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Chamber to meet minister for A83 talks

DELEGATES from the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce have been invited to meet with transport minister Keith Brown.

The meeting, scheduled to take place on March 27, will focus on the A83 and continual threat of landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Confirmation of the meeting follows a summit last week, where officials from Transport Scotland spoke to businesses about contingency plans that could be put in place in the event of another landslide.

Whilst the roads authority's plans to upgrade the forestry road on Glen Croe were welcomed concerns were raised about the proposed convoy system and estimated waiting times.

Members of the chamber suggested the road could be widened to take two-way traffic at off-peak times and suggested opening the old military road at the bottom of the valley to ensure two-way traffic at all times.

For more on how road closures affect Mid Argyll haulage companies see page 2.



Myles takes a run around the car park of Argyll College in preparation for his jog with the Olympic flame. 06_a10mylesrun

Lochgilphead teenager chosen to carry Olympic flame

A LOCHGILPHEAD teenager has been selected to carry the Olympic flame later this year as it makes its way through Scotland to the 2012 London games.

Myles Clark, 18, says he is 'excited and nervous' about the adventure and once in a lifetime opportunity.

A very modest and polite S6 student of Lochgilphead High School and Argyll College, Myles will carry the torch on June 9 for a 300-metre stretch of its journey somewhere between Glasgow and Inverness.

Explaining he was stunned to be awarded such an honour, Myles said: 'The school nominated me and I only found out about it when my teacher Mrs Borland told

me I had been chosen; I was very surprised.'

Myles is one of 8,000 people chosen to be a torchbearer by The London 2012 Organising Committee, which received tens of thousands of nominations.

Lynda Borland, teacher at Lochgilphead High School, said Myles was a very worthy candidate.

'Myles is an exceptionally helpful and caring young man who works exceptionally hard. He has done a lot of voluntary work in the school and the community so this is a well deserved honour. We, staff and pupils of the school, are absolutely delighted for him,' Mrs Borland said.

Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on Wednesday about the event, Myles said: 'I'm

a bit nervous; I think the torch will be a bit heavy but I'm looking forward to it.'

Admitting he is not much of a runner, Myles said his 300-metre stretch would be a gentle jog.

Myles, who lives at home with his parents and older brothers, said he hoped his journey with the torch would not be far from Argyll so family and friends could enjoy the memorable day with him.

The Olympic flame will be lit in Greece on May 19, before it arrives in the UK and travels around the country spreading the message of peace, unity and friendship. The flame will reach London on July 27 when it will take centre stage at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

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True cost of A83 road closures - thousands of pounds a day

THE TRUE cost of road closures on the A83 was revealed this week as Mid Argyll hauliers confirm they lose thousands of pounds in income daily.

The hauliers, which transport Argyll timber and other goods across Scotland and Britain, say increased fuel costs, drivers' tachograph hours and the working time directive, mean they are losing up to £3,640 a day when the A83 is closed.

In figures released by one Lochgilphead-based haulage firm, it was revealed that the company could lose £3,640 a day in earnings and £18,200 a week when a landslide closes the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on Tuesday, the owner of the company, said: 'Typi-

cally we send our 13 lorries to Cardross twice a day to deliver timber. The problem for us is that when the Rest is closed our lorries have to drive the long route which adds two hours to their journey. When you take account of the driver's tachograph hours they can only do one journey a day.'

Explaining hauliers are paid on tonnage delivered, the haulier said the company's earnings immediately halved with the reduction in journeys made.

Tachograph laws and the working time directive govern the amount of time commercial vehicle drivers can spend on the road.

Describing closures on the A83 as a 'nightmare', the haulage company confirmed all of its de-

liveries to various mills across Scotland are disrupted by closures at the Rest.

'In terms of additional fuel and for driving the longer route to Cardross, it costs an additional £754 in fuel per trip for the 13 lorries and an additional £260 in wages,' the haulier added.

It also emerged this week that bus operator West Coast Motors has to deploy an additional bus driver on the Campbelltown to Glasgow bus to ensure the bus driver gets a break and is not driving outwith the authorised hours. The bus operator said it, too, was incurring additional costs in fuel and staffing to ensure its public service was not further disrupted by the closures at the Rest and Be Thankful.



Suzanne Pilley's body has never been found. Pilley02

Police dog indicated smelling human remains or blood in office

JURORS in the Suzanne Pilley murder trial this week heard that a specially trained police dog indicated smelling human remains or blood in the office where she worked.

The dog's handler PC Simone Thompson told the court that the dog searched the Edinburgh office five days after the bookkeeper disappeared.

David Gilroy, 49, denies murdering the divorcee in Thistle Street Edinburgh or at another location on May 5 last year.

The court also heard on Monday from forensic scientist Kirsty McTurk who said she was unable to find any DNA evidence that Suzanne had been in the boot of Gilroy's car. But the scientist said she noticed a 'fresh smell' coming from inside - the smell of air freshener or a cleansing agent.

The trial before Lord Bracadale also saw phone records, showing Gilroy had last contacted Suzanne the day before she went missing, sending her 15 messages and one voicemail.

The trial continues.

Cancer support group talk

MEMBERS of Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group will enjoy a talk about the Prince's Trust charity at the group's March meeting.

Linda Tighe will give an insight into the organisation, which helps teenagers and provides support for young people getting into business.

Susan Cameron, group fundraiser with the Mid Argyll group, said: 'Everyone knows someone who has been touched by cancer. Our meetings are open to all, so come along, enjoy the chat and a welcome cuppa.'

Help at hand to Take the Leap on No Smoking Day

NO SMOKING Day will see a number of events take place across Mid Argyll to raise awareness about the day.

As part of the Take the Leap campaign, staff will be on hand at the Lochgilphead Co-op to provide customers with information about

how harmful smoking can be. On Wednesday, March 14, dental staff will be on hand at the Mid Argyll Youth Project building to offer advice.

The following day staff will visit Argyll College during lunch offering information.

Karen Emslie of Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership said: 'The benefits of not smoking begin within hours and boost not just your health but your wallet too.'

More information can be found at taketheleap.co.uk.

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Pay cut councillors donate cash to charity

THREE councillors who took a voluntary pay cut in 2010 have announced they are to donate the money to charity.

The Argyll First Councillors, who took a 10 per cent cut in their council salary, will donate £1,000 to Tarbert Music Centre, Ronald MacDonald House at Yorkhill Hospital and Calum's Cabin, a residential holiday home in Bute for children with cancer.

The councillors – Douglas Philand, John McAlpine and Donald Kelly – said the donations would not only help the charities but also Argyll residents who use their services.

The councillors said: 'All of the money has gone to support children and young people across a wide geographical area and to support their lives in creativity and good health, alongside their care in bad times.'

Argyll First Councillors took a 10 per cent cut in their salary in 2010 in an act of solidarity with constituents who were losing their jobs in the prolonged economic recession.

Parents accuse council of lying over school closure consultation



Residents of Minard held several protests against the proposed closure of their village school outside Argyll and Bute Council headquarters at Kilmory Castle. 06_a16minard01

EMOTIONS were running high in Lochgilphead on Tuesday as parents accused the local authority of lying over the recent Argyll school closure consultation.

At a meeting of the Rural Commission on Education parents from across Argyll said they no longer trusted the local council to act in the best interests of their children.

Asked what went wrong with the school closure consultation process by commission chairman Sheriff David Sutherland, members of the audience shouted 'we were lied to', whilst others said the process was 'motivated by an obsessive desire to save money'.

Parents of children in Ashfield, Roseneath, Minard, Luss, North Bute, and Clachan primary schools all refuted the notion children in small schools were disadvantaged because they had fewer peers.

Reinforcing this view, members of the commission said evidence they had gathered suggested 'educational attainment is not affected by the size of the school'.

Commenting on composite classrooms,

where children of differing ages and abilities are taught together, Sheriff Sutherland said parents often appreciated the help their child got from older peers.

'As the child is taught in a composite classroom, teaching is tailored to each child; that certainly came across to us from both parents and teachers all across the country,' Sheriff Sutherland said.

Outraged

The meeting heard from Lochgilphead parent Philip Rowlands, who said he was outraged at suggestions small rural schools could not deal with children with special needs, adding that his two daughters received excellent care at Glassary Primary School.

Explaining the head teacher was with them every step of the way, Mr Rowland said: 'Rural schools are inclusive;

they treat each child as an individual and deal with them accordingly.'

The meeting also heard communities across Argyll were working to maximise use of their school building.

In Clachan there were ideas to use the school as a lifelong learning centre, make more use of its broadband facilities and to open up the IT facilities to local farmers for bookkeeping.

Owen Paisley from Clachan said: 'We need the school as a core from which everything else can be built around.'

The final comment of the evening came from Minard parent Becs Barker who said: 'This is the first time in this process I, as an individual, feel respected and listened to. The points I have made and the points made by others have been taken seriously and I would like to thank you for that.'

Police files

Caravans broken into

MORE than a dozen mobile homes were broken into last month after Argyll Caravan Park, near Inveraray, was targeted by criminals.

Seven caravans were broken into overnight between February 23 and 24; attempts were made to break into another two.

A further six caravans have since been reported to the police as residents of the park return to their caravans to discover some of their belongings missing.

Police are appealing for information and witnesses, who may have been near the caravan park on February 23 and 24.

Car flips onto roof

A MOTORIST escaped serious injury last Wednesday when the car he was driving in overturned on the Crinan

B841 road and landed on its roof. The driver suffered minor injuries.

Lock doors and windows

POLICE are urging homeowners to lock the doors and windows of their houses after a house was broken into in the Minard area.

Man injured in Lochnell Street fight

A MAN suffered a bloody nose at the weekend after a fight broke out in Lochnell Street.

The man was allegedly head butted by another man at 5am on Sunday morning.

A man in his twenties was arrested for assault following the incident.

Reminder to drivers

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being reminded not to drive a car without a valid MOT certificate and insurance.

The call comes after a number of drivers were discovered on local roads without the relevant documents.

March marks the beginning of a 'month of action' when police will continue to monitor motorists for tax, insurance and speeding offences.

Drugs found in Tarbert

A LARGE quantity of drugs has been found in the Tarbert area.

