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### Time running out for puppy Josie

Seven week old Golden Retriever puppy Josie was born with a perforated bladder. Owner Elizabeth Tinney of Tarbert cannot afford the surgery and is pleading for a dog lover to adopt and save the puppy's life. For the full story, turn to page 4. 06\_a44dog06

## Major plans to expand at Portavadie

A STATE-of-the-art multi-million pound spa and leisure centre to cater for the needs of people in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Cowal is to be built at Portavadie Marina.

Designs for the marina expansion include outdoor and indoor swimming pools, spa facilities, gym, fitness studio and café.

The leisure centre, due to be completed at the end of 2014, will also provide a major boost to employment across Loch Fyne. Currently employing 75 people in full and part time positions, the leisure centre will see the workforce rise to 120.

Owners of Portavadie Marina, the Bulloch family, gave the green light for the investment this week, saying the development would bring more tourists and employment to the area,

whilst providing a valuable resource for the local community.

General manager of Portavadie Marina Iain Jurgensen said the leisure centre was being built with people from Tarbert and Mid Argyll in mind.

'We are certainly targeting Kintyre for membership of the leisure centre,' Mr Jurgensen said. 'Nothing is set in stone but we are actively thinking of having a Kintyre membership that will connect to the summer ferry.'

**Increased footfall**  
News of the business' quest to cater for people from west Loch Fyne comes as more people travel to the Tighnabruaich-based marina for shopping, dining and an overnight stay.

Mr Jurgensen said CalMac had noted an increased footfall on the Tarbert to Portavadie

ferry.

He added: 'We see ourselves going from strength to strength not only providing a nice place for people to go but providing youngsters with a very clear career path.'

'When you look at career progression youngsters are leaving Argyll in droves. We employ housekeepers, retail workers, groundsmen, people on the marina, chefs, beauticians - it is right across the board.'

Commenting on the continued growth of the marina, Mr Jurgensen said it was 'a true phoenix out of the ashes'.

'It is a legacy, that is what it set out to do and I really think it is fulfilling that and delivering on all its promises,' he said.

'This next phase is exciting and is critical to the place being sustainable all year round.'

  
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# Police praise help with tackling crime

POLICE have this week praised Mid Argyll residents for helping tackle drugs, theft and fraudulent crime in the area.

Thieves targeting industrial yards for scrap metal, drug dealers and bogus callers have all been arrested in recent weeks thanks to information supplied by members of the public.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Wednesday, recently appointed chief inspector David Pettigrew said residents have been responding to appeals for information in the paper's weekly police files.

'Two successful investigations were down to public highlighting concerns,' Mr Pettigrew said. 'One resident who saw a suspicious car in Furnace helped identify a man who stole thousands of pounds worth of mental from a yard, whilst a local concerned about an elderly neighbour led to the arrest of four bogus workmen.'

Explaining drugs raids in Lochgilthead on September 14 followed information by the public,

Mr Pettigrew said similar operations would be held in the future.

He said: 'It is my view that there are a relatively small number of people that are intent on spoiling it for everyone else. These individuals should expect to be stopped and searched or their vehicle stopped and searched. If you stop enough people and the right people you will inevitably uncover more people.'

Keen to build on Lochgilthead Police Force's relationship with the public, an increased number of police officers will be seen pounding the streets speaking to local people about their concerns.

Mr Pettigrew added: 'There is sometimes a perception that the police know everything but the reality is we don't. If people have information they need to come forward with that. I will give my assurance that any information will be treated in confidence.'



Artist Lesley Burr with a mosaic gull that will be put on the toilet wall to brighten it up.

A COLLECTION of artwork that will be used to 'colour Ardrishaig' will go display at the Blue Dot shop and disused shop next door.

The exhibition will feature artwork created as part of the Colouring Ardrishaig project, which saw artists work with the general public to create art under the theme of gulls.

People attending the exhibition will be asked where they would like to see the individual pieces of art displayed on a permanent basis when the event comes to an end.

Lesley Burr, one of four Artmap Argyll artists to deliver Colouring

Ardrishaig workshops last month said: 'We will be putting together specific proposals on how to use the art after we have heard back from the community.'

A permanent home for some of the art has been already been found, with the images of gulls, made from mosaics, to be installed on the exterior walls of the public toilets, whilst paintings may be used to revamp the toilet doors.

The Colouring Ardrishaig initiative was established earlier this year to create community art to improve the look of the Loch Fyne village.

**Good neighbour award for Tarbert woman**

A TARBERT woman has been presented with the Good Neighbour Award from Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA).

Betty Rintoul won the award after being nominated by her neighbour Sandra MacKenzie.

Sandra said Betty was kind to all her neighbours, cooking and shopping for them despite her failing hearing and eyesight.

Betty was presented with a plaque and shopping voucher by ACHA's chair Bill McIntyre.

## 'Gilp's night of the year

THE WAIT is almost over for the biggest night of the year in Lochgilthead.

The lantern parade will begin tomorrow (Saturday) evening when families, artists and school children will show off months of work and parade their handmade lanterns through the town. Luminous rockets, spaceships and out of this world creatures will feature in the parade as people march from Lochgilthead Community Centre to the front green at 6.30pm.

Jane Walker, one of the lead artists said: 'We have been amazed by some of the ideas for lanterns this year; people get more and more creative and ambitious.'

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# Change of road maintenance contractor won't alter A83 progress say taskforce

CHANGING the company responsible for maintaining trunk roads in north west Scotland will not delay progress to address problems on the A83, Transport Scotland has said.

It was announced last month that TranServ had lost the contract to maintain the 814 miles

of trunk road across Argyll and the Highlands, with BEAR Scotland taking over in 2013.

But the roads operator has told members of the A83 Taskforce that the change will not delay delivery of the current study into a series of problems on the road.

The Taskforce was

told Jacobs, the company conducting the study, were appointed independently and is due to have a draft report of the study with the Scottish Government as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press.

The draft report of the study, which investigated problems at the Rest

and Be Thankful, pinch points in Erines and Tarbert and the availability of safe crossing points in Ardrishaig and Tarbert, will also be published on the Transport Scotland website at the end of November. The final report will be published by the end of the year.

Reminding the Taskforce that the change in road operators does not come into affect until April next year, Transport Scotland has said the completion of the debris flow netting and current work on the emergency diversion route at the Rest will not be affected.

## Police files

RESIDENTS in Duntrune Place, Lochgilphead, are being urged to contact police if they saw people acting suspiciously in the area on Saturday night.

The appeal comes after a house was broken into between 9pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday morning.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them on 01546 702200.



OFFENSIVE text messages sent to a man's phone led to a local woman being reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged abuse.

The 48-year-old was detained by police on Thursday evening.



TWO MEN were found in possession of cannabis in separate incidents, after police stopped and searched cars travelling in Lochgilphead.

Both men have been reported to the procurator fiscal.



A TEENAGER who allegedly assaulted a man and caused a disturbance on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, has been charged. The 18-year-old was arrested after police were called to the incident in the town on Friday night.



THREE people have been charged with assaulting a woman in Ardrishaig in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Two women, aged 32 and 33, and a 24-year-old man have been charged with allegedly assaulting the woman at a property on West Bank Road.



Lochgilphead Police can be contacted on 01546 702200.



Play facilities in Lochgilphead need upgraded say to parents. 06\_a44play01

# Future of kids' playparks in doubt

CONCERNS have been expressed this week about the future of play facilities for young people in Lochgilphead as one play park could close and another is falling into a poor state of repair.

Parents in the town have contacted Lochgilphead Community Council saying the play park on the front green is run down, whilst Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has informed families living near Dewar Avenue that it plans to pull down the near-by swings.

The community council said it was distressed to hear the swings were being taken away as a lot of children play in Dewar Avenue.

But chief executive of ACHA Alastair MacGregor said 'it did not appear to be used very much by local residents.'

He said: 'We have now reached the point where the equipment is at the

end of its useful life. Therefore a small consultation exercise is being undertaken with local residents before we decide what action to take. The consultation is not complete and ACHA will consider the responses in due course.'

Meanwhile Fiona Kalache, manager of Mid Argyll Youth Development Services, said a number of parents had told her the park on the front green needs upgraded.

'A few parents said the front green park was not up to standard in terms of what other areas have,' Fiona said.

Owned by Argyll and Bute Council Fiona said the park's existing equipment could be replaced if the community managed to raise the necessary funds.

'We want to take out the existing equipment and put in safety flooring and we are going to ask the council for permission to expand it,' she said.

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The 2.3 Megawatt Siemens turbine is the first of 20 to be put up on the site. The towers for the 46MW windfarm were manufactured at Wind Towers Ltd in Machrihanish.

The windfarm, built by GreenPower, will be complete in early 2013.

**Martha's food blog in line for further award**

AWARDS continue to roll in for school dinners blogger Martha Payne.

