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High school at centre of murder trial

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LOCHGILPHEAD High School is this week at the centre of a murder trial as the man accused of killing Suzanne Pilley is said to have visited the school 24 hours after the Edinburgh woman went missing.

Edinburgh High Court heard that Gilroy's employers Infrastructure Management Ltd (IML) were involved in the construction of the building.

Lord Bracadale heard on Wednesday from PC Alexander, who was investigating the 38-year-old's disappearance. He said he had telephoned Mr Gilroy at 5pm on May 5 after learning he had been in a relationship with Suzanne. Gilroy told him he was in Lochgilphead.

Mr Gilroy then allegedly said it would take him around four

and a half hours to return to the Scottish capital from Lochgilphead to be interviewed. Mr Gilroy then showed up at Corstorphine police station at 11.40pm, more than six hours later.

The trial also heard from Gilroy's boss Simon Peck on Tuesday who told the court that the defendant's visit to the school was 'unnecessary'.

Mr Peck, the director of IML, told the court that Gilroy had told other members of staff that he was going to Lochgilphead High School to inspect the sports pitches.

But when asked by advocate depute Alex Prentice QC whether the trip was necessary, as the site had been inspected three days earlier, Mr Peck said: 'It did not seem necessary to me.'

Gilroy is alleged to

have used his work's link to Lochgilphead High School as a reason to travel to the area, where it was believed Suzanne's body was buried.

He is said to have visited the high school on May 5, last year, when he had no reason to do so and of telling colleagues that he was travelling to Lochgilphead High School when he in fact travelling to Glen Croe Forest or elsewhere in Argyll.

Charged with attempting to defeat the ends of justice, Gilroy is also alleged to have asked a member of staff at the high school for bin bags, which he was given.

Gilroy denies murdering Suzanne Pilley on May 4 at Thistle Street or elsewhere in Scotland and all other charges against him.

The trial continues.



Iain Rodger, a coach at the Mid Argyll Karate Club, is the proud winner of Spot the Ball and £3,500. 06_a09spot01

A 'spot' of luck for Ardrishaig man Iain

ARDRISHAIG man Iain Rodger is the lucky winner of £3,500 after he managed to 'spot the ball' in the *Argyllshire Advertiser's* infamous competition.

Iain, who works for Oban Electrics, spotted the ball in the paper's February 17 edition, winning the handsome lump sum.

Explaining he was delighted with his win, Iain said he usually enters the spot the ball competition once a month.

Commenting on the prize-winning Spot the Ball picture, Iain said: 'I am not a big football fan but I could tell the guy on the left was getting ready to receive the ball.'

Holiday

Asked how he will spend his new fortune, Iain said: 'I am going to replace my laptop and some of it will go towards a holiday. My wife Karen and I are planning a trip to the Italian Lakes.'

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Shanks ship in managers to cover strike

STAFF at Lingerton waste disposal site in Lochgilphead say they feel 'disappointed' after their employer Shanks Ltd undermined their two-day strike.

The 11 men who work at the Lingerton site, along with their colleagues across Argyll, went on strike last Friday and Monday over proposed changes to their working pay and conditions.

The men, members of Unite and GMB unions, hoped the two-day strike would result in a build-up of waste at the site, disrupting services.

But in a surprise move Shanks shipped in managers to its waste disposal sites across Argyll on Saturday morning to shift the backlog of waste that had piled up and continued processing waste that was arriving on Saturday.

Michael Heafey, who works at the Lingerton site said: 'We are disappointed; we feel that their actions have seriously undermined our industrial action and the message we were trying to convey.'

'Drivers of waste collection lorries for Argyll and Bute Council were instructed not to cross the picket line on Saturday but unfortunately GMB did not have the necessary permission to strike on Saturday so the bin lorries were able to go into Lingerton.'

He added: 'I would like to thank members of the public for respecting our strike, many of whom did not cross the picket line.'

Mr Heafey and his colleagues are unhappy at a proposed significant cut to sick pay entitlement

and a three per cent pay increase offer over three years.

Until now, staff at Argyll and Bute's landfill sites have been entitled to six months' full sick pay and six months half. Shanks have offered 18 weeks on a sliding scale. Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Tuesday, Mr Heafey said further industrial action was now 'likely'.

'We have gone this far with it so not to pursue it would be absent-minded on our part.'

'Hopefully we will get the backing of our union members to continue to pursue it.'

But Mr Heafey added: 'This is a very difficult situation as we have mortgages to pay; it is a very concerning matter. We have to sit down and speak to our union representatives.'



Staff from Lingerton waste site stop a bin lorry as it approaches the site. The majority of bin lorries did not cross the picket line during the strike. 06_a09ahanks01

Helensburgh councillor dies

ARGYLL and Bute councillor Al Reay died suddenly but peacefully at his home in Helensburgh on Monday.

Council leader Dick Walsh expressed his shock and sadness at the death of a 'revered colleague', and paid tribute to the role Councillor Reay has played in the

council since his election in 2003.

'Al Reay was a councillor of high integrity - a hard working member dedicated to doing his very best on behalf of all his constituents,' Councillor Walsh said.

'His loss will of course be particularly keenly felt in the Helensburgh area,

which he was so proud to serve and to which he devoted so much of his time and energy.'

'Our thoughts, sympathies and prayers are with his family at this time of sadness.'

Councillor Reay is survived by his wife Liz, three sons, one daughter and three grandsons.

Police files Car crash

TWO PEOPLE were taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital last Wednesday afternoon after being involved in a road accident.

The pair were driving along the A83 between Ardrishaig and Tarbert when the car they were travelling in spun off the road and struck a road sign just before midday. They escaped with minor injuries.

Detained

AN ARDFERN man was detained in police custody at the weekend after being charged with an alleged breach of the peace.

The man, aged 41, is alleged to have placed a woman in a state of fear and alarm when he appeared at her home in Ardfern on Saturday night. The man appeared before Oban Sheriff Court on Monday afternoon, when he was granted bail.

Men fined

TWO MEN were fined £40 after one urinated in the street and the other behaved in a disorderly manner in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The men were issued with the fixed penalty notices on Lochnell Street.

Man failed to appear in court

A MAN was arrested in Lochgilphead last Wednesday after he failed to appear at Dunoon Sheriff Court.

The Lochgilphead man, believed to be in his mid 20s, was arrested on a police warrant at a property on Chalmers Street just after 10pm.

Driver hits tree

AN ENGLISH motorist escaped serious injury last Thursday after the car he was travelling in left the road and hit a tree on the A83.

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Rural education in public spotlight

PROPOSED school closures across Argyll and Bute will be back on the agenda next week as the Commission on Rural Education visits the area.

The commission, set up to investigate the best way to deliver education in rural areas, is to host a public meeting in Lochgilphead next Tuesday.

The commission's visit to the county is hotly anticipated after the local authority threatened to close 12 primary schools last year.

The immediate threat to the schools was thwarted when the Scottish Government announced a year-long moratorium on closures, beginning on June 20, last year.

At the same time education secretary Michael Russell launched the Commission on Rural Education with a view to examining education in rural Scotland and the role of village primary schools in sustaining rural communities.

The meeting is, the commission said, an opportunity for parents and residents to voice their concerns about education within their community and explain the effects the recent school closure process had on them and their children.

Explaining the meeting

was part of the consultation process, a spokeswoman for the Commission on Rural Education said the Lochgilphead meeting would be a 'listening exercise'.

Brian Barker, chair of Minard Primary School Parent Council urged locals to attend the meeting.

He said: 'It is important that the commission hears how important the school is to the local community and also how traumatic the experience was when the council threatened to close the school last year.'

The Lochgilphead meeting, which takes place at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on March 6 at 6.30pm, will be chaired by Sheriff David Sutherland, chairman of the commission. He will be accompanied by Terry Loughran, convener of the Education Committee at Inverclyde Council, Professor James Fraser vice chancellor of the University of the Highlands and Islands and Bob Cree-Hay of the National Parents Forum.

A spokeswoman from Argyll and Bute Council said the authority had requested a meeting with the commission during their visit but that the request was refused.



MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell formally opened the path with pupils from Tarbert Academy last Friday. 06_a09path04

Tarbert Academy path opened

PUPILS of Tarbert Academy lined a new footpath built near their school last Friday – a path that helps them walk, jog and cycle to school safely.

The path, officially launched last Friday by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, connects the school with the village youth club and allows youngsters to get around the village away from the A83.

The brainchild of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, the path makes use of wasteland and features an outdoor classroom.

Ed Tyler, chairman of

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, said: 'The students did an initial site survey of the woodland with members of the Community Trust, then with the help of a landscape engineer, the students identified three possible routes for the path.'

One senior pupils said: 'We learn so much more from doing a job like this, in both the maths type skills and a variety of literacy skills too.'

The path was supported and funded by LEADER, Sustrans, Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council.

Renewables seminar

A SEMINAR will be held today, Friday, to discuss the renewables potential of the west coast of the Highlands and Islands to encourage sustainable economic growth in the area.

The seminar, hosted by Argyll and Bute Council in Oban, will explore how European renewables policy and funding can be used to help unlock the renewable energy potential of the west coast of Scotland.

