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News in Brief

Squeak saves day for local funfair

Problems getting permission for a funfair which has been coming to Lochgilphead for the bulk of the last century appear to have been ironed out, after intervention from the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.
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Smoking cessation officer gets busy with nicotine ban

A new smoking cessation officer may have a busy year with the smoking ban and National No Smoking day approaching.
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Council takes away meals at centre

'We'd rather sit in,' say service users

Fiona Duncan has been using Lochgilphead Resource Centre for over 20 years.a10res01

CLIENTS at Lochgilphead Resource Centre have hit out at the closing of the kitchens at the centre, creating upheaval for staff and users.

Following a social work review, the Resource Centre, which provides day care to people with learning disabilities in the area, has stopped providing meals. This has caused consternation among those who use the service.

The review states that the system should be more flexible instead of encouraging people who use the centre to return at the same time every day. It also recommends that funding could be better spent elsewhere in the centre.

Pressure

Fiona Duncan, a client at the centre, said: 'It's putting more pressure on carers to prepare lunches and it means people aren't getting a hot meal during the day.

'People look forward to lunchtime as a social occasion as much as anything. When it was someone's birthday, Mary would bake them a cake and I've lost count of the number of times I've addressed the haggis at our Burns' Supper. It won't be the same.

'It seems especially rich, given they just renovated the kitchen in Kilmory Castle at Christmas, that they are taking catering away from the Resource Centre.'

Sandra Greer, head of community support for Argyll and Bute Council, defended the step: 'The money saved will go back into the service. I think people are understandably a bit nervous about how it will work but in Bute the service works and they've never had a catering kitchen.

'It's allowing people to have the same quality of life as you or I have.'

Integrate

Lochgilphead Councillor Donnie MacMillan said: 'It's government policy to integrate people who use the centre into the community and treat them as individuals. We'll have to monitor the situation and see how it operates.'

Mrs Duncan, who has also contacted Argyll and Bute Council with her concerns, added that the cooks had 'shown a great deal of kindness and understanding to us'.

'I am dismayed at the offhand manner in which longserving staff, 16 years to be precise, can be treated,' she said.

'There appears to be no prior warning, let alone consultation, with the ladies concerned.

'Such cavalier decisions made by our elected councillors do not sit well with the democratic process,' she said.

Explosion at Lochgilphead sub station

HOMES and businesses in Lochgilphead were without power on Friday, March 2, when an electricity sub station in Highbank Park exploded.

Electricity was cut off across the town but was restored by late afternoon.

Mrs Annette Davidson of Highbank Park said: 'All the people here heard it. A big steel section landed in someone's garden right at her front door. It was lucky she wasn't there, otherwise she would have been decapitated.

She added: 'Apparently when it exploded all the bits and pieces flew up into the air. It was lucky nobody was hurt or no property was damaged.'

Unique

A spokesperson for Scottish Hydro-electric said: 'It was a pretty unique experience. I spoke to our local man and he's never seen anything like it. It blew the cover right off the sub station.'

'The power went off about 9.20am for about 1000 houses and was back on by 4pm. We put a temporary generator in place which covers some of the affected houses and the rest are being catered for by other sub stations.

'We've ordered up a new sub station which should be installed by the end of the week.

'It was an internal fault in the sub station, similar to a fuse blowing in a house.'

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New Legal Aid system for Argyll

ACCESS to legal aid should become easier in Argyll and Bute thanks to a new project launched this month.

Scottish Legal Aid Board and Argyll and Bute Advice Network have joined forces to widen access to specialist legal advice in the area with funding from the Scottish Executive.

Solicitor Colin Forbes has been appointed to lead the programme based in Lochgilphead. He will take on legal aid casework and provide a secondary advice service to staff. He will also establish a training schedule to equip advisers in dealing with a range of common issues around legal advice.

He said: 'I look forward to improving the availability of legal advice for clients and agencies across the region through the trial of various methods of legal advice training and delivery.

'With improved communication and co-operation between agencies and the commercial sector we can hope to increase accessibility and availability of such services to the benefit of clients across the region.'

Gordon Sutherland of Argyll and Bute Advice Network said: 'The benefit of the solicitor's knowledge, advice and training will be felt throughout the region but particularly in areas suffering social exclusion and will improve the quality of advice to those who most need it. Through a better trained network of volunteer advisers, the project has the potential to help thousands of client.'

Ford ballot votes in favour of buy-out

FORD'S long-running bid to purchase land for a new community centre took another step forward on Wedneday, February 28.

Residents took part in a vote to decide whether to pursue the application via the Forestry Commission's Forest Land Scheme. The project has to show it will make good use of the land socially, economically and environmentally, in line with the aims of the scheme. A community ballot is a pre-requisite for such an application.

All those on the electoral roll and eligible to vote in a local election were invited to have their say in the secret ballot. Of the 147 people eligible, 100 voted with 94 being in favour of the community owning the land and sixagainst. A spokesperson for the project said members 'were delighted by the result' and felt it was a 'convincing endorsement of the project's aims'.

Deirdrie Forsyth of Argyll and Bute Council undertakes the count at Ford Community Ballot. a10ford01

The polling station was manned by members of Ford Community Project from 7am to 7pm and the count was carried out by Deirdrie Forsyth of Argyll and Bute Council.

Funding for the purchase is already being sought via the Big Lottery's Growing Community Assets scheme and the results of both applications should be known by mid-May.

Minard SWRI

AT the monthly meeting of Minard SWRI on February 15, Mrs Dunagan, the president, introduced the evening's speaker, Liz Feeney.

Physiotherapist Liz volunteered her services in Guatemala in February for three weeks through a Canadian charity, Poco a Poco, ('little by little'), which provides medical relief to the country.

Liz was working with people with spina bifida and showed the good work done by the charity with the help of slides. It is especially commendable that Liz decided to do this talk as a way of celebrating her 40th birthday.

The SWRI will be holding a car boot sale in Minard village hall on March 10 from 10 am to 12.30 pm. The next meeting is on March 15.

Help on hand at Work Fair

At the recent Work Fair held at Tarbert are Mary Blackburn and Lorna Thompson of Argyll Supported Employment Team (ASET).

The event was held to help people improve their job prospects, and employers and education providers were on hand to give advice. ASET can help people find work if they have a learning or physical disability, are recovering from mental ill health and live within Argyll and the island communities.

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Squeak saves the day for funfair

LOCHGILPHEAD will have all the fun of the fair this summer after the *Argyllshire Advertiser* stepped in to ensure that the annual funfair in the town would go ahead as usual.

Argyll and Bute Council had refused the Stewart family permission to set up on the front green this July as Scottish Water has plans to dig it up.

The small children's fair used to come to The Corran, but last year moved to a spot on the front green adjacent to the police station. This site was deemed safer than The Corran because it kept children away from the main road.

However, the council sent a letter to the Stewart family recently to say they were refusing permission for the fair to be set up adjacent to the police station, as the site must remain free at all times for the emergency helicopter air ambulance.

Father and son Billy and Sheldon Stewart, who operate the fair, questioned the logic of digging up the front green in the middle of summer and wanted to know why there was no helicopter pad at the new, £18.4 million Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Billy said he had been offered a site between the war memorial and the flagpole, but that this site was only 'weather permitting'. Sheldon added: 'I think people in Lochgilphead like the fair. The businesses like it, because it does make tourists stop in the town, go to the fair and take a walk round the shops. Why would Scottish Water carry out their work in the middle of the summer? It doesn't make any sense.'

A Scottish Water spokesman said this week that although it was planning to do some maintenance work at the front green area, the proposed plan had not been approved yet, therefore there was no timescale set.

The spokesperson added: 'If there is a big community event held each year like the funfair, we would work around that.'

When the *Argyllshire Advertiser* contacted Argyll and Bute Council to tell it Scottish Water was not standing in the way of the fair, it appeared to backtrack on its decision and a spokesperson said: 'If Scottish Water can give a definite guarantee that it will not be progressing work while the fair will be at the Corran, we would have no objection to the fair going ahead.'

A delighted Sheldon said he was glad the council had changed its mind and that he looked forward to bringing the fair to town once again.

Police files

Co-op incident

ON WEDNESDAY, February 28, a 36-year-old female was allegedly caught shoplifting at the Co-op supermarket in Lochgilphead.

Saxophone theft from school

A TENOR saxophone has been reported stolen from Lochgilphead High School.

The instrument was in a black case and is worth £500.

Anybody with any information should contact PC Lewis at Lochgilphead police station on 01546 702200.

Graffitti

GRAFFITI has been reported on the walls of Lochgilphead High School recently. PC Barrie is making inquiries and anyone with any information should conact him at Lochgilphead Police Station.

Alleged assault

ON SATURDAY evening, March 3, a 17-year-old male was reported for allegedly assaulting another male at the Comm in Lochgilphead.

Windows smashed

A WINDOW was smashed on Saturday night in John Smith Place, Tarbert, causing great distress to the occupant. Contact PC Brack with any information.

Also, on Sunday afternoon, March 4, a window was broken in Kingdom Hall, Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig.

Male arrested

IN THE early hours of Sunday morning, a 25-year-old male was arrested for allegedly being drunk and incapable in Furnace.

Money raised in Lynn's memory

THE CONCERT and ceilidh held on Friday, March 2 in Ardrishaig Hall in memory of Ardrishaig Primary School teacher Lynn Mathieson, raised a fantastic £802.61 for the Beatson Oncology Unit in Glasgow.

In addition to this amount, an extremely generous donation of £120 was made by an Ardrishaig businessman to cover the hire of the hall.

Organisers of the concert would like to say a huge thank-you to the musicians, the school, the Parent Teacher Association, the Co-op, Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA) and everyone else who was involved in contributing to the success of the event.

