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Support for pool grows

But it is not out of hot water yet

THE Mid Argyll community has rallied to the aid of 'the most under-funded, best run swimming pool' in the region.

The Lochgilphead pool, threatened with closure last week when it ran out of money, now looks set to say open while a solution is found.

At an emergency meeting last week, local councillors and swimmers agreed to work with the directors to get the pool out of hot water in the short-term

and secure its survival in the future. An action committee was formed to negotiate with the council for a cash injection to prevent the doors closing and put together a business plan.

Colin McLean, chair of the pool's directors, told the meeting it had been run on a shoestring with vital repairs left undone or carried out by life-

guards to save money. Alistair MacLeod, a regular user of the pool and a member of the Mid Argyll triathlon group, said: 'This is the

**By Christine
McCartney**

most under-funded pool around and it is doing the best job. It would be lunacy even to threaten the best-run swimming facility in Argyll.'

Staff at the pool, which has been losing money and eating into its reserves over the past three years, were paid last week after the bank agreed a one-off extension of the overdraft. But there is uncertainty
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Clean up for Argyll beach

A HARD-WORKING bunch of 13 volunteers turned out on Sunday to gather rubbish from Kilmory Bay near Achnamara. Aisa Nebreda, beach project officer for the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute, said it was a brilliant day, thanks in part to the sunshine. She added: 'We were cleaning the beach for a couple of hours and collected 20 bags of rubbish.' The helpers came from as far away as Ardfert and Tarbert to gather litter. It was the first of GRAB's beach clean-ups in the area this year.

Two hurt in crash

TWO occupants of a Volkswagen Passat were taken to hospital after a collision with a lorry on Wednesday, March 4. The A83 was closed just south of Ardrishaig as police and ambulance attended.

Strathclyde police roads officers who were at the scene reported the injuries were not thought to be life-threatening. They said snowy road conditions caused the accident, just one of a number on Wednesday, and urged drivers to exercise care.

Trailer accident

A TRAILER crashed into a car after becoming detached from a vehicle on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. No one was injured in the incident which happened just before 8am on Tuesday, March 3.

Accident

AN ACCIDENT close to Inveraray Coastguard Station left a vehicle on its roof on Sunday, March 1, at 3.15pm. No other vehicles were involved and no one was injured.

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Calling all warrior queens

KILMARTIN House Museum and Argyll's Women@work Network are joining forces to mark International Women's Day on Sunday, March 8.

The museum will host an art workshop, a talk entitled 'Warrior Queen or Roundhouse wife' about the role played by women in prehistoric times and complementary therapy sessions.

They are also keen to hear stories of women in Kilmartin Glen and the area. The activities are taking place from 2pm to 9pm.

Prostate Cancer

ARGYLL Rotary Club and NHS Highland are working together to highlight prostate cancer awareness month. They are inviting men over 50 to learn more about prostate health by dropping by their information stand at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead. They will be there between 3.30pm and 7.30pm on Monday, March 9 and again on Monday, March 16.

TranServ fails spelling test for second time

'It was an error by the contractor which is in the process of being rectified'

A COMPANY responsible for road signs has been blushing again after misspelling the name of a prominent Argyll town.

The 'b' has been omitted from Campbeltown on a shiny new sign on the A83, approaching Inveraray from the north. It was erected by

contractors for Transerv last Wednesday, just metres from the location of another road sign spelling gaff six months ago.

Welcoming

Last August, visitors were greeted by a sign welcoming them to the Royal 'Borough' of Inveraray.

To misspell one Argyll place-name may be regarded as a misfortune, but two looks like carelessness to some residents of the burgh. Niall Iain MacLean lives in Inveraray and used to chair the local Scottish Tourist Board committee. He said: 'That's two on the trot. Who on



Drivers approaching Inveraray should veer left for 'Campeltown'. A10sgn1

earth is checking these things?' A spokesman for Scotland Transerv said: 'It was an error by

the contractor which is in the process of being rectified. The cost of the remedy will be borne by

the contractor.' He added that the spelling would be corrected within a few days.



Allan calls it a day after 35 years

Kenny MacLeod, director, Allan McKechnie,

Timber Frame Factory Ltd., for over 35 years. Manager and Murdo Allan received a TAG Formula 1 Watch from the directors along with a certificate acknowledging his long service to the company and a cheque from his colleagues.

Jeanette Laughton, secretary of Ardrishaig Community Council which discussed the proposal on Tuesday, said: 'Personally I do not think it goes far enough. We have been

Twenty's Plenty speed zone proposed for Ardrishaig

DRIVERS in some residential streets of Ardrishaig will be forced to slow down under proposed changes to the speed limit.

Argyll and Bute Council is considering plans to introduce a 'twenty's plenty' zone in the Glengilp and Glenfyne area of the village to improve safety for pedestrians and children.

fighting for it for the past two years.' She added the key issue was the safety of children walking to school: 'It ties in with the fact that children from Ardrishaig are expected to walk to the Lochgilphead Campus and it is not a safe route.'The

proposals are yet to be finalised by Argyll and Bute Council.

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SCOTLAND'S tallest tree is in Argyll - its official.

A team of scientists climbed two trees thought to be the tallest in Scotland to determine once and for all which one was the tallest.

A Grand Fir at Blair Castle went branch to branch with a Douglas Fir at Glendaruel near Dunans Castle in Argyll.

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Beaver Trail information evening next week

THE Scottish Beaver Trial will be hosting an information evening next week.

On hand to answer questions will be the

team overseeing the release of four beaver families in Knapdale, Mid Argyll in May, as well as staff from Scottish Natural Heritage

who will independently monitor the beavers' impact.

Invited

Members of the public are invited to drop

in to the Cairnbaan Hotel, near Lochgilphead, between 6pm and 8pm on Wednesday, March 11.

Jenny Holden, who

has recently taken up her post as field officer for the Scottish Beaver Trial said listening to the views of local people was really im-

portant to the project's success. She added: 'The return of the beaver on a trial basis is a momentous event in UK conservation.'

Police day of action

STRATHCLYDE traffic officers stopped 18 drivers for speeding and 10 not wearing a seatbelt on a police day of action last Friday.

Inspector David Ferguson of Lochgilphead's road policing department said: 'I am disappointed at the number of drivers who still fail to take cognisance of the speed limits, fail to wear seatbelts and use their mobile phones when driving on all the roads throughout Argyll.'

'It is proven that these failings result in a number of contributory factors in road crashes some of which result in serious injury or death.'

Honour for lifeboats

TWO lifeboat volunteers in Mid Argyll and Tarbert are to receive honorary awards for their work. Both Margaret McDougall of Mid Argyll branch and Elizabeth McCulloch of the Tarbert branch will be presented with a bronze award from the RNLI for their efforts at a ceremony in Perth in June. They are among 13 supporters from Argyll and Bute who will be recognised at the event.

Correction

AN article in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser, 'Co-op comes of age' stated that the Co-operative supermarket in Lochgilphead opened 21 years ago. In fact, it opened 20 years ago in 1989.

Inveraray car park fees 'a back door tax'

'It is totally unacceptable to the residents and traders'

PLANS to extend charges at two Inveraray car parks through the winter months have been branded 'a stealth tax'.

Traders, residents and the chair of the local community council said this week they were not told about the move to year-round charging in The Avenue and Front Street car parks, which are currently free between November and March.

Rates will also be re-structured from April 1, resulting in an increase of 10p per hour, while parking will continue to be free at the car park on the southern side of the burgh.

Garret Corner, chair

of Inveraray Community Council, said he had seen a public notice indicating that prices would increase, but was unaware that charges would no longer be seasonal.

He said locals rather than visitors would end up paying the price: 'It's just another back door tax. There was talk the money from car parking in Inveraray was to be spent in Inveraray, but that has just gone by the way side.'

Charles Walker, the burgh's sub-postmaster said: 'It is totally unacceptable to the residents and traders. I certainly wasn't aware of it. It's a stealth move.'

A Main Street shop-owner also feared it could affect business in the town and said the plans would cause 'a riot'. She said: 'It will affect the shops. If you have to pay a lot of fees, you are not going to stop.'

Argyll and Bute Council's budget, agreed last month, included an increase in parking charges throughout the area.

A spokeswoman said: 'Inveraray will now have parking charges throughout the year rather than just seasonal. This is similar to most locations in Argyll and Bute. There will still be a 'free' section at the Lochgilphead side of the town.'



Rev Hilda Smith is hoping the exclusive Jolomo mugs will help fund a new church hall. a09cof3

Church enlists help of acclaimed Argyll artist

FUNDRAISING is not everybody's cup of tea. But a local congregation is hoping sales of a very special mug will help them pay for a new hall.

Lochgilphead Parish Church has enlisted the help of acclaimed Argyll artist John Lowrie Morrison.

The beautiful bone china mugs feature two of Jolomo's paintings, one of the town and another of the church itself.

Reverend Hilda Smith

said the church was mobilised for its renewal project, which would see improvements to the hall so it could be better used by the church, it's young people and the wider community.

Premises

She said: 'So many people use the premises, particularly the church, but also the hall will be a tremendous commu-

nity facility when it is done.'

She said they were delighted that Jolomo had agreed to let them use his artworks and hoped it would help them reach their fundraising target of £364,000.

The mugs are priced at £10 each and can be ordered on the church website, www.lpchurch.co.uk

Swimming pool support grows

Continued from page 1 about how next month's wage packets or outstanding bills to suppliers will be paid.

Councillors Alison Hay and Donald MacMillan said the council's finance officers were keen to meet with the pool's directors urgently.

The council bailed the pool out seven years ago and at that time increased its subsidy. Yet

funding remains far below the costs of other pools in the district.

It emerged at the meeting that the cash flow crisis had been made worse by a delay in the council and local schools paying their bill for swimming lessons.

Optimistic

Colin McLean told the Argyllshire Advertiser that he was now hopeful about the pool's future: 'We are making

progress. I'm cautiously optimistic, but keeping my fingers and toes crossed.'

He said the new committee had put together a draft business plan. He added: 'It is going to require a lot of work and fair bit of community support.'