The drugs were recovered by Mid Argyll Police officers, who are investigating the crime.

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Lighting up Ardrishaig would boost village's flagging fortunes

ARDRISHAIG could light up Loch Fyne in future if a local tourism group's plans are implemented.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance has announced plans to revitalise the Loch Fyne village with a project to light up the village's waterfront area.

Speaking at the second Argyll and the Isles Tourism summit, Car-

ron Tobin of the alliance said lighting up the town's breakwater, near Ardrishaig Lighthouse, could help turn around the village's flagging fortunes.

Delegates at the summit heard lighting was one of a number of art-related projects being considered for Ardrishaig, a village 'too many people currently pass through without stopping'.

She said: 'At the moment they have got no reason to stop but this art project could be that reason. Imagine if the breakwater at Ardrishaig was lit up at night. It would really start to put Ardrishaig on the map and in people's minds.'

In a bid to attract visitors by boat as well as overland, the tourism alliance has been in talks with an operator plan-

ning new tours up the Crinan Canal.

Ms Tobin said a Greenock-based company, Clyde Marine, was planning to begin tours in August, carrying around 50 people who would stop off for two hours in Tarbert and overnight in Ardrishaig.

She said: 'The alliance is hoping to arrange all sorts of things for them to see and do when they

stop off. We want to get the local community involved in these projects.' She added: 'The boat passengers will also need somewhere to stay in Ardrishaig which could provide a great boost to the local economy.'

The plans for Ardrishaig were welcomed by the local community council, which has been working to regenerate the village for years.

Jeanette Laughton of Ardrishaig Community Council said: 'We think what they are doing is great. The tours down the Crinan Canal would provide a great boost to the economy. We are looking to make Ardrishaig a place where people stop and make use of our facilities such as the cafe and shops; these plans would be a great boost to the village.'

Marketing 'war chest' for Argyll tourism

ARGYLL and the Isles tourism's main body will have a 'war chest' to promote the region after extra funding was announced.

The £164,000 funding for Argyll and the Isles Tourism Ltd was made at the tourism summit in Portavadie last week.

The money will be used to market the region to a wider audience over the next two years.

It was provided by a variety of bodies, with the greatest slice of £67,500 coming from VisitScotland's Growth fund.

Other major contributions came from Argyll and Bute Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, and the Scottish Government's Leader fund.

The money from VisitScotland represented match-funding on a £127,000 marketing plan submitted by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Ltd.

Profile

Mike Story, vice chairman of the company, said: 'We are going to raise Argyll's profile beyond anything it's been before.'

'Now we have a war chest we can go on and carry out the work we have identified we need to do.'

The newly formed limited company will perform a commercial role under the guidance of Argyll and the Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership (AISTP).

The vice chair told delegates at the summit it would be better equipped to effect the kind of decisions its members wanted, using a one member one vote system.

The group's marketing activity will include advertising, development of a portal website and organising familiarisation trips for industry figures.

Argyll & the Isles Tourism Ltd will also have a stand at this year's VisitScotland expo, which takes place in Edinburgh in April. The travel trade show will allow the group to meet with tour operators from all over the world.



Speakers at the summit from left to right: Robert Pollock, Argyll and Bute Council; Carron Tobin, director, ruralDimensions Ltd; Ian Jurgensen, general manager Portavadie Marina; Councillor Neil Mackay; Malcolm Routhead OBE, CEO of VisitScotland; James Stewart, CEO of the Royal Yachting Association; Mike Story, vice chair AISTP

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'Get connected' and 'fight tooth and nail for visitors', summit told

ARGYLL and the Isles must increase its 'connectivity' and fight 'tooth and nail' to attract more tourists.

That was the message from Mike Story, vice chair of the body set up to promote Argyll and the Isles as a visitor destination, at the region's second tourism summit at Portavadie Marina last Thursday.

The former corporate chief, now at the helm of Argyll and the Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership (AISTP), said

improving transport and marketing was a must for the area.

The summit heard calls from other quarters for better air links to allow visitors to arrive more easily.

But public investment in transport had to be matched by better marketing from businesses, Mr Story said.

He warned time was running out to attract large numbers of people who would want to get out of London during this summer's Olympics: 'A mar-

ket only exists for a short period of time and if we don't penetrate it we will get nothing out of this.'

'Businesses should be looking at it and asking what specific offers we can put in place to attract the market. I don't see that happening at the moment.'

Calls for better air links, including more helipad facilities to attract the 'super rich' were made by Kintyre businessmen Brian Keating, and Argyll and Bute Provost William Petrie.

Charity launches prize draw to raise funds

A CHARITY that supports Mid Argyll families with young children has launched a new fundraising initiative offering locals the chance to win back what they put in.

Home-Start Majik (Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay and Kintyre) has launched the 100 Plus Club, which will allow up to 100 members to participate in a prize draw every month.

Calling on Mid Argyll residents to enter the club for an annual fee of £15, each member will be entered into the draw, which carries a first prize of £30.

The first draw takes place on April 30 and anyone interested in joining should contact Eleanor on 01586 551 140 or send an email to eleanor@homestartmajik.eclipse.co.uk.

Website wins top star rating

ARGYLL and Bute Council's website has been voted one of the best council sites in the UK.

The site received the maximum possible four stars by Socitm (the Society of IT Managers),

which reviews every council website across the country.

Four star

The site was one of only 23 out of 433 council sites to receive the maximum four star rating, putting it amongst

the top 5.3 per cent in the country.

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'For Argyll and Bute to be rated so highly in terms of what our website offers and achieves is a tremendous accolade.'

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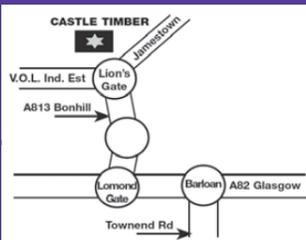
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Court convicts Whitehouse driver of 2010 Argyll road death crash

A MOTORIST who overtook at a notorious blind bend on an Argyll road, causing a fatal crash claimed he was distracted by a buzzard.

Clifford Dickson from Whitehouse, Tarbert, was convicted of causing the death of 55-year-old Christine Beard by dangerous driving at Glasgow High Court last Friday.

The collision took place on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road around 1pm on August 12, 2010.

Dickson, 68, admitted he was on the wrong side of the road as he approached the blind crest in his Kia Sportrak 4x4, but denied he had been overtaking.

The court heard that seconds after Dickson pulled out he hit a red Subaru, in which Mrs Beard was a back seat passenger.

Beverly White, who was driving her car in front of Dickson said she believed he was trying to overtake her.

Asked by the prosecution if she had seen any animals or birds at the side of the road, she replied: 'No'.

The court heard that her husband Bryan, who was a keen bird-watcher and had a pair

of binoculars in the front passenger footwell, had seen no birds.

Dickson, a retired stonemason, told the court: 'There is a blind crest with double white lines. You would need to be stupid to overtake in a place like that.'

He said he saw something at the side of the road rise up towards his windscreen and added: 'I wasn't sure if it was a deer or a bit of sackcloth.'

'It came flying up towards the windscreen. I have had a branch through my windscreen in the past. I thought this thing was going to crash into my windscreen. I put my hand up to try and prevent the glass showering me.'

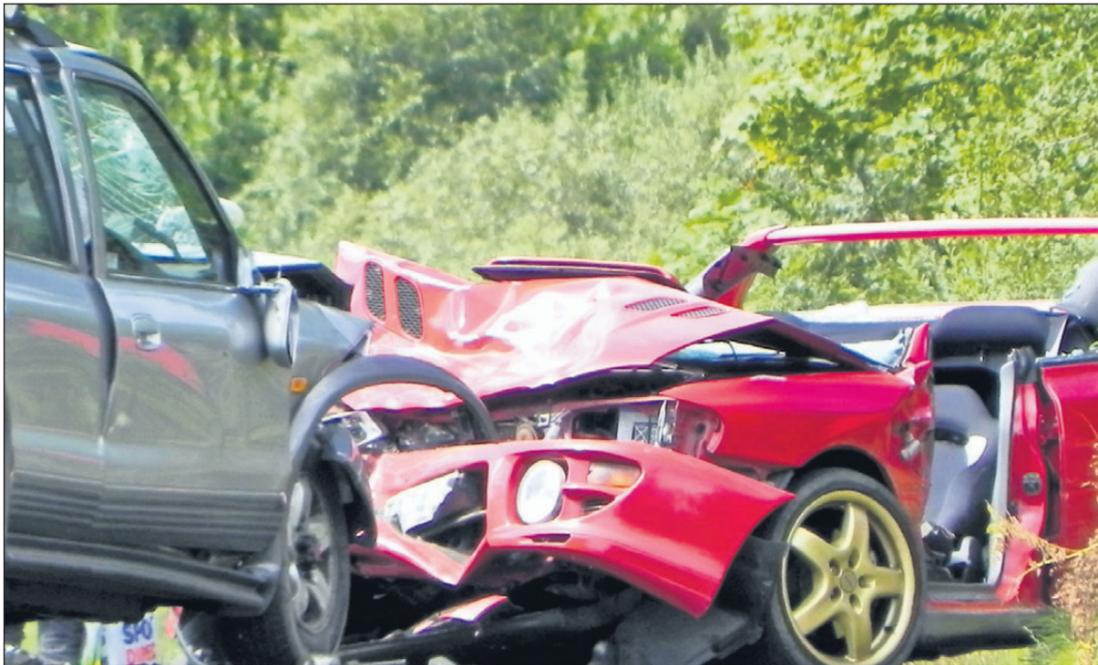
Accelerator

He explained to the court he had taken his foot off the accelerator but had then re-applied his foot to the accelerator, instead of the brake.

Dickson then tried to get back onto the correct side of the road, but there was no room.

He told the court that he was haunted by the crash and that in the immediate aftermath he apologised to the occupants of the Subaru.

'I can't sleep at night



Christine Beard died a few weeks after the August 12 crash on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road.

for thinking about it. I made such a terrible mistake,' he said.

The court heard that Mrs Beard, who was airlifted to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow, had to undergo surgery to her abdomen and bowel but died on September 2, 2010 from a massive pulmonary embolism caused by injuries suffered in the crash.