A quarter of Europe's potential offshore wind and tidal energy resource and a tenth of Europe's wave capacity is found in Scotland.

World Day of Prayer

CHURCHES throughout Mid Argyll are today, Friday, celebrating World Day of Prayer.

The day sees Christian people throughout the word joining in a service entitled Let Justice Prevail, which has been written by Christian women in Malaysia.

In Mid Argyll, the message from Malaysia

will travel to parishioners in the area as services here will be the same as those held all over the world.

Each year the first service of the day is held in Tuvalu in the Pacific Ocean, close to the date line and continues for a period of 36 hours until the sun goes down in Alaska.

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Last week's landslide was dangerously close to traffic lights where rows of vehicles queue to drive past the Rest and Be Thankful. 06_a09rest02

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BUSINESSES in Mid Argyll are this week fighting for economic survival as persistent road closures on the A83 continue to thrash trade and profits.

Member businesses of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce are today, Friday, meeting with Transport Scotland officials to demand immediate action is taken to address problems at the Rest and Be Thankful.

The chamber is battling to fight the growing perception that 'Argyll is a no go zone' and to maintain an economy that is dependent on tourism trade.

Jane Macleod, chairwoman of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said the wider business community of Argyll and Bute was dismayed to find that the A83 had been shut yet again at the Rest and Be Thankful last week.

Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on Wednesday, Mrs Macleod said she hoped Transport Scotland

Businesses fear Argyll will become a 'no-go zone'

would understand the chamber's urgency in finding a solution that would ensure free, unimpeded access to Argyll and Bute.

'A solution needs to be found immediately and it is not good enough to say a solution will be underway by winter. A solution must be agreed now and underway before Easter of this year, Mrs Macleod said.

Damage
She added: 'The recent closures have caused irreparable damage to the economy of Argyll and Bute and, in particular, businesses in Mid Argyll.'

One business that suffers a serious loss of trade is Loch Fyne Oysters in Cairndow, which is just seven miles from

the Rest and Be Thankful.

Bruce Davidson, managing director of the business, said closures on the A83 affect almost every area of business.

Commenting on a severe loss of trade at Cairndow's Oyster Bar restaurant and shop, he said: 'In the two days last week when the A83 was closed, our turnover was down 50 per cent on site when compared to the same two days last year. And people don't immediately come back because of the uncertainty surrounding the road so closures have a lingering impact on business.'

Also experiencing a drop in trade is Inveraray's renowned George Hotel.

Kris Clarke, part-owner

of the family-run business, said: 'The big loss for us is the decrease in walk-in trade. Lunches are decimated; dinners are dependant on how many residents decide to come. We probably suffer a 20-25 per cent cancellation level per day of closure.'

But more importantly Mr Clarke said: 'My bigger worry about the whole fiasco is the longer term psychological damage it incurs on Argyll, the West Coast and the whole peninsula leading down to Campbeltown. The constant closure of the road will ultimately lead people to consider Argyll a no-go zone. It is more of a perception issue that will affect tourism and investment to the area in the longer run.'

Fix the Rest and Be Thankful...Squeak gets on the road with Mid Argyll campaigners

February 27: The Argyllshire Advertiser uploads a bird's-eye view of the Rest and Be Thankful - right.

Sue Thomas: Oh dear we pass on this road and hold our breath -we will be even more breathless after seeing this photo- hope something can be done.

Karen Baird: Glad you can't see this view when you drive past.

Wendy Baillie: It looks like it's just about to slide, scary! I'll have to shut my eyes going past.

Emma Rodden: Oh this picture really does make you appreciate why they shut the road. I think it is about time they did something about it once and for all. Quite frightening when you see the full extent of it.

Linda Wilson: Makes it look so ugly here when in fact it is a beautiful area.

February 23 - The A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful in Argyll is closed again because of the potential for a landslide.



Terri Johnston: They should have been able to do something from the start of the landslide years back which means ALL the degrees of the 20th Century ... it has come to this Might SlideIt Might Not.

Donald Bowenness: There's no might about it, it defo will it's just

when is the gamble.
February 22 - Transport Scotland closes the A83 following a landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Charlotte Nicol: Great..... How long for this time!

May Ann Royal: This is getting annoying now. Will it be closed for days or weeks??

Alison MacDonald: My Mum is on lunch time bus and they got to Arrochar and had to about turn!

January 27 - The Scottish Government announces plans to carryout major works on the A82 at Pulpit Rock and conduct a study on the future of the A83.

Pat Lodge Masterman: Could they reinstate the old road at the Rest?

December 15 - Transport Minister says the Rest and Be Thankful is at the mercy of the weather, which is extreme. 'Concerns remain about slope stability particularly during

periods of heavy rain', he said.

Shunkaha Wanagi: I have just come back from Glasgow today, and looking further up the hill from the bit with the traffic lights, there are places that look very unstable. Another blast of harsh weather and we may lose the whole hillside. That would be disastrous for the whole of the west as this is an arterial route.

December 13: The A83 is fully reopened after a landslide on December 1.

Peter Garrett: The time has come, surely, for a radical re-think of the routing of the A83 over the Rest? There has to be an alternative to keeping the roadway clinging to the hillside where it's vulnerable to slips and a potential calamity on a daily basis. It may be very expensive to build a new road (out on stilts? or convert the forestry track?), but in the long-term, is this not equally as important to the west coast as the dualing of

the A9 and the Inverness-Aberdeen road is to the north east? Come on Argyll MSPs get your fingers out!

Chris MacIntyre: The old road could still be used or build a tunnel.

Michael McLeod: Peter - those roads carry a lot of GDP so probably merit upgrading, any engineering solution will not be cheap.

Shunkaha Wanagi: It all comes down to money... Beinn Ime is a steep sided mountain so any engineering project on the road will be expensive, very expensive!

Marina McCuaig: Yeah, as mentioned surely lessons to be learned from mountainous/European countries where avalanches a constant threat or event...how often are their main routes closed? This is our main link from the west. Money will always be an issue, but surely this should be a priority as opposed to some ways in which the tax payers money is spent!

Organic garden a growing attraction



THE Campbeltown Community Organic Garden (CCOG) has had a winter makeover and is in better shape than ever as springtime approaches.

The staff and volunteers who dug, sawed and planted their way through the winter are proud to present a new and improved garden to the community.

As well as continuing to deliver fresh produce to isolated people in the area, the Organic Garden would love to see more people come to the site, at Auchinlee Eventide Home, just out of town on the Carradale Road.

The walled garden and deep beds filled with fruit and veg will delight children and adults alike, evoking images of Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit.

The garden is constantly being worked and visitors will see staff turning pitchforks in the soil and perfecting the design to get the most out of what nature has to offer.

Visitors will have the chance to buy freshly-grown organic produce for their kitchens.

Wildlife lovers can find bird and butterfly feeders with attached cameras, and for the kids there's a children's play area - complete with sandpit.

Those looking just to relax can stroll through the garden, breathe the fresh air and relax on a bench to enjoy magnificent views across the Loch and Bengullion opposite.

Innovation is a feature of the garden - notably the new bird and butterfly feeders positioned on trees and observed by unobtrusive state of the art cameras, streaming direct onto screens in the cosy, well-appointed hide nearby.

In what's truly been a community effort, many



Pupils from Castlehill Primary School raised money through a Christmas card competition. Laura Spence was the winner allowed, with the help of her friend Jennifer Wylie, to sell the cards in the school and donate the funds raised to a charity. They choose CCOG and the money will be used to buy nuts and seeds for the bird feeders in the wildlife area. 21_c09ccog01

local groups helped contribute to some of the innovative new designs. These included children from Castlehill Primary School who paid for bird feeders and nuts with money they raised from their Christmas card appeal.

After all the hard work, now the organic garden needs the community to use the facility and show it's all been worth it.

Whether it's stopping by to pick up some fresh organic produce, doing a spot of volunteering, or simply coming along to see and enjoy the plants and wildlife, CCOG would love to see as many people as possible get involved.



Informative posters and bird feeders are found throughout the garden. 21_c09garden04



Lettuce and other vegetables are grown under the market garden's polytunnels. 21_c09garden01



Chris Holden, Project Manager and Dave Pearson of CCOG. 21_c09garden03



THE new orchard garden was officially opened at Campbeltown Community Organic Garden (CCOG) last week.

Michael Russell, MSP came to do the honours, joined by children from Castlehill Primary School, who presented a cheque for new bird feeders and nuts.

Also present was Jim Paterson from Scottish Orchards, who helped CCOG staff and volunteers get the project off the ground.

The newly planted orchard at CCOG, sited behind Auchinlee Eventide Home just outside Campbeltown, contains apple, cherry, pear and plum trees. c09orch02no

Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser
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MR NIALL MacNeill, regional councillor for Mid Argyll and Islay, announced this week his intention to seek re-election at the forthcoming election in May.

Mr MacNeill who succeeded Mr Alistair Jackson in 1979, said that although he felt his council work an onerous task – particularly the travelling – he also found his work rewarding in that he was able to help people with their problems.

