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Lighthouse Caledonia jobs secure

£17m investment set to
turn company around

WORKERS at Lighthouse Caledonia breathed a sigh of relief last week after the company announced a £17m inward investment which will see local fisheries jobs safe.

As Scotland's largest salmon producer, Lighthouse Caledonia employs 200 people across Scotland, including 55 workers at their processing plant in Cairndow.

Following a restructuring process, Northern Link Ltd, a global private equity investor advised by Edinburgh-based First Mercantile Partners LLP, has now taken a controlling interest in the company.

Jim Mullins of First

Mercantile Partners, spokesman for the new owners, said: 'This major strategic investment in Lighthouse Caledonia shows how optimistic we are about the company's position in the Scottish salmon market.'

'As a result of this share issue, Lighthouse Caledonia will be able to increase its working capital and reduce and restructure its outstanding debt.'

'As controlling shareholder, Northern Link intends to work closely with management and other shareholders to enhance the current operations, expand its markets and opportunities

**By Jenny
Sutherland**

for growth and increase shareholder value.'

Lighthouse Caledonia suffered a cash flow crisis in 2008, and around 130 staff lost their jobs at the end of last year when the company closed its processing plant in Stornoway. Lighthouse Caledonia came perilously close to bankruptcy earlier this year.

OddGeir Oddsen, Lighthouse Caledonia's chief executive, said: 'This decision transforms the future of the company. It shores up our balance sheet and

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World Book Day celebrated

Pirates, wizards and superheroes were just some of the character from books brought to life by children at Lochgilphead Primary last week. The pupils dressed as their favourite characters from fiction to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday March 5. A few of the teachers also joined in with the fancy dress. The school's parent teacher association also ran a book fair on Wednesday and Thursday to promote reading among the children. Pictured are Harry Potter, Roald Dahl's Grand High Witch, Men in Black, Laura from Little House on the Prairie and one of the 101 Dalmatians.

Alcohol seized

POLICE in Lochgilphead seized various amounts and types of alcohol from underage drinkers last weekend.

Cider was taken from youngsters in Union Street, Lochgilphead last Friday night at 10.30pm.

On Saturday night police confiscated alcohol from youths in Union Street at 6.45pm and at 10.20pm on the same night alcohol was seized from underage drinkers in Lorne Street, Lochgilphead.

Drink driver

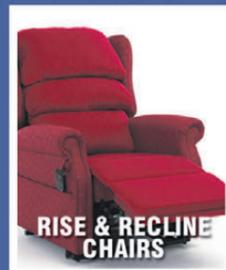
A MAN was stopped by police on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead last Wednesday (March 4) for allegedly drink driving. The incident took place at around 7pm.

Red diesel theft

AROUND 1000 litres of red diesel was stolen from a tank in Forestry land above Lochgair on Tuesday morning.

Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

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Council meetings

THE NEXT meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council will take place on Monday April 6 at 7.30pm in the town's Community Centre.

Ardrihaig's next meeting will take place on Tuesday April 7 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Tarbert will hold their April meeting on Thursday April 9 at 7.30pm in Templar Arts and Leisure Centre.

Revenue scam

POLICE in Lochgilphead are urging people to be on their guard after an elderly woman received a telephone call from someone posing as an Inland Revenue official. The woman was asked for her bank details. Police said this is a scam and people need to be alert to this sort of calls.

Car on roof

A CAR ended up on its roof after an early morning road crash last Wednesday (March 4).

No one was injured during the incident, which happened on the A83 at Tarbert.

Craignish votes on forest buy-out

'We are not barking up the wrong tree in terms of what the community wants'

RESIDENTS of a Mid-Argyll community are being asked to vote on whether to purchase 120 hectares of woodland from the Forestry Commission.

Craignish Community Company want to use land at Salachry for ten new woodland crofts and a community-owned biomass business. They hope it will provide much-needed housing, a number of jobs and an amenity for the community and visitors.

Maddy Leslie, a company director, said: 'The community's ideas have formed this. The ballot confirms that we are not barking up the wrong tree in terms of

what the community wants. It would not just be addressing the housing need, but the desire of many to work the land.'

Under the National Forest Land Scheme, communities can apply to buy publicly-owned forest for the creation of new woodland crofts. Crofters could not clear all the trees from the land, but could graze pigs or poultry under tree-cover, manage the wood and cultivate a portion of the land.

Alongside new crofts, the company plan to develop one third of the forest commercially, by selling woodchip and split logs, and put a further 40 hectares to community use with new paths, bike trails and volunteering opportunities.

On Wednesday evening, Craignish Village Hall hosted an information meeting. Ballot papers were sent out to residents, who have until March 30 to vote by post on the buy-out plan.



Orange chocolate cakes with a musical theme baked by two music centre members were a hit at the coffee afternoon. A11mus01

Coffee afternoon is music to Tarbert's ears

COFFEE drinkers and music lovers turned out in force to support Tarbert Music Centre on Saturday.

The organisation hosted a coffee afternoon in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, raising £432.

Some of the centre's students and instructors provided live music throughout the afternoon to accompany the hot drinks and home baking.

Co-ordinator Paula McLean said the music project provided instruments and lessons from professional musicians to 65 children. She added: 'Our funding comes from Scottish Arts Council and Argyll and Bute Council, as well as donations. We are very reliant on the support of local people.' Paula also passed on her thanks to all who helped on the day.

Ardrihaig Christian Aid group plans two campaigns

A LOCAL charity is taking part in two new campaigns. At a recent meeting, Christian Aid's Ardrihaig committee heard from Diane Green, campaign officer for Christian Aid Scotland, about their work on climate change and tax evasion by wealthy countries.

Diane said: 'Climate change is one of the world's most urgent problems. A solution that only suits richer countries won't be fair and it won't work.'

She added an interna-

tional conference in Copenhagen this December would try to find a way forward.

The local Christian Aid group has put pledge cards to send to the Prime Minister about the issue in the library and Lochgilphead and Ardrihaig post offices.

The second campaign is the Big Tax Return, to stop tax evasion by rich companies in poor countries. Diane said: 'Tax is the main way western governments raise revenue to provide

essential public services. In contrast, poorer countries are unable to raise money in a similar way partly because multinational companies operating within these countries move large amounts of profits to tax havens.'

Christian Aid estimates that tax evasion costs poorer countries a minimum of US\$160 bn a year in lost revenue, more than the total aid budget. To find out more about the Big Tax Return, email dgreen@christianaid.org

Witnesses wanted

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a violent robbery at the Lochawe Boatyard, Ardbrecknish, in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

An employee of the boatyard was awoken by an alarm at 1.45am at was confronted by at least four males who assaulted him.

Cash and fishing goods as well as a 4x4 vehicle were stolen before the group made off.

Police discovered the 4x4 vehicle burnt out near the junction of the A85 and A819, near Dalmally.

A police spokesman said: 'This was a particularly distressing incident for the member of staff who was confronted with a considerable level of violence.'

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24-hour swim marathon planned

Swim Fest to save Mid Argyll pool

SWIMMERS from across Argyll will take a 24-hour plunge in a bid to raise vital funds for the much-loved Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.

One of the most ambitious fundraising events ever to save a local amenity will take place on the night of April 3 into April 4.

Swimmers of all ages will don their goggles to swim in thirty-minute slots through the night in a bid to keep the swimming pool afloat.

Last week it was announced that the pool faced imminent closure. A bank overdraft of just £10,000 had been frozen, meaning the pool and its dedicated group of staff could have had to close the pool doors 'within days.'

But immediately the users of the swimming pool sprang into action, led by the Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club, and an emergency meeting last week came

up with a series of innovative measures designed to keep the doors of the swimming pool open.

The first of many fundraising events will be the 24-hour swim. From today (Friday March 13) application forms will be available from the swimming pool for participation in the 'Swim Fest'.

Sponsor forms will be available for everyone taking part, and each swimmer will buy a 30-minute slot for £5 at any time during the twenty-four hours, beginning at 6.30pm on April 3 and ending at 6.30pm on April 4.

Thanks to the prompt action of the swimming pool users, letters have been sent out to local businesses and already MacQueen Brothers of Oban have pledged from their Community Benefit Fund a donation of £1,000 to the swimming pool rescue fund.

Stephen Whiston, from the Tri and Cycle Club and now a co-opted member of the swimming pool board, said: 'We are confident we can secure the future of the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. I am sure everyone in this area will agree that the pool is one of the key elements of Mid Argyll's infrastructure promoting the dynamism and vibrancy of our rural community.'



Mother and daughter Jae and Julia Ferguson make art from Rhudle Burn clay, as used by their ancestors. a11wom01

Women at Kilmartin Museum

THE lives of Argyll women, past, present and future, was the focus of a day of activities at Kilmartin House Museum last Sunday.

The museum, working with Argyll's Women@Work network, celebrated International Women's Day with art workshops, complementary therapies and story-telling. The day concluded with a talk by museum curator Dr Sharon Webb on prehistoric women in the local area.

Katy Crowson of Kilmartin museum said: 'So far the archaeology has focused on males - warriors and kings. We thought this would be a really nice way to get women back in the historical picture.'



Pictured is Ross Blackwell (left) with his apprentice coordinator, Ian Wilson at the Lantra awards ceremony. a11lan01

Land-based Learner Awards

ARGYLLSHIRE lads returned from the Lantra Land-based Learner of the Year Awards in Crieff with an impressive haul of trophies.

Riding high on success was Kilmichael Glen's Ross Blackwell who scooped the Highlands and Islands Area Learner of the Year award as well as winning the Modern Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber with Forestry Commission Scotland.

Ross, who is based with the Commission in Lochgilphead, was thrilled to be nominated.

The 22-year-old said: 'It was great to get to this stage but to come back with two prizes is just brilliant. I'm really pleased.'

Forestry Commission apprentice coordinator, Ian Wilson, who has overseen Ross's two years with the Commission, said: 'I'm pleased he was awarded the trees and timber award but to win the Highlands and Islands Area Learner of the Year was really impressive.'

Aquaculture

Also taking home a prize was Iain Clerk from Lochgilphead who won the Aquaculture Learner of the Year award after completing a SVQ Level two in Aquaculture with Inverness College.

The sixth annual Lantra awards ceremony was held on Thursday February 26 at Crieff Hydro.

Salmon jobs are secure

Continued from page 1 removes any problems we had with cash flow.

'We are now in a much stronger position, which will allow us to take advantage of opportunities which come along. It also greatly increases the Scottish ownership of the company, allowing greater autonomy going forward.'

'Many companies in this sector are rigidly

controlled from Norway but a higher level of Scottish ownership will allow more decisions to be taken at a local level.'

Jim Mather, Argyll and Bute MSP, commented: 'Lighthouse Caledonia provides important employment at many locations where work is scarce and where job losses would have had a severely disproportionate effect. I am de-

lighted to learn of the successful turnaround and hope and trust that the company will now prosper.'

Lighthouse Caledonia plans to harvest roughly 23,000 tonnes of Scottish salmon in 2009. More than 60 per cent of sales are within the UK market with the rest exported to France, Belgium, the rest of Europe, the USA and Japan.

Christmas lights

THE Lochgilphead-Christmas Lights Committee will be holding their next meeting next Tuesday (March 17).

Held in Lochgilphead Community Centre, the committee will be looking into the 2009 display. The financial sponsors have been invited to attend.

Speed warning

FOUR motorists were issued with warnings over their speed in Lochgair village last Thursday (March 5).

Public hall vandalism

ARDRISHAIG Public Hall had a window cracked last Friday (March 6). Police are treating the incident as vandalism.