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Vatersay Boys return

ANOTHER smashing night has been planned this June when the Vatersay Boys are set to return to Campbeltown.

After their successful ceilidh last year organisers were keen to get the group back and are now scheduled to return to the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on June 5.

Guild sale of work

LORNE and Lowland Church Guild's annual sale of work will be taking place next Saturday.

The event will be taking place in the church, and will be officially opened by Jean Durnan at 2pm.

Usual stalls will be available and all are welcome.

Full house at accordion and fiddle club

The Ross MacPherson Trio were enjoyed by an appreciative audience

IT WAS another full house at the Argyll Hotel in Inveraray for the February get together of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Chairman, Niall Iain MacLean, welcomed supporting players from near and far with Fyne Folk getting the evening underway – Janette Gibson, Sally Hall, Duncan Crawford, Jake MacKay, Agnes Liddell and Grant MacDougall.

Also making up various bands were Allan McIntosh, John Renton and Janet Graham on accordion; Charlie Saune on fiddle; Jimmy Mac-

Donald on keyboard; on drums Jim Thomson and, paying a very welcome visit back from Crieff – Gerry Boxall, also on drums.

Guest artistes, back by popular demand, were the Ross MacPherson Trio, with Ross on accordion, Calum MacPhail on fiddle and on drums, Duncan Burns from Doune.

From Ross's yearning for Gaelic waltzes, to polkas, pipe marches, jigs and rousing reels - with a couple of sets from fiddle maestro Calum in between – this was a west coast sound very familiar to and



Calum MacPhail, Duncan Burns and Ross MacPherson.

much enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

All too soon it was time for the last set of

reels and the Chairman thanked all the artistes for a great night of music. Next week the

Club looks forward to welcoming Ian Cameron from Ballinluig, a highly accomplished

accordionist, making up a Quartet and paying their first visit as guest artistes.

Beach debris makes new Kilmartin exhibition

COLOURFUL everyday objects found washed up on Argyll beaches are the starting point for a new art exhibition.

Kilmartin House Museum is hosting the 'Tidelines' show by Colonsay artist Jane Rose, which opened last weekend and runs until April 19.

Previously concentrating on painting seascapes, Jane said she left paint and brushes

behind when she started to discover interesting objects in the sand and seaweed.

Now beach combing has become something of an obsession and the exhibition is made from objects found on Islay, Gigha, Tiree, Colonsay and Lismore.

Jane said: 'It's interesting because you don't know what you are going to find.'

Another artwork was based on a message

in a bottle, tossed into the water by a child in Newfoundland, Canada, for a school project. Jane said she felt impelled to investigate the stories behind some of her finds.

'It does actually have a message, that this stuff is out there. It is a shame that so much of it ends up polluting the sea. It says something about society and its wastefulness, that so much ends up thrown away.'



Jane Rose has collected everyday, weathered objects from island beaches.

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Saturday 21st March

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McCallum bagpipe roadshow

Different types of pipes from great Highland to small electronic ones

A FANTASTIC night of piping, such as hasn't been heard in Campbeltown for a long time was how one person in the audience described it at the McCallum Bagpipe Roadshow.

There was plenty of different types of pipes from great Highland to small pipes and electric ones in both the Masonic Hall in Campbeltown on Saturday and

in Inveraray on Friday night.

Willie McCallum senior introduced the fear-au-tighe for the night Allan Hamilton, who is a retired police inspector and played in the Glasgow Police Pipe Band under pipe major Ronnie Lawrie of Oban.

Allan introduced the first piper for the evening Stuart McCallum, the founder of Mc-



Left to right: Rory Grossart, Willie McCallum, Stuart McCallum, Sylvan Hanlon, Steven Leisk, Kenny McLeod and fear-au-tighe Allan Hamilton. c10pip01

Callum bagpipes, which has a factory in Kilmarnock.

All the pipers were playing McCallum bagpipes and Willie McCallum's new chanter.

Stuart started with marches, strathspeys and reels and some of the late Gordon Duncan's tunes. Stuart

plays with Strathclyde Police Pipe Band.

Next to follow was Kenny MacLeod who is in partnership with Stuart McCallum, and has a shop in Glasgow, MacLeod Supplies, selling all types of bagpipe supplies.

Kenny was pipe major of the Glasgow Skye Pipe Band, winning many honours in grade one.

Stephen Leisk who just turned 17 took to the floor and played many big marches etc with a great air of authenticity.

He won the overall championship at Strathclyde Police Junior competition last week.

Next up was Brittany's Sylvan Hanlon who plays with the Scottish Power Pipe Band and

is a very accomplished player who has won many prizes at various competitions throughout Scotland. He gave a demonstration of Breton music and was very pleasant to listen to.

Rory Grossart who works in the factory in Kilmarnock and makes all types of reeds for the bagpipe and along with Stuart McCallum they played small pipes and electric pipes. Kenny MacLeod also joined in on the bongos.

Campbeltown's Willie McCallum came on playing traditional marches, strathspeys and reels, then hornpipes and jigs.

Willie who has a long list of wins over the years, including the Glenfiddich World Championship a record

eight times and to add to that last week weekend in New York, at the 'Metro Cup' he won for a second year.

After an interval and the raffle being drawn all the pipers came on and played together including Kenny on the bongos.

Willie McCallum senior made the vote of thanks and presented all the pipers with a specially labelled bottle of Springbank Whisky and to a very able fear-an-tighe Allan Hamilton who kept everybody informed throughout the night.

The next recital will be on March 18 in the Masonic Hall when Iain Speirs from Edinburgh who is one of Scotland's best pipers takes to the floor.

Juvenile pipe band concert

THERE are still tickets left for the Friday evening concert by the Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association which will take place on Friday March 13.

Tickets for the Saturday night concert and ceilidh are very limited but may still be available.

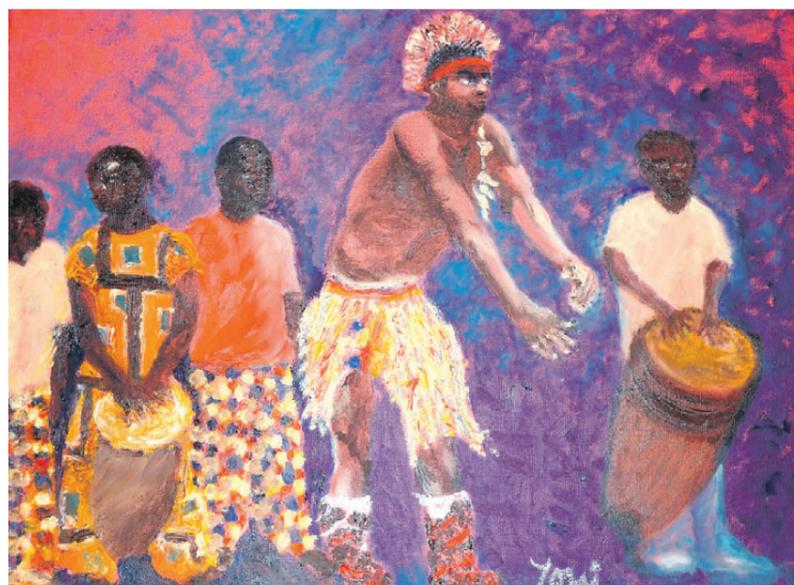
Those attending the Friday night only will be treated to a performance by the Ian McKerrall Chanter Group.

Eric Ward who is the leading drummer of the grade one Strathclyde Police Band will be the star guest at both concerts with the world's leading tenor drummer Tyler Fry performing on the Saturday night only. He will be conducting drumming workshops during his visit.

Cruithne will be providing the music for the ceilidh on the Saturday night. Local songstresses Hannah McGuinness and Karen Semple will also be performing.

There will be a licensed bar both evenings and under 18s will only be admitted if accompanied by a parent.

Tickets for the Friday evening concert are still available at £7 each from Yorkshire Building Society. Admission at the door may be possible on the Friday only.



Mthunzi exhibition

One of the paintings which will be on display at The Archway, Lochgilphead.

AN exhibition celebrating the talents of a group of young Zambian musicians who visited the area in 2008 will open next Friday.

A series of 14 paintings will be on show at The Archway, Lochgilphead on March 13 from 7pm which were created by west coast artist Toni Maclean.

Toni met the Mthunzi Culture Group during their month long visit to Scotland last year when they also visited Campbeltown.

She was inspired by the vivacity and enthusiasm of the Zambians and worked from a series of photos and video clips taken over several days that she spent with the boys to create the studies, which are predominantly in vivid blues and reds.

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ACROSS
1. Wife of King Priam of Troy (6)
4. 1972 Robert Altman film starring Susannah York (6)
9. 1953 novel by Arthur C. Clarke (10,3)
10. Oral title of address in Turkey equivalent to Mr. (7)
11. Asian republic whose capital is New Delhi (5)
12. Cut of beef extending from the neck to the shoulder blade (5)
14. Stringed musical instrument with a long fretted neck and a circular drum-like body (5)
18. River in S.E. Australia that flows through Melbourne (5)
19. Stream in Italy, in ancient times the boundary between Italy and Cisalpine Gaul (7)
21. Rich stew or soup of fish and vegetables flavoured with saffron (13)
22. Brownish Old World Finch, Acanthis cannabina (6)
23. Terry, a 1961 world middleweight boxing champion (6)

DOWN
1. Game in which a ball is hit using long sticks curved at the end (6)
2. 1980 world professional snooker champion (5,8)
3. Health resort and spa town in Switzerland (5)
5. Group of volcanic islands in the N. Atlantic whose capital is Funchal (7)
6. British politician who won two Best Actress Oscars (6,7)
7. — Hussein, Iraqi leader (6)
8. Slow-moving Asian primate (5)
13. In communications, code word for the letter c (7)
15. Percussion instrument consisting of a thin circular piece of brass which vibrates when hit (6)
16. "Flight to —", 1942 novel by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (5)
17. "The — Weep", 1984 novel by Wilbur Smith (6)
20. In communications, code word for the letter b (5)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS
1. Rejoinder (6)
4. Disprove (6)
9. Chatty (13)
10. Go before (7)
11. Sum (5)
12. Swim (5)
14. Perfume (5)
18. Tendency (5)
19. Rest (7)
21. Prevalence (13)
22. Aid (6)
23. Little ball (6)

QUICK CLUES DOWN
1. Formula (6)
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SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 1 The Alchemist; 7 Sitar; 8 Naiad; 9 Oca; 10 Correggio; 11 Dingle; 12 Friend; 15 Admiralty; 17 Ria; 18 Third; 19 Ernst; 21 Lamentations.
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QUICK - Across: 1 Apprehensive; 7 Under; 8 Arson; 9 Eat; 10 Segregate; 11 Throng; 12 Tender; 15 Ceaseless; 17 Fop; 18 Tithe; 19 Deter; 21 Proscription.
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Learn more about woodland

Utilise woodlands in a complete cycle

THERE is a chance to learn more about Working Farm Woodland Projects through two informative meetings.