Plans are already underway for a similar event in memory of Lynn next year.

Mid Argyll primary pupils at their Enterprise Day in Ardrishaig. a09ent01

Pupils show their enterprising endeavours

MID-ARGYLL primary schools got a chance to display their efforts over the last year at an Enterprise Day in Ardrishaig public hall.

Stalls were set up by Craignish, Inveraray, Glassary, Minard, Ashfield, Ardrishaig, Achahoish, Tayvallich, Ardchonnel and Kilmartin schools with an eclectic array of activities represented.

Many had made their own calendars and done work on their garden with a number achieving or consolidating their eco-school status for environmental work. Minard Primary School had pupils' work for sale including painted glass and sheep decorations made out of salt dough. Ardrishaig pupils had made cards during the year and Ashfield organised a craft fair with various home-made trinkets on offer. Ardchonnel and Tayvallich got into the movie business, creating their own short films with pupils taking roles in everything from directing, sound and light to scriptwriting and acting. Ardchonnel school has already rolled out the red carpet for the premiere of *Heavens Above!*; Tayvallich expects to follow suit with its piece about the Highland Clearances.

Inveraray Primary School pupils have been getting their hands dirty with the construction of a 'peace building' for pupils during breaks and where some classes are held.

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Glassary SWRI

PRESIDENT Heather Ritchie welcomed 30 members including visitors from Tarbert, Lochgilphead, Ford and Minard to Kilmichael Glassary WRI meeting on February 13.

Guest speaker Annea Wilson, Social Services Manager, gave an interesting and very informative talk and there were lots of questions for her to answer. The committee provided a lovely tea.

Competition results:

Article using old balls of wool: 1 M Campbell, 2 J Blackwood, 3 E Rhodick.

Crochet Article: 1 J Blackwood, 2 J McIvor, 3 M Campbell.

Rhubarb and Ginger jam: 1 J McIvor, 2 E Rhodick.

Population drop

THE POPULATION of Argyll reached a 15-year low last year, according to estimates presented to Argyll and The Islands Local Economic Forum.

Economic adviser Ken McTaggart told forum members that in 2005, the most recent figures available, Argyll's population was estimated to have been 90,850. This represented a fall of 0.4 per cent, or 400 people, from the 2001 census figure.

Chris reaches top of the tree

FORESTRY worker Chris Robertson of Tarbert has been named Modern Apprentice of the Year at a recent Awards ceremony in Perthshire.

Chris completed a Modern Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber last year and now works full time for the Forestry Commission.

He was amongst 12 finalists at the awards dinner and took home the Modern Apprentice of the Year Shield and a £350 cash prize.

The annual awards, organised by Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the environmental and land-based sector, recognise and reward outstanding learners from the sector and raise awareness of the many career opportunities that exist within the land-based industries.

Great example

William Fergusson, Lantra National Director for Scotland said: 'Chris is a great example of someone who has shown outstanding commitment to his own development and taken the opportunity of vocational training to begin a rewarding career in the land-based sector.

From left, Ian Wilson, Murray Livingstone, Chris Robertson and Ashley Woodhouse from Forestry Commission Scotland at the recent awards ceremony.

'He has taken full advantage of the opportunities available to him through the apprenticeship to become proficient in a number of areas within the business and has ensured his position as a valuable member of staff.'

First

Chris and his colleague, Murray Livingstone of Lochgilphead were the first in the UK to successfully complete the Trees and Timber Modern Apprenticeship and were presented with their certificates by Rhona Brankin, former Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development.

Enthusiasm

Ashley Woodhouse, Modern Apprentice Scheme Manager at the Forestry Commission, said: 'Chris has delighted his managers and training supervisors with his natural aptitude and abilities as well as his exemplary attitude and enthusiasm for learning.

'The standards and example set by Chris have provided inspiration for the next level of would-be forest craftsmen, as well as influencing the Forestry Commission to expand the apprenticeship scheme both locally and nationally.'

Thought for the Week

It's amazing what you discover in the newspapers. Today I read that women are much more inclined to worry if they get into debt than men who seem able to shrug it off. The article also pointed out that men are better at making financial provision for the future. Apparently a higher proportion of men than women contribute to pension plans and save on a regular basis. A few pages further on there was an article on the subject of tea being good for you – so long as you take it without sugar or milk. And on the following page was an article about the benefits for men of eating tomatoes regularly. What was much more difficult to find among all these lifestyle articles in the newspaper was the news!

In order to redress the balance, I thought I would bring some news to readers of Thought for the Week. It's not new news, but it is good news, the very best news of all. Jesus says, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' Is that news to you?

(See John 3:16)

Irene Howat

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10:00 Karol Rzepkowski, Managing Director, Johnson Seafarms
10:30 Doug McLeod, Chairman, Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers

11:00 REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION

11:30 Mark Burgham, Aquaculture Management Directorate, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
12:00 Steven Tait, Head of Sales and Marketing, Freedom Food
12:30 Questions & Answers

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH – TERRACE & GRILL RESTAURANT

MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

Focus on the UK market within an international context: new markets, prices, legislation, trade restrictions and export potential

GUEST CHAIRMAN Clive Askew, Assistant Director, Shellfish Association of Great Britain
14:30 Karen Galloway, Marketing Director, Sea Fish Industry Authority
15:00 Martin Jaffa of Callander McDowell

15:30 REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION

16:00 Prof Colin A Galbraith, Director of Policy & Advice, Scottish Natural Heritage
16:30 Birgitte Sorheim, Marketing Manager, Fish Pool ASA
17:00 Questions & Answers

19:30 GALA INDUSTRY AWARDS DINNER – EDINBURGH SUITE

THURSDAY 19 APRIL

08:30 – 09:15 Registration – Banqueting Foyer
REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION
09:15 Keynote Speech – Ian Grant, Chairman, The Crown Estate

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Focus on key research including Seventh Framework Programme, diseases and their prevention, vaccinations and environmental management systems

GUEST CHAIRMAN Prof Randolph Richards, Director, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling
09:30 Mario Santos, DG Research, EU Commission, Brussels
10:00 Dr David Verner-Jeffreys, CEFAS

10:30 REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION

11:00 Prof Patrick Smith, Scientific Advisor, Schering Plough
11:30 Mark Taylor, Environmental Consultant, Thistle Environmental
12:00 Questions & Answers

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH – TERRACE & GRILL RESTAURANT

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GUEST CHAIRMAN Dr Malcolm Dickson, International Fish Farm Consultant
13:30 Arun Lavi, Business Development Manager, Atlantium Ltd, Israel
14:00 José Manuel Bernales, CEO, Landcatch Chile

14:30 REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION

15:00 Donal Maguire, Aquaculture Development Manager, BIM
15:30 Dr Kim Jauncey, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling
16:00 Questions & Answers

16:30 SUMMARY & CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

3rd SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Fish levels low

THE NUMBER of young salmon and trout in Knapdale and Kintyre rivers is worryingly low, according to a recent study.

A two-year investigation of rivers in the area has been completed by the Argyll Fisheries Trust (AFT) which looked at fish populations and their habitats.

The problem is believed to result from a variety of sources such as the impact of forestry and agriculture practices. Man-made obstacles such as weirs, dams and culverts make it difficult for fish to travel upstream.

Salmon were also found above impassable waterfalls leading to fears they may have escaped from a nearby fish farm. Following on from the study, the next stage will be to set up a River Improvement Association to manage development on the rivers. This will be done in collaboration with AFT and the Argyll District Salmon Fisheries Board.

There are also fears that a deadly parasite found in many European countries could destroy fresh water salmon stocks if it finds its way to these shores.

The parasite could wipe out Scotland's £60 million fresh water fishing industry and affect 2,000 associated jobs if it reaches this country.

Smoking ban makes a difference

New Smoking Cessation Officer Elspeth Shaw hopes she can make a difference. a09smo01

'Young people put pressure on their parents to quit now as well'

WITH the smoking ban in public places soon to hit its first anniversary and National No Smoking day just around the corner, Elspeth Shaw may have picked a busy time to take on the role of smoking cessation officer.

Based at Mid Argyll Community Hospital in Lochgilphead, Elspeth is involved in a number of drives to help people kick the habit including rounds of the hospital wards and school visits. 'They call me the 'smoking sensation officer', she laughs.

Surprising

'The smoking ban has made a big difference. You really notice it on public transport and in stations. It's also surprising the number of smokers who say how happy they are with the law. Young people put pressure on their parents to quit now as well which is something I wouldn't have done. I hope that with the ban in place that young people won't start but it's too early to tell.' People can self-refer or come through their GP if they want help to quit. Group work currently takes place in late afternoon but can be arranged to suit. The main target areas are young people, pregnant women and people with chronic illness but all are welcome.

'Peer support is very helpful and there's a lot of variety these days with nicotine replacement therapy – lozenges, gum, inhalers. If people feel they are in control it makes a big difference. People don't have to stop smoking before they come to the group sessions.'

The group work involves education and discussion, looking at pitfalls and offers support.

Elspeth is usually at the hospital on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but home visits can also be arranged. She can be contacted on 01546 462348 (ext 32348).

National No Smoking Day is on March 14.

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Mid Argyll transport issues in spotlight

MORE than 110 people attended a joint consultation held by Argyll and Bute Council in Lochgilphead last week to express their views about outdoor access and transport issues.

The main themes emerging from the transport consultation were that timetable changes could improve local bus services and people have a perception that heavy vehicles are causing a great deal of damage to roads.

Bus Shelters

People also felt that bus shelters should be well lit to enable bus drivers to see waiting passengers and that consideration should be given to a fourth daily bus service to Glasgow.

