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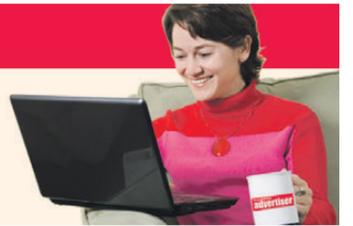
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Kilberry road gridlocked after A83 crash

SOME drivers found themselves in for the long haul last Friday afternoon as the Kilberry road gridlocked following a serious crash on the A83.

The B8024 Kilberry road was used as a diversion route whilst emergency services worked to clear the A83 at Meall Mhor, Tarbert, following the serious crash involving two motorcyclists.

Some motorists had to wait up to four hours in five-miles of queues after the Kilberry road became so congested with cars, vans, caravans and campvans.

A farmer opened up his field to accommodate the high volume of vehicles on the road.

For more on this story see page three of this week's paper.

Three-car road crash

THE OCCUPANTS of three cars involved in a collision on Monday all walked away injury-free.

The three vehicles were travelling on the A83 Lochgilphead to Tarbert road, near to the Kilberry junction, when the collision took place at around 12.30pm.

Emergency services attended the scene but all involved did not require medical treatment.



Green fingers at open day

SISTERS Georgie and Harrie Dixon-Spain donned their gardening gloves to take part in a planting workshop at the Kilfinan Community Forest Open Day. Georgie, aged six, and Harrie, seven, from Glendaruel, were among dozens of children who took part in workshops and demonstrations held at the community owned forest on Saturday. For more on this story see page seven of this week's Advertiser. 06_a31kilf13

Report praises Tarbert skipper for saving crewman's life

'Fishermen should be learning from this experience'

THE INVESTIGATION into the fishing accident involving Tarbert man Sean Taylor has said the actions of his skipper 'undoubtedly saved his life'.

The report praised skipper Mark Sheldrick's quick action and said the sea survival courses he had undertaken had equipped him with the 'knowledge and skills needed to save Sean's life'.

The Blue Angel was fishing for crab off the coast of Gigha in January when Sean's foot got caught in the back rope of an automatic creel shooter. The 22-year-old was pulled from the boat and plunged 50 metres beneath the water.

Mark and crewman Darroch Fulton got Sean back

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onboard within six minutes and promptly called the Coastguard, which proved vital, the Marine Accident Investigation Board (MAIB) said.

Potential
But the report, produced to help prevent future accidents, said that all onboard should have been wearing personal flotation devices (PDF's) and been carrying knives. This, the report states, would have had the potential to increase their survival chances.

Now Mark is urging all fishermen to look at the way

they work to ensure such a horrific accident never happens again.

'All creel fishermen should be learning from this experience,' Mark said.

Mark is calling all fishermen to read the report about the accident, published last week, because there is very little guidance available for creel fishermen as to regards fishing operations and boat layout, a view endorsed by the MAIB.

'We have to find out about these things ourselves, Mark said. 'No-one gives us guidance and there is no literature. There was one document published three years ago but

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Skipper praised for saving crewman's life

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it was not circulated around fishermen.'

Now, seven months later, Mark says he along with Sean, who went back to work four weeks after the accident, and Darroch, are looking to the future.

Mark said: 'We are a good team and we work well together. It was early days for Darroch when the accident happened but we have all learned from what happened.'

He added: 'It is an accident that shouldn't have happened but human beings make mistakes. We have tightened up our procedures so the crew are a lot more safety conscious.'



Darroch Fulton, Mark Sheldrick and Sean Taylor. Inset: Creel fishing boat Blue Angel docked at Tayinloan.

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'I do not blame anyone for the accident' - Sean

SEAN TAYLOR has this week said 'I do not blame anyone for the accident'.

Following the publication of the MAIB report Sean commended his skipper Mark and said the Tayinloan man is 'brilliant' at his job.

'Mark is a really good skipper and always looks after his crew really well,' said Sean.

'We work great as a team and all of us are more safety conscious; I am a lot more wary and just watch everything that I do now.'

Baby Girl

Keen to look to the future Sean, the father of a six-month-old baby girl, said life has quickly got back to normal.

Corrin, born on February 3, exactly four weeks after Sean's accident, is now six months old and 'doing great'.

'She has gotten so big already; it's amazing how the time flies,' he said.

Speaking to *The Advertiser*, Sean said: 'I want to thank everyone again - Mark, Darroch, the coastguard helicopter crew, Natasha, my family, friends and everyone that has supported me over the last few months.'

Onboard safety improved

Skipper of the Blue Angel Mark Sheldrick has taken a series of actions to improve the onboard safety of his crewman. These actions, he says, may prove to be vital for all fishermen in the area.

- Installed a large rear view mirror to help him monitor activities on deck.
- Instructed all crew to wear PFD's as much as physically possible.
- Mounted additional knives amidships and at the stern.
- Instigated a system of positive communication between the skipper and the crewmen ensuring that no one goes aft to clear a creel without the skipper's verbal or physical acknowledgement.
- Had the stern opening, through which the creels are shot, widened to ensure the creels jam less frequently.

Major investment for Loch Fyne and Crinan Canal

THE WATERS of Loch Fyne and the Crinan Canal are set to benefit from more than £446,000 after the launch of a multi-million pound marketing drive to entice sailors to the West Coast.

The MalinWaters brand, part of Sail West, is a £6.3 million collaboration of more than 20 sailing partners from the West Coast of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland.

With the aim of encouraging sailors to Scotland and improving the infrastructure for them, the project has received £2.2m from the Euro-

pean Union's INTERREGIVA programme.

Both the Crinan Canal and Loch Fyne have been included in the overall investment share.

The Canal will benefit from £220,159, which will go towards the construction of a shower/toilet block for boaters. The money has been match-funded by British Waterways.

Upper Loch Fyne has also received funding to the tune of £226,455, match-funded by HIE Argyll and Islands/Community. The money will

be used for the provision of visitor swing moorings and landing pontoons.

Two projects on Loch Fyne are set to benefit from the money: Otteryferry Pier Association and Strachur Bay Moorings Association.

Both projects are working to create visitor friendly access for sailors.

Mr Smith, local project officer for the Otteryferry Pier Association, said: 'Loch Fyne is a long loch so it's about providing facilities along the way for people to stop off and enjoy the local hospitality.'

Inveraray Church of Scotland opens its door to visitors

ONE OF Inveraray's most distinguished buildings has become a hit with tourists after opening its doors to visitors for the first time.

The Church of Scotland in Inveraray, which sits at the heart of the Royal Burgh, has seen almost 1,700 visitors grace its doors since the beginning of June.

The church, urged by Historic Scotland, decided to open its doors between Monday and Saturday 11am to 4pm for the first time two months ago.

Experience

With Historic Scotland keen to allow visitors to view and experience the unique build-

ing, built by Robert Mylne in 1802, Rev Louis Bezuidenhout said it provided locals and visitors with a place of solace during the week.

'The primary reason to open the church was because we wanted to provide visitors with a quiet space, Rev Bezuidenhout, said. 'A place where they can be quiet - some sit there and you can see they say a silent prayer and others admire the unusual building.'

The sheer number of tourists visiting the church is also boosting the community's fundraising campaign to carry out essential repairs on the much-loved building.

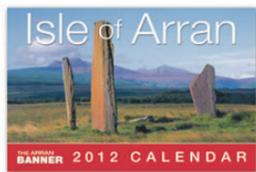
The church donation box is seeing between £60 and £70 a week deposited in it, with an average of £250 to £300 a month collected for the repair fund.

Donations

Describing the donations as a 'bonus' Rev Bezuidenhout said he, along with members of the parish, would like to see the church opened all year round.

Explaining the church must be supervised at all times Rev Bezuidenhout is calling for volunteers to man the church doors. Interested parties can contact Rev Bezuidenhout on 01499 302060.

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Jaki Lambert graduated with a Masters in Public Health from Glasgow University



Linda MacPhail graduated in a first class honours degree, BA Community Art at University of Strathclyde. Linda is the daughter of Arthur MacPhail and Josie Campbell and went to Lochgilhead High School.

Chaos on Kilberry Road

CHAOS ensued on a Mid Argyll road last Friday after a serious motorcycle crash blocked the A83 near Tarbert.

The main road was closed for four hours as emergency services worked to clear the wreckage following the crash involving two motorcyclists from Paisley.

Sergeant David Ferguson from the divisional road policing unit in Lochgilphead said the bikers, men aged 32-years and 29-years, were travelling southbound when they 'appear to have lost control' of their bikes at around 2pm near

Meall Mhor, Tarbert. Both bikes, a Suzuki and Honda-type, came to rest on the shore with one striking a boulder on the embankment.

Both men were taken to the Mid Argyll Community Hospital in Lochgilphead, with the 32-year-old man being transferred to the Royal Alexandria Hospital in Paisley where he is still being treated for serious injuries.

Police have confirmed that both men have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged careless riding following the crash.

Vehicles attempting to make

their way to Campbeltown and Lochgilphead were taken off the A83 and diverted through the B8024 Kilberry road.

Lorries, campervans and caravans, as well as hoards of cars were all trying to make their way along the 20-mile single-track diversion.

At one point there was a five-mile queue of vehicles jammed on the road.

A local farmer opened up one of his newly cut fields, forming a temporary carpark.

One driver heading home to Campbeltown described the diversion route as 'a total nightmare'. She said: 'I count-

ed about 100 cars all parked in the makeshift carpark.

'It was just chaos from all angles.'

Diarmid Campbell from Kilmelford, Oban, contacted the *Advertiser* after becoming caught-up in the traffic jam. Mr Campbell said: 'Between Ballyaurgan and Tighnahoran those moving north met those moving south and both came to a standstill.

'I would like to thank the people who sorted that by turning great numbers of vehicles from both directions into a newly mown field by the bay, including the owner of



Cars, vans, caravans and campervans lined the makeshift carpark near Achahoish last Friday following the chaos that ensued on the Kilberry road.

the field and he who ran great distances to advise drivers.'

'Given the volume of traffic at that time of day and cars being diverted onto the Kilberry road, this created the

congestion problems in both directions,' said Sergeant Ferguson. 'We will be consulting with our partner agencies to ensure this situation does not arise again.'

Police Files:

Five-vehicle crash

A 27-YEAR-old woman has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged careless driving following a five-vehicle crash on the A83 near Minard on Monday.

Police say the woman was driving her Volkswagen Golf through the village, when she 'appears to have lost control' of the car 'resulting in the collision with various other vehicles'.

No one was injured in the incident.

Child bitten by dog

A 10-YEAR-OLD child required hospital treatment after being bitten by a dog in Ardrishaig.

Police say the child received medical treatment at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital following the incident on Monday afternoon.

The dog's owner, a 31-year-old man, is now the subject of a report before the Procurator Fiscal.