The court heard that Mrs Beard, her husband Paul, her daughter Laura Rose and her partner Ben Kennedy and their two-

year-old daughter all from Nottinghamshire, were on holiday at Seil and were heading for Arduaine Gardens.

Mr Beard, 64 and Miss Rose, 37, suffered serious injuries as a result of the crash.

Bail

After the verdict judge Lord McEwan deferred sentence on Dickson until next month for background reports and allowed him bail.

Lord McEwan also ordered Dickson to be disqualified from driving in the interim.

Businesses urged to start planning now for Argyll renewable energy boom

START planning now for the offshore renewables boom - that was the message at a recent Argyll Energy event.

The renewables seminar, organised by Argyll and Bute Council, urged businesses to act now

or run the risk of losing out on the benefits of the region's rich natural resources.

Speaking at the EU Offshore Wind and Marine Seminar in Oban last Friday, Calum Davison, director of energy

and low carbon at Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), said Argyll could be at the forefront of the renewables industry.

'When you see the projects planned for Argyll and the west coast, you realise just how significant this area is for Scotland's energy future, and we want to ensure that the communities at the heart of these projects see the rewards,' Mr Davison said.

But he added: 'Without collective working between the public and private sectors, and a proactive supply chain, there's a real danger that the economic benefits

will simply pass Argyll by.

Pointing to large-scale renewables projects in Argyll, including the world's largest tidal array off Islay, Mr Davison said HIE and its partners were working to ensure infrastructure is in place to support the growth of the offshore renewables sector.

Identifying the opportunities available to Argyll business, the seminar also focused on European funding and policy to help develop the renewables potential in Highlands and Islands, encouraging sustainable economic growth across the area.

Sentence deferred on booze reset teenager

A TEENAGER admitted to the reset of several bottles of alcohol when he appeared at Lochgilphead's annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court.

Luke Blackwood, 17, of 5 Union Street, Lochgilphead, had sentence deferred until March 23 for reports after pleading guilty to taking possession of the stolen booze at an address in Lochnell Street.

A plea of not guilty by co-accused, William Gibson, was accepted by the Crown.

Tayvallich 'bully' fined £150

A 'BULLY' who prevented a woman getting away from him during an argument in Tayvallich has been fined £150.

Lochgilphead's annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court heard that Paul Phare, 39, of Barrahor Maid Farm, Keills Road, Tayvallich, had a 'one-sided' argument with the woman, forcing her to snake across the village's main road by standing in her path. The woman only managed to get away after putting herself behind two men sitting on a village park bench.

Sheriff Thomas Ward told the social enterprise development manager that: 'No matter what the dispute is, the public street is not the place to conduct it.'

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Learning unit opens

LOCHGILPHEAD'S new learning centre has been hailed as a way of bringing further and higher education closer to rural communities.

Speaking at the Argyll College unit's official opening on Saturday, Wendy Alexander, the Scottish Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, said the Scottish Executive appreciated it needed to increase education opportunities in rural areas.

Lend not spend for sport

AMBITIOUS plans for an outdoor sports complex at Kilmory have received popular support.

At a meeting in Ardrishaig's Argyll Arms Hotel members of the Mid Argyll Sports Trust outlined their vision of how Kilmory could be the healthy heart of Argyll to around 50 people.

Plans for a village hall, grass and synthetic pitches and a car park received overwhelming support at a public exhibition in February last year. Last week's meeting saw the launch of a bold 'lend not spend' scheme which aims to provide money for operating costs of the multi million pound scheme.

Duncan Graham of Mid Argyll Sports Trust said that every source of capital funding – or project construction costs – needed evidence of community support and how operating costs would be funded.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I'm glad we bought a wee rowing boat as sometimes I feel it would be more appropriate to row down the road these days than drive along it.

Everyone is fair scunnered with all this rain and we have been awash for months it seems.

The beasts look miserable as they stand dolefully amidst the glaur, and the emerging daffodils collapse under the relentless downpours.

The land is saturated and surely cannot contain any more water.

We are deprived of sunshine and our vitamin D levels are sorely depleted.

As lambing begins we worry for sheep and farmers alike and hope the weather will change to be kind to them.

The days lengthen, but all it seems to mean is that we can see the rain for longer!

It's been a gloomy few months and we may feel like troglodytes emerging from the caves of winter.

It's hard to imagine the warmth of the sun on our backs as we gaze into the greyness of the mist. Yet there is beauty in the grey. There is a softness as the horizon of the sky melts into the sea and a shaft of light catches the surf of a wave.

At this time of Lent, we may think of the darkness in the world as we follow Jesus in these last painful days, yet we remember that a glorious resurrection will follow.

The sun rises even on rainy days and offers the possibility of beauty and goodness.

Amidst the graffiti found on the walls of a concentration camp at the end of the war were these words:

'I believe in the sun even when it doesn't shine.

I believe in God even when I can't see him.'

There is glory in the grey, and we may find beauty when we least expect it, if we look beyond the rain.

Letters to the Editor

Change of direction?

Sir,

I was astonished and delighted to read the headline 'Council leader in budget pledge to Mid Argyll Villages' in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on March 2. What a welcome change in direction of his administration; all the more surprising as it comes so soon after their determined and repeated attempts to close down many of our village schools which, had they succeeded, would have condemned the villages to shrivel and die.

Those of a cynical disposition might suspect that Dick Walsh's new attitude may simply be a crude pre-election bribe, an attempt to lure the electorate into supporting his administration at the polls in May.

These cynics would no doubt point out that his only concrete proposal so far is to spend three thousand pounds, over a three-year period, in support of the Lochgilphead lantern procession, a rather meagre ambition to be sure.

I, however, feel more positive about his sudden change of heart and so I would like to propose a few measures he could take which would dispel these no doubt unworthy suspicions.

For example, he could state, categorically, that closing schools is off the agenda permanently. This would demonstrate the sincerity of his commitment to Argyll villages and earn him the heartfelt thanks of all of the parents and pupils whose lives were blighted by his previous wrong-headed policy.

And since Councillor Walsh has managed to find £8 million to replace the Helensburgh swimming pool, he could do the same for



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by Malcolm Johnson from Ardrishaig. The picture shows a bustling Ardrishaig Pier, when a horse and cart was still a mode of transport in. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Lochgilphead, whose pool is dependent on charity handouts to stay open. He could also reverse the proposed cuts to the janitor service at Lochgilphead Community Centre to ensure the long-term viability of this vibrant social asset.

I would of course be delighted to hear his response to my suggestions.

**S. White,
Minard,
Argyll.**

Not the youth club building

Sir,
The Trustees of Tarbert Village Hall would like to clear up any misunderstanding that may have arisen from an article - Group hosts art exhibition - that appeared in a recent edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

The area of Tarbert Village Hall premises used by Tarbert Youth Group and Tarbert After School Care Services is not the Tarbert Youth Club building. It is an area available for hire

to any youth organisation in Tarbert providing hours are available. It was built as part of the new village hall specifically for youngsters in Tarbert and has always been designated as such.

Tarbert Youth Group raised more than £7,000 for the village hall and the hall management committee was delighted to receive this contribution towards the overall cost of the development which was nearly £650,000.

**The trustees,
Tarbert Village Hall,
Tarbert.**

Always been problems with the A83

Sir,
There have been problems with keeping open the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful for as long as I can remember, and that goes back to times well before the present 'high altitude' route was constructed.

In the 1950s and earlier we were less bothered by incidents as mun-

dane as a road closure, such occurrences were managed by a helpful man with a red flag who would wave you through when the rocks stopped crashing.

Those were also the days when we simply relied rather more on the ferry (steamer).

These days, life in Argyll is lived in a different dimension, the growth of the public sector made that inevitable and we seem to have become disconnected from our most obvious, natural and sustainable means of transport – the sea.

We read now the A83 needs to have a great deal of money spent on it to make it 'safe'. If a return to sea-borne transport is too leisurely or troublesome for modern businesses and lifestyles, we need an alternative.

We all agree that there is no more basic requirement for a civilised, progressive, innovative, successful and self-reliant community than to have a decent road to serve it.

That way, commerce

for the common good can be practiced at several levels above that of the proverbial banana republic.

However, the answer to communication problems is straightforward enough in an era when we have to best use limited financial resources: we prioritise where our hard-earned money is best spent, and cut out the wasteful and unnecessary.

**Neil Duncan,
Stonefield Farms,
Tarbert,
Argyll.**

Forestry track diversion

Sir,

The Scottish Government's decision to upgrade the forestry track at the Rest and Be Thankful to allow vehicles to use it when the A83 is closed by a landslide is a welcome start.

However I was very disappointed to find out that it will take up to an hour for a vehicle to use the diversion route. This is because of the very slow convoy system that will be used. I was only able to drag this information out of Transport Scotland officials at last Friday's meeting in Lochgilphead after persistent questioning.

The average extra time that it will take to use the forestry track diversion is estimated to be about 40 minutes. For a vehicle setting out from Inveraray this is not much quicker than using the existing diversion via Crianlarich.

The Scottish Government must upgrade the forestry track to a proper two-lane road or, alternatively, upgrade both the forestry track and the old road so that each can take one-way traffic.

I have written to the Scottish transport minister calling for the work to be done to provide a proper two-way diversion route. The Argyll and Bute economy desperately needs a reliable diversion route that can be relied on to take less than an hour. The SNP Government could easily find the money if they gave us a fair share of road spending instead of pouring all their money into the east of Scotland.

**Alan Reid MP,
95 Alexandra Parade,
Dunoon.**

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INVERARAY

Diver deployed to free propeller

A DIVER had been deployed to help untangle a wire from a fishing vessel off Inveraray Pier on Wednesday.

The coastguard had begun monitoring the *Adoration II* on Tuesday after a wire fouled the propeller of the boat.

Opera visits school

INVERARAY Primary pupils will experience science through song when Scottish Opera's The Big Bang Show arrives on Monday.

The mini-opera for primaries five to seven will focus on energy issues, featuring songs such as *Fission Chips* and *Dig It*.

Jane Davidson, Scottish Opera director of education, said: 'The Big Bang Show not only introduces the children to opera and helps them develop their creativity; it's designed to work in line with the Curriculum for Excellence to enhance what they're already being taught in their classrooms.'

