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Cash row leaves seafood festival future hanging in the balance

THE FUTURE of Tarbert's Seafood Festival hangs in the balance as an alleged dispute between the event's organisers and Tarbert Harbour Authority threatens to stop the 2011 event from going ahead.

Nick Mills, who has organised the event with a team of volunteers for the last eight years, has resigned as co-ordinator of the festival saying his relationship with the trustees of the harbour authority is 'untenable'.

With no one prepared to step into Nick's shoes, villagers are questioning whether or not the event, scheduled to take place over the first weekend in July, will go ahead.

Speaking exclusively to *The Advertiser* Nick said the harbour authority had withdrawn its financial support from the event because he had expressed criticism of the organisation in the past.

'The harbour trust agreed

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to support the festival with a £500 subsidy in 2008 with the proposal that a harbour board trustee sit on the organising committee.

'But, following the 2008 event I had to chase the £500 payment for eight months and the trust has since refused point blank to pay the money for the 2009 and 2010 events.'

Grant

But Chairman of Tarbert Harbour Authority Board of Trustees, Alan Macdonald, said the authority never agreed to pay a grant in the subsequent years.

'Support in kind has been given to the festival in the past and financial support was offered a few years ago, subject to certain conditions,' Mr Macdonald said. 'For reasons known only to themselves, the

management of the festival have never complied with these conditions.

'To claim that the festival committee is resigning because of the lack of support from the harbour authority is completely unfounded,' he added. 'Nevertheless the Harbour Authority remain supportive of the festival and are willing to work closely with any new committee that may be formed.'

Sadden by the situation Nick said he would like to continue to contribute to the annual event, which has been held on the shores of Loch Fyne for almost 40 years.

'I love doing it,' he said, 'and the festival has done a lot for the community over the years. We had quite substantial plans in place this year but they may never be realised.'

A meeting will take place at Templars Hall at 7pm on Tuesday to discuss the way forward.



Young music stars hit Ceilidh Trail

Rising stars in the world of Celtic music, Mid Argyll youngsters Mairi Voinot and David Provan have been selected to take part in Argyll's 2011 Ceilidh Trail. The Lochgilhead High School students will join six other teenagers playing ceilidhs in villages across the West coast of Scotland and Northern Ireland. For more on this story see next week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*. 06_a19ceilidhtrail01

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Tarbert duo craft royal wedding present

A CRAFTS man and woman from Tarbert have been charged with making a wedding gift for Prince William and his bride Kate Middleton.

Derek Farrar and Wilma MacKenzie have made two personalised walking sticks for the recently married pair, who have a love of the outdoors.

Commissioned by personal friends of Prince Charles, the unique walking sticks were

made by traditional crook maker Derek, with the handle engraved by artist Wilma MacKenzie.

The sticks are made from hazel wood with an Asian water buffalo handle. The dark coloured horn engraved with their individual initials and the date they got married, the sticks are unique gift for a unique couple.

'The stick for Kate was

particularly stunning, said Wilma. 'It was beautifully balanced and the colour of the horn was striking.'

Derek and Wilma, who have been working together for almost 20 years, were commissioned for the job by an existing client after the walking sticks they made for the marriage of Prince Charles and Camilla were so gratefully received. Derek said the client, who would like to remain anonymous, phoned him to say that Charles and Camilla greatly appreciated the walking sticks.

'I did not expect any feedback,' Derek said, 'but it was nice to hear.'

'Just think if William and Kate go on to have a family I could make one for their child that would be three generations of a royal family. But I'd be too old by then,' he laughed.



Derek Farrar and Wilma MacKenzie have been crafting personalised crook sticks together for almost 20 years. 06_a19stick02 Insert: the wedding gift.

Offensive weapon and drug charges

A MAN has been arrested for carrying an offensive weapon and being in possession of illegal drugs.

The 27-year-old is alleged to have brandished a golf club and been in possession of both cannabis and cocaine at a premises in Tarbert.

The local man was arrested on Barmore Road at 11.15pm last Friday night and was detained until he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday morning.

Man charged

A THIRTY five-year-old man has been charged with allegedly being in possession of cannabis.

The Mid Argyll man was charged by police officers at 10.25pm on Saturday at a house in Church Terrace in Tarbert.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Alleged breach of order

A MAN who allegedly breached his community service order was arrested by Lochgilphead police officers on Sunday.

The 31-year-old Ardrishaig man was detained at 3pm after a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Unemployment falls by 333 in Argyll and Bute, report reveals

UNEMPLOYMENT in Argyll and Bute fell by 333 in March this year.

Remaining the district with the highest unemployment figures in the Highlands and Islands region, unemployment fell by 3.8 per cent. According to the Highlands and Islands economic report for May

2011, 1,362 men and 608 women in Argyll and Bute are seeking unemployment benefit.

In Lochgilphead and the surrounding area, there was a reduction of 12 people seeking the benefit, accounting for an 8.6 per cent reduction in unemployment for the area.



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Lorry overturns on A83

TRAFFIC was reduced to one lane on the A83 Inveraray to Glasgow Road last Thursday after a lorry overturned.

The Co-op lorry left the road five miles from Inveraray, near Dunderave Castle, at 10am.

The male driver of the lorry was not injured.

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There will also be an opportunity for the team to share and discuss with workshop participants future plans for procurement and new developments from the Scottish Government over the next year.

Workshops will be held on the following dates:

Queens Hall, Dunoon - Tuesday 10 May - 9.30am - 12.30pm

Corran Halls, Oban - Wednesday 18 May - 9.30am - 12.30pm

Argyll Hotel, Inveraray - Thursday 26 May - 9.30am - 12.30pm

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This FREE workshop run by HM Revenue and Customs will be run on the last afternoon of the 2 day workshop, but can be booked separately. The workshop will give you the knowledge you need to register your self-employment; setup and maintain business records; know what National Insurance to pay; know what expenses you can claim and which pages of your Self Assessment Tax Return you need to complete.

Workshops will be held on the following dates:

ACHA, Menzies House, Oban - Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 June - 9.30am - 4.30pm

Community Centre, Lochgilphead - Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 June - 9.30am - 4.30pm

Queens Hall, Dunoon - Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June - 9.30am - 4.30pm

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Mid Argyll visitor seeks out old friends

A PENSIONER from England is seeking out old friends from Lochgilphead as she visits the area this week.

Marilyn Fardoe, can only recall the first names of the two sets of couples who visited her home town of Newton on their honeymoon in the 1960s but hopes an appeal in the *Advertiser* will jog memories.

Marilyn, or Mal as she is known, says two couples - David and Christine and Neil and Flora - spent time in Wirral, Merseyside visiting her then neighbour Winnie and Morris Hudson.

Mal recalls socialising with both couples and playing pranks on the newly weds.

The 72-year-old will be spending this week, May 14 - 21, in Mid Argyll and would love to be reunited with the Mid Argyll folk. To contact Marilyn call 07947657754.



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Funding advice for community groups

FUNDING for community projects and charities will be the focus of a special event in Lochgilphead next week. A funding advice surgery, organised by the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, will take place in the Dochas Centre on Tuesday, where representatives of charities are being invited to discuss their funding needs. For a 45 minute consultation with a member of the foundation call 0131 444 4020.

NHS staff to be recognised by awards

PEOPLE from across the Highlands and Argyll and Bute are being invited to nominate individuals and teams for the NHS Highland Staff Awards. The awards 'recognise excellence' and were set up to celebrate the work of staff and volunteers who go the extra mile to improve health and patient care. To make a nomination log on to the NHS Highland website or call 01463 704927.



Hector and Jess alongside Hector's Vauxhall Corsa, which provided the wheels for the Meals on Wheels duo.

Meals on Wheels pair call it a day

BRINGING a hot meal and a smile to dozens of homes across Mid Argyll for a generation, two Lochgilphead pensioners have completed their last Meals on Wheels round. Jess Hendrie and Hector MacLean, who have been delivering Meals and Wheels across the area for 20 and 18 years respectively, served their final meal last night (Thursday). Jess, aged 86, and Hector, aged 85, are believed to be the longest serving members of the Meals on Wheels team in Mid Argyll but are now looking forward to retiring from the job the pair describe as 'rewarding'.

'Everyone was always pleased to see us,' said Jess. 'For a lot of people we would be the only visitor they would get. Some folk we would visit had perhaps been in hospital, were unwell or sometimes it would be elderly people. 'Although sometimes we would be delivering dinners to people who were younger than us,' she laughed. As a keen bowler and organiser of the bingo club, Hector is looking forward to spending more time on the bowling green as the summer approaches, whilst Jess hopes to spend more time with her family.

Milestone for Loch Fyne Oysters

STAFF at Loch Fyne Oysters say the company has 'come of age' this week as they pay the final instalment of the loan that enabled them to buy the business. Workers at employee-owned Loch Fyne Oysters bought the Cairndow business in 2003 after Baxi Partnership Ltd (BPL) agreed to loan them the funds. Experts in employee ownership BPL agreed to fund the staff takeover, giving workers a 50 per cent stake in the company. Conscious that an alternative buyer could move the business and jobs outwith the area, the new business model gave employees control over their future. Commenting on the repayment of the loan head of marketing and events at Loch Fyne Oysters, Virginia Sumsion, said it was a milestone event. 'It is important to feel that we are completely independent,' she said. 'Although BPL

were helping us with the development of employee ownership, we feel we have now come of age and can stand on our own two feet. 'It's important for us to keep our roots in the area,' she added. 'The Loch Fyne Food Fair this weekend, which combines what we do with work in the rest of the community, reinforces our position within the community. It is not about what we can take out of the company but we put back in; that is the ethos behind the company and employee ownership.' John Alexander, investment director at BPL, said: 'It is thanks to the hard work and commitment of every one of Loch Fyne Oysters' employees that the company is able to become wholly independent and continue to operate in the local area. 'Baxi Partnership is proud to have supported Loch Fyne Oysters and is confident the company will go from strength to strength.'

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Thousands turn to SNP in Argyll and Bute

Huge swing to nationalists as voters desert local Lib-Dems

by LOUISE LEE
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POLITICAL pundits would not have dared to predict - or indeed believed - the overwhelming support for the SNP's Michael Russell.

Voters sent the former education secretary to Holyrood as Argyll and Bute MSP with a ten-fold increase in the majority of his predecessor, Jim Mather.

Conservative Jamie McGrigor, Labour's Mick Rice and Liberal Democrat Alison Hay were left reeling in his wake.

Mr Russell fought his campaign on many issues and some would say that as education secretary in the pre-election government, the threat of rural school closures may have fallen into his lap as good campaign fodder.