Dunchologan disturbance

TWO MEN have been issued with fixed penalty notices following a disturbance at Dunchologan Caravan Park, near Lochgilphead.

Police were called to deal with the disturbance on Monday night where they arrested the two men before issuing each of them with a fine.



(L-R) Vicky Lyon, charge nurse of Glassary Ward Helen Samborek, David Murray, clinical services manager Kate MacAulay and James Simpson. 06_a31artexhb01

GLASSARY ward of the Mid Argyll Community Hospital will have a brighter outlook in future after a colourful painting was donated to the ward.

The painting, *Incoming Tide at Tobermory*, by Easdale artist Helen Simcox, was handed over to staff of Glassary ward from members of the Mid Argyll Art Society.

Traditionally the art society invites representatives from the hospital to their annual exhibition to choose a piece of art to take back to Lochgilphead based hospital for the enjoyment of staff and patients.

Charge nurse at Glassary ward, Helen Samborek, said the painting would brighten up the day space of the ward. 'I choose it because it is vibrant and it is for our ward where there are elderly people who may be able to recognise the scene,' she said.

The 44th annual exhibition of the Mid Argyll Arts Society will be open to view at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall until 4pm tomorrow (Saturday).

Plans for church hall renovation take another step forward

LOCHGILPHEAD Parish Church's plans for the renovation of its Church Hall have taken another step forward this week with confirmation that their match funding has been approved.

The confirmation now means the Church can access their Argyll and Islands LEADER grant of £148,960.

This will enable them to instruct their architects to submit the plans for phase one of the project for planning approval and for building warrant, prior to inviting competitive tenders for the work.

Parish Minister, Rev Hilda Smith, said: 'I am just so pleased that our vision for the

renewal of our Church buildings is closer to becoming a reality and want to thank everyone who has been so generous with their time and money in getting us to this stage.'

But the news does not mean that fundraising is no longer required.

And so the Church is now preparing itself for two events over the next few weeks.

On Saturday August 20, a Summer Fete will be held in

the Church grounds, featuring all the usual stalls plus some new ones. This year there will also be a pet show with various categories including: dog with the waggiest tail, best six-legs and fancy dress for pets and owners. Entry forms are available from the Book Shop.

Between September 14-17 there will be a Flower Festival in the Church supported by the members of the Mid Argyll Flower Club.

In possession of a Class A drug

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal after being allegedly caught in possession of a Class A drug.

The man was stopped and searched by police officers on Harbour Street, Tarbert on Saturday night.

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Community concerns over proposed turbine

'strong religious and ethical motivation'

RESIDENTS living in the direct vicinity of a proposed 84-metre high turbine have expressed their concerns over the plans.

Following last week's front-page article on the proposed single turbine, residents potentially affected by the development have contacted *The Advertiser* to air their concerns.

Submitted

The planning application, submitted by Jonathan Waxman of London-based firm Genesis Energy Ltd, proposes that the single turbine will sit on land north east of Redesdale House, Skipness.

Mr Waxman says he has

'strong religious and ethical motivation' for renewable energy projects and believes 'it is up to the planners to decide if the development is right for the area'.

But some residents strongly disagree with the application.

David Bridge lives 1200-metres away from the proposed site. He said: 'I feel that great care needs to be taken with the citing of wind turbines; the council's local plan makes provision for this.'

This proposal is outside the guidelines and would have a serious, negative effect on the countryside of Kintyre. It would also encourage similar, random applications.'

Mr Bridge added: 'This proposal has serious implications for us in terms of financial loss and reduction in quality of life; it is 2km of six existing houses and building plots for four more. A 2km separation is suggested by the Scottish Government between wind farms and settlements.'

Opposes

Mr Bridge's neighbour, Graham Terry, has lived at Redhouse for five years, and openly opposes the wind turbine development.

Mr Terry says he fears for wildlife in the area if the proposed single turbine went ahead.

'The main issue for me with

this proposal is that the section of land where the turbine would be is the main hunting area for hen harries,' explained Mr Terry. 'These birds are almost being invited into the turbine blades; where it would be situated is exactly where these birds hunt.'

The closing date for responses to the application is today, Friday, but the planning department may still accept a response if they know it is on its way. Planners are under 'no obligation' to consider a response received after the closing date.

* For more comments and reaction to this story, see this week's Letters page.



THE LAST remaining Bellingringer in Inveraray Peter McArthur had company at the Royal Burgh's Bell Tower last weekend as the Inveraray Bell Ringing Festival got underway. More than 40 people from all over Britain descended on the tower of All Saints Episcopal Church on Saturday to take part in the festival. With the Bell Tower seated at the heart of Inveraray the tones of the bells were heard all over Loch Fyne as the Scottish Association of Change Ringers held a series of performances throughout the weekend. 06_a31bell01

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Breastfeeding help available

SUPPORT for breastfeeding mums is available in Lochgilphead.

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) wants to stress the importance of breastfeeding and is offering free support for mums.

'There is more research available now suggesting formula feeding has implications for long and short term health for mums and babies,' explained a spokesperson for Argyll and Bute CHP. 'However many mothers still struggle to breastfeed and have reported over the years they would have benefited from support and encouragement from other mothers who have recently experienced breastfeeding their babies.'

Breastfeeding support is available in Lochgilphead from all local midwives and health visitors as well as in the weekly drop in on Thursday afternoons

in the community centre, Lochgilphead, Room 1, where they can also meet with other mums.

All mothers are encouraged to go along to the drop-in where they can meet with a midwife or a health visitor should they require any questions answered.

Training Programme

Argyll and Bute CHP has recently passed Stage 2 of the UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative. This means staff have undergone a training programme about breastfeeding to equip them better in promoting and protecting breastfeeding as well as teaching mothers breastfeeding skills.

There are three stages in this process and the CHP has completed two of these stages. The next stage will be completed before April next year.

A83 roadworks delayed at Auchindrain 'accident hotspot'

ROADWORKS to resurface an 'accident hotspot' on the A83 with an anti-skid material have been delayed, Scotland Transerv has confirmed.

Resurfacing at the subtle bend near Auchindrain Township Museum was due to be complete last Friday but road workers have yet to arrive on site.

A spokesman for Transerv said staff is being held up working at another location, causing the delay. He said:

'The work at Kilmichael Beg is taking longer than planned and the public holiday further delayed the completion of the work. The work at Auchindrain is planned to start as soon as Kilmichael Beg is finished.'

Locals have long campaigned for an anti-skid surface to be applied to the notorious stretch of road in a bid to end the ever-rising number of accidents in the area.

Plaques for planters at Ardrishaig

BRASS plaques have now been fitted to each community planter in Ardrishaig. All six planters, situated in the village's Chalmers Street, have been sponsored by a local business.

British Waterways Scotland, Peter Law and Son, M&K MacLeod, Ardrishaig Horticultural Society and staff from the MAKI planning and Building

Standards office in Ardrishaig, have each sponsored one of the half-sized whisky barrels.

The project originated from Ardrishaig's Townscape group but was undertaken by Ardrishaig Community Council on their behalf.

The community council hope to hold another planting event in the autumn.

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Pipe band does well in Belfast

INVERARAY and District's Grade One Pipe Band have racked up their best result yet at the top level.

The band, which was promoted to Grade One last year, took third place at this year's European Championships at Stormont Castle, Belfast.

Both Inveraray bands were competing, with the Juvenile band playing well and finishing third behind two very strong bands, George Watsons College - 1st and Dollar Academy - 2nd. Secretary of Inveraray and District Pipe Bands, Jim McMillan, said: 'This is their best result yet at Juvenile grade which they were promoted to at the start of the season.'

The Grade One band played later in the day and hoped to consolidate their top six place in the premier grade having fin-

ished fifth in the Scottish Championships and sixth in the British Championships. Jim said the band was 'delighted' when the results were announced: Field Marshall Montgomery were awarded first place, St Laurence O'toole took second spot, with Inveraray finishing third.

Winning

Argyll bands also did very well at the Championships with Kintyre Schools winning the Novice Juvenile grade and Islay winning the Grade 3A contest. Oban High School finished sixth in the Juvenile contest and Oban Pipe Band came sixth in Grade 3A.

The next major competition for the band takes place next Saturday, August 13, when the bands travel to Glasgow Green to compete in the World Championships.



Inveraray and District's Juvenile band were awarded third at the European Championships in Belfast last weekend.

Divided opinion over windfarm windfall

DIVIDED opinion over how best to spend a windfarm windfall in Mid Argyll has resulted in an independent charity being appointed to administer the funds.

Owner of An Suidhe Windfarm, RWE npower renewables, has announced that a community fund worth £28,000, will remain in one pot and be managed by a third party after local communities failed to agree on one proposal.

A consultation, which took place in April, invited residents of Furnace, Inveraray, Dalavich and Glenorchy and Innishail to say how they would like to see the monies managed and spent.

Final Decision

But with Furnace Amenity Association and Dalavich Improvement Group hoping to secure a portion of the fund to manage within their own community and the remaining two communities advocating one overall fund, RWE npower took the final decision.

A spokeswoman for the energy company said: 'Having carefully considered the feedback we have decided to appoint the Scottish Community Foundation to administer one single fund. Decisions

about the awards of all grants will be made by a grants panel with representatives from the communities within the area.'

Community groups situated within 10km of An Suidhe Windfarm will be entitled to apply to this panel for grant funding.

Speaking after the decision was announced, chair of Furnace Amenity Association, Mike Masters, said he was disappointed.

'We felt that we would have more control over the fund even if it was only a quarter of the funds that are available,' Mike said. 'I think groups in this area will have to work harder to put an application together because there will be more competition.'

The spokeswoman for RWE npower added that the process of awarding grants could be reviewed in two years time and another model adopted if the single fund fails to meet the needs of the community.

A working group, with members of the Mid Argyll communities, will be formed in the coming weeks, which will establish the criteria for grant applications.

Funds for Ford Village Hall

AS FORD residents prepare to celebrate their annual fun day tomorrow, Saturday, people are being reminded funds raised from the event will be used to ensure the future of a vital amenity - Ford Village Hall.

The last remaining community facility within the Mid Argyll village, Ford Village Hall is the home place of the bowls team, WRI, whist competitions, quiz nights, and a venue to host birthday parties and funerals.

Described as 'a real asset' by Ford woman Penny Airlie, the hall was subject to a make-over earlier this year.

'Between fundraising and donations we have managed to replace the roof and had new windows and doors put in,' said Penny.

But telling the *Advertiser* that more needs to be done Penny said little maintenance has been carried out in the building in the last 10 to 15 years.

Explaining that new toilets are needed, as well as a disabled access, Penny said Ford Fun Day would help raise match funding for a grant that would pay for the work.

Labelling the hall 'the heart of the village', Penny said: 'We are trying to keep the village hall alive as we have seen so many other halls close. Ford has already lost its hotel and shop, all of the community meeting places; all we have left is the hall so we are battling to keep it going.'