'You can see the children really enjoy learning and performing the opera and we're sure it will get a great reaction from pupils, parents and teachers alike.'

Climate change challenge

ECO-FRIENDLY school Inveraray Primary will take part in a national campaign to help combat climate change.

The school will undertake the Climate Week One Hour Challenge, which will see pupils issued with an eco-friendly activity, which will be revealed on Monday morning. The school has already been awarded four Eco-Schools Green Flags, awarded for high standards in environmental education.

Climate Week will see schools, businesses and other groups across the country do their bit for the environment.



Ross Henderson, Harley Cogan, Nathan Thompson, PJ Cogan and Erin Moncur offered a helping hand at the coffee morning last Saturday.

Trust coffee morning and sale

VISITORS to Minard Village Hall enjoyed tea, cake and the opportunity to do some shopping as Minard Community Trust launched a sale on Saturday.

The trust alongside the village martial arts club

MINARD

held the coffee morning and sale which featured hand-made cards and jewellery.

The event was held in a bid to raise funds to pay

for the up-keep of the hall and new equipment for the martial arts club.

The club, run by Kim Cogan, is in need of new sparring equipment after mice gnawed through five gym bags and ruined the contents.

KILMARTIN

Poetry competition

THERE is still time to enter Kilmartin House Museum's poetry competition which is accepting entries until March 13.

The museum is running a public competition and a schools competition - anyone over the age of seven can enter the public competition while pupils in primary four to seven and secondary one to three can enter the school version.

The winner will receive a free trip to the museum, either for their family in the public event or for their classroom in the school competition.

The winners will be announced on March 21 to coincide with World Poetry Day.

For more information log on to www.kilmartin.org.

STRACHUR

Author in spotlight

INVERARAY-born author Neil Munro will be the subject of discussion

ARDRISHAIG

New name for playpark

THE CHILDREN'S play area beside the North Church Hall will defi-

ACHNAMARA



Children of Ashfield Primary School celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a Roald Dahl book. Lessons for the day were based on his novels.

Join in the fun at basketmaking classes

BASKETMAKING classes will be offered at Seafeld Farm on March 17 and 18.

The workshops will be run by Jane Allan who will demonstrate her skills using locally grown willow.

nitely be renamed Bayview Park.

Jeanette Laughton of Ardrishaig Community Council made the revelation during the council's monthly meeting on Tuesday.

She said: 'There is no need for us to go through any formalities, as the area does not have a post box.'

'If it was listed by the Royal Mail we would have had to go through the authorities.'

FORD

Ladies learn more about Knapdale neighbours

LADIES of Ford SWRI learnt a little more about their Knapdale neighbours at their recent meeting.

Robert Needham and Roisin Campbell-Palmer of the Scottish Beaver trial joined the ladies at

the March meeting to give an illustrated talk on the reintroduction of beavers to Knapdale Forest.

The five-year trial now consists of 12 beavers in four families.

Mention was made of the benefits to the area and future plans - all of which was noted in the appreciative vote of thanks.

Competition winners: Decorated egg: 1. Sue Grocock, 2. Sheena McNair.

Wildlife photo: 1. Maire McPhee, 2. Ella Wilson, 3. Sue Grocock.

TAYVALLICH

Top fiddler to perform in village hall

AWARD-winning fiddler Rua Macmillan will perform at Tayvallich Village Hall on March 17.

TIGHNABRUAICH

KILFINAN Community Forest (KCF) is looking for volunteers to help plant 420 young trees on March 17.

The Big Community Tree Planting Day will also be offering prizes for the most inventive planting outfits and the fanciest Wellington boots.

Anyone interested in offering their services should contact KCF on 01700 811 159 or send an email to info@kilfinancommunityforest.com.

TARBERT



Lucky Holly wins library prize draw

Ten-year-old Holly Guy was celebrating this week after she won an Argyll-wide library competition. Holly, a pupil of Tarbert Academy, was entered into a Love Libraries Week prize draw after successfully answering questions in a local history quiz. The youngster was given a £20 book token as her prize.

NHS

Highland

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with Jill Denton

No Smoking day

Wednesday March 14th

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Evening Smoking Cessation classes start at the Health Centre 5.30-6.30pm on No Smoking Day Any one is welcome.

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Fundraising Spring Fling at Ardrishaig boosts pool coffers

WOMEN and children were swirled around the dance floor of Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday night as a fundraising spring fling got into full swing. The Spring Fling ceilidh, organised by Mid Argyll Community (MAC) Swimming Pool, saw a host of local families see in the



Arthur and Sylvia Bolwell were well practised in The Gay Gordons. 06_a10ceilidh11

new season dancing to traditional Scots ceilidh tunes.

Ladies, dressed in their finest, and men in their kilts took a turn around the dance floor in The Dashing White Sergeant, The Canadian Barn dance and The Gay Gordons as ceilidh band Fiddle Me Timbers took to the stage.

The event, which catered to the whole community, from children to teenagers to adults, hosted a kid's hour which included Zumba and hip hop dancing.

Organised by MAC Pool to raise funds to put towards the operating costs of the Lochgilphead-based pool, the spring fling raised more than £1,500.

Kirsten Logue from the pool said that whilst some costs still had to be taken into account, the fundraising total for the pool was in the region of £1,700.

The event was attended

by around 150 people, although this number did not account for the number of children who took part.



Lorna Young, Morven Campbell, Dee Mather, Katie Brewer, Zara Cameron and Kirsty MacVicar dazzled on the dance floor. 06_a10ceilidh14



Board members and staff of Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool. 06_a10ceilidh04



Fiddle Me Timbers provided the entertainment and ceilidh tunes. 06_a10ceilidh06



Dancers join hands for The Canadian Barn Dance. 06_a10ceilidh15



Martha Payne and Emma Curtis smiles as they spun around the dance floor. 06_a10ceilidh03

The Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association Annual Concerts and Ceilidh
 Saturday 10th March at Campbeltown Grammar School
 Saturday afternoon matinee concert from 2 – 4.30pm
 (doors open at 1pm)
 Concert and Ceilidh will be held on Saturday evening from 8 – 1pm
 (doors open 7pm)
 featuring lots of local talent and the Kinloch Ceilidh Band.
 Tickets: Saturday evening £12 / Saturday matinee £6 (concessions £4),
 including complimentary teas and coffees.
 Available from Yorkshire Building Society.
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Argyll & Bute Council

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 Community Learning and Development Services

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 Admission £1.00
 Baking stall

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Coffee Morning
 run by St. Margarets Baptist Church
 Lochgilphead for SCIAF
 Sat 10th March
 10am till 12noon
 All Welcome

Kintyre Songwriters Festival seeks new acts for 2012 festival, which takes place in Campbeltown on 01 – 03 June 2012. If you're interested in performing at an open mic session or the bigger evening events we'd be delighted to hear from you, please email us at info@kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk – closing date for entries is 19th March. www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk

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Ormsary residents enjoy a taste of Africa

A TRADITIONAL African stew was on the menu on Saturday evening for Ormsary residents as they enjoyed a Taste of Africa.

Ormsary and South Knapdale folk tucked into the tasty fare as they took part in a meal and quiz night to support local charity - Pelandaba Orphans.

Organised by South Knapdale Parish Church, the night saw Rev David Carruthers play quiz master whilst local women turned their hand to cooking African cuisine.

An Argyll-based charity, Pelandaba Orphans was established by Cindy Macdonald last year to help fund the education of orphaned children in the Pelandaba area of Zimbabwe.

Addressing the group of locals at the quiz



Rev David Carruthers and Cindy Macdonald with some of the South Knapdale women who helped organise the Taste of Africa evening. 06_a10africa01

night, Cindy said she had discovered many orphaned children were not educated in Zimbabwe as there was no one to pay for their schooling. Speaking of her recent visit to Pelandaba, Cindy, the former headteacher of Acha-

hoish Primary School, said: 'I thought if I could go back to Scotland and organise some events we could raise money to educate these children and have a jolly good time.'

Initially paying for the education of 15

children, Pelandaba Orphans now pays for 31 children to be educated all year round, at a cost of £3,000 a year.

Raising almost one third of the total bill, the Taste of Africa event made £838.



Betty Rhodick, Catherine Smith and Jean Blackwood with Kilmichael SWRI's winning tray at the Mid Argyll Group SWRI coffee morning. Marina Campbell, not pictured, also contributed to the winning tray. 06_a10institute01

SWRI group coffee morning

WOMEN from villages across Mid Argyll gathered in Lochgilhead on Saturday morning for the annual Mid Argyll Group SWRI coffee morning.

The event, held at Lochgilhead's Red Cross Centre, saw members raise £400 for the SWRI.

Catherine Smith, president of the Mid Argyll Group SWRI thanked local people for the continued support and said it was very much

appreciated. In the competitions, judged at the event, Catherine Smith was awarded the Flower Cup for bulbs, whilst Kilmichael ladies won the best tray for a child's birthday celebration. The Kilmichael institute's tray, featuring a birthday cake and knitted elephant, was awarded 46 points above Lochgilhead's tray with 44.5 points.

Kilmichael SWRI also won the Foursomes Trophy.