The nine-year-old Lochgilphead schoolgirl has been named winner of the best food blog at the Observer Food Monthly Awards 2012.

The youngster, who was presented her award by food gurus Gizzi Erskine and Jay Rayner, was named a finalist alongside James Ramsden and Lizzie Mabbott's Hollow Legs blog.

**Council to save £41million over next seven years**  
**Fresh approach needed to balance the books**

AROUND £6million of savings need to be made every year for the next seven years for Argyll and Bute Council to balance the books.

In a full meeting of the council last Thursday, James Robb, lead councillor for strategic finance, set out a fresh approach to the budget, proposing plans the council carry out a seven-year budget review, as opposed to the usual three-year outlook.

The approach, passed by the council, has identified a shortfall of £40.893 million in funding for 2019/20. The deficit will be split across

the next seven years, creating an annual savings figure of £5.842 million.

Documents put before the council on Thursday stated more cuts would be needed on top of the efficiency savings identified in 2010. The paper said the money would be found through 'service/budget cuts and changes in prioritisation of service.'

Putting his seven-year review to the council, Mr Robb it would ensure the sustainability of the council's financial planning.

Mr Robb said: 'It is against this backdrop

of essential savings that the council's policy objectives for economic growth have to be delivered while protecting, as far as possible, essential services.'

He said the budget would be backed up by annual reviews of savings requirements, corporate and service plans.

However his new approach was staunchly rejected by members of the opposition, who said the council could not predetermine the financial agreement it would have with the Scottish Government in seven years' time.



Seven-week-old Josie who requires life-saving surgery, with her owner Elizabeth Tinney. 06\_a44dog01

**Seriously ill Tarbert puppy needs big-hearted life-saver**

THE OWNER of a cute seven-week-old puppy is appealing for someone to save its life after she discovered it requires vital surgery she cannot afford.

Elizabeth Tinney, from Tarbert, recently discovered her adorable Golden Retriever puppy, Josie, has a leak in her bladder which requires expensive microsurgery.

The operation could cost up to £3,000 and Elizabeth is facing up to the grim reality that Josie could be put to sleep if the procedure isn't carried out.

**Big heart**

Elizabeth is hoping someone with a big heart comes to Josie's rescue.

She said: 'I can't bare the idea of having her put to sleep, I have grown to love her so much in the last seven weeks.'

'I just want someone who could love her as much as I do to come forward and save her.'

'I simply can't afford the treatment.'

'We will be taking her to the vet on November 14 and have to make a decision by then as to what to do.'

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On Friday 24th August 2012, within the grounds of Barvaltair, Castleton, Jonathan Murdo, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth MacLeod and Kaleidh Ruth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Sutherland. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

**Campbeltown Santa Dash**

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# Warning over 'despicable' con

## Locals asked to be vigilant

A CRIME that leaves people embarrassed and frightened in their own homes is the focus of a new campaign by Strathclyde Police.

Bogus callers and people falsely claiming to be professional tradesmen are being targeted by police as the number of people making unsolicited approaches to households in the area, in person or over the phone, has increased.

The launch of the campaign comes only weeks after four men were arrested for allegedly attempting to defraud a Lochgilphead pension-

er of more than £3,500 for sub-standard repairs to her home.

Stepping up efforts to route out all bogus callers in the area Lochgilphead police officers will be carrying out spot checks on vans coming into the area and working with Trading Standards and the Department of Work and Pensions to put an end to what they describe as a 'despicable crime'.

Inspector Stuart Watson of Lochgilphead Police Station said people should not feel embarrassed if they have fallen for someone's

story and report it to the police.

Urging locals to be vigilant, he added: 'Our message is simple – not everyone is who they appear to be so don't be afraid to challenge them or question their intentions. If they are genuine they won't mind.'

'Try telling them to come back at a later, more suitable time for yourself and arrange to have a relative, friend, or someone else you can trust to be present.'

For more advice on how to spot bogus callers log on to [www.strathclydepolice.co.uk](http://www.strathclydepolice.co.uk).



Joan MacArthur, Laura Bain and Isabel MacLulich enjoy cakes and coffee with Judy Preston chair of the Marie Curie fundraising committee. 06\_a44coffee01no.

## Marie Curie coffee morning

HOMEBAKING, tea and coffee was enjoyed by all at a coffee morning in Tarbert to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Research on Saturday.

Organised by the Mid Argyll Marie Curie fundraising Group, the coffee morning in the Templar's Hall raised £400.

Frances Fleming, who helped organise the event, said she was delight-

ed so many people turned out for the group's first fundraiser in Tarbert.

### Thank you

'I would just like to say thank you to everyone who has helped today and donated raffle prizes,' she said.

The group's next fundraising venture will see them selling Christmas cards at Mid Argyll Community Hospital from November 12-14.

## New planning service set up

A NEW planning service has been set up to help people in better understand what modifications to their home need planning permission.

The Planning for Firm Foundations programme has been launched by Argyll and Bute Council to offer free advice to people thinking about making changes to their home or planning a new build.

It is hoped the service will give more certainty about what is acceptable to planners and identify any issues at an early stage.

Planning for Firm Foundations can be contacted on 01546 605518.

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A number of Argyll castles feature in Tim's adventure including Kilchurn Castle on Loch Awe. Inset: Tim MacKenzie, without his helmet.

## Tim's the king of the castles

ANARDRISHAIG man, who this summer visited 100 castles in Scotland, has launched a website to share his sense of adventure.

Tim MacKenzie, who lives at Brentfield in Ardrishaig, hopped on his motorcycle in June and spent 30 days visiting castles all over Scotland, fulfilling his thirst for knowledge and quest to see more of the country.

Explaining his inspiration behind the castle trip, Tim said he was researching good campsites for his Scottish adventure when he real-

ised a lot of campsites were situated near castles and the theme of his adventure was born.

Now at home with dozens of pictures and stories to tell about his travels, Tim has launched the 100 Castles website and blog.

The website is filled with pictures and notes on each castle including Argyll's Stalker, Kilchurn, Duntrune, Tarbert and Barcaldine castles.

'This website is the story of my challenge; one man, one bike, one adventure, 100 castles,' Tim said. 'It is al-

ready attracting around 130 people a day and I haven't really been promoting it.'

He added: 'I kept coming across bikers on my trip and think it will be good for them and people interested in history and good campsites.'

Pleased with his adventure so far Tim is now thinking about doing it all over again.

'My aim is to keep going. I would like to do 100 castles in England, Wales and Ireland and even abroad,' Tim said. 'My idea is to become the guy that bikes around castles.'

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## Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser  
Friday 4 November 1988

FULL manufacturing capacity and record orders prompted a £100,000 expansion at a Lochgilphead company.

Based at a Highlands and Islands Development Board factory, Midton Acrylics are to install new computerised machinery to meet demand for its products ranging from high-tech laboratory equipment to paper-weights.

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FAMILY illness has forced Lochgilphead's Hugh MacArthur to cancel plans to run in Sunday's New York Marathon. Mr MacArthur was using the occasion to raise money for the proposed outdoor training facility to be located behind Lochgilphead High School as well as realise a long held ambition, but that will now wait for at least another year.

Mr MacArthur said: 'It was an agonising decision to make, and I'm obviously disappointed. I had accommodation in New York, everything was set and I was all ready to go. I've never been fitter and my times were coming down, but there was never any doubt as to which way the decision would go. My family is far more important than a marathon.'

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TWO weeks ago spratts were in such short supply that had anyone wanted one to catch a mackerel, or for any other reason, they would have had to look far beyond the confines of Loch Fyne. Now, for reasons not entirely clear, the place is swimming with them, as it were.

Six fishing boats working out of Tarbert, four from the village and two based at Campbeltown, have, in the past week, landed no less than 17 hundred tons of spratts, a haul not to be sneezed at.

A spokesman for Tarbert Fishermen Limited said: 'Spratts are very much a seasonal fish; one minute there and the next gone. It's a question of temperature and tides.'

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE were staying in a 16th century mediaeval house at the top of a mountain in Como in northern Italy close to the Swiss border.

Much of the area is as it has been for centuries and one can easily imagine the Italians of old dressed in black and making their way through the narrow alleyways and passageways.

Access to the village is via a hair-raising mountain road with at least 11 hair-pin bends - and is not for the faint-hearted.

I am sure that the view across the mountains and over Lake Como is wonderful, but unfortunately the weather was so bad that we never actually saw it.

It's interesting that we develop expectations in life and when they are not met, we feel let down and disappointed.

I was very disappointed that I didn't get the photographs I had dreamed about, and that we didn't see the picture postcard views that called from every pavement stall to tantalise us. This is how it should look, people said.

However we did enjoy so much that many tourists miss when they come to the land of sunshine.

We enjoyed being the guests of a real Italian family, and experienced the warmth of Italian hospitality for ourselves.