The two evening meetings are being held on Wednesday March 11 at Loch Lomond National Park HQ and on Thursday March 12 at Kilmartin House Museum, Lochgilphead, to learn about Working Farm Woodland projects in Perthshire and Wales and the way forward for other areas of Scotland.

Guest speaker David Jenkins has worked

with the Pontbren Farmers Group to utilise their woodlands in a complete cycle.

Restructuring conifer shelter belts and restoring hedgerows to provide shelter for their low input Welsh mountain sheep, using wood to provide woodchip bedding for animals then composting the bedding to provide a growing medium for the tree nursery.

Guest speaker, Andrew Barbour, is the woodland manager for Atholl Estate and Ar-



Gordon Gray Stephens explains wood processing at a previous meeting.

dhattan Estate. He has been an active participant in the Breadalbane Farm Forestry initiative

with his family estate at Fincastle where he and the farming tenants have begun to process timber

on the estate, which has included milling and kiln drying.

Both events are free

and start at 7pm prompt on both evenings and are open to all farmers and land managers.

High Cattadale bullocks sell to £900 at Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 758 store cattle and 1,329 store hogs and grit ewes at Stirling last Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 180p per kilo (+3.96) and sold to 209.8p per kg for a 348kg Limousin cross from Nether Dalkeith and £900 for a 612kgs Belgian Blue cross from High Cattadale, who also sold another at £850. Heifers averaged 165.1p per kilo (-2.34p) and sold to 213.2p per kg for a 258kgs Belgian Blue cross from Auldhall and £880 for a 571kgs Charolais cross from Victoria.

Texel hogs from High Milndovan sold to £64.50 with Blackfaces from Keilator to £51. Bluefaced Leicester gimmers from Muir edge fetched £140 and correct ewes to £102.

Refocus says NFUS

SIGNIFICANT changes to the Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP) would defocus this important source of funding and ensure that it better delivers for the whole of rural Scotland, the NFUS has said.

The SRDP will put a total of £1.6 billion into the Scottish rural economy between 2007 and 2013. A first stage review is currently being carried out by independent consultant Peter Cook on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The NFUS has sug-

gested a number of measures to address a range of current issues.

These include the difficulties facing hill and upland farming, new entrants, environmental challenges such as water quality and climate change, and improving the application procedures to ensure that all elements of the crucial programme are more accessible to the industry.

Modified

'In an ideal world, the SRDP would be delivering for rural Scotland but we feel that some aspects have lost their

way, said Jim McLaren, NFUS president, 'It is certainly our view that the SRDP must be significantly modified, with urgency, to ensure that this important pot of funding plays a far more central role in supporting those who are actively farming the land.'

'Farmers and crofters across Scotland deserve to be rewarded for the public goods and services they provide if these are to be secured for the future, a fact recognised by our Cabinet Secretary Richard Lochhead in recent speeches.'

Malcolm to judge in Perth

CAMPBELTOWN'S Malcolm McFadyen will be travelling to Perth tomorrow to judge the national stallion show for the third time and will judge the Clydesdale female section.



Open spaces meeting

CAMPBELTOWN Open Spaces Audit for Argyll and Bute Council and Lower Clyde Greenspace will be holding a public meeting in the Town Hall on Monday March 9 from 6 - 7.30pm.

The meeting will be a chance to hear the results of the Campbeltown Open Spaces Survey carried out by Land Use Consultants and most importantly a chance to share your views on what open spaces are important in Campbeltown.

Nursery trials

EVERYONE is looking forward to the big day tomorrow (Saturday) when Kintyre hosts the Scottish finals of the nursery sheepdog trials for the first time.

The event takes place at Clockheil Farm, by kind permission of J and R Barr and the trials will see as many as 400 people travelling from all over to join in.

Over the winter all the nine areas have been competing with the top five from each area qualifying for the final.

George weighs in on FWAG

WITH the European elections looming in June, George Lyon, Liberal Democrat candidate, has hit out at the SNP's Alyn Smith MEP for his silence over the failure of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group to find a future funding arrangement.

'On Alyn Smith's website he says it is an honour to be FWAG's

honorary president and that FWAG is a fantastic resource for farmers. Why then has he been silent over the cuts made by the SNP Government that have ultimately led to the loss of FWAG to Scottish farming?'

'The SNP Government has hammered the final nail in FWAG's coffin.

The SNP is entirely

to blame for the loss of jobs and expertise at FWAG.

'Alyn Smith should have used his position to exert some influence over his SNP colleagues at Holyrood. Instead he said nothing and his failure to do so is something that rural communities in Scotland will not easily forget.'

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Spring Weddings



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talent, fresh produce from local sources and a warm welcome from the people there to make your day what it should be, a once-in-life-time experience and a memory forever.

Traditional Island Weddings At the réiteach or formal betrothal, it was often said by the bride to be's father :

“Ma tha ise deònach, tha mise ro-dheònach, agus mura bi sin mar sin, cha bhi seo mar seo” which means “If she is willing, I am very willing and if that weren't so, then this wouldn't be so”

The banns were called three Sundays in succession (this is no longer done) and on the Tuesday after the last calling the wedding would take place.

The greatest chore for a wedding was the plucking and cooking of innumerable hens presented for the party by friends of the bride and

bridegroom from all over the island. A delegation was formed just to deal with this part of the feast which consisted of cold chicken, roast mutton, scones and bannocks, fresh and salt butter, new cheese and many another special delicacy of the island, with the ever-present tea, and whisky and port wine for the toasts. Chickens were considered such an essential part of these feasts that when an epidemic killed a lot of hens on the island, Seonaidh Caimbeul, the local bard, made a song about it in which he refers to the grief of prospective brides at the impossibility of making proper wedding feasts without them.

After the religious service, the wedding party was met at the church door with the firing of guns and the skirl of bagpipes, which, playing the fine tune Highland

Wedding, led the procession home to the wedding breakfast. The celebration continued through the day and night. The guests sat down to the banquet in relays while songs and toasts were given, the songs often starting with a new song composed by the local bard especially for the occasion. Dancing began with a Scots foresome reel for the bride and groom and best man and first bridesmaid. Then the guests joined them on the floor and danced until morning. South Uist is famous for its pipers and a great delight of such a day was to listen to their perfect playing and pointing of the lovely tunes.

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The old village hall has been, for the last one hundred years, a very important part of the cultural and historic heritage of the Tarbert area. It is recognised by Historic Scotland as “ a set of buildings of historic interest”. Initially the hall was built as a Military Drill Hall. It was used by a Company of Mounted Sharpshooters training for the Boer War hence the existence of the detached Saddle Room. In 1896 it became the headquarters of the Tarbert Company (11th) of the Argyll and Bute Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers with some 83 Tarbert men training with the cannon at the Battery Beach. This was followed by training with the Territorial Army for the 1st World War. The hall was gifted to Tarbert village in 1902 by

Colin George Pelham Campbell the then Laird of Stonefield. Ever since this time it has been used extensively by all age groups, indeed the whole community of Tarbert and the surround-

development of community facilities. Over some years, and many hours of painstaking letter writing, fund-raising and form-filling, the finance (£640K) was in place to start work

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ing area. It is the only large (390sq.m.) hall in the area but for some years it has been showing its age. The Trustees and Management Committee set up a Building Fund to further the

in February 2008. Over the following year the new village hall was created and opened in February 2009. The new hall is a credit to the Design Team and

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Contractor. With the new stage (and dressing room) together with a digital lighting system the hall offers a magnificent venue for stage performances. The new hall, together with its state of the art kitchen provides an excellent facility for weddings, exhibitions and corporate entertainment – all in addition to the many regular users of the village hall.

The Trustees and Management Committee are particularly pleased that as part of the new-build programme, dedicated premises have been made available for Tarbert Youth Group. This particular facility has been a long time coming but the wait has been well worth it. The Youth Group must be praised for their remarkable talent for finding money for their project.

Although open since February, the official opening will take place on Saturday 14th March 2009. The hall will be open from 12.00 noon until 8.00pm and the entire community is invited to pop in to see the new hall and its facilities. The hall will be officially opened at 3.00pm by Mrs. Mackie Campbell.

All who have contributed in any way to the provision of the new hall have been invited to the opening and the Trustees and Management Committee are particularly pleased that Mr. David Green from the Scotland Committee of the Big Lottery will be present to say a few words.

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5. Radiator controls are preset and must not be touched.

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Stupidity and high spirits

AN 18-year-old Lochgilhead man appeared before Sheriff Carol Kelly at Lochgilhead on Wednesday last week as a first offender.

'It would appear to be a case of stupidity meets high spirits. This behaviour is very much out of character,' said defence agent Graeme Wright on behalf of Luke Running of 9 Am Bailliemor, who admitted being in a vehicle without lawful excuse with intent to commit theft.

Procurator fiscal David Webster said that at 4am on September 7 last year someone living on Chalmers street, Ardrishaig, was awoken by noises outside, saw Running in a van belonging to a neighbour and dialled 999; the police discovered Running at the scene.

Fining him £160, Sheriff Kelly told Running: 'You are going to be leaving this court with a conviction against your name.'