Talking about the transport consultation, Councillor Duncan McIntyre said: 'The event was very well attended and gave people the chance to tell the council their views so that they can be looked at in the final version of the new Local Transport Strategy.'

The results from the Core Paths Planning consultation show that walking and cycling are the most popular activities in the Mid Argyll area. Getting to school, work and local amenities were also highlighted as important.

Poorly surfaced and blocked paths were noted as a problem.

Further responses are expected from people accessing both consultations online.

Confidence

Council spokesperson for Development and Environment, Councillor Robin Banks said: 'The consultation enabled us to find out what is important to the local community and helped raise the awareness and confidence of both residents and visitors when using paths for access.'

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Scheme cash a priority for rep

ARGYLL'S new representative on the National Farmers Union of Scotland's (NFUS) board is to press the area's case for a bigger chunk of the Less Favoured Area (LFA) scheme.

Bert Leitch of Lagganulva Farm, Mull, is the new Argyll and Islands Regional Board chairman, replacing Angus MacFadyen of Bragleenmore Farm, Kilninver.

Bert said the allocation of money from the £60 million a-year LFA scheme is the most pressing issue locally.

He said: 'We are looking to get a fair share of the LFA because of our extra haulage costs, the rough and poor ground, heavy rainfall, the cost of getting animals to markets and buying foodstuffs. Everyone from the different areas [in Scotland] has to fight their own corner.'

Mr Leitch also believes there is scope for farming and crofting to be promoted better in the area.

Shona Anderson, Catriona Wilson, Linda Anderson, Karyn Robertson and Christina Ferguson.

Mid Argyll's Young farmers go north

MID ARGYLL YFC attended the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs 'National Winter Competitions Weekend' in Thurso on February 23 - 25.

Competitions at the event included Country Cooks, Member of the Year, Speechmaking, Five-aside Football and a quiz.

As well as a Welcome Disco on Friday night, there was a Member of the Year dance on Saturday night.

Mid-Argyll competed in the Ten-Pin Bowling finals, which were held at the All Starr Factory in Thurso.

The Club was represented by Douglas Anderson, Catriona Wilson, Shona Anderson, Stuart Geddes, Dianne Smith, Christina Ferguson, Linda Anderson and Karyn Robertson.

The next event for the Mid-Argyll Club is the AGM, which is being held on Wednesday March 14 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig at 7.30pm.

The club also hopes to support the West Area Talent Spot at the Clyde Auditorium on March 17. A very busy summer schedule is currently being produced for the club.

Holstein breeders 25th AGM

THE KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club held its 25th annual general meeting and the guest speaker for the evening was Hugh Pocock, head of Cogent Genetics, for the past six years, based in Cheshire. Alison Millar, UK marketing manager for Cogent, accompanied him.

Hugh gave a very interesting account of his Grosvenor Farms enterprise and of his work with the semen company Cogent.

The meeting also elected office bearers as follows: J Ralston, chairman; J Wallace, vice chairman; T Ralston, secretary, A Graham, treasurer.

This year's winner of the Club cup for the most points in the year was S and J Pirie, Machrihanish.

Wood you believe the future of fuel?

WOODFUEL advisors from Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Agricultural College and ALIEnergy will be present at a one-day workshop on Wednesday March 14 in Lochgilphead to promote the benefits and opportunities of using woodchip for woodfuel in Argyll.

Using wood for fuel is hardly a new idea and with the drive for renewable energy in the UK there is a renewed interest in woodfuel as providing an economical alternative to fossil fuels.

Importantly for farmers it gives them a possible economic use for timber from previously under-managed farm woods. It can often also provide the opportunity to utilise the timber resource at a local level, thereby reducing transport costs.

This one-day training course, held in the Community Centre in Lochgilphead will give people an introduction to the overall benefits of woodfuel and is aimed at anyone wanting to find out more about the potential of wood as fuel.

The workshop will highlight woodfuel markets, sustainable management for woodfuel, and how you can become a woodfuel supplier.

Information on modern burners, boilers and woodfuel products, and the comparative cost-effectiveness of using wood as fuel, will also be covered. Rebecca Carr, Woodfuel Information Officer for Forestry Commission Scotland said: 'The intention of the workshop is to demonstrate to farmers and woodland owners how they can use their woods - either by using woodfuel themselves or by becoming a woodchip supplier.'

Steven Watson of ALIEnergy said: 'A local market for clean, green heat is now a real option to save money and provide local jobs. I hope everyone coming along will be encouraged by what they hear and consider how they can be involved. '

The workshop will run by Lucy Sumsion, of the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG), and will start at 10am and finish at 4pm. In the afternoon there will be site visits to woodfuel installations already operating in Lochgilphead followed by a demonstration of a wood chipper.

The workshop has been organised by the Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum in partnership with ALIEnergy.

The workshop is free (lunch and light refreshments provided) and is open to anyone involved in the land-based industries in Argyll. Funding has been received from Forestry Commission Scotland and the Highlands and Islands Partnership Programme through SAC.

Places on the workshop are limited and anyone wishing to attend the workshop should contact Fergus Younger, the Argyll Area Agricultural Strategy Development Manager at fergus.younger@sac.co.uk or telephone 01546603611.

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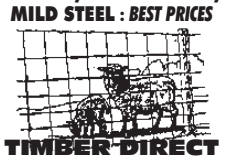
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Happy Mothers Day

MOTHERHOOD has always been revered and in pagan times motherhood was even considered sacred.
With the arrival of Christianity the Mother of Christ took pride of place and a day dedicated to her was called Mothering Sunday.
The day was considered very special in society right up to the 19th century. Servants were given time off to return to their birth homes carrying gifts for their mothers. They were also expected to visit the church in which they were baptised - their 'Mother Church'. The gifts they brought to their mothers included wild flowers, small items of hand embroidery and a simnel cake. Mothering Sunday fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent when most 'good people' were fasting but special dispensation was given for the eating of this simnel cake
By the beginning of the 20th century Mothering Sunday had become less important in the church calendar and certainly less important to the populace in general. The celebration of Mother's Day as we know it came to Britain in the 1940s on the heels of American forces sent to join in the war.
Celebrating one's mother may be carried out in two ways, by giving her a gift and by taking her out for a special meal. Traditional gifts follow on those gifts of earlier times though the flowers chosen now would seldom be wild. Small pieces of embroidery are perhaps rare and in their place are small, exquisite pieces of jewellery. She may prefer some delicious chocolates, handmade sweets or even that traditional simnel cake. A little thought is all you really need.
Going out for a family meal in her honour is the other popular way of celebrating the day.
For the family it's a way of showing their appreciation for all she has done for them. For the mother, and grandmother too, it's an opportunity to enjoy a meal she has not had to prepare, cook or clear away afterwards.
Choosing the venue is important. It should be somewhere special, preferably special to the mother concerned.
A nice touch is to have a beautiful bouquet delivered to the table as she arrives or have a small gift placed by her plate as a surprise.
Your mother is a very special person in your life and it doesn't hurt to tell her so. Celebrate her special day in a special way and make it a day to remember - until next year anyway. But remember, it is a popular day so do book your table early.

Simnel Cake

This cake has now become an Easter cake but originally servant girls gave it to their mothers when they went home on Mothering Sunday.

Ingredients
225g, Butter softened (8 oz)
225g Light muscovado sugar (8 oz)
4 Eggs
225g Self-raising flour (8 oz)
225g Sultanas (8 oz)
110g Currants (4 oz)
110g Glacé cherries, quartered (4 oz)
50g Chopped candied peel (2 oz)
2 Lemons, zest only
2 Teaspoon Mixed spice
--- Filling and topping ----
450g Almond paste (1 lb)
2 Tablespoon Apricot jam
1 Egg, beaten, to glaze

Method
Pre-heat oven to 150 ˚C / 300 ˚F / Gas 2. Butter and line the base and sides of a 20 cm (8 inch) deep round cake tin with buttered greaseproof paper.
Place all the cake ingredients in a large bowl and beat well until completely blended. Place half the mixture in the prepared tin and level the surface. Take one-third of the almond paste and roll it out into a circle the size of the tin. Place it on top of the cake mixture. Spoon the remaining cake mixture over and smooth the surface.
Bake for about two-and-a-half hours until well risen and firm to the touch. Cover with foil after 1 hour if the top is browning too quickly. Allow the cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
When the cake has cooled, brush the top with a little warmed apricot jam and roll out half the remaining almond paste to fit the top. Press firmly on the top and crimp the edges to decorate. Mark a criss-cross pattern on the almond paste with a sharp knife. Form the remaining almond paste into 11 balls to represent the 11 apostles (not counting Judas).
Brush the almond paste with beaten egg and arrange the balls around the outside. Brush the tops of the balls with egg as well. Place the cake under a hot grill to turn the almond paste golden. Decorate with crystallised flowers such as violets, primroses and jonquils, if liked.

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ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) ☎ 09111 767 272

Mercury has ended its disruptive backward journey and as the week begins, Venus forges a great link to the steady Saturn. On the face of it, anyone you meet now could, potentially, be someone with a long term role to play. But whatever your aims, careful planning will be the key to success. Think deeply and carefully. It'll take you far. Call me for your lovescope in full…

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) ☎ 09111 767 273

Try to straighten things out with that influential face. They may be better regarded to you than you realise. And your ruler, the beguiling Venus, is forging great links to both Saturn and Mercury. Yes, something may not seem obviously sparkly, but it can shape-up in that grounded way you so appreciate. And creatively, you're flying. Call me for your week in detail…

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) ☎ 09111 767 274

With your ruler Mercury beginning to pick-up speed, you can get back on the front foot. It also forges good bonds with both Venus and Pluto. The suggestion is that one friend can take on much greater importance. If they are a little different from the norm, go with it. This can be what makes them so much more appealing. Call your Gemini Prediction Line for greater insights…

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) ☎ 09111 767 275

Something you've been working very hard on, a relationship, project or a job can start to fall into place. Yet you can unpick any foundations you lay down by trying to get to the next level too quickly. Try not to fall into this trap Cancer. After all, a measured approach is one you can relate to. It's sustainability that really matters. Call me now for the big picture….