Sometimes we need to look beyond the obvious for the real treasures in life.

The disciples had hoped that Jesus would be the one to free them from their Roman oppressors as they had great expectations that this is just what the Messiah would do.

However, they had to look beyond their conventional idea and find God's promise of deliverance in a different way.

They had to go up their own mountain of faith to find that God would indeed keep his promise.

They had to wait for the mist of doubt to clear before they could see the view from the top.



THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture has been taken from the *Argyllshire Advertiser* archive and was taken in 1996.

The picture is of youngster in Tarbert having some Hallowe'en fun. Does anyone recognise these youngsters?

To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk) or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

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### Gaelic is a waste of money

Sir,  
While I am delighted with the success of the Mòd in Dunoon and fully recognise the event's contribution to the economy, questions must surely be asked at the volumes of money being spent by government at trying to revive this dying language; Gaelic.

Why, you have to ask, is the Scottish Government so keen on spending cash on what is, essentially, a useless language?

It is not recognised as a language by the EU, hardly anyone on the west coast uses it - I've yet to meet anyone fluent in the language, far less anyone who uses it as their first tongue - yet still this pointless policy exists of wasting money on it.

When are people going to start asking why, when people are struggling to pay their heating

bills due to an ill-thought out renewables policy, when businesses are struggling to make ends meet due to red-tape and taxes, when workers are being told we'll have to work longer before we retire, is our tax money being spent on Gaelic language schools and road signs?

Give up the ghost, live in the present.

To put it simply, chan eil mi 'tuigsinn.

A Rodger, Oban.

### Thank you for help with craft fair

Sir,  
I would like to say thank you very much indeed to all the marvellous retailers who very kindly donated raffle prizes for our craft fair in the Red Cross Hall last Friday evening.

Their generosity enabled us to raise £179 towards the Parish church renewal project.

The parties involved were Co-op, Tesco,

Danny's, Mr McNulty, Square Peg, Murray's smoked products, The Smiddy and the Stables restaurant. Thank you to you all.

Penny Airlie, Ford.

### Consider becoming a trustee

Sir,  
As Trustee's Week begins I would like to encourage your readers to become trustees of local charities.

Trustees play an important role in the overall management of charities and offer strategic direction. As the chairman of the volunteering and learning charity CSV, I have seen first hand how expertise in management, finance and marketing can help a charity thrive.

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Welcome to our new leader column, letting you know what the Squeak thinks about the big news stories in Mid Argyll.

**THE ANNUAL Lochgilphead Lantern Parade will again unite Mid Argyll and create a sense of community spirit.**

**The event is the culmination of months of hard work by dozens of community volunteers, teachers, artists, parents and local businesses.**

**The highlight of the social calendar in Lochgilphead, the event shows what can be achieved when people work together. Locals have matched ingenious fundraising ideas, such as the incredibly popular Strictly Lochgilphead, with the generosity of local businesses and Argyll and Bute Council.**

**Perhaps the parade and the Round Table's bonfire can be the inspiration to get other community-led initiatives off the ground.**

**The Squeak congratulates everyone on their efforts to make November 3 a great success. Lets hope this spirit of good will does not go up in smoke.**

ic times, it is important that we all play a part in strengthening our communities.

If you have professional skills to offer, for example in finance, fundraising, or strategic management, or if you have a personal interest in a particular charity, then get in touch with CSV. We can match your skills to a charity in your local area. Visit [www.csv.org.uk/professionals](http://www.csv.org.uk/professionals) for more information.

Sir Jon Shortridge, Chairman, CSV.

### Take action against cuts to disabled

Sir,  
People from across the United Kingdom are taking action against cuts to disability benefits and services as part of the Hardest Hit Campaign.

As a partially sighted man I have first hand knowledge of the impact my disability has on my life. And I am acutely aware of how the dis-

abled community in the Highlands and elsewhere are being unfairly singled-out in the proposed welfare reforms. I would ask everyone to think again before giving implied or tacit approval to this government's plan.

I am urging other readers to speak out because there are huge human costs to the Government targeting disabled people - losing vital support could lead to isolation and declining health for thousands. In addition, the government is wasting millions in the costs of appeals from flawed assessments, and risks long term costs because cuts to benefits like Disability Living Allowance will make it harder for disabled people and their carers to work, manage their conditions and remain independent.

The timing is critical as the government is making crucial decisions about the future of disability benefits right now, and has announced its intention to cut a further £10 billion from welfare. Already £9 billion has been cut from disability benefits and services in this parliament, and the government must rule out targeting disabled people for further 'savings' in the 2013 Budget and next spending review.

**Phil Carr,  
Kinlochleven**

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# Ghouls and ghosts in Achnabreac Forest

WITCHES, pumpkins, vampires and Spiderman crept around forests and castles in Mid Argyll last weekend as Hallowe'en celebrations got underway.

On Friday night, children and parents were not put off by sub zero temperatures when they went along to Achnabreac Forest Park to enjoy a ghostly trail through the woods.

Organised by the Kilmartin House Museum in partnership with the Forestry Commission, the event saw men, women and children squeal with delight and horror as they crept amongst the trees of Achnabreac in the dark.

Children were transformed into a range of spooky characters when they got their faces painted by a witch and

crafted creepy creatures such as bats and spiders at the craft table to accompany them on their walk. Prizes were also up for grabs at the event when youngsters were challenged to search through the witch's caldron for eyeballs.

Another tour was arranged for Saturday afternoon when Loch Fyne families were introduced to the ghosts

and ghouls hiding in Inveraray Castle.

The wicked witch showed children around the castle's old kitchen before reading the tale of Hansel and Gretel.

The fairy godmother, in the form of the Duchess of Argyll, came along and congratulated the youngsters on their fancy-dress costumes, handing out prizes to the best dressed.



Winners of the best carved pumpkin Rachael Watt, Cara Blyth and Zoe Mckillop at Inveraray Castle. 06\_a44halloween15



Pumpkin and spider Tilly and Coll Paterson at Inveraray Castle. 06\_a44halloween14



Ryan and Ciaran Gibson dooking for apples at Achnabreac Forest Park with Callum and Ruairidh Green. 06\_a44halloween01



Sylvi Harding, Morag Harding, Spiderman Ryan Harding, werewolf Murray MacDonald and Niah Martin enjoying Friday nights event at Achnabreac Forest Park. 06\_a44halloween03



Winning the best-dressed costume at Inveraray Castle seven-year-old Heidi Forrester-Williams. 06\_a44halloween12



Katie Poppleton, Erin Downie, Rosie Hetterington, Alix Nelson and Rachel Coll at the crafts table in the woods. 06\_a44halloween02



Children listening to Hansel and Gretel at Inveraray Castle. 06\_a44halloween11



Campbell Shaw hunting for eyeballs in the witch's caldron. 06\_a44halloween05



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**Art exhibition for Mary's Meals**

AN EXHIBITION of fine art by some of Scotland's best artists, launched to raise cash for Argyll-based Mary's Meals, was held in Glasgow last week.

Opened at the St Enoch Centre's Greener Glasgow Unit by veteran broadcaster Jimmie Macgregor, the event featured works by Jolomo, James Cosgrove, Tim Davis, Doreen Frew, Hazel Nagel and Robert Mulhern.

Artist Netta Ewing, co-ordinator of Artists and Musicians for Mary's Meals, said: 'So far, we have built two feeding shelters in Malawi providing food to nearly 1,000 children. We hope to build our third with the proceeds of our 2012 events.'

**Firework display**

TARBERT Youth Group will again be entertaining Dookers ahead of Guy Fawkes night with a firework display tonight (Friday).

An annual celebration, hosted by the youth group, the fireworks display will take place at Tarbert Yacht Club at 6.30pm

Youngsters will be offering hot chocolate and gingerbread to those watching.



The cast of *The Magic Well at the World's End* are looking forward to performing to Mid Argyll audiences in the coming weeks.

**Ready for the curtain to go up**

A GROUP of enthusiastic young actors has joined the Lochgilphead Drama Club to perform the Christmas pantomime – the highlight of the 2012 theatrical calendar.

Eight teenagers, including Rowan McIlvr-ide and Joe Redman who starred in Lochgilphead High School's Grease production, have joined the Lochgilphead club to perform *The Magic Well at the World's End* for the festive season.

**Ancient land**

Written by the drama club's Jimmy Morrison, the panto is staged in the

ancient land of Clootie and follows the journey of two princesses who are in search of the life-saving water from the Well at the World's End to save their mother, poisoned by evil villains.

**Youngsters**

Explaining rehearsals for the panto, performed at Ardrishaig Public Hall on November 9 and 10, are going well, Mr Morrison said: 'This year's Lochgilphead Drama Club pantomime cast includes, as well as our old guard, a group of eight very talented youngsters aged from

15 to 19, some of whom have never done panto before. In addition, our group of ten younger teenagers, some of whom joined the panto team when they were in P5, is now ranging from P7 to S2 and their talents continue to shine.