Lorry blocks road

A LORRY partially blocked the A83 at Furnace last Friday (March 6) after it left the road at around 8.40am.

No one was injured during the incident and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon.

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Warrants approved

BUILDING warrants have been approved to convert a garage into four flats at The Garage House, Skipness, members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area committee heard last week.



A crowd of more than 100 turned out to debate a timber route proposals. a11tar02

Hot debate

Majority backing for Tarbert timber by-pass

A CROWD of more than 100 hotly debated proposals for timber lorries to by-pass Tarbert last week.

Both supporters and opponents of the contro-

versial plans to upgrade the B8024 to take timber traffic were vocal. But those who took part in an informal ballot after the meeting voted three to one to back it.

Ian Arnold, of the Argyll Timber Transport Group, said it was inevitable timber traffic would increase: 'All I want to know is whether the people of Tarbert want or do not want it. The timber will grind on. We won't be leaving the trees in the ground.'

The group wants to invest £600,000 in strengthening the road and extending lay-bys, allowing the current 25 tonne weight limit to be lifted.

Neil Duncan, who owns land needed for the works, spoke against the plans. He said the single-track road was an important walking, jogging and horse-riding route and could not be made suitable for heavy goods vehicles within



Ian Arnold of Argyll Timber Transport Group wants to upgrade a back road so timber lorries avoid Tarbert village. a11tar01

the budget proposed. He said: 'If the day comes when the council seeks a compulsory purchase order, then they will know they have a fight on their hands.'

He added that the plan would jeopardise the safety, amenity and environment of the community, a claim disputed by Stewart Turner, Argyll and Bute Council head of roads.

A petition signed by 53 traders fearful of losing passing trade if lorries were re-routed was

also presented to the meeting. But its author, Duncan Henderson, ended up backing the plan. He said new road signs directing drivers into Tarbert for services and labelling the timber haulage route would satisfy his concerns.

A haulier told the meeting the village roads were not wide enough in some places for two lorries to pass each other without mounting the pavement. He said drivers would prefer to use the

Glenralloch Road. The outcome of the meeting was discussed at last night's (Thursday's) Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, when the issue appeared on the agenda for the fourth time in a year.

'The villagers of Tarbert have shown by an overwhelming majority that they support the upgrade of B8042', said Alan Reid MP after the meeting. 'I hope that work will be carried out speedily to implement their wishes.'

We travel more per head than rest of UK

THE HIGHLANDS and Islands Transport Partnership has been lobbying the region's Members of Parliament at Westminster.

Following a round table meeting HITRANS chairman Duncan MacIntyre said: 'Because of our geography we travel more per head in the Highlands and Islands than in other parts of the UK.'

'If we wish to develop a sustainable economy while minimising the impact we have on the environment, one of the biggest elements of our carbon footprint we can manage and reduce is in the transport sector. Our knowledge and experience at HITRANS can help advise the Scottish and National Governments



HITRANS at the Palace of Westminster, left to right: project director Dave Duthie, Charles Kennedy MP, HITRANS chairman Duncan MacIntyre and Alan Reid MP.

on the economic and environmental impact of future developments in transport. This is particularly vital in having the Highlands and Islands fully involved in implementing the Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review.'

Councillor MacIntyre and HITRANS Partnership Director Dave Duthie arranged a meet-

ing with all Highlands and Islands MPs, and had detailed discussions with Charles Kennedy, Alan Reid, Danny Alexander and Alistair Carmichael.

Amongst the items up for discussion were possible developments in European legislation on allowable travelling times for livestock. If changed, these could have a major impact on

farming and crofting in the region.

After the meeting Duncan MacIntyre said: 'Our liaison work on strategic transport issues will continue with MPs, MSPs and MEPs and we will encourage a commitment by the governments to collaborate with councils and regional transport partnerships in delivering real improvements in transport services in a sustainable way. We see this approach as the only way to ensure best delivery of services in the Highlands and Islands and we intend, through partnership, to develop a bank of projects to tackle the national transport constraints identified in the Strategic Transport Projects Review.'

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Furnace couple do their bit for red squirrels

IT'S time for a 'red alert' to save Argyll's red squirrels, say a Furnace couple.

Not only have Ian and Noreen Gow been leaving nuts for the creatures, but they have put up handmade squirrel homes on their property. The squirrel boxes are also sold locally to raise funds for Cumlodden parish church and Furnace Village Hall.

Noreen said: 'We have been feeding them for about 15 years. It costs us a fortune, but we don't have much other entertainment so we reckon it's money well spent.'

Ian added: 'It's not

just that we like them, but they are an endangered species, so much under threat.'

The couple were delighted to read of the Save Scotland's Red Squirrels project in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* last month. Only 121,000 red squirrels are thought to remain in Scotland, with fears that they could be wiped out as grey squirrels encroach.

The retired couple have had up to seven reds resident in their garden, as well as a family of pine martins and countless birds.

But their concern for wildlife stretches beyond their home and garden. As well as selling his squirrel boxes through the village store and at community events, Ian has also supplied them to the National Trust for Scotland's Crarae Gardens. He has made dozens of the boxes, using off-cuts of wood from M & K MacLeod builders.



Noreen and Ian Gow have been feeding and housing red squirrels in their garden for 15 years. A11squl



A regular visitor to the Gow's garden snacks on nuts in one of their special squirrel boxes.

Speeding motorists still major concern for police

SPEEDING in built up areas of Mid Argyll is the focus of Argyll Road Policing Department.

Drivers are continuing to flout the law despite several warnings from officers in recent months.

Inspector David Ferguson, of Argyll's Road Policing Department, said community's needs must come first.

'We will be targeting areas that are our greatest concern. Motorists speeding in built up areas continue to be a

problem and we will be using both education and enforcement to get the message across,' explained Inspector Ferguson.

Areas of particular concern for the police include; the A83 in Ardrishaig at Seaside Park and the A83 at Barmore and Campbeltown road in Tarbert.

Technology

Inspector Ferguson said police have the power to use varied technology to detect speeding motorists, in-

cluding; inbuilt vehicle cameras, hand-held devices and unmarked police vehicles.

'All of the above technology will be used to monitor vehicles in these particular areas, and drivers who flout the law can expect to get a minimum of three penalty points and a £60 fine. Drivers who travel at a high speed will be reported to the courts where convictions can lead to a high monetary fine and a potential for disqualification,' added

Inspector Ferguson.

In the last month police issued 129 conditional fixed penalty offers to drivers in Argyll for varying traffic offences.

Lives Lost

In 2008 there were 11 fatal road deaths crashes where a total of 13 people lost their lives in Argyll and Bute.

People concerned about speeding motorists in their area can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0880 555 111.

Boat jumble

CRAIGNISH'S annual boat jumble and car boot sale will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, March 21 from 10.30pm to 2.30pm.

Jan Brown said there would be bargains for sailors and landlubbers alike, as well as bargains and refreshments.

Pitches can be booked by calling 01852 500 689.

Dancing birds

THE RSPB is looking for volunteers to help monitor black grouse at sites throughout Argyll during their annual mating spectacle. Males gather at a lek to dance and display their feathers in order to attract a female. Contact Andy Robinson for more information on 0141 331 0993.

Community quiz

A QUIZ will be held in Ford Village Hall to raise funds for the community project on Saturday, March 14. The community is also planning a litter pick on April 5.



Otters have been found close to where Scottish Water is carrying out work to improve drinking water pipes at Furnace.

Furnace works on time, says Scottish W-otter

WORK to upgrade five miles of water mains at Furnace and Minard has nearly reached the half way point, despite an unexpected wildlife encounter.

Stuart Flaws of Scottish Water said an environmental survey found evidence of otters living close to where drinking water pipes are being replaced. In response, contractors Carillion

moved on to another part of the route but insist that the works will still be completed by the summer.

Habitat

Mr Flaws said: 'We'll return to the area around the otter's habitat at a more suitable point in the project.'

The contractors will need a license to work in the area where otter holts and couches were

found, as the creatures are protected by law.

Mr Flaws added: 'The project is still on course for completion in late summer and we expect to reach the half way point by the end of the month. It is important to the team that we successfully deliver this project for those living on the banks of Loch Fyne - both human and otter.'

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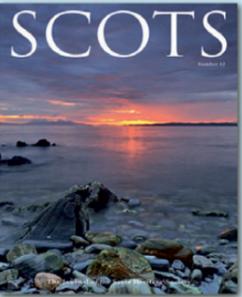


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Breabach to perform at Tayvallich

FROM the Royal Albert Hall to Tayvallich Village Hall, firebrand Scottish folk band Breabach are to include Argyll on their spring tour.

Fresh from Celtic Connections, the award-winning group is set to release its second album in 2009.

Andy Lees, chairman of the hall committee, said: 'Breabach's UK spring tour is sure to create a storm in the world of traditional and roots music. We are very proud to be hosting their only Argyll show in Tayvallich.'

'So make a date in your diary to join Calum MacCrimmon on pipes, whistles and backing vocals, Patsy Reid on five string fiddle and vocals, Ewan Robertson on guitar and vocals and Donald Brown on pipes, flute, whistles and stepdance.'

Proceeds from the gig will go to the village hall.



The students at Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown, where they held sessions for all age groups during their 10-day visit.

Students on a mission

STUDENTS from Capernwray Hall Bible School took part in a 10-day Outreach to Campbeltown with the Highland Parish Church.

The five students ran a 'Pirate Club' in the Kirk Street Hall for primary 1 to primary 5 from the Monday to Friday after school, with 'The Hangout' for primary 6 and 7s. S1- S4 were treated to a 'Chill' session with a forum provided for older teenagers to come and chat informally to the students.

Assemblies

As well as holding these sessions the group also visited four primary schools in the area, and took thought-provoking morning assemblies at Campbeltown Grammar School, and participated in a Youth Evening at Springbank Church.

They also appeared on Argyll FM, shared in church service and even

climbed the Lorne and Lowland Church tower.

Kaitlyn Boone from USA, Daniel Grant from the UK, Holland's Rebecca van Keil, Cameron Gates from China and Elizabeth Cousino from the United Arab Emirates are from the Capernwray Hall in Lancashire which is a residential centre where people come from all over the world to study the Bible. It is part of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship of Torchbearers.

The events were brought to a fitting conclusion with an All-Age Service in the Highland Church on Sunday, March 8.

Rev Mike Lind said: 'We're extremely grateful to the student team for all they managed to do during their stay, and to everyone who helped to make them feel so much at home here in Campbeltown.'

Ross steps in for Hector at Dalriada

THE DALRIADA Accordion and Fiddle club meets next Tuesday with a visit from popular Oban bandleader, Ross MacPherson, who has kindly stepped in at the last minute to replace his friend Hector McFadyen, now on the

mend after a hospital visit.

Ross, who hails from Skye, always serves up a highly popular mix of West Coast magic, marches, jigs, reels, strathspeys, with the highlight possibly being his Gaelic waltzes which few can better.

Pipe Tunes

The line-up of the Trio is to be confirmed, and hopefully Ross' regular drummer, Angus McColl, will be with him, for, as all Dalriada fans are aware, this will mean we shall be treated to one or two pipe tunes in the course of the evening.

The programme starts promptly at 7.30pm with local artists, and all musicians willing to offer a tune will be most welcome, as will all spectators.

So do come along for another Dalriada Club night and enjoy an evening of great Scottish music in the company of Ross MacPherson.



Ross MacPherson from Oban will play at next week's Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle club meeting.

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Schools pipe bands perform in South Uist

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band joined forces with Sgiol Lionacleit Pipe Band to play a concert on South Uist recently. Both bands are pictured with Father Roddy MacAulay.