LEO (July 23 - Aug 23) ☎ 09111 767 276

The thing which will illuminate this week above all others is the chance to really connect with others, or potentially one person in particular! If you have been finding it harder to get the responses you want, this should be much less of a problem. In fact when it comes to communication, the world really is your oyster. Reach out Leo! Call to hear how magic can come your way…

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) ☎ 09111 767 277

Life can get so much easier Virgo, if you can bear in mind the need to give and take. If you get too caught-up in more minor issues - at the exclusion of the big picture - it's going to be you who will miss out. Others will react more positively to you if you can be co-operative. Something in the domestic sphere can also be improved. Call me if you want to get healthier and fitter…

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) ☎ 09111 767 278

Your ruler, the svelte Venus, features truly brightly this week, as does the quicksilver Mercury. This combination could see more than the odd flirtatious moment, or if you are seriously smitten with one special person, see a bond deepen which can last for a long time to come. Yet there will be times when reality will come a knocking. Call me know if love news is the centre of your focus…

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) ☎ 09111 767 279

If you have really wanted something special to unfold in your family life, or where you live, the next two weeks can be really important. For example, if you have always dreamt of that country cottage or of beautifying your existing abode, or in spending more time with children or grandchildren, these type of needs can become evocative. Call me to make dreams truly happen…

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21) ☎ 09111 767 280

The spoken or written word will take on more resonance. But, the good news for you Sagittarius, and whether in a professional or personal context, is that how you express yourself will just seem to carry more oomph. Used wisely this can see you turn heads. You can show flair and be inspired. Go on - dream up new ways to entertain! Call me to hear why travel can excite…

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20) ☎ 09111 767 281

With a Quarter Moon sneaking-up just behind your sign and angling-up to a chatty Sun, be careful about who you open up to. By nature you can be cautious, so continue to be so. Yet fortunes can be revived this week. Someone in the family can be generous or act as a benefactor or cash can revive through your own diligent efforts. Call me to avoid a spiteful gossip…

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) ☎ 09111 767 282

Mercury, in your sign, is now freely edging forwards. This week it forges super links with the seductive Venus and the transforming Pluto. This gives you a wonderful platform to express yourself and you can do so with even greater lustre. Don't be waylaid by trends Aquarius, after all, you're a free spirit, look to create your own! Call to hear why a new image can be so good…

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) ☎ 09111 767 283

There can be a lot of confidential conversations this week and these can have a bearing on your life role and on your finances. Perhaps something seems to be slow to unfold. At the very least, slower than you would like. All you can do is patiently put in the background work and research. On the 18th you will launch forwards powerfully. Call me for your financial scope in full…

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Down Memory Lane

Mrs S Mackay of Ardrishaig handed in this photograph of people at the Mid Argyll Junior Agricultural Society's annual dance in 1956 or 57.

Happy memories

Sir

I refer to your photograph of Friday, March 2 edition under the heading 'Down Memory Lane.'

The un-named boy in the front row is our son Anthony Christopher Smyth who had just won the McCallum Cup for Gaelic singing Under 8s competition at Mid Argyll Mod.

He had a first class singing teacher in the late Nan Menzies who was an enthusiastic supporter of the Mod and presented many successful contestants each year.

Christopher did not have a word of Gaelic, but he was coached for the competition by Mr Hunter of Lochgilphead, who was a teacher at Lochgilphead High School and was reckoned by Nan Menzies to be the best Gaelic speaker she knew.

Christopher came top of the competition with 88 per cent.

A great tribute to Mr Hunter, who, along with Nan Menzies, coached Christopher's younger brother Mark and younger sister Julie to win the same trophy in two succeeding years 1968 and 1969.

Christopher died in 1996, and he would be pleased to know that after 40 years his success of 1967 is still recorded and remembered.

James Smyth,
Crinan.

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A recipe for fatalities

Sir,

The subject of the state of the roads in this area is an ongoing topic.

Lorries continue to charge along the narrow road between Lochgilphead and Tarbert, driving over on to the opposite side of the road.

This obviously causes a few problems.

This road is narrow and filled with bends. Cars frequently need to break to avoid accidents,

You only have to glance at the state of the verges to see the damage done by passing lorries which not only undermine the roadside and cause subsidence, but spread mud over the road, often on bends.

So we now have a situation which is a recipe for fatalities...huge potholes, mud, all add to the inevitable flooding, and huge wagons tearing around the corners making it impossible to avoid the holes/floods.

This stretch of road ideally needs to be widened and some of the bends eased out a bit.

It is a trunk road but you would not think so.

I have travelled up and about Skye, down to Ayrshire and honestly never encounter any roads like this stretch. It is a disgrace to those responsible for its upkeep.

I am not taking pot shots at lorry drivers in general.

The ones from Mundels are the better ones though and others might take note of them.

Mike Power,
Tarbert.

Single Status confusion

Sir,

Can someone please explain the principle of Single Status?

My belief is that the whole issue is to address the disparity of pay and ensure equity for staff to secure equal pay for similar jobs.

However, as reported there are over 20 per cent of staff within the local council actually going to have an enforced pay cut for continuing to do the same job.

Surely the honourable thing to do is to protect current employees' income and when they retire or move job, begin the phasing of Single Status job evaluation.

This allows people to openly apply for jobs knowing exactly the terms and conditions instead of imposing misery upon already hard-worked employees.

The paradox is that following May 3 elections, councillors will be earning £15,452 as a basic payment.

Could £2000 per year per councillor be utilised to assist with redistributing funding, which would, in effect, generate £72,000 per year to assist supporting the financial burden of Single Status?

Douglas Philand,
Lochgilphead.

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Drama in Kintyre

Nine one-act plays over three nights: talent in the spotlight

MEMBERS of Mid Argyll drama clubs were congratulated on their acting talents recently.

At the 58th District Drama Festival held at Campbeltown Grammar School, audiences were treated to three evenings of top class one-act plays.

Lochgilphead Drama Club and Tarbert Academy Youth Club were just two of the groups who took part in the Festival.

Adjudicator Morna Barron, a former national chairman of the Scottish Community Drama Association, and an actor and director for many years in festival plays, said it was a privilege to see real community drama in Campbeltown.

She said: 'This is one of the friendliest festivals and the friendliest people I have met in community drama.

Carradale Drama Club were placed first in the festival, and also received the highest marks for production.

The prizewinners were: Galbraith Cup for Best Youth Team, Tarbert Academy Youth Club; Visitors' Quaich for Best Moment of Theatre, Lochgilphead Drama Club, Team J; John Bryce Salver for Best Comedy Moment of Theatre, Lochgilphead Drama Club, Team G; Campbeltown Drama Club Trophy for Best Stage Presentation, Tarbert Academy Youth Club; Dunaverty Trophy for third place, Peninver Players; Charteris Rose Bowl for second place, Accent Players; Rex Trophy for first place, Carradale Drama Club. This means that Carradale Drama Club and Accent Players now go forward to the Open Divisional Final in East Kilbride at the end of March.

The cast of Lochgilphead Drama Club Team J's *Outpatients* which was directed and stage managed by James Morrison. c09drm03

Ishbel MacArthur, left, and Joan James, of Lochgilphead J, getting ready for their production, *Outpatients*. c09 drm02

Morna Barron, adjudicator, front centre, with 2007 prizewinners. Back: Kenny Johnson, Accent Players, John Armour, Peninver Players, Jim Morrison, Lochgilphead Team J, Gordon Hutton, Lochgilphead Team G. Front: Tony Leighton, Carradale Drama Club and Sue Connor, Tarbert Academy Drama Club. c09drm35

Lochgilphead Drama Club G team cast with their production of *World Premiere*. c09drm23

Tarbert Academy Drama Club staged *The Pilgrimage* with the minimum of props and costumes. c09drm21

Always a welcome from the accordion and fiddle club

THE INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club held its monthly meeting as usual in the Argyll Hotel on February 14.

Since the Club last met in January, Hamish Menzies from Bridge of Orchy, a stalwart and loyal supporter of the Club since its inception, had passed away after a long illness. Hamish much enjoyed the music and friendship of the Club and rarely missed a night until latterly, when ill health prevented him from doing so. Also, Alex John MacLeod, fiddler with Fyne Folk, and his wife Mairi, suffered a tragic blow with the accidental drowning of their son, Douglas. To both families, the Club has extended their deepest sympathy.

Supporting artistes for the evening were Fyne Folk with Janette Gibson on accordion, Duncan Crawford and Sally Hall on fiddle - again joined by Calum Satchel from Dunoon - and Allan McIntosh on keyboard. Allan was standing in for Agnes Liddell, who was celebrating the birth of her granddaughter the day before, so to Agnes, and to Marie and Ian Lockhart, many congratulations. Also on accordion were Allan McIntosh, Ryan McGlynn, Archie John MacVicar, Margaret Kemp, from Edinburgh, and John Weaks from Glasgow. Margaret Campbell was also on keyboard with Jim Thomson and Sandy MacDonald on drums. They made up various line-ups from duos to quartets and all their contributions were much enjoyed.