However, other issues, such as protecting rural life, looking seriously at the plight of islanders, plans to freeze the council tax for a further one year, looking at a regulator

for ferry services and an ambitious climate change agenda may also have swayed the voters.

Whatever it was that Mr Russell brought to the table, it has instilled a confidence in a huge majority of the voters.

SNP hold
Turnout: 54.36 per cent

Michael Russell, SNP	13,390
Jamie McGrigor, C	4,847
Mick Rice, Lab	4,041
Alison Hay, Lib-Dem	3,220
George Doyle, Ind	542
George White, Lib	436

Majority: 8,543

In his acceptance speech, he said it was now time to get on with the business of government and he hoped to meet council officials to discuss the council school closure plans.

Voters continued to be supportive of the work of Jamie McGrigor MSP, who was returned as the Conservative list MSP covering the Highlands and Islands, and who came second in the constituency vote.

Jamie said: 'I was disappointed not to be voted in

as the constituency MSP as I would have liked to work specifically in the area where I live, but I am delighted to be returned as the list MSP for the Highlands and Islands.

'I will continue to respond to the needs of constituents on any matter - it is a privilege to do so.'

Mick Rice, Labour, said he was happy to have done better than the Liberal Democrats, although these days, he said: 'That isn't much of an achievement.'

Alison Hay of the Liberal Democrats was gracious in her defeat, wishing Mr Russell all the best in his new role.

As a senior councillor in Argyll and Bute she will no doubt be seeing him over the coming days and weeks to discuss the thorny issue of rural school closures, an issue much-debated during many hustings meetings that were carried out in Argyll and Bute and in part, perhaps, part of her downfall.

The total votes cast was up slightly with a turnout of 54.36 percent (26,658 voters).



Michael Russell, newly elected MSP for Argyll and Bute, with Alex Salmond during the SNP leader's campaign visit to Oban. 16_t19mikeandalex2



Two generations of a Lochgilphead family make their voices heard as they cast their vote in the Scottish parliamentary elections on May 5. Mother and daughter Helen and Jenna Samberek, both nurses, said they would be using their votes to support the NHS. 06_a19vote01



Fresh from his success winning the Argyll and Bute seat with a majority of 8,543, the SNP's Mike Russell celebrates with wife Cathleen and son Cailean. 15_t19election20



The ballots from the isles were rapidly transferred from the chopper to a waiting van to be taken to the town's sport centre, where the count took place. 15_t19election20

Scottish Parliament election in focus



Ballot boxes are divided between tables at the hall, with counters poised for action. 15_t19election3



Successful SNP candidate, Michael Russell, started his celebratory speech in Gaelic as he dramatically increased his party's majority in the constituency. 15_t19election17

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Resounding 'no' to alternative

VOTERS in Argyll and Bute delivered a firm 'No' to the alternative vote system, with nearly two-thirds rejecting reform to the UK Parliamentary electoral system.

Of the 26,285 votes lodged, 16,580, or 63 per cent, were against the introduction of the alternative vote (AV), while 9,526 wanted to do away with the first past the post system.

Ironically, of the 179 ballot papers rejected, seven people voted both for and against the introduction of AV on their ballots. Some 171 were rejected for uncertainty, while one paper was marked in such a way as to identify the voter.

The result follows closely the trend across the UK, with an overwhelming 67.9 per cent of voters across the country rejecting AV.

The referendum was a key pledge in the Liberal Democrats' election manifesto, but the proposal put before the country was a far cry from the proportional representation system the party had been pressing for.

Critical Blow

The result is a critical blow to their plans and is likely to see any proposals to reform the electoral system pushed back years, if not decades.

Turnout for the referendum in Argyll and Bute was 53.73 per cent, broadly following the Scottish trend, which showed an overall turnout of 50.7 per cent. Voters south of the border were the most reluctant to have their say, with turnout rarely creeping above 40 per cent.



The team of counters sort through the ballots to calculate the number of total votes ahead of the actual count. 15_t19election12

Mike's surprise at gaining list seat

A BUILDER got the biggest surprise of the Election Day when he discovered he was to be elected as a national politician.

When we telephoned Mike MacKenzie to tell him it was looking likely he might get a seat as a list candidate, he was digging out and strengthening part of the harbour wall on Easdale island where he lives on.

Mike didn't believe it was possible to be elected as he was seventh on the list as an SNP candidate, but he did not count on the huge turnout of voters in Argyll and Bute many of whom voted for the nationalists.

Mike is no stranger to politics and has lost out in his political ambitions in the past.



A surprised, but delighted, Mike MacKenzie. 15_t19election21

He was in the race for the Westminster seat last May but lost out to the Liberal Democrat's Alan Reid MP.

Mike now an MSP said: 'It is very humbling to be elected and to be able to serve the people of the Highlands and Islands.

'There is much work to

be done and I will certainly do everything I can to help make our rural and island communities more sustainable.'

Mike was invited along with the SNP's 68 MSPs to attend the group's first meeting on Saturday morning at Holyrood.



Labour's Mick Rice was a forlorn figure for much of the count, but was pleased to increase his party's share of the vote by 0.8 per cent. 15_t19election8



Liberal Democrat MP for Argyll and Bute, Alan Reid, turned out to support his colleague, Alison Hay, in her bid for the seat. However, he struggled to raise a smile as the party's support in the county collapsed, down 19.6 per cent on 2007's election. 15_t19election7



Counters get to grips with the papers as the count begins. 15_t19election10



Jamie McGrigor retained his position as a list MSP for the Highlands and Islands. 15_t19election22



Counters sift through the last of the ballots at Friday's count. 15_t19election14

Those Were The Days

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Conferences paying off

Argyll and Bute District Council's policy of not charging for the rent of civic halls to conference organisers seems to be paying dividends.

Last Friday and Saturday saw another successful conference held in the Queen's Hall Dunoon at the 89th Annual Conference of the Scottish Co-operative Women's Guild, when more than 375 delegates from 120 guild branches throughout Scotland filled the hall.

This followed the recent success of the Scottish Trade Union Congress a fortnight ago in Rothesay, when more than 800 delegates and their wives reckoned to have spent over £250,000 in the resort.

Protest about free transport to Kilmory

Lochgilhead Community Council has received a protest from members of the public about the free use by Argyll and Bute District Council staff of the council bus to the district council headquarters in Kilmory.

There has also been a protest about members of staff being picked up at their homes.

The council agreed to note the position.

Shopkeepers hit out at one-day sales

Argyll and Bute District Council have received a petition from Lochgilhead shopkeepers protesting about the number of outside sales held in the Stag House.

According to the shopkeepers, the cut price sales are driving them out of business and they have circulated their petition, signed by most of the town's traders, to the council, Mr John MacKay MP and the regional and district councillors.

Lochgilhead boutique owner, Mrs Jean Burke, expressed strong views about the sales. She said: 'The district council should be doing something about it. This is going to be a ghost town if this goes on. We cannot buy our goods at the prices the outside traders are selling them at. They are selling all types of clothing, electrical goods and other items.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE hadn't been to Tayvallich in ages and so enjoyed our visit there one Saturday recently.

The drive along the primrose-carpeted banks of the Crinan Canal was beautiful. It is always a treat to see the yachts thread their way through all the locks to the open sea.

It seems so romantic to watch the folks on deck with their cocktails as they wait leisurely for the locks to open.

Over the bridge at Cairnbaan and we were heading to the lovely Knapdale peninsula. We meandered along the single track road to Tayvallich and delighted in the daffodils fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

It was a peach of a day and all of Nature seemed to rejoice in it too.

The little church is lovely and holds a commanding position on the banks of Loch Sween. We were going to a conference there to be led by Tom Gordon, who is the retired Chaplain of the Mairi Curie Cancer Centre in Edinburgh.

We watched as others came from other parts of Argyll, and I thought of how strangers can so soon become friends.

We discussed many issues around life and death, and we shared laughter and tears together in this 'safe' place with this lovely man who had helped so many people over many years.

There was so much to think about afterwards, and as I browsed through a book Tom had recommended, I found these words by Rabbi Menachem Mendel who said: 'Human beings are God's language'. That is, when we cry out to God in our anguish, God responds by sending us people.

Doctors and nurses who work tirelessly to make us whole, friends who come and sit with us and hold our hand without speaking, neighbours who care. And I thought how tenderly God speaks to us – the Word became flesh.

Council still face massive cut in funding

Sir,

A great deal has been said over the past couple of months about the dire financial situation that Argyll & Bute Council finds itself in and who was to blame for the additional cut in funding of £5.588 million. Thankfully additional funding was provided by the Scottish Government that reduced the original cut in the former Supporting People funding down to £4.280 million.

Following further funding of £2.455 million being provided by the Scottish Government, the additional cut for this year was eventually reduced £1.825 million.

The problem is that this improvement in funding is for this year only. Based on the decisions taken by COSLA, Argyll and Bute Council still faces an additional massive cut in funding of £5.588 million for the next financial year and for each year for years to come.

Of the three political groups represented on Argyll & Bute Council, it became clear that only the SNP Group at COSLA were willing to reconsider the distribution of the former Supporting People funds. The Lib Dem and Tory groups at COSLA made it clear that they were not willing to help Argyll and Bute Council by reconsidering the distribution of this funding.

Unfortunately the council set

its budget before the second contribution from the Scottish Government was agreed, so additional cuts in services to the value of £4.280 million were included in the 2011/12 budget.

The council will now have to decide how the £2.455 million is to be allocated. This is an issue that will have to be monitored very closely to try and ensure that this money is not frittered away on pet projects of those within the council's administration.

Many within the council have trumpeted this improvement as a major success and are trying to claim credit for the additional funding that the Scottish Government has provided. That is certainly not the case. The council was still forced to make massive cuts in services as a result of the decisions taken by council leaders at COSLA and will face further major cuts that will impact on the residents of Argyll and Bute for years to come.

Such an outcome cannot be claimed as a success. Cuts of such a magnitude can only be classed as a total disaster for Argyll and Bute Council and its residents.

**Councillor
George S Freeman JP,
Leader - The Argyll & Bute
Independent Councillors
Group Ward 9 - Lomond
North.**



THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser has been notified that the Down Memory Lane picture printed in the April 22 edition of the paper was not Kilmartin Football Club. This picture of the Kilmartin team was taken in 1948 before a match against Craignish.

Back Row (L-R): Donald MacFadyen, Peter MacCaskill, Bobby Gauld, Bill Keating, John Galbraith and Peter MacVean. Front Row (L-R): Archie Maxwell, Malkie MacDonald, Donnie MacCaskill, Henry MacGuinness, Duncan Gargan and Ian MacLaughlin.