A host of activities has been arranged to take place from midday.

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Scallop ban blow

A BAN has been placed on king scallop fishing in the Sound of Jura.

The ban has been implemented due to a build up of naturally occurring amnesic shellfish poisoning (ASP) toxins, which pose a risk to health.

This is the third consecutive year there has been a ban on fishing scallops on the west coast of Scotland.

ASP toxins have reached a level which can cause nausea, vomiting, short term memory loss and hallucinations. King scallops are the only shellfish affected by the ban.

Andrew Lane, managing Director of Loch Fyne Oysters. Cairndow said: 'The question has to be asked, is there a link to the neutralisation of waters from salmon farming?' He thinks that more should be done to determine whether there is a natural or unnatural cause for ASP toxins.

Community concern leads to Cairnbaan sign removal

GROWING concern among Mid Argyll residents has led to the removal of a road sign at the Cairnbaan road end.

The T-junction sign, which was put up outside the Cairnbaan Hotel fairly recently, was pulled down on July 27 because of the number of queries and complaints about it received by the council.

The sign was seen by drivers on the B841 Cairnbaan Road as they travelled towards the A816 Oban Road. As stated in the highway code, the broad bands indicate the priority route.

This would have told drivers leaving Cairnbaan and turning left to head north that they had priority over drivers already travelling north on the A816.

However, when they reach the junction, 200 yards from the T-junction sign, the message is changed to 'Give Way', giving priority to cars already on the main road.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



IT was sitting on a shelf in the Red Cross shop in Campbeltown.

I suppose if it had the power of reason, it might have hoped for a lovely visit to a local wedding or a christening.

It might have hoped to be admired and appreciated.

If it could have thought, that is.

But a hat can't think so we can just smile at this pondering.

However, one day in this hat's life, a lady came into the shop looking for a hat for a very special occasion.

This hat was exactly what she wanted!

It was the right size, the right shape, and most important of all, it was the right colour.

The hat was duly tried on, admired, purchased and left the shop with a very happy customer.

Some time passed and the hat just sat on another shelf in this lady's house, but it did get tried on regularly, and was well admired.

Then the day came when the house was quivering with excitement.

The lady looked beautiful in a splendid outfit, and then she reached for the hat.

What a crowning glory that was! The hat looked splendid, and the lady was well pleased by the reflection in the mirror.

The hat was going on journey. The lady was going on a journey.

When they arrived at their destination there were more hats than this hat had ever seen in the whole of Kintyre.

There were hats of all shapes and sizes and colours, and some must have cost a fortune.

But there was none nicer than the wee Campbeltown hat, and the hat thought that when Prince Charles presented the lovely lady with her MBE at Buckingham Palace, that he had an extra admiring glance at this special hat.

So, we all have a special place in life, regardless of our size, shape or colour.

Tarbert harbour frontage

Sir,

The letter in the Argyllshire Advertiser, July 22, prompts me to write to express my view of the alterations in Tarbert's harbour frontage.

The recent works undertaken by Tarbert Harbour Authority, with the support of Argyll and Bute Council, are welcomed most universally. The new walkway has quickly become popular pedestrian thoroughfare used by locals and visitors alike.

Tarbert Harbour Authority has sought without avail, to encourage a restart of boat building/repair work on the former boatyard site, over the past 30 years. Earlier attempts by trustees to purchase the site were also unsuccessful. Now the trustees should be congratulated for grasping the opportunity of town centre regeneration grant to be able to remove the derelict boatshed, which had become an embarrassing eyesore.

Tarbert Harbour Authority is a statutory body, which is granted certain powers under the Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Order Confirmation Act of 1912.

In particular it states that the trustees 'may maintain, alter and enlarge embankments, landing places, piers, quays, jetties slips...and other works of conveniences which may be found necessary...' The act also gives the power to 'deepen, dredge, scour and excavate any portion of the foreshore and bed of the sea... within the limits of the order.' (East Loch Tarbert)

Ian MacIntyre,
Former trustee,
Caladh,
Harbour Street,
Tarbert.

Investing in our energy sector

Sir,

I was delighted to note the award of £300,000 of funding to deliver closer collaboration between Scottish colleges to train workers for the energy sector, with a specific focus on renewable energy.

Through pooling expertise

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and resources, thus avoiding unnecessary duplication, such collaboration will enable the colleges, who already have an excellent track record in energy skills training, to respond quickly to the changing skills requirements of energy employers.

Energy is one of the Scottish Government's key economic development priorities and it has been estimated that low carbon employment in Scotland, such as offshore wind, marine energy and carbon capture and storage, could increase by around 60,000 to approximately 130,000 by 2020, and there are still tremendous opportunities in oil and gas.

With Scotland poised to become a global leader in low carbon and renewable energy technologies it is critical that we have the right people, with the right skills, in the right place and in the right numbers. And our constituent Sector Skills Councils are working hard with other stakeholders to ensure that employers in the energy sector are equipped with the relevant skills to allow Scotland to progress a national skills investment plan for the energy sector and take advantage of our nation's rich energy potential.

Jacqui Hepburn,
Director,
Alliance of Sector Skills Councils in Scotland,
28 Castle Street,
Edinburgh.

Sympathetic development

Sir,

May I through your columns, congratulate Tarbert Harbour Authority for the very sympathetic way in which they are developing the harbour area in Tarbert.

Comments from local residents and visitors alike with regard to the additional facilities provided, are full of praise.

The new promenade provides a wonderful safe walk in either direction and, with the recent beautiful weather,

it was nearly impossible to find a vacant seat around the harbour!

A recent investment by Tarbert Harbour Authority in the East Pier means that many hundreds of visitors will continue to visit Tarbert via the Waverley over the Summer months.

Douglas Robertson,
Bralorne,
Tarbert.

Skipness Road wind turbine

Sir,

I am surprised to note that Mr Waxman is keen to engage with members of the community. He has spent at least 10 months preparing his proposal and has had meetings with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the local planning department. He has not shown any inclination to communicate what he was planning with those whose lives would be most affected by this enormous (275 feet/84m), industrial machine.

His initial idea (contained in the 200 plus pages of documents submitted with the application) was for three machines. There is no 'normal size' for these machines, some are larger, some smaller. Their height is based on output and blade size and has nothing to do with tree canopies.

I do not understand how imposing huge, highly-visible, mechanical devices on the Scottish countryside, will help Mr Waxman leave his children a world as beautiful as the one he inherited. Nor how his self-professed altruism can accommodate the mental distress so far caused to us, as well as the physical and financial blight that the turbine would cast over the rest of our lives.

The woodland in which the turbine would be situated is owned by Mr Waxman's personal pension fund and Genesis Energy is a £100 company of which he is the sole director and which has filed no accounts to date. This application is about making money

for someone based 500 miles away in Golders Green. It has no link with anything or anyone in Argyll and his statements are, at best, cynical 'greenwash'.

David Bridge,
Redesdale House,
Skipness.

Energy - the bedrock of human existence

Sir,

Re: last week's report, 'Tarbert Turbine Troubles', Argyllshire Advertiser, Friday July 29.

Having studied environmental sciences and energy policy at Imperial College, London I have maintained a lifelong interest in environmental issues.

We are dependent on the vital greenhouse effect that keeps our planet warm enough for there to be water but not too hot for DNA and proteins to survive. This is a key condition for life to have evolved and to be maintained.

Earth is exquisitely but finely tuned for life; within 500 million years of the earth solidifying from molten rock, single-celled organisms appeared. They had the run of the place for 3 billion years before multi-cellular organisms like shellfish appeared. We were pretty late arrivals on the scene but we have made up for lost time!

Energy is the bedrock of human existence and our use of fuels has extended our individual capacities and allowed our numbers to grow phenomenally.

But we are running into two problems.

We are spending our capital, the fossil fuel reserve laid down over a half billion years, a million times faster than it was created. And we are putting billions of tonnes of invisible carbon dioxide in the atmosphere each year from our cars, planes and power stations that will cause untold and possibly catastrophic damage to our climate.

Both of these require humanity's undivided and urgent attention.

Scotland is at the vanguard of humanity's transition to a sustainable future and this should be a huge source of pride. With our focus and attention it can be done but it will not be easy.

Jonathan Waxman,
jonathan.waxman@genesis-energy.co.uk

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Tree to table event

CELEBRATING one year as the official owners of Kilfinan Forest, the people of Tighnabruaich rejoiced in the sun on Saturday.

Hosting a 'tree to table' event, Kilfinan Community Forest Company offered visitors an insight into the valuable resource the forest provides for the local community.

Sharing their vision for the future of the forest, which sits at the heart of the Cowal village, forest volunteers held demonstrations of milling and firewood processing and showed off the produce from the newly opened forest allotments.

Bought in March 2010 with the aim of increasing local self-sufficiency, it is hoped harnessing the Kilfinan forest resource will give opportunities for young people to live and work in the Tighnabruaich area.

Opening the community allotments on Friday, Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, praised the forest company for its commitment to a 'green' projects and the needs of the community.

'I think this is a tremendous project. Congratulations to every single person who is involved in it,' said Mr Russell. 'What these projects do

is they create a strong sense of community and they relate people to the land in which they live and there is nothing more important than people relating to, loving, growing to appreciate and valuing the land in which they live.'

Speaking at the event Sara MacLean, carbon savings project officer with the forest company, said the tree to table event offered the community the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the last year.

'We are absolutely delighted to host this event today,' she said, 'it is the culmination of years of hard work.'



Nine-year-old Erin Salen, from Tighnabruaich, presented MSP Michael Russell and his wife Cathleen with a bouquet of flowers after the MSP formerly opened the community allotments. 06_a31kilfn05



Tighnabruaich girl Jade Wren, aged 11, tends to the plants at her mum's allotment, officially opened at the tree to table event on Saturday. 06_a31kilfn01



A lady, taking part in the Walking Theatre Company's 'Dig for Victory' performance, dons her World War II costume as she chops wood at the forest. 06_a31kilfn17



Sadie Dixon-Spain seeks out her troops as a member of 'The Ministry of Food' during the Walking Theatre Company's performance on Saturday. 06_a31kilfn18



Ralph Campbell keeps a watchful eye over Adam Wren as he carves wood. 06_a31kilfn12



Youngsters enjoyed face painting; games and a horse and cart ride along the forest track. 06_a31kilfn16



Plants, fruit and vegetables were in full bloom in the community allotments at Kilfinan Forest as the greenhouse was formerly opened on Saturday. 06_a31kilfn06

Best of the west will be launched at Inveraray

A NEW festival, organised to showcase the best of the west coast of Scotland, will be launched at Inveraray Castle in September.

The Best of the West Festival will be a family friendly event highlighting the best in food, drink, craft, music and entertainment in the west of Scotland.

With Argyll and West Scotland renowned for quality organic produce, visitors to the festival will have the opportunity to sample seafood, lamb, beef, cheese and jams.