Man denies lashing out at girlfriend

'a combination of alcohol and jealousy'

A 28-year-old man hit his girlfriend with their pet gerbil's cage when he was in a drunken, jealous rage, a court heard last Wednesday.

Ewan Douglas McClymont, whose address was given as Housbass, Kilduskland Drive, Ardrishaig, pled not guilty at the Lochgilhead to striking his 23-year-old girlfriend on the head with a metal cage, to her injury.

Procurator fiscal David Webster said that police were called to the couple's home at the top flat, Toberdarroch, West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, on November 22 last year.

There they found the living room in disarray with broken glass and furniture and the girlfriend with injury to her head. Both she and McClymont were taken to hospital for treatment;

McClymont had cut his arm with a kitchen knife.

Both the knife, cage and a book of photographs showing the state of the flat after the incident were presented as evidence in court.

Procurator fiscal David Webster said the incident happened because of 'a combination of alcohol and jealousy'.

Denied

But McClymont denied ever striking the girl: 'I never hit her with it [the cage] but I flung it in a rage.'

Defence agent Ruben Murdanigum submitted that there was no case to answer but the Sheriff rejected this.

Sheriff Kelly found McClymont guilty and deferred sentence until March 25 for social inquiry and community service assessment reports.



Slimmers explore how eating more fruit and veg can help tackle obesity. A09slim1.jpg

Slimmers help beat obesity

MEMBERS of the Lochgilhead Slimming World group helped to launch a national campaign against obesity. Fruit, vegetables and healthy snacks were

on offer as well as the chance to talk to successful slimmers.

Jennifer McLean, consultant to the local branch, said they wanted to highlight the

importance of healthy eating all the time rather than short-term dieting.

She said 'It's Slimming World's 40th anniversary. We are doing a lot of extra activities in the com-

munity to celebrate that.'

The club, which has 75 members and meets each Monday in Lochgilhead Baptist Church, will be three years old this April.

Camera catches Lochgilhead vandal

A 17-year old Lochgilhead man was filmed by the very camera he was vandalising.

Christopher Walls, of 6 Coronation Terrace, Lochgilhead, admitted in court in the town last Wednesday that he had

wilfully and recklessly attempted to cause damage to a CCTV camera outside a shop on Argyll Street, Lochgilhead.

Repeatedly

Procurator fiscal David Webster said the shop's owners found their

CCTV camera hanging off the wall on June 23 last year.

On examining the recording they saw a youth whom they recognised at Walls repeatedly jumping up and down towards the camera.

Sheriff Carol Kelly was told the repairs to the CCTV camera cost £150.

The sheriff deferred the case and called for community service assessment and social inquiry reports on Walls.

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McKinven and Colville broaden their horizons



Dougie McEachran, Andy Robertson and Barry Colville



One and two bedroom flats in Argyll Street, Campbeltown



The construction of the new clubhouse at Carradale Golf Club

EXTENDING their business this week, general builders McKinven and Colville has taken over slaters and plasterers McEachran and Robertson after its owners decided to retire from the company.

The retiring business which is owned by Andy Robertson and Dougie McEachran will be taken over by the Snipefield-based company after 25 years.

It will be taken on as a going concern and the name will be kept. It will be a subsidiary company of McKinven and Colville, allowing the company to expand from general building into roofing contractors, which will also see their staff base rise to 30 employees.

McKinven and Colville has been in business for 47 years and currently has a number of on-going contracts, which include the new clubhouse for Carradale Golf Club.

The company has recently finished the new flats at Ramsay Place, Argyll Street in Campbeltown. The nine two-bed and three one-bed amenity flats are modern and fresh, and have all been tailored to different designs, so not every flat is identical.

Their past work includes Peninver Village Hall and the RNLI Station, Campbeltown.

They cover a wide range of building work including windows and doors, the design, supply and installation of bathrooms and kitchens, loft and

basement conversions as well as the basics of joinery, plumbing and electrics.

The business was started in the early 1960s by Kenny McKinven and Roy Colville carrying out various joinery works. They eventually expanded the business to become one of the major building contractors in the Kintyre area.

Their sons Calum and Barry became involved with the day to day running of the business in the early nineties, becoming partners in 1994.

Up until 2002 the company carried out its business from Argyll Street, but a positive step forward was to invest in new premises at Snipefield Industrial Estate which creates a professional image to the strong client base, putting the company in a strong position for the future.

McKinven and Colville recruit apprentices on a bi-annual basis, enabling the highly skilled staff to train the apprentices and maintain excellent standards.

Director Barry Colville said: 'We would like to say thanks to our existing customer base for their loyal support over the years and hopefully with the take over of McEachran and Robertson our company can undertake additional works.'

'Calum and I would like to wish Dougie and Andy the very best in their well deserved retirement.'

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Positive outlook needed

Look on the bright side to weather economic storm

ARGYLL businessmen and women have been told to look on the bright side to weather the economic storm.

Against the grain of economic doom and gloom, experts from Glasgow and Inverness said the region was well placed harness opportunities in the current climate.

David Sutherland, chief executive of Tulloch Homes, said if business leaders saw the glass as half full it would have a knock on effect on employees and customers.

He told an audience of 60 in Lochgilphead last week: 'Keep positive. You have got to maintain your confidence. In Argyll and Kintyre, you have some really vibrant businesses.'

'I think most of all we need business and the private sector to come through this strongly and confidently.'

Mr Sutherland added that Argyll and Highlands companies had as much claim to government assistance at this difficult time as those industries in receipt of

high profile bail-outs.

Liz Cameron, who chairs the Scottish Chamber of Commerce said, now was the time

consider new ways of doing business. She said: 'It depends on where you position yourself whether it is an opportunity or a threat.'

'While its uncertain how long and deep this economic downturn will be, demand and growth will return.'

The importance of a positive outlook to business success was echoed by Clydesdale Bank's David Douglas.

He said agriculture and food sectors were generally coming through the tough times better than the rest of the economy, while Argyll's tourism industry had a real opportunity to capitalise on visitors reluctant to travel abroad.

Jane MacLeod of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, which arranged the business summit, said: 'I like to think we are seeing the beginning to see the gestation of an Argyll and Bute marketing alliance.'



Mark MacQueen meet with Karen McCurry, manager of the MS Therapy, along with staff and members last week. a10msc01

MS Therapy Centre benefits by £500

THE MS Therapy Centre in Lochgilphead was welcoming a new donor last week, the MacQueen Bros Community Benefit Fund.

Last week, Mark MacQueen from the firm visited to present staff and centre members with a cheque for £500,

which will go towards funding new exercise equipment.

Donations

Karen McCurry, manager, said the centre, used by people from across the area and Kintyre, is entirely reliant on donations: 'We want to thank the MacQueen

Bros for thinking of us and donating the money.'

It was the Mid Argyll Rotary Club which nominated us, so we are grateful to them too.'

The removal and storage company raises funds for community projects through the

sale of second-hand furniture and household goods too big for charity shops to store.

Warehouse

Mark said: 'Donated items are sold directly from MacQueen Bros warehouse in Oban with every penny going to good causes.'

Tarbert turns out for timber meeting

TARBERT residents last night (Thursday) turned out to air their views on a controversial plan to upgrade a back road for timber lorries.

A public meeting was called after heated debate at the past two meetings of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council on the proposals.

Timber extraction in South Knapdale and North Kintyre is predicted to more than double in the coming

years. Argyll Timber Transport Group want to spend over £600,000 making the B8024 suitable for heavy vehicles so they can avoid the village's streets.

For a full report, see next week's paper.

Small grant applications

THE closing date for applications by voluntary organisations for small grants from Argyll and Bute Council is March 20.

If you need an electronic form for the financial year 2009-10, please email Ms Kelly at felicity.kelly@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

If you require a hard copy, please contact Eileen Bellshaw, Service Standards Officer, Community Regeneration, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Islay organisation, please contact Islay and Jura CVS, telephone 0196 810743.

New marina buildings

PLANNING permission has been granted to Alma Leisure Ltd for new marina buildings at Kings Yard, Craobh haven.

The existing temporary ones can be demolished and in their place a new marina building with chandlery, laundry and toilets, with amendments to the plans to include a larger porch

Bigger garden display

QUARRY Point Tea Rooms at Crarae has been given permission to change the use of surplus car parking space to form an additional garden centre display.

Sailing club store

MID Argyll Sailing club has been given planning permission to use the old Miniature Railway site at Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, and use it for dingy storage, complete with fencing and gates.

Admin error concerning for West Coast fishing quotas

CLYDE Fishermen's Association played David to the EU's Goliath when the European bureaucracy added up wrongly and wouldn't admit it.

It gave west coast boats 28 days at sea less than those in the North Sea fishing fleet.

Now the European Ombudsman, P. Nikiforos Diamandouros, has asked the European Commission to correct this administrative error concerning fishing quotas in the West of Scotland.

This followed a complaint from Patrick Stewart, the association's secretary who is its sole employee, about an EU Regulation concerning fishing quotas for the year 2007.

He said: 'The determination of our fishermen, against the advice of some and the indifference of many, has proved that it is still possible for a David to right the wrongs of

a Goliath. However we cannot allow our vigilance to be dimmed as the Commission continues, in the name of the recovery of cod stocks, by constantly increasing restriction, which is often illogical and unwarranted, to render the future of the fishing communities, on the western fringes of the United Kingdom, ever less viable.'

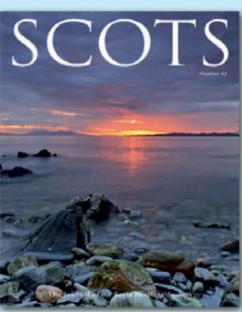
Mr Stewart went on to thank those few that supported the association in its struggle. He was able to mention publicly Jamie McGrigor MSP and Alan Reid MP who had, very effectively raised the matter in their respective Parliaments.

'The Commission must accept the Ombudsman's finding and correct its mistake, otherwise there could be knock-on effects that could reduce the number of days at sea available to west coast fishermen in future years,' said Mr Reid.