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Red Cross Week

Sir

I have supported the fantastic work of British Red Cross for over five years now, and have witnessed both international and domestic projects first hand.

I've seen the impact the Red Cross can have on people in crisis wherever and wherever they are, which is why I want to help them to continue this work. Every year, the British Red Cross has one week of intensive fundraising called Red Cross Week.

This year it takes place from 1 to 8 May and the Red Cross is asking you to be 'one in a million' by getting involved and helping to raise £1 million. I'm definitely going to be one in a million and will be doing my bit to help out this Red Cross Week, and I hope that you will too.

Konnie Huq, Broadcaster.

Clarification

Sir,

Further to the article, which featured in the Argyllshire Advertiser on May 6, entitled 'Woman evicted from town flat' I would like to make it clear that I Ms Carol Ross did not contribute to the article in any way.

Carol Ross, 38B Lochnell Street, Lochgilhead.

Voting system

Sir

The claim by the former SNP Councillor Robb that 'I lack an understanding of the voting system' and that 'Labour contrived the voting system for the Scottish Parliament' is far from accurate.

The Scottish Constitutional Convention met regularly to develop the voting system and other related matters prior to the referendum vote, which returned a Yes verdict in September 1997.

Trade unions, civic society groups and ALL political parties except the SNP participated in the constitutional convention.

Indeed the present system of

electing MSPs to the Scottish Parliament allows individuals to have two shots at being an MSP, if they chose - one in a constituency by First Past the Post (FPTP) and the other on the regional list in which the candidates are selected by the members of each political party.

A good example of the two shots system is Michael Russell who has stood three times in a constituency (FPTP) coming in second in 1999, second in 2003 and third in 2007. The additional vote is confusing to many voters as they are led to believe that the second vote is promoted by some not as the additional vote but as the alternative vote or even the 'other choice' giving voters the impression that the second vote cannot be for the same party.

The SNP made much of this misleading tactic and added further confusion with the presidential style of voting for Alex Salmond on the list ballot paper. So much for not taking part in the constitutional convention but playing the system through misleading voters!

David Graham, Dunoon.

SNP asked to fulfil ferry promise

Sir,

The election process is now completed. Entrails examination and winners' euphoria should not be allowed to delay tackling the problems facing the country.

Transport infrastructure in Mid Argyll and Kintyre has suffered from a lack of investment for many years. The A83 is substandard in several sections, and is continuously threatened by landslips at the Rest and Be Thankful. It does not even enjoy Trunk Road status for much of its length through Kintyre. In 2007 an SNP economic strategy document stated 'to boost the economy and build on Scotland's links with Northern Ireland, we are committed to fulfilling the promise of a ferry service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle to bring more tourists, residents and business to Kintyre and the West of Scotland'.

We were told at the time that 'this commitment comes from a party that will honour it - the community has been badly let down in the past - the ferry is a vital component of the future economic success of Kintyre'. Congratulations to Mike Russell on his election as our MSP, I trust he will now press for this promise to be fulfilled without further delay.

**Ian MacIntyre,
Tarbert Shopkeeper.**

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Carsaig couple celebrate their Diamond Wedding

AUDREY and David Thomson reached a milestone marriage anniversary recently, one many couples hope to achieve.

The couple, from Carsaig, enjoyed their Diamond Anniversary, at Ardfeiniag Residential home in Ardrishaig, where David now lives.

Married on April 18, 1951 in St Martin's Church, Worcester, the couple have managed to spend 75 years of their lives together.

Audrey was 29-years-old when they married and David was 25.

David said: 'I married her because I love her, and still do to this day.'

Audrey, who still resides in Carsaig,

is a retired art teacher. She still paints today, selling her prints to raise funds for Ardfeiniag's resident fund.

The pair moved to Scotland shortly after their wedding, living in Ralston near Glasgow. They then moved to Drymen, near Stirling, where they lived for 30 years, before moving to Carsaig when they retired.

And the secret to a long and happy marriage - 'Finding the right wife,' says David. Audrey agreed, adding: 'Definitely finding the right husband.'

The couple celebrated with a special lunch in Ardfeiniag last month, where they also received a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen.



Audrey and David Thomson on their wedding day on April 18, 1951. They have just celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Raise cash while dropping pounds

PEOPLE getting bikini fit for summer are being asked to help a cancer charity whilst they drop the pounds.

Macmillan Cancer Support is asking Mid Argyll folk to organise a fundraising walk to help keep fit, lose weight and raise money for people affected by cancer.

Hoping the challenge will prove popular with those who want extra motivation to get fit ahead of their summer holiday, Macmillan's fundraising manager for

Argyll Elsie Riley said: 'You could organise a really challenging walk to give you fantastic motivation to stick to your fitness regime or you could even get sponsored to leave the car at home and work to work for a month.'

'As well as looking great on the beach you'll also be able to have a guilt free break knowing you've raised money for people with cancer,' she said.

For more information visit www.macmillan.org.uk/walking.

Underage drinking - a serious health concern

UNDERAGE drinking has been identified as a serious health concern in Mid Argyll.

Members of the public highlighted the problem as a health priority for the area when they were given the opportunity to discuss the factors that affect the general health and wellbeing of people in the area

Attendees of the recent Health Issues in the Community Course discussed the effects underage drinking can have

on the individual, their family and the wider community.

The group concluded that if the Mid Argyll community wants to tackle the issue young people would need to be involved in helping find a solution.

The Health Issues in the Community Course, run by Argyll and Bute Council in partnership with the Women@work project, aims to support individuals to identify what is important to them and their communities.



Dochas launches counselling support

THE DOCHAS Carers Centre and Macmillan Cancer Support have joined together to develop a Counselling Skills Service for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles. At present nine motivated and committed volunteers are receiving training to complete the COSCA course that is being funded by Macmillan Cancer Support. The Dochas Carers Centre will manage the counselling service and there will be continuous development for future counsellors, supported by Macmillan over the next three years. Pictured is the group of counselling volunteers at a recent training day.

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Tarbert - preserving the village for future generations

ENSURING Tarbert's heritage lives on for generations to come is a hardworking and dedicated group of volunteers.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust was formed in 2003 for the benefit of people in the area.

From regenerating Tarbert Castle, to the

creation of a community garden for the village, the Trust has certainly been kept busy over the years.

Here one of the trust's founding directors, Robert McPhail, tells *Advertiser* reporter Jenny Sutherland about the positive steps it has made to Tarbert.

IN 2004 TARBERT and Skipness Community Trust obtained ownership of Tarbert Castle and developed a strategy to regenerate the overgrown and rapidly disappearing heritage of the site.

By the end of 2012, several thousand hours of volunteer time and almost £1million will have been spent at the site, transforming it into a visitor attraction and local green space. We are carrying out a series of visitor surveys this year and early indications show that in the four years since this was last done numbers using the site have at least doubled.

Achievements

The Trust has, in recent years, completed the White Shore path development, the Big Green Tarbert (BGT) Energy Reduction program and the Community Garden project. Trust directors are now looking at how these achievements can be continued to increase the areas sustainability in the future where the cost of energy and its effect is an issue for all.

Although BGT has reached the end of its' funding, Tarbert Community Gardens continue to bloom with a team of dedicated volunteers and local businesses working with Tarbert Harbour Authority.



Robert McPhail, one of the Trust's founding directors.

Supplementing our fantastic volunteers these local businesses last year gave some of their valuable time to maintain the flowerbeds along the waterfront. Without exception the same people have readily agreed to weed, water and help plant out the beds when necessary and have proven themselves to be a great boost

to the creation and upkeep of a waterfront and village to be proud of.

Tarbert Youth and after school groups, who have now established a thriving vegetable garden at the Village hall, have also agreed to maintain the planters along the promenade to the Harbour office.

Congregate

Tarbert Healing Garden is continuing to be well used and volunteers congregate on a Friday morning at 10am for a couple of hours work - usually interspersed with tea and cakes.

The Trust has great plans for the Community Garden. A project implemented by the Community Gardens Coordinator will proceed towards funding applications (already submitted to LEADER for review).

Locally, we will be working with producers in Kintyre, South Knapdale and Islay and internationally in partnership with North and South Skåne in Sweden. This project will benefit everyone by ensuring continuity of supply of local high quality vegetables and fruit and reducing dependence on transported goods.

Exchange

The international element allows us to provide study trips to Sweden for producers and students to allow for exchange of ideas and good practice, Swedish participants will also visit producers here, with a pre-project information gathering visit to Kintyre in May.

Throughout the life of the project we aim to include as



The first of three annual stages of the £¾ million Tower House stonework consolidation contract is completed last year.

many local producers, retailers and hotels as possible to ensure business continuity beyond funding timelines.

Sustainable funding for the community is being addressed with two proposals involving renewable energy.

The Trust hope to agree a share in the Alt Dearg wind farm stage two and have their own proposals for two turbines located on the Corranbuie forest road.

Both these developments will take time, require substantial investment and a great deal of volunteer effort by Trust



The Big Green Tarbert committee of 2010.

Directors but hopefully will provide a funding stream for community benefit in years to come.

The Community Plan developed last year with the Community Council, Harbour Board and Tarbert Enterprise Company is bearing fruit providing support for several funding applications.

Implementation

The Trust have employed Heather Goodchild on a six-month contract to help with the implementation of the community plan and she has commenced an audit of our visitor assets to assist with the advancement of a co-ordinated marketing policy for the

locality. A seminar to discuss this is being arranged in June at which the *Heart of Argyll* initiative will be introduced. The Trust hope that a group can be formed from tourism related entrepreneurs to take forward a unified marketing policy to exploit the area's attractions in the competitive tourism business.

The most recent initiative by Trust directors is a policy to form a junior membership into the important and growing community support sector achieved through volunteering to help each other and ensure a sustainable future for this part of Argyll.



The opening of Tarbert's Community Garden last year.

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Lochgilphead success at Argyll festival

THE SPIANS at Lochgilphead Drama Club kept the Mid-Argyll flag flying high at the Argyll Drama Festival last week in Ardrishaig.

Performing their riotous comedy *Meat and two Veg*, the club was awarded the Dunoon Town Council Trophy for first place and also trophies for best acting and best comedy.

Campbeltown's Accent Players sparkled in their comedy production of *The Atkinson Affair*, winning the Oban Town Council Trophy for second place and the Maisie Reekie

Trophy for the best set. With their rollicking comedy, *A Little Box Of Oblivion*, Kintyre's Carradale Drama Club were placed third winning the MacKellar Trophy.