Blazin' Fiddles founder to tutor at workshops

FOUNDING member of Blazin' Fiddles Bruce MacGregor will tutor fiddle workshops in Campbeltown on March 26. Rebecca Brown is also to return to Campbeltown for the fifth workshop organized by Kintyre Music Tuition, Kintyre Fiddlers and the Kintyre Cultural Forum on April 17.



Bruce MacGregor

Both these fiddle workshops will take place in the Kirk Street Hall, and the inspirational MacGregor will also play a concert on March 26 and supporting Bruce will be Campbeltown's The Wild Sarachs, Carradale's Lorne MacDougall

and Ross Kennedy amongst other guest performers. Bruce will tutor an intermediate workshop at 4.30pm and one forexprienced players at 5.30pm, with the concert beginning at 8pm. Ticket costing £6 are available from AP Taylors, Main Street and the Volunteer Centre, Longrow South, Campbeltown. If you are interested in booking onto a workshop or want more information please phone Iain at 01586 552034 or email kmatg@hotmail.co.uk.

Chamber music trio to tour Argyll

PIANO, clarinet and soprano is an unusual yet highly attractive ensemble for Chamber music, and this is exactly what the Music Clubs in Lochgilphead and Campbeltown have on offer in the next few days. 'The Eisd Trio' - Matthew Brown (piano), Alex South (clarinet) and Shuna Scott-Sendall (soprano) will perform for the MAAA tomorrow Saturday at 7.30pm in the Ardrishaig Hall, and then (via Oban) for the Kintyre Music Society next Tuesday at the same time in the Lorne and Lowland Church hall.

'Eisd' is the Gaelic for 'Listen' and the Trio formed in 2004; since when they have performed at numerous UK venues and festivals. They have brought the wealth of attractive music for voice, clarinet and piano to many audiences, and for their ABCT tour of Argyll, their programme includes music by Cherubini, Schubert, Bliss, Spohr, Schumann, Musgrave, Arnold and John McCabe.

orchestras and Alex as a key member of the Scottish Clarinet Quartet. So two exciting evenings of music in prospect which will appeal to singers, pianists and instrumentalists alike, as we welcome 'The Eisd Trio' to Ardrishaig (Saturday) and Campbeltown (Tuesday). **JH**

Recitalist Members of the Trio are also very active in other ways - Matthew as a composer and regular accompanist for Scottish Opera, Shuna as an opera soloist and a recitalist with leading



The Eisd Trio will play concerts in both Lochgilphead and Campbeltown.

Tarbert 999 fundraiser

THE charity fundraising day, which aims to raise money for the Air Ambulance, the retrieval team and HMS Gannet, will take place on Saturday March 21.

The day kicks off with a coffee morning and bottle stall at Templars Hall from 10am until midday.

Then from 1-4pm visitors can find out about the emergency services by visiting the Ambulance Station, Coastguard and the Fire and Rescue Service. The police are also hoping to have dogs, horses and police bikes on show.

The Air Sea rescue helicopter is also hoping to make an appearance.

And from 4pm those with a taste for sweets can get their gnashers into as many snowballs as they can in three minutes.

At night, the West Coast's very own, Skerryvore, will take to the stage to entertain crowds in Tarbert Village Hall. For more information contact Karen-Ann on 07836 677 375.

On Sunday, Highland Horseriding in Tarbert, will be hosting a charity ride from 11.30am. Riders must be competent at walk, trot and canter and riding over rough terrain. For more information on the ride contact Ileene Duncan on 01880 820583.

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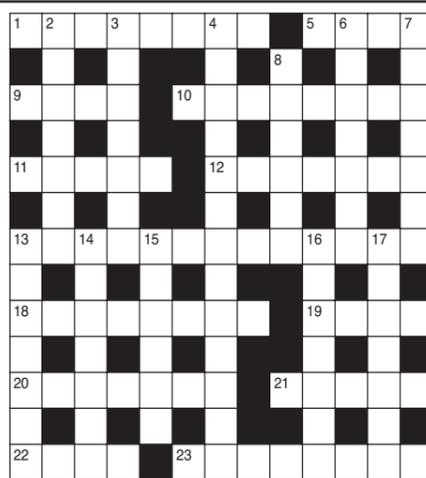
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

From Walt Disney Pictures comes an animated comedy adventure featuring a super-dog named **BOLT** (voice of JOHN TRAVOLTA), whose days are filled with danger and intrigue—at least until the cameras stop rolling. When the star of a hit TV show is accidentally shipped from his Hollywood soundstage to New York City, he begins his biggest adventure yet—a cross-country journey through the real world to get back to his owner and co-star, Penny (voice of MILEY CYRUS). Armed only with the delusions that all his amazing feats and powers are real, and the help of two unlikely traveling companions—a jaded, abandoned housecat named Mittens (voice of SUSIE ESSMAN) and a TV-obsessed hamster named Rhino (voice of MARK WALTON)—Bolt discovers he doesn't need superpowers to be a hero

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DOUBLE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Pig-sized amphibious rodent of Central and South America (8)
 - First man in the Old Testament (4)
 - Ship in which Jason sailed in search of the Golden Fleece (4)
 - Robert, 19c German composer of the piano pieces *Kreisleriana* (8)
 - Manuel, president of the Spanish republic until overthrown by Franco in 1939 (5)
 - Ancient Greek or Roman two-handled narrow-necked jar for wine or oil (7)
 - 1954 Ian Fleming novel (4,3,3,3)
 - Asian republic whose main seaport is Karachi (8)
 - Small Andean antelope with short straight horns and a reddish-brown spotted coat (4)
 - John, artist known as a book illustrator, notably for works by Lewis Carroll (7)
 - In classical mythology, the goddesses of the seasons (5)
 - 'The -', 1898 sculpture by Rodin (4)
 - Fourth period of the Palaeozoic era, during which amphibians first appeared (8)



- DOWN**
- Region of central Italy between the Adriatic and the Apennines (7)
 - Capital of the Cameroon Republic (7)
 - New Zealand cricketer who took 431 wickets and scored 3124 runs in his Test career (7,6)
 - Substance associated with a sixtieth wedding anniversary (7)
 - Walter, U.S. Democratic vice-president 1977-81 (7)
 - 'The Color -', novel by Alice Walker (6)
 - City and health resort in Russia on the Voronezh River (7)
 - Group of Scandinavian pirates who terrorised northern waters from the 8c to the 10c (7)
 - State capital of Texas (6)
 - 1903 novel by Joseph Conrad (7)
 - State of the central U.S. whose capital is Indianapolis (7)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 1 Hecuba; 4 Images; 9 Childhood's End; 10 Effendi; 11 India; 12 Chuck; 14 Banjo; 18 Yarra; 19 Rubicon; 21 Bouillabaisse; 22 Linnet; 23 Downes.

Down: 1 Hockey; 2 Cliff Thorburn; 3 Baden; 5 Madeira; 6 Glenda Jackson; 7 Saddam; 8 Loris; 13 Charlie; 15 Cymbal; 16 Arras; 17 Angels; 20 Bravo.

QUICK - Across: 1 Reiert; 4 Refute; 9 Communicative; 10 Precede; 11 Total; 12 Bathie; 14 Scent; 18 Trend; 19 Respite; 21 Preponderance; 22 Assist; 23 Pellet.

Down: 1 Recipe; 2 Temperateness; 3 Route; 5 Elastic; 6 Unintentional; 7 Evenly; 8 Mimed; 13 Hideous; 15 Utopia; 16 Pride; 17 Decent; 20 Serve.

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Hearth (8)
- Fashionable (4)
- Island (4)
- Thug (8)
- Laziness (5)
- Copy (7)
- Merchant ship (7,6)
- Vigorous (8)
- Secure (4)
- Furtiveness (7)
- Joyous (5)
- Row (4)
- Conceded (8)

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- Narrow-minded (7)
- Thrown out (7)
- Eminent (13)
- Cavalrymen (7)
- Hide (7)
- Hunger (6)
- Passage (7)
- Accomplish (7)
- Perfect standards (6)
- Mistrust (7)
- Compel (7)

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Richard McLellan was born and brought up in Lochgilphead. An ex-councillor of Lochgilphead town council, Richard tells the Argyllshire Advertiser why the town is special to him.



Richard McLellan at his favourite place in Lochgilphead, the front green. a11vi02

What makes the town special to you?

The size of Lochgilphead is great because its small enough to know a lot of people but big enough to have a supermarket.

The main reason for Lochgilphead is it's central and handy for Dunoon, Campbeltown and Oban.

Does it have an interesting history?

It is just a little place that is the seat of the Argyll and Bute Council Headquarters and that is really to do with its location.

How important is it to Lochgilphead? What

does it offer that other towns in the area can't?

The thing is about Lochgilphead is people came and went from here much more than they did from the villages round and about.

The accent has changed over the years. We've lost our local Gaelic and we all speak Clyde Estuary English now.

How would you describe the town to someone who has never been there?

A great little town at the top of Loch Gilp with an impressive front green and housing spreading

up the back. The people are warm and very inquisitive.

Were you born in Lochgilphead?

How long have you lived there?

I was born at Kilmory and I have spent my whole life in Lochgilphead apart from the four years I spent at Keil School in Dumbarton.

How much has the town changed since you were a child or moved there?

Children's lives are very different now from what they were like when I was young. We seemed to spend far more time outdoors.

We potted about in the Cularstich Burn and spent hours down at the seashore. The only fear in those days was polio. That was before the vaccine came out and I can still hear my mother telling me to wash my hands.

We used to cycle to Crinan and Tayvallich on those old bicycles without gears and with a seat which left your bum numb. We'd have a picnic with sandwiches wrapped in Micanda bread wrappers and then cycle home.

When I left school I worked for a time in the County Engineer's office.

Then, one day, I walked into the County Clerk's office, asked for a job and spent the next four years in admin.

I then moved to Aros and spent the rest of my working life in the NHS. I ended up as as-

sistant administrator at the Argyll and Bute Hospital. I also spent a term as a councillor when the town was a Burgh for six months. I was the youngest councillor in Scotland for a time also.

Do you have a favourite place or building in Lochgilphead?

The front green on a warm, sunny May afternoon with the Chestnuts in bloom and the tide in.

Do you have a favourite time of the year in Lochgilphead?

This area really comes to life in the Spring when everything is fresh and green.

What do visitors like about Lochgilphead?

The lovely countryside. We are in a very unique position here with beautiful rugged land and its gentle hills with special woods and trees.

What are the challenges facing Lochgilphead or how could it be improved?

The town centre really needs to be rejuvenated and specialist shops brought back. I really miss the old Lochgilphead pub culture. I know that I could walk into the smoky Stag public bar and would always have someone to talk to. There was always a good mixture of young and old in the pub.



Pictured is Richard (right), aged 14, in his Keil school blazer, with his younger brother, Douglas, aged 10.



Fourth place for Kintyre/Arran sheepdog team

Alex McCuish and Mirk who directs the sheep into the pen as he finishes the set. c11dog11

THE Kintyre/Arran team came fourth at the Scottish finals of the nursery sheepdog trials at Clochkeil Farm, Kintyre where it was held for the first time.

Held by kind permission of J and R Barr the competition saw 320 people coming to the area, including competitors, spectators and media crews.

Argyll and Bute Council awarded the competition £250 to fund hospitality and the local common good fund also put £250 towards the event.

Over the winter all the nine areas competed with

the top five from each area qualifying for the final and taking to the field during Saturday.

The weather stayed dry for most of the day with the odd downpour of rain making a surprise visit.

In the end Kintyre's team consisted of Alex McCuish who won the event last year from Skipness, with Peter Clark, John MacKillop, John McLaughlan and Jimmy McEachran.