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Thought for the week

with
Irene Howat

Here's a most beautiful story. Some men brought a man to Jesus. He was deaf and could hardly talk. 'After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears.

Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him "Ephphatha!" (which means be opened).

At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak freely.' Why didn't Jesus just speak a word and heal the man? Think about it.

Jesus took the man from the crowd to a private place where his first noises would be gentle ones. Next he touched his ears and tongue, so signing to him that he was going to do something about his deafness and lack of speech. Then by looking to heaven Jesus showed that what was to happen was God's work.

To crown it all, Jesus gave the man the gift of words as well as the gift of speech, thus saving him the embarrassment of having to learn to speak.

The miracle was a display of Jesus' power, and also of his love and tenderness. (see Mark 7:32-35)



Down Memory Lane

THIS week's Down Memory Lane was contributed by Morag Bruce of Elderslie. It was taken around 30 years ago, of one of the football teams in the annual ladies and gents match, the Donald Scatton Memorial Cup, traditionally part of the Tarbert Seafood Festival. In the back row are Andrew Malcolm, George Bruce, James Bruce, Calum Clarke, William Brodrick, Rodney Aries, Iain Matheson, George Baird, Davie Holmes and the front row are Duncan Clarke, Alex Crawford, John McGregor and Harold Scott.

Swimming pool under threat

Sir,
With the news that the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool is financially under threat in last week's Advertiser, is this the latest local service to suffer?

The swimming pool has, over the last few years, been a boon to the community for all ages and also a place for people with physical disabilities to exercise.

The council, I believe, have been approached by the pool committee to help resolve the situation. Is the lack of funding due to the Scottish government's policy of

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not increasing council tax in the current year?

It will be noted by the public that no supervisor has been appointed yet at McCracken Court sheltered houses and no carer for night supervision at Caledonian Court Ardrishaig.

Surely this is wrong! On top of that there is a threat that meals are stopping in some small rural schools.

Yours sincerely
**J Simpson,
Brodie Crescent,
Lochgilphead**

Forestry debate

Sir,
I represent a local group who work in the forest industry and I have been a supporter of the SNP for 36 years and did indeed vote for Mr Mather, I am dismayed at the Tartan Tearing from a minority.

The questions being asked have not been answered.

Two-thirds of the responses to the consultation are opposed to leasing. If we are going to lease this much public land, we should have a national debate on the future of public forestry.

The Forestry Commission only manages the forest estate for the people of Scotland and the government should serve them, and not override their wishes. One of the main Forestry Commission objectives in multi-use forest is combating climate change. This priority would likely not be the case in private hands—their first priority, and rightly so, is to make money.

I have seen no evidence that this leasing will be beneficial to the forest industry or the environment. The minister and our local MSP have not made available any business case for their proposal to lease public land. Unlike the rhetoric, the bill promises no money towards afforestation.

If this was a reasonable proposal, the ministers and local MSP would have made the time to counter the alleged rabble-rousing and scaremongering that has taken place. Hopefully our MSP, when he comes to Argyll, may wish to meet with us.

**Mr R Laird,
Kilmichael Glassary,
Argyll**

Roads and pavements

Sir,
I am writing about the state of our roads and pavements.

Outside the Bank of Scotland is an accident waiting to happen; it is remarkable that one has not happened already. It has been like this for several years now.

The paving slabs are uneven and broken. In some places, they drop by over an inch, which could trip someone up, especially an older person who may be a bit unsteady on their feet.

The slabs have been damaged by vehicles driving onto and parking on the pavement.

The paved areas on the corner of Campbell Street and Union Street and outside the Argyll Hotel are almost as bad.

Recently when driving to Glasgow, I noticed several areas of the road that had disappeared at the edge.

The road had subsided right up to the white line marking the edge, leaving a dangerous hole if a vehicle had to pull in to allow a wide load to pass.

Those Were The Days

Argyllshire Advertiser
Friday 2 March, 1984

TV boosts Argyll and the Isles

ONLY SEVEN weeks after the start of its tourism promotion TV advertising campaign Argyll and Bute looks set to become a leading holiday destination for Scottish holiday makers.

According to figures received from Scottish Television the Argyll and Bute Council tourism ads are 'in the top three' when it comes to viewers responses.

The assessment is based on the number of STV viewers phoning the special telephone numbers broadcast for those wishing to receive free copies of brochures and leaflets.

Already requests for this year's special 48-page tourism publication are running at the rate of nearly 1000 per week; in a period traditionally associated with holiday destination decision making.

Hoteliers protest

A DEMAND for the rate of VAT on hotels to be reduced was made this week by a group of local hoteliers.

The group has protested to Argyll MP Mr John MacKay that the current situation makes them unable to compete economically with European countries where the rate is much lower.

The Mull of Kintyre Hotel Group, a marketing group for independent hotels, have written to the MP protesting about the 15 per cent VAT rate charged in Britain.

They claim that with other European countries charging much lower VAT rates, around four per cent, for their hotels creates unfair competition.

Monument back on public view

A MONUMENT to 17 rebelling Campbell leaders was unveiled on its new site on Saturday – by a descendant of the man who signed their execution warrants in 1685.

The first Marquis of Argyll and Tarbert had the job of putting down the ninth Earl of Argyll's insurrection in support of the Duke of Monmouth against King James VII and II. And on Saturday the Duke of Atholl was invited by the Duke of Argyll to perform the unveiling ceremony at Frew's Bridge in the castle grounds.

The monument was originally erected in 1754 on a site that now forms part of the garden belonging to the Bank of Scotland.

Children in danger

FEARS are being expressed about the safety of children using the main access gate to the Campbelltown Community Centre car park on Stewart Road. The gate, used by large numbers of youngsters both from the centre itself and from the adjoining local school, is causing a safety risk due to its bad position.

The gate is used by those using the community centre and also by children from Castlehill School. This week officials expressed concerns over the situation.

The access from the gate leads directly onto the road with no pavement and no safety barrier while the visibility in one direction is almost completely blocked by one tree which can not be removed because it is subject to a tree preservation order

When will something be done to prevent an accident, or is the council waiting to be sued for an injury caused by negligence?
Yours sincerely
**Frances M Fleming,
Lorne Terrace,
Lochgilphead.**



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Meeting on Ardrishaig open spaces

'It's a strategy that will be implemented by the council over the next five years'

A PROJECT to revamp Ardrishaig's green spaces will be on show in the village next week.

Argyll and Bute Council and Lower Clyde Greenspace have been asking residents what they think of grassy areas, woodlands, sport fields and other open spaces with a view to planning improvements.

The team carrying out the work will be presenting their findings at Ardrishaig Public Hall next Thursday, March 12 at 7.30pm and they are keen to hear from members of the public.

Chris Hughes, who has been involved in the survey, said: 'Open spaces help create communities that are good to live in, work in and visit. They provide places for people to meet, play, relax

and exercise and simply spend time outdoors.'

He said it was vital residents had their say, as the survey will underpin practical improvements to the local environment.

He added: 'It's a strategy that will be implemented by the council over the next five years. It is also an opportunity to see if there are any small scale projects that the community could get going themselves.'

So far, the war memorial, Upper Glen Fyne Park, the Robbers' Glen and the stretch along the front next to Loch Fyne have been identified as important areas.

The team has also been looking at open spaces in Lochgilphead and will be holding a meeting there later in the month.

Healthy working lives

ARGYLL and Bute Hospital has joined NHS Highlands healthy working lives scheme. Staff at the hospital will work to-

wards bronze, silver and gold awards for promoting healthy eating, a good workplace and improving health and safety.



A visit by two falcons ruffles a few feathers at Glassary Primary a10fal02

Glassary Primary School pupils meet feathered friends

TWO peregrine falcons swooped into Glassary Primary School last week, to help the children with a medieval project.

The pupils were gripped as breeder Bob Blackwell told them about how the birds could spy prey from high in the air and how he looks after them.

Now the children must recreate the rope, glove and mask a falconer uses for a sculpture they will make in the coming weeks.



Minard woodland trail gets a makeover

VOLUNTEERS have been braving the cold winter weather to improve paths on Minard's Woodland Heritage Trail.

Minard Community Trust, which shares responsibility with the Forestry Commission for upkeep of the paths, received £1,200 from

Scottish Natural Heritage towards the cost of the work.

Leonard McNeill of the Minard Community Trust said the job was a mammoth task for the trust, taking five months to complete.

He said: 'The Woodland Heritage Trail at Minard has proved to

be a popular attraction over the years for locals and for visitors.

'However, we have received some complaints about the condition of parts of the trail when the winter rain changes the hard packed leaf mould of the summer months into a thick and sticky mud.

'Using voluntary labour and with the invaluable assistance of our local farmer - and his tractor - we were able to dig out most of the mud and to resurface using local granite chips and scalplings and to improve significantly the condition of the trail.'

Furnace fundraising

ONE night a cinema, the next a quiz hall - the Village Hall in Furnace has been buzzing with successful fundraising events. Last night, a film night featured 'The Maggie', after the younger generation of the village enjoyed a screening of Alvin and Chipmunks last month. The next monthly quiz night will be held on Friday, March 13.

Disabled parking

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Jim Mather has backed a new law that clamps down on drivers using disabled parking bays without a blue badge.

He said: 'It is an essential and necessary requirement considering the present abuse of disabled parking spaces.'



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

NHS Highland is currently carrying out a public consultation process into our plans for the redesign and modernisation of mental health services across Argyll and Bute.

The consultation runs from 12 January 2009 to 10 April 2009

A series of drop in events have already been held across Argyll and Bute to provide patients, carers and local people with an opportunity to discuss the proposals with local NHS staff and raise any issues or questions that they may have. We have arranged a series of further events in March and members of the public are invited to drop in at anytime.