Humorous

The talented youngsters of Tarbert Academy Drama Club delighted the audience with their thoughtful and humorous playing of the drama, *Dickens' Children* winning the trophy for best dramatic production.

From Campbeltown, the four young very able players of Accent

Juniors gave their all in their highly entertaining production of *The Strawberry Tea*.

Adjudicator, Ronnie Mackie, impressed the audience and teams with his knowledge of drama and found his reflections on each production, perceptive and helpful.

First class

The festival, now in its 63rd year, was held in Ardrishaig Public Hall over three nights, providing Mid Argyll audiences first class live entertainment.



Winners of three trophies and taking first place in the 2011 Argyll Drama Festival – Lochgilphead Drama Club.

Festival of Museums launched

MUSEUMS in Mid Argyll will be launched on to the international cultural map next week as the inaugural Festival of Museums gets underway.

Kilmartin House and Auchindrain museums will join a host of museums and venues across Scotland in hosting an eclectic and colourful range of concerts, talks, workshops, performances and exhibitions.

In Kilmartin storyteller and musician Bob Peg will bring to life the ancient legends and sounds of prehistory that interweave among the tombs and stand-

ing stones of Kilmartin Glen.

Leading a walk from Nether Largie to Temple Wood, on Sunday, Bob will take visitors on a dramatic quest to find the secret hiding place of the giant's heart.

Bob, accompanied by drummer Ruth Brennan, will also host an instrument making and music workshop on Saturday.

Meanwhile, at the Auchindrain Township Inverclyde walking group will take visitors back to the 18th and 19th centuries as they make their way through the ancient settlement.

Karen to perform at Crear Studios

ONE OF Mid Argyll's finest music venues will play host to one of the country's finest Gaelic singers this month as Karen Matheson returns to the area.

Lead vocalist of Celtic super-group Capercaillie, Karen will play a gig at Crear Studios on May 18.

With some extra special guests also on the bill it is sure to be a sell-out performance.

The gig was announced last week as Crear published its summer schedule of events.

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Ardrishaig Girl Guide Leader Zena Williams and Mairi Voinot tuck into some treats served by Guides – Ciardh Baxter, Chloe MacKinnon, Eden Mikula and Grace Carol. 06_a19guide01

ARDRISHAIG Church Hall was jam packed on Saturday morning as Mid Argyll folk turned out to support musician Mairi Voinot.

The teenager, who has been invited to attend a world-class music school next summer, was the guest of honour at the Ardrishaig Girl Guides coffee morning.

Hoping to raise funds for Mairi's trip the guides served tea and coffee to a thirsty crowd, raising a grand total of £700.

Generosity

More than a third of the total cost of Mairi's trip, she said was 'delighted' and 'amazed' by the community's generosity.

£500 raised for Red Cross

FUNDRAISING efforts for the Red Cross reached dizzy heights on Saturday when a single coffee morning raised more than £500 for the cause.

The annual coffee morning, held to mark national Red Cross Week, also featured a home baking and tabletop sale.

The event, held in conjunction with fundraising efforts on Islay and a stand

in Lochgilphead's Co-op store are expected to bring in more than £1,000 for the international humanitarian charity.

Thank

Fundraising co-ordinator for the Red Cross in Mid Argyll, Linda Tighe said: 'We would like to thank the people for their continued support, ensuring Red Cross Week was a success.'



Volunteers at the Red Cross Coffee morning. 06_a19redcross01

Community Noticeboard

Festival of Museums at Auchindrain

Saturday May 14th 2011

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Lochgilphead Parish Church are holding a coffee morning, table sale and raffle in the hall from 10am - 12noon on Saturday 14th May 2011.

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An impressive array of headdress was on show at the Red Cross Centre on Monday night. 06_a19royal02

Cancer Support holds Royal party

WOMEN donned an array of unusual and artistic hats in Lochgilphead on Monday night as the Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group celebrated the Royal wedding with a belated party.

Members of the group wore flowers, soap puffs and pieces of garden equipment of their head as they rose to the challenge of making their own head wear for the event.

The group enjoyed a royal tea party, tucking into some fine home baking, after being entertained by four young musicians.

The Mid Argyll Cancer Support group will meet throughout the summer months at the Rumbly Tun in Ardrishaig on Wednesdays between 2pm and 3pm and meet monthly at the Red Cross Centre on the second Monday of each month; everyone is welcome.



(L-R) Orla Ward, Katy Welsh, William Lawrence and Emma Paterson provided musical entertainment for the royal celebration. 06_a19royal01

'At the Water's Edge'

CRINAN Art Gallery is once again bringing renowned Scottish Painters to rural Argyll with its latest exhibition.

The 'At the Water's Edge' display, which opened at the gallery on Saturday, features work by members of the Royal Scottish Society of painters in Watercolour. The exhibition runs until June 3.

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Art exhibition at Kilmartin House Museum

FIRE, the second in a series of art exhibitions about the four elements of the earth, will be launched at Kilmartin House museum this month.

Going on display on May 26, the show will feature works by local artists including Kirsty Brady, Lesley Burr, Lucinda Hopkinson, Wilma McKenzie, Louise Oppenheimer, George Stewart and Gill Stewart.

The six artists, who regularly open their homes and studios for Artmap Argyll events, are the first to stage an art exhibition in Kilmartin House Museum's Glebe Cairn Cafe.

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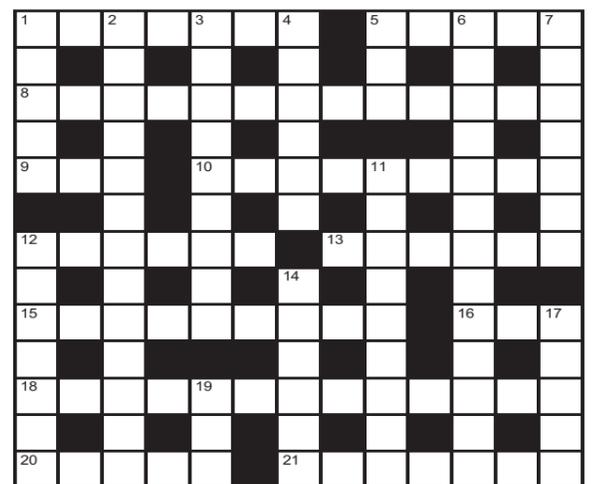
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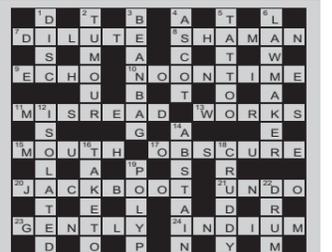
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Last week's solution



Number of entries to Highland Show approaches 5,000

ENTRIES to this year's Royal Highland Show are already approaching the 5,000 mark, with more than a month to go before the event.

So far, scores of cattle, sheep, goats and horses have been registered, with poultry, show-jumping and other livestock entries still to be finalised.

Organisers believe the Royal Bank of Scotland sponsored event, on June 23-26, could be one of the best yet.

Show manager, David Dunsmuir, said: 'We now have to fit in all of these fine examples of British livestock breeding.'

'For exhibitors there is great prestige in winning a Royal Highland prize ticket and for visitors there is all the drama and spectacle of the judging process and the grand parades of prize-winners.'

'We are grateful to all our exhibitors for supporting the show and we wish them every success.'

Sheep will boast the largest section at this year's show, with more than 1,700 entries lodged.

Huge entry

Among the 24 breed classes, there is a huge entry of 240 texels and 201 beltex sheep. Shetland and Suffolks also



Entries to this year's Royal Highland Show are already approaching 5,000.

have three figure entries, at 112 and 101 respectively.

A new section for north of England mules attracted 39 entries.

The light horse section has also proved popular, with 1,576 entered. Top section is mountain and moorland ponies

under saddle at 172, closely followed by hunters under saddle at 153 and coloured horses at 152.

Nearly 1,000 beef cattle have been entered, with Aberdeen Angus leading the way on 124. Highland cattle come next with 115 then British Limousin with

113. A total of 131 dairy cattle have been entered. Held in Edinburgh, the show will once again feature a renewables exhibition, following on from last year's interest, while the fruits of the country's farmers will be on offer at the food hall, with more than 100 exhibitors

and samples abound, there's plenty to tempt you.

As usual, there will be a plethora of stalls, exhibitions and entertainment for all the family, while the event is once again expected to contribute around £100million to the Scottish economy.

Buyers out in force in Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held their annual second spring sale at Dalmally Auction Mart, when there was a catalogued entry of 390 cattle and 180 sheep of all classes.

Bullocks sold to average £632 per head or 193pence per kilo, whilst Heifers averaged £537 per head or 186pence per kilo.

Belgian Blue Cross Bullocks from Craigentaggart sold to £885 whilst Keillator sold Bullocks to 224pence per kilo.

Limousin and Saler heifers from Balliemeanoch sold to £745 per head and Keillator led the way with Heifers at 234 pence per kilo.

Overall, a good offering of Grazing Cattle sold at firm rate and to a strong force of buyers.

Value in sheep at Tiree spring sale

UNITED Auctions held their second spring sale of all classes' cattle at Tiree Auction Mart, with a good offering of grazing stirks sold at firm rates and to £875 per head for Limousin Bullocks from Clachan.

Limousin Bullocks from 8 Cornaigbeg sold to 207pence per kilo whilst Limousin Heifers from Heylipol Farm sold to 204pence.

All classes of sheep sold at enhanced values with cast ewes from Heylipol Farm selling to £136, cast gimmers from 8 Kilkenneth to £142.50 and hogs from Drumaglea to £121.

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NFUS seeks urgent talks over Rural Priorities Scheme

UPCOMING applications to the Rural Priorities Scheme will be restricted to environmental projects and not considered until the end of September, prompting concern from NFU Scotland.

The union, known as NFUS, says it fears there will be no further assessment committees later in the year, something they say could be a blow to any Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZs) that may require support to meet rules on slurry storage by the end of the year.

NFUS officials say they intend to raise the matter with the new administration as a matter of priority following the Scottish parliamentary elections.

Doubt

Jonnie Hall, head of rural policy at NFUS, said: 'While we have been aware for some time that the forthcoming Rural Priorities round would be restricted to environmental applications, the announcement that these projects would not be considered until the end of September throws into

doubt the timetable for further rounds.

'The Scottish Government has indicated it will announce the timing of the next assessment committees for business development rural enterprise and rural communities projects as soon as possible.