'Everyone has been working hard, learning lines, practicing moves, working out routines and can't wait to meet with the live audience.

**Laughs and tears**

'All we need is a good audience who enjoy an outrageous story with loads of fun, silly songs, lots of laughs and tears.'

**Christchurch craft fair**

THE BEAUTY of Lochgilphead's Christchurch will be on show for all to see next weekend as the grade two-listed building opens its doors for a craft fair.

The Christchurch Craft Guild will be hosting a Christmas market in the church and neighbouring Bishopton House on November 10, offering

locals the chance to start their Christmas shopping and enjoy the elaborate art painted on the ceilings of the church.

**Wide variety**

The event, which will feature a wide variety of stalls from hand-made crafts and original art to jewellery, home baking and preserves, aims to raise funds for

the church's restoration fund.

Hoping to raise more money with a tombola at the fair, the guild is seeking donations for prizes, with people urged to leave their donation at the back of the church or telephone 01546 602315/ 870310 if they would like their donations collected.

**Pink Friday in Mid Argyll**

MEN, WOMEN and children were a vision in pink last Friday as local families turned out to support Pink Friday.

A coffee morning, organised by the local Macmillan Cancer Support fundraising group, Pink Friday saw local families don their pink jumpers, t-shirts and

hats as they tucked into tea, coffee, cake and homebaking.

Held at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, the coffee morning was raising funds for Breast Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Two charities that offer advice and support to Mid Argyll people af-

ected by cancer, the annual coffee morning was well supported by local residents, who packed out the foyer of the hospital to raise £2,090 for the worthy causes.

**Thanks**

Organisers of the event thanked everyone who attended and donated homebaking.



Noreen Pearson, Hugh Ferguson, Mary Ferguson and Jean McCartan tuck into tea and cake at Mid Argyll Community Hospital for Pink Friday. 06\_a43pink01

**Community Noticeboard**

**The Big Jig**  
Saturday 3rd November 2012  
9.00 p.m. - 12.30 a.m. Drill Hall, Lochgilphead  
With Archie McAllister and Iain (Stretch) MacFadyen  
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Saturday 3rd November 2012  
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**Lochgilphead Drama Club PANTOMIME**  
**The Magic Well at the World's End**  
Fri & Sat 9th & 10th November, 7.30pm  
Sat Matinee 10th November, 2.30pm  
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# Eirich to perform charity gig in Tarbert

A CEILIDH band, which adds a rocked up twist to traditional Scots songs, will mark their official launch with a charity concert celebrating the life of one of Tarbert's most famous residents, Bill Murdoch.

Eirich, founded by Tarbert man David Hunt, will perform at the charity concert at the Anchor Hotel next Saturday, raising funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust, a charity actor Bill supported until his death last year.

Formed in 2009, Eirich found great support in Bill, who moved to Whitehouse in 1990 after starring in Taggart and Hollywood blockbuster Braveheart.

David said the actor and music lover had been a mentor to the band when it started playing across Argyll and Glasgow three years ago.

'This is our way of saying thank you to Bill,' David said.

'He was a great mentor and if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have the confidence I do today. Bill taught me how to have some guts and how to be on stage, he always managed to cheer you up when you needed it.'

Eirich has seen several changes to its line up since 2009, with the Tarbert concert marking the introduction of Argyll shepherd Arthur Cross to the now four-piece

band. Arthur, who plays the tin whistle, joins Glasgow-based Michael Sheridan and Alan Brown in the band with David.

The new group hope to keep the traditions of ceilidh music alive while putting their own rock spin on traditional tunes.

'We started the band with the aim of making sure it was ceilidh music that appeals to younger people,' David said. 'We hope it will keep the ceilidh music scene alive.'

The rocked up Gaelic music will be performed at the launch next week, where Eirich will be supported by Tarbert Gaelic Choir, who recently won



Tarbert man David Hunt founded Eirich in 2009 with the support of renowned actor Bill Murdoch.

gold at the Mod. David added: 'We just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been involved in organising the event and we hope it will be a great night.'

## Scout group will feed Lantern Parade revellers

HUNGRY revellers at this weekend's Lantern Parade will be fed by the Mid Argyll Scout Group.

Youngsters from the 19th Argyll Scout Group will open a refreshments stall in the grounds of the Baptist Church to offer warming drinks and homebaking to the hundreds of people that descend on Lochgilphead for the big event.

Opening at 5.30pm, the stall will help raise funds for the scouts, Lantern Parade and Baptist Church.

## Lights switch on receives £100 donation

THE CHRISTMAS lights switch on event in Lochgilphead has received a £100 donation from Lochgilphead Community Council.

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Organiser Gail Goodall with Colin Goodall at their Highland Glass stall. 06\_a44craft01.

## Craft fair raises £170

A CRAFT fair has raised more than £170 for Lochgilphead Parish Church Renewal Fund.

The event, held in the Red Cross Centre last Friday, featured stalls selling jewellery, knitting, paintings, home-baking and stained glass decorative goods.

Raffle tickets were also on sale and included prizes donated by Lochgilphead businesses.

Gail Goodall, organiser of the event, said the

money raised would be used to help the pay for essential repairs to the Argyll Street church and church hall.

'We decided to organise tonight to help the church, as it is a fantastic cause. They are doing so well and we wanted to do our bit.

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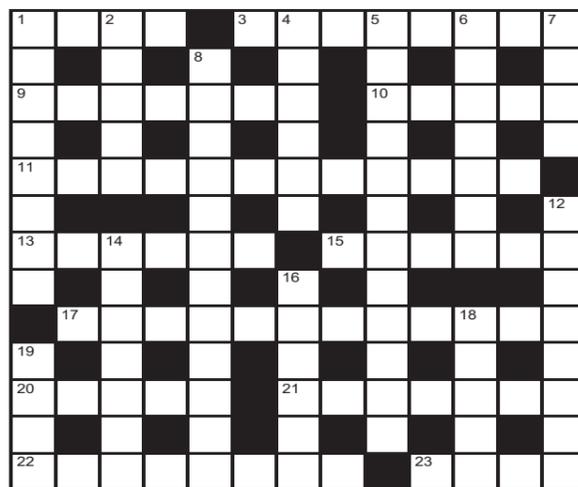
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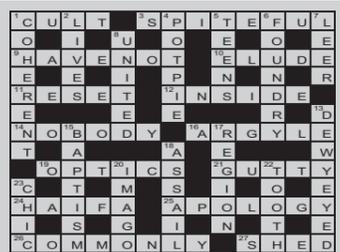
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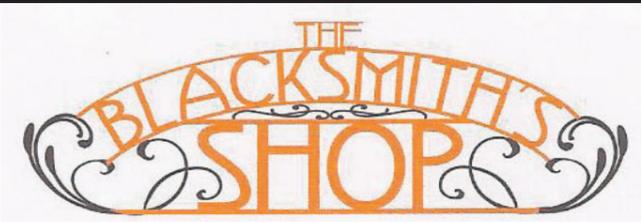


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## Stroneskar in-calf heifers sell to £1,700 at Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts had 976 head forward for their annual October show and sale of breeding cattle, suckled calves, store and OTM cattle at Oban Livestock Centre last week, with the show being supported and sponsored by NFU Scotland.

Heifers, cows in calf and with calves sold well in excess of 2011 prices and many more could have been sold to advantage.

Stroneskar, Ford sold 13 Blue Grey and Simmental in-calf heifers to £1,700 to average £1,311.53 while Invermayle, Appin sold six Simmental in-calf heifers to £1,400 to average at £1,196.66.

Simmental heifers in-calf to a Limousin from Mid Farm, Lismore sold to £1,450 to average at £1,364.

Stock cows with young calves at foot from Fiddan farm, Isle of Mull sold to £1,400 to aver-

age £1,125, while Ardshellach sold five Limousin heifers with calves at foot to £1,500 to average at £1,230.

### Selective

Bulling heifers and heifer calves proved more difficult to cash with a large ringside of buyers being very much more selective.

Scammadale and Ardencaple sold 38 Spring-born Sim-Luing heifer calves to £780 for two at 230kg, to average at £567.57.

Clachan Farms sold 10 Luing Spring-born heifer calves to £780 for two at 290kg, to average at £625, while Cromlix sold 38 Simmental, Spring-born heifer calves to a top of £660 for five at 240kg, to average at £546.31.

Cadzow Bros sold 26 Luing, Spring-born heifer calves to £750 for three at 265kg, to average at £492.30.