Tuesday 10 March 2009	Aros Hall, Tobermory, Mull	4.00pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 11 March 2009	Argyll Hotel, Dunoon	4.30pm-6.00pm
Thursday 12 March 2009	Corran Halls, Oban	5.00pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 17 March 2009	Guide Hall, Campbeltown	5.00pm-6.30pm
Thursday 19 March 2009	Pavilion, Rothesay	3.30pm-5.00pm
Tuesday 24 March 2009	Baptist Church, Lochgilphead	5.00pm-6.30pm
Thursday 26 March 2009	Victoria Halls, Helensburgh	5.00pm-6.30pm

For further information including copies of the consultation document please contact Fiona Broderick, Tel: 01546 604908; Email: fiona.broderick@nhs.net

Alternatively you can download a copy of the document from our website: www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/CHP/ArgyllandBute/Pages/MentalHealthReview.aspx

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You will be expected to take up the appointment in August 2009, spending about 20 days a year, including time at sea, on board work. The Board meets in Edinburgh or, occasionally, Oban and Commissioners are required to visit lighthouses and other Aids to Navigation throughout Scotland and the Isle of Man by land, sea and air, sometimes in severe weather. An annual fee, presently £9708, is payable. The posts are not superannuable.

You will require a strong link to maritime business and/or experience of maritime and navigational matters. The Board is also seeking to strengthen its geographical representation and would particularly, though not exclusively, welcome applicants with experience related to the Hebridean and Western Isles, Shetland or Orkney.

In addition, you will need to have some or all of the following attributes:

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As Board members, Commissioners are required to adhere to a Code of Guidance that ensures that the Board complies with best practice on Standards in Public Life.

The Northern Lighthouse Board is committed to the principles of public appointments based on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process.

Individuals who applied for a similar marine related post advertised last year might wish to apply again. Applications should be made in writing no later than 27 March 2009, with a full CV noting all specific experience relevant to this post, to:

The Chief Executive, Northern Lighthouse Board, 84 George Street Edinburgh EH2 3DA
Tel: 0131 473 3100 Fax: 0131 220 2093 e-mail: rogerl@nlb.org.uk



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As a minimum, a working knowledge of the affordable rented sector, operating and delivering in a challenging working environment and a current valid driving licence are all essential for this post. Applicants also need excellent technical/construction and ICT knowledge and it would be desirable to hold an appropriate professional or technical qualification to a minimum of HND level, or be prepared to obtain a relevant qualification.

Visit the Recruitment section on the Association's website at www.acha.co.uk where recruitment packs can be downloaded. This gives more information on what we are looking for and whether you have the appropriate qualities to apply for this post

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The successful candidates will require to hold an HNC or equivalent in Building & Construction and have a wide range of technical skills. The post holder must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, beneficiary organisations and partners; provide leadership of project teams involving colleagues and other partners; have good written and oral communication skills including the ability to produce reports without a pre-determined framework. There will be limited control over a small number of budget headings. The post holder will, occasionally, be required to work outwith their designated area and this may involve travel to Island Communities with possible overnight stays. A current driving licence is essential.

ACHA is committed to being an equal opportunities employer. We value diversity in our workforce and welcome applications from all sectors of the community.

All posts will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Scotland check.

Alternatively to our website, recruitment packs also available from HR & Corporate Services, 63/65 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, Tel 01546 604098 or email jenna.shaw@acha.co.uk

Closing Date for Applications:- 12 noon on Friday 20th March 2009
Interviews will be held in early April 2009



Luss Estates Company Clerk of Works

Luss Estates Company wishes to recruit a Clerk of Works. Reporting to the Factor, the Clerk of Works will be required to take charge of the existing General Estate Maintenance workforce as well as working alongside it in order to carry out maintenance and construction works to a high and consistent standard, making the best possible utilisation of resources in order to have jobs completed timeously, efficiently and at the lowest possible cost consistent with the Estate's objectives.

It is expected that the candidate should be able to demonstrate the following attributes:-

- Physically fit, pleasant, tidy and presentable
- Well organised and capable of organising and managing others
- Experience and ability in one or more building trades
- Experience of site management, Health and Safety and staff management
- Experience of new build, conversion and renovation work
- Experience of obtaining quotes and running contractors
- Good communication skills, computer literacy
- Possession of a full (preferably clean) driving licence

Salary and benefits will reflect experience and ability.

**Please apply, in writing with CV, to:
The Factor, Luss Estates Company, Arburn,
Arden, By Alexandria, G83 8RH**

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Application packs are available from HR Department, NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute CHP, Aros, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8LB, call 01546 606788 (24 hour answering service) or email: recruitment.ab@nhs.net
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A full and current driving licence is essential. An LGV licence is also essential but full LGV training will be given. Airport Fire Service staff will be required to provide a Criminal Record Check for security clearance.

If you think you have what it takes, please apply for an application pack. Closing date for completed application forms is Friday 13 March 2009.

For more information, please visit the Careers Section of our website or contact:-

Human Resources Department
 Highlands and Islands Airports Limited
 Head Office, Inverness Airport
 Inverness, IV2 7JB

Telephone: 01667 464314
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For an informal discussion about the post please contact Ken Thomson, Director of Operations, on 0141 226 3793

For an application pack for please contact:-
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 Email: info@crossroads-scotland.co.uk

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Beyond the nature of the roles, the post holder(s) would be expected to undertake over-time as required in order to accommodate the needs of the business, this will include weekend cover on a rota basis.

If you would like to be considered for one of these interesting posts, please apply in writing, no later than **Thursday 26th March 2009** to: Vicky Ferguson, HR Manager, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.

Informal enquires can be addressed to Gideon Pringle, Freshwater Manager, Farms Office, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT. Mobile 07747 487232
 E-mail Gideon.Pringle@MarineHarvest.com

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Successful applicants will initially be required to attend the Fire Training College, Teesside, for a six-week residential fire-fighter course. Further training courses will be completed locally to achieve full competency. You will also have to pass the HIA's medical/fitness standards.

A full and current driving licence is essential. An LGV licence is also essential but full LGV training will be given. Airport Fire Service staff will be required to provide a Criminal Record Check for security clearance. There will be a requirement for split shift working.

If you think you have what it takes, please apply for an application pack. Closing date for completed application forms is Friday 20 March 2009.

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Applicants for both posts must have a sound understanding of the effects and issues surrounding Domestic Abuse and Violence against Women issues with a willingness to participate in ongoing training and a full clean Driving Licence with use of own vehicle.

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

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

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

● Ref No: 09/00128/OUT

Applicant: Classic Enterprises (Pitlochery) Ltd
Proposal: Site for erection of three dwelling houses and installation of sewage plant
Site Address: Land South East Of Arinadmore Tayvallich Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilhead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

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

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

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

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

COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown on Friday 13th March from 1.30pm - 3.00pm.

Councillor Rory Colville (Ward No. 1. South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery at Muneroy Stores, Southend on Friday 13th March from 4.00pm - 5.00pm.

Councillor Colville can be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by e mail - rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown on Friday 13th March from 1.30pm - 3.00pm.

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391 or by e mail donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown on Friday 13th March from 4.00pm - 5.30pm.

Councillor Semple can be contacted on Tel: 01586 553 765 or by e mail - john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 07979 086093 or an appointment can be made by phoning Members Services on Tel: 01546 604209. Councillor MacMillan can also be contacted by e mail - donald.macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Alison Hay (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 01546 604261 or by e mail - alison.hay@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Douglas Philand (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 01546 606575 or by e mail on dougie.philand@argyll-bute.gov.uk

AGM Ardrishaig Public Hall

Tuesday 17th March 2009
7.30pm
All welcome

Campbeltown & District Juvenile Football Association AGM

Thursday 12th March 2009
Meadows View Pavillion at 8pm
All welcome

Campbeltown Tennis Club AGM

Wednesday, 18th March 2009
at 7.30pm
in the Ardshiel Hotel
A good attendance is required.

SEN Parents Support Group AGM

Tuesday 24th March 7.30pm
at the Kintyre Support Network Centre, Hazelburn Business Park
Nomination and election of office bearers and business to be discussed, which may alter the constitution.

Argyll Bowling Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

in the Clubhouse
On Tuesday 10th March 2009
at 7.30pm

Ford Boat Club AGM

Friday 13th March 2009
8pm
Ford Village Hall

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AUDIT OF BEST VALUE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

Argyll and Bute Council considered a report by the Accounts Commission on the follow-up Audit of Best Value and Community Planning in Argyll and Bute at its meeting on Thursday 22 January 2009. In the report the Accounts Commission acknowledged recent improvements in a number of areas particularly in the Council's leadership and strategic direction. The Commission accepted the conclusion of the report that more remains to be done to develop a culture of continuous improvement, and endorsed the areas highlighted in the report as requiring particular attention, which the Commission encouraged the Council to act on to increase the momentum towards a position where it is fully implementing best value.

The Council has agreed an overall Improvement Plan which brings together key improvement actions for the Council, designed to ensure that it operates with clear and systematic corporate frameworks in place, with outcomes within the following themes -

- Improvement** - Ensuring the Council delivers Best Value
- Process for Change** - Transforming key processes to deliver improved service, and efficiency savings
- Community Planning** - Delivering the vision for Argyll and Bute with our partners
- Communities and service users** - Communities and service users are involved in planning the services they receive
- People Management** - Ensuring employees are motivated, know what their role is and have the necessary skills to deliver
- Risk Management** - Ensuring the Council is aware of risks and is taking action to address them
- Asset Management** - Ensuring the Council is making best use of its assets

All the improvement actions in response to the BV Audit Follow-up Report are contained in the overall Improvement Plan. A copy of the report and the Improvement Plan can be obtained from Committee Services on 01546 604401 or at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/improvementplan

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Maimie is now doing well and is back in Bengullion Ward, thank you for all your phone calls and kind wishes.

Now I'm home I would like to thank Dr Vilalba, Peter and Denise, and the staff, nursing and domestic, in Campbeltown Hospital, especially Bengullion Ward, for looking after me so well for the past seven months.
Also my friends, neighbours and relatives who visited me non-stop and those who sent cards, gifts and flowers.
Bless you all.
Nancy Shaw

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'PRAISE THE LORD, FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; SING PRAISE TO HIS NAME, FOR THAT IS PLEASANT (PSALM 135:3)

BIRTHS

MACLEOD - DUNCAN - Kenny and Cara are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Aimee Beth on February 15, 2009. Special thanks to the midwives at the Queen Mother's Hospital.