Prizes were presented by Margaret Barr, from Clochkeil Farm and catering was supplied by Argyll Bakeries.

The event which started at 8am was judged by John Macdougall from Drymen who made the following placings:

Individuals: 1 with 89 points, Viv Parkes with Tweedhope Fay from Lanark, Lothian and Peebles, 2 with 88 points, Bobby Henderson with Tag from Lanark, Lothian and Peebles, 3 with 87 points, Euan MacKinnon with Gyp from the North of Scotland. The team prize: 1 Lanark, Lothian and Peebles, 2 North of Scotland, 3 Central, 4 Arran and Kintyre.

Market Reports

DALMALLY United Auctions

Bullocks
Aberdeen AngusX: £455 Goatfield £425 Machrins, Colonsay. British BlueX: £575 and £485 Garraron and Melfort Farms. CharolaisX: £600 and £565 - Balliemeanoch £525 - Couston Farm Co. LimousinX: £640 (2) and £610 (2) Cambusurich £605 (2) Garraron and Melfort Farms £570 (4) Balliemeanoch £565 (4) and £555 (5) Garraron and Melfort Farms £545 and £495 Glenshellach. Luings: £580, £475 and £455 Pitcastle Estate ShorthornX: £570 and £490 Pitcastle Estate SimmentalX: £570 (2), £565 and £540 Pitcastle Estate £505 Garvachy. **Heifers**
Aberdeen AngusX: £420 (2) Machrins Farm British BlueX: £565 and £500 Garraron and Melfort Farms. CharolaisX: £550 Couston Farm Co LimousinX: £620, £565 and £540 Garraron and Melfort Farms £525 Glenshellach £515 (3) Garraron and Melfort Farms. **Prices per kilo**
Bullocks
Aberdeen AngusX: 186p, 183p (6) Goat-

field. British BlueX: 183p Garraron and Melfort Farms. CharolaisX: 222p and 203p Balliemeanoch 202p Couston Farm Co. LimousinX: 244p (2) Cambusurich 215p (4) Balliemeanoch 213p (4) Garraron and Melfort Farms 206p Cambusurich (2) and Garraron and Melfort Farms (5). Luings: 194p and 193p (2) Pitcastle Estate ShorthornX: 197p Pitcastle Estate. SimmentalX: 202p Homefield, Colonsay 200p (2) Garvachy 197p (2) and 193p Pitcastle Estate. **Heifers**
British BlueX: 182p Garraron and Melfort Farms. CharolaisX: 200p and 192p Balliemeanoch LimousinX: 198p (3) Tullochcan. SimmentalX: 185p Garvachy. **Sheep**
Hoggs Blackface: £62.00 Cladich £58.50 Glenstrae Farmers Cross: £66.50 Barrachander Farm. SuffolkX: £58.00 Barrachander Farm Ewes £46.00 Balliemeanoch Farm.

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Bullocks
£630 Upper Largie, £620 Poltalloch, £605 Fidden, £540 Blarghour. **Heifers**
£610 Laganulva, £590 Tyree, £580 Mid, £570 Achnaba and Fidden. **Prices per kilo**
Bullocks : 202p Oban Seil Croft, 195p 19 East Hynish, 180p Invernahyle, 176p Selma **Heifers**: 187p Tyree, 185p Airds, 183p Fidd-

STIRLING United Auctions

Bullocks
Up to 250kgs Bankend £460, 210.8p; 251-300kgs Braendam£640, Clatto 226.8p; 301-350kgs Cretlevane £790, 231.7p; 351-400kgs Goodrees £890, Killoccraw 222.8p; 401-450kgs Townhead £930, Middle Coldrain 209.2p; 451-500kgs Cretlevane £990, West Shirva 210.5p; 501-550kgs Carmichael £1020, Townhead 191.4p; 551-600kgs Carmichael £1090, Glenehervie 182.8p; 601-650kgs Easter Moffat £1110, Mid Cambushinnie 182.1p; 651-700kgs Holehouse £1110, Victoria 163.7p. **Heifers**
Up to 250kgs Kilpatrick £400, Bankend 169.6p; 251-300kgs

Kilpatrick £590, 198.7p; 301-350kgs No 9 Killeonan £660, Hartwood 200.3p; 351-400kgs Cretlevane £1150, 315.9p; 401-450kgs Tonthead £895, Carsloe 218.9p; 451-500kgs Glenehervie £980, 205.9p; 501-550kgs Torbrex £1010, 190.6p; 551-600kgs Whitfield £970, 170.8p; 601-650kgs Largiemore £960, Clydeside 150.8p

OTM Cows
Monzie British BlueX£1095, 156p; Bannaty SimmentalX £1085, 137.3p; Langbank CharolaisX £1055, Knock O Ronald 126.8p; Loanhead of Duchally LimousinX £935, Croft 155.8p; Croft (SalerX) £815, 117.8p; Inchgall (Holstein Friesian) £785, Midhouse 112.8p;

OTM Bulls
Clydeside SimmentalX£1220, 134.7p Also forward 1043 store hoggets and grit ewes and ewes with lambs at foot **Sheep - Hoggets**
Croft (Cont) £73.50; Balgowan Texel £68.50; Drumessie Suffolk & Beltex£67; Place (Mule) £62; Dunans Blackface£55; Callard (Blackface ewe) £51 Grit Ewes Tullygorm Blackface£47.50 Feeding ewes Place Blackface £46.50

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CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 140 store cattle, six young bulls and six Over 30 Month cattle, plus 700 hoggets and ewes at Oban last week when sheep hit the highest trade ever experienced at the centre.

Suffolk hoggs from Homestead, Ardferrin and Mules from Dalranoch, Connel both sold to £72, with Limousin bullocks from 19 East Hynish, Tiree selling to 210p per kilo.

Bullocks averaged at 172.3p per kilo with three 230kg Limousins from 19 East Hynish selling to 210p per kg and £640 for a 370kg Limousin from Achnaba, North Connel. Heifers averaged 161.1p and sold to 195p per kilo for a 225kg Limousin from No3 Balleuillan, Tiree and to £620 for a 335kg Lim-

ousin from Upper Largie, Kilmartin.

Young bulls averaged 168p and sold to 180p per kilo for a 200kg Limousin from Back of Keppoch and to £450 for a 270kg Limousin from 19 East Hynish, Tiree.

An eight-year old Limousin bull from Scoor, Bunessan, Isle of Mull sold to £950 while in-calf cows from Invernahyle fetched £720.

Texel hoggs from Inion sold to £71 with Mule ewes from Arden-capple and Scammadale fetching £59.

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Kintyre stock sell at Stirling

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Bullocks averaged 185.5p (+5.5p) and sold to 231.7p per kg for a Charolais cross from Cretlevane and £1,110 for a Limousin cross from Easter Moffat.

Bullocks from Killoccraw sold to 222p per kilo and 182.8p per kilo from Glenehervie.

Heifers averaged 172.7p (+7.6p) and sold to 315.9p per kg for a Charolais cross from Cretlevane and £1,150 for another Charolais cross also from Cretlevane.

Heifers from Glenehervie sold to £980, and £960 Largie more. No9 Killeonan sold to £660.

Cast cows averaged 110.4p and sold to 156p and £1095 for a Belgian Blue cross from Monzie.

Continental hoggs from Croft sold to £73.50 with Texel crosses from Baggowan to £68.50.

Blackface hoggs from Dunans fetched £55 with ewes hoggs from Callard to £51.


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MOTHERHOOD has always been revered and in pagan times motherhood was even considered sacred. With the arrival of Christianity the Mother of Christ took pride of place and a day dedicated to her was called Mothering Sunday.

The day was considered very special in society right up to the 19th century. Servants were given time off to return to their birth homes carrying gifts for their mothers. They were also expected to visit the church in which they were baptised - their 'Mother Church'. The gifts they brought to their mothers included wild flowers, small items of hand em-

broider and a simnel cake. Mothering Sunday fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent when most 'good people' were fasting but special dispensation was given for the eating of this simnel cake. By the beginning of the 20th century Mothering Sunday had become less important in the church calendar and certainly less important to the populace in general. The celebration of Mother's Day as we know it came to Britain in the 1940s on the heels of American forces sent to join in the war. Celebrating one's mother may be carried out in two ways, by giving her a gift and by taking her out

for a special meal. Traditional gifts follow on those gifts of earlier times though the flowers chosen now would seldom be wild. Small pieces of embroidery are perhaps rare and in their place are small, exquisite pieces of jewellery. She may prefer some delicious chocolates, hand-made sweets or even that traditional simnel cake. A little thought is all you really need. Going out for a family meal in her honour is the other popular way of celebrating the day. For the family it's a way of showing their appreciation for all she has done for them. For the mother, and grandmother too, it's an opportunity to

enjoy a meal she has not had to prepare, cook or clear away afterwards. Choosing the venue is important. It should be somewhere special, preferably special to the mother concerned. A nice touch is to have a beautiful bouquet delivered to the table as she arrives or have a small gift placed by her plate as a surprise. Your mother is a very special person in your life and it doesn't hurt to tell her so. Celebrate her special day in a special way and make it a day to remember - until next year anyway. But remember, it is a popular day so do book your table early.

Simnel Cake

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

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

Method
Pre-heat oven to 150 °C / 300 °F / Gas 2. Butter and line the base and sides of a 20 cm (8 inch) deep round cake tin with buttered greaseproof paper. Place all the cake ingredients in a large bowl and beat well until completely blended. Place half the mixture in the prepared tin and level the surface. Take one-third of the almond paste and roll it out into a circle the size of the tin. Place it on top of the cake mixture. Spoon the remaining cake mixture over and smooth the surface. Bake for about two-and-a-half hours until well risen and firm to the touch. Cover with foil after 1 hour if the top is browning too quickly. Allow the cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire

rack to cool completely. When the cake has cooled, brush the top with a little warmed apricot jam and roll out half the remaining almond paste to fit the top. Press firmly on the top and crimp the edges to decorate. Mark a criss-cross pattern on the almond paste with a sharp knife. Form the remaining almond paste into 11 balls to represent the 11 apostles (not counting Judas). Brush the almond paste with beaten egg and arrange the balls around the outside. Brush the tops of the balls with egg as well. Place the cake under a hot grill to turn the almond paste golden. Decorate with crystallised flowers such as violets, primroses and jonquils, if liked.

Tarbert's skiff-le group push their own boat out

YOUNG people in Tarbert are one step closer to launching their own traditional Loch Fyne skiff.

They are following in the footsteps of their grandparents and great-grandparents with the project started 18 months ago, involving a group of young people in constructing their own skiff from scratch, while learning about the history of skiff-building on Loch Fyne.

Last week, they rolled their craft out of Tarbert Yacht Club for the final preparations.

The larch planking, finished with a traditional mix of Stockholm tar and boiled linseed

oil, will be exposed to the weather for a few weeks to tighten up the planking overlaps.

Meanwhile the youngsters are learning metal work and welding in order to construct a launch trailer. They will visit William Leitch's sail loft in the coming days to help sew sailcloth and finish the rigging.

The project has brought together Tarbert Conservation Initiative, Tarbert Academy, the village youth group, Mid Argyll Sailing Club and Tarbert Yacht Club with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Participants hope the skiff will be ready to sail by the end of April.



Sam Bertiolli and Nathan Barker develop their welding skills.

Stepping out on core path talks

ARDRISHAIG Public Hall was the venue for the launch of the Argyll and Bute Core Paths Plan consultation last week.

Around 100 people turned up on Thursday, March 5, to hear the proposals for the 1,004 core path network for the area.