As one of the few 'working councillors' on the Labour controlled council, Mr MacNeill said that without the help and support of his wife, Catriona, he would find it impossible to continue as a regional councillor.

The MacNeills run an 800 acre farm just outside of Lochgilphead, which carries 150 beef cattle and 300 breeding ewes.

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ARDRISHAIG Sailing and Boating Clubs have had their application for a site for boat storage and related activities approved by the Planning Committee of Argyll and Bute District Council as well as an application for the erection of a time keeper's hut.

The site is on Ardrishaig Sea Front, and the boat club has been using it for the wintering of boats for the last couple of years since the demolition of the Anchor Hotel. It is intended that it will now be used for boat storage in the winter and dinghy storing in the summer.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



'IT JUST takes one boulder to set the whole hill going,' said my friend.

He was referring to the infamous Rest and Be Thankful, and as I was heading off in that direction, his words were not a great source of comfort to me.

Sandy also told me that there are now 'look-outs' on the opposite side of the hill and their responsibility is to watch for the tiniest hint of even the smallest stone moving.

There are lights which warn that there may be a possibility of falling rocks, and on the event of such rocks hurtling down the hillside, I'm not sure whether the advice would be to hit the accelerator or the brake.

'It just takes one boulder to set the whole hill going'.

It's always good to get safely over the Rest, and as I pause at the top I think just what a spectacular view it is. The mountains disappear into the mist and the hills fold into the distance and nature is at peace. Yet, 'It takes just one boulder to set the whole hill going'.

I thought about this phrase and about all the troubled places in our world. I thought about the fighting and the wars that pervade our peace today.

I thought about our own lives when things go wrong and tension and disagreements ensue.

Often it is just a wrong word or a careless remark that can 'set the whole hill going'.

Maybe we need to be like the lookouts and view things from a different point of view before we speak.

Maybe we need to be careful that our wrongly timed words don't start an avalanche of hurt.

Maybe we need to apply the brakes if we feel our words could wound.

Avalanches can start with just a single stone but they can soon find momentum.



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was handed to the Squeak office anonymously. The picture is one of six postcards printed as part of a pack by Valentine and Sons Ltd in Dundee. The picture shows men playing on the putting green in Lochgilphead featuring scenes from around Mid Argyll. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Disreputable tactics

Sir,
With all the evidence coming out about the apparent disreputable tactics of spying used by some Argyll and Bute Council staff and the collaboration rather than independence of the independent educational advisor in the school closure proposals process, is it time that the Scottish Government conducts an external investigation of how the council ran the schools' consultation process?

For children, parents and concerned citizens there is a chance coming up to speak to the Commission on Rural Education in Lochgilphead on March 6 to put forward in an open and transparent manner the reasons why these smaller schools are so important to their communities and how they could be developed to be a resource for the community. e.g. they could be set up to provide video

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conferencing facilities for the community, or be open for rent during the holidays.

I am sure that readers will also have ideas that they would like to share to preserve these cornerstones of our communities, and feed into the process of making policy in the area of rural schools. The commission wants to hear your views.

**Deirdre Henderson,
Crocken Cottage,
Southend,
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Corryvreckan swim

Sir,
Your coverage of the Corryvreckan Swim to support Houses for Heroes was hugely appreciated and has gener-

ated much local interest and I am writing to thank the *Argyllshire Advertiser* for such helpful support.

Many people have contacted us asking the best way to donate and I thought it would be helpful to say this can be done simply by donating online via www.housesforheroes.org.uk or using your mobile phone; just enter HH-FH15 (followed by £ amount) and text to 70070.

You can also send a donation to the address below. We're delighted to mention too that Colin MacFarlane from the Mid Argyll Round Table has also joined the band of swimmers and the Royal Navy have indicated they will provide a vessel to support the occasion alongside Dun-

can Phillips and Tony Gill of Craobh Marine Ltd.

If others would like to help or get involved in some way, that would be great. Please do get in touch, for the need to house these severely wounded young servicemen is so important.
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The village with no name!

Sir,
I first came to Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead in around 1964 camping and happened to meet my wife in the cafe in

Ardrishaig working. I eventually married the girl - her name is Sandra Cooper, now Kidd. I fell in love with the place although my work did not allow me to stay up there when I got engaged 45 years ago.

I used to travel up and down the road when it was the old Rest and Be Thankful.

The reason I am sending this letter is to see if any of the locals can remember the name of the small village just by Ardrishaig and Succoth on the side of Loch Long.

It had a bit called the torpedo range and a few Navy houses that are still there; it appears to be the forgotten village with no name.

I know it had a name but I cannot remember what it was because I used to go up in MacBrayne's buses and the bus used to go down into the village as one of its stops.

Could anybody tell me the name of this village and also why these houses are lying empty? Has everybody forgotten about this place?

If my wife Sandra's Uncle Hughie Campbell, who passed away a couple of years ago, was still alive he would have been able to tell me as he knew everything about the area. He was very familiar with everything in the area and was very knowledgeable. I would be much obliged for any information on this.

**Andy Kidd,
3 Robertson Close,
Renfrew.**

Forest ownership

Sir,
Forest Ownership in Scotland, a short paper by Andy Wightman, is published by the Forest Policy Group this week.

The paper makes a strong case for further exploration of this picture and the role of public policy in perpetuating this pattern. We are still seeing a bias towards large-scale plantations owned by absentees who have little or no connection to the communities where the forests are located.

The evidence suggests that a wider suite of public benefits would be derived from encouraging more diverse types of owners growing trees for a wider range of purposes.

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Loch Fyne business offers sea lice solution

THREE major players in the fish farming industry have joined forces in a bid to eradicate sea lice from Argyll fish farms.

The Scottish Salmon Company and the Meridian Salmon Group have signed a pioneering three-year agreement with Otter Ferry Seafish Ltd, which will see Ballan wrasse commercially farmed for use in salmon cages for the first time.

It has been known for some time that wrasse, or 'clean fish' have the ability to reduce sea lice on Salmon and now Loch Fyne based Otter Ferry Seafish Ltd is able to produce the fish at a commercial level.

At the heart of a pilot scheme, operated in conjunction with Meridian Salmon Group, Otter Ferry was able to farm 15,000 juvenile wrasse demonstrating commercial survival rates.

Continuing its production of wrasse, Otter Ferry Seafish Ltd will now supply 250,000 farmed wrasse to The Scottish Salmon Company and the Meridian Salmon Group over the next three years.

Alastair Barge from the Tighnabruaich-based Otter Ferry Seafish Ltd said: 'It is great news to have the support of two of Scotland's leading salmon farming companies in this exciting and very challenging project.'

'The success of the project requires an integrated approach and a genuine commitment between the wrasse hatchery and the salmon on-growers.'

Economy grows

THE ECONOMY of the Highlands and Islands grew by 1.5 per cent at the end of last year. Economic output for the region was approximately £533 million (in 2010 values) – representing a slight rise on the same period of the previous year.

The rate of growth for Scotland as a whole as 1.3 per cent.



Macleod Construction is owned by brothers Murdo and Kenny Macleod. The men established their construction company more than 35 years ago. 21_c28park5

Macleods launches in-house electrical department

ARGYLL'S leading construction company has added another string to its bow after launching an in-house electrical department.

Macleod's Construction has this year developed its own team of electricians within the company, alongside its growing contingent of plumbers, to not only to work on Macleod Construction projects but provide a service to new and existing clients.

The company, based at Kilmory Industrial Estate in Lochgilphead, hopes to use its team of electricians, plumbers and tradesmen to offer a maintenance service to social landlords and businesses in the area.

Jonathon Macleod, Services Manager at Macleod's said: 'We created our own electrical division in the last few months and started off working on new developments but we want people to know we are now offering a service that provides maintenance work for commercial and office premises.'

Explaining Macleod's has an incredible skills base to draw upon, Jonathan said whether businesses need plumbing, electrical or repair works carried out, Macleod's was perfectly positioned to cater to their needs.

The business is now, as Jonathan said, a 'one-stop-shop', for all

building, repair and maintenance projects.

'The service aims to cater to the local community and ensure that local people and businesses, however big or small do not have to source electrical and maintained services from outwith Argyll,' Jonathan added.

Always keen to employ local people and support the local economy, Macleod's latest expansion sees five permanent electricians join the team at the Lochgilphead base.

The men have already carried out a host of works for Fyne Homes and Argyll Community Housing Association.

Looking to break into the Russian market?

BUSINESSES looking to break into a Russian market need to offer quality, value for money and be flexible in their approach, according to global exporter Johnstons of Elgin.

Largest Country
The business advice comes as Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) prepares to help local

businesses export their goods to the world's largest country.

Experience
Oliver Platts, sales director at Johnstons of Elgin, is to share the company's 10 years of experience working in Russia as part of a free event being run by HIE for businesses interested in tapping into

the potentially lucrative marketplace. The one-day event, which is part of the Smart Exporter programme, offers an overview of the Russian market and individual tailored advice sessions.

Details
The event is on March 8 in Inverness and full details are on the HIE website, www.hie.co.uk.