Distilleries from the region will also be showcasing at the event;

peppery Talisker from the north, peaty Islays to the south and the more genteel inland softies will all be available for whisky enthusiasts.

Knowledge

Experts and distillers will be on hand to host 'whisky master classes' and tasting sessions to impart their knowledge of Scotland's most famous export.

A craft tent featuring Harris Tweed, pottery, Loch Lomond alpaca wool and jewellery will demonstrate what can be done with the natural resources in the area.

Virginia Sumsion, of Food from

Argyll, said the festival offered a great opportunity for cross promotion.

Explaining whisky connoisseurs will be introduced to Argyll beef, venison and seafood, Virginia said the festival offered businesses the opportunity to promote their produce to a new group of people.

'Visitors will also have the opportunity to sample seasonal produce at its best', Virginia added. 'September is a great time of year for seafood, beef and dairy.'

The festival will be held in the grounds of Inveraray Castle on September 17 and 18.

Open studios

ARTMAP Argyll Open Studios event takes place next weekend.

Artists in Argyll will once again open their studio doors to visitors from Friday August 12 until Monday August 15. For more information visit - www.artmapargyll.com



Sat/Sun August 6th/7th at Ardfern

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Stunning photographs set in a piggery



One of the stunning images. Photograph by Lorna Young of Lochgilphead High School.

A COLLECTION of breathtaking photographs by pupils from Lochgilphead High School will be displayed in the unlikely setting on an old piggery next week.

The photographs, taken as part of a joint project between the school and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), will be exhibited

at part of a celebration of Tainish National Nature Reserve near Tayvallich.

Taken by budding young photographers aged between 14 and 16-years, the pictures are an artistic interpretation of the nature reserve through their eyes.

Under the guidance of Lorne

Gill, SNH's photographer, the pupils were encouraged to look closely at their surroundings, paying attention to colours, textures, light, patterns and shapes.

The photographs will be displayed in the impressive architectural remains of a 19th century piggery at the nature

reserve from Friday August 12-15. Open to the elements, it offers an unusual opportunity to see art outdoors.

The exhibition is part of the Artmap Argyll Open Studio trail and is the latest step in an ongoing photography project, Snapberry 3. Based around nature reserves in Mid Argyll,

the project, which has been running for three years, finds novel ways to put young people in touch with nature.

To find out more about the exhibition and the Snapberry project go to Argyll & Outer Hebrides area pages on the Scottish Natural Heritage website at www.snh.gov.uk

Community Noticeboard

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Summer Festival

Sunday 7th August

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Hand loom weaving

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Waterstones

Cake stall

Plant stall

Face painting

Chartroom Ceilidh Band - in the Garden!

The Gardens will be open between 9.30am and sunset; normal admission charges will apply, most activities will be free, but there may be a small charge for some

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Tayvallich Flower Show

TAYVALLICH residents of all ages are gearing up for their annual Flower Show next week.

Held in the village hall next Wednesday, August 10, the much-anticipated evening will see hoards of vegetables, plants, fruit, crafts and homebaking up for scrutiny by an expert panel of judges.

Doors open at 7pm with the prizegiving being conducted by Margaret Stevenson. The grand auction will end the evening in fine style with auctioneer being the ever-popular Roly MacArthur.

Proceeds from the event will go towards Tayvallich Village Hall.

Beaver detectives wanted

THE SCOTTISH Beaver Trial is holding a free beaver detective workshop for children aged between six and 12-years.

The two-day workshops begin today, Friday, and also tomorrow, Saturday.

Two sessions run each day: 11am and 1pm from Barnluasgan Information Centre.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parents and guardians should note that there are no toilet or catering facilities at the Information Centre.

Booking is essential for the workshops.

For more information contact Nick Wright on 07827 886807.

Inspiring art in Lochgilphead

HAVE you ever wandered through an art gallery feeling inspired by the works on display but perhaps feeling too daunted to pick up pencil, pen or brush yourself?

Or have you ever looked at an exhibit and thought 'My child could paint better than this'?

Well last week the Fyne Art Club invited people to have just that sort of dialogue with works of art.

The twelfth annual Fyne Art Club exhibition opened last Monday and ran until Saturday in Lochgilphead Community Centre.

In addition to the club's membership, the show was open to all artists - amateur or professional, local or from further afield - and as such the event served as both a club and community showcase of Argyll's creative talent.

Visitors to the exhibition were invited to get involved with creating art by contributing to a canvas that became an evolving interactive work of art over the course of the week. Whether it is was a doodle or a mini-masterpiece, people were inspired to add something to every inch of the canvas and it proved particularly popular with younger visitors.

As in previous years, the works exhibited were in a variety of media and also employed a range of styles and techniques which resulted in an eclectic and dynamic exhibition.



Fyne Art Club members, Rebecca Pine, Laura Dalgarno-Platt, Fraser McIver and Rochelle McConnell, at last week's annual show in the community centre.

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THE LOCHGAIR ASSOCIATION A Summer Musical Evening

Sunday 7th August 2011 - 7 for 7.30pm

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Including raffle

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Lochgilphead Parish Church are holding a Fete and Pet Show in the Church Hall and grounds from 12noon - 3pm on Saturday 20th August.

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Entry form and details of Pet Show from Lochgilphead Book Shop

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Village Hall

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Rain fails to dampen the spirits at water festival

WATER was in plentiful supply as torrential rain fell on revellers gathered to celebrate the Crinan Canal Water Festival on Sunday. Despite the downpour doz-

ens of families, visitors and tourists descended on the canal banks to take part in the event, held for the second year. Organised by the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance

in partnership with British Waterways Scotland, the event featured a wealth of games and activities including canoeing, sailing, boat building competitions and

the ever-popular Dalriada boat challenge. A host of local food producers kept the festivalgoers warm with hot soup, burgers and butties.



Two giant seagulls flew into Dunadry, on the Crinan Canal, on Sunday. 06_a31crin02



Revellers queued in muddy puddles for hot soup and burgers from the food stalls at the event. 06_a31crin06



Rowers prepare to paddle to the finish line in the Dalriada boat challenge, held as part of the Crinan Canal Water Festival. 06_a31crin10

More photos available online
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Local men and women battled it out in the Dalriada boat challenge. 06_a31crin14



Virginia Sumsion, from Loch Fyne Oysters, served up tasty treats for festivalgoers. 06_a31crin04

Walking Theatre performs Treasure Island at Craobh

CHILDREN helped a lost crew boy from a pirate ship find treasure hidden on the Craignish peninsula on Sunday. Walking through Craobh Haven, the children sought out the mischievous pirates and their treasure stashed around the marina. The group were led by the cabin boy as part of the Walking Theatre Company's *Treasure Island* performance. 06_a31treas01



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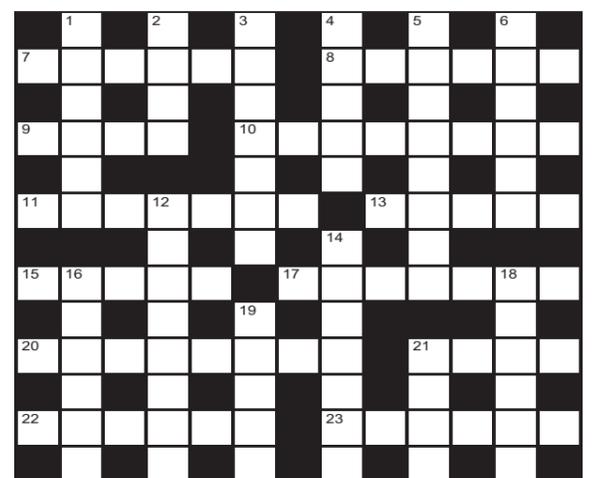
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Synopsis: Transformers Dark of the Moon
The Autobots Bumblebee, Ratchet, Ironhide and Sideswipe led by Optimus Prime, are back in action, taking on the evil Decepticons, who are determined to avenge their defeat in 2009's Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. In this new movie, the Autobots and Decepticons become involved in a perilous space race between the U.S. and Russia, and once again human Sam Witwicky has to come to the aid of his robot friends. There's new characters too, including a new villain in the form of Shockwave, a longtime Transformers character who rules Cybertron while the Autobots and Decepticons battle it out on Earth
Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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Last week's solution



That's the spirit!

An 'outstanding' course from Argyll College

IT can be tough enough cooking in a ship's galley and equally hard to teach teenagers about food, health and hygiene.

But to do both at the same time is pretty impressive and that's why Fairbridge and the Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland (REHIS) said that Argyll College UHI is 'outstanding'.

Darlene Russell, curriculum manager from the college, spent seven days on board the *Spirit of Fairbridge* teaching the healthy living programme developed by

Argyll College UHI and the Elementary Food Hygiene and the Elementary Food and Health programme awarded by REHIS.

Fairbridge works with 13-25-year-olds to develop the motivation, self-confidence and skills they need to change their lives using *The Spirit of Fairbridge*, a 92ft schooner.

Confined to a working boat in any weather is no mean feat, and the young crew of up to 11 young people and staff must work as a tight unit in order to ensure that the boat sails.



The youngsters were all awarded certificates after the course. C31spirit2NO

'It's a very different environment to the usual classroom set up, so I decided to try something a bit different. The crew operate on different watches, with each watch having their own duties to perform. It made sense to deliver some of the course while they were doing all the practical duties,' said Darlene.

Spirit of Fairbridge sailed from Oban, rounding the Mull of Kintyre, to Campbeltown.

Darlene, who lives in Southend, took the opportunity to show the young crew the sights of the area including a hike up Benquillean. Returning to the boat, they climbed the rigging under the watchful eye of Skipper, Mikey Strang and First Mate, Monica MacLean - 'exhilarating but scary', said Darlene.

The following day the *Spirit of Fairbridge* sailed to Portavadie before journey's end at Greenock's

Victoria Harbour; 187 nautical miles. There, Darlene was joined by Drew Hall, who chairs REHIS and Graham Walker, its director of training to award each of the crew with their certificates.

'I'm very proud of them, everyone did so well,' said Darlene. 'Both the passion I have for training and sailing in one venture has made this a memorable time for me.'

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Darlene Russell takes the helm. C31spirit1NO



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Overall Sheep Champion at last Saturday's Cowal Blackface Sheep Society Show at Cairndow was Iain, David and Alastair McArthur's Tup Lamb of 27,000 Auldhouseburn out of the Dam 10,000 Elmscleugh. The McArthur's travelled from their farm at Arnicle, Glenbarr to compete.

Cowal Blackface Sheep Society's annual show

THE SUN shone brightly for this year's Cowal Blackface Sheep Society Show.

Competitors from farms across Argyll, including Loch Lomond, attended the annual event, now a regular fixture on all Blackface breeders' calendars.