Argyll and Bute Council was launching the second phase of consultations for the project.

A set of maps, showing the proposed paths network, was available

for interested parties to view during the launch.

A series of 24 public events are also planned across Argyll and Bute to give people an understanding on the proposals.

Important

Speaking at the launch, Councillor Ron Simon, Argyll and Bute Council's Depute Spokesperson for the Environment, said: 'The Core Path Plan identifies paths which are important to people. Paths where local people walk dogs,

ride horses, sites where you can launch a canoe or dive from the shore, some are wheelchair accessible or provide a safe off road, traffic free route to shops or schools.

'We have already carried out extensive consultations in 2002 and again in 2007 and the document and maps we have now drawn up are as a result of that earlier work. I would encourage as many people as possible to make a contribution at this stage,

which we will then be able to take into consideration when drawing up the final plans.'

Considering

John Auld of Argyll and Bute Access Forum added: 'This is important for both the public and land managers to spend time considering these proposals and responding to them.'

For more information visit the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/corepaths. The consultation ends on June 1, 2009.

Eye to Eye with John Wallace Exam Fever



IF YOU have been sitting prelim exams over the last few weeks you have possibly had to read much more than usual. For many of you that will not have been a problem but for a considerable number of examinees your eyes will have been aching and you will have been finding it difficult to concentrate and assimilate information. Studying for exams is hard work but it does not need to be painful or cause your eyes to ache.

If you have been finding reading a chore rather than a pleasure you should seriously consider having your eyes checked by your optometrist. An eye examination is the one exam you cannot fail! Surprisingly, at this time every year I have students visiting my practice who have never had an eye examination and who are having significant problems reading. Your optometrist will check how well you are able to see both when reading and when looking far away. The muscles round your eyes will be checked to ensure both eyes are

working well together and that you are able to sustain the prolonged periods of reading and computer use necessary when studying.

For most of you with difficulty or discomfort reading this will solve your problem. Occasionally this will not be enough and you may find that, despite your optometrist's best efforts, you are still having problems reading. I have found in these circumstances it is often worth seeing if coloured overlays or possibly custom tinted spectacles lenses will be of any help. My own approach is always to start with overlays and confirm a sustained improvement in reading fluency and accuracy before going on to colorimetry. It is one of the joys of my professional life to hear a youngster, who has only a few minutes ago struggled to read a passage, suddenly read fluently, accurately and with ease.

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Come to the seminar

THE KINTYRE Cultural Forum has announced the keynote speakers for its second public seminar on March 19 1.30pm to 7.30pm at the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown for a new arts venue for the town.

Iain Johnston from the forum said: 'Campbeltown is about to undergo major changes and there is a real opportunity to contribute to how this will look. Due to the high level of participation in arts and culture in Kintyre this is a crucial time to make your voice heard in order to create something functional yet also as a legacy for the generations.'

To support findings carried out over the past few months the forum has gathered together a very significant and respected group of professionals, artists and those who support the infrastructure of arts and culture from all over Scotland.

Dr Donald Smith, director of the Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh, Cathy Agnew, who chairs Catstrand in Dumfries and Alasdair McCrone, artistic director at Mull Theatre.

People will have a chance to contribute their opinions on an environmental, arts and cultural centre, working with architects sponsored by Fyne Homes and venue expert Ron Inglis, who will be conducting the follow-up options appraisal.

Web designer Marcus Wilson from Hi-Arts will also be taking part, focussing on an arts and cultural website for Kintyre.

There is also an opportunity for any group to promote their message at this event by having a free exhibition stand.

The forum is offering hospitality all day for those who attend. In addition a meal will be supplied at 5pm, for those attending after their working day.

For more information contact Iain Johnston at kintyreulturalforum@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01586 552034.



Pictured from left to right is Councillor Ron Simon, John Auld of Argyll and Bute Access Forum and Jolyon Gritten, access manager, during last week's launch of the Core Paths Plan consultation. a11path01

Thought for the week with Irene Howat

DOES anyone ever tell you something that you wish you hadn't heard? Try as you might, you can't get it out of your mind. And the more you try, the more focused on it you become. That happened to me as a little girl. Someone told me a horrible story about a weasel and, to the present day, if I see a picture of a weasel the story comes into my mind. Thankfully, there are not too many weasel pictures around!

In the course of my work I hear many sad stories of troubles and problems people have faced. They could really get me down if I dwelt on them. But there is a verse in the Bible that helps me a lot.

'The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

That's my prayer, as I work with people who have known great sadness. And God wonderfully answers my prayer by guarding my heart and mind against taking their problems to be my own, and allowing myself to be burdened by them. It doesn't stop me caring, but it does stop me getting down. Perhaps you could try it for yourself. (see Philippians 4:7)

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Down Memory Lane

THIS week's Down Memory Lane photograph was sent in by Angus Bradley. It shows David Selfridge as Para Handy and Angus as Sonny Jim for an Ardrishaig Gala Day. David's wife constructed the mini 'Vital Spark' for the top of the car. Do any readers know what year the picture may have been taken?

Thanks for support

Sir,
Thanks to everyone who supported the children and staff of the rural primary schools in their battle against the closure of the school kitchens. We are delighted that common sense has prevailed and the decision has been completely overturned. Once again the local press gave their support and we are grateful to all the staff for the coverage the protest was given. Thanks to all members of the public who signed the petitions, it is amazing how quickly people react when they

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feel that the town and its outlying villages are under attack. The local councillors also rallied round and gave support and advice which was gratefully received. This battle has been won, however, we may need to call on you all again when the war cry will be "Save our Schools"!
**Lorraine MacPhail,
Skernish,
Glenbarr.**

Glenralloch needs to satisfy

Sir,
With regard to the public meeting held in Tarbert Village hall concerning the proposed alterations to and increased use of the B8024 Glenralloch section of road.

I personally was happy with the outcome of the meeting, but I think that we need to satisfy the majority of people and road users, rather than being selfish to our own personal wishes.

On reflection may I make a further suggestion that there be 'No Entry' signs erected at its junction with the A83 near Stonefield.

This would facilitate several advantages:

1. The fully laden timber lorries travelling north along this very narrow road would not meet unladen timber lorries going the opposite direction. They would continue as at present to pass via Tarbert village, being empty they would not create any of the problems discussed caused by their laden weight.

2. The only vehicles travelling southward would be farm vehicles servicing the adjacent fields and the residents of the two properties on that road. The use of this road would be much safer for pedestrians as they would only have to be aware of traffic generally coming in one direction.

3. The current danger caused by motorists travelling south at excessive speed on this road, principally to catch Islay and Arran ferries or to get ahead of slower moving vehicles destined for Campbeltown would be eliminated.

Overall, the above proposed changes

would greatly improve the safety of all users, of the portion of the B8024 whilst still achieving the objectives set out at the recent public meeting.

I would welcome your thoughts on this further proposal.
**Elizabeth Henderson,
Pier Road,
Tarbert.**

Tarbert public meeting

Sir,
Following the public meeting about the Tarbert By-pass last Thursday there was a "vote". Curiously there were pre-printed, ersatz, ballot papers for the 'vote', kindly provided by Argyll Timber Transport Group. Why is this curious?

1. The organisers had given assurances that the Chairman of the Public Meeting had the option of taking a proposal from the floor should one arise; ie there would be no pre-arranged ballot.

2. On the night, any alternative proposal was dismissed without

Those Were The Days

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Hopes of Post Office solution

REPRESENTATIVES of the Argyll and Bute Council are today meeting with officials of post Office Counters in Edinburgh to discuss the future of Lochgilphead Post Office and to determine whether plans to make it an agency are to be put into operation.

Mr Donny MacKerrall, chairman of the planning committee, Neil Brodie, district councillor for Lochgilphead, and the council's chief executive Mr Michael Gossip, go to Edinburgh armed with a plan they consider will be acceptable to Post Office Counters and beneficial to Lochgilphead.

Backlands development dismissed as 'airy fairy'

ARGYLL and Bute District Council plans to develop the 'Lochgilphead backlands' have been dismissed as 'airy fairy' and lacking character.

The condemnation of the plan came at Monday's Lochgilphead Community Council meeting.

The objectives of the plan are to relieve traffic congestion in the main streets, to obtain a pleasing quality of visual and built environment and to provide a more rational pattern and integrated layout of land uses for people to live and work.

Stolen fish

A NUMBER of rainbow trout, weighing in at about half a ton and valued at £2,500, have been stolen from Braevallich Fish Farm, on Loch Awe.

Well over 200 fish were removed from the farm sometime during the weekend and the theft is subject of intensive police enquiries.

A police spokesman said: 'Almost certainly the thieves will have attempted to sell their 'catch' and if anyone has been offered rainbow trout.

Lochgilphead firm expands

A LOCHGILPHEAD pottery firm is to expand its business to set up a complementary business in Oban, creating six new stores in the process.

High Bank pottery which over the seven years of its existence has developed a healthy export trade as well as a share of the home market.

The Oban operation, it is believed, will include a larger shop area than Lochgilphead as well as a visitor centre where the public will be able to see the porcelain being made.

due consideration and certainly there were no ballot papers prepared.

Now, I think everyone should be aware that a vital condition of the Forestry Commission funding for the above project is that there must be written support from the Community Council before the project can proceed and the grant-money released. In fact it is the first 'measurable target' in the STTF funding schedule.

Considering the above, it seems to me that the extremely crude, phoney-vote was a silly attempt by TTG to coerce

Tarbert Community Council into a letter of support. This falls into the same category as the similarly kak-handed 'survey', also carried out in Tarbert by TTG.

Argyll Timber Transport Group is a pressure group representing the forest industry and is not elected. If a ballot is required from the people of Tarbert then let's have a properly conducted poll and not a free-for-all sham in the Village Hall which would have embarrassed Robert Mugabe.

**M. Casey,
Tarbert.**



Salsa and soul at Craignish

Mid Argyll's Social Scene

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A SELL-OUT crowd at Craignish Village Hall enjoyed a very special performance by international salsa-soul group Rumba Caliente on Saturday.

They came from far and wide and were not disappointed by an energetic performance

taking in salsa, latin-jazz, funk and rumba.

Rumba Caliente is led by Salsa Celtica's Toby Shippey and brings together performers from Venezuela, Argentina and Cuba with top Scottish artists. It was impossible to stand still as the Latin rhythms filled

the hall and dancers of all ages filled the floor.

Toby said the group was thrilled to be playing in Craignish. The event was hosted by Craignish Community Company and members of their youth project provided spicy snacks for the occasion.

