round one of the finals on Sunday.

Tommy Angus also had a steady round, only two over nett on each nine holes. At the treacherous eighteenth he had a rare birdie two for four points.

Keith Cowan birdied the fourth for four points and his three overall points meant he crept over 50 points – a big improvement on last season's 25 points.

A bright first round from Donald Carmichael

at only one over showed it's all still there if he can produce it twice and Robbie Wilson can relax after keeping his top 12 place, getting a nice three at ten.

A prize-giving and buffet will take place on Saturday March 10 at 7.30pm.

Qualifiers: 1 I MacInnes 124, 2 R Sinclair 113, 3 A MacAulay, 4 D Sinclair 89, 5 H Strachan 82, 6 D Wilson 64, 7 J Hunter 63, 8 E Capocci 58, 9 D Johnson 56, 10 K Cowan 51, 11 K MacAulay, 12 R Wilson 38

Football cancellation

Football
TARBERT'S game at home to Cambria was called off last Saturday when heavy rain made the park unplayable.

This week Tarbert travel to Castlemilk to play one of the toughest games of the season so far. Castlemilk have

won seven and drawn their other two games.

Following this week's game, eight Tarbert players will head to Hampden Park for a Scottish Amateur Football League dinner with Chic Young and top referee Kenny Clark the after dinner speakers.



Emily Green riding Glenmarcus at Loanhead Equestrian Centre. A09hor1d

Riding to victory

Show jumping
MID ARGYLL horse riders Gillian and Emily Green recently had a successful day show jumping on February 18 at Aberdeen's show jumping club indoor arena at Loanhead Equestrian Centre. Gillian made a great

return to competitive riding following a serious riding accident in November. Riding her own horse Glenmarcus she jumped double clear in the first class taking first place.

Emily then rode Glenmarcus in the next class for horses not to have

won £100 in prize money and again the horse jumped double clear and took second place.

Football Lottery
TARBERT AFC's lottery drew numbers 8,9 and 12. There were no winners leaving £700 for next week's jackpot.



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Achahoish show shinty supremacy



Achahoish Primary School were winners of the first shinty final at Mid Argyll Sports Centre. A09shi01

THE THIRD and final round of the First Shinty Competition was won by Achahoish after an exciting day's sport at Mid Argyll Sports Centre in Lochgilphead.

The competition, held on the Sunday, February 25, featured ten teams from Mid Argyll with Achahoish pushing strong challengers Lochgilphead into second place.

The winners will travel to Fort William for the National Indoor Final on Saturday, March 10.

The results were as follows: Achahoish 39, Lochgilphead 35, Ardrishaig 31, Kilmory 20, Inveraray 17, Fernoch 14, Skipness 8, Glengilp 4, Glenaray 0, Tarbert 0.

Right: Fraser MacNicol of Achahoish Primary School was Player of the Tournament at the shinty final. He was presented with a Caman by Ian MacPhee, director of the Camanachd Association. A09shi03



Lochgilphead Primary School were runners up at the shinty tournament on Sunday. A09shi02



Win for Argyll athletes

AFTER over three hours of intense competition, a team of young Argyll athletes have succeeded in qualifying for the UK Final of sports hall athletics.

The under 13 boys were convincing winners of the Scottish Final in Dundee, scoring 50 points more than their nearest rivals Highland with 690 points.

All four Argyll teams had qualified for the Scottish Final by winning the regional competition in Clydebank

in January. Nine districts were competing in Dundee from Scottish Borders to Shetland.

The Argyll boys got off to a flying start winning the first event, the obstacle relay, well ahead of Highland and later in the day the team also won the Paarlauf relay comfortably. Jamie Meechan from Lochgilphead was third in the high jump clearing a new best of 1.35 metres. There were more medals to come in the 4 X 1 lap and 4 X 2 lap

Athletics

relays with both teams gaining valuable points in second place.

The under 13 girls team finished second on 572 points with South Lanarkshire clear winners on 653 points and Perth & Kinross just one point behind. The Argyll girls had made a good start, winning the obstacle relay with ease and the 4 x 2 lap relay team coming in second to South Lanarkshire. Laura Fyfe from Inveraray won a silver medal for the

latter race and was also a gold medallist for Argyll with an impressive shot putt of 9.41 metres.

The under 15 boys also finished second overall with 606 points, only 16 points behind Perth & Kinross, and well ahead of South Lanarkshire on 534.

The under 15 girls had a harder task finishing fourth on 487 points behind winners North Lanarkshire on 637, Shetland on 553

and Perth & Kinross on 541 points.

It was another successful day for Argyll's young athletes and the large travelling support but sadly this may be the last year of the competition as Scottish Athletics has decided to withdraw sports hall athletics as a national programme for under 13 and 15s this year. They claim it does not complement the long-term athlete development framework.

This will be a major blow to the develop-

ment of athletics in Argyll as the winter indoor programme provides the only means to identify talent with no all-weather outdoor facilities for athletics anywhere in the district.

The Argyll under 13 boys and Mull's Iain MacDowall, the Scottish Under 15 champion, will make the long journey south to compete in the UK final on Sunday, April 22 in the International Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

Shinty lottery results

IN INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery the £100 was won by D J McDonald, Inveraray with 10-12-18. The jackpot next week will again be £100.

The numbers for Kilmory Camanachd Club this week were 13-14-16. There were no winners giving a jackpot next week of £500.



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