Carloonan sold 20 Aberdeen Angus, Spring-

born heifer calves to £540 for six at 250kg, to average at £476.66, while Castles Estate, Dalmally sold 23 Short-horn cross Highland heifer calves to £550 for three at 270kgs, to average at £456.92

In the suckled calf section bullocks sold to a top of 258p per kg for a 240kg Simmental from Lochdar, Bunessan, Isle of Mull and to £790 for a 460kg Limousin from Barbrek, Lochgilhead.

Heifer calves sold to 339p per kg for two 230kg sim-Luings from Scammadale and Ardencaple and to £880 for two 275kg Simmentals from Drimnin Estate.

Bulling heifers also sold to £880 for Simmental crosses from Drimnin estates and for Shorthorn crosses from Auch Estates. Luing heifers from Slaterich sold to £740 and to £720 from Drummond Estates.

## UA Islay sale

UNITED Auctions held a sale of 2,687 head of all classes of lambs and sheep plus 287 suckled calves, store cattle, cows etc at Islay Auction Mart.

All classes of lambs sold at rates in keeping with current mainland values.

Feeding ewes were keenly bid for.

Suckled calves sold to averages as follows: Bullock calves sold to an average of 201.03 per kilo or £607.75 per head (198.6 or £573.98 last year), while heifer calves sold to 184.1 per

kilo or £570.40 (192.4 or £536.55 last year).

All classes of Continental crosses sold well and more could have been sold to advantage.

### Steady trade at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions sold 1,876 head of all classes of lambs and sheep at a special sale at Dalmally Auction Mart last Friday.

All classes sold at levels comparing favorably to other principal mainland centres.

## Market reports

### DALMALLY United Auctions

Lambs  
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TexelX: £42.50 Oatfield  
CheviotX: £44.00 Lochdochart  
Cross: £66.00 Garraron and Melfort Farms; £50.00 Carie Farm; £46.50 Glenfeochan Estate  
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Ewes  
CheviotX: £42.00 Castles Estate  
Cross: £38.00 Stronmagachan  
Blackface: £48.00 Dall Farm; £47.00 Auchreoch and Glenfeochan Estate

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SimmentalX: 222p Ballinabby.  
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Sheep  
Lambs  
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Prices per kilo - Lambs  
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**Workshops prove very popular**

MORE THAN 200 business people have attended or will attend a free Business Gateway workshop this autumn to boost their business skills.

Kate Fraser of Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team said: 'Some of the new workshops we introduced this year have proved very popular. In particular, the Introduction to Social Media workshop which explains how a business might use social media to those who have not tried it before and are unsure where to start.'

A limited number of places are still available on the course. Places are free for the Inveraray workshop on November 21 and Oban on November 19.

Companies with a website already up and running can also brush up their knowledge with a workshop designed specifically to get more from business websites. The Improve your Business Website performance workshop also has places available on November 19 and 21.

A new workshop aimed at helping people fill in tax returns online has also been launched by Business Gateway.

The workshop will be held in Oban on November 27, Dunoon on December 4 and Inveraray on December 12.

To book a place on a workshop or to find out more call the Business Gateway team on 01546 605 459.

# Mid Argyll businesses fend off Scottish Beaver Trail criticism

THE BUSINESS community in Mid Argyll is this week fending off criticism that it is not doing enough to capitalise on the tourist opportunities associated with the Scottish Beaver Trial.

At a recent stakeholder meeting of the Scottish Beaver Trial, concern was expressed that the trial, which reintroduced beavers to Scotland at Knapdale Forest in 2009, had not boosted tourism in the area.

Jane Allan, who runs a Bed and Breakfast in Achnamara, said people were not specifically coming to Mid Argyll to visit the beaver site, as they had not heard about it.

**Beaver bonanza**

'People who come into the area don't know about the trial until they are here, beavers are not the reason why people come to the area,' Jane said, 'Maybe there hasn't been quite the beaver bonanza which was expected.'

But the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) which represents Mid Argyll businesses said a lot is being done to encourage nature lovers to the visit the area.

**Prominent coverage**

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week Carron Tobin, coordinator of HOATA, said the alliance has worked with Argyll and the Isles Strategic Tourism (AISC) partnership to promote the beaver trial to families living in the central belt.

'AISC has secured a significant funding package to market the area and through their autumn campaign the beaver trial received prominent coverage.'

'This included a full page image and information on how to visit the trial site in the Argyll and the Isles 'surprise yourself' flyer distributed to 80,000 people in the central belt of Scotland, one of our main target markets.'

'In addition, there were four major ads in the supplements to four national newspapers which featured the beavers, each with significant circulation. These also covered the lantern festival taking place this coming weekend.'

**Direct benefits**

Explaining HOATA only formed in 2010, the year after the beaver trial began, Carron said individual businesses were already seeing direct benefits from the trial because they were actively promoting it in their own marketing materials.

She added: 'Next year is the year of Natural Scotland and we do envisage cranking up a lot of our activity to focus on our natural wonders – and especially the beavers.'

The Scottish Beaver Trial said more than 1,600 people had enjoyed talks, guided walks and events based around the beavers in the last five months.



The Young Enterprise team at the first of their fundraising nights in the Stag Hotel.

## Students raise £500 for clothing venture

STUDENTS at Lochgilphead High School have raised almost £500 in capital to fund their new clothing venture, Plain Tease.

Fourteen pupils, forming the Plain Tease company under the Young Enterprise scheme, hosted a disco at the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead, on Friday to generate funds to buy materials for their

t-shirt business.

Managing director of Plain Tease, Rosie Cairns, said: 'The night went really well and we made a profit which is great. The next step is to start production of the t-shirts, which we hope will be on sale in the high school at the end of November.'

'We are also hoping to talk to some local busi-

nesses that might sell them for us as well.'

It is hoped five different t-shirts will be on sale at Lochgilphead retail outlets by the end of the month.

The t-shirts will feature five different pictures taken by the S5 and S6 students involved in the project. The designs will feature an African mask, the Baker Street

sign in London, an Australian sunset, a Californian highway and a shop sign named Reject. They will each be available in black, white, navy, charcoal, blue and light blue. The Young Enterprise Scheme, which runs in schools throughout Scotland, aims to teach young people how to learn and succeed in business.

## Gold award for tarbert guesthouse

A GUESTHOUSE in Tarbet, overlooking the shores of Loch Lomond, has achieved a gold award from VisitScotland.

Lomond View Country House Bed and Breakfast has been awarded the four Star Gold quality assurance award for consistently achieving the highest level of excellence.

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On securing the gold award, Grace said: 'We are delighted we have been awarded four star gold by VisitScotland as we realise great customer care and hospitality are uppermost in our guests' expectations

when considering booking a holiday.'

VisitScotland regional director, David Adams McGilp, said: 'I would like to congratulate them on reaching this goal, which I hope will inspire other local providers to strive for such results with the knock-on effect of attracting even more tourists to this beautiful part of Scotland.'

**Rate relief**

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People can find it difficult coping with what can be disbelief, shock, anger or even guilt at losing someone they love but there are people to help at every part of the process.

A funeral can be one of the most important stages of the grieving process and making arrangements can feel daunting.

Funeral directors are there to take care of the practical arrangements, which can ease the burden on friends and family. Organising flowers, catering and a place to hold the service can be done through the funeral director.

Or there are local businesses at hand to listen to the wishes of families and friends who want to give their loved one a beautiful send off.

Legal firms are also at hand to help people work through the paper work involved with the death of a loved one and can administer the will and wishes of a loved one when they pass away.

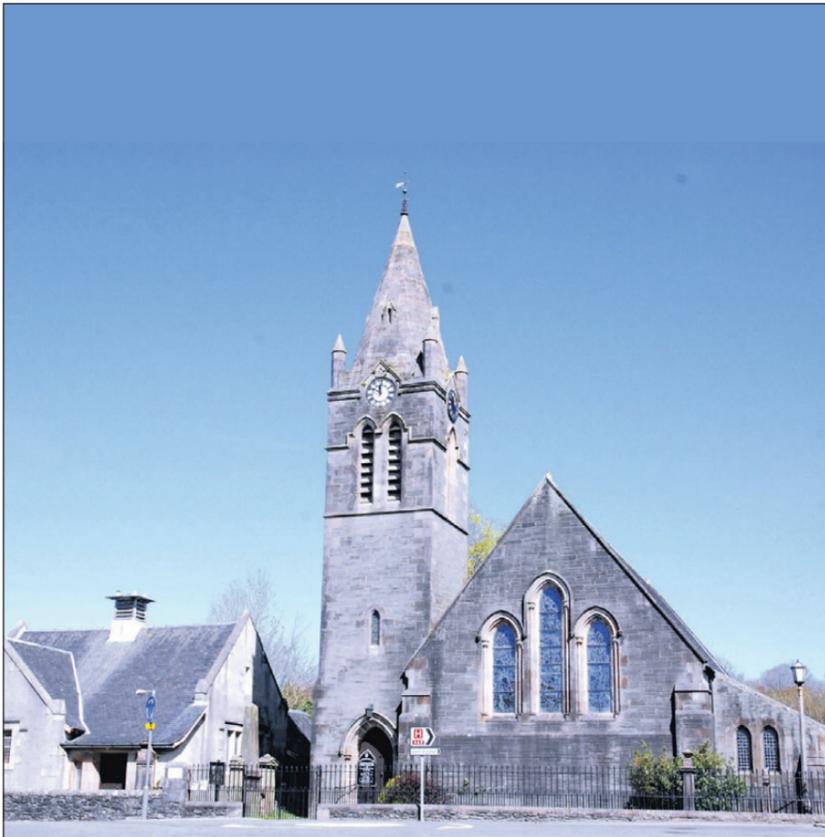
The funeral can be a time for friends and family to come together and recall fond memories of the person they loved- a celebration of the person's life is important to so many people.