McCALLUM - RENTON

Ryan and Jennifer are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Sean Michael Shirley McCallum on February 26, 2009. A baby brother for Ryan Peter Shirley McCallum. Grandson for Patrick and Lorraine, and Davie and Amanda.

ENGAGEMENTS

MILLER - NICOLSON - Love and best wishes from both families to Lesley, younger daughter of Alex and Netta, Cardross and Charlie, elder son of Kenny and Selina, Tarbert, Lochfyne on their engagement on February 21, 2009.

MARRIAGES

ROSS - ARMOUR - Both families are pleased to announce the marriage of Darren to Michelle on Saturday, February 7, 2009. A perfect day.

SCALLY - VEITCH - On February 6, 2009 in Varadero, Cuba, Michelle to Anthony. A great day was had by all.

DEATHS

COOK - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 1, 2009, Jean Reid Sinclair, in her 83rd year, Kintyre Care Home, formerly of Mafeking Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late George Cook, dearly loved mother of Stewart, Archie and Ewan and a loving grandmother. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, March 6, 2009 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of Children First.

GRAHAM - Suddenly at home, 75 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2009, Alexander Graham (Alasdair), in his 78th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Jean Muir and a much loved father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of the Renal Unit, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow.

HENDERSON - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2009, Flora Margaret Wotherspoon, in her 86th year, 1 Burnside, Isle of Gigha, dearly beloved wife of the late Eoghan Henderson and a much loved mother and grandmother.

MACINNES - Barbara (née

Millar), passed from the loving care of family and staff, at North Argyll House, Oban, to the presence of the Lord on Sunday March 1, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Ewan Campbell MacInnes, formerly of Glenmartin, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, very dear mother to Barbara, Ewan, Sheana and Mary, mother-in-law to Deryck, Jane, Tom and David, a very special grandmother to Philip, David, Andrew, Rebecca and Kirsty and great-grandmother to Samantha and Fiona. On Monday March 9, interment at Achnabreac Cemetery, Lochgilphead at 11.00am followed by a service of Thanksgiving in Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church, Fort William at 4pm. All friends welcome. Family flowers only.

MCLELLAN - Peacefully at the General Hospital, Kettering, Billy, in his 72nd year, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2009. A loving dad of Rena, Wilma, Madjory, Billy and Marlene, and a loving grandad and great grandad and brother. Son of the late William and Agnes McLellan, 11 Prince's Street, Campbeltown.

MCNAB - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on Sunday, March 1, 2009, Margaret F McNab, née Ross, aged 90 years, of Chalmers Court, Inveraray. Cherished wife of the late David McNab and much loved mother of Donald, David and Margaret and beloved grandmother. Daughter of the late Dr Donald Ross of Lochgilphead and sister of Jean (Fyfe) and Diarmid. A good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held in Inveraray Parish Church on Thursday, March 5, 2009, followed by interment at Glenshira Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MILTON - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on Friday, February 27, 2009, Amy, née Campbell, on her 81st birthday, of 14 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth R Milton and much loved mother of Margaret, Ishbel and the late Ronald. A cherished grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of five. Dear sister and aunt to all the family. Good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, March 3, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

PATERSON - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 1, 2009, Angus Paterson, in his 81st year, 12 Broomfield, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Mary Fisher, much loved father of Isobel and Robert, loving papa of Laura, Greig, Nicola and Alistair and loving great grandfather of Errin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN - The family of the late Patricia Anne Brown would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and consideration during their recent sad loss. Particularly her many new local friends from Tarbert for their support, kind words and cards. Special thanks to staff at Lochgilphead and Oban hospitals and the lovely service conducted by Margaret Sinclair and funeral arrangements by Stan Lupton. The retiral collection for RNLI and Macmillan Nurses raised £420. May Pat be reunited with loved ones gone before.

COOPER - Kathryn, Andrew, Douglas and family of the late Billy Cooper would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for their many

kind expressions of sympathy. We are overwhelmed by the many cards, phone calls, floral tributes received and the kindness shown to us at this time. Special thanks to Tarbert Medical Centre and Ambulance Personnel, nursing staff at Royal Alexandra Hospital Paisley, Wards 14 and 8. Grateful thanks to Margaret Sinclair and Father William MacLean for their comforting and supporting services, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their care and guidance, to Rose for beautiful flowers, to John Stewart for music accompaniment and to the West Loch Hotel, Tarbert for fine purvey. A final thank you to all who attended at Church and Graveside to pay their respects. Collection raised over £700 for Tarbert Nursing Aid, thank you.

KIRK - Elsie, David and Lorna would like to thank all family and friends who attended the church and crematorium. Sincere thanks for the many letters, cards and flowers received, all of which have been a great comfort at this time. Thanks to Rev J Cochrane for conducting both services, Cooperative Funeralcare for efficient arrangements and Lynda for Catering. To district nurses and carers for professional care, kindness and friendship over the years. The retiring collection raised £650, thanks to all.

LANG - Don and family would like to thank relatives and friends for all kind expressions of sympathy, letters and cards received after their sad loss. Special thanks to everyone who travelled from Campbeltown to Dregghorn Crematorium to pay their last respects at Maureen's funeral service.

MACLEAN - Allan would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for phone calls, cards, floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad passing of his father, Duncan. Special thanks to staff of Ossians, North Connel, Renfield and Ashgrove Nursing Homes, Dunoon, and to doctors and staff of Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their kind care and attention to Duncan. Grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for sensitive handling of arrangements, to the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig for fine purvey. A final thank you to all who attended at church and graveside, to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a distance. Donations raised £545 for Chest, Heart and Stroke.

MCCONNACHIE - Bruce, Isobel and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Lefley and staff at Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital and MacMillan Nurses for care and support. Thanks also to Rev Martin Forrest for comforting service, to Alasdair Blair for professional handling of funeral arrangements and staff at Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend for their excellent purvey. Thank you to all who attended church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £1,000 for Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital and Southend Parish Church.

McLEAN - The family of the late Agnes McLean would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy

during their recent sad loss. Thanking emergency services for their assistance, also Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting and uplifting service, and the staff of the Ardsiel Hotel for their excellent purvey. Also Kenny and Alasdair Blair for efficient funeral arrangements. A final thank you to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their last respects.

IN MEMORIAM

BURTON - For our boys Paul Gordon Burton, March 29, 1968 - March 3, 1996, David Campbell Burton April 30, 1967 - April 2, 1972.

Forever in our hearts. - The Burton family. **CRAWFORD** - In loving memory of my dear wife Betty, passed away peacefully March 6, 2008. It's lonely here without you I miss you more each day For life is not the same to me

Since you were called away To your resting place I visit Place flowers there with care But no one knows the heartache When I turn and leave you there - Your Alex

CRAWFORD - Treasured memories of my beloved mum and mother-in-law, passed away March 6, 2008. Though tears in my eyes do not glisten And my face is not always sad

There is never a night or morning But I think of the mum I had Not a day do I forget you For in my heart you are always there - Love Libby and Duggie **CRAWFORD** - Treasured memories of Betty, a loving mum, mother-in-law and granny, who passed away on March 6, 2008. No longer in our lives to share But in our hearts you are always there. -Sandy, Fiona, Amanda, Stuart and Connor.

CRAWFORD - (Betty), Fond memories of a dear aunty, passed away March 6, 2008. As time unfolds another year Memories keep you ever near.

- Jockus and Anne, 50 Eastfield, Tarbert. **McFARLANE** - Treasured memories of my dear mother, who passed away March 4, 2007.

If roses grow in heaven Lord pick a bunch for me Place them in my mothers arms And tell her they're from me Tell her I love her and miss her And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while Because remembering her is easy

I do it everyday - Love you always, Hannah. **McMILLAN** - Time's raced by - it's two years now We've lived without you, I don't know how. Your smile, your laugh, we miss so much But our pain is eased by a baby's touch. Rachel and Ben have come to help us through to cushion the grief of losing you.

We miss you and love you Gordon, You know that, of course you do, Cos those two wee angels were sent to us by you. See you later Flash x

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006, and our dear brother Jim, died March 14, 1997.

Your memory is so precious Your presence missed so much

You will always be remembered And loved by all of us. - Love Norma and Jim, Leslie, Ron and Sophie and Margaret and Jim.

WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey, Somewhere over the rainbow.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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Quarterly Prayer Breakfast **Saturday 7 March 2009** Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am Meeting: 9.00am

Sunday 8 March 2009 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Stewart McGregor **Thursday 12 March 2009** 7.30pm Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome "Come and see"

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Sunday Services 10.30a.m. and 6.30p.m. **Tuesday** Over 60's Luncheon Club - 12.30pm Ladies Home League - 1.30pm

Thursday - 11.30 a.m. Meet 'n' Eat Café New-to-you Stall Bible Study 7.00p.m. **Major Dolores Thomson**

Highland Parish Church



Sunday 8th March 11.15am All-Age Family Service with Capernwray Team Creche - Church (0-3s) No FunDay Club - children at church

Monday 9th March 7.30pm Guild Kirk St Hall

Tuesday 10th March Badminton Club - Hall: 6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5 7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 plus

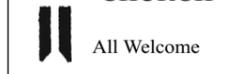
Wednesday 11th March 7.15pm Midweek Fellowship - Hall DVD - Paul and Romans (1)

Advance Notice; Thursday 19th March 7.00pm - Kirk Session 8.00pm Congregational Board Rev Michael J Lind *Everyone very welcome*

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

9am Eucharist **CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD** 11am . Eucharist with hymns

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



All Welcome Pastor Rev Derek Gibson **Sunday 8th March 2009** 11.00am Morning Service with communion 6.30pm Evening Service

Wednesday Alpha 7.00pm

Thursday Coffee Morning 10.00 - 12.00

Jumpstart Group Friday 10.00 - 11.30am

Every Friday "The Edge" Kids Club 6.30pm - 7.45pm 5yrs to 11 yrs

TONIGHT at Lochgilphead Parish Church World Day of Prayer 7.30 Scottish Charity SC015187

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 8th March 2009 Tarbert Church 11.30am Sunday School 11.20am Kilberry Church 2pm Margaret Sinclair Interim Moderator World day of prayer Friday 6th March 2009 Tarbert Art and Leisure Centre 2.30pm For all church inquiries and pastoral care **Telephone 01499 500633** *Everyone very welcome*

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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686 **Saturday, 7th March** Walking Group - 11.00 a.m. **Sunday, 8th March** Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. Rev. Philip Burroughs **Monday, 9th March** No Meeting of The Guild **Tuesday, 10th March** Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 12th March Ecumenical Bible Study for Lent - 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 13th March Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m.