However, we cannot assume that there will be further rounds this year, and so there may be no opportunity for those businesses looking to develop capital investments proposals.'

SEPA waste warning to fish farmers

THE SCOTTISH Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has reminded fish farmers that they may face prosecution if they do not clear their sites of debris or waste materials.

The reminder comes after one former fish farmer in South Uist was fined £600 for failing to remove waste after his site was destroyed by a severe storm in 2005. The site, on Loch

Moreef, had been left with the remains of metal cages, rope, nets, polystyrene blocks, pumps, waste feed and plastic bags. Both SEPA and Western Isles Council had received complaints from the public and had issued warnings to the owner prior to the court action at Lochmaddy Sheriff Court in March.

SEPA investigating officer Hazel MacLeod said it was

disappointing that it took so long to remove the waste from the loch.

'This case clearly demonstrates that fish farmers must take responsibility for the impact that abandoned cages have on the environment and must take prompt action to remove these to avoid further environmental impact if the cages are broken up by the action of the weather.'



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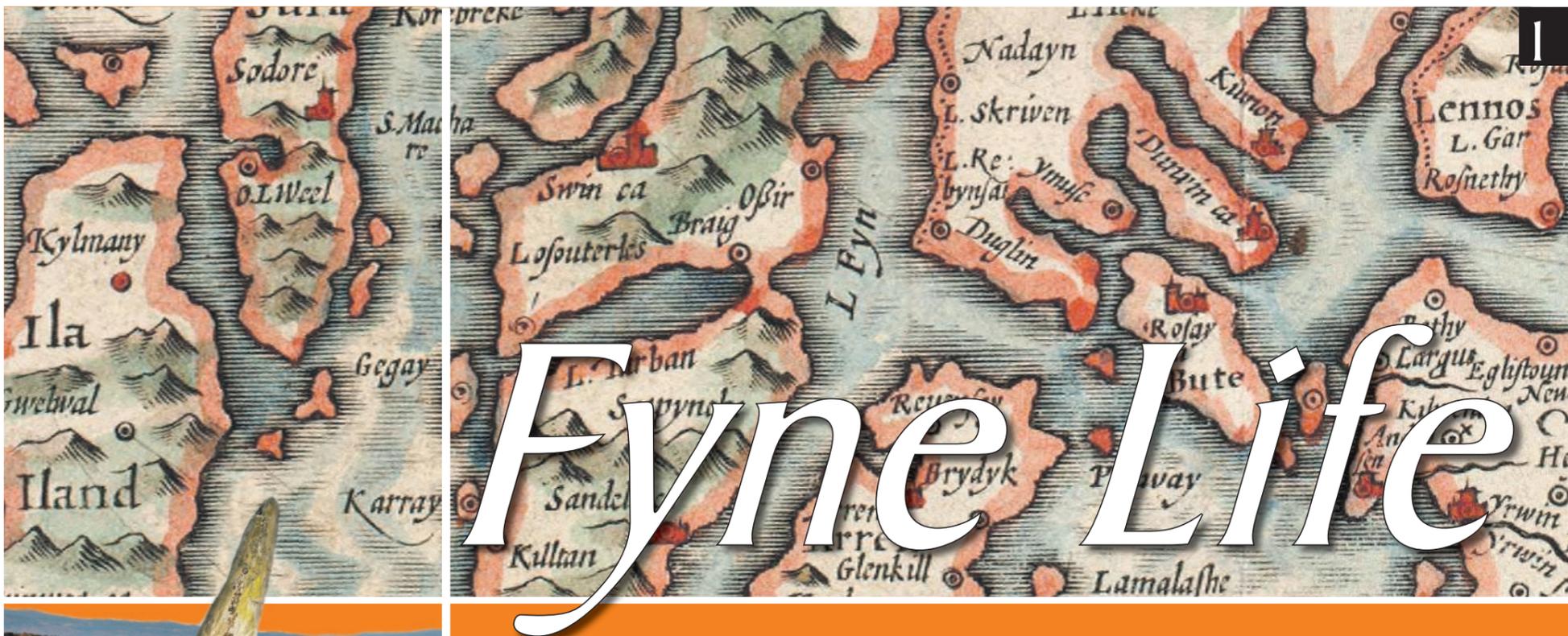
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It's a can-do attitude that sees the community buy the Glendaruel Hotel rather than lose the centre of village social life and to make sure that visitors have somewhere to enjoy; or the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool, another community venture celebrating its 15th birthday. It's a wry way of looking at things that can be seen in the way Jeanette Laughton picks her ideal companions for a day on the loch.

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Loch Fyne flashback

Steven King from Inveraray competes in the Heavy events at the Royal Burgh's Highland Games in 1992.



Staff of Inveraray Post Office in October 1906. The picture was taken from a Royal Burgh postcard.

COMMUNITY SNIPPETS

LOCHGILPHEAD

THE MID ARGYLL Community Swimming pool is celebrating its 15th birthday this year and is asking swimmers what new facilities they would like to see at the pool. A café, sauna, pool extension, soft play area and better changing facilities were some of the most popular answers. Faced with quite an extensive wish list business manager at the pool, Eilidh Bartlet, said: 'As part of the planned regeneration of the pool we are looking into re-developing the changing area and are strongly considering putting in a cafe and viewing gallery. She added: 'We would love to be able to meet all the requests but obviously we are constricted by finances, as well as space.'

TARBERT

YOUNGSTERS at Tarbert Youth Group have returned from their annual trip to visit the Isle of Mull sea eagles.



In recent months the youngsters have been busy raising funds for their trip.

A host of coffee mornings, face painting sessions, cake sales and soup club events have been organised by the group in a bid to raise the cash for the annual outing. Project co-ordinator at Tarbert Youth Group Heather Bellshaw said twelve children spent three days on Mull and each and every one of them had an 'enjoyable' time.

Four in a Boat

In this issue Jeanette Laughton from Ardrishaig tells Fyne Life Readers who she would take on her fantasy boat trip across Loch Fyne and what delights they would experience on the way.

So sit back and enjoy as we set sail with Jeanette.

THE CHANCE to spend a day away from the phone and emails, no meetings or house work, is definitely something to grab and enjoy. What to do was easy but who with was a hard choice. I eventually settle on two friends and my daughter in law. A good gossip being the order of the day! We will set the world to rights.

My first person would be my lovely daughter in law, Jo. I am full of admiration for her as she battles serious illness. A good dose of fresh Loch Fyne sea air would be just what the doctor ordered.

The second person would be Catherine, a good friend from Ardrishaig and the third another friend from my days in Brussels, Christine.

We would have an erudite discussion on the state of government finances and wonder why it is so difficult for them to balance the books. Does the government work on the principle that if they have cheques left then they must have money to spend?

It would be easy to explain how to save. Take the pair of shoes I bought recently. I saved so much money by purchasing them. They did not exactly match anything in the wardrobe but they were cheap and I now have the dress and handbag to match.

I know the others on board have done the same thing. Good example of applied logic that the government could take note of. Our picnic lunch on board would be luxurious and elegant. Naturally we would have Loch Fyne smoked salmon and cheeses from Arran. Christine would bring a lovely gâteau from Brussels for dessert as well as Belgian chocolates. We would drink good champagne and lounge around in the sunshine.

In the true naval tradition of days gone by we would have a ship's cat for company.

At the end of the day we would return relaxed and waiting for the phone calls from Downing Street and the White House asking for our advice, which naturally will not come cheap. Woops! We forgot to leave the mooring as we were so busy talking!

COLINTRAIVE

COLINTRAIVE and Glendaruel Development Trust has been granted a community right to buy the Glendaruel Hotel. The hotel, which stands at the centre of the clachan of Glendaruel, has been closed for 18 months, which residents' claim deprives them of an essential social hub and tourist attraction.

The development trust established a working group in August 2010 to explore possible uses for the building after the owners failed to get the business up and running.

Having secured the building the community now has the opportunity to decide whether it wants the trust to run the building as a social enterprise.'

CAIRNDOW

THE HERE WE Are centre in Cairndow made its debut in Glasgow in February with its exhibition, Our Houses; Their Stories. The exhibition, depicting the village of Cairndow over the years, was displayed in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Our Houses; Their Stories is a biography of the 107 houses of Cairndow and was created by the community organisation. Michael Russell, MSP, viewed the exhibition. He said: 'History is made not just by the heroes and villains, but in the lives of ordinary people. Our Houses; Their Stories recognises that simple truth. We can learn much from the walls within which we live and from the buildings our neighbours inhabit.'

ARDRISHAIG

A RESTORED George V Park and playground for the young people of Ardrishaig will be complete by the end of the year - Ardrishaig Community Trust has said.

Ardrishaig residents have been told work will begin on the park, which has lain dormant for more than twenty years, in the coming months. The revitalised park will feature swings, a climbing frame and roundabout.

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'Quality is so important to me,' he said. 'Quality is the ethos behind the business, it is the main theme that runs throughout our work.'

Setting up his own business 15 years ago Paul explained that he became frustrated working within the construction industry, seeing jobs half done and people being ripped off.

'It's about value for money, quality pays at the end of the day,' he said.

Zofija added: 'You are creating someone's dream, it is a big decision to build your own home and we want them to be happy with

every little detail, from the insulation to the type of door handles used.'

Ensuring quality from the beginning to the end of the build Paul and his team build their own house kits, making the timber frames for houses at the company workshop, based at Lochview in Whitehouse.

'We do everything ourselves,' Paul said. 'I project manage the process from start to end.'

Dedicated to using local tradesmen Sloan Builders employs a team of 12, which grows to 17 when particularly busy.

'I have a permanent team of workers including brickies and joiners; and we have three apprentices at the minute. I always employ additional craftsmen too – local people that have honed their skills over many years.'

With the company's commitment to local housing recognised through a housing regeneration project on Gigha, Sloan Builders Ltd was presented with the Excellence in Regeneration award, last year by the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust.'

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CREAR

Although Crear's red tin roof and white roughcast walls confirm its farming past, its vast studio - high-ceilinged, glass-walled, and maximising available light - says one word. Arts.

This converted steading, looking out to Jura, has become one of the UK's most atmospheric arts venues.

Since 2002, the studio, boasting an exceptional Steinway piano, has welcomed musicians of international standing.

Crear's Poetry Week brings foreign writers; each January sees a week-long annual Masterclass for established singers and accompanists.

In 1998, professional photographer turned Artistic Director Kate Lithgow decided to turn the former farm into "a space to create - an inspirational working space with accommodation".

Determined to provide a retreat, gallery, and rehearsal space for artists, musicians, and writers, she returned to her Mid-Argyll roots, entrusting conversion of the steading to her friends from art school and Argyll.