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The band includes Ross Hamilton on bass; Ricardo Fernandez Pompa on conga; Javier Chernicoff, drums; Lino Rocha, lead vocals; Scott Annison, trombone; Ryan Quigley, lead trumpet and Sue McKenzie on saxophone, as well as Toby Shippey on percussion and trumpet and Roland Perrin on piano. allrum11



Gillie Hind, Cathy and Merlyn Edwards and Blair Duncanson take a break from dancing. a11rum08



Murray MacKay and Hannah Tofts started the dancing. a11rum09



James Livingston from Achnamara, Martin and Pip Weaser from Kilmelford and Jane Allan, who also travelled from Achnamara. a11rum03



Craignish youth project provided spicy snacks for the interval. a11rum15



Amy Hooton and Benjamin Morgan opted to see Rumba Caliente in Craignish rather than their hometown of Edinburgh. a11rum02



Hard at work behind the bar: Gabby Rogers and Magda Adamska. a11rum05



Arlene Rowan came from Dunbeg, with Estelle Dumait, Charlotte Noyer and Ruth Brennan from Oban and Michele Stanley from Taynuilt. a11rum06



Katie and Mairi Fleck of Arduaine with their guest Sara Welstead of Northumberland wait in anticipation for the music to start. a11rum01



After just a few minutes, the audience found it impossible to stand still and a few revealed their expert Latin moves. a11rum10

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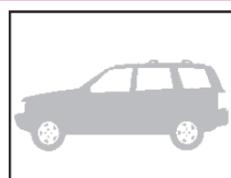


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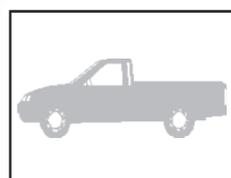
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PLANNING

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

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below, at 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig and by logging on to the Council's Website at 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: 09/00225/DET**
Applicant: Co-operative Group
Proposal: Erection of Class 1 retail foodstore including associated car parking, servicing and highway infrastructure - amended proposal (amended design of foodstore)
Site Address: Caravan Park Lorne Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NX
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00226/DET**
Applicant: Co-operative Group
Proposal: Erection of Class 1 retail foodstore including associated car parking, servicing and highway infrastructure - amended proposal (amended design of foodstore).
Site Address: Caravan Park Lorne Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NX
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00151/DET**
Applicant: Ken Pugh
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Land West Of Craobh House Craobh Haven Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00249/DET**
Applicant: Graeme Scott
Proposal: Erection of one dwelling house and installation of septic tank.
Site Address: Plot 1 Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00248/DET**
Applicant: Graeme Scott
Proposal: Erection of four dwelling houses and installation of septic tanks
Site Address: Plots 2 - 5 Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00248/DET**
Applicant: Graeme Scott
Proposal: Erection of four dwelling houses and installation of septic tanks
Site Address: Plots 2 - 5 Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
S60 Setting of Listed Bldg Ad - 21 Days
- **Ref No: 09/00249/DET**
Applicant: Graeme Scott
Proposal: Erection of one dwelling house and installation of septic tank.
Site Address: Plot 1 Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
S60 Setting of Listed Bldg Ad - 21 Days

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

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

The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. The proposals contained in the application are considered to be a departure or potential departure from the Development Plan for the area concerned.

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the applications identified below should do so in writing within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Area Team Leader Development Control at the address below.

Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)
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Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)
- **Ref No: 09/00248/DET**
Applicant: Graeme Scott
Proposal: Erection of four dwelling houses and installation of septic tanks - Policies contravened - POL STRAT 4 (Departure) and RUR1 and RUR2 (Potential Departure) of the Kintyre Local Plan 1984 and 1st Alteration 1988
Site Address: Plots 2 - 5 Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 18 Local Plan Departure Adv (21)
- **Ref No: 09/00249/DET**
Applicant: Graeme Scott
Proposal: Erection of one dwelling house and installation of septic tank. Policies Contravened - POL STRAT 4 (Departure) and RUR1 and RUR2 (potential departure) of the Kintyre Local Plan 1984 and 1st alteration 1988.
Site Address: Plot 1 Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 18 Local Plan Departure Adv (21)

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

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy. Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

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

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COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre) - Due to unforeseen circumstances, Councillor Kelly has had to cancel his surgery on Friday 13th March from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown. He will still be able to be contacted outwith this time on telephone 01586 810391 or by email: donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk

EAST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUST

Groups wishing to apply for funds from the above Trust, should contact the Secretary for advice, details and application forms.

Grants may be available for Capital or Revenue Funding for projects, groups, halls, charities, churches within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Grogport in the north and Peninver in the south.

The closing date for completed applications for this year's final disbursement will be Friday 27th March, 2009.

Secretary; Geoffrey Page, Benbecula, Waterfoot, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QX.
Tel. 01583 431281.
e-mail geoffreyf.page@homecall.co.uk

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Mid Argyll Young Farmers AGM

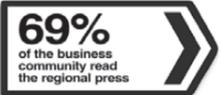
Thursday 19th March 2009
7.30pm
Kilmartin Hotel
All welcome

Lodge St. Johns
Campbeltown No 141

The Annual Senior Citizens Evening will take place on Friday 27th March. Tickets can be obtained at the Recreation on Saturday 21st March between 11am and 12 noon.

Kintyre Piping Society AGM

on Sunday 29th March 2009
in the Argyll Arms Hotel
at 7.00pm



Source: Business Check 1, The Newspaper Society

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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.

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 Fax: 01667 464209 Email: recruitment@hial.co.uk Website: www.hial.co.uk
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As part of our ongoing commitment to continual improvement West Highland Housing Association Ltd. and its subsidiary are looking for people who would be interested in joining the Committees of these organisations.

We are looking for people with

- Enthusiasm and a positive attitude;
- An interest in housing and people;
- Specific skills in one of the following;
 - being on a Committee or having experience of Committee work
 - understanding finance;
 - working in or a good knowledge of building
- A desire to work as a Team to solve problems
- An interest in the services and responsibilities of the Committee

Committee Members receive:

- Support, training and development
- Out of pocket expenses
- The opportunity and satisfaction of giving something back to the community

We hold our Management Committee meetings on a Friday morning and sub-committees are generally held in the evening.

West Highland Housing Association welcomes applications from all members of the community, if you are interested in obtaining an application pack, please contact Ruby Campbell.

Closing date for applications is 23 March 2009

Registered Charity in Scotland No. SC017357



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Hanover (Scotland)
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95 McDonald Road
Edinburgh EH7 4NS

SHELTERED HOUSING MANAGER

Heatherlee Court, Kinlochleven
Salary £9,395 – £10,595 pa

We seek an enthusiastic, caring person to provide a housing and support service promoting independent living for older people.

You will have the personal skills and approach to fill this role, the ability to liaise with care services and relatives, and be a capable administrator.

You will preferably have SVQ level 3 in Health and Social Care or equivalent qualification, or be committed to achieve this via our staff qualifications programme.

The post involves working 20 hours per week on a Monday to Friday basis. (Ref: 035)

This post is subject to enhanced disclosure of criminal records via Disclosure Scotland.

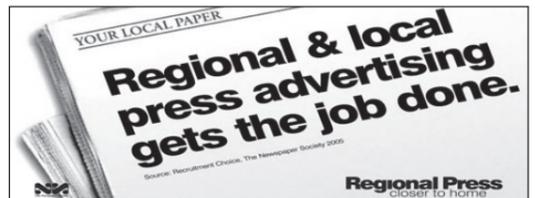
Call 0131 557 7430 (24 Hour Answer line) or email recruit@hsha.org.uk for an application pack. Application packs also available on: www.hsha.org.uk Please quote reference number in correspondence.

Closing date: 27 March 2009.

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- Meet personal targets
- Have a full current driving licence

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We are on target to create homes and places across Argyll & Bute where people want to live. Can you help us achieve that vision?

Local Manager

Property Services Lochgilhead or Campbeltown
Salary Grade 4 (£28,905 to £32,116) - 35 hours per week

We are seeking applications from candidates with strong interpersonal and negotiating skills to deliver a high quality property maintenance and estate management service to our customers within the Mid Argyll and Kintyre areas.

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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Site Supervisor

12 month Fixed Term Contract / 3 posts – Mid Argyll & Kintyre, Oban, Helensburgh
Salary Grade 5 (£25,416 - £28,240) - 35 hours per week

The Association is seeking to employ 3 Site Supervisors on a 12 month fixed term contract to assist with delivering a high quality Investment Programme to its tenants across Argyll & Bute.

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



Our friendly team are looking for seasonal staff for both full time and part time positions.

We are looking for 3 team members to join our Shoreline Coffee Shop, 1 to work in our gift shop and 1 in our Front of House admissions area.

For these positions we require applicants who are friendly and approachable, have strong customer focus and high personal standards.

We also have a position working closer alongside the Animal Care Team as an Entertainments Person who will be in the Displays area talking and interacting to our customers. Undertaking this role needs an outgoing, enthusiastic person able to make a crowd cheer!

We will be holding an open evening for applicants on Friday 20th March at 6:00pm.

To apply for a position please forward a covering letter and CV to

Alastair Law, Scottish SEALIFE Sanctuary, Barcaldine, By Oban, Argyll, PA37 1SE



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Lighthouse Caledonia is a leading independent producer of high quality Scottish salmon. The company is engaged in all stages of the value chain of farming Atlantic salmon, from smolt production through to harvesting, processing, packing and sales and a principal player in the Scottish aquaculture industry. We are committed to high standards of animal welfare, sustainable operations and promoting a responsible environmental policy.

We are currently recruiting for Marine personnel in the Loch Fyne and Gigha areas of our South Production Region:

MARINE SITE(s) MANAGER – (Ref: SLFSM1/09)
MARINE OPERATIVES (5 Posts) – (Ref: SLFGMO1/09)
YARDMAN – (Ref: SSTYM1/09)

Candidates will be enthusiastic, self-motivated and be able to demonstrate previous experience in working in small, focused teams. Applicants for the position of Marine Site(s) Manager must be able to offer extensive experience in aquaculture and fish husbandry combined with management of personnel. Previous aquaculture experience is desirable for the other posts but not essential as the company can offer further development opportunities through its in-house training scheme. The role of Yardman requires candidates to hold current fork-lift truck certificates for all-terrain and masted vehicles.

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To apply, please write enclosing an up-to-date CV and a covering letter to:
Veronica Anderson, HR Officer,
Lighthouse Caledonia Ltd., Ardkinglas, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH
Closing date for applicants: 27 March 2009
 Visit our website at www.lighthousecaledonia.com

Senior Aquarist
Oban, Scotland

The Scottish Sea Life Sanctuary is Scotland's leading animal rescue centre caring for dozens of sick, injured and orphaned seal pups every year. To continue this wonderful work we are seeking a senior aquarist to join our team.

The Role

In this varied and highly rewarding role, you will have the responsibility of ensuring that all livestock displays are well presented and maintained, as well as caring for the resident seals, otters and rehabilitation of seal pups.

The Person

To be successful, you will have a proven track record within the fish husbandry field and a good knowledge of plant & equipment. A relevant qualification would be useful but more important is a good understanding of our product and a passion for the welfare of our animals. Good communication skills, being well motivated, flexibility with working hours and a driving licence are essential.

The Application

Joining us also means you'll be apart of the Merlin Entertainments Group, the worlds second largest attractions operator. That means there'll always be further opportunities to grow, develop and try new things – plus full and continuous support along the way. As you'd expect we offer an excellent package of benefits including:

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If you are interested in the position and have the necessary skills to fulfil the position apply online at www.sealife-jobs.com or apply in writing with cover letter and CV to **Alex Blackman, Scottish SEALIFE Sanctuary, Barcaldine, By Oban, Argyll, PA37 1SE**

We believe in equality of opportunity and employ people solely on the basis of their abilities.

Closing date: **Friday 20th March**



OFFICE / ACCOUNTS ADMINISTRATOR
 required for Ormsary Estate Office.

Varied work includes book-keeping, retail sales, holiday bookings, and general administration.

Candidates should be experienced users of Microsoft Office and accounting software packages.

Competitive pay, depending on experience.

Apply in writing with a full CV detailing current salary to

Mrs Barbara Cutler, Finance Manager,
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 P O Box 7, Lochgilphead, PA31 8JH.

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 Applicants must be able to demonstrate good communication skills and telephone manner.

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Production Operator

Applications are invited for the post of Process Operator to work within the Lochaber Smelter.

We are looking for persons with the ability and desire to work within our company. Candidates should be able to demonstrate practical working skills, and able to train to a recognised national qualification.