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Business Gateway team are always ready to help

SMALL and medium sized businesses throughout Argyll are being reminded that their local business gateway team is always available to help.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway Team is reminding entrepreneurs that Business Gateway can assist businesses at all stages, from helping them start up, to surviving the early years to realising their growth potential.

Urging business people to avail of the practical advice and support available throughout the county, Cathy Muir of Impress Weddings and Celebrations, said: 'I have found the staff of the Business Gateway extremely helpful.'

Establishing a new business that hires out a range of party equipment in Dunoon, Cathy added: 'I am so grateful to them for helping me with my new business, offering so much advice; they couldn't have been more helpful.'

Difficult

Councillor Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesperson for enterprise, energy, culture and tourism, said: 'It's difficult for a small business owner to be an expert in every area of business that's why Business Gateway is there to help point them in the right direction.'

To find out more about business gateway visit www.bgateway.com or call 01546 605 459.

Small business checklist

- Wondering how to improve the energy efficiency of your business? Use Business Gateway's free interactive tool to help you identify the areas where you are most likely to be able to cut costs, based on your business activities.
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Disability campaign

A NEW campaign has been launched to dispel the myths that prevent many employers from recruiting disabled people.

The campaign, supported by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), promotes the use of the Disability Clearkit, helping employers recruit and retain disabled people as effective members of staff.

The Disability Clearkit offers practical advice, helpful tips and employer case studies to promote the employability of disabled people. For more information log on to www.clearkit.co.uk.

Passenger increase

PASSENGER numbers at Highland and Islands airports rose by 7.7 per cent in January.

The number of passengers travelling through the ten airports in the region, operated by Highlands and Islands Airports, totalled 73,733 in January, which was 7.7 per cent higher than in the same month of the previous year.



Former quarry owner Andy Sutherland, left, hands over the reins to Calum McCrae. 16_t08quarry03

£40million salmon investment

FARMED fish producer, The Scottish Salmon Company, has announced plans to invest £40million in its facilities despite a drop in trading profit.

The company's turnover dropped from £92.4million in 2010 to £90.2million in 2011, while trading profit before interest and tax dropped £8.1million to £14.4million. Overall sales volumes were down by just over 1,500 tonnes to 22,962 tonnes.

The company says an imbalance in stocking cycles across its geographically diverse sites had a negative impact on unit production costs,

while year on profitability was affected by higher feed prices and a world-wide decrease in salmon prices due to increased supply.

However, the company, which employs a host of Mid Argyll people at sites across Loch Fyne, was delighted it was nearly able to match the previous year's turnover, while meeting volume targets.

The Scottish Salmon Company's chief executive, Dr Stewart McLelland, says the results underpin the company's plans to invest over £40million in new and existing sites to overcome the production im-

balance.

The fully funded investment strategy which is now in place will secure consistent year-on-year production. It is expected to generate up to 100 additional jobs across the west coast of Scotland and create 'significant synergies' in harvesting and processing operations.

He said: '2011 was a game of two halves illustrating both the company's potential and the challenges of working below full production capacity.'

'Our long term plans are to grow the business sustainably and we are investing locally.'

Tarbert-based contracting firm acquires quarry

'Quality doesn't cost; it pays'

A TARBERT-based contracting firm has expanded its business, acquiring an Argyll quarry and investing heavily in the production and sale of construction materials.

A & L MacCrae Ltd (Contractors) has purchased Barrachander Quarry in north Lorn and will operate the quarry under sister company Barrachander Quarry Ltd.

Taking the helm at the new company will be Calum McCrae, son of Alistair McCrae who started his contracting business 35 years ago with just a tractor and a determination to succeed.

Now his ever-expanding Mid Argyll business has broken into the quarry sector to help support his roadwork contracts and help meet demand for construction

projects elsewhere. The family have wasted no time in setting out their vision for the future of the quarry by investing heavily in new crushing machinery, taking the business into the 21st century.

Calum said: 'My father's business mantra was always; 'Quality doesn't cost; it pays,' and I would like to think I would run this business the same way.'

Paperwork

'We are a family business: my mum handles the paperwork, dad does the contracting and now I'm managing the quarry side.'

'Quality of care to the customer is really important to us because our reputation is on the line if we don't deliver that to a high standard. We rely on repeat contracts.'

'I want people to know

that we will always be open for business from 7am - 7pm Monday to Friday and until 2pm on Saturdays and during those hours someone will be here to help.'

He added: 'As well as investing in new crushing machinery, we have been keen build up our stockpiles, so there is plenty of stone available for people to come in and see.'

The MacCrae family bought Barrachander from fellow Argyll businessman Andrew Sutherland. Mr Sutherland is pleased to hand over the reins of the business to Calum and welcomes the renewed investment in the quarry.

'There has always been a high demand for Barrachander stone but the quarry has a lot more potential,' Mr Sutherland said.

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Kosmos to perform at Kilmory Castle

'I defy you not to be mesmerised'

STRING trio Kosmos is set to entertain audiences next week as the group performs an innovative programme featuring both classical and folk music.

The trio - Harriet MacKenzie, Megan Hamilton and Shirley Smart - will give music lovers an insight into their musical passion as the group performs in the regal setting of the council chambers at Kilmory Castle on March 11.

Kosmos - Harriet and Megan on violin and Shirley on cello - is especially interested in the cultural exchange and interaction between classical and folk musics.

It is the group's philosophy that classical and folk styles from around the world can be equally appealing, interesting and complex, and they find it especially exciting to explore the contrasts and connections by combining styles and aesthetics. Kosmos believes musical traditions can be shared and combined to build bridges and transcend boundaries.

Members of Kosmos travel widely, performing with and learning from musicians all over the world, as well as absorbing the unique multiculturalism of the London music scene. Having trained in the western classical tradition, the individual members of Kosmos have since studied music from North Africa, the Middle East and Turkey, Romanian Jewish and Gypsy music, Greek Rembetiko, Russian and Hungarian Gypsy music, Celtic and jazz traditions. As a trio the girls combine all of these international influences freely and with great panache, innovation and creativity, incorporating improvisation into their own unique arrangements and compositions.

International music dominates the programme of music for next Saturday's performance where music from turkey, the Middle East, Greece and Roma will be performed. Music of Jewish origin and the tango will also feature on the billing.

Dazzling audiences with their eclectic music, Kosmos has already received rave reviews from critics includ-



Kosmos- Harriet MacKenzie, Megan Hamilton and Shirley Smart - will soon perform a rich array of music for Mid Argyll audiences.

ing Richard Morrison, chief music critic at *The Times*.

The renowned critic wrote of a Kosmos performance: 'Telepathic rapport, dazzling virtuosity, serious scholarship, intellectual curiosity and impeccable musicianship. I defy you not to be mesmerised.'

'Wee Mod' needs volunteers to help run its 90th anniversary

A FESTIVAL that has celebrated Gaelic song and prose for decades is this week in need of assistance.

Organisers behind Mod Dalriada, or the Wee Mod as it is affectionately known, are seeking volunteers to help organise and run the music festival as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

The Mod, which takes place in Lochgilhead, was started in 1922 by Rev. G W MacKay, president of An Comunn Gaidhealach. It soon

Aboriginal art at Kilmartin

ART ENTHUSIASTS sought inspiration from Kilmartin Glen's Neolithic history as they created their own piece of aboriginal art last week.

Seven amateur artists attended a workshop held by Jan Hendry at Kilmartin House Museum, where they used ochre - the earliest form of pigments used by mankind - to paint.

Grinding the earthy substances to create their own paint, the artists painted on a variety of materials such as bark, stone and paper.

Exploring the similarities between the rock art featured at some of Argyll's ancient sites and aboriginal art, the artists discovered that many symbols painted in Argyll can also be seen in historic sites in Australia. However, whilst Australians are aware of what the symbols mean, it is unclear what the rock art found in Scotland represents.

Explaining she was excited to teach and host the aboriginal art workshop at Kilmartin, Jan said: 'This offers the chance to connect aboriginal art with the prehistoric situation and landscape.'