Early artists' residencies were followed, in 2002, by the first concerts.

Throughout, Crear's Musical Director has been conductor Harry Bicket who, with Kate, has brought to Mid-Argyll, via an annual Summer

Season, some of the world's foremost singers and instrumentalists.

Crear concerts are run by arts charity "Space To Create". Under-18s enjoy free admission, season tickets are priced affordably, and - via Enterprise Music Scotland - Crear sends young professional musicians into Mid-Argyll schools.

Crear has diversified, and it operates a wedding events business providing employment in the area whilst subsidising the charity.

With twenty-six staff members, Crear has responsibility as a local employer, and as a contributor to the business community. Kate is adamant that "without the team, there's no Crear success. People are everything".

Crear favours local produce and suppliers, and brings several thousand visitor nights, annually, to the local economy.

Kate, conscious that businesses need settled staff, campaigns for affordable housing locally.

A winter programme beckons; as does Crear's second phase - a further studio, more bedrooms - but Kate insists that Crear "will remain intimate and welcoming".

She says: "Visitors look upon it as a very special place in a magical landscape - something different from the hurly-burly of most people's lives." Go on, try it sometime.

CAIRNDOW

Bird breeding record

HISTORY is in the making at Cairndow's Ardkinglas Estate.

A pair of Nuthatches are nest building in the estate's woodland garden, in what is believed to be the first recorded breeding of the bird in Argyll.

Nuthatches use old holes in trees as nests and plaster up the entrance with mud until they can scarcely squeeze inside.

Food fair

FOOD producers in Mid Argyll are inviting people to a table and talk event, run at the Loch Fyne Food Fair in Cairndow this weekend.

Visitors will be offered the opportunity to find out everything they want to know about the food produced on their doorstep.

Producers such as Winston Churchill Venison, Barbreck Farms, Bumble puddings, Fyne Ales and Fyne Preserves are inviting people to join them for half an hour, sample their food and drink whilst they share their experiences and answer questions about their produce.

There will be eight sessions held throughout the weekend with Saturday's theme of *Slow Food* and Sunday's theme of *Food from Argyll*.

Throughout the producer sessions there will be oyster-opening competitions to challenge people to open oysters safely and well.

CARRICK CASTLE

Carrick community fundraises

RESIDENTS in Carrick Castle fighting to retain the Church of Scotland tin tabernacle are in the final stages of negotiations with the church authority.

Fighting to keep the only remaining community building in the village, the Carrick Castle Association is hoping to gain ownership of the tin tabernacle for community use.

The doors of the tabernacle closed three years ago after the Church of Scotland, which held a monthly service in Carrick Castle up until that time, deemed it unsafe.

A church built of corrugated iron; the tin tabernacle remains in its original state but is structurally unstable.

Faced with losing their last community facility and a piece of Argyll heritage locals are aiming to restore the tabernacle to create a community and



Police constable Ricky Graham manned the police mobile unit in Ardrishaig. 06_a18mobile02

ARDRISHAIG

Community safety concerns

ROAD safety, speeding, drug use, anti-social behaviour and disorder remain the most important concerns for Mid Argyll communities – Strathclyde Police has confirmed.

Police officers travelled around Mid Argyll villages earlier this month to listen to people's concerns as part of their community policing plan.

Travelling in a mobile police unit, officers made a pit stop in Tarbert, Ardfern, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Inveraray.

heritage centre. Chair of Carrick Amenity Association, Jean Murray, said: 'We will have quite a job on our hands but it is salvageable.'

Describing the building as 'a real life line' for the community Jean added: 'We have no meeting place at all apart from the bus shelter. It's all we have left.'

With the Church of

Scotland currently reviewing the association's bid for community ownership, residents will need to create a board of trustees to manage and maintain the building.

In the meantime residents remain focused on fundraising initiatives. With three major events planned each year, the next event, a community fun day, will be held on July 17.

FORD

Rural AGM

ELLA WILSON has been re-elected as chair of the Ford Rural group as members gathered for the organisation's AGM last week.

New committee members were also elected at the meeting, where members discussed plans to mark their 60th anniversary in November.

Marie McPhee was named overall competition winner for the 2010/2011 year and was presented with a copper jug by former president of Ford Rural Nell Kerr.

Sheena Carmichael took second place, with 12 points, and Pat Holt third, with 11 points. A Bring and Buy sale and an evening supper were also enjoyed at the event.

The next Ford Rural meeting is scheduled for September 6.

INVERARAY

Highland Games ideas

PEOPLE in Inveraray are being asked their ideas on how to make the Royal Burgh's 2011 Highland Games bigger and better than ever.

An open meeting for the games is being held next Friday, May 20, where it is hoped new people will volunteer to become involved in the games, ensuring its future success.

The meeting will be held at Inveraray Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Argyll Collection at Castle

A SELECTION of works from the prestigious Argyll Collection is now on show in Inveraray Castle. For the first time Argyll and Bute residents

and visitors will have the chance to view the artwork until May 31.

The Argyll Collection of artworks was originally established by Jim Tyre and Naomi Mitchison between 1970 and 1990.

It was created as a learning resource in schools for the young people of Argyll and Bute. Sadly, over the years the collection was distributed across Argyll and Bute, and has therefore not been used as intended. Through Heritage Lottery Funding and Argyll and Bute Council, the Creative Arts in Schools Team (CAST) has now been able to bring the collection together.

The full collection consists of 172 pieces including paintings, sculptures, textiles, ceramics as well as artworks created in many other forms. For more information contact project co-ordinator Alicia Hendrick on 07590385571 or at leestudio@btopenworld.com.

entitled *At the Waters Edge*, features selected paintings by RSW members.

Visitors can view the exhibition until Friday, June 3. Artists featured included Philip Reeves RSW PPRSW RGI, Jim Dunbar RSW, Glen Scouller RSW RGI and Ian McKenzie Smith CBE PPRSA PPRSW RGI HRA LLD.

John Inglis, president of The Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolour, said: 'This second exhibition of works at Crinan is by members of the RSW. The show itself is new and includes works from some members who have not exhibited at the Crinan Gallery before this exhibition.'

'The RSW is delighted to have been asked to arrange this exhibition with the gallery and it seems that this is to become something of an important annual event in our exhibition calendar.'

CRINAN

Artists bring exhibition to Crinan Gallery

ARTISTS from the Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolour are currently exhibiting in the Crinan Gallery. The exhibition,

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Children and staff from Achahoish Primary School basked in the sunshine as they embarked on a spring clean of the beaches in the area.

TAYVALLICH

Tennis sessions

TAYVALLICH Village Hall has been awarded £800 from the Big Lottery Fund.

The village hall committee plan to use their grant to provide tennis sessions for the local community.

The group will now be able to bring in a professional tennis coach to provide 24 sessions over two weekends.

KILMARTIN

Festival of Museums

THIS WEEKEND will see the Festival of Museums event *Sounding the Stones* take place in Kilmartin.

International Musician and Storyteller Bob Pegg will lead the event, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday.

Bob will lead instrument making and playing workshops on Saturday, which will culminate in a performance among the stones in the glen on Sunday.

Instruments used will include percussion, bullroarers and horns to create a sonic landscape through which there'll be a telling of one of the folk tales collected in Argyll by John Francis Campbell in the 19th century. For more information contact the museum on 01546 510278.

MINARD

School's 140th anniversary

MINARD Primary School's Parent Council is asking that former pupils get in touch to help celebrate their 140th anniversary this year.

The anniversary will take place on October 2 this year and the Parent Council is keen that former pupils and teachers come together to celebrate the landmark birthday.

There is quite a lot of interest in the school's log book, which goes back to 1871 and includes some colourful comments/quotes, reference to HMIE inspections and is beautifully written in copperplate handwriting. Former pupils are being asked to get in touch, with their memories of the school so that the parent council can plan a much bigger celebration in October. Look out for more information in forthcoming editions of the *Advertiser*.

TARBERT

Scottish Series entertainment announced

WITH JUST over two weeks to go until the Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series kicks off, Clyde Cruising Club has announced its entertainment line up.

On Saturday Stramash,



Jean Hodgson and Mary Sterling of Ardrishaig Church eco group show off the eco plaque to members of Ardrishaig Girl Guides Rhianna Duff, Lorna Phillips and Eve Maxwell. 06_a19churcheco01

Scotland's Outdoor Social Enterprise, will offer an introduction to sailing for children. Around the Quay, Funky Chicken will be on hand to paint faces, run balloon modelling sessions and show off some circus skills.

The Mid Argyll Pipe Band will march through the village from the Tarbert Hotel to the fish quay. Saturday draws to a close with prize giving taking place in the village hall followed by fireworks from Bruce's Castle and live music. Sunday will see the return of Stramash and the Funky Chicken as well as a spectacular aerial display over the mouth of the harbour from Jim McTaggart who will pilot 'Starduster Too' in the afternoon.

Johnnie Readman, event organiser, said: 'It should be another fun-filled weekend and I hope to see some new faces by the Quay. Fingers crossed we have the weather to boot.'

ARDRISHAIG

Support Christian Aid

HOUSEHOLDS in Ardrishaig are being encouraged to support Christian Aid Week, May 15 to 21, as volunteers in the village aim to raise funds for the international organisation.

The Ardrishaig Christian Aid Group will be delivering donation envelopes to homes around Ardrishaig and Inverneill on Monday and collecting them on May 21.

The group hopes that Mid Argyll people can support the charity to 'help people in poverty out of poverty'.

A piano concert will also be held on May 29 at Ardrishaig Parish Church where people can make requests and nominate their top 10 hymns. Attendees will be asked for a small donation, which will be made to Christian Aid.

Parish church presented with eco award

EFFORTS by parishioners to improve the green credentials of Ardrishaig Parish Church have been recognised with an Eco Award.

The church congregation first applied to become an eco congregation two years ago, undertaking a number of projects showing various ways of caring for creation.

Parishioners have seen success with a number of initiatives especially the used battery recycling programme, the beach clean of Ardrishaig foreshore, the green tea and walk events and sale of fair trade goods.

Eco Congregation Scotland, which assessed the Ardrishaig church earlier in the year, commended the congregation for their innovative ideas used in worship, such as sketches and eco lots, which effectively communicated a wide range of creation care messages to the parishioners.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Town delight as 'Rab C Nesbitt' stops to chat



Gregor Fisher and store manager of Winehouse Meg Jameson.

GREGOR Fisher, otherwise known as Rab C Nesbitt delighted Lochgilphead residents on Tuesday as he visited the town.