But days or weeks after the service coping with the feelings can be a difficult time.

Many people find comfort in talking to friends and family but it is not uncommon for people to feel lonely.

There are groups who can help talk people through their feelings or simply listen to them as they come to terms with their feelings.

Losing a loved one is a struggle but it is important to remember there are people there to help ease the pain at every stage of the healing process.



Lochgilphead Parish Church will be holding a special service for people who have lost a loved one. The bereavement service will be held on November 25 at 3pm.

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**ARDRISHAIG**

**Family helps out at beach clean**

AN ARDRISHAIG family lent a helping hand to their Argyll neighbours by taking part in a beach clean at Machri-



Three-year-old Iñani Ohnstad enjoys a day out at the beach.  
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hanish Beach on Saturday.

Three-year-old Iñani Ohnstad from Ardrishaig enjoyed playing on the sand whilst his dad Alec and mother Aisa helped clear the beach of litter and debris washed ashore.

The beach clean was organised by Surfers Against Sewage and the GRAB Trust, with support from Argyll and Bute Council.

Surfers from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll attended, and it is hoped more people will take part in future beach cleans.

**KILMICHAEL**

**Tunisian crochet at SWRI meeting**

THE OCTOBER meet-

ing of Kilmichael Glasary WRI saw ladies taught the art of Tunisian crochet.

Tutor Heather Ritchie very patient and encouraged members to have a try, with some of the students hooked on the pastime already.

Competitions:

Three butterfly cakes: 1 Catherine Smith, 2 Ann Ferguson, 3 Christine Litster. Embroidered Christmas card: 1 Jean MacIver, 2 Catherine Smith, 3 Jean Blackwood.

Ladies will be treated to a talk by Falcon Scott, grandson of Walter Scott, on the Antarctic at the November meeting of the WRI.

The talk will be held at Kilmartin Church Hall on November 13 at 7.30pm.

**FURNACE AND MINARD**



Adults in Minard and Furnace went back to school last week for lessons in mathematics and descriptive writing.

**Back to primary school for the older generation**

PARENTS, carers and grandparents dusted off their old school bags and polished an apple for the teacher as they went back to school at both Minard and Furnace primaries this week.

Children at Minard school shared their desks with adults last Tuesday as they learnt maths skills by playing interactive maths games and solving problems. One parent commented, 'it was great fun, all the grown-ups were impressed with the young people's skills.'

On Thursday it was the turn of Furnace's grown-ups. They learnt problem solving skills as well as using metaphors and similes in descriptive writing.

'I really enjoyed it, I think I kept up,' said one Furnace mum via the school's Facebook page. 'We should have the next one in spring to give me time to revise,' she added.

Jay Helbert, headteacher of Minard and Furnace primaries, said: 'Over two-thirds of the children in both schools brought a grown up to school last week, many of whom had taken time off work to join us. It was a great opportunity for parents and carers to see what the curriculum is all about and how we engage learners every day. This is the second time staff at the schools have held such an event and the next one is already pencilled in for later in the school year.'

**TARBERT**

**WRI celebrates 85th birthday**

A VERY special afternoon tea will be held in Tarbert next Monday as Tarbert WRI celebrates its 85th birthday.

The group, which celebrates the lives of women living in rural areas, has been meeting in the Loch Fyne village since 1927.

A birthday party will be held in Templar's Hall on November 12 between 2pm and 4pm.

**Tarbert Harbour**

IMAGES that capture Tarbert Harbour in the 1980s and 1990s are being sought by the harbour authority.

Celebrating its centenary year with a calendar in 2013, the harbour board is seeking photographs that chart the changes in Tarbert through the ages.

Short of pictures from the last two decades of the 20th century, the harbour is keen to trace pictures of the 'blockade of Tarbert' by the fishing boats, which occurred in the 1990s.

**TIGHNABRUAICH**

**Marina charity fashion show**

PORTAVADIE Marina will today (Friday) host a charity fashion show to raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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**Joiner John is top apprentice**

AN APPRENTICE of Dunoon-based firm DPR Joiners Ltd has reached the finals of Scotland's Modern Apprenticeship Awards.

John McIvor, who pursued his joinery apprenticeship whilst undergoing treatment for cancer, has been named a contender in the construction and production apprentice of the year category of the Skills

Development Scotland Awards.

After starting his joinery Modern Apprenticeship, the 22 year old was diagnosed with cancer and under went a course of chemotherapy. But his commitment to training never wavered and he scored 100 per cent on his skills trade test - something few trainees achieve. John has gone on to complete the advanced craft course.

Owner of DPR Joiners' Derek Rose said: 'John

has been an asset to the company and has always shown enthusiasm and drive to learn new skills despite the challenges he has faced with his health. He has worked hard and we are delighted that he has made it to the finals of the Awards. It is real recognition of his efforts and the training he has had with us.'

John and Derek will travel to Glasgow's Science Centre on November 21 for the awards, where businesses and trainees from across the country will be celebrate their achievements in the workplace.

**CRAIGNISH**

**Jazz virtuoso at Craignish Hall**

JAZZ virtuoso Tim Kliphuis will return to Craignish for a special performance in the village hall tonight (Friday).

Classically trained Kliphuis first made his name playing with the fiery European gypsy guitarists but soon developed a more personal style taking him to classical, jazz and folk venues around the world.

A firm favourite on the festival scene, Kliphuis has performed at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, North Sea and Edinburgh Jazz Festivals, Richard Strauss Festival and Fiddles On Fire.

The Dutchman has been described as breathing new life into existing styles of music with his high-energy brand of classical, gypsy jazz, Celtic and world music. His improvised sound said to be totally new, yet steeped in tradition.



Jazz musician Tim Kliphuis will perform at Craignish Village Hall at 7pm this evening.

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# Around the schools in Mid Argyll



## Lochgilphead students enjoy a trip to Paris

THE Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and The Louvre became a playground for Lochgilphead High School students last week as they enjoyed a trip to Paris.

Around 30 pupils in third and fourth year flew to France's largest city for an action-packed four days of art, culture, football, snails and fun.

Kicking off the first day at the Louvre, the teens saw a host of paintings by phenomenal artists including Picasso, and saw Michelangelo's David, as well as the legendary Mona Lisa.

### Blown away

Visiting the Eiffel Tower at night, the youngsters were blown away by the views of Paris and the array of lights across the night sky.

Megan Rowe, a fourth

year pupil at the school said: 'It was the most amazing thing I've ever experienced, you feel like the king of the world when you're at the top.'

'It was a lot bigger than we'd all expected, with three floors including a café and bar. We also saw a bride and groom on the very top floor, what an amazing wedding venue. I guess it was just a good thing none of us are scared of heights.'

Settling into life in France the teens practiced their French and called 'Bonjour' and 'ca va?' to passers by on the Parisian up-market Champs-Élysées and sampled the country's renowned cuisine, escargot - snails.

'At the restaurant some people were brave and decided to try snails,

but most of us were extremely unadventurous and just stuck to pizza, which was also the only thing we could read on the menu,' Megan said.

### Garlic flavoured

'The snails didn't seem to go down that well anyway and were described as garlic flavoured muscles that nobody could manage to swallow.'

The Mid Argyll teens were also put through their paces when they paid a visit to the Stade de France football stadium.

Enjoying a tour of the grounds and building and sitting in the 'huge' jacuzzi in the players' changing room players, the pupils got active during their visit to the warm up room.

'Our guide made all the guys do press ups for a warm up and us girls do sit ups,' Megan said.

'Much to our embarrassment we could barely do one. Then she got us to run out onto the pitch to the sound of the French national anthem; it was a great laugh.'

Summing up what she described as an 'amazing' trip to France, Megan said: 'It was a great holiday, none of us wanted to come home, we'd have all easily stayed for another week. Well, I say all, I'm actually pretty sure the teachers were ready for their own bed and about a week's sleep after dealing with us lot for four days.'

### Can-can

'They were great fun on the trip though, I'll never forget seeing two of my teachers in stitches as they did the can-can whilst a man played the tune on the accordion when we were on the Metro!'