Julia Roberts from Lochgilhead painted a tree using ochre on a piece of bark. 06_a09art01

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Across

- Break (4)
- Relating to blood carriers (8)
- Refined (7)
- Undress (5)
- Ask to view again and again (7,5)
- Hopeless (6)
- Slowly nearing (6)
- Ones who employ others to serve (12)
- Cool dish served with curries (5)
- Pub sing-along (7)
- Produced (8)
- Sort (4)

Down

- One who reasons (8)
- Single one (5)
- Unwell (6)
- Wholesaler (4-3-5)
- Siren, who lures sailors (7)
- Below par (4)
- Insubordinate (12)
- Wrong (8)
- Laughing nastily (7)
- Give under duress (6)
- Black (5)
- Grain store (4)

Last week's solution

Farm builds for the future



Above: Construction has started on the new shed at Drumalea, and it is hoped it will be finished by late spring. 21_c09shed01

CUTTING significant time off the milking at Drumalea, Kintyre will allow John Smith and staff to utilise their time better. John is currently putting up a new shed on the farm, which will see a new rotational milking parlour installed. This will be a first for the area and help re-

duce his milking time by up to half. John, who currently has 12 cows in 24 units, can spend each day up to five hours per shift milking more than 300 cows. He has three farms in West Kintyre: Drumalea at Tanga, and Kilmichael, and recently purchased Drumore Farm near

Campbeltown. At Drumalea the main focus is milking where all the production happens. He uses Kilmichael to concentrate on bulling heifers, and keeps his calving stock at Drumore. His new shed, provided by Robinsons, constructed by AJC Civils and Dugald

Armour will see an increase to 70 cows rotating through the milking parlour. 'We have got a good site and are lucky we have that,' said John. 'The important thing is to have a hard site, and that's something we benefit from.' He said the main driver for the investment is to save time. John employs three full time members of staff, and his wife Ruth and father John also play an active part in the farm. 'We are hoping to at least halve the current milking times. This would free up more time for other jobs,' John explained. The first stage for him is to erect the shed and concentrate on saving time; the milking parlour pens and sorting gates will then be installed. John, who was born and bred on Dru-

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Top right: John Smith of Drumalea was born and bred on the Kintyre Farm. 21_c09shed02



Right: Greg Gillespie, one of the three full-time workers in the current milking parlour. 21_c09shed03

Drumalea, received help from the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP). This has encouraged a number of farmers

in the Kintyre area to build new sheds and modernise their farms. SRDP is a programme of economic, envi-

ronmental and social measures which utilises European Agricultural Fund for rural development funding plus Scottish

Government match funding. It is a five-year programme designed to support rural Scotland from 2007

to 2013. The Scottish Government has shown commitment to invest and modernise farms, something

John stressed is important. 'This grant is being provided to farmers but all the suppliers will also benefit from

this. Investment is to improve the infrastructure for dairy on our own farm but also for the dairy industry in Kintyre.'

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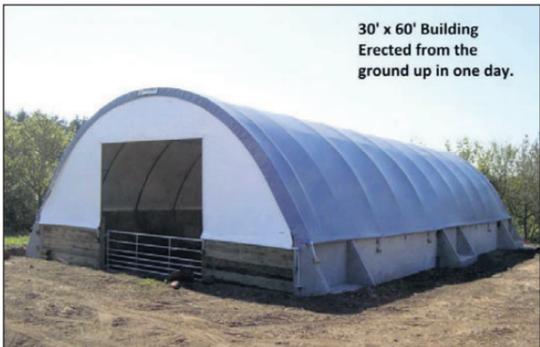
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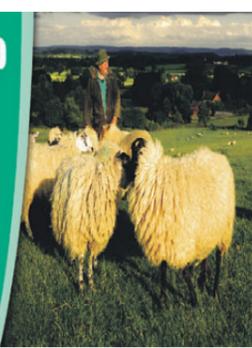
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STRACHUR
Community council

THE NEXT meeting of Strachur and District Community Council takes place on Wednesday.

The group, which meets to discuss and take action on issues of local concern, will meet at Strathlachlan Community Centre at 7.30pm.

INVERARAY
Get baking for church daffodil tea

KEEN bakers are being sought to help raise funds for Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church.

With plans for the daffodil tea party already underway, people are being asked to bake cakes, buns and breads for the tea party on March 31.

It is hoped people will also donate goods and gifts to create a hamper for raffling at the event.

Smoking cessation classes

SMOKERS living in the Royal Burgh and hoping to kick the habit can avail of smoking cessation classes within Inveraray.

Appointments for a one to one session with a smoking cessation professional can be arranged at the Nicol Hall by calling 01363 0860275.

Music cheer at club

IT WILL be an afternoon of music as the Inveraray Senior Citizens Club meets this week.

The group will be joined by John Renton and friends on Wednesday as they meet in the Nicol Hall between 2pm and 4pm.

LOCHGILPHEAD
Skills on show at SWRI

THE FEBRUARY meeting of Lochgilphead SWRI offered an opportunity for members to demonstrate some more of their skills.

The institute's Catherine Bowe said; 'In one corner Ann Johnson sat with her spinning wheel and showed us how to spin wool and allowed us to have a go. Once the wool was spun she made it up into a skein using a niddy noddly and one member described spinning like trying to pat the top of your head and rub your tummy at the same time.'

'In another corner Anna MacQuat had her

knitting needles out and she'd brought along samples of various stitches such as garter, moss and cable stitch etc. Those members who hadn't used a circular needle before were able to have a try at knitting with one and decided that it would take a bit of practice.

'Linda Tighe in the third corner was in danger of sending us all to sleep when she gave some of us a very relaxing massage of the neck, shoulders and arms. She told us that the Red Cross use this technique to help people who have been in accidents or who have been ill and those whose lives are very stressful. We agreed that we'd like to pop her into our pockets and take her out whenever we feel we'd like a bit of pampering'.

Competition results: Paper Flowers: Gold: Lizzie Scott. Decorated Cup Cake: Good: Lizzie Scott silver: Anna MacQuat. A Wallace Sugar Sifter, Institute Round Border Tart: Anna MacQuat.

COWAL
GP service public meetings

A WORKING group set up to find the best way of delivering the GP out of hours service across the Cowal peninsula is to host a series of public meetings.

Cowal 24/7 has identified options to ensure people have access to a doctor at all times of the day and night.

Now the group will be travelling around the communities of the Cowal peninsula to explain the options and offer residents the opportunity to comment on and ask questions about the possible options.

The meetings will take place at the following locations: Blairmore Hall on March 9; Strachur Memorial Hall March 14; St Munns RC Church Hall, Dunoon March 20 and Kames and District Recreational Hall, Tighnabruaich March 26. At all locations and dates, except Tighnabruaich, the venue will be open between 3pm and 7pm with presentations at 4pm and 6pm. In Tighnabruaich the venue will open between 3pm and 6.30pm, with presentations at 3.30pm and 5pm.

TARBERT
Children's charity pledge

CHILDREN in Tarbert have this week pledged their support to another charity after announcing plans to fundraise for Kidney Research.

The children, members of Tarbert Youth Group, hope to raise funds for the lifeline charity in a bid to support Tarbert sisters Lorraine MacDonald and Kathleen Mair who are running the London Marathon.

The women will run the gruelling race later this year in a bid to raise funds for the charity that supports their nephew Robson Mair.

Tarbert Youth Group will host a coffee morning on Sunday April 22 in the village to support the girls facing a mammoth challenge.



Peter, Sam and Emma with the prizes they won in London and Catriona Hood, Tarbert Academy headteacher.

Prize pupils celebrate

TARBERT Academy pupils Sam Sloan, Emma MacFarlane and Peter Tyler have achieved national recognition for their artwork.

The youngsters had the opportunity to display their work in London after being named winners in the regional final of Toyota's Dream Car Competition.

With a brief to design a dream car, Emma MacFarlane came second in the UK finals, Peter Tyler third and Sam Sloan was fifth. Emma, Peter and Sam were flown to London with their parents to collect their awards. Sam had previously been named the first place winner of the Argyll and Bute Competition, where he was awarded a £200 cheque for his school.

ARDRISHAIG
Traffic concerns to be addressed

OFFICIALS from Transport Scotland will be attending Ardrishaig Community Council this week to discuss the possibility of creating a safe crossing point within the village.

The roads authority staff will be attending the meeting at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, where they will discuss a range of traffic and road safety concerns within the village.

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KILMARTIN



Chris Carr, Ros Walker, Isobel McLaughlin and Isobel Allan at Kilmartin's snowdrop tea party. 06_a09snow02

Snowdrop tea party success

RESIDENTS of Kilmartin gathered together at the weekend for the annual snowdrop tea party.

Although the snowdrops were in short supply, there was plenty of tea and cake to satisfy guests of the party, held in the Living Stones Christian Centre on Saturday afternoon.

The event, organised by the Kilmartin Community Initiative, was held in a bid to raise funds for Kilmartin Gala Day, the annual children's Christmas party and village youth club.

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Sheep EID scheme may face rethink

EUROCRATS could be forced into a rethink over controversial sheep tagging requirements – described as ‘unworkable’ by Scottish farmers – following court action from Germany. The German Association of Sheep Farmers is to take their concerns about the electronic tagging system – EID – to the European Court of Justice over the expense of the scheme and the unreliable nature of the tag readers.

There is also a question mark over animal welfare as evidence has been brought forward that shows injury to animals’ ears after tagging.

George Lyon, Liberal Democrat MEP for Scotland, said: ‘This court case has the potential to throw a spanner in the works of the controversial EID system.

‘This is a new window of hope for Scottish farmers who have long known that the system is unworkable and needs to be changed.’

Tiree crofter vows to modernise commission

TIREE crofter Donnie Campbell is promising to modernise the Crofting Commission if he is elected on to the board in the March elections.

Donnie is the fifth generation of his family to run his croft at Cornaigbeg, which carries 100 ewes and 15 suckler cows. He works the croft in partnership with his mother and daughter.

A previous councillor for Tiree and Coll, he has previously served on the Regional Board of SEPA and the board of West of Scotland Water Authority.

He currently works part time as information officer for Scottish Power Renewables and as a law tutor for Strathclyde University.