Gregor, who was just 'passing through' with his wife Vicky Burton, posed for photographs with residents and told them their town was 'lovely'.

Gregor, who is far from his alcoholic menacing Rab C character, ironically visited the Winehouse on Lorne Street.

Manager of the store Meg Jameson said: 'He was really nice, quite posh actually.'

'He was nothing like his infamous character.'

'He was really down to earth and more than happy to get his picture taken; he was marvellous,' she added.

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Fun in the rain at Succoth

TORRENTIAL rain and thunderstorms did not dampen spirits at Succoth Fun Day as families turned out in force to take part in festivities.

Taking matters into their own hands impromptu singing broke out in the raffle tent to try and chase the clouds away, with young and old giving a song.

There were bouncy castles for big and little children, a bucking bronco, horseshoe throwing, tug of war between man and machine - a tractor - and races of all kinds for all ages.

Even though the heavy rain turned the ground to mush, the mud added to the hilarity of the challenges. And when contestants were flagging, the wonderful home cooked pancakes; burgers and cakes were available to keep everyone going.



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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(ST. JOHN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

On Monday 9th May 2011, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle with the exception of vehicles engaged in the works, on that section of St. John Street, Campbeltown extending from its junction with Hall Street to its junction with Shore Street, a distance of 45 metres or thereby.

These restrictions are required to allow the construction/installation of sewer flooding alleviation pipelines. This Order, which will be effective when indicated by signs, will be in operation from 0001 hours on the 23rd May 2011 until 1159 hours on the 22nd of July 2011, or until the works are complete whichever is the earliest. Alternative routes will be via adjacent streets and will be signed in an appropriate manner.

(TARBERT SERIES) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011

On Monday 9th May 2011, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, made the above named Order which will make it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to wait on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule hereto on the occasion of the Tarbert Series yacht races.

This Order, which is desirable because of considerations of public safety and convenience during the Tarbert Series yacht races will be in operation from 0001 hours on 26th May 2011 until Midnight on 31st May 2011.

SCHEDULE - NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Name of Road in Tarbert	Extent of Restriction
Lady lleene Road (Uncl 45)	On the northwest side from its junction with Barmore Road (A83) in a south-westerly direction for its entirety to its junction with the Campbeltown Road (A83), a distance of 640 metres or thereby.
Lady lleene Road (Uncl 45)	On the southeast side from its junction with Barmore Road (A83) in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 54 metres or thereby.
Lady lleene Road (Uncl 45)	On the east side from its junction with Campbeltown Road (A83) in a northerly direction for a distance of 50 metres or thereby.
Garvel Road (Uncl 40)	On the northwest side, from its junction with Barmore Road (A83) to the car park at Garvel Terrace, a distance of 512 metres or thereby.
Garvel Road (Uncl 40)	On the southeast side, from its junction with Barmore Road (A83) north-easterly for a distance of 158 metres or thereby.
Garvel Road (Uncl 40)	On the southeast side, from a point 207 metres or thereby northeast of its junction with Barmore Road (A83), north-easterly for a distance of 53 metres or thereby.
Harbour Street (A8015)	On the northwest side from a point 224 metres or thereby northeast of the extended kerbline of Castle Street in a northeast thence southeast direction, to the bus turning circle, a distance of 313 metres or thereby.
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Harbour Street (A8015)	On the southeast side from a point 315 metres or thereby northeast of the extended kerbline of Castle Street in a northeast thence southeast direction, to the bus turning circle, for a distance of 229 metres or thereby.
School Road	Both sides, from its junction with Harbour Street to its junction with Kintyre Place, a distance of 30 metres or thereby.
School Road	On the east side, from its junction with Church Street for a distance of 10 metres or thereby.
Castle Street	On the west side, from its junction with Harbour Street to its junction with Church Street, a distance of 30 metres or thereby
Church Street	On the north side from its junction with School Road to its junction with Castle Street.
Tarbet-Lochgilphead-Kennacraig Trunk Road (A83)	Both sides extending from its junction with Lady lleene Road and Barmore Road to its junction with Lady lleene Road and Campbeltown Road, a distance of 650 metres or thereby.

Contravention of the Order, which may be inspected at the Argyll & Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead could result in a penalty of up to £500.
Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, Development & Infrastructure Services, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD, Argyll PA31 8RD

ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – MAIN ISSUES REPORT (MIR) STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT : ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT (SEA)

Notice under Section 17 (6) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and under Section 16 (2) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

Argyll and Bute Council has prepared a Local Development Plan : Main Issues Report together with associated documents comprising the Monitoring Statement and interim Strategic Environmental Assessment : Environmental Report (SEA).

The Main Issues Report (MIR) represents the first formal stage in producing a Local Development Plan (LDP) for Argyll and Bute Council in its role as Planning Authority. The LDP will eventually replace the current Development Plan that consists of the Structure and Local Plan. Its primary purpose is to highlight and discuss new issues, put forward alternative policy directions, settlement and spatial strategies and stimulate debate on identified areas of major change.

Copies of the documents are available for viewing at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp>

They are also available for viewing between 9am and 5pm weekdays at the Council Headquarters Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead; Council Offices at Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; Chalmers St, Ardrishaig; Municipal Buildings, Oban; Milton House, Dunoon; Blairvadach, Helensburgh; Bowmore, Islay; Tobermory, Mull; and Council Service Centres : Crossapol, Tiree; Craighouse, Jura; Scalasaig, Colonsay.

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Any person wishing to do so may make representations on the content of the MIR and accompanying SEA. Copies of response forms are provided at the Council offices noted above, on the website, or can be obtained by contacting Sheila McKenzie on 01546 604140.

Responses must be made by 5pm on the 18th July 2011 to Sheila McKenzie, Development and Infrastructure, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RD or by emailing ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Responses may also be submitted on line.

If you require further information please contact Sheila McKenzie by email at sheila.mckenzie@argyll-bute.gov.uk or telephone 01546 604140.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE, LAND AT HALF ACRE HILL, CRAOBH HAVEN, BY LOCHGILPHEAD, ARGYLL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 02/11

The above Authority under Section 160 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has made a Tree Preservation Order which takes effect on 4th May 2011 and hereby gives notice that:-

- The Tree Preservation Order was made to ensure the protection of a group of mature deciduous trees at Half Acre Hill, Craobh Haven, by Lochgilphead, Argyll and considered by the Authority as the Local Planning Authority to be of considerable merit and contribute to the overall setting of the property and the local area;
- A certified copy of the Provisional Tree Preservation Order and map has been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council Development and Infrastructure Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig and may be inspected during all normal working hours;
- Objections and representation with respect to the Tree Preservation Order may be made to the undersigned in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, which Regulations state that:-

- every objection or representation to the Planning Authority with respect to an Order shall be made in writing, shall state the grounds thereof, and specify the particular trees, groups of trees, or woodlands in respect of which it is made.
- an objection or representation shall be duly made if it complies with Regulation 5 and is received by the Planning Authority by 30th June 2011

- The Tree Preservation Order shall take effect on 4th May 2011 and shall continue in force until the expiration of a period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the Tree Preservation Order was made unless before the expiry of said period of 6 months the Tree Preservation Order has been confirmed by the Authority. In the event that the Tree Preservation Order is confirmed within said period of 6 months, it shall continue until a Revocation Order is made by the Authority.

CHARLES REPPKE
Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute Council, Development and Infrastructure

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11/00639/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (amended design to application ref. 10/00902/PP	Plot 4 The Avenue Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8YX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
11/00674/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of access	Land East Of Arichonan Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PG	Area Office Ardrishaig

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
11/00658/PP	Partial change of use to serve hot food takeaway from restaurant area (Retrospective)	Argyll Hotel 75 Lochnell Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JN	Area Office Ardrishaig

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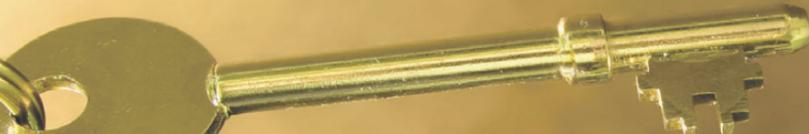
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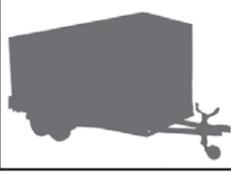
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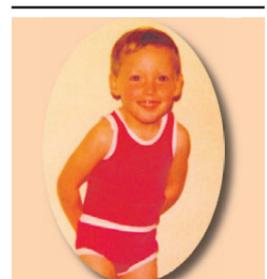
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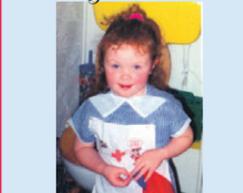
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'I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy' (Psalm 116:1).

BIRTHS

MCSPORRAN - Alison and Donald are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Tegan Mirren Graham, on April 24, 2011.

MARRIAGES

LAFFERTY - HARRISON - On April 2, 2011 at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, by Rev M Lind, James, son of James and Beth Lafferty to Eilidh, daughter of Andrew and Helen Harrison.

MCIVOR - THOMSON - At Lorne and Lowland Church on April 9, 2011, James to Katrina. A wonderful day!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JOHNSTONE - The family of the late Allan Johnstone would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement.

MCCRAE - The family of the late Alastair John McCrae would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all kind expression of sympathy received after their sad loss.

OWEN - David and family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions

of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to local district nurses and staff at the Arch Filling Station and shop, for all their kind care and attention, Rev Louis Bezeidenhout for his support and comforting services at Inveraray and Cardross, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most efficient arrangements, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and crematorium.

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SC002493 Sunday 15th May 2011 11.15am Morning Service Retiring Offering for Christian Aid Creche 0 - 3yrs: Church FunDay Club: 3yrs - P5 - Kirk St Hall

JaM: P6 + - Church 12.10pm Prayer time 6.30pm

United Christian Aid Service in Lorne and Lowland new Hall

Wednesday 18th May 7.15pm Bible Study Fellowship - Manse

Thursday 19th May 7.30pm Congregational Board Kirk St Hall

Rev Michael J Lind Everyone always welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



All Welcome Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 15th May 2011 11.00am Morning Service Jumpstart Group Friday 10.00 - 11.30am Scottish Charity SC015187

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Sunday 15 May 2011 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Stan Holloway "No condemnation"

Thursday 19 May 2011 7.30pm Praise, prayer & sharing All welcome

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Rev. Philip Burroughs United Churches Christian Aid Service - 7:00 p.m. (New Hall)

Tuesday, 17th May Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m. Kirk Session - 7:30 p.m. Friday, 20th May Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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Comfortable win for Red Star

They even had the luxury of missing a penalty

SAFL Division 1
Whitehill FP 0
Lochgilphead Red Star 4
ARGYLL Inn sponsored Lochgilphead Red Star travelled to Tollcross on Sunday to take on Whitehill and came away with a comfortable win.