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The Descendants
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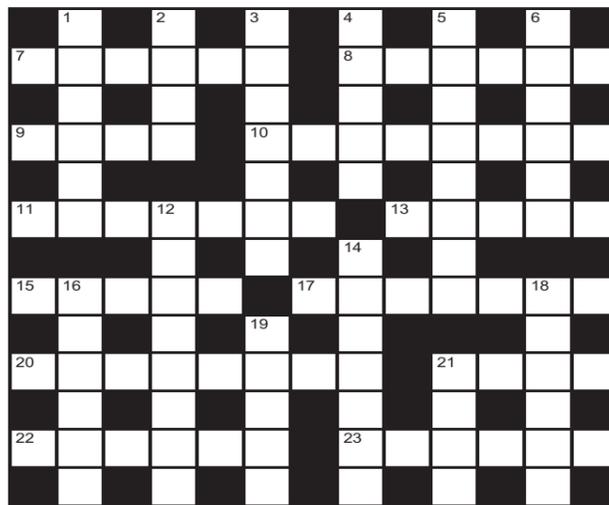
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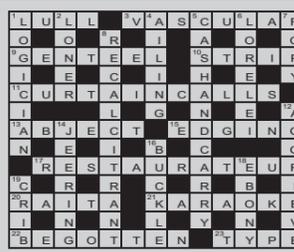
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- 9 Remove fat (4)
- 10 Slap or secretive payment (8)
- 11 Man of eminence (7)
- 13 Perhaps able (5)
- 15 Steep sided, flat topped hill (5)
- 17 Energy derived from vegetable matter (7)
- 20 Alongside (8)
- 21 Loathsome creature? (4)
- 22 Bottle for perfume (6)
- 23 Backside (6)

Down

- 1 One who attracts customers loudly (6)
- 2 Light supporter? (4)
- 3 Call for sleep (3-4)
- 4 Opening egg? (5)
- 5 Place to clean up (8)
- 6 Yellow flowered feathery plant used as flavouring (6)
- 12 Seed-opening bird? (8)
- 14 What once was (7)
- 16 Excessively (6)
- 18 Position (6)
- 19 Years before adulthood (5)
- 21 Push behind (4)



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Mid Argyll stock meet with brisk trade at Oban

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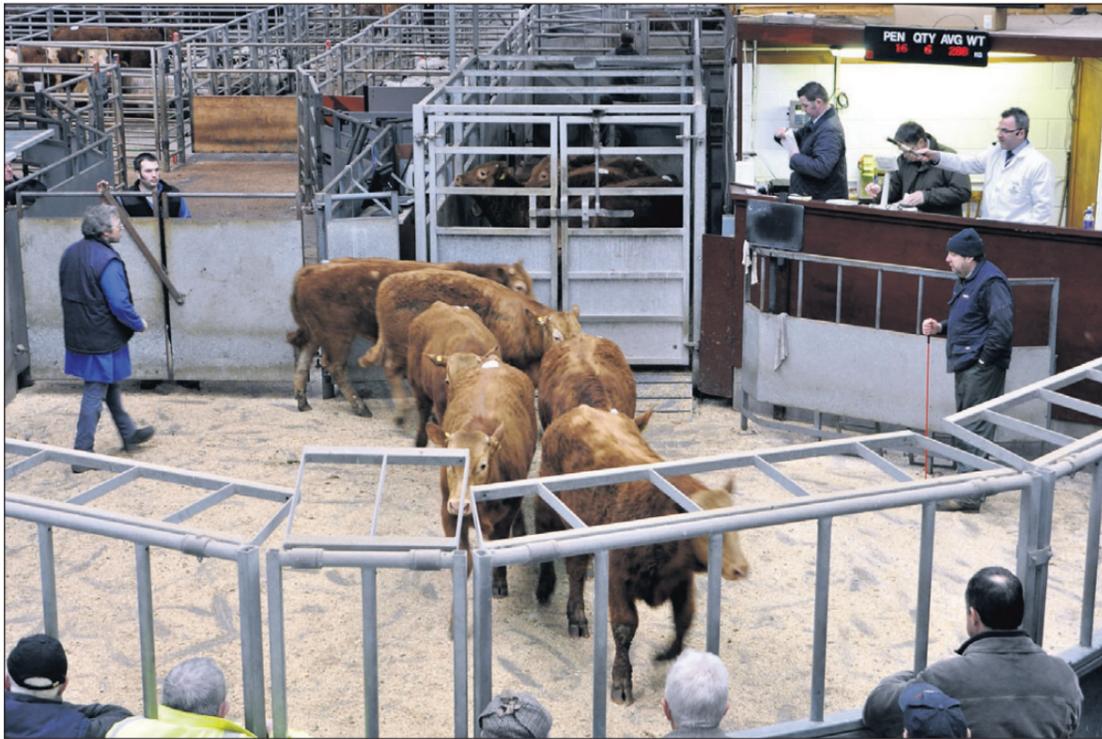
Limousins from Upper Largie, Kilmartin and sold to £710 for another Limousin from Upper Largie

Over 30 month cows averaged 126.8p per kg and sold to 169p per kg for a 450kg Limousin from Knockvoulagan, Isle of Mull and to £1,010 for a 660kg Limousin from Tyree, Bendorloch:

Breeding cattle averaged £1,086.67 selling to £1,480 for a Simmental cow with bull calf at foot from Invernahyle, Appin.

Hoggs sold to £75 for Blackfaces from 20 Glencruitten Road and to £72 for Blackfaces from Glenshellach. Mules from Glenshellach and Cheviots from Lagganulva sold to £70.

Feeding ewes averaged £54.21, selling to £98 for a Texel from Inion, North Connel.



Limousins from Upper Largie, Kilmartin sold to £710 17_t10mart04

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Crofting election candidate understands politics of crofting

WITH a vast knowledge of the politics of crofting and having already represented the industry in policy making, Taynuilt man Billy Neilson believes he is the man to represent South West Scotland on the Crofting Commission.

A crofter himself and a voluntary assessor for the commission,

covering Ardgour to Glenorchy, Mr Neilson was on the consultation committee appointed to the 2010 Crofting Reform Bill reference group.

The experience allowed him to influence the bill from the crofter's perspective and whet his appetite to follow a more political route. He

is also vice chairman of the Lorn branch of the National Farmers Union Scotland and is on the Regional Board for Argyll and the Islands, as well as other sub-committees.

Mr Neilson told *The Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'I think my understanding of the politics of crofting is one of my strengths in this election. I have also been a Crofters Commission assessor for the last four years, as a liaison between crofters, the Crofters Commission and the Department of Agriculture.

'I have been nominated by crofters to stand and the support I have been given so far within the crofting community has been huge.

'I have been involved in agriculture all my life and crofting is my passion.

'The government has the aim of population retention in rural areas, which I think puts crofting into the top league in terms of importance.'

Mr Neilson said it would be his vision to oversee an increased availability of crofts for new and young crofters.



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Since the community buy-out in 2002, the famous 'Dancing Ladies' of Gigha have brought in around £100,000 per year for the island's heritage trust.

Faith, Hope and Charity, the island's three v27 wind turbines in the south of the island were bought second hand from a Cumbrian wind farm, and were erected and commissioned in 2005.

The community reaps the benefits of the turbines: the profits from the energy company which sells the electricity, Gigha Renewable Energy Ltd goes straight back into the island's redevelopment.

This project was the first ever Scottish community-owned wind farm, to be connected to the national grid.

The amount of profit the island receives depends on how much wind blows each year. To date however the turbines have successfully generated approximately £100,000 of profit per year for the trust. This money is an essential contribution to the regeneration of the island.

They are known locally as The Dancing Ladies or Creideas, Dòchas and Carthannas, Gaelic for Faith, Hope and Charity.

The trust is currently working on a project for the installation of a fourth turbine.

The wind farm has allowed trustees to borrow money for projects on the island such as housing.

The island of Gigha celebrates 10 years of community ownership



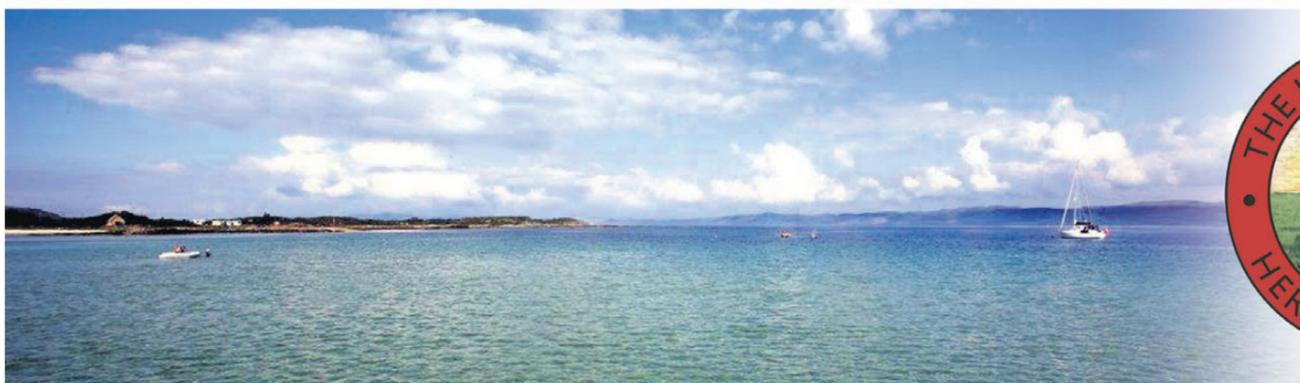
GIGHA is gearing up for celebrations for its tenth anniversary since the community took ownership of the island.

Businesses on the small island off the west coast of Kintyre are flourishing, the population has substantially increased and the island now has a healthy population of teenagers to secure its future.

Islanders will be reflecting on the last 10 years of change and looking forward to the future as they gather to celebrate on March 15.

So much has been achieved on Gigha since its 96 residents took the brave step into community ownership by raising £1million towards its £4.25million price tag.

Other funding came from the Scottish Government, The National Lottery and Argyll and the Isles Enterprise.



Gigha Renewable Energy Ltd



GIGHA residents are celebrating a successful 10 years on the island since the buyout in 2002.

Through the buyout, one of the most popular assets Gigha Heritage Trust acquired was Achamore Gardens.

Since then a number of businesses have been set up on the island, with some relocating to be based there. The new and existing businesses have helped to provide both employment and facilities for visitors. This has helped to boost the tourist numbers on Gigha, which has more to offer than ever before.

Last year the heritage trust received a prestigious award for regeneration work on the island.

The Chartered Institute of Housing presented the award to the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust and its partners for its redevelopment work on the island.

Gigha Heritage Trust has turned island life around, not only for those living there but attracting people to move back to the seven-mile long island.

The trust has been making life better for everyone: renovating properties and promoting the island itself, doubling the population and substantially increasing the school roll.

ACHAMORE'S beautiful gardens benefits from the warming influence of the North Atlantic Drift and within 54 acres, contain exotic and unusual plants in abundance. The trust owns and manages the gardens with gardeners employed.

Hard work has been put into getting the garden reopened for the new season in the last weeks; it officially reopened at the weekend.