Guests

Guest artistes were the well-kent and ever popular duo, Fraser and Kevin McGlynn, and they did a spot to end the first half to whet the appetite of the audience and played more or less non-stop for the whole of the second half, apart from some very humorous stories from Fraser and banter with chairman, Niall Iain MacLean. Fraser and Kevin were in top form and the audience were treated to a marvellous programme, with a few requests thrown in at the end, one of them being The Jacqueline Waltz, with an encore demanded before anyone moved!

The chairman thanked Fraser and Kevin and all the supporting players for a quite superb night and the Club looks forward to welcoming Deoch 'n Dorus, a very popular trio in Highland haunts in Glasgow, but paying their first visit to Inveraray next week.

Kevin and Fraser McGlynn entertained the masses at Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Piping hot in Renton

FIONA Mitchell of Kintyre Schools Pipe Band won both the March Strathspey and Reel event, and the Hornpipe and Jig event at the Dumbarton and District Juvenile Piping Competition held at Renton on Saturday March 3.

Playing for the first time in the 15 to 18 years section, Fiona impressed the judges with a couple of faultless performances and was presented with the Jag Building Engineering Services Cup and the McCrady Memorial Shield.

A total of 13 young pipers from Campbeltown made the trip to the Dumbarton competition, accompanied by Pipe Major Ian McKerral.

In the Novice March event all three entrants from Kintyre did well to get onto the prize list, with Craig Barbour placed Second, Campbell McFadyen Fourth, and Frank Rochford sixth.

Mark McCormick did well to be placed second in the 15 to 18 years Hornpipe and Jig.

In other events Keith Cowie picked up two sixth places in both the under-15-years March Strathspey and Reel and the Hornpipe and Jig. Ross Ferguson came sixth in the under-15-years piobaireachd.

In the Chanter events David McFadyen was placed third in the 11-to-14-years Section and Donnie McKerral was placed Sixth in the 10-years-and-under section.

Fiona Mitchell with her trophies at the end of the contest.

A weight and a smoke off your mind

We are well into March and for many their New year's resolutions have crumbled. If you foreswore to lay off the chocs and the ciggies did your will power succeed?

For a very good number of people in Campbeltown and Kintyre 2007 has been the year that's made the difference because they decided not to go it alone but seek expert help.

Take the members of Sue Brown's Slimming World class for example.

In the first seven weeks of this year they have lost a whopping 50 stone and three pounds in weight between them. The Courier featured Jill Denton, the Kintyre smoking cessation advisor and members of the group she runs in Campbeltown in our first edition of 2007 and Jill has had 40 new people join her this year. Later this month she is holding a buffet at the Argyll Hotel for everyone who joined her groups and has quit smoking. Think about it; have you ever considered having Easter resolutions?

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ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' EVENING
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Friday 16th March at 7.30 pm
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TOMORROW (Saturday 10th March)
Between 11.00 am and Noon

Campbeltown Grammar School
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The CGS Drama Group in
William Shakespeare's
"Twelfth Night"
and Tarbert Academy Drama Group in
"Macbeth"
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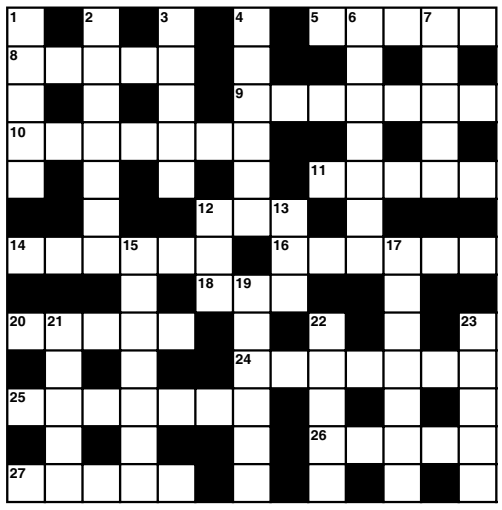

THE THINKER

ACROSS
5 Theatre work takes an age for Peter Grimes (5)
8 Criticize the Spanish board (5)
9 Stole stock - made little noise (7)
10 Put rare artwork on display, causing delight (7)
11 Liqourice flavour in bean is elusive (5)
12 You and I need energy to exercise (3)
14 News source to reflect on (6)
16 Not bothering to find the way through a year (6)
18 Seed forms half a fixing device (3)
20 Fumble for line after getting started (5)
24 Tell story of election uncertainty (7)
25 I see pod explode - one of a series (7)
26 Not very warm - initially poor diet caused it (5)
27 Dread tripping over this (5)

DOWN
1 Troops returned - nothing lost during recreation (5)
2 Fish photographer (7)
3 Hit the nail (5)
4 Pressure to wear clothing round university (6)
6 Tie up an unusual flower (7)
7 Examines text, we're told, in the grass (5)
12 Container for some flour needed (3)
13 Enjoy carnivore's diet and bite off the head (3)
15 Poster I designed got a response (7)
17 MP I hurt during great victory (7)
19 Disquiet among peacekeepers and the others (6)
21 Speedy pair changed direction first (5)
22 Serious injury - taken into A & E (5)
23 Room for the boss? Yes (5)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 1.Antic 4.Smack 7.Ohm 9.Coward 10.Umpire 11.Apt 13.False 14.Mimic 15.Proposition 18.Worth 19.Cable 20.Ape 22.Salaam 23.Veiled 24.Ire 25.Field 26.Rinse
DOWN: 2.Transport cafe 3.Coda 4.Smut 5.Amplification 6.Scoff 8.Ketch 12.Parsnip 16.Swish 17.Bendy 20.Amid 21.Ever

FIND THE WORDS

FIND THE WORDS

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B	E	S	I	U	Q	N	C	O	S	G	B	E
A	C	L	A	F	L	E	R	A	H	G	A	S

Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: 20 Titles:
Sir, Sahib, Earl, Dan, Calif, Queen, Lord Abbe, San, Senor, King, Lady, Duke, Agha, Meneer, Esquire, Sama, Baron, Don, Prince

BRAIN STRAIN

P	*BRAIN*	O
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T	*STRAIN*	R

How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 18 Maestro: 22+

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
POTPOURRI, Irrupt, Poor, Port, Pour, Prior, Prop, Prut, Purport, Purr, Riot, Roop, Root, Rotor, Roup, Rout, Tiro, Torpor, Tour, Trio, Trip, Troop, Uproot, Uroo, 8??

Pick the primroses for a perfect night out

THIS weekend The Primrose Piano Quartet is touring Argyll, opening in Rothesay before playing tomorrow night Saturday March 10 at 8pm in Ardrishaig for Mid Argyll Arts Association.

On Sunday they are in Dunoon, Monday they are in Oban and then finish their tour in Campbeltown on Tuesday March 13 at 7.30pm for Kintyre Music Club.

The tour was organized by Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.

The Primrose Piano Quartet is named in honour of William Primrose CBE (1904-82), one of the finest violists of the twentieth century.

It was formed in 2004 by four of Britain's leading chamber musicians who had played together in different ensembles on many occasions at international and national festivals, concerts in Britain's premier concert halls and recording sessions.

The members of the Quartet all give regular master classes.

The Quartet was appointed Quartet-in-Residence at the London College of Music and Media in 2004, as well as being selected for the Making Music Concert Promoters' Network. Future plans include the première of a new 20-minute work by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies at the 2007 Cheltenham International Music Festival. This record is a fine recognition of their excellence in performance but personally I am even more impressed by a comment in the *Strad Magazine* : 'The playing is selflessly beautiful, as the four friends seem bent on projecting the music rather than their own egos…everything seems to be just right.' That is how music playing should be.

The programme for this tour opens with Mozart's Piano Quartet No 2 written in 1786 when he was at the height of his genius and only five years before his untimely death.

This is followed by Faure's Piano Quartet No 1 written in 1879 when he was well into his thirties but considered as early in his musical career and still showing his leanings to romantic styles with some innovative harmonies, which he was to develop further in his long life as a composer.

The programme closes with Richard Strauss's *Piano Quartet in C* minor written in 1884 at the age of 20 when he was still at university and using traditional forms of composition but moving towards his development of Symphonic poems like *Macbeth* and *Don Juan.* Marvelous music performed by an excellent ensemble.

The Primrose Piano Quartet.

Who could ask for anything more?

Mid Argyll Arts Association season continues through April and onto their Gala Concert in May.

However, this is the end of the season for Kintyre Music Club and what a lovely finale to finish on. It is good to end on a high note, don't miss it. JK

Rotary young musician of the year

LOCHGILPHEAD Rotary Club is once again searching for the most promising young musician of the year.

The current holder of the award is talented singer, pianist and clarinettist Sarah Dickie from Lochgilphead, who was selected by a specialist musical panel last year.

The winner of this year's award will receive a trophy and cash prize donated by the Rotary Club at an event on May 4. A similar competition run by the Rotary Club in Campbeltown for Kintyre young musicians is now well established.

To enter the competition, you can be an instrumentalist, vocalist, composer etc. All that is required is to fill in and submit a simple form, where you can state in your own words your past and present musical activity, what it is that attracts you to music and what your plans might be in the future.

Entrants must live in Mid Argyll and be aged between 11 and 18 years old on May 1 this year.

Local schools and music teachers have the relevant Rotary form and the closing date for applications is Saturday, April 7.

The strong entries submitted last year gave an indication of how music flourishes in the area and how much talent there is, and this will of course be very much in evidence at the Mid Argyll Music Festival which is now just over two weeks away from March 17 to 24.