He believes his background in crofting, law and the unique field of crofting law makes him the ideal candidate for the commission.

He said: ‘All candidates say our new commission must change its ways and be more responsive. That’s easy to say – but how does a commissioner ensure that?’

‘First of all we must be clear what commissioners actually do. They will be like directors on the board of a medium-sized company. They will not deal with most applications to our new commission. So commissioners can’t

create a more responsive commission on their own. Their job is to lead, inspire and equip the staff to do that. Make no mistake; the staff of the old commission will have low morale.

‘The commission has, rightly, been roundly criticised for years – after all there’s no greater criticism than being abolished.’

Top priorities include using staff resources better and ensuring they are closer to the communities they serve and to prioritise legal expertise to ensure decisions are taken by the right people.

Modernisation must be to the benefit of crofters, he added, while legal powers must be used purposefully. Lastly, and maybe most importantly, I would take the hard decisions needed to make all that happen.

‘The change has to come from leadership that doesn’t demoralise the new organisation, doesn’t shrink from hard decisions, has a clear vision of the way forward and has confidence in itself, in crofting and in crofters.

‘I have a positive vision for our new commission and if elected I will bring my energy and my experience as a director, councillor, community activist and academic lawyer to the role of commissioner.’



Tiree crofter Donnie Campbell who is standing for election to the Crofting Commission.

Islay crofter makes his stand on ‘continuity and experience’

ILEACH Robin Currie says he is standing as the voice of ‘continuity and experience’ in the upcoming election to find a representative for the south west Highlands area on the new Crofting Commission.

The new body is replacing the unelected Crofters Commission, on which Mr Currie is the only one of the five candidates to have served as an area commissioner.

He is currently an elected member of Argyll and Bute Council, in the role of spokesman for rural affairs, housing and Gaelic.

Mr Currie agrees with other candidates who say tackling absenteeism must be a priority, but rebuts claims from opponents that the old body was afraid to take tough decisions in doing so.

‘In the last year before I left the Commission I was dealing with absentee cases which were more than 10 years old,’ said Mr Currie. ‘We had to make difficult decisions which often meant the termination of the croft’s tenancy.’

‘Some people even called me the ‘Terminator’,’ he joked.

He is proud of his own past record as a commissioner, ‘assisting in creating over 30 new crofts in Argyll over the

last few years’, but points out the different remit of the new body, ‘now much more focused on regulation’.

He feels his experience will be essential to ensure there is no confusion in the move from the old body to the new one.

He said: ‘I think it would be really difficult if the new Commission consisted of entirely new members.

‘It is very important for our area to have an experienced person who knows about the new Crofting Act, the policies and procedures.’

Where some call for the regulations to be applied more uniformly across Scotland, Mr Currie feels one of the benefits of the new body is its potential to be flexible in its approach.

‘Crofting on Islay is not the same as crofting in Glencoe.

‘I think the regulations should be applied differently in different parts of the country.

‘Knowledge of the different areas is really important.’

Undoubtedly Mr Currie is setting his stall out as the ‘safe pairs of hands’ in this election.

But he also wishes to underline his willingness to make difficult decisions when crofters are absent from their land for too long.



Robin Currie, of Islay, is seeking election to the new Crofting Commission.

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Council leader in budget pledge to Mid Argyll villages

THE VILLAGES of Mid Argyll will benefit from other regeneration schemes in the future, the leader of Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

Speaking after the launch of the 2012/15 budget, Council leader Dick Walsh said Mid Argyll would not 'be left behind' as capital investment is pumped into Campbeltown, Helensburgh and other CHORD towns.

Stating Lochgilphead, Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Inveraray would benefit from other regeneration initiatives, Councillor Walsh said Mid Argyll would continue to be promoted as a tourism destination.

Explaining CHORD

focused on ports and marina towns, Councillor Walsh said: 'These [Mid Argyll] towns and villages will be picked up through other processes.'

A message reinforced by Mid Argyll councillor Donnie MacMillan, he said Mid Argyll would continue to benefit from capital investment in roads and education.

Investment

'In recent years the council has funded Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Mid Argyll Sports Centre and helped to relocate the social work department to the new Mid Argyll Community Hospital so Mid Argyll has already benefited from considerable capital

investment,' councillor MacMillan said.

Looking to the 2012/15 budget, Lochgilphead is to benefit from a £3,000 investment in the Lantern Parade – the single biggest event in the Lochgilphead social calendar.

A financial boost requested by local councillors, the additional funds have been welcomed by Donnie MacMillan, Alison Hay and Dougie Philand.

'I am delighted to see the lantern parade in Lochgilphead being assisted by the budget award £1,000 for three years, following our discussions with the leader of the council,' Mr Philand said.



Alec Howie, harbour master at Ardrishaig Pier hands over a £500 cheque to headteacher Robina Millar and pupils of Ardrishaig Primary School. 06_a09swim01

£500 donation keeps Ardrishaig school pupils in the swim

PUPILS at Ardrishaig Primary School will continue to be taught how to swim this year thanks to British Waterways.

The company, which looks after the Crinan Canal, presented the school with a £500 cheque recently allowing the school to continue with its full programme of swimming in 2012. Robina Millar, headteacher at Ardrishaig Primary, thanked British Waterways for its donation.

She said: 'The budget cuts to swimming lessons last year meant that we would have had to have just sent some classes for swimming lessons or not delivered the full programme. But this donation, together with donations from parents means that until June 2012 we can continue to deliver a full swimming programme.'

Alec Howie, harbour master at Ardrishaig Pier said British Waterways is delighted to contribute to the swim-

ming lessons. 'Water safety is a top priority for us and we run a successful Stay Away from the Edge campaign to ensure every visit to the Crinan Canal is a safe and enjoyable one,' said Mr Howie. 'Supporting the school and the Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool in delivering lessons is an ideal way for us to work together to ensure we get important safety message across and children learn to play safely around water.'

Inveraray urged to get on the run for Sport Relief

INVERARAY runners are being sought to take part in the Sport Relief relay.

Sport Relief, alongside BBC One's The One Show, is searching for 1,000 people to take part in the relay that will begin on Isle of Mull and finish at The Mall in London. Starting on Friday March 16, The One Show 1000 will travel around the UK, running 24 hours a day, for 10 days before a grand finale into the Sport Relief Mile on The Mall on Sunday March 25.

The One Show 1000 comes through Glenforsa, Ardnacross, Craignure and Oban on Friday March 16 and then throughout Argyll and Bute, including Inveraray, on Saturday March 17.

Local people aged over 16 are being urged to apply to take part and be one of the 1,000.

The full route can be seen at www.sportrelief.com/the-one-show.

Get set for annual beach clean

THE DATE for the 2012 SAS beach clean has been set for March 24 and 25.

The annual event, which sees hundreds of people spring clean their local beaches, aims to remove the debris and litter that gathers on beaches over the winter.

The storms of December and January have created more tidal waves and an increased amount of debris has been cast upon the coastline.

SAS hope Mid Argyll people will pick up their litter pickers and get involved.

For more information or to register a local beach clean call Steve Hagan on 01872 555 950.



Members of Mid Argyll Rotary Club celebrate 107 years with ketchup bottles and cake. 06_a09rotary01

Rotary club gets saucy

MEN in Mid Argyll were amongst 1.2 million people celebrating across the world last week as the Rotary Club marked its 107th birthday.

Members of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll held a special lunch in Ardrishaig last Thursday recognising the achievements of one of the world's driving forces in humanitarian aid.

At the event members returned tomato sauce

bottles, filled to the brim with small change, as part of their contribution to the Rotary End Polio Now initiative.

More than 50,000 bottles of tomato ketchup have been sent to all Rotary districts in the UK thanks to the generosity of Wilkin & Sons in Tiptree, Essex, which partnered Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) for the innovative fundraiser.

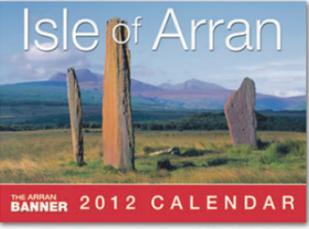
Mid Argyll Rotary Club president Sandy Taylor said: 'If every bottle is filled with only £5 of change that would raise over £250,000.'

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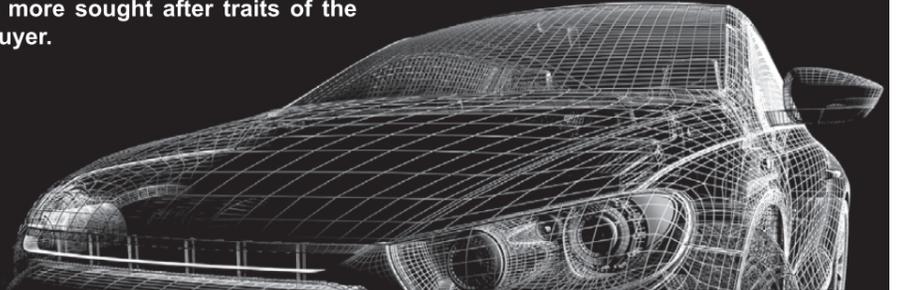
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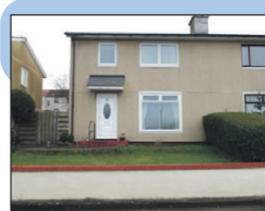
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7.30pm

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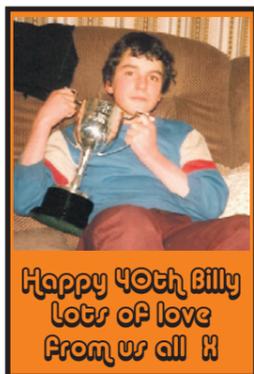
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**Thanks again,
Peter**

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge'. (Proverbs 23:12).