For further information and an application form, please contact:

E Stewart
Safety, Training and
Communications Officer
Alcan Aluminium UK Ltd
Lochaber Smelter
Fort William PH33 6TH

Closing date for applications is **Friday 3rd April 2009.**

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Tuarastal: c £64k gu £72k + pasgan tarraingeach

'S ann air Bòrd na Gàidhlig a tha am prìomh dhleastanas airson a bhith a' libhrigeadh rùintean Riaghaltas na h-Alba a thaobh Gàidhlig agus a' coileanadh miann coimhearsnachd na Gàidhlig. Tha am Bòrd a' co-obrachadh ri buidhnean de gach seòrsa ann a bhith a' cur an gnìomh Plana Nàiseanta na Gàidhlig.

Tha dreuchd Ceannard a' Bhùird riatanach ann a bhith a' dearbhadh inbhe na Gàidhlig mar nua-chànan beò. 'S e dreuchd fhollaiseach, dhùbhlach, air leth tarraingeach a tha seo. Bidh tu, mar Cheannard, a' greimeachadh air gnothaichean aig àm làn chothroman agus air ceann sgioba-stiùiridh a bhios air a leudachadh.

Tha am Bòrd a' sireadh neach le sàr chomasan conaltraidh; stiùiriche dealasach a bhios a' riochdachadh cor na Gàidhlig agus a bhios buadhach aig gach ìre; neach lèirsinneach a thogas sgioba ghleusta a bhios comasach air prògram-obrach adhartach a libhrigeadh. Tha fo-fhastaidhean di-beathte.

Mar Oifigear Cunntachail, bidh stiùireadh iomlan na buidhne an urra ris a' Cheannard.

Ceann-latha airson tagraidhean **27 Am Màirt 2009, gu ar neach-comhairle, Barbara Robastan, aig Diamonds HR Eta.**

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Freshwater Production 8 Posts Available



Due to the opening of a new loch based farming operation near Fort William, we are seeking to recruit individuals to fulfill the following positions. These will be based at the new location or at existing farms within our Freshwater Department.

1. Freshwater Manager/ Freshwater Assistant Manager (2 Posts). All inclusive salary £25k - £35k.

To set-up, manage and develop a new loch based operation planned to produce in excess of 4 million smolts.

The ideal candidates will have several years practical experience in salmon farming, preferably in freshwater production, with a minimum of one year at management level and be educated to degree level or hold other relevant qualifications.

2. Freshwater Technicians (6 Posts). All inclusive salary £18k - £24k.

The role of Technician is interesting and varied. Working outdoors, it is focused upon all aspects of successful salmon smolt production, from the post hatchery fry stage until transportation to our sea water farms.

Applications would be particularly welcome from individuals who have some experience in fish farming but this is not essential as full training and support will be provided.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST



Marine Harvest (Scotland) is the largest Aquaculture Company operating in Scotland. Our marine and freshwater sites are located throughout the West Coast and Outer Isles.

An important role has arisen within our Environmental Team, based in Fort William. We are seeking an Environmental Analyst to collate, interpret and present a range of environmental data sets. The role will play an important part in the company's commitment to EIA and the sustainable and profitable development of its production base.

The successful candidate will be educated to HND or Degree level in Environmental Science, Marine Biology or another related discipline. In addition 1-2 years experience in an environmental role or postgraduate qualification would be desirable, but not essential as full training and support will be provided. Candidates should possess excellent computer skills, particularly in Microsoft Excel and Word, along with competence in basic statistics and exceptional literacy skills, a driving license is also essential.

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Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT. The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 27th March 2009.

Fisheries Biologist



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In an exciting development, the Argyll Fisheries Trust seeks an experienced biologist to fill a new post created to allow AFT to meet its objectives towards the sustainability of wild fish and their habitats in Argyll.

Based at the AFT office at Inveraray, the person will be part of a team developing programmes to restore and support wild fish populations underpinned by monitoring and research. The AFT undertakes a wide range of projects in partnership with stakeholders, conservation bodies and local communities where developed people/communications skills will be required. The Trust is part of the Scottish Government's Tri- partite Group Area Management Agreement initiative and a familiarity with aquaculture practices would be an advantage.

As well as holding a degree in a scientific or environmental discipline with further practical experience working outside academia, AFT is looking for a person who is enthusiastic, aspires to develop, is self motivated, able to manage projects and has an innovative approach to the Trust's development, including fundraising.

Qualification to SFCC team leader standards in electro fishing, a familiarity with GIS mapping programmes and an understanding of Catchment Management Planning are desirable.

A full job description is available from **Jane Wright, Manager AFT, Woodbank, Cove, Helensburgh, Argyll and Bute, G84 ONU**

Tel No **01436 84 2312** e-mail **jms.wright@btinternet.com**.

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Mid Argyll Community Hospital & Integrated Care Centre

We are looking for motivated, enthusiastic individuals to join our nursing bank team within the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Lochgilphead. Experience in general medicine is essential. The post may involve rotation between the Acute Medical Receiving ward, A&E Department and a Rehabilitation unit allowing staff to develop their skills, gaining valuable experience. You should be flexible in your approach to work as this post involves regular rotation to night duty.

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Application forms and job descriptions are available from the HR Department (Helensburgh), Argyll & Bute CHP by contacting Tracey McAllister: tracey.mcallister@nhs.net or Helen Cameron: helen.cameron2@nhs.net Tel: 01436 655059.

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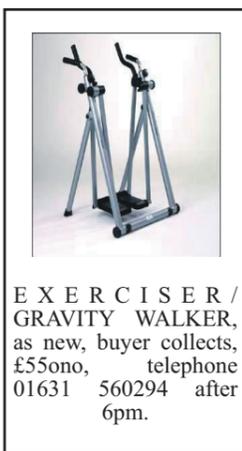
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Ian Campbell (Eaky) would like to thank all family and friends for the lovely cards and presents he received for his 50th birthday. He would also like to thank all those who came along to his surprise party for making it such a great night.

Happy 70th Birthday on 15th March 2009

Lots of love from all of the family

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

GOD SAYS, 'AS LONG AS THE EARTH ENDURES, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, COLD AND HEAT, SUMMER AND WINTER, DAY AND NIGHT WILL NEVER CEASE' (GENESIS 8:22).

BIRTHS



JOHNSTON - Archie and Karen (née Colville) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their gorgeous son Ryan James John on March 4, 2009. Third grandchild for John and Morag and first for James and Anne. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Hospital.

O'HANLON - MUIR - Aaron and Stephanie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Logan on February 28, 2009. A wee brother for Lewis.

DEATHS

FERGUSON - Peacefully at the Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 4, 2009, Barbara Ferguson in her 100th year, of 1 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Dugald and loving mother of James and Charles. Much loved grandmother of Alison, Ewen, Charles and Lorna and a dear great-grandmother. Funeral service was held at Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. A memorial service will take place at Kilmartin Parish Church today, Friday March 13, 2009 at 11am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

GRAHAM - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital on March 7, 2009, Mary Graham (Mina) in her 91st year, 9 Muasdale Cottages, Kintyre, beloved sister of Archie and the late Rosie, Mary-Jane, Hector, Duncan and Dugald and a much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt.

MACKELLAR - Peacefully at the Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital on March 6, 2009, Margaret MacKellar, aged 100 years, of 28 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Charles MacKellar and loving mother of Jean, Malcolm, Donald and Betty. A dear grandmother and great-grandmother. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, thereafter to Clydebank Crematorium. Treasured memories always.

SILCOCK - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 9, 2009, Helen Anne Stevenson (Dolly) in her 101st year, Avernish, Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David Silcock, dearly loved mother of Ian and Alisdair and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. Service was held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Thursday, March 12 at 1.00pm. A second service will take place in Larbert Old Parish Church, Falkirk on Friday, March 13 at 12 noon, followed by an interment in Camelon Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of RNLI.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FISHER - The family of the late Catherine Fisher (Cairnbaan) would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to staff of Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch, for their unfailing care and attention to Catherine over the last few years. Grateful thanks to Rev Alistair Dunlop and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all services, and to the Kilmartin Hotel for fine purvey. A final thank you to all who attended at church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £150 for the Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home.

MACINTYRE - Anne would like to thank relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and cards received after her very sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus and staff of Campbeltown Hospital, also MacMillan Nurses for their support. Thanks also to Rev Martin Forrest for the lovely service. A final thanks to all who attended the church and graveside. The collection for MacMillan Nurses raised £663.

McNAB - The family of the late Margaret F McNab would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and consideration during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to staff at Mid Argyll Hospital; to Brian Wilkinson for a lovely service and Donald MacDonald for funeral arrangements. The collection for RNIB raised £250.

MILTON - Margaret, Ishbel and their families, express their sincere thanks to everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, phone calls and cards received on the recent sad passing of Amy. Special thanks are extended to doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward for their kind care and attention; and our praise for valiant efforts by the Air Ambulance doctors and crew. Grateful thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a most comforting service; Donald MacDonald, undertakers, for compassionate arrangements, to the Flowershop for beautiful floral tributes, and to the Argyll Hotel for purvey. Finally, thank you to all who attended at church and graveside, where the collection for Cancer Research raised over £265.

MUNRO - The family of the late Norman Munro would like to thank all relatives and friends who attended the church service in Southend. A sincere thanks for all the cards and flowers received, all of which have been a great comfort at this time. A special thank you to Rev Martin Forrest for a comforting and uplifting service, to Frances at Mureroy for putting on a beautiful afternoon tea and to Kenny and Alisdair Blair for the efficient funeral arrangements.

PATERSON - The family of the late Angus Paterson would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards, flowers, phone calls and visits following their sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Elder, district nurses, staff at Carradale Surgery, Campbeltown Hospital and the Day Hospital for their care and attention. Grateful thanks to the ambulance service and social services. Thanks also to Alisdair and Kenneth Blair for professional funeral arrangements, Reverend

Vischer for comforting service, organist Donald Kelly for beautiful music and Carradale Hotel for fine catering. Heartfelt thanks to the carers and to Crossroads for their exceptional care of Angus, and to Sheena and Matthew Ramsay for all their kind help. Finally, thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

CRAWFORD - Remembering with love my dear parents, Mary, who died March 12, 1999, and Willie, who died on August 16, 1979. Treasured memories keep you near. As time unfolds another year.

- Dadie, Charles and family.

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

MACDOUGALL - Precious memories of our son Alisdair MacDougall, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. It's been two years already. Since that hellish Tuesday night. When you were taken from us. Our son our guiding light. People say that time will heal. I'm afraid they have no clue. Time means nothing to us. Living this life without you. For we had someone special. Genuine and true. No words can fully describe. Just how much we all miss you. But we know that we will meet again. And we will all be back together. Our love is always with you. Alisdair. And will remain with you forever. See you later.

- Love Mum and Dad xxx
MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of Alisdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure. Loving you always. Forgetting you never. - Love Nikki and Mhairi xx
MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of my big brother Alisdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Gone yet not forgotten. Although we are apart. Your spirit lives within me. Forever in my heart. Missing you more each day, love you always. - Keli xxx.

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of Alisdair (Tool), a wonderful boyfriend and truly special friend, tragically taken on March 13, 2007. Our happiness together. Will be in my heart forever. All my love always. - Leanne xxx.

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin Alasdair, taken from us on March 13, 2007. Loved and remembered every day. - From all the family.

MACPHAIL - In memory of our dear son and brother John, died March 15, 1995. Always in our thoughts. - Love Mum, Caroline and Linda.