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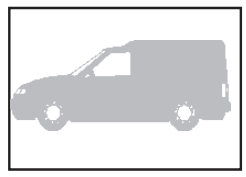

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Personal Notices

Harry & May Horner would like to sincerely thank the Campbeltown & Carradale Firemen, for their efficient & prompt action in saving their property from the serious fire on Thursday 1st March. They were truly magnificent. Thanks also to the two members of the Campbeltown Police for their help & support, & to Councillor Rory Colville & his wife Mary. Family friends & neighbours were also truly supportive. No words can truly express our gratitude.

May and Jim West on the occasion of their Golden Wedding would like to thank family and friends for their lovely cards, flowers, presents and their generous donations for Campbeltown Hospital, the sum raised was £430.

Also to Maureen and Margaret for the beautiful cake.

Thank you all very much

Happy 30th Birthday Daddy

Lots of love
Innes xxx

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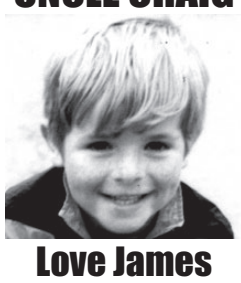

Love James

Martin would like to congratulate Stuart, Heather & Richard for passing their Driving Tests with

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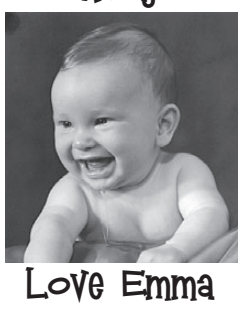

Love Emma and the boys

SIMERS - Willie would like to thank everyone on the mainland and on Islay who sent cards, telephoned and visited during his recent stay in Glasgow Royal Infirmary and to all the people involved, especially his family, in helping his recovery along

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Thank You
Eddie

CHRISTINE

Would like to thank all her family and friends for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts received on her 50th Birthday.

Special thanks to all who helped arrange this wonderful surprise

On behalf of **Netta & Dugald MacDonald** the family would like to thank everyone who joined them to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and for all the beautiful cards and presents they received

HAPPY 21ST LAURA

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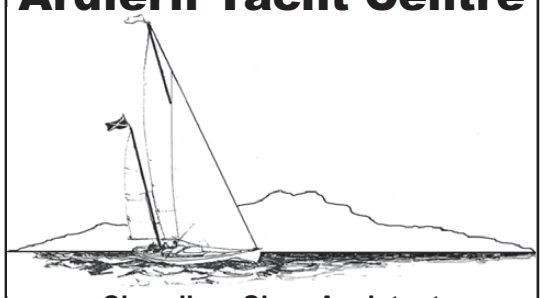

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Ref: 97-SB Part-Time Tourshop Assistant (2 posts)

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(38 Hours per week)
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You will be responsible to the Regional Manager for the smooth and efficient running of the Tourshop facility. Duties will include the supervision of two part time staff, the sale of passenger & vehicle tickets, cash handling and security, balancing of cash/ electronic payments, customer enquiries and reservations.

Ideally you will have gained experience in a supervisory role, possess an outgoing personality and have excellent communication skills. You should be customer focused, have a clear understanding of the customer interface and have a proactive approach to customer care.

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(2 posts) (24 Hours per week)
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You will be able to demonstrate good communication, inter-personal, problem-solving and negotiation skills. It is essential that you have a valid UK driving licence. This post offers an Essential Car Allowance. **Ref: DSP03016.**

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604286.

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£24,333 - £29,349 **Lochgilphead**

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You will have substantial experience in an access or countryside management field, as well as experience of working with land managers, user groups and communities and have a good knowledge of their needs. An understanding and knowledge of the Scottish access legislation and the principles of Paths for all are required.

You will be enthusiastic and self motivated, a team player with good communication skills and have the capacity for innovative and creative thinking. You will be able to demonstrate good communication, inter-personnel, negotiation and problem-solving skills.

It is essential that you have a valid UK driving licence, as this post offers an Essential Car User Allowance. **Ref: DSP03009.**

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£21,327 - £23,610 **Oban**

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You will be a professional with a degree in marine science or coastal resource management related discipline or have equivalent qualification/experience.

You should have experience in the marine management field and with a good understanding of marine ecology, habitats and species. Additionally, you should be able to demonstrate experience of working with local marine stakeholders, statutory authorities and community groups involved in the marine and coastal environment.

You will be enthusiastic and self motivated, a team player with good communication skills and have the capacity for innovative and creative thinking. You should also be able to demonstrate inter-personnel, problem solving and negotiation skills.

There are 1.5 posts available, the first full-time post is available for a temporary period of 3 years and the second post is part-time and is temporary for a period of 1 year. **Ref: DSP03025/03026T.**

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Closing date for the above 3 posts 30 March 2007.

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You must possess an HNC or equivalent qualifications/experience in a related subject; while an HND/Degree or other advanced qualification is desirable.

Experience in the current Microsoft environment is essential, while significant experience in supporting a mixed Microsoft environment is desirable. You are required to possess a technical knowledge of the common desktop packages e.g. MS Office (all current versions) and MS desktop operating systems e.g. Win 2000, XP. It is desirable to have knowledge of remote networking desktop PCs.

You will have the ability to converse with personnel at all levels and be a self-motivated professional, who possesses a valid driving licence. This post offers an Essential Car User Allowance. **Ref: CPF31117.**

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Clerical Assistant*

£10,194 - £14,577 **Lochgilphead**

Based in Kilmory, Lochgilphead you will be responsible for the provision of clerical support to the Capital Programme Section. Your main duties will include typing, including audio typing, filing, data input and maintenance of databases.

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Variable hours **Oban, Lorn & the Isles**

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Closing date 23 March 2007 unless stated otherwise.

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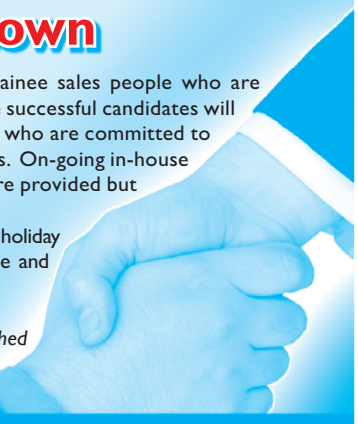

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NHS Highland

Oban, Lorn & The Isles Locality
Lorn & Islands DGH, Oban

Locality Manager

37.5 hours per week, 18 Month Fixed Term Contract
£35,928 - £47,902 **Ref: 07ab/043**

An opportunity has arisen for an experienced NHS Manager to provide maternity cover to the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Locality of Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership for an 18 month period.

The post entails leading and managing all services within the locality including primary care, community health, Dunaros Community Hospital on Mull and Lorn and Islands District General Hospital in Oban. You will direct and support the achievement of NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute CHP priorities and targets, ensuring effective performance management against clinical, staff and financial governance standards. You will also take a CHP lead for Cancer Waiting Times.

We are looking for someone with proven NHS management experience with an insight into rural health care. You must have the personal skills and confidence to function as an effective leader and manager. You should be educated to degree level and have a relevant post graduate management qualification or be able to demonstrate an equivalent level of experience.

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For an informal discussion about the post please contact Moira Newiss, current postholder – Tel: 01631 788942 or Fiona Ritchie, CHP General Manager – Tel: 01546 605646.

Application packs are available from HR Department, NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute CHP, Lorn & Islands District General Hospital, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HH – Tel: 01631 789008 quoting the relevant reference number.

Closing date for completed applications: Friday 23 March 2007.

Campbeltown Hospital

Clerical Officer – A&C Grade 2/3 (2 posts)

25 hours per week (Mon - Fri, 8.30am - 1.30pm) **Ref: 07ab/018**
21 hours per week (Mon - Thu, 12.30pm - 5.00pm & Fri 1.00pm - 4.00pm) **Ref: 07ab/019**
***£11,787 - £14,602 pro rata**

You will have Standard Grades or equivalent in English, Maths and Administration. Experience in reception work/dealing with the public and switchboard is essential.

Good communication skills and knowledge of IT systems e.g. Microsoft Office, Excel is also essential.

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Kirsteen Graham, Support Services Manager – Tel: 01586 555807.

Application packs are available from HR Department, NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute CHP, Aros, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8LB – Tel: 01546 606788 (24 hour answering service) or by emailing recruitment.ab@nhs.net quoting the relevant reference number.

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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: 07/00371/COU**
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Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days

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Applicant: G McMillan
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Site Address: 22 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AE
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
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- **Ref No: 07/00295/DET**
Applicant: All Sorts
Proposal: Erection of canopies
Site Address: 51 Longrow Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6ER
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
S60 Setting of Listed Bldg Ad - 21 Days

- **Ref No: 07/00072/DET**
Applicant: Esso Petroleum Company Ltd
Proposal: Demolition of existing filling station shop and erection of new filling station shop, canopy and 3 no. pumps and tanks and car parking and alteration to access
Site Address: Fyneside Service Station Paterson Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JP
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days

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- **Ref No: 07/00300/OUT**
Applicant: Christine Doogan
Proposal: Site for erection of dwellinghouse
Site Address: Land North Of East Trodigal Farm Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PT
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

- **Ref No: 07/00347/OUT**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs B. Mundell
Proposal: Site for erection of 2 dwelling houses
Site Address: Land West Of Millbrae Plantation Whitehouse By Tarbert Argyll
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

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

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

The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below. 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: 07/00322/DET**
Applicant: Ormsary Farmers
Proposal: Erection of 8 dwellinghouses and installation of shared biological treatment plant - amended proposal - Policies contravened - Mid Argyll Local Plan Policy HO10 and Policy RUR2
Site Address: Land Around Football Pitch Achahoish Ormsary Argyll And Bute PA31 8PE
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Departure Adv (21)

- **Ref No: 07/00159/OUT**
Applicant: Mr H Service
Proposal: Site for erection of dwelling house and garage and installation of sewage treatment plant - Policies contravened - Mid Argyll Local Plan Policies RUR1 and RUR2
Site Address: Corranbeg Ardfern Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Departure Adv (21)

- **Ref No: 07/00160/OUT**
Applicant: Mr H Service
Proposal: Site for erection of dwelling house and garage - Policies contravened - Mid Argyll Local Plan HO11, RUR1 and RUR2
Site Address: Land West Of Corranmor Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Departure Adv (21)

- **Ref No: 06/02659/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Gordon Blair
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and garage and installation of bio disk treatment plant - Policies contravened - Mid Argyll Local Plan Policy HO11
Site Address: Land North East Of Tigh Na Glaic Crinan Argyll And Bute PA31 8SW
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Departure Adv (21)

- **Ref No: 07/00323/DET**
Applicant: Ormsary Farmers
Proposal: Erection of 6 dwelling houses and installation of shared biological treatment plant -Policies contravened - Mid Argyll Local Plan - Policy HO10 and Policy RUR2
Site Address: Land South West And East Of Ionad Shomhairlie Achahoish Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Departure Adv (21)

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Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

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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

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March 2007
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starting at 2.30pm
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For further information and recruitment pack please contact Fiona McCallum, Depute Clerk, Argyll and Bute Children's Panel, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT Tel: 01546 604406.