BIRTHS



BLACK

Alex and Stacey are delighted to announce the birth of John William, born on February 23, 2012 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Another grandson for Malcolm Black and the late Sheena Black. First grandchild for William and Elizabeth Conley. Both families are over the moon. Thanking all medical staff.



CAMPBELL - MCKILLOP

Scott and Laura are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Kelvin Scott Pearson, born on February 23, 2012, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. First grandchild for Gilbert and Audrey and third grandson for Kenneth and Nannette. Both families are delighted. Thanks to all midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Southern General Hospital.

GALLANAGH - Paul and Moira-Ann, née Sims, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Daisy, born on February 24, 2012. A sister for Noah.

DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on February 25, 2012, Catherine McKinven Robertson, in her 86th year, formerly of the Roding, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Alexander Brown, much loved mother of Walter, Marlynn and Joseph and a loving and much loved granny and great granny. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 2 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the church and the Kintyre Care Centre.

COPELAND - Peacefully at Bridgenorth, Shropshire, on February 8, 2012, Ishbel, much loved mother of Robert, mother-in-law of Pamela and darling "Nannie Ish" to Simon and Bethan. Daughter of the late Neil and Jenny McLellan, loving sister of Neil and Margaret, sister-in-law to Betty and Joe and a dear aunt to her nephew and nieces.

MCGOWN - Peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital, on February 25, 2012, John Wallace McGown, in his 81st year, 34 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Cathie McLean, much loved father of Wallace and a dearly loved brother and uncle.

MILLER - Suddenly, but peacefully at home, Drumnaculach, Tayinloan, on February 21, 2012, Andrew Chisolm Miller, in his 82nd year, dearly beloved husband of the late Joan Elizabeth Lea and a much loved father and grandfather. A cremation service will be held in Falkirk Crematorium on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 10.00am, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BAIRD - George and the family of the late Dorothy Baird, would like to thank everyone, for the many kind words, expressions of sympathy and for cards and flowers received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

MARTIN - Elsa Martin's family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy following Elsa's death. Special thanks to the staff at Auchinlee for all the care and attention given to Elsa, to the Rev T Bryson for a comforting service and Stan Lupton for all his help and advice with arrangements. The sum of £250 was collected for Tarbert Parish Church.

IN MEMORIAM

GILCHRIST - Precious memories of Leonard, a dearly loved husband, dad and grandad, who passed away March 5, 2010. We will always love and miss you.

- Your loving wife Gloria and family, home and away.
LITSTER - David. Two years may have passed by, but we all still love and miss you and think of you every day.

- All my love, Tamara (wee Taz) xxxxx.
MCTAVISH - In loving memory of our father, Douglas MacTavish, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts.

- Malcolm and Ross.
MACVICAR - In ever loving memory of a devoted, loving wife, mother and nana, Christina (Teena), died March 1, 2007.

- Johnnie, Mitchell, Catherine and families.
MCFARLANE - Treasured memories of Angus, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, who died March 5, 2002.

Gone but not forgotten.
- Family, home and away.
SMITH - Douglas, died March 2, 2008.
- Dearly loved and sadly missed by Morven and family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 4th March
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achoish at 12:30pm
(The Lord's Supper)
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
4 March - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016697
Morning Service Lochgair at 11.30 am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sunday Club - all children are welcome to join

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 4th March 2012
Kilmartin 10 a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Souper Sunday after service
Soup & Sandwiches in Hall in aid of Church of Scotland HIV AIDS.
World Day of Prayer Friday, 2nd March
Bellanoch Church at 7 p.m.
All welcome
Thursday 8th March, 2012
Stated Annual Meeting in Church Hall, Kilmartin at 7.30 p.m.
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 4th MARCH 2012
11.00 am
Worship Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2012
7.30 pm World Day of Prayer Service
in the St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead
All Welcome
Further information (01546) 606218
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

THE FAITH MISSION RALLIES
Lochgilphead Free Church
Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm
Campbeltown Salvation Army
Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm
Speaker: Donnie Macleod
Book stall and tea.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Saturday 3 March 2012
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00-8.30am
Prayer & praise: 9.00am
Sunday 4 March 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"The Isaac Generation"
Thursday 8 March 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 4 March
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
Friday 2 March
World Day of Prayer Service
Bellanoch Church 7 pm
Thursday 8 March
MESSY CHURCH
Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6 pm
Food, Crafts, followed by a story, a song, a prayer.
All Welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 4th March 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
Rev Tommy Bryson
World Day of Prayer
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
Friday 2nd March 2.30pm
Guild meets
Monday 5th March
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
2.30pm
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Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Saturday 3rd March 2012
4.00pm
Officebearers prepare hall
Sunday 4th March
11.15am
Morning Worship
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5)
JaM (P6+)
6.30pm
Service in Stewarton Hall
Tuesday 6th March
Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7
Wednesday 7th March
7.15pm
Bible Studies for Lent - Manse
Advance Notice
Sunday 11th March
3.00pm
Hall Communion Service
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street
Campbeltown
Sunday 4th March
12.45pm
Rev David Meredith (DVD)
'A cynic converted'
(John 1:43-51)
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO03847

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Friday, 2nd March
World Day of Prayer - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 4th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 5th March
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 6th March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 8th March
Bible Study (in the manse) - 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 9th March
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm House Group
Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 4th March 2012
Second Sunday of Lent
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Morning Prayer
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 4th March
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
10.50 Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 7th March
10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
01586 551237
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547
SC014646

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 4th March 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Monday 5th March 2012
Ladies Meeting
Baptist Missionary Society
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

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Mid Argyll athletes do well in Oban finals

ATHLETES from Mid Argyll were named champions in two out of the ten competitive categories at the recent Argyll Final of Sports Hall Athletics.

Joseph Harper from Kilmartin and Tayvallich's Erik Riddell both emerged overall winners in their age-group categories.

Joseph Harper from Kilmartin was the under 11 champion thanks to wins in the high, long and triple jumps. Joseph fought a tight contest with Tobermory's James Henderson to win the title. William Brock from

Ardrishaig primary won third place. James won the two-lap race and William won the vertical jump.

Other winners in this age group were Cameron Reid from Castlehill in the four-lap race, Sam Coates from Park Primary in the speed bounce and Felix Maddox from Kilmartin in the javelin with a 19.50 metre throw.

Erik, the under 17s boys champion put in an impressive performance at the event, winning six out of the eight indoor events and showing particular strength in

the two-lap and four-lap races. Gordon Thomson from Oban put up a good fight against Erik in his best event, the shot putt, throwing an impressive 10.72 metres.

Excelling

Athletes from all over Argyll joined Joseph and Erik in excelling in the competition, which saw five Argyll age records broken.

Three of the records were set in the boys under 13 contest and all by the outstanding winner Ben Coates from Kilmore. The previous weekend Ben had won the Scottish Indoor

Under 14 Pentathlon Championship in Glasgow and on Saturday he continued his fine form dominating the competition by winning all eight events.

Ben's first record was in the standing long jump reaching out to 2.38 metres, adding 1cm to the long-standing record. Ben was then in action in the two-lap race winning by a wide margin in 22.5 seconds and trimming 0.3 of a second of his own Argyll age record set in January. Ben continued to dominate the competition and finally lined up for the four-lap race in which he recorded an incredible 48 seconds taking a full three seconds off the old record set by Ruraidh MacKinnon from Oban in 2009.

Ashleigh Connor from Campbeltown was the other record breaker and was very impressive in winning the girls under 13 title. In her first event Ashleigh improved her own Argyll age record in the standing triple jump reaching 6.85 metres, adding 22 cm to her mark set four weeks ago in the Kintyre competition.

Ashleigh also exceeded the age record in the standing long jump by 4 cm clearing 2.26 metres. Ashleigh won five out



Ten-year-old Joseph Harper was delighted with his Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championship Trophy. The youngster, who has only been doing athletics for three years, has enjoyed great success recently winning events in the national superteam competition. 06_a09joseph01



Mid Argyll Athletes and recent winners of second place in the Scottish Athletics' Superteams competition - Gregor McGeachy, Joseph Harper, Felix Maddox and William Brock - repeated their success at the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championship.

of the eight events with good winning times in the two-lap and four-lap races just ahead of Chloe Fairman from Lochgilphead and Emma Thompson from Oban. Emma was the winner in the high jump and speed bounce and Fiona MacLean from Oban won the shot putt.