The visitors opened the scoring early on after Docherty held off his marker before firing a 20-yard shot into the top corner to put his side in front. Star was able to take command of the game from then on and was playing some neat football in the middle of the park.

Star doubled their lead on the half hour when good 'hold up' play by Docherty allowed Weir to lay the ball into the

path of the on rushing Houston, who gave the keeper no chance as he powered his shot into the bottom corner.

Star could have been three up by half time after Peacock was pulled down in the box and Star were awarded a penalty. It was the young striker who stepped up to take the kick himself however he saw his strike saved by the Whitehill keeper and the score remained 0-2.

Into the second half and Whitehill tried to get back into the game but centre defense duo - Houston and Crawford - were rarely troubled. Star took command of the game once more and had several chances before the game was made

safe. The third goal came from a quick Kalache throw out which found Peacock on the left wing. He managed to evade several challenges before burying his shot under the advancing keeper.

A good game by Star was rounded off with a fourth goal when Provan popped up at the back post to get himself on the score sheet.

Star was also due to play on Saturday at home to Aikenhed B but the visitors could not raise a team, meaning Star will be awarded the three points. This weekend Star take on Whitehill again in their last home game of the season. The game at the Ropework kicks off at 2pm.



Young Pony club members asked about horses

MEMBERS of the pony club at Barrglen Stables in Glenbarr were recently quizzed on all of the things they have learnt this year. Pony club instructors asked the children questions about the points of the horse, native breeds and feeding. Barrglen Pony Club (L-R): Caitlin, Iona, Ailsa, Christina, Katie, Cerys, Aifric, Catherine, Imogen and Elsie.



The Lochgilphead boys show off their silverware on the Islay ferry.

Islay success for Under 12s

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre's under 12s won a cache of silverware at the Islay Boys Football Tournament at the weekend.

The boys hit the high seas to attend the event in Port Charlotte last Saturday, which saw them take on a host of football teams throughout the day.

Good weather and a perfect

playing surface helped the two Lochgilphead teams play some fine passing football and they negotiated their way past the opposition from Benderloch and a young Islay side to set up an all Lochgilphead final.

Outplayed

With time running out and a ferry awaiting the Warriors

team outplayed their younger counterparts and deservedly lifted the impressive trophy sponsored by drinks company, Diageo.

Both finalists were awarded medals and Ciaran McPhie's eye-catching displays led to him winning Player of the Tournament for a second time.

Under 14s lose out to Oban Saints in cup semi final

Dunbartonshire Football Development League Cup (Under 14s) - Semi Final
Lochgilphead SC 0
Oban Saints YFC 3

ROPEWORK Park played host to an all Argyll semi final in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League Cup on Saturday as Lochgilphead Soccer Centre under 14s took on Oban Saints.

In a game, which was much closer than the score suggests, Oban Saints emerged the winners.

The D A MacDonald sponsored home side was up against it from early on, conceding two poor goals in the first 15 minutes scored by Stewart Twort. Lochgilphead fought back and after 22 minutes, when a great run into the box by Andrew Guy was halted

illegally, the referee awarded a penalty. To the dismay of the large home support the resultant penalty was missed, going wide.

Still the Mid Argyll boys didn't lose heart and had the better of the remaining minutes of the first half with Hendry, Deans and Guy all close to scoring.

Lochgilphead continued to push forward in the early part of the second half but the Oban defence kept them at bay and the away side sealed a place in the final with a third goal from Fraser MacFarlane two minutes from the end.

After recent heavy defeats this was a much better performance from Lochgilphead. Kyle Selfridge, who deputised in goal, could not be faulted and the midfield four - Deans,

Guy, Dudding and Moore - all kept the side pushing forward.

Tomorrow, Saturday, Lochgilphead play at home to EDFC United in the latest league fixture, with kick off scheduled for 11am.

Meanwhile Oban Saints will prepare for the cup final match against Renton at Dumbarton FC's ground on May 28.

Lochgilphead football coach Graham Whitefield said: 'All at Lochgilphead Soccer Centre wish our Argyllshire neighbours well for the match.'

Lochgilphead team: Selfridge; McNeill, Krawczyk, Gibson, McKinlay; Moore, Guy, Dudding, Deans (capt), Coates, Hendry.

Subs (all used): Newlands-Steele, Miller, MacVicar, Davidson.

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre Under 16s go down by the odd goal in five

Glasgow and District Under 16 Youth League
St Mirren YFC 3

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre 2

LOCHGILPHEAD under 16's travelled to St Mirren YFC at the weekend to suffer the most difficult defeat to endure this season.

The team lined up with sweeper Donald pushed into left midfield to provide defensive cover, however the captain opened his account for the season as he equalised with a left foot strike from an acute angle at the edge of the 18-yard box.

Both teams were giving no quarter and the younger Lochgilphead team proved that they are well able to 'mix it' with Watt, Bertoli, Allen and Meechan calling the shots when required.

Chances were created at both ends with Selfridge once again on top form, and the giant St Mirren keeper showed good mobility in saving McCallum's shot.

Netted

The home team took the lead 10 minutes into the second half when their forward netted a goal from close range.

With the match continuing at a furious pace, not short on

quality, Crossan slotted a perfectly weighted pass through to MacNaughton who showed great composure in sliding the ball past the keeper to even the score 2-2.

With time running out and a draw looking inevitable, a long hopeful ball was played by the St Mirren forward. McLennan, in a fine performance, did his best with a last ditch challenge but couldn't prevent the ball hitting the back of the net to give St Mirren points.

Lochgilphead under 16's will host Celtic Comm tomorrow (Saturday) at Ropework Park. The game kicks off at 5pm.

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Brenfield to host Scottish Championships

A MID Argyll equestrian centre is preparing to host the 2011 Le TREC Scottish Championships.

Brenfield Farm, situated on the A83 between Ardrishaig and Tarbert, will host the national competition on behalf of the British Horse Society in July, and organisers say it will be bigger and better than ever before.

A key qualifying competition for the British Championships in September, the Scottish competition is scheduled to take place over two days on July 2 and 3.

Brenfield will be holding level one non-qualifying classes this year, as well as the more experienced qualifying classes and looks forward to welcoming competitors with varying abilities to the Mid Argyll centre.

Entry forms for the Scottish Championship are available by emailing trec@brenfield.co.uk or by phoning the Brenfield farm 01546 603274.

Lottery numbers

THERE were two winners of the Inveraray Shinty Club Lottery this week, each winning £300.00

Steven McArthur and Jean Lindsay both had winning numbers one, three and five.

The jackpot will return to £100.00 next week.

CALUM Mccaffery was the lucky winner of £800 in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery. Calum's lucky numbers were five, 11 and 15.

Next week's jackpot will be £100.

THE winning numbers for this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery were 10, 14 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

Records broken as runners break free

Runners were warned of slippery conditions

THE THIRD Inveraray Jail Break run did not enjoy the blue skies of previous years but nonetheless records were smashed as a field of 36 took on the challenge of Dun Na Cuiche.

After torrential rain the day before runners were warned of slippery conditions on the route with loose stones and low branches adding to the fun.



First to cross the line from Mid Argyll David McAllister puts his head down in a bid to pick up his pace.

The front-runners were soon circling the tower and making ready for the descent. Peter Devenport (27.04) and Tom Smith (27.49) raced down the hill clearly in the lead with Peter breaking the previous course record by 1 minute and 42 seconds. Paul Thompson came in third overall with a time of 29 minutes and first Male Veteran broke his own record set in 2009 by 14 seconds, closely followed by first female Nicola Meekin (29.36). Nicola took the course record set in 2010 by a magnificent 2 minutes and 58 seconds.

In the male juniors competition David McAllister (30.37) and Toby Corner (32.27) had a fast and furious race. David, the first Mid Argyll racer to cross the finish line finished fifth overall, whilst Toby came in eighth place.

John Dale (34.19) from Mid Argyll Triathlon Club did the local runners proud by taking the third Male Veteran prize.

In the Female Veteran category all prizes stayed in Mid Argyll with Dinah Bosomworth (38.10) of Ormsary retaining first place for the second year running. Liz Taylor Feeney (43.10) was next in followed by race organiser Fiona Corner (45.58).



Thirty-six runners took part in the Inveraray Jail Break run.

Record holder Freya Corner retained her winning title in the female junior competition, taking first place with a time of 44 minutes. Running a tactical race, Freya overtook Minard's Kirsten Paterson (44.08), who was taking part in her first hill race, seconds from the line.

Runners were rewarded for all of their hard work with Spot Prizes provided by Purdie's Soap Shop and Inveraray jogScotland. Race Organiser Fiona Corner said: 'The organisers would like to thank His Grace The Duke of Argyll for allowing the race to take part in the beautiful estate grounds and Inveraray Jail for their sponsorship and prizes. Special thanks to the timekeepers, John Patrick for his photography and Marcus Van Stone for all his help.'

INVERARAY Jail Break organiser Fiona Corner ran the hill race whilst receiving chemotherapy in a bid to raise cash for the local cancer unit.

The race is the second of three races Fiona, who is receiving treatment for breast cancer, will run to raise funds for The Mid Argyll chemotherapy Unit.

Since her first race, the Crinan Puffer, held on April 17, Fiona has raised £462 taking the total to £762.

Fiona would like to thank everyone who has sponsored and supported her especially members of the Mid Argyll Triathlon Club and JogScotland groups from Inveraray Mid Argyll and Ormsary.



Inveraray Jail Break overall winner Peter Devenport races to the finish line.

First win for Lochgilphead

SATURDAY saw Lochgilphead Bowling Club play their first home league fixture against Tarbert.

Playing conditions were perfect for the first hour at which point there was a severe cloudburst followed by thunder and lightning. Four very close games were played and after the regulation 17 ends, Lochgilphead managed a win by 7.5 points (61 shots) to 4.5 points (54 shots). Bob Martin, Ian Guy and Tommy Armour skipped the triples, which gained the points for Lochgilphead.

The Lochgilphead team was fortunate to get the win after a number of players withdrew from the competition. A change in the rules of the West Argyll Bowling Association means that if any member club cannot play on the agreed date, that club forfeits all 12 points. Lochgilphead's next league game is at home to Oban on Saturday May 21.

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