Closing Date for Applications Friday 30 March 2007.

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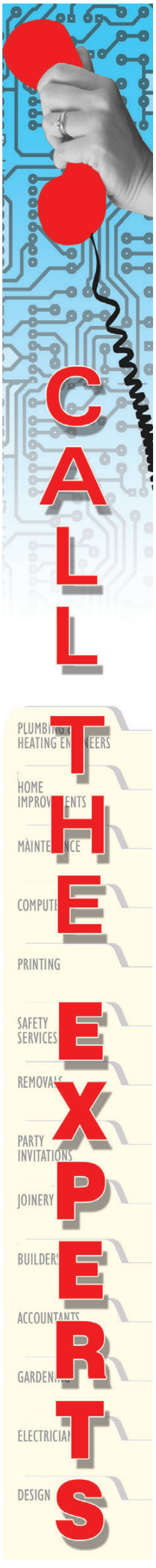

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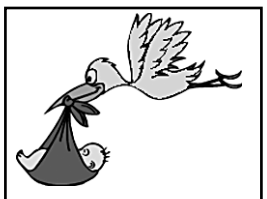

FLAWS-McGEACHY – Greig and Mairi are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Charlie John, born on Tuesday February 27, 2007 in the RAH Paisley. Many thanks to Isabel and the girls at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

ENGAGEMENTS

DAVIES - MACKINNON - Lucy, family and friends are ecstatic to announce on January 4, 2007, at long last, Cameron finally popped the question to Paula. We wish them all the best on their new adventure.

TITTERTON – SMALE-SAUNDERS – Both families have great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Leigh, daughter of John and Elizabeth Titterton, Osnabruck, Germany, to Alun Whitelord Smale-Saunders, son of Colin and the late Dilys Smale-Saunders, of Herne Bay, Kent.

MARRIAGES

MACPHERSON – RUTHERFORD - At Lorne & Lowland Church, Campbeltown, on February 17, 2007, by the Rev Philip Burroughs, Grant, youngest son of Robert and Fiona, Carradale to Julie, eldest daughter of Macky and Johanna, Campbeltown. A fantastic day had by all.

RUBY WEDDINGS

McHARDY – COUTTS – At Tomintoul Parish Church on March 11, 1967, Frank to Lindsay.

DEATHS

MACVICAR - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on March 1, 2007, Christina (Teena) MacVicar, née MacInnes, of Dunardry, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and formerly of 'Victoria', Minard and of Jura, beloved wife of John and mother of Mitchell and Catherine, dear mother-in-law of Sonya and John and devoted grandmother of John, Calum, Niall, Eilidh and Michael. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Monday, March 5, 2007 followed by interment at Kilevin Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

McFARLANE –Peacefully after a short illness, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on March 4, 2007, Margaret Anne Robertson (Meg), in her 36th year, 23 Shore Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Cameron McFarlane, much loved mother of Hannah and a loving sister of Andrew, Fiona, Grace, John, Susan and Catherine.

McNEILL - Peacefully at home, on March 2, 2007, Margaret Anne McNeill, aged 47 years of 31 Oakhill Tarbert, loving mother of Mhari and much loved nana of Abbie, a loving daughter and sister and a dear aunt and great aunt to all the family. Funeral service was held in Cardross Crematorium on Thursday March 8, 2007. Private interment of ashes will follow at a later date.

OAKES – On February 27, 2007, at Auchinlee, Campbeltown. Bill Oaks, aged 84 years, loving husband of Peggy and dear father of Malcolm and Keith. Funeral service and committal took place at Cardross Crematorium, on March 6, 2007.

STEELE - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on February 24, 2007, John Steele, aged 92 years of 14 Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig, and formerly of Mingary, Kilchoan, beloved husband of the late Annabel and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service was held in Corran Esplanade Church, Oban on Friday, March 2, 2007, followed by interment at Pennyfuir Cemetery, Oban.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CRAWFORD - The family of the late Chrissie Crawford would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, phone-calls and cards received following their recent sad loss. Heartfelt thanks to Archie and Margaret Sinclair for all their help and kindness. Special thanks to district nurses, doctors and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital and Furnace Surgery for their care and attention. Grateful thanks to Rev. Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient funeral arrangements; to Furnace Inn for fine purvey. A final thank you to all those who attended church and graveside. Donations, received for Cancer Research, in excess of £400. Thank You.

JOHNSTONE - The family of the late Catherine Johnstone would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in the form of cards, flowers and large turnout at her funeral. Special thanks to the wonderful care and attention our dear mother received in Ardfenaig Lorn Ward and latterly Knapdale Ward and thanks to Mr Angus McNeill for his sensitive service and to Stan for his very professional and efficient funeral arrangements, also thanks to Cairnbaan Hotel for the excellent purvey.

THOMPSON – Rene, Scott and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and flowers received after the sudden death of Tommy, and for all their kind expressions of sympathy. Thanks also to Dr Lazarus, the staff of the Acute Ward, the ambulance boys, doctors and nursing staff H.D.U., ward B, Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, for the care and compassion shown to Tommy and all the family. Grateful thanks to Alasdair Blair for his professional care and service. Special thanks to my brother Rev Stuart McLean for a beautiful, very personal and touching service. Thanks also to Major Delores Thomson for the use of the Salvation Army hall. Many thanks to all who paid their respects, many of whom travelled a great distance to be there. A retiral collection for the Acute Ward raised £347.

IN MEMORIAMS

CRAWFORD - In loving memory of Mary, who died March 12, 1999, beloved wife of Willie who died August 16, 1979, loving parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
Fondly remembered, sadly missed.
- Dadie, Charles and family.

DILLON – Remembering today and every day our treasured Karon, who died March 14, 2005, in her thirty-eighth year.
Beautiful memories, cherished forever
Of happy years we spent together
Love you always
- Mum, Dad and Gill.
Forever in my thoughts
Always in my heart
All my love
- Aunt Margaret.
Locked in our hearts to stay
Precious in every way.
- Love Morag and Peter.

HAMILTON – In loving memory of Ronnie, a dear husband, stepdad and papa, died March 18, 2006.
Remembered always.
- Eleanor and family.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Jean, died March 11, 2006. Always remembered.
- Margaret, John, Alison and Elaine.

MACDONALD - Jean. In memory of a good friend.
- Cathy, Mary and Margaret, Tarbert.

MACLAREN - Treasured memories of Isabel, who died March 7, 2006. A much loved wife, mother and granny. Sadly missed. Though gone from our midst, forever in our thoughts.
- John and family.

MACLAREN - Remembering with love my dear sister-in-law, Isabel MacLaren, who died March 7, 2006.
Time passes but memories never fade.
- Rae MacGregor.

McTAGGART – Treasured memories of my dear nanny, Margaret, who died March 7, 2006.
Loved and remembered every day.
- Love Shelley and Iain, Lucas, Reece and Aaron.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of Margaret Taylor Robertson, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who died on March 6, 2006, also in memory of our dear father James Robertson, who died on March 14, 1997.
They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time or reason
Will change the way we feel
For no one knows the heartache
That lies beyond our smiles
No one knows how many times
We have broken down and cried
We want to tell you something
So there won't be any doubt
You're both so wonderful to think of
But so hard to be without
We cannot bring the old days back
When we were all together
The family chain is broken now
But memories live forever.
- Love Leslie and Tony, Jimmy and Kathleen, Noreen and Chic, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006 and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997.
Since you both passed away
No matter how life changes
No matter what we do
A special place within our heart
Is always kept for you
Love always
- Norma, Jim, Margaret and Jim, Leslie and Ron.