It is advised that anyone wishing to visit the gardens should wear sturdy footwear.

Contained within the gardens is the glorious Achamore House.

The trust sold Achamore House when it first took over the island to fund part of this £1million it was required to pay back.



Since the formation of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust in 2002 the population has grown from 96 people to more than 150 and the average age has fallen sharply. The school roll tells the story: from only six children and earmarked for closure, the school now boasts 17 children at primary level with a healthy population of teenagers taking the ferry to secondary school each day.

HOUSING improvement was the biggest task the trust took on, and one of the main points they were credited for a regeneration award received last year.

When a housing survey was carried out by the trust after the buyout, it revealed of the 42 state houses, 75 per cent were listed as 'below tolerable standard' and should not be lived in.

Another 23 were classed as 'in serious disrepair'. The survey also revealed a high rate of hidden homelessness; parents and siblings providing homes for adults.

It costs the trust around £160,000 to renovate each house, bringing it up to a modern standard for living. The trust has been awarded two £60,000 grants from Argyll and Bute Council for further renovation works to the remaining buildings. It is hoped a further two properties will be renovated per year, with the help of this funding.

Gigha Heritage Trust has been working with building companies which all have strong Gigha connections despite being based on mainland Kintyre.

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One of the Trust's most popular assets acquired as part of the buyout is Achamore Gardens.

The beautiful gardens have a warming influence of the North Atlantic Drift and contained within 54 acres, exotic and unusual plants are in abundance.

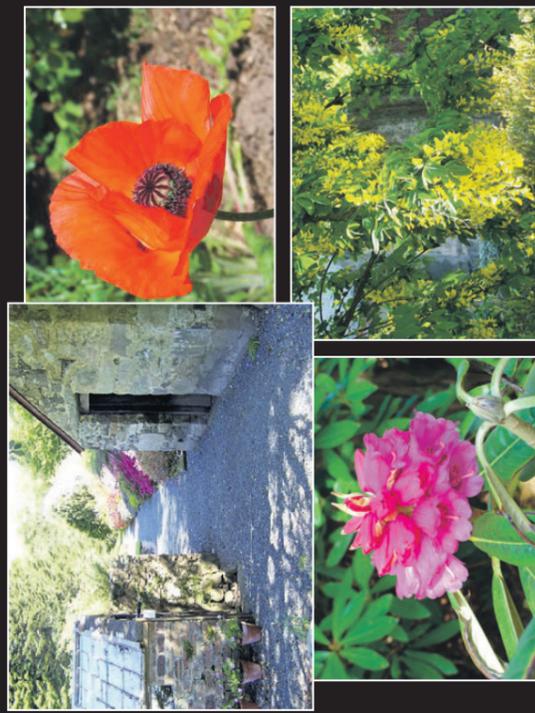
Frosts and snow are rare in the garden, with the gardens lying between 10 metres and 100 metres above sea-level, and stunning views out toward the sea.

The trust owns and manages the gardens with gardeners employed by the trust, essential to keeping the gardens running.

The present compartment woodland layout was created by Colonel Horlick and his assistant Kitty Lloyd Jones in 1946. The woodland compartment, linked with meandering signposted paths, allow the vast number of rhododendrons to grow and flourish.

Contained within the gardens is the glorious Achamore House.

The trust sold Achamore House when it first took over the Island to fund part of the £1million it required to pay back to the Scottish Land Fund, within the first two years of community ownership of the island.



The trust has been trying to keep as much of the work within the area as possible and through the DPC Consortium has managed to succeed in this.

DPC Consortium is made up of Duncan MacGrigor, Paul Sloan of Sloan Builders, and Calum McKinven of McKinven & Colville.

Out of the total of 42 houses to receive work, the trust only has 16 left to complete. Many of the houses have had to be completely stripped back to the bare walls and the insides refurbished.

Since the buyout many islanders have chosen to buy plots to build their own houses, something which would never have happened before the buyout.

RESIDENTS have come together to make sure the tenth anniversary celebrations are ones that will be remembered for years to come.

A committee of islanders has been working hard on the celebrations for March 15 with many visitors expected. Some of Campbelltown's Junior Pipe Band will be making their way to the island.

It is hoped the band will pipe the school children from the primary school down the main road to Gigha Hotel as part of the celebration. This will emphasise the change in the number of children the school has now compared with 10 years ago.

To mark the celebrations a song has been written called *Tenacious Gigha*. Schoolchildren will be singing this at the celebrations. It is hoped they will also be donning new uniforms to celebrate the anniversary.

There will be people making speeches and it is hoped a display of press coverage over the last 10 years will be in the gallery.

In the evening a ceilidh is taking place with two bands being welcomed to the island to keep people dancing through the night.

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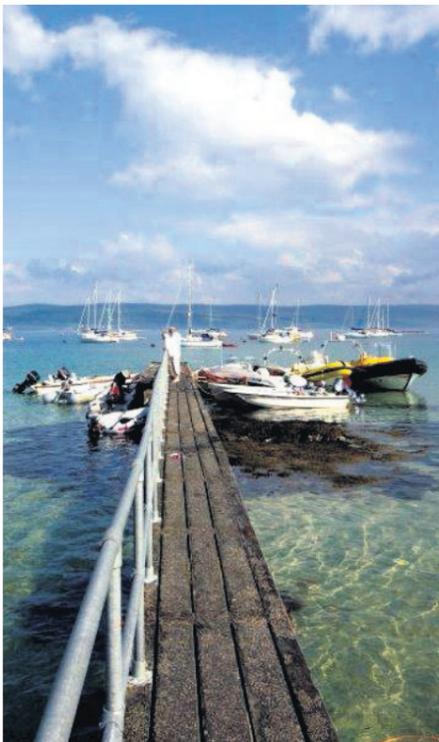
THE future of Gigha and its residents is looking bright. Plans are being put in place for further development of the island's assets to attract more visitors and people to the island, not just in the short term, but the long term too.

Gigha Heritage Trust manager Lukas Lehmann stressed that getting a core set up in the trust's plans is key.

'As well as the housing developments we are looking at more unusual things. We are looking at facilities for the yachts and have taken over the moorings. 'There are a lot of different ideas. Our business plan is tailored for all the different organisations. 'It's split into our core, and into all the different kinds of projects that we are working on.'

The trust is also looking at agricultural investment into the farms on the island.

It is also working with a number of local businesses to promote the island, not just in Kintyre but farther afield. 'We are looking at apprenticeships,' said Lukas. 'There is a group of young people coming up to that age and as part of the ongoing development of the island we will be asking them what they are interested in and what skills they would like to achieve. 'It's maybe a case that this is an option for us to provide help for them to achieve this, but even if they are interested in something else we can't do, we can point them in the right direction.' 'People on the island are the future and we need to improve their skills so we can benefit from that.'



Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the community buyout of the Isle of Gigha the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust would like to say a big "Thank You!" to everyone near and far who has given their much needed support to the community in the last ten years (and before). We could not have got here without you and look forward to working together with you in the future. *Tapadh leibh uile!*





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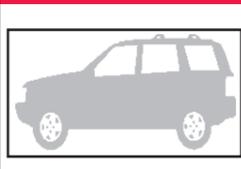


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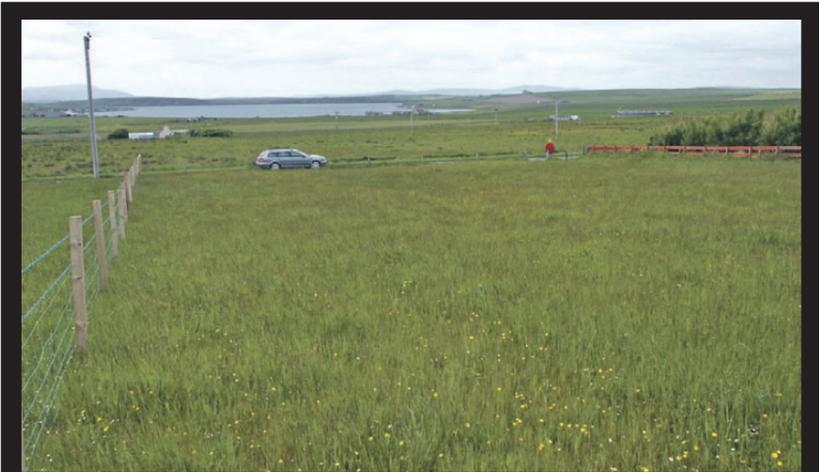


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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
12/00451/PP	Erection of conservatory	Corrylach Farmhouse Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
12/00342/PP	Demolition of east gable chimney stack	Victoria Bank Pier Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UF	Sub Post Office Tarbert

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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(UC59 RAF MACHRIHANISH ROAD, A83 KENNACRAIG TO CAMPBELTOWN ROAD AND VARIOUS STREETS, CAMPBELTOWN) (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 201_

The Scottish Ministers have granted Argyll and Bute Council an extension to the Order making process as required by Regulation 16 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 as amended. The final date for making the order has been extended from 6th August 2012 until 5th January 2013.

The above named Order will be signed and made effective following the completion of new section of road at Park Square.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

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	55° 35.64'N	55° 35.66'N
	05° 27.90'W	05° 27.94'W
	05° 27.92'W	05° 27.96'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Carradale West Post Office

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Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference: FKB/J165

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Mai Henderson

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(Ref: 044-330)

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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



BALKEEN

Samantha and Martin are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Emily, on January 10, 2012. Thank you to all family and friends for cards, gifts and special wishes and also to the staff at Mid Argyll Maternity Unit.

MCMILLAN

CONNELLY - Michelle and Paul are delighted to announce the birth of Katie Eve, born on February 27, 2012 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. A beautiful little sister for Liam.

RAMSAY - Craig and Lindsay are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Finlay John, on Thursday, February 16, 2012. A grandson for Bob and Maureen Owen, Carradale and first grandson for John and Moira Ramsay, Campbeltown. Thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCLAREN - HARROW - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Graeme, son of Robert and Joan, Crieff, to Paula, youngest daughter of Alan and Carole, Sycamores.



RODGER - FRIER

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of William Rodger, Tayinloan, to Lucy Frier, Minard, on February 29, 2012.