In other successes for the Mid Argyll athletics team Megan Danson from Lochgilphead was the runner-up in the under nine girls category. Megan won the two-lap race in 28.2 seconds, only 0.3 slower than the record, whilst Carla Todd from Lochgilphead won the javelin.

Mid Argyll's teenagers also fared well with Erin Downie from Lochgilphead winning the speed bounce with 74 jumps in 30 seconds in the under 14 category and Olivia Kerr winning first place in the vertical jump and speed bounce events in the under 15 age-group. Finlay Ferguson won the shotput for the under 15 boys.

Freya Corner from Inveraray was runner-up to Kintyre's Kate Cameron with a good all round display including a win in the four-lap race in the girls under 15 contest. Lochgilphead High School girls finished second and third

overall with Olivia Kerr and Bethan Lemmon third equal behind Freya Corner.

In the schools' contest Campbeltown Grammar retained the schools trophy for the girls ahead of Oban with Lochgilphead High School in third place. Oban High School won the boys trophy ahead of Lochgilphead and Tobermory High School came third.

The Argyll final, held in Oban's Atlantis Leisure Centre on Saturday, was the culmination of the months of training throughout the winter. The event saw more than 90 athletes compete for 10 titles.

Strong finish for Sinclair in final winter league qualifying week

EVEN though he had qualified several weeks ago Ross Sinclair still puts in the practice to keep his game at such a high level.

He had spent all day practising at Dunaverty for his match play final with David, not returning home until the early hours - that's dedication for you.

Two Trophies

The preparation paid off as he was too good for his cousin and has two trophy's in the bag already.

David has had such a busy week that he had to take soup making lessons from Donald Car-

michael or they would have been soup less this week. He still has another 56 varieties to learn.

Alec MacAulay was second in the qualifying but is getting fed up with Ross borrowing his glasses to read out the scores as Ross always comes in first when he does this.

Jim Hunter is looking forward to the duffers derby as he will be able to relax with players who are just trying to have a good time as against wind up professionals who make you miss small putts.

Donald Carmichael is one of the favourites for

the title as long as he can stay calm and not play with Ross as they are both so competitive they can sometimes cancel each other out.

Prevails

Robert Baxter is another one who will need to try to stay calm as the final is over four rounds and the most consistent player usually prevails.

Kenny Cameron was with Ross in Kintyre but as he was returning from injury his previous day exertions left him overtired and weak.

John Davidson finished the qualifying as he started it with a good score it's just a

pity about the other 18 rubbish weeks in between.

So the finalists are: Ross Sinclair, Alec MacAulay, Donald Carmichael, David Sinclair, Robert Baxter and Keith Cowan with the rest of the players playing for the big trophy and the title of Winter League Duffers champion.

Results: 10. R Sinclair; 9. J Hunter; 8. A MacAulay; 7. D Carmichael; 6. J Davidson; 5. R Baxter; 4. Rayman; 3. K Cameron; 2. D Sinclair; 1. L Hardman.

Nearest the pin: 7. Grant MacDougall; 9. Donald Johnson

Good win for Under 17s

LOCHGILPHEAD Under 17s started their League Cup campaign with an away fixture against AKFC at Inverclyde Academy on Sunday.

The home team took the lead with a penalty after a crude Watt challenge. Allen equalised for Lochgilphead before Ian McGuinness made the score 2 - 1. McCullum added another before AKFC pulled a goal back to make the half time score 2 - 3.

Ian recently hit the 100 goals mark for Lochgilphead and he nodded in at the back post on Sunday to score his 102nd goal for the team. Congratulations Ian from all the players and coaches on

a fine achievement.

MacVicar opened his account for the season as he followed up his well saved penalty to make no mistake from the rebound. MacBrayne has a classy left foot and the AKFC keeper could do nothing to stop his well-driven free kick.

In the goal of the match a well worked move down the right flank resulted in a precision cross from Boyd which found Calum McGuinness with his bullet header giving the home keeper no chance.

AKFC pulled a goal back before the end through a soft penalty after the otherwise excellent Donald was penalised.

Despite an early scare and going behind the AKFC team, the Mid Argyll and Kintyre lads dominated a very sporting contest.

Weather permitting the team travel to play Durnoon on Sunday.



Ian McGuinness has now hit over 100 goals for Lochgilphead Under 17s.

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Under 13s score five against Milngavie

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Star Under 13s produced their best performance of the season to beat a Milngavie side they could only draw with two weeks ago. The home side had



Lorne MacFarlane takes on the Milngavie defence just outside the box. 06_a09footy01

the better of the first half but rarely troubled the Milngavie keeper as chances were missed and despite their early dominance Red Star were reminded that they wouldn't have it all their own way when Milngavie crashed a shot off the crossbar 10 minutes before the break.

Half time 0-0.

A half time reshuffle of the Star line up had an immediate impact in the second half as they scored two goals in four minutes. First a good interchange between central midfielders Whitefield and Caskie put Liam Cameron through on goal and he finished well in the corner of the net. The second was a wonderful solo goal by Liam Scott, picking the

ball up on the halfway line and outpacing the Milngavie defence before chipping the keeper for his first competitive goal for the 13s.

Star were now playing some excellent passing football and another fine move led to a penalty when Caskie was fouled in the box. Craig Young stepped up and fired the penalty high and wide of the keeper for 3-0.

Chances continued to be created and Red Star scored two more in the final 10 minutes. First Aaron Whitefield put Ryan Caskie through to finish well and Caskie tapped in his second with two minutes left after good perseverance by Lucas Williamson won the ball in the box. Red Star will go into



Liam Scott chases down a Milngavie midfielder. Liam scored his first goal for the under 13 team on Sunday. 06_a09footy02

their league cup-tie versus Goldenhill on Sun-

day with the confidence of a six game unbeaten run and all 15 boys playing well.

Back to back wins for Red Star who turn in an impressive performance

Scottish Amateur
 League
 Division One
**Duncanrig (B) 1
 Lochgilphead Red
 Star 4**

RED STAR travelled to East Kilbride on Saturday for their penultimate away match of the season, looking to pick up a vital three points against Duncanrig.

Poor weather conditions and a difficult pitch contributed to a scrappy opening to the game with neither side able to get their passing game going.

Red Star opened the scoring after a good turn of pace by Docherty on the wing. He was able to get the ball into the box where Naisby was on hand to turn the ball past the 'Rig keeper with a first time volley

to put Star 0-1 up after half an hour and this is how it remained until half time.

Into the second half and the fitness of the youthful Star side started to take effect with the home defence starting to get pinned further back.

The visitors doubled their lead when Peacock was able to beat several defenders before cutting the ball back to McGuinness who made no mistake from close range.

Switched Off

Duncanrig were not going to go down without a fight however and when Star switched off briefly with 20 minutes to go they were duly punished when the home striker fired his shot past the out-stretched Kalache to make the score 1-2.

Duncanrig did push for the equaliser but Star were still looking dangerous on the break and the two goal cushion was restored when Peacock broke away from the Rig defence, not for the first time this season, and fired home to put the result beyond doubt.

There was still time for Gregor to add his second of the afternoon as he converted after some good work by his brother Lewis to make the final score 1-4 to Star.

Manager Weir was delighted as Star picked up back to back league wins for the first time this season and will be looking for the good form to continue tomorrow when the Stag Hotel sponsored Red Star take on Whitehill FP at the Ropework at 2pm.

Shinty teams ready for the new season

AFTER looking odds on to lift the premier league trophy last year, an injury-ravaged KYLES ATHLETIC squad ran out of steam, allowing Newtonmore to take the title.

And it seems the exertions of last season have taken their toll on the threadbare squad, with four of their star players effectively ruled out for the 2012 season.

'It would be fair to say we are in a bit of a transition,' admitted Kyles trainer James Perlich.

'We have young players to come in but they have not played in the premier league before and because of their step up to the first team, we have relegated our second team to South Division Two.

'The way last season ended was a hard one. It was more the draw with Inveraray, than the defeat to Newtonmore, that was hard to take. We knew

we should have won the Inveraray game.'

INVERARAY talisman Garry MacPherson will take on a dual role with the club this season, as he supports manager John Smylie as assistant manager while he continues to play.

After scraping clear of relegation last season, Inveraray's priority again will be on premier league survival in 2012.

Manager John Smylie said: 'We will not be able to have a consistent first team because of work commitments but I hope we can get our strongest team out against the teams that will be around us in the league.'

'As always, we'll be looking to get a couple of good cup runs.'

Inveraray host Kyles Athletic this weekend, although earlier this week doubts were cast over whether the pitch would be playable.

Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 5, 10 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 7, 8 and 11 drawn. The jackpot will be £300 next week.

The Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week drew numbers 3, 10 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

The jackpot in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw will be £475 next week after another week passes with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 2, 4 and 17.

Fine score for Gordon

GORDON MacCaffery blew away the cobwebs to take top honours in round 12 of Tarbert Golf Club winter league. In only his second outing of the year Gordon golfed his ball well to post 21 points.

Second and playing in the same group as Gordon was Peter MacLean who hit his ball really well and signed for a solid 20 points. With the league coming to a close the weekend of March 17 and 18 there is still time to post some good scores.

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