Lewis Campbell, Caitlin Crawford, Carys McPherson, Hannah Harper and Iona MacDonald beside The Louvre's fountain.



Megan Rowe, Cara Halliday and Rebecca Smyth outside the famous glass triangle of The Louvre.

## Snapberry Photography Project on show

THE VOICES of Mid Argyll teenagers will boom around Lochgil-

phead tomorrow (Saturday) evening as photographs of local

landmarks are projected onto buildings in Colchester Square.

The latest innovation from Lochgilphead High School's Snapberry photography project, the exhibition will see sound clips, featuring young people talking about their the Snapberry experiences, played over large speakers in Lochgilphead.

### Lantern Parade

Part of the Lantern Parade celebrations, members of the public can listen to the recordings of the young people when the parade reaches an end at Colchester Square.

The sound clips are new aspect of the Snapberry project, which has been run by Lochgilphead High School in partnership Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) for the last four years.

Megan Rowe, a fourth year student from Kilmichael Glen, said 'It'll be scary hearing yourself talk about which photos you took and how you enjoyed the field trip, as no one really likes

the sound of their own voice.

'I'm really looking forward to seeing all of our photos being projected onto the building as I've never seen them any bigger than A4 size and think it'll really give them credit.'

### Busy Year

The sound clips will reflect on a busy year for the Snapberry project with students visiting the Tileworks, Crinan Ferry and Dunadd Hill to take photographs.

The young people were accompanied by SNH photographer Lorne Gill who helped the teenagers interpret the nature and the landscape around them.

Locals will have another chance to see the images from this year's snapberry project with a special exhibition at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Running from November 5 to 14, the exhibition will be open between 6pm and 8pm.



Members of the 2012 Snapberry Project will have their voices and photographs beamed out across Colchester Square as part of the 2012 Lantern Parade.

## Youth Café and JAM Club

AS THE winter nights draw in, pupils from Lochgilphead High School will be spending more time in the Mid Argyll Youth Café.

Open between 4pm and 6.30pm Monday to Wednesday and 6.30pm to 9pm on Thursday and Friday, the café allows students the chance to do their homework in the computer suite or spend time with friends in a safe en-

vironment.

Autumn also sees the return of Just About Music (JAM) on Wednesday evenings. The JAM club is a great opportunity for young people to socialise, play music or learn a new instrument. The youth café and JAM club are both held in the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services building on Union Street, Lochgilphead.

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**DEATHS**

**ARKELL** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 28, 2012, Alex Arkell (Eck), on his 67th birthday, 12 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Mitchell, much loved dad of Za and Heather, father-in-law of Linda, loving granda of Shelley, Kirsty, Cody, Christopher and Josh and a loving brother and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

**BLACK** - On October 24, 2012, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Janet (Yona) Downie, Wright, in her 87th year, beloved wife of the late Archibald Black, much loved daughter of the late William and Margaret Wright, dearly loved sister of Beth, Wilma and the late Margaret, Joyce and Brian, and a dear aunt of Paul, Karen, James and Iain. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Saturday, November 3, at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection, if desired, for Tarbert Nursing Aid.

**MCNAUGHTON** - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on October 15, 2012, David McNaughton, in his 55th year, beloved son of Margaret and the late David McNaughton, much loved brother of Mhairi, Sandy, Carol and Robert and a loving brother-in-law and uncle. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, November 2,

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**ROBERTSON** - Hersey, formerly of Barr, Minard, Argyll, died peacefully in her sleep on October 21, 2012, aged 92, artist and indomitable spirit, mother of Christian, Alexandra, Lucinda and the late Melville, and inspirational grandmother to six grandchildren. Funeral service will be held in Inveraray Parish Church, on Monday, November 12, at 12 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae, Minard. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to 'Friends of Crarae'. All enquiries to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, 01546 602226.

**STEWART** - On October 27, 2012, peacefully after a long illness, borne with great courage, Fiona Lumsden Stewart, in her 55th year, beloved wife of David, much loved mother of Fiona and Martin, dearly loved daughter of Morag and dear sister of Morag Beckett. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Friday, November 2, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection, if desired, for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MCMILLAN** - The family of the late May McMillan (Carradale) would like to thank all friends and neighbours for kindness and love shown to our mother. We would also like to thank all carers, Abbeyfield staff, nurses, Dr Elder and surgery staff, A Blair for funeral arrangements and Carradale Hotel. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay for a lovely service and comfort to us during Mum's final days.

**WISHART** - Ian, Calum and all the family would like to thank all friends for their messages of sympathy, following the sudden loss of Mitchell. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for her comforting manner and service. Also to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all arrangements. All those who attended at the church and graveside helped to raise £275 for Yorkhill Hospital. Forever in our thoughts.

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- Patsy and Margaret.

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Loved and missed so very much.

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You went so quietly, without goodbye,

But you will remain in our hearts forever.

- Inserted by Willie, Kenny, Alexis, James and Charlie.

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- Meg

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Sacrament of Holy Communion  
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All welcome  
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# Rugby and shinty to share pitch?

PLANS for Mid Argyll Rugby Club and Kilmory shinty team to share an improved MacRae Park pitch could become a reality, a leading sports figure in Argyll has said.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* has learnt that a survey of the pitch, the current home of Kilmory Shinty Club, has been completed and Argyll and Bute Council is seeking funding to carry out works to the pitch.

The news could boost the spirits of Mid Argyll Rugby Club, which this

year withdrew its senior team from the rugby league because of a lack of players and difficulty in organising home fixtures without a rugby pitch in the area.

Speaking about the proposal Willie Young, lead manager of community sports at Argyll and Bute Council, said he hoped a new pitch would help grow rugby as a major sport in Mid Argyll.

Warning that the project was in the early stages, Mr Young said: 'Hopefully, if the plans

go ahead, the pitch will benefit both teams and help the rugby club build a new revitalised team while the shinty players enjoy a good field to play on.'

Explaining more detailed plans will be drawn up in the coming months, Mr Young said the clubs might be more likely to gain funding if they shared facilities.

'We are hoping to apply to SportScotland for funding but we aren't sure how much it will cost at the moment so haven't submitted an application yet,' Mr Young added. 'We hope to have more detailed plans in the next month or two.'

Currently rugby coach Duncan Aitken is teaching children the sport in after-school clubs in Lochgilphead, with the support of Allan Wright, rugby development officer for Argyll and Bute.

The shared facilities plan has also gained the support of Kilmory Shinty Club chairman Angus Gilmour. However the shinty boss said he would not get excited until funding for the project was in place.

'It is definitely an idea the shinty club is behind,' Mr Gilmour said. 'We would be happy to join forces with Mid Argyll Rugby Club to share facilities but because the plans are in the very early stages we really don't want to get peoples hopes up.'

## Children are 'on the ball'



YOUNGSTERS from Lochgilphead Soccer Centre welcomed their Campbeltown and Oban counterparts to the joint campus on Saturday for an afternoon of football.

The footballers from P5-7 side played four, 20 minute seven-a-side games with the local lads acquitting themselves well on the day.

The Mid Argyll youngsters will travel to Campbeltown this weekend for the final Fun Four exchange, which sees teams from Campbeltown, Tarbert and Oban competing in categories for P3-4 and P5-7.

The tournament begins at 12.30pm on Sunday at the all weather pitch at Kinloch Green.



Players at Lochgilphead Golf Club after the first ever Winter Open. 06\_a44golf01

## First winter open held at Lochgilphead

THIRTY players converged on Lochgilphead Golf Club last Saturday to take part in the first ever Winter Open and it was one of Lochgilphead's shinty stars that came out on top with some magical play.

Young Ruairaidh Brown was out in the group with Keith Cowan and John Downie, so to score 25 points and keep his sanity is something he should be proud of.

Andrew Kennedy strives to become a single figure handicap golfer; he has the talent that is for sure. Would he be able to score well and guide the novice pairing of Colin Penman and Mark Robertson round the course? Thirty-three points would suggest yes, a major win is just round the corner for the painter man.

The Philips boys, Colin and Iain, have been

practising all summer and have shown potential to card some good scores next year. Part of the Alistair Brown group, they scored mid 20 points.

The rock-steady scaffold crew, Alasdair O'May and Simon Taylor, were keen to scale new heights and Bruce McNab, Tarbert's champion golfer, did well to keep them grounded. LJ's 35 points alongside Bruce's 34 points ensured top ten finishes. Simon's glory was to unfold the following day.

Davie Wilson is the quiet man, he was given the task of making sure Mr and Mrs McKinnon got round with no matrimonial disharmony. He did that and helped himself to fourth place with a great score of 37 points. Margaret played steady to secure the ladies' first place.

There was nothing grim about pairing the MacKenzie brothers as they share the same competitive spirit. This time however, Stuart was to triumph over big brother, their score of 36 points separated only by virtue of Stuart being junior champion in the past.