Held once again at Cairndow, the event drew in a good crowd with six farms competing in the confined section and another six farms competing in the open section, bringing a field of 80 sheep before the judge, Andy Woodburn of Netherwood Farm, Muirkirk.

Mr Woodburn had the difficult job of judging the aged rams, sheiling rams and ram lambs, as well as the aged ewes, one-year-old one crop ewes, gimmers and ewe lambs.

After much deliberation the overall sheep champion went to Iain, David and Alastair McArthur's Tup Lamb of 27,000 Auldhouseburn out of the Dam 10,000 Elmscleugh.

The McArthur's travelled from their farm at Arnicle, Glenbarr

to compete.

Lochgoilhead father and son duo, David and Jock Jackson, of Pole Farm took Overall Reserve Champion with their ewe, Black Velvet. The ewe has previously taken the Champion title two years consecutively at the Cairndow Show.

Although numbers were down on previous years and competitors from outwith Argyll were fewer, chair of the Cowal Blackface Sheep Society, Alistair Campbell, was pleased with how the day went.

He said: 'It went very well. Obviously the weather was a big help compared to last year which was a complete washout.'

'We have had more sheep in the past but the standard displayed this year was very good.'

The annual show, held last Saturday alongside the South Pony Club Show, was previously held at Strachur but moved to its current residence around 15 years ago. The event marks the main event for the Cowal Blackface Sheep Society.

Countdown to Mid Argyll Show

THE MID Argyll Show committee will be hoping that shades and sun-block will be needed next weekend as the 2011 event

draws nearer.

As the final preparations come together, the committee just need the weather to turn in their

favour for a successful day next Saturday.

Secretary of the show committee, Ian Salmon, said entries are up on last year, with the poultry section doubling its competitors from 30 to 60 this year.

The Clydesdale section has also increased, with 12 entries so far, compared to five last year.

The sheep, cattle and horse sections also report good numbers this year.

Mr Salmon also said there is an increase in trade stands at this year's event, with several 'new' and 'varied' exhibitors.

The usual childrens amusements will also be at the show, with the go-carts making a welcome return.

Highland dancers and the Clydebank Pipe Band will also be in attendance.

An addition to this year's event will be the introduction of a shuttle bus from Lochgilphead's Lochnell Street to the Joint Campus and then onwards to the show field. The bus will run from 11am until 4pm.

Mr Salmon said: 'We're pleased with the amount of entries we've received.'

'We're just hoping for a good day weather wise - it would be great to have another day like last year.'

The show has been advertised far and wide, with the committee hoping to attract visitors as well as locals.

'It's not wholly an agricultural event,' said Mr Salmon. 'It's for all members of the public.'

Judging begins at 9.30am with the main prizegiving usually taking place around 3pm.



Last year's confined show champion, confined sheep champion and confined Blackface champion, Robert Shaw's Blackface gimmer, by a £11,000 Silloans. 15_a31mida01

Supporting the Skills of Scotland's Women

WOMEN working in Scotland's land-based industries are set to benefit from a £400 training grant from Lantra's Women and Work 2011-12 Funding Project.

Over the past four years the project has proven successful in England, where it has helped 1,212 businesses and 3,250 women increase their skills in industries where women are under-represented.

Positive Impact

Because of the positive impact, Lantra has extended the funding UK-wide, so women in Scotland can participate.

To find out more about Women and Work, contact Regional Partnership Managers Mary Mitchell 07867 908183 or email: mary.mitchell@lantra.co.uk and Ishbel Crawford on 07867 908198 or email: Ishbel.crawford@lantra.co.uk or visit www.lantra.co.uk/women-and-work

West coast farms come to the market

ONE OF THE most productive farms in south Argyll is this week being put up for sale.

Auchnasavil Farm, a 156-acre arable and stock farm in Carradale, has officially been put on the market.

One of the few arable farms situated on the east of Kintyre, Auchnasavil is said to be home to some of the most productive land in the area.

Auchnasavil Farm, which is asking for offers over £425,000, features a three-bedroom farmhouse, a traditional steading and a series of agricultural outbuildings.

The farm is currently run in-hand as a mixed stock rearing and arable farm and it is understood the previous owner ran a herd of Ayrshire dairy cows.

The news of the sale comes as a second Kintyre farm, Largiemore Farm, at Kilkenzie, has been put on the market.

The 171-acre farm is a well-

equipped, ring-fenced stock farm with a long growing season.

Currently run in-hand as a stock rearing farm, Largiemore carries a closed herd of 75 suckler cows and followers and has 80 recently installed cubicles for the cattle.

The land, which has in the past been used for arable, ranges in quality from ploughable pasture to rough grazing; its climate, soil and topography offer good growing conditions.

Largiemore, with an asking price of £595,000 includes a

recently renovated six-bedroom farmhouse, currently run as a bed and breakfast business, and a productive wind turbine.

Estate Agent Strutt & Parker is managing the sale of both farms.

Semple's successful day at Dalmally

MESSERS DW Semple and Son, Dippen, Carradale, provided the most successful pen of show calves at United Auction's Fair Day sale in Dalmally on Friday.

From left, they are the Charolais Heifer X, sold for £1,060, the Limousin Heifer calf, sold for £910, the Show Champion Limousin steer calf, sold for £1,120, the red Limousin heifer reserve Champion, sold for £1,000, a British Blue steer, which

sold for £1,000, and the Charolais steer, which won the Cha-

rolais bullocks category, selling for £1,000. 08_t31dalmallyshow2



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Business urged to 'think green'

ARGYLL and Bute Council's Business Gateway is encouraging all small businesses to 'think green' as this also brings benefits to their business.

'Whilst all businesses have a legal responsibility for the impact they have on the environment, going beyond environmental compliance can bring business benefits,' said Councillor Neil Mackay, who is the Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for enterprise, energy, culture and tourism.

'Business Gateway can offer advice and support to help businesses identify both what is required of them and good practice.'

There is even an interactive tool on www.bgateway.com to help

businesses assess their own environmental compliance and another to identify where money can be saved by going green.

Minimising waste, from using raw materials more efficiently to reducing energy consumption, is one of the most effective steps a business can take to protect the environment.

It also reduces costs and makes the business more efficient. Many businesses can reduce waste cheaply and with minimal effort; switching off equipment at night will reduce energy bills, or reducing packaging can help to reduce costs.

Immediate cost savings can be achieved by looking at how you run your business and making

simple changes, such as printing or photocopying on both sides of the paper; designing packaging so that it can be reused.

Customers, employees and potential investors are all becoming more aware of the environment and going green can improve a business's reputation. Investing in energy and water-saving technologies or environmentally-friendly vehicles could also help a business save on its tax bill through Enhanced Capital Allowances.

Business Gateway can point you in the right direction. For more detailed information and help on environmental issues and sustainable development visit www.bgateway.com or contact a local businesses adviser on 01546 605 459.



Murdo and Kenny MacLeod, managing directors of MacLeod Construction Ltd at the site of the former Park Square, Campbeltown, which their company is redeveloping. 21_c28park05

MacLeod's win two major projects

LOCHGILPHEAD-based building company MacLeod Construction Ltd has won two major projects in Campbeltown.

The firm won the £5.2 million regeneration project at the site of the now demolished Park Square for Argyll Community Housing Association; the official turf cutting ceremony was held last month on the scheme, which will provide 32 affordable homes, a new streetscape and an access road to the harbour.

The new road will mean an easy passage to the

pier for the wind turbine tower sections made at Machrihanish.

The low loaders delivering these massive fabrications have to reverse round a corner at present, blocking traffic.

MacLeods will also be building for the private housing market at Dalintober, with a new development of three-bedroom, two-storey, semi-detached houses. Prices will start from £165,000 and the properties feature fully fitted kitchens with integrated appliances.

Unemployment remains high

THE NUMBER of people receiving job seekers allowance in the Highlands and Islands fell by 575 in May.

With unemployment figures remaining higher than that for the same period last year, the current unemployment figure for the region is 7,895.

Argyll and Bute, along with Eilean Siar remain the areas with the highest unemployment rate with of 3.1 per cent of the population claiming unemployment benefit.

Airport traffic numbers rise

PASSENGER numbers at the ten airports in the Highlands and Islands rose by 5.9 percent in of June.

With a total of 114,340 passengers using the airports operated by Highlands and Islands Airports, it marked a significant rise compared to the same period last year.

Lochgilphead lad gets top award

A LOCHGILPHEAD lad has had his work recognised with a top award at a national apprentice ceremony.

Ian Wishart, from AOM Scaffolding, was awarded runner up scaffolding apprentice of the year at the National Construction College (NCC) Scotland Annual Apprentice Awards ceremony, in Renfrewshire.

Speaking after receiving his award, 22-year-old Ian, said:

'Scaffolding has been picking up over the last couple of years and there's a lot of money to be made from it so that's where I took my incentive from.'

Ian began his apprenticeship with Lochgilphead-based AOM Scaffolding in August 2010.

Alastair O'May from AOM Scaffolding said: 'We are very proud of Ian and his personal achievement.'



Ian Wishart from AOM Scaffolding.

'We are also proud, with the help of CITB and the National Construction College that such a small local firm is able to source first class training, with the most up to date working methods and techniques enabling us to supply our customers with first class labour. Ian has worked extremely hard, not only during his time at college but on a day-to-day basis within our company.'

Organised

The awards, which are in their 12th year, were organised by the National Construction College - the training division of CITB-ConstructionSkills - to recognise and reward the hard work, expert skill and determination of its apprentices.

Ian is now working towards his SVQ Level 2 award. As part of his qualification he completes an in-depth portfolio of the kinds of work he does.

He can go on to complete higher levels of training in his chosen trade.

Praise for Business Gateway workshops

ATTRACTING almost 200 people to its spring workshops, Argyll and Bute's Business Gateway team has been praised for its continued support of local businesses.

Hosting more than 30 workshops across the county in a matter of months, 97 per cent of the people that attended said the training was either very good or excellent.

Feedback from the events, which were designed to boost the skills base of workforces within the region, has been very positive.

With the website building workshop in Inveraray very popular, one attendee, Sandryne Boisseau, said: 'To have somebody next to you, with the professional knowledge to answer all your questions was valuable.'

Another client who attended the business-planning workshop in Lochgilphead added: 'Everything covered will be of great help.'

Issues such as resource and business planning, marketing, how to bid for council contracts, basic bookkeeping, online trading, building your own business website and the tax implications of becoming self-employed, were all addressed through the training events.

Building on the success of the workshops Business Gateway is to resume its programme of events in September, with a view to expanding the range of workshops on offer.

To find out more or to suggest what type of workshops would be most helpful call 01546 605 459.

Help needed for vulnerable children

PEOPLE in Argyll and Bute are being asked to support vulnerable children by starting a local fundraising group in aid of NSPCC Scotland.

The charity is looking for people who can help form a fundraising group with friends, family and other contacts they may have in their community, to help raise money for the NSPCC's vital work in Scotland.