DEATHS

HASTIE - Peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home, on March 5, 2012, Euphemia MacCallum (Amy), in her 83rd year, formerly of Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Charles Hastie, much loved mother of David, Kenneth and Rhona, a loving and much loved granny and great granny and a dear sister and aunt. Service in the Highland Parish Church on Friday, March 9 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Auchinlee and the Highland Parish Church.

KELLY - Peacefully at home, 26 High Street, Campbeltown, on March 1, 2012, Janice Mary Armour, in her 70th year, dearly beloved wife of Neil Kelly, much loved mother of Duncan and Ann, loving grandmother of Emma and mother-in-law of Sarah and Douglas.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on March 2, 2012, Duncan Campbell MacArthur, aged 89 years, of Brackley Lodge, Lochgilhead, beloved son of the late Peter and Jessie MacArthur, Brackley Farm, Lochgilhead, and loving brother of the late John. A much loved cousin to all the family. A private funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church today, Friday, March 9 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

MASON - Suddenly, but peacefully, in the Victoria Infirmary, on March 4, 2012, Jane Williamson Cook (Sheena), in her 61st year, loving and much loved wife of Alex, mother of Isobel and Alister and granny of Kimmy, Caitlyn and Heather. Funeral private.

NEWLANDS - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2012, Alister Newlands (Aldie), in his 94th year, formerly of John Street and Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, much loved brother of Maimie, James and the late Cathie and Hugh and a dearly loved uncle, great uncle and great great uncle.

SPALTON - Peacefully, on March 3, 2012, after a short illness, in the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Sue Spalton, a loving and much loved partner, sister, aunt and friend. Memorial to be held in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Monday, March 12 at 1.00pm. No black ties! No flowers please, donations, if desired, to 'Friends of Kenya's Children'.

SWIFT - Suddenly at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 29, 2012, Yvonne Townsley, in her 42nd year, dearly beloved daughter of George and Bridget Townsley and a much loved sister.

WAREHAM - Peacefully at the Beatson Hospital, Glasgow, on March 4, 2012, John Wareham (Jock), in his 81st year, 19D Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Girvan, much loved father of John, Catherine and the late Robert and Joanne, a dearly loved papa, great papa and a much respected father-in-law.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KILLEEN - Margie and family thank everyone for cards, flowers, telephone calls and letters received after Frank's death. We thank all who attended the services, both at Lochgilhead Parish Church and at the Crematorium in Glasgow. We greatly appreciated the excellent care given to Frank by all staff in Glenaray Ward, and by the Integrated Care Team. Thank you to the

Reverend Hilda Smith and John Morrison for a truly wonderful shared service in the Parish Church. Many thanks to Roddy MacDonald and staff for their help and expertise and to the Stag Hotel for lunch provided. Our thanks to John Summers for his rendition of our selection of music played before the service. Frank would have loved it. A special thanks to Hilda for being so helpful and caring to Frank and his family before, during and after his hospitalisation and for the service at the crematorium. Donations at both services amounted to £910 to be shared between Macmillan Nurses and Lochgilhead Parish Church.

THOMSON - Anne would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their support during her sad loss. Thanks to all medical staff, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services. The retiral collection raised £304.58 for the RNLI. Final thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMS

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

FERGUSON - In loving memory of Barbara, who died March 4, 2009. Always remembered. - Charles and Dadie. **GALBRAITH** - In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010. The pain still hurts, the memories are still clear, We wish in our hearts, that you were still here. You're not just a memory, or part of the past, You'll be loved and missed, for as long as life lasts. Always in our thoughts. - Mum, Dad and Christine.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Time may pass and fade away, But silent thoughts and memories stay. Loved and missed always. - From all your family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilhead xxx. **MCCORMICK** - Barbara, died March 13, 2011. A year has passed since you were taken away, Loved and remembered every day. - Leslie, Debbie and families xxxx.

MCCORMICK - Barbara, March 13, 2011, a special mum and granny. We think of you every day Love and miss you more than words can say. - Ishbel, Dougal, Christopher, Kyle and Morgan.

MCMILLAN - It's harder every year, to put our thoughts into words, because every year our thoughts of you are the same.

Though life has changed since you went away and we think we've moved on, we're right back there five years ago, when someone says your name. We toasted you the other night in traditional Gordon style, raised our glasses, drank our drinks and tried to hold a smile. We have moved on in different ways, we really don't have a choice, but whether it's five or fifty years on, we will always miss our boy. See you later, Flash x.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006 and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. We miss you, not just today, but every day. - Love Norma, Jim and family.

WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey. Somewhere over the rainbow Miss you so much. - Love Mum, Dad and Fallon x. **WARDROP** - Lynsey, our beloved granddaughter. We think about you every day. So sorely missed. - Granny and the family at home and abroad.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street,
Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm House Group
Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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St Kieran Episcopal Church:
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Sunday 11th March 2012
Third Sunday of Lent
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Church Services
11 March - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service Loch Fyneside (Minard) at 10 am
Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3pm

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 11th March 2012
Ford 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Thursday 15th March 2012
Congregational Board will meet in Kilmartin Hall at 7.30p.m.
Glassary Kilmartin and Ford Sunday 18th March, 2012
Glassary 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Tuesday 20th March, 2012
Session meet in Kilmartin Hall at 7.30p.m.
SC002121

LOCHGILHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 11th March 2012
11.00am Morning Service with communion
Wednesday 14th March 2012
Fun and games
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 11 March 2012
11.00am
Visit of young people from Bridge of Weir followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "Give your life to God"
Thursday 15 March 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 11th March 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
Kilberry Service 2pm
Congregational AGM to follow service
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Tarbert Church Board Meeting Thursday 15th March 7.30pm
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Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 11 March
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SC002493
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4.00pm
Hall preparation
Sunday 11th March
11.15am
Morning Worship
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5)
JaM (P6+)
3.00pm
Communion for senior members - followed by tea
Tuesday 13th March
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7
Wednesday 14th March
7.15pm
Bible Studies for Lent - Manse
Thursday 15th March
7.30pm
Congregational Board
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

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Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 11th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Tuesday, 13th March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 15th March
Bible Study (in the manse) - 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 16th March
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

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Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
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7.00pm Youth Group
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Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
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FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street
Campbeltown
Sunday 11th March
12.45pm
Rev Robert MacLeod
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

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Winter League and Duffer's Derby

Sometimes it's good to be bad

WITH the winter league and the Duffer's Derby being decided by the best three scores over four weeks all the players were keen to get off to a flying start.

John Davidson who has been known to sleep in on occasion was a bit confused and he thought that the player with the worst score could win the lovely big Duffer's Derby trophy and carded a 31 over par round which he thought had put him in pole position; instead he was presented with the mat of shame and told to get an early night next Saturday.

Ross Sinclair was 31 shots better than John for his round and, as everything was going to plan, he was in a very buoyant mood. All this could change of course if he misses a few putts or if Kenny Cameron offers to caddie for him.

Robert Baxter is two shots behind and quite calm so far but this too could change if his left handed fade turns into a full blown right handed hook.

David Sinclair got off to his usual bad start but slowly picked up as his round progressed. His wood shots were letting him down but his powers of recovery are strong.

Donald Carmichael had even less sleep than John as they had both been to a Strangers concert on the Saturday night. He shed 96 tears when his ball went in the burn at the last hole but there

was always the sun to cheer him up and you can never say goodbye to Donald as some of the putts that he sinks are real peaches.

Keith Cowan is going to blow a gasket with all the exercise he is putting himself through on the badminton court.

This is not the ideal preparation for winning golf finals and he should spend next Saturday with his feet up and read a good book. Needless to say it would be even better if it was one that he had not written himself. Alec MacAulay had an off day but he will probably have three on days to follow and beat us all again.

The Duffers Derby is the pinnacle of pitiful golf, the summit of slackness and the Mount Everest of meandering golfing ability. There are some good players in this event however; Tommy Angus is good at dancing, Andy Law is good at running, Simon Taylor is good at cutting grass and Lee Hardman is a good cook. Thank goodness for Raymond Flanagan who put in a good score and leads by five shots.

Results: R Sinclair 40pts; R Baxter 38pts; D Sinclair 35pts; D Carmichael 32pts; K Cowan 31pts; A MacAulay 31pts.

Duffers: R Flanagan 34pts; L Hardman 29pts; K Cameron 29pts; G MacDougall 28 pts; S Taylor 26 pts; A Law 25pts; T Angus 24pts; J Davidson 16pts.

Nearest the pin: K Cowan



Kilmory's season got off to the best possible start as they notched up an impressive away win at Aberdour.

Six of the best in opening game

Marine Harvest South Division One

Aberdour 1 Kilmory 6

KILMORY hit Aberdour for six in their opening game of the season last Saturday with Steven Gilmour and

Hal Jones netting a double each. The other scorers for Kilmory were Craig Taylor and Ally Cunningham, putting them in good stead for the upcoming visit to Glenorchy.

Narrow defeat for Under 13s

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star Under 13s lost their first game of 2012 in a tight cup-tie at Lochgilphead Joint Campus last Sunday.

The home side went a goal down early on when a hopeful ball into the box was fumbled by Ally Pow and trickled into the net. The home keeper later made amends with two excellent saves keeping Star in the game.

Lochgilphead had more of the ball in the latter part of the half and their best chances were a Ryan Caskie shot which hit the post and a Cammy McCallum drive which the keeper pushed over.

Red Star started strongly in the second half and an excellent exchange on the right between Brody Kalache and Lucas Williamson allowed Aaron Whitefield to find Caskie in the box and he beat the keeper from a tight angle to give the home team a lift.

The next 20 minutes were end-to-end with Caskie again missing the best of Star's chances and Pow pulled off another fine save but it was Goldenhill who took the lead again as the game moved into the final quarter.

A Whitefield free kick 25 yards out floated over

the Goldenhill defence as Caskie stood in an off-side position, but while Goldenhill hesitated expecting a decision, Williamson ran from an inside position to head the ball into the net.

Either team could have won the game but it was Goldenhill who went through to the next round with the vital goal five minutes from time.

A disappointing result for Red Star after recent good performances but Goldenhill probably deserved their victory. It is back to league business for Star this Sunday with an away game at Antonine.