### Keener golfer

There is no keener golfer than Neil Russell, he was sure he could do well and didn't disappoint with a score of 37 points and third place overall.

Bryan Crawford was given a hero's welcome after his recent escape. Being paired with Roddy MacDonald and James Scott meant no bumpy ride this week for Bryan and 31 points, a good effort indeed.

Roddy, it is fair to say, is in the autumn stage of his golf career and he tends to play better in

the autumn. His nearest the pin at the ninth, 49 inches, just reward for a club stalwart.

When the draw threw up Ally Cunningham, Kenny Crawford and Duncan MacBrayne, most people questioned two things: could Kenny keep up with the two young guns and could the winner be found in this group? The answer to both questions was yes.

'Leftie' Ally hits the ball a proverbial mile but it was the subtle play around the greens that proved the difference.

In the end, Dochie just edged out Kenny, both players finishing on 38 points but Dochie won on younger years count-back.

A great day was had by all.

Results: 4. Davie Wilson, 3. Neil Russell, 2. Kenny Crawford, 1. Duncan MacBrayne

## 'Taylor-made' conditions suit Salmon

By David Sinclair

THERE were no fireworks this week but the very wet and blustery conditions seemed to suit Simon Taylor as the conditions dragged the rest of the field down to his level.

This might seem uncharitable as he did have a glorious win but as Ross was unable to play this week I feel it is my duty to keep him in his place during his absence. Ross did not make it this week but is still in the lead after four weeks, which should make him happy but probably will not.

Keith Cowan was second on a count back and very nearly won. He has been practising his singing in the rain routine in a basin in front of the TV and he was ready for the damp conditions. Joyce, meanwhile, is worried that he will warp the laminate flooring.

Tommy Angus eliminates this problem by using a children's inflatable paddling pool which has a splash back but finds it prone to puncturing when Phyllis is sowing sequins onto his ballroom outfits.

David Sinclair was third with a score that

would normally be last and moaned non-stop until he saw the other scores at which point he smiled and shook his head in disbelief.

Raymond Flanagan's scorecard had more errors than John Downie's backswing but like John he was lucky.

The score master corrected Raymond's tattered card and usually the gods of luck correct John's ghastly swipe but not today. If he keeps asking Ross for advice he will only get worse.

Kenny MacAulay was going to win until his grips gave up in the rain

with three holes left. He could have done with some of the adhesive his father used on Ross' front door as this proved to be effective even in damp conditions.

Tom Campbell can only play occasionally but played quite well, where as Lee Hardman competes every week but can only play occasionally because he is a duffer.

Results: 10. S. Taylor, 9. K. Cowan, 8. D. Sinclair, 7. R. Flanagan, 6. D. Carmichael, 5. K. MacAulay, 4. A. MacAulay, 3. J. Downie, 2. T. Angus.

Nearest the pin: K. MacAulay.

## Dunadd lose final game

THE ONLY female shinty team in Mid Argyll, Dunadd Camanachd, struggled in their final game against Glasgow Mid Argyll (GMA) at the weekend but maintained third place in the league.

The Dunadd ladies travelled to Yoker for the game, which saw Dunadd start well and open the scoring with a composed finish from Laurene Cameron.

However GMA's Charlene Collie replied quickly to level the scoring and managed to score a further two goals before half time to com-

plete her hat-trick.

Dunadd's midfield of Danielle Finlay, Leone Airlie and Lorney Wilson worked tirelessly to try and feed the forward line throughout the game. Their hard work was rewarded in the second half when a strike from Roslyn McGuinness deflected off the GMA goalie and into the net.

Both teams battled hard in a game that GMA needed a win to clinch the league title.

Joan Nicolson came on for GMA to score a hat-trick and end Dunadd's hope of a comeback.

Dunadd subs Shannon Wilson, Emily Brown and Eilish Malcolm also came on to play their part, whilst Dunadd goalie Iona Campbell pulled off a number of fine saves throughout the game.

### Final score GMA 6 - 2 Dunadd

The game saw GMA become South Division 2 champions, whilst Dunadd finished their season in third place.

The girls will now train hard over the winter and look forward to next season. The team wish to thank everyone who has supported them.

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## Star bow out of Scottish Cup

Young guns impress for the Lochgilphead side despite disappointing defeat

Scottish Amateur Cup  
2nd round replay  
**Dunoon Athletic 4  
Red Star 1**  
DUNOON Athletic knocked Red Star out of the Scottish Cup on Saturday after the teams had drawn 4-4 at the Ropework the week before.

Manager Weir used the game as a chance to field some youngsters with Ian McGuinness, Ruarri Donald and Lee MacLean each making their debuts for Star and performing well.

Star took the lead after 20 minutes after Crawford played a quick free kick to Weir who clipped the ball into the back post where Docherty met the ball with

a header. With the aid of a deflection, the ball ended up in the net.

The remainder of the first half was a tight affair with both teams struggling to create chances. Dunoon forced an equaliser on the stroke of half time though when the Star offside trap failed and the Dunoon forward found himself with space in the box to create a goal.

Into the second half and Star were almost back in front when Peacock cut in from the left before unleashing a strike from 30 yards which came back off the bar.

This was to prove costly for Star who found themselves behind when a cross was not cleared

properly and the Dunoon midfielder had space to fire his shot past Kalache from the edge of the box to take the lead.

Star did not give up though and had opportunities to level the tie once again with Naisby having the best chance. However his header went just wide of the post.

The home side were much more clinical in their finishing and sealed their place in the next round with two goals in the last 10 minutes.

Red Star are back in league action tomorrow when they take on Kings Park Rangers (B) at the Ropework. The game kicks off at 2pm.



The Red Star under 14 squad thanked their main sponsors The Floorshop for their continued support of the team as they donned their new strip for Sunday's match. The team also wished Brodie Cross a happy birthday and the quick return of Lucas Williamson to the team.

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## Narrow win for Under 14s

Dumbarton Under 14  
Development League  
**Red Star 2  
Helensburgh 1**

AFTER A long break from league action Red Star's under 14s secured victory over Helensburgh on Sunday as the youngsters battled against wind and rain to find an elusive second goal.

Playing on the all-weather pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, the home team got off to a good start, monopolising possession and keeping the ball in Helens-

burgh's half. The team secured their first goal ten minutes in when a quick pass from Souden played McCallum down the middle with a fantastic run through and the youngster scored in the bottom corner.

Both teams struggled to find the second goal as the game continued, with shots at goal from Star's MacKay and Caskie deflected by the opposition's defence and a chance for Helensburgh went wide.

The next goal eventually came from the home

side as Ritchie passed the ball to McCallum, who chipped the ball over the keeper to score in the top corner.

**Half time 2-0.**

The second half proved slow for Star and Helensburgh as both teams battled against the heavy rain.

It was a nervy start, equally matched with chances, but both teams were left disappointed as poor finishing let them down.

A successful penalty, 50 minutes in for Helensburgh gave them the confidence needed to dominate the remaining minutes of the game. It was only Star's strong defence that kept them from conceding another goal.



Red Star 14's Ryan Caskie and Arran Robertson in action against Helensburgh on Sunday afternoon. 06\_a44under1402.

## Extra training sessions at the Soccer Centre

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre will be running extra training sessions for primary school pupils for the next three weeks.

Children in primaries 4-6 who are already registered with the soccer centre can take part from 2.30pm this Sunday.

Graham Gillies and Peter Laing will run the sessions in the main hall at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

## Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 1, 11 and 15.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

There were no winners in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw this week, with numbers 3, 9 and 12 drawn. Next week's jackpot will be £300.

Tarbert football club lottery numbers this week were 4, 9 and 15. There were no winners and the jackpot next week will be £500.

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## Keep fit and active programme

A RUNNING programme that encourages people to keep fit and active is picking up pace as its membership continues to grow.

The Lochgilphead Jog Scotland programme, which recently launched an absolute beginners course, has seen its membership across a range of jogging programmes exceed 40.

An additional 13 people signed up for the beginners' programme - which aims to improve people's fitness over a 10-week period - last month in a bid to get active. The course, led by Jog Scotland instructors, follows a structured programme, where it is hoped the runners will be able to jog one mile at the end of the 10 weeks.

The current group are three weeks into the programme and will be taking

part in a Christmas fun run at the end of the course.

So far this year two groups have successfully completed the beginner course, which has had great results.

Matthew Watkiss, Lochgilphead's Jog Scotland leader said: 'Some of our beginners have gone from walking or jogging to complete 10k races during the year. We are really proud of their achievements.'

He added: 'As leaders we have been delighted to see people getting active and having some fun with it.'

Another beginner's course is scheduled to start in Lochgilphead in the New Year.

More information about the group can be found under the Jog Scotland Mid Argyll Facebook page.

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