For more information contact Susie on 0844 892 0212 or email Scotlandevents@nspcc.org.uk

Qualification opportunities

YOUNG people across the Highlands and Islands are to be encouraged and inspired to take qualifications in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), thanks to Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI).

HIE has been successful in its bid to secure a new 45-month contract with STEMNET, a national organisation that creates opportunities to inspire young people in STEM.

For more information visit www.stemnorthofscotland.com or phone Janice Wallace on 01463 244287.

Health Heroes wanted

RESIDENTS from across Mid Argyll are being urged to nominate their top health workers and teams for an accolade at the Scottish Health Awards 2011.

The awards acknowledge and reward NHS workers and volunteers who go that extra mile to deliver exceptional care, cure illnesses or improve local health services.

To nominate your health hero visit www.scottishhealthawards.com. The closing date for nominations is Monday September 12, 2011.

Exam helpline

TEENAGERS across Argyll received their exam results yesterday (Thursday) and for anyone feeling anxious or worried about their results, a new helpline has been setup.

ChildLine is encouraging youngsters to contact the service by phone or online with any worries about exam results.

For more information visit www.childline.org.uk



Innes spinning wool at Auchindrain Township Museum. 06_a28auchin01

Estonia exchange visit for Innes

'I was gob smacked to get a place on the exchange'

A WOMAN who has spent years enriching the cultural heritage of Mid Argyll has been selected to take part in a cultural exchange with Estonia.

Innes Carmichael, who demonstrates weaving sheep wool at Auchindrain Township, is one of only a handful of people to represent Scotland at the event.

As a member of Sgioba Luaidh Inbhurchluaidh, the Inverclyde Waulking Group, Innes' experience of singing Gaelic work songs will also contribute to the exchange, which focuses on textiles and music.

The exchange, organised by the Arts Foundation and the Leonardo Di Vinci Foundation, focuses on how 'nature

breeds culture'.

Travelling all over Estonia Innes will witness centuries old traditions and handicrafts of weaving, embroidery, woodcarving and knitting, still practised today by Estonian artisans and craftsmen.

Innes will also be introduced to the deep passion Estonians have for their traditional songs and dance and will see how, through practising and maintaining their cultural heritage, they are reinforcing their national identity and developing skills for future generations.

Describing the trip as 'very exciting', Innes said she has been tasked with learning new techniques for traditional crafts and disseminating that knowledge at Auchindrain.

'The itinerary is phenom-

enal' said Innes. 'I cannot pick out one thing that I'm looking forward to most. One of the days we will be dying wool with plants and mushrooms and that's right up my street.'

She added: 'I was gob smacked when I was lucky enough to get a place on the exchange; I think there are about four of us that are going from Scotland.'

Chair of the Auchindrain Township Museum Trust, Alison Hay said the exchange would be 'hugely beneficial' to the museum.

'I am so glad that the museum has been able to help give Innes the opportunity to do this,' said Mrs Hay, 'I'm sure that she will bring back hugely interesting stuff to Auchindrain.'

First Aid cover proves invaluable

RED CROSS volunteers are this year close to doubling the amount of first aid cover they provide at events compared to last year.

Volunteers from Argyll and Bute and Dumbarton attended 56 events in total last year, compared with 80 events up to July this year.

Murdina Clark, service manger for the area, said that Red Cross volunteers have been 'invaluable' in providing their time to travel to events – both large and small.

'They have been absolutely brilliant – this year has been so busy and their support and commitment is so valued,' added Murdina.

From garden fetes to highland games, first aiders will ensure that anyone requiring medical attention is dealt with promptly.

Recent events attended by the volunteers include Tiree Music Festival and the Dalriada Water Festival, with the next major event being Cowal Games later this month.

The Red Cross relies purely on people coming forward to train as first aiders – and with the service proving so vital, more volunteers are being sought.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Red Cross first aider/volunteer should contact Murdina, Monday to Friday – 9am-5pm, on 01546 602386.

Olympic top 10

ARGYLL has made the top ten list for producing successful Olympians.

New research has revealed that if you come from Argyll then you are more likely to win a medal at the Olympic Games than most other regions in the UK.

A study by Thomas Cook has revealed Argyll as the fifth most successful county for Olympians relative to the total population of the country.

The majority of the medals won by Argyll sportsmen and women were won in sailing, with John Buchanan - Helensburgh, Gerald Tait - Campbeltown and Rodney Pattison - Campbeltown, all bringing home the gold.



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LOCHGAIR
Summer musical evening

THE LOCHAIR Association is inviting people to its annual Summer Musical Evening in the Lochgair Hotel on Sunday.

The event will feature a host of musicians, including Shona Keith and Helen Brown on vocals, The Anderson Quartet on saxophone and guitar, John Holt and Scott McNeil on accordion, Morag Couples et fille – the violin duo, and Ian Smith with his epic poem 'How Dave Won His Spurs'.

Tickets are available from Jan Williams at on 01546 886 288 or £3 at the door. Children are free.

TARBERT
Flower festival

TARBERT Parish Church will smell blooming lovely next week as the annual Flower Festival gets underway.

The event, run by the parish church committee, will feature exhibitors from across Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

A total of 20 separate displays will greet visitors to the church next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The theme for this year's festival is Happy Days.

Opening times are as follows: Friday 11am-8pm, Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 12.30-5pm.

Fun at the fair

TARBERT'S annual fair took place last weekend amidst glorious sunshine.

People of all ages travelled from Mid Argyll and Kintyre to enjoy the range of attractions dotted along the harbour front.

Friday night was quieter than usual as the main route into Tarbert was blocked with a serious road crash.

But traders reported a 'steady' flow of customers during Saturday and Sunday.

The exhibitors will now make their way to Kintyre and Arran for the annual agricultural shows.

ARDRISHAIG
Gala Day thanks

THE COMMITTEE of Ardrishaig Gala Day is thanking all those involved in making this year's event one to remember.

Speaking on behalf of the gala committee, Jim Innes, said: 'I would like to thank all those who made this year's Ardrishaig Gala Day such a success.'

'A special thank you to Argyll and Bute Amenity Services workforce for all their

sterling efforts before the big day.

'Not only was the greenery and shrubbery in immaculate condition at the centre of activities, but the football pitch would have been a credit to the Nou Camp.'

FURNACE
Furnace getting ready for gala day

RESIDENTS in Furnace are flexing their muscles and practicing their football technique as the date has been set for the village's annual gala day.

Kicking off on August 27, residents will be battling it out in the ever popular and hotly contested wheelbarrow race.

The villages more senior residents may also be hitting the gym as they prepare to take on their younger counterparts in the over 30 versus under 30 football match.

The usual competitions in horticulture, photography and baking have also been scheduled into this year's programme of events.

Look out for more details on the gala in future editions of the Argyllshire Advertiser.

FORD
Ford Fun Day

FORD village will be filled with the sound of music and laughter tomorrow (Saturday) as the annual Ford Fun Day gets underway.

Kicking off at midday Ford residents will feel their competitive spirits rise as they bid to be the best at the crockery smash, fish race, gnome bowling and welly wanging.

For the more faint hearted a

CRAIGNISH
Craft and producers market held as part of arts festival

THE SECOND in a series of local craft and producers markets was held at Craobh Haven Marina last weekend.

Part of the celebrations for the Craignish Arts Festival, the market featured craft stalls, jewellery exhibitors, plant stalls and fashion outlets.

One exhibitor was Lunga based sculptor Tara Coia. Tara displayed a few pieces of her woven artwork, which included animals woven from willow.

To view some of Tara's work and that of other Argyll artists see the exhibitions at Lunga House and Ardfern Village Hall.

Some unusual characters spotted in Craobh Haven

VISITORS to the Craignish peninsula have reported sightings of some unusual characters popping up in Ardfern, Lunga Estate and Craobh Haven Marina.

A sailor, cowboy and pirate were spotted in and around Lunga on Sunday afternoon.

Residents of the Argyll villages are believed to be behind the arrival of the new guests in a bid to show their creative flair amidst celebrating the Craignish Arts Festival.

It is believed a prize is to be handed out to the best character at Ardfern's Pirate Parade, at 3pm at the village hall on Saturday.



A qualified archaeologist, Tara creates works influenced by the past, from written histories to structural remains, myths and legends. 06_a31artfest01



Colourful characters in the shape of scarecrows have been placed all over the Craignish Peninsula. 06_a31scar01/02

series of stalls will be erected featuring a host of plants, preserves, homebaking and crafts.

There will be live music throughout the day with the Mid Argyll Pipe Band and local musicians performing. The

annual ceilidh will also take place at 8pm with the Archie McVicar Band providing the entertainment.

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INVERARAY



Jennifer Evans and her granddaughter Dior, aged seven, man one of the stalls at the Inveraray Fair with their pet dog Scout. 06_a31fayre02

Fun fair bids farewell

THE EVANS family fun fair will be in Inveraray for one more week before it travels to Campbeltown on August 13.

Locals and tourists alike have been enjoying the dodgems, bumpy slide, teacups ride and stalls for the last month.

The Evans family, which has been bringing the fair to Argyll towns and villages for more than 20 years, has made many friends in the Royal Burgh.

Family fun day at the castle

NEXT WEEKEND Alzheimer Scotland will hold a fantastic Family Fun Day at Inveraray Castle.

Held within the grounds

of the castle, the event takes place on Saturday August 13.

Among the attractions is live music from the Neptune Band of the Royal Navy and Campbeltown Brass Band, a bouncy castle, face painting, home baking, plants, games and prizes. The charity will also hold their annual Memory Walk through the stunning grounds of the Castle, where people can enjoy, ponder and reflect on treasured memories.

Admission is free.

Your support will help Alzheimer Scotland continue its work in speaking out for the

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
11/00805/PP	Formation of vehicular access	8 Killeonan Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PL	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/01146/PP	Erection of detached dwellinghouse and detached garage	Plot 3 The Avenue Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
11/01167/PP	Alterations and change of use of steading barns to 2 dwellinghouses and installation of septic tank	Stronmagachan Farm Steading Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
11/01315/PP	Alterations to existing block of flatted residential properties to include replacement front porches, replacement stairwells, replacement windows and rationalisation of existing car parking area	15, 17, 19, 21, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 Dalaruan Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6HG	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/01344/PP	Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse and erection of detached garage/workshop	Barnfield Carradale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QU	Sub Post Office Carradale

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
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A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery on Tuesday 9th August in the conference room, Aqualibrium, Kinloch Road, from 6.30pm - 7.00pm.