WARDROP – Our beautiful Lynsey,
'Somewhere over the rainbow'
We love you so much
- Mum, Dad and Fallon xxx

WARDROP – Lynsey, our lovely grandaughter
We miss you so much
- Love Granny and Granda and the family xx

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Sunday Services
Breaking of Bread .... 10 a.m.
Family Service with Sunday School and Creche 11.15 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....7.30 pm
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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

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Sunday 11 March 2007
The Desire to Escape
(Jeremiah 9:2)
Cumlodden (Furnace)
10.30 a.m.
Lochfyneside (Minard)
12 noon
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig (Monthly Gaelic Service)
Lochgair ..... 3 p.m.
Rev. Roddy MacLeod
All welcome
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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Sunday 11 March 2007
Third Sunday of Lent
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Holy Communion
10.45 a.m.
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Friday 9 March 2007
Badminton, Kirk Street Hall
S1 upwards ..... 7-9 p.m.
Sunday 11 March 2007
11.15 a.m.
All-Age Family Service with children in church
Creche in church (0-3yrs)
Monday 12 March 2007
Guild – Kirk St Hall
7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 13 March 2007
Badminton Club,
Kirk Street Hall
P1-P5 ..... 6.30-7.45 p.m.
P6 upwards ..... 7.45-9 p.m.
Thursday 15 March 2007
Bible Study Fellowship
Kirk Street Hall, 7 p.m.
Rev. Michael J. Lind
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Sunday 11 March 2007
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March 13th 7.30pm
Saturday 17th March
Coffee Morning
10am-12 noon
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Saturday 11 March 2007
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
11 a.m.
Speaker: **Graham McLean**
Thursday 15 March 2007
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'Come and see'

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Sunday 11 March 2007
Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.
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Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.
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Look at Luke
Chapter 9
–oOo–
PACT
meets in the North Hall

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All welcome
Sunday 11 March 2007
11 a.m. ..... Morning Service with communion
Evening Service..... 6.30 p.m. with Communion
Monday 10.30 a.m.
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Friday 9 March 2007
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Evening Worship....6:30 p.m.
(Creche, Sunday School and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Tuesday 13 March 2007
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45 a.m.
Thursday 15 March 2007
Choir Practice ..... 7.30 p.m.
Friday 16 March 2007
Lunch Club ..... 12.15 p.m.

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Field of 20 fight for top spot

Golf

ROUND one of three at Lochgilphead Winter League was played in a stiff breeze but the field of 20 remained dry throughout.

Robbie Wilson may have qualified in the final place but although not leading at the turn, his excellent nett par back nine saw him equal on points ahead of Jim Hunter and the pack by virtue of a countback. A birdie was a rarity in the windy conditions but Robbie's three at 'Druim Woods' made the difference.

Out in three under nett, only Davy Wilson could live with the blistering start made by Jim Hunter who had four three-pointers. Perhaps signs of nerves on his way in saw three no scores on Jim's card, which is just as well for his competitors who may not have caught him if he had hit 40 points.

The only player to remain in the top group, Alex MacAuley, was out in one under including six pars and a birdie two at seven which was 'nearest the pin'. Another birdie at 'Quarries' kept him within a point of the lead.

Fourth qualifier and lying fourth after a solid performance, David Sinclair is two back. A new 'toy' in the bag obviously getting the job done on the long driving holes and especially 'Quarries', his only birdie, yielding four points.

Out in 20 for Iain MacInnes who struggled a little on the way in, but he wasn't the only one. Kenneth MacAuley birdied 17 and was nearest the pin at nine. Out in 21 including five three-pointers before a few errant shots crept in for Davy Wilson. Only four back so plenty to play for. Steady for Eric Capocci and still in with a shout. Birdie for Ross Sinclair at 'Druim Woods' and a big push required in round two. Hugh Strachan, Keith Cowan and Donald Johnson remain locked in a battle with Ross to climb the leader board.

The 'Duffers Derby' is for players who didn't play enough golf to qualify whether by 'trying too hard' or 'not turning up'. Michael Heafey was surprised to be leading and should have been good for fifth in the final. Two no-scores didn't put a dent in his relentless bid for the largest trophy up for grabs. John Downie lies two back thanks to his superb birdie at the longest hole on the course, the Rifle Range. John is level on points with Tommy Angus who also had a birdie – his was a classic chip in at the tricky third. Donald Carmichael, Bill Dick and Tom Campbell have kept the leaders in sight, but for the rest the dream turned into a long walk for a plate of Master chef Andy Law's soup. Good luck to everyone on Saturday, which is two rounds with lunch in between and prizes and a buffet at night.

Nearly 50 children competed in badminton competitions in the Mid Argyll Sports Centre recently.

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Closely fought contest for badminton kids

Badminton

ARGYLL & Bute Primary School Badminton Championships were held in the Mid-Argyll Sports Centre on Sunday March 4.

Nearly 50 children from 10 primary schools participated in a singles and doubles round-robin competition. The standard of play increased throughout the day and there were some very closely fought finals, particularly the 3-setter in the Boys Singles and another 3-setter in the Boys Doubles. The winners will go through to Perth to represent their school, competing in the Scottish Schools National Finals in April.

Sharon Mackechnie, area representative of Argyll and Bute Schools Badminton said: 'The excellent behaviour and sportsmanship from the children were a credit to their school and many thanks to all parents and teachers who helped run the event.'

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Tarbert Gun Club

SUNDAY was the last day of Tarbert Gun Club's Winter Team Shoots at Barmore Shooting Ground and it was back to wet and windy conditions.

The club had set up a sporting test for the 43 competitors and the crosser was once again the target that caused the shooters the most trouble, with the wind making them dance.

John Paton and John Weir were the top shots. A second barrel near the end by Poltalloch's John gave John Paton the High Gun Award. Top team was team B, whose members are complaining of sore backs – carrying their captain.

Results: Class A: 1 John Paton; 2 John Weir; 3 Brian Baird

Class B: 1 Hugh O'Neil; 2 Norman McDonald; 3 Ronald Jenkins

Class C: 1 Ian Allison; 2 Alisdair MacCallum; 3 Mike Read

Class D: 1 Malcolm Holder; 2 David Hay-Thorburn; 3 Pierre Godts

Class E: 1 Andrew McDonald; 2 Bobby Stewart; 3= Ewen McDonald and Geordie Hunter

Winning team: B – Bob McColl, Norman McDonald, Mike Read, Malcolm Holder, Ewen McDonald

Second team: C – John Weir, Ian Smith, Calum MacDonald, Pierre Godts, Michael Harvey

Tarbert game cancelled

FOR the second week in a row, Tarbert AFC's game was cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch.

This Saturday the Dookers have a home game against Cambria with a kick-off at 2.30pm. Tarbert won the corresponding fixture 3-2 last August and another close game is anticipated.

Primary One children display their certificates, medals and footballs awarded at the sports centre in Lochgilphead for taking part in the recent 'Soccer Centre' where they learned new skills from experienced coaches. a10soc01

Red Star keep 'top four' hopes alive

Football

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star kept their hopes of a top four finish alive with a 2-0 away win over Cambria AFC on Saturday March 3.

A first half strike in the opening ten minutes from Luke Naisby and a curling shot from Craig Houston in the dying minutes, sealed the win for Star.

Throughout the match there was a never-say-die attitude, with I. Houston and C. Campbell both getting head knocks in defending the ball but still carrying on, helping to get all three points.

Star's first goal came when Moore played a diagonal ball into the box with Naisby rising to flick the ball onto Robertson on the right. He cut the ball back inside to Naisby to side foot the ball inside the front post.

The away side should have been two nil up five minutes later when Naisby headed in at the back post from a corner for his second of the game. Unfortunately, the referee disallowed it, adjudging D. Campbell to be holding back a player in the area.

It wasn't all one way traffic though, as the Star defence was being put under pressure but they managed to restrict Cambria to long distance shots and high crosses which were dealt with by Kalache in goal whose handling was exceptional all game.

It wasn't until midway through the second half that the Australian was beaten by a powerful header, only for the ball to smash against the crossbar and rebound out to D. Campbell who nonchalantly controlled the ball and rifled the ball clear.

The home side were then appealing for a penalty as Naisby slid in to win the ball on the edge of the box. The referee awarding a free kick, which was well held by Kalache.

With the pressure mounting, Star finally sealed their victory with three minutes left. The ball was hit long to Robertson who collected the ball and rolled into C. Houston; he cut inside his man, took a look up and coolly curled the ball into the far post from 20 yards.

Lochgilphead Red Star are away again this Saturday in another vital fixture against Inverkip AFC. All are reminded that training is on a Wednesday night on the Blaze Pitch at 7:30pm and all newcomers are welcome to come along.

1.Kalache 2.MacDougall 3.Moore 4.I. Houston 5.C. Campbell 6.I. Phillips 7.D. Campbell 8.Robertson 9.MacMillan (off 65 mins) 10.C. Houston 11.Naisby 12.Morrison (on 65 mins)

The club would like to thank Anne & Angus Houston, Karen Houston, Lorraine Campbell and Kirsteen MacDonald for their hard work at last Saturday's coffee morning.

A joint race night with Ardrishaig Junior Shinty club will be held in the Stag hotel on March 17 at 7.30pm with raffles, race prizes and goodies to be won. The Club's annual prizegiving dinner dance will be held in the Grey Gull in Ardrishaig on May 27 at 7.30pm with two guest speakers for the evening. One will be former grade one and FIFA referee Brian MacGinlay, the other speaker will confirmed shortly, Tickets will be available soon.

Lochgilphead win bowls trophy from Tayvallich

Bowls

ON Thursday, February 22, Tayvallich Bowling Club came to Lochgilphead to play the second leg of the Marie Douglas Trophy.

Eddie Hogan, Lochgilphead president, welcomed the Tayvallich players and wished them a good game on the new carpets at the club. Lochgilphead were able to purchase the carpets with an 'Awards for all' grant and this was the first evening that they were used.

A good evening's bowls was enjoyed by all, with a high standard of play, but Lochgilphead came out on top to win the cup.

Mr Angus McInnes of Tayvallich thanked Lochgilphead for their hospitality and Mrs Libby MacDonald presented Eddie Hogan with the trophy.

Shinty lottery results

The numbers in Kilmory Camanachd's lottery draw this week were 6, 11 and 14. There were no winners and the jackpot for next week is £600.

The numbers this week for Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery are 3, 9 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200.00 next week.

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