Shuttles fly at schools badminton

Lochgilphead's Rachel Martin sweeps the boards in the under 14 category

THERE was a large entry at the Argyll and Bute Secondary Schools' Badminton Championships with 111 players from Oban, Lochgilphead, Hermitage, Islay, Dunoon and Campbeltown playing in over 300 matches in 15 events last month.

Campbeltown Grammar School pupil Sarah Muir had a clean sweep with the under 18 Girls Singles, under 18 Girls Doubles with Lorna Armour and under 18 Mixed Doubles with Liam Renton.

The standard of play throughout the day was very high and the trophies were spread throughout all the schools.

Particular mention to

Gregor Brydon from Oban High School who collected the under 14 Boys Singles and Boys Doubles with his partner Craig Livingston; Rachel Martin from Lochgilphead High School swept the under 14 boards in the Girls Singles, Girls Doubles with her partner Emma Dixon and Mixed Doubles with her partner Alistair MacVicar.

High Level

Alexander MacDonald from Lochgilphead High School played to an exceptionally high level, taking away under 16 Boys Singles and under 16 Boys Doubles with his partner Darren Shankly; Robyn Girvan showed real doubles spirit with under 16



Competitors with their trophies after the Argyll and Bute secondary schools badminton championships

Girls Doubles partnered by Claire Clark and under 16 Mixed Doubles with Craig Anderson.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who tirelessly organise junior badminton in schools and local clubs throughout the year.

Full results as follows: Under 14 singles: girls, winner Rachel Martin Lochgilphead, runner up Eilidh MacLean Oban, boys, winner Gregor Brydon Oban, runner up Alistair MacVicar Lochgilphead; under 14 doubles: girls,

winners Rachel Martin and Emma Dixon Lochgilphead, runners up Lorna Young and Georgia Johnson Lochgilphead, boys, winner Gregor Brydon and Craig Livingston Oban, runners up Robert Johnson and John Paul Foye Hermitage; under 14 mixed doubles: winners Alistair MacVicar and Rachel Martin Lochgilphead, runners up Chris Coates and Georgia Hepburn Lochgilphead; under 16 singles: girls Lindsay Armour Campbeltown, runner up Claire Clark Dunoon, boys, winner Ali

MacDonald Lochgilphead, runner up Darren Shankly Lochgilphead; under 16 doubles: girls, winner Robyn Girvan and Claire Clark Dunoon, runners up Tess Cormack and Alice Rankin Hermitage, boys, winners Ali MacDonald and Ruaridh Armour Lochgilphead, runners up Craig Anderson and Steven McNee; mixed doubles: winners Robyn Girvan and Craig Anderson Dunoon, runners up Eilidh Elkin and Ali MacDonald Lochgilphead; under 18 singles: girls, winner Sarah Muir Campbeltown,

runner up Lorna Armour Campbeltown, boys winner Fraser Brydon Oban, runner up Kevin Johansson Islay; under 18 doubles: girls, winner Lorna Armour and Sarah Muir Campbeltown, runners up Lyndsay Derrett and Laura McKissock Dunoon; boys, winners Thomas Coughlin and Kevin Johansson Islay, runners up Angus Munro and Fraser Brydon Oban; under 18 mixed doubles: winners Sarah Muir and Liam Renton Campbeltown and Andrew MacLean and Lyndsay Derrett Dunoon.

Inveraray winter league

THE Inveraray Golf Club Winter League finally teed off last month.

This is a nine hole eclectic strokeplay competition to be played over four rounds. The scheduled second round enticed a good turn out of members all keen to pursue the first trophy of the 2009 season.

After a brisk nine holes the initial leaderboard was sitting as follows: 1st D. McCulloch 35, 2nd G. Morrison snr 35, 3rd D. MacNeill 39.

The first round, previously cancelled due to snow, was rescheduled and was played on Sunday March 1, 11am tee off.

All members are welcome to join the merry band as it is an eclectic competition so participation in all four rounds is not essential.

As one competitor pointed out 'one good round could be enough to win the title', unfortunately his round this week wasn't it!



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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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Gun club's final shoot

LAST Sunday Tarbert Gun Club held their final shoot of the winter league – so it was make or break time for the competitors. Once again, the weather was ideal and some high scores were recorded.

Iver Ferguson dropped one point to win the DTL and Brian Baird was the same in the sporting.

Norman MacDonald's team won again making it a clean sweep in all five shoots. High Gun for the day was Bob McColl.

Results:
Class A – 1. B McColl 2. B Baird 3. J Paton
B – 1. G Hunter 2. A Peden 3. A Khan
C – 1. S MacAlister 2. N Ferguson 3. M Read
D – 1. F Campbell 2. P Godts 3. I Wilson
E – 1. R McNeil 2. C Samborek 3. A McGilp
Winning Team: N MacDonald, R Jenkins, S MacAlister, P Godts, C Samborek.
Second: B McColl, G Hunter, A McKinlay, I Wilson, R McNeil.

Motocross competition

THE closing date for entries in the Mid Argyll MX Club Championships, which get under way in March, is March 18.

The competition, which is sponsored by DJ Campbell and Son Milk and Dairy Produce, Martin Bell Autobahn Disco, Randolph Scott painter and decorator, Urban Summits and Adam Fire Engineers and Consultants, will be held at Achnashelloch Track, Lochgilphead.

Club lottery

THE winning numbers for this week's Inveraray Shinty Club are 6, 8 and 11. There was no winner and next week's jackpot will be £700.

The Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery numbers are 4, 10 and 11. There were no winners and the jackpot for next week rises to £500.

Dookers defeat leaders

Carlton see red as Tarbert pick up all three points

SAFL Division one Carlton YM 'B' 1 Tarbert 2

TARBERT inflicted a first league defeat for Carlton YM in Paisley on Saturday, courtesy of two excellent goals and plenty of hard work.

Player/manager Dougie Guy opted for an experienced back four with debutant Paul Smith capping a fine display in defence with the opening goal on 55 minutes.

The West Loch Shores/Islay Frigate Hotel sponsored side took time to settle, with passes going astray but keeper Martin was rarely tested. Following a good move, James Prentice saw an effort disallowed for offside.

Tarbert had a dream start to the second half when Johnstone flicked on Ronald's corner for

Smith to volley past Carlton's keeper.

Ten minutes later a free kick awarded to Tarbert just outside the box led to two Carlton players receiving red cards from referee Robertson for violent conduct. When things settled, Prentice placed the kick into the top corner to make it 2-0.

With ten minutes to play a Carlton free-kick was missed by everyone and gave the home side hope but Tarbert held on for a deserved win.

Before the team set off on Saturday morning, they got a boost when Andrew McMullan wished them luck. Andrew was home for the weekend from his rehabilitation hospital and his surprise visit gave the boys an added incentive to get a result on Saturday.



Lochgilphead wanderers drew in their Campbeltown friendly.

Weekend friendly ends all square

Campbeltown Boys Youths 3 Lochgilphead Wanderers 3

LAST Sunday's friendly was played at the Meadows Park, Campbeltown on a windy but sunny afternoon. The home side were the first to score after a quarter of an hour through Kenny Mathison. Fraser Meechan did really well to stop the first effort but Mathison followed up to hit the ball home.

The Wanderers then got a couple of quick goals – both from Rhuaridh Finlayson following great through balls from the midfield. After 27 minutes Hamish Scott opened his account for Lochgil-

phead with the goal of the game, a volley that soared in just under the bar.

Both teams made several changes at halftime, with the scoreline 1-3.

The game took a while to settle down and it was Campbeltown who pulled back a goal thanks to Craig Robert-

son. They almost drew level a minute later but a great combination block by goalkeeper Meechan and then left back Ruaridh MacNab on the goal line denied them.

Good Save

The Wanderers then had three good chances with a smart shot from Fearghas MacKaveny, followed by one from

David Connor and finally Cammy Kirk brought a good save from second half keeper Mark MacPhee.

Campbeltown kept pressing and were awarded a penalty kick in injury time following a handball.

Duncan Johnston dispatched it to make the final score three all.

Lochgilphead golf winter league

ROSS Sinclair beat Jim Hunter in the final of the Knockout cup and is looking forward to his Spanish trip, but his caddy John Downie is worried that he may have trouble keeping Ross's Latin temperament in check. Hugh Strachan will be caddy-

ing for Eric Capocci.

In the league Kenny MacAulay had the cheek to beat his Dad on a count back. John Davidson may yet make the final as a result of some great play today.

Tommy Angus finished with three three's and was nearest the pin

at the last hole.

"Souperman" John Downie and Hugh Strachan played well today, before going on their club-carrying holiday. Results 10 K MacAulay; 9 A MacAulay; 8 R Sinclair 7 J Davidson; 6 T. Angus; 5 C Patterson; 4 J Downie; 3 H Strachan; 2 J Hunter; 1 D Sinclair.

Nearest the pin 7th C. Patterson 18th T. Angus



Some of the 30 new students at Inveraray's junior karate club

Shukokai Karate kids return to Inveraray

ARGYLL Shukokai Karate has returned to its routes, recently opening a club in Inveraray where it was first formed in 1974 by Sensei Nicky Connelly.

It has now returned to the town 35 years later with over 30 members. Nicky has retired from karate due to poor health and work commitments.

The club is run jointly by Kenny Gray 3rd Dan, and Flo McBurnie 3rd Dan. Argyll Shukokai has other training nights in Oban and Lochawe. The total membership is close to 70 students. New members are always welcome.

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