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

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391/07977327751 or by e mail donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre)

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

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

Notice of Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) to be published in a local newspaper under regulation 7(2)

Stewart Campbell, the prospective applicant, hereby gives notice of a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) to be undertaken in advance of the submission of a retrospective planning application to Argyll and Bute Council for a retrospective development comprising of change of use of land for the use as a Motorcross track (Retrospective) at Achnashelloch Farm Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8RE

Further information in respect of the retrospective development may be obtained by e-mail to;

Stewart Campbell campbell.5@btinternet.com or by telephone 01546 606852

A public event which will include a presentation of the retrospective development and opportunity or public discussion with the prospective applicant to be held at The Horseshoe Inn, Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilphead on Monday 15th August 2011 between 10am - 11am and 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Any persons wishing to submit comments should submit these to the prospective applicant at Barr-nan-Craobh, Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilphead, before 19th August 2011.

Persons submitting comments in response to Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) are advised that comments submitted to the prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the planning authority; in the event that prospective applicant submits a formal application for retrospective planning permission then there would be an opportunity to submit representations to Argyll and Bute Council as the planning authority at that time.

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTIONS ELECTIONS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

BY-ELECTION DAY - 22 SEPTEMBER 2011

1. By-Elections are to be held for the return of Community Councillors to fill vacancies on the undernoted Community Councils within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area of Argyll and Bute.

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2. Nomination papers must be lodged with the Depute Returning Officer, Kilmory Headquarters, Lochgilphead PA31 8RT or at the addresses listed below on any day except a Saturday or Sunday after the date of this notice, but not later than 4.00pm on Thursday 18 August 2011 and withdrawals of persons nominated must be intimated at the same address not later than 4.00pm on Thursday 18 August 2011.

3. Forms of nomination and withdrawal may be obtained from the Depute Returning Officer at the addresses below.

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Closing date for applications: 22 August 2011

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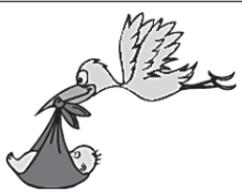
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise the Lord, O my soul: all my inmost being, praise his holy name' (Psalm 103:1).

BIRTHS



HAMILL

Stephen and Sarah (MacInnes) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Blair Alexander, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on July 28, 2011. A wee brother for Alasdair.

MAIR - Andrew and Ellis are delighted to announce the birth of Megan Grace, a little sister for Logan. Born in Aberdeen on July 29, 2011 weighing 6lbs 10oz. A second grandchild for Elizabeth Wallace, Inverkip and Rhona and Michael Mair, Fraserburgh, all formerly of Campbeltown.



MCSPORRAN

Mark and Stephanie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Alyssa Jacqueline, on July 10, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. First granddaughter for Alan and Katie, Ralston Road, Campbeltown and Gerry and Jackie Mearns, Glasgow. Mummy, Daddy and baby doing well.

MARRIAGES

CONNELLY - CAMERON - On July 23, 2011 at the Buchanan Arms Hotel, Drymen, Darren, son of Elizabeth and the late Albert, Glasgow to Mairi, daughter of Thomas and Mary, Gartvaigh, Southend. A very happy day.

MCCORMICK - PEACOCK - In Sorrento, Italy on July 12, 2011, Derek, elder son of Neil and Catherine, Campbeltown to Laura, younger daughter of Mike and Linda, Campbeltown. A wonderful day.

MCFADYEN - MARRISON - At the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown on July 30, 2011, Charles, younger son of Charles and the late Edith, to Susan, younger daughter of John and Elizabeth. A perfect day and a wonderful weekend.

SILVER WEDDINGS

STEWART - BROWN - Marilyn to Joe, August 8, 1986, by Rev J Edward Andrews at Lochgilphead.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

CAMPBELL - LIVINGSTONE - Married in Oban on August 3, 1951, Willie to Annie. Present address 1 Manse Crescent, Inveraray.

DEATHS

COFFIELD - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 1, 2011, Jean Blue, in her 74th year, 6 Castlepark, formerly of Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Dempsey Coffield, much loved mother of William, Joan, Archie and Zena and a beloved grandmother and great grandmother.

PATERSON - Peacefully, at home, Kilbrannan Villa, Carradale, on July 29, 2011, Jean Buchanan Paterson, in her 88th year, dearly beloved daughter of the late George and Janie Paterson, loving sister of John, Colin, Dodie and Maisie and a much loved aunt.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CUMMING - The family of the late Iain Cumming would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Glenaray Ward for their care and attention to Iain. Thanks also to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services; and to the Coachhouse Inn, Cardross for fine purvey. Finally, thank you to all who paid their respects at church and crematorium. The retiral collection raised £130 for Ford Parish Church Funds.

MATHIESON - Margaret, Andrew and Bobby would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness during Andy's illness and following his death. Many thanks are due to Dr Lazarus, MacMillan Nurse Kitty Millar, district nurses and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for all recent, and past, care of Andy. Grateful thanks to Rev Michael Lind for spiritual comfort and uplifting service, David McEwan for appropriate music and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for kindly funeral arrangements. A very special thanks to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The retiring collection raised £742 for Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

POPPELTON - The family of the late Jessie Poppleton (née Whyte) would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, all staff at the Acute unit Campbeltown Hospital and Lorraine and Trish at Lorne Campbell Court. Thanks to Alastair Blair for professional

services and to everyone who paid their respects at church and at the graveside. Thanks also to all who donated to the Acute unit Campbeltown Hospital.

PROVAN - Stephen, Kenny and families would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Many thanks to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their impeccable and professional arrangements. Thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, to Cairnbaan Hotel for excellent catering, and to all who attended at the church and graveside. A collection on behalf of Alzheimer Scotland raised £125.

SMART - The relatives of the late Nan Smart, Stronachullin, would like to thank friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to the carers and friends for their kindness and help in numerous ways, to Margaret Sinclair for her support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, Cairnbaan Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMs

BROWN - In memory of Mary, a loving mum, gran and great gran, who died August 7, 2007.

We never ask for miracles But today just one would do To see our front door open And our dearest mum walk through.

- From all the family at home and away. **GRAHAM** - Fond memories of Archie, who passed away August 3, 2008.

You always had a smile to share

Time to give, time to care.

- Auntie Cathie and family x. **JARVIE** - In loving memory of a son, brother and uncle, Alister.

There's still no words we can find

To say how much we still miss and love you

Think about you every day.

- Love Mum, Nette, Tommy, Linn and Tommy. God bless xxxxxx.

JOHNSTONE - In loving memory of my husband Donnie, who died August 8, 2003.

We think about you every day

We talk about you too

We have precious memories

But we wish we still had you.

- From your loving wife Morag and family xxx.

MACKINNON - In loving memory of Hector, who died August 9, 2005.

- Love Lucy and family x.

MARTIN - In loving memory of Catherine (Kate), a dearly loved wife, mum, mother-in-law and grandma, who passed

away on August 3, 2008. We will close our eyes and thank the lord for everything he's done Then ask him in a quiet voice to please look after Mum.

- Iain, Paul, Yvonne and family xx.

MCLELLAN - Precious memories of a dear mum and granny, Blondie, who passed August 8, 2009. We lost a mum with a heart of gold

No longer in our lives to share

But in our hearts you're always there.

- Love all the family. **MIKA** - In loving memory of Molly, who died August 9, 2010.

- Love from all the family home and abroad.

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services Sunday 7th August - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden (Furnace) 10 am (Louis Bezuidenhout)
Lochgair 11.30 am (Louis Bezuidenhout)

Glenaray and Inveraray (Inveraray Church)

Charity No. SC016665
morning Service 11.30 am (Lesley Risby)
informal evening service 6.30 pm - theme: Africa

summer sale in Inveraray Church Hall

Monday - Saturday 11am-4pm
July - August

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 7 August
Tayvallich Church
10 am

Worship led by Rev. A. Dunlop
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THE SALVATION ARMY

Burnside Street, Campbeltown

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5.45pm Prayer Meeting
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75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 7th Aug 2011
10am Breaking of Bread
Mr RH Craig

10.50 Coffee

11.15
Family Service with Crèche

An Interview with
Dr Ian Clark CBE

Wednesday
7.30pm Informal Fellowship

For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary

01586 551237
For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547

SC014646



Argyll Street, Campbeltown

St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown

Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 7th August 2011
Pentecost 8

8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Morning Prayer

Details of services are on the church door

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The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



SC002493

Sunday 7th August 2011

11.15am

Morning Worship

"The Living Church - 1"

Service followed by tea & fellowship
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7th August 2011

Kilmartin 11.30am
Rev Alistair Dunlop

All welcome
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 7th August 2011

11.00am Morning Service
Family Service

Followed by shared lunch
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 7 August 2011

11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean

"Until the Day Break"

Thursday 11 August 2011

7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7th August 2011

Tarbert Church 11.30am

Margaret Sinclair
Interim Moderator

For all church enquiries and pastoral care

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Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Saturday, 6th August

COSY Coffee House - 7:00 p.m. [for S3 to S6 students]

Sunday, 7th August

Informal Early Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m. (With the Praise Band)

Morning Service - 11:15 a.m.
Rev. Philip Burroughs



Gary MacPherson weaves around the Oban defence.

Inveraray pick up two vital points

Scottish Hydro Premier Division
Inveraray 2
Oban Camanachd 1

INVERARAY came up against Oban Camanachd last weekend in a game that both teams needed to win.

Oban could be drawn into the relegation battle if they lost and Inveraray would be consigned to the 1st division if they lost.

Inveraray started well and pressed into the Oban half to attack the goal, testing both defence and keeper. Oban were up for this match and held firm, passing the ball well and put Matt Rippon through on eight-minutes to open the scoring.

'Aray pressed Oban back into their own half and it wasn't long before the first of a series of horror tackles on 'Aray players happened. Grant Griffin, on one of his weaving runs into the Oban defence took a strike to the head which resulted in him being led bleeding from the field.

'Aray continued to press but chances were few as the Oban defence and in particular their goalkeeper stood firm and produced some spectacular saves.

Grant Griffin returned to the field of play and his injuries didn't slow him down as on 20 minutes he produced a superb strike to take 'Aray level.

The match continued to be

marked by tackles felling 'Aray players, Chris Crawford being the one who took a strike to the knee. The temperature of the match was beginning to rise as both sides tried hard to secure a second goal.

With the scores level at half time, the second half had all to play for.

Cylinders

'Aray came out the stalls firing on all cylinders and a couple of good chances to take the lead were sadly missed. In a bit of a battle in the Oban penalty area, Stuart Robertson pounced on an aerial ball to put it in the back of the net and give 'Aray the lead on 60 minutes.

Oban threw themselves forward and it was 'Aray's defence that was

under pressure after the second goal. Play was stopped for seven-minutes when Nick Crawford suffered a serious head injury after receiving a whack in the face during an Oban attack which resulted in him being carried from the field to a waiting ambulance.

Oban tried all they could to score in what turned out to be a 59-minute second half period.

A strong challenge between two players for the ball almost turned into an outright brawl as players squared up to each other. Again, no bookings from this incident in what seemed to now be a simmering pot of a game.

Final score: Inveraray: 2 - 1 Oban Camanachd.