Inveraray travel to take on the Glens

INVERARAY manager John Smylie hopes to arrest a series of poor results in Drumadrochit this Saturday.

The Royal Burgh played at Glenurquhart with weakened teams over the past few years, with the manager himself turning out on the last two visits.

But despite having Russell McKinlay ruled out for the match, John believes he'll have a squad strong enough to challenge the on-form Glen.

He added: 'We have not played well up there for a long time and last season we lost 4-1. If I can get a good squad together we'll hopefully do something about that.'

Last Saturday's opening fixture at home to Kyles Athletic was called off due to the Winterton being waterlogged.

Growing injury list for Kyles

KYLES ATHLETIC secured a mid-table position in the Orion Group Premiership without swinging a caman after their derby with Inveraray was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch.

But trainer James Perlich denied opening day

defeats for rivals Kingussie and Newtonmore gave last year's runners-up an early season advantage.

'Every team in this division has been working hard off the field and in pre-season, so I don't think there will be much in it this year.

'The fact Newtonmore and Kingussie lost in the first week doesn't mean anything.'

Kyles travel to Kingussie on Saturday with David Zavaroni back in action but Donald Irvine joins the growing injury list with an ankle problem.

Lynn beats dad again in winter league

SUNDAY was the last of the Tarbert Gun Club's winter league series of shoots, which saw teams fight for the top spot and avoid being awarded the wooden spoon.

Sunshine and calm winds provided the perfect weather for the final shoot and a lot of high scores were recorded. One came from young Niall Wilson who won his class with ease.

Ally MacDonnell's team finally won the team event, pipping Bob McGill's boys by a single target.

And how did Lynn do? Yes she beat her dad again by a massive 91 points. Norman has only won one out of five - oh dear.



Star of the season - Lynn MacDonnell who continues to outshoot her dad Norman.

Results: Class A: 1. Ally Macdonnell; 2. Brian Baird; 3. Andrew Macdonald. Class B: 1. J Paton; 2. D Thorburn; 3. Lynn Macdonald. Class C: 1. Niall Wilson; 2. Jonathan Gargan; 3. Roy McNeil. Class D: 1. Pierre Godts; 2. Andy Wilson; 3. Archie MacGilp Snr. Class E: 1. Michael Harvey; 2. Archie Currie; 3. Michael Harvey Jr.

Teams: 1. Ally Macdonnell, Andy Peden, Alisdair MacCallum, Ian Winnard and Michael Harvey; 2. Bob McColl, Akram Khan, Jonathan Gargan, Pierre Godts and Buddy Peterson; 3. Ivor Ferguson, D Thorburn, Ian Wilson, Archie MacGilp Snr, John Winnard.

Try a Tri with the help of renowned coaches

PEOPLE of all ages are being encouraged to 'try a tri' this week as legendary triathlon coaches visit Mid Argyll.

Hosting a weekend of special triathlon taster sessions Blair Cartmell and Kerry McPhee will come to Lochgilphead to coach both youngsters and adults in the three-way sport.

Blair, who currently coaches Scottish athletes on the national performance programme, and Kerry, the reigning British triathlon champion, are hoping to get locals swimming, cycling and running.

The coaching duo will host a triathlon for juniors in primary school, teenagers and adults on March 23 and 24.

Explaining the taster sessions were a great opportunity to learn about triathlon from some of the best coaches in the country, active schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll Jillian Gibson said: 'We are urging people to come along and have a go, to come and try a tri. They can learn what is involved in a triathlon in a fun way without any pressure.'

The triathlon weekend will begin with a coaching session for juniors, in primary classes four to seven, to coincide with a schools triathlon event on April 28.

Jillian, who has organised the event in partnership with the Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club said: 'This training event will be an introduction to the triathlon for young people and we hope they will enjoy it and

enter our triathlon competition on April 28.'

Adults are also being encouraged to take part in the triathlon sessions, whether they are new to the sport or are already competing in the event, more information about the sport and the local club will be available.

Triathlon coaching begins with juniors on March 23 between 4pm and 5.30pm and for S1 to S6 students between 6pm and 7.30pm. The adult classes will take place on Saturday morning between 8am and 1pm. Coaching sessions will be held at the Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool. For more information or to book a place at a try a tri session email Jillian at jillian.gibson@ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk.

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Star at home to Whitehill

RED STAR'S league game with Whitehill was called off last Saturday due to bad weather. The Lochgilphead side are due to play at home again this weekend in the quarter final of the Coronation Cup against Strathaven Dynamo. If the match is level after 90 minutes then the tie will go to penalties to determine who grabs a place in the semi-finals. The game at Ropework Park kicks off at 2.00pm.

Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 4, 10 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 4, 18 and 91 drawn. The jackpot will be £400 next week.

The Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week drew numbers 14, 15 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

The jackpot in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw will be £550 next week after another week passes with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 8, 12 and 15.

Fun Fours underway

FUN FOURS got underway again last Sunday at Lochgilphead Sports Centre. The weekly football training session is open to children in primaries two, three and four. The training takes place every Sunday at 11am and anyone interested in going along should bring both football boots and trainers, as bad weather means training will take place indoors.



Donald McCallum in action during Star's 7-0 drubbing of Dunoon

Dunoon see red as Star score seven without reply

Dunoon Under 17s 0
Lochgilphead Red Star Under 17s 7
LOCHGILPHEAD under-17s travelled to meet old rivals Dunoon YFL last Sunday in what usually turns out to be a very physical, competitive and close match. In what could be described as Lochgilphead's best performance to date, the team ran like a well-tuned machine and never allowed Dunoon to get off the starting blocks. Within 20 minutes, Donald McCallum had netted twice, and five minutes later Ally MacLennan met Stuart MacBrayne's fast and low corner, and almost burst the net with his powerful header. MacBrayne then found the net himself with a low shot past the stranded Dunoon keeper. This proved too much for Dunoon and they lost a player when he received a red card for a push on Lee Allen in the box. MacBrayne made no mistake with the resulting penalty to bring the game to 0-5 at the half time break. The second half got under way

with Dunoon getting a bit more possession without ever threatening to score, and Alistair MacVicar added to their misery when he blasted home a sixth goal. Again, Dunoon lost their discipline and over the remaining 30 minutes saw another two players red-carded for dangerous challenges on the Lochgilphead players. With the defence of Donald, Meechan, Watt and MacLennan completely watertight, goalkeeper Selfridge was a mere spectator.

Individual Skill
Shortly before the end of the match, midfielder Ryan MacConnachie blew onlookers away with a magnificent piece of individual skill in which he rounded most of the remaining Dunoon players and slotted the ball into the net to bring the score to 0-7 at full time. A well-deserved win for a very mature and disciplined Lochgilphead side, who meet Gourrock next Sunday at Ropework Park, 1pm kick-off.

'Full Metal Jacket' out for two seasons

TOUGH-TACKLING defender Sandy Macvicar is made of sterner stuff than most. The Kyles Athletic man cemented his reputation as one of shinty's finest after playing through much of last season with a shattered wrist. But it emerged this week, as Kyles Athletic prepared to take on rivals Inveraray, that Macvicar's injury will force him off the pitch for the next two seasons. Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on Monday, Sandy said: 'It was damaged at some point but I didn't realise and I thought it was

a niggler that would go away. 'Then I went to the doctor who thought it was tendonitis and I was back and forward to the hospital.'

Diagnosed
After Sandy was diagnosed with a shattered wrist, it became clear that his determination to play through the pain barrier would cost him and his team dearly. As the defender now faces up to two years on the sidelines battling to recover, his absence will be felt by Kyles who are being forced to field a number of untried youngsters this season. Sandy is one of a

number of players that will be absent from the Tighnabruaich side this season after a run of bad luck sees the team lose Grant Irvine to injury and Peter Currie, who has emigrated to America. Sandy, dubbed 'Full Metal Jacket' by teammates thanks to his defensive heroics in last season's Macaulay Cup Final, will undergo an operation to fuse his wrist on March 22 and, in typically determined fashion, is already looking forward to making his return to the team. He said: 'I love shinty and I'd rather be playing than just standing about.'

Joe rolls back the years

IT was a familiar face that topped the podium on week 13 of Tarbert Golf Club's winter league. Joe MacFarlane plotted his way round Glenralloch and posted a very impressive 21 points. Joe took one for the Sunday crew and showed the young pups how to play the course. Second after a count back and in the money for the second week running was Gordon MacCaffery on the same score 21 points.

Support Sport Relief Mile

RUNNERS, walkers and joggers are being called upon this week to lend their support to national charity Sport Relief. The Mid Argyll Sports Centre, alongside Mid Argyll Active Schools, is urging families throughout the region to get active and take part in the Sport Relief Mile. **Community** Hosting three sport relief events across one mile, three mile and six mile distances, it is

hoped the whole community will take part. Jillian Gibson, active schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll said: 'There are no barriers to this event, walking, jogging, running or pushing a pram, this is a day for all age-groups and abilities.' The three Sport Relief journeys begin at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre on March 25. To take part log on to www.sportrelief.co.uk

Feathers fly at Lochgilphead Sports Centre

THE LATEST round of the A&B Badminton Championship, supported by Jolomo, took place at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre in Lochgilphead on Saturday. Prize Winners: Gents singles winner: Steven Stewart, Helensburgh. Runner up: Ali

McDonald, Mid Argyll Badminton Association (MABA). Ladies singles winner: Karen MacCorquodale, Oban. Runner up: Catriona Gunn, MABA. Gents doubles winners: Steven Stewart and Alan Crawford, Helensburgh. Runners up: Ali McDonald

and Simon Morrison. Ladies doubles winners: Ann MacKenzie and Karen MacCorquodale, Oban. Runners up: Helen McDonald, Helensburgh and Catriona Gunn, MABA. Mixed doubles winners: Steven Stewart and Helen McDonald, Helens-

burgh. Runners up: Ali McDonald, MABA and Ann MacKenzie, Oban. Gents veterans doubles winners: Alex Stewart and George Sloss, Helensburgh. Runners up: Duncan MacBrayne and Gavin Brown. Player of the tournament: Mark Stocks.

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