McALPINE - (Archie), In loving memory of Seanair, passed away March 11, 1999, also Granny Daisy, died January 19, 1980. Always remembered and sadly missed. - Catherine, Ruairaidh and Ryan.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

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Sunday 15th March 2009
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LOCHFYNESIDE (Minard) 12 noon
LOCHGAIR 3pm
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Ceud mìle fàilte
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UNITED SERVICE (incorporating Annual Business Meeting)
Sunday 22nd September
Lochfyneside church (Minard)
10.30 am



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
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Sunday 15th March 2009
Third Sunday of Lent
8.30 am Holy Communion
10.45 am Family Communion
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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
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10. a.m Breaking of Bread
10.45 a.m. Coffee
11.15 a.m Family Service with Sunday School & crèche
Youth Group S1 - S6
7.30 p.m.
Wednesday
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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2009
Ford 11.30am
Rev Walter Ritchie
All most welcome

THE FAITH MISSION
Argyll Rallies
Lochgilphead Free Church Hall
Wednesday 18th March 2009
7.30pm
Campbeltown Salvation Army
Thursday 19th March
7.30pm
Speaker Mr John Townend
Book stall and tea afterwards
Everyone very welcome

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 15 March 2009
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
Thursday 19 March 2009
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome
"Come and see"

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Morning Worship
Sunday 15th March 2009
Bellanoch Church 10am
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Interim Moderator
Rev Hilda Smith
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Highland Parish Church
Saturday 22nd March 2009
'I week till 'Highland Gathering'
Sunday 15th March
11.15am
Morning Worship
Creche - Church (0-3s)
FunDay Club (3yrs - p5)
- Kirk St Hall
6.30pm Evening service - Hall
Tuesday 17th March
Badminton Club - Hall:
6.30pm - 7.45pm
P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm
P6 plus
7.30pm
Fundraising Committee - Hall
Wednesday 18th March
7.15pm
Midweek Fellowship - Hall
DVD - Paul and Romans (2)
Thursday 19th March
7.00pm - Kirk Session
8.00pm - Congregational Board
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
9am Eucharist
11am Eucharist with hymns
ST COLUMBA'S POLTALLOCH
3.30pm Evening Prayer

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 15th March 2009
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Afternoon Service 3pm
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
Mrs Agnes Stewart Guild meets
Monday 16th March
Church Hall 2.30pm
For all church inquiries and pastoral care
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Everyone very welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 15th March 2009
Service at 11am
Rev Douglas Bell
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Toucan Club meets at 4pm

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Sunday Services
10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.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

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 15th March 2009
11.00am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service with communion
Monday 2.30pm
Ladies Meeting
Baptist Missionary Society
Wednesday
Alpha 7.00pm
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Every Friday "The Edge" Kids Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity
Number SC 11686
Saturday, 14th March
Guild Sale of Work - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 15th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Catriona Hood
Monday, 16th March
No Meeting of The Guild
Tuesday, 17th March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 19th March
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Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
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Oban Saints march in to the Scottish quarter finals



Oban Saints' Graham brothers in action during Saturday's Scottish Cup win over Bellshill Derby. Ross (No5) gets a tackle in on Mark Mulvanney watched by his brother Jamie and Bellshill's David Roy and James McAuley

Scottish Amateur Cup - 7th Round

OBAN SAINTS 5

BELLSHILL DERBY 1
OBAN SAINTS took on Lanarkshire side Bellshill Derby in the seventh round of the Scottish Amateur Cup with the winners going through to the last eight of the competition which started with 598 teams.

With the heavy rain making the grass park at Glencruitten unplayable the game was switched to the new astro grass community pitch at Oban High School.

Saints got off to the perfect start with a goal in six minutes. They were awarded a free kick at the edge of the Derby penalty area and Willie Gemmell curled his shot wide of the outstretched hands of keeper Laurence McPolin.

The home side increased their lead in the 28th minute when Willie Gemmell sent over a deep corner which was missed by the Bellshill defence, but Allan MacKay was lurking at the back post to head the ball home.

Saints took a three goal

lead in the 34th minute when Willie Gemmell threaded a great ball through to Donald Campbell, who beat his marker before rounding the goalkeeper and sliding the ball home from an acute angle.

The visitors were shellshocked at the 3-0 scoreline, but all credit to them they kept plugging away and pulled a goal back just on half time through David Roy.

The Oban team restored their three goal lead in the 67th minute with a great goal. Allan

MacKay and Donald Campbell combined on the right flank before setting up Joe Lopez who drilled a low shot into the back of the net with the help of a slight deflection.

Saints netted their fifth goal with ten minutes remaining and again it was a cracker. Myles McAuley picked up the ball in midfield before going on a rampaging run leaving several Derby players in his wake before slipping the ball wide to Allan MacKay who fired a right foot drive in off the post.

A big shot from Tarbert

A TARBERT shooter has been awarded the Scottish Clay Target Association Achievement Award following his heroics at last year's Commonwealth Championships.

Jonathan Reid won a gold and a silver medal for Scotland at the championship after winning the Olympic Trap singles event and gaining a silver medal in the pairs, alongside Lochaber's Ewan MacColl.

The achievement award is the second in four years for Jonathan, who was the youngest ever Olympic Trap competitor at the Commonwealth Games three years ago in Melbourne.

Not only was Jonathan against some of the top marksmen in the world at the recent Commonwealth Championships, the 23 year old also had to contend with some of the worst weather Gibraltar had seen in recent times.

His father John, who also shot for Scotland, said: 'He did a fantastic job because of the weather over there. He had to hit the target on his last shot, in the wind and rain, to win the gold and he did it'.

Jonathan, who now lives in Brixton, Devon, had qualified for the Scottish team after winning the Scottish championship at Loch Ness last July.

He will be competing in the Southern Counties Championship next month in a bid to qualify for a place in Team GB.



Jonathan Reid

Inveraray winter league

THE THIRD round of the winter league was played on Sunday March 8. The weather changed the sedate game of golf into an extreme sport as a small band of determined players battled their way through rain, sleet, snow, gale force winds and sunshine to complete their rounds. The league is getting tight at the top with Ian MacDonald only leading on countback. There is a group of challengers sitting hard on his heels and all will be looking to catch him during the final round of the competition which is due to be played on March 22, tee off 11am.

Current Standings:-
1st I. MacDonald 31 ;
2nd D. McCulloch 31 ;
3rd D.J. MacDonald 32 ;
4th G. Morrison jr 32.

All members are reminded that the first Medal of the season is due to be played on March 29.



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Tarbert take on Cambria

TARBERT had no scheduled game last Saturday (March 7).

Tomorrow (Saturday March 14), the West Loch Shores/Islay Frigate Hotel-sponsored side are on league duty away to Cambria 'B'.

In the Coronation Cup, holders Tarbert have been drawn away in the quarter finals to the winners of the Aitkenhead Thistle v Lochgilphead Red Star/Shawlands 'B' ties.

Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS for this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery are 2, 13 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £800 next week.

Kilmory Camanachd Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week were 9, 12 and 20. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £600 next week.

Reds away to Star

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star travel away to take on the other star team in the league - Rosehill. Manager Dougie Moore will be hoping his team can keep up their recent good form and return home with all three league points.

Last Saturday's game against Shawlands was called off due to the bad weather



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MacAulay is new Empire Trophy holder

Alex comes out on top after 22 hard fought weeks

By David Sinclair

AFTER 22 hard fought weeks Alec MacAulay became the new holder of the Empire Trophy which is awarded to the player with the most stableford points accumulated during the qualifying phase of the competition. Ross Sinclair was a close second and missed the last freezing cold, wet and windy week by preparing for the final in Spain with John Downie.

They will both need to be at their best for the final as Alec must be a strong favourite to win the main prize.

Jim Hunter is a strong second choice to win as long as he doesn't let the embarrassment of his ridiculously high handicap drag him down.

Keith Cowan is getting better and better and could win as his appetite for success is on par with his appetite for mutton pies.

Changed Man

Donald Carmichael is a changed man after his golf lessons and the only thing he forgot to do today was to duff the ball, which can't be bad.

Tom Campbell was nearest the pin at the 7th

and 9th and would have qualified for the final if he was able play more often.

David Sinclair qualified for the final by one point from Campbell Patterson who would not have been able to play in the final anyway and let David beat him as a favor - what a gentleman.

Tommy Angus never gives up and he can milk a point out of a hole when all looks lost and because of this he could be a surprise contender and may waltz away with the Trophy. Kenny MacAulay is



Alec MacAulay is this year's winner of the Empire Trophy. a11alec01

saving his best golf for the Final after a very successful season and could be part of a MacAulay one-two.

The last qualifying place for the final was decided using eclectic scores over the 22 weeks and was won

by John Davidson who plays well when his alarm clock is successful.

The remaining players will contest the 'Duffers Derby' which is actually the biggest and most impressive trophy of all and if you were to face

the writing to the back of your trophy cabinet you could claim to be a real star.

Qualifiers - A. MacAulay, R. Sinclair, K. MacAulay, J. Hunter, K. Cowan, J. Downie, T. Angus, D. Sinclair and J. Davidson.

First win for Mid Argyll

Renfrew 5 Mid Argyll 13

On yet another wet Saturday, Mid Argyll RFC travelled to Renfrew with captain Reece Kelly able to field a strong team with few changes to the one narrowly beaten by league leaders Clydesdale, two weeks previously.

Despite Renfrew pressure, Mid Argyll were awarded two penalties which were slotted home by Ally Peterson. Close to half time however, Renfrew struck back with a try in the corner following a moment of indecision by the away defence.

Half time: Renfrew 5 Mid Argyll 6

Slowly Mid Argyll started to dominate the game with several breenges from Bruce MacArthur, Kelly and new loosehead, Murray

Gard, the latter starting the move which led to Mid Argyll's try.

The ex-Helensburgh man took a quick penalty and made good ground before being taken down. From the ensuing ruck, the ball came out to inside-centre Craig who fed Kelly who in turn passed out to Peterson who squirmed out of a tackle before winding his way past three Renfrew players to touch down to the left of the posts. Just to cap a perfect day, he kicked the conversion. The score went some way to justify the increased pressure the away team had brought to bear and was certainly deserved.

The score stayed the same and West Coast Motors sponsored Mid Argyll were rewarded with their first win of the season.

AC Aray secure league title

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Prostar community 6-a-side league saw AC Aray secure the league title with a hard fought 1-0 win against rivals KCJB. Aray needed only a point from the game to secure the crown but they snatched the win and celebrated lifting the inaugural Lochgilphead crown.

KCJB will now have to battle it out with Mean Machine for second place after the latter drew 1-1 with Pimps FC to move level on points with KCJB.

Kilfern Utd were too strong for Ardrishaig as they cantered to a 5-0 victory while Tavy Boys produced a slick display of football as they saw off a determined Yaldi outfit 3-1.

Sons of Vino were in fine form as they powered their way to a 4-1 success at the expense of Bayern Bru for whom Stuart Crawford was on target.

Inter Aray and Steaua Needarest battled out a superb final game of the night and it was the former who emerged narrow 4-3 winners after a titanic battle.

League Secretary Paul Spacey said: 'AC Aray have been the most consistent side this season and they fully deserve to lift the title.'

Football heroes wanted

A LEADING Children's charity is calling on intrepid footballers from Argyll to take part in the PFA South Africa Challenge 2009.

Four ex-Premiership football legends have already signed up for the challenge and are now calling for others that are interested in the challenge to join them. The challenge will 'kick-off' on June 5 14-2009, when the teams fly out to Johannesburg and embark on a series of amazing challenges over this eight day adventure.

The Team Captains are calling on intrepid members of the pub-

lic to sign-up for their teams.

Children Today is a charity that provides vitally important life changing equipment for disabled children throughout the UK.

Speaking of the challenge, Ruth Thompson, head of fundraising said: 'I think I speak for everyone involved when I say this is going to be an amazing experience.'

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