New Order of Merit to encourage junior golfers

A NEW order of merit series, designed to help promote junior open events running at Argyll and Bute golf clubs and introduce more competitions for juniors at all levels is underway.

The Argyll & Bute clubgolf junior Order of Merit 2011 is a result of the growth in junior golf at clubs and schools through the national junior programme, clubgolf.

Organisers of each of the seven

events are seizing the opportunity to increasing opportunities for juniors to play competitions both in and outside of their home towns and clubs.

Categories

Each event has three categories of competition; for children with handicaps between scratch and 36, plus a Flag event for juniors who do not have a handicaps.

Colin Bell, clubgolf Regional

Manager for Argyll & Dunbartonshire, said: 'The new clubgolf Junior Order of Merit has been established to help further promote the existing Junior Open Events running at Argyll & Bute golf clubs and introduce some new events for juniors of all ability levels.

'With 17 golf clubs across Argyll & Bute now delivering the clubgolf junior coaching programme,

the Order of Merit events are an excellent opportunity for children at each stage of the coaching pathway to try a competition at their own current level.

Contact

If your golf club would like to run an Order of Merit event in 2011, please contact Colin Bell at least four weeks prior to your event on: 07882 364340 or email - cbell@clubgolfscotland.co.uk

Lochgilphead boys sign on the dotted line

LOCHGILPHEAD'S young football talent have been busy using their bios recently after four

players signed to major Scottish Clubs.

Coll McCallum and Ewan

McCulloch have both signed for Livingston Football Club.

Both boys have been signed for the coming season, from Lochgilphead Soccer Centre Under 14s, along with Kyle Selfridge who has signed for Dumbarton FC and Keir Whitefield, who signed for Rangers FC last year.

Good Wishes

Everyone wishes them well for the coming season.

Meanwhile the 1997 and 1999 teams are preparing for the com-

ing year in the Dumbartonshire Football Development League and it is hoped more of the boys can progress to a higher level.

It is expected the financial costs of running both teams will be very demanding, so any local business willing and able to provide any sponsorship, or financial support are invited to make contact with any officials of the Soccer Centre.

For more on this visit their website - www.soccercentre.com



Kyle Selfridge signs for Dumbarton FC. Kyle will be joined by Connor Howe and Zak Straub from Oban Saints who also signed for Dumbarton.



Coll McCallum and Ewan McCulloch with coaches, Jamie Brown and Johnny Allison, have signed for Livingston FC.



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Stramash recognised

ARGYLL-based outdoor charity, Stramash, has had its work acknowledged by the First Minister.

The charity, which caters for people aged four-100, received the recognition during a reception to celebrate outdoor sports and activities in the natural environment.

Canoeing, Kayaking, Dinghy Sailing, Rock Climbing, Hill Walking, Gorge Walking, Coast-ering and Archery are a few of the adventure activities that Stramash offers anyone.

Niall Urquhart, Chief Executive of Stramash, said: 'We were delighted to have been invited by the First Minister to celebrate being active in Scotland and mark the contribution that Stramash makes in providing active outdoor experiences to so many.

Passionate

'We are passionate about getting people of all ages outside and active and we make use of the wonderful environment that Scotland and in particular Argyll and Bute has to offer.'

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Inveraray shinty team have it all to play for

THEY may have got a crucial victory on Saturday but with a relegation battle and a Camanachd Cup semi-final looming, Inveraray are wary of their growing injury list.

Last weekend's victory against Oban Camanachd was more business-like than beautiful but the two points were welcomed in the Royal Burgh.

Manager John Smylie said: 'We didn't play particularly well but we got the two points. We have played better than that and got nothing from games this season.'

Scott Robertson, Ruairidh Graham and David MacPherson returned for Inveraray last Saturday but Nicholas Crawford was the latest long-term casualty after fracturing his skull in two places.

Stuart Robertson, arguably the team's most consistent performer this season, will miss the next two games, including the Camanachd Cup semi-final against Newtownmore.

John said: 'We are down to the bare bones of a squad we have a chance of staying in the league and doing something in the cup. I'm glad we are playing at Glenurquhart this weekend, because their pitch is similar to the one at Spean Bridge, where the semi-final will be played.'

John expects to have all but two of his fit players available for this weekend's match.

* For more on Inveraray's match last weekend – see inside.

Lottery numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 1, 7 and 19. There were no winners with next week's jackpot rising to £200.

KILMORY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 15, 17 and 18. There were no winners with next week's jackpot rising to £700.

TARBERT Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 5, 13 and 15. Cathanna Smith won the £200 prize. Next week's jackpot will return to £100.

Sun shines on pony club show



Supreme Show Champion: Ten-year-old Rebecca Scott from Oban on her 11-year-old gelding, Fenmawr Brewster.

Fenmawr Brewster is show champion

ARGYLL South Branch of the Pony Club held its annual show at Cairndow last Saturday amidst glorious sunshine.

The event, now well-established on the equestrian calendar, saw riders from across Argyll compete in various classes including showing, working hunter, showjumping and mountain and moorland.

Also taking place was the Cowal Black Face Sheep Show.

Organisers of the event would like to give special thanks to Davie Jackson, Pole Farm and Ardkinglas Estate, judges - Jackie Geddes, Craig Ferrie and Fiona Shaw, secretary Kate Chrystal, all the stewards and helpers and sponsors.

Results: Lead Rein Showing: 1. Katie Mackay on Hector The Hero; 2. Dale Orr on Dylan; 3. Charlie Johnston on Asterix; 4. Isabelle Crawford on Izzy; 5. Brodie Crawford on Sue; 6. Molly Blyth on Fyne Boy. Lead Rein Games: 1. Brodie Crawford on Sue; 2. Charlie Johnston on Asterix; 3. Isabelle Crawford on Izzy; 4. Katie Mackay on Hector The Hero. Lead Rein Show Jumping: 1. Charlie Johnston on Asterix; 2. Katie Mackay on Hector The Hero; 3. Isabelle Crawford on Izzy; 4. Brodie Crawford on Sue. 12.2hh & Under Showing:

1. Kirsty Aitchison on Whinnie; 2. Cara Blyth on Fyne Boy. 13.2hh and Under Showing: 1. Rebecca Scott on Fenmawr Brewster; 2. Sye Ross on Dylan. 14.2hh and Under Showing: 1. Tracy Mcculloch on Galloway Lad; 2. Signe Riddell on Ellie; 3. Julie Donn on Glenfyne Princess Larabi; 4. Alison Campbell on Honey; 5. Aimee Johnston on Puzzle of Glendhu; 6. Alex Good on Missy. Over 15.2 Showing: 1. Julie Donn on Alsace; 2. Kate Mcgee on Naked Ambition; 3. Fabienne Renfrew on Mystic Harlequin; 4. Kerrie Macphail on Safari; 5. Janey Van-Stone on Splash. Over 14.2hh & not exceeding 15.2hh Showing: 1. Maxime Renfrew on Hermes; 2. Jo Smith on Mister Shifter; 3. Kate Mcgee on Dan; 4. Laura Campbell on Magic; 5. Gemma Rae on Zebedee; 6. Justine Armstrong on Coille Dubh; Specials: Jenny Sutherland on Dunrobin Pearl and Sara Frankgate on Maisie. Showing Champion 2011: Champion: Rebecca Scott on Fenmawr Brewster; Reserve Champion: Julie Donn on Alsace. Over 15.2hh Working Hunter: 1. Julie Donn on Alsace; 2. Shannon Addison; 3. Kerrie Macphail on Safari; 4. Kate Mcgee on Naked Ambition; 5. Janey Van-Stone on Splash; 6. Fabienne Renfrew on Mystic Harlequin. Over 14.2hh & Not Exceeding 15.2hh Working Hunter: 1. Jo Smith on Mister Shifter; 2. Maxime Renfrew on Hermes; 3. Gemma Rae on Zebedee. 14.2hh & Under Working Hunter: 1. Tracy Mcculloch on Galloway Lad; 2. Alison Campbell on Honey; 3. Alex Good; 4. Signe Riddell on Ellie; 5. Freya Aitchison on Shasta. 13.2hh & Under Working Hunter: 1. Skye Ross on Dylan. 12.2hh & Under & Working Hunter:

Light conditions for WHYW

THE 107-strong West Highland Yachting Fleet experienced light conditions on Monday for day tow of the regatta that runs until Friday.

Yachts either raced with the Tunnock's spinnaker fleet or restricted sail Argyll fleet on two separate courses.

The Tunnock's boats raced a windward leeward course, which was well set by Principal Race Officer Malcolm MacGregor who managed to get two races run albeit with shortened courses for some classes.

Thunderbird of Rhu eclipsed the IRC Class 0 fleet with two straight wins from Steve Cowie's Zephyr. Given Thunderbird was repaired only a week ago and launched just in time for West Highland Yachting Week, the boat has lost none of its winning streak under helm Jon Fitzgerald.

Local area boats fared well with Oban's Beppo Buchanan Smith winning the first race in Class 1 in Delphia Racer; the

conditions suiting him to a tee with Graham Anderson's Lucky Ned Pepper, also of Oban, second. Roddy Campbell from Lochaber notched up another win in Race 2 in his new Sun Odyssey 42i Windmark II to add to yesterday's win and he leads the class.

John Corson's Salamander and Alan Jeffrey's and Paul Scutt's Carmen II battled it out in Class 3 with Corson winning the first in Race 1 from Carmen and the positions reversed in Race 2.

Close racing in Class 5 saw a win for Alan Harper's Sigma 33 Leaky Roof II in the first race with the Oban boat Shadowfax winning the second race.

Ruairidh Angus and his team on Misjif were back to winning form taking two good wins in Class 7 whilst David Cooper's Redwing from Glencoe again won the first race in Class 8 with Chris Hoy's Cherry Pye taking Race 2.

In the Argyll Fleet for re-

stricted sail, sailing the inshore course south in the Firth of Lorn, John Watson's Texa came out in front in Class 2 from Scott Chalmers' Sunrise and the Aikman's Scanne.

Hoodlum, Fizz and Applecore took the placings in Class 4 and Brian Young's Glenafton again found form in Class 6 from Slippi Jin and Nan of Gare. Judy Orr's Eureka from Campbeltown won Class 9 from Alan Rodger's Mellow Moment and Toby Sherwin's Torranan from Oban.

West Highland Yachting Week receives sponsorship support from Tunnock's, The Oban Common Good Fund, Argyll and Bute Council, Tobermory Whisky, Tobermory Harbour Association and businesses, Caledonian MacBrayne and the Crown Estate with help in kind from Caledonian Oils and West Coast Motors.

Full results on www.whyw.co.uk



Oban-based rider, Julie Donn, on her 15-year-old gelding, Alsace, took Reserve Champion in the Showing section. Pictured are the pair competing in the over 15.2hh Working Hunter class.

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