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Possible link between two Minard thefts considered

POLICE are investigating a possible connection between two thefts in Minard this week.

A gold necklace was stolen sometime between 2pm on Sunday October 27 and 4pm on Monday after a ground floor window was forced open at the house.

In a second incident, sometime between 12.30pm on Sunday and 4.30pm on Tuesday, a ground floor window of a house in Victoria Park was also forced open and money and jewellery stolen.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'It cannot be discounted that these break ins are related.'

Patrols

'Police are continuing enquiries with scenes of crime officers attending today (Wednesday) and additional patrols being placed in the area.'

'If any member of the public has any information, no matter how trivial it appears, they can contact investigating officer, Detective Sergeant Munogee, at Campbeltown Police Office on 101.'



Hundreds of families enjoy Hallowe'en weekend events

Lochgilphead's Lilly Doull, 4, and her granddad Brian were just one of hundreds of families to enjoy the Hallowe'en festivities in Mid Argyll at the weekend. Families headed into Achnabreac Forest to brave the spooky trail, look for apples and create creepy crafts despite the heavy rain. There was more fun and games at the MS Centre's annual Gala-we'en and youngsters took to the dance floor at the Fyne Families children's disco. Turn to pages 14 and 15 for photographs of the weekend's spooky goings on. 06_a44hall09

Police under fire over rape case updates

Officers appeal for patience from residents and say enquiries are at an advanced stage

POLICE Scotland have urged people in Lochgilphead to be patient as they continue to investigate the sexual assault of a young woman in the town.

It comes as local people took to the police force's Facebook page to voice their frustration at the lack of information they have received regarding the investigation.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) marks three weeks since the attack on the 22-year-old, who was dragged into bushes on a lane near Manse Brae.

Saturday is also Lochgilphead Lantern Parade and Bonfire night, possibly the busiest night of the year in the Mid Argyll.

One of the local women

who questioned Police Scotland via Facebook said: 'I was just interested, as I'm sure quite a lot of the people of Lochgilphead are, to hear what is happening with regards to the serious sexual assault a couple of weeks ago?'

'Everyone is really nervous and I personally am not keen on going anywhere after dark! Has everyone who was out that night been interviewed?'

'Have all the men in the pub had DNA samples taken? Or is it thought to be someone who wasn't in pub?'

'An update would be appreciated because to me, and a lot of people, it appears to have been forgotten about.'

The statement received more than 300 shows of

support and sparked an outcry from others keen to see progress in the police investigation.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie of Police Scotland said: 'Enquiries are still ongoing and are at an advanced stage. The public have been extremely helpful and I am grateful for their support.'

'I would remind everyone that these types of crimes are very rare and can confirm that there will be increased high visibility police patrols in the area with a view to providing reassurance to the public. We realise that the Lantern Parade is a busy event for the town and will provide an extra police presence over the course of the coming weekend.'

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Brave ghost hunters at Auchindrain Township Museum tried to make contact with the afterlife using a ouija board.

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Ghost hunters meet at Auchindrain

A GROUP of brave ghost hunters at Auchindrain Ancient Township spent Saturday night 'making contact' with former workers on the farm in the name of charity.

The volunteers spent a chilly night with psychic Gayle Bennett using a ouija board, séance and voice recorder to make contact with the afterlife.

Sponsored to spend the night at the 18th century settlement, the volunteers were braving the past to raise cash for the MS Centre.

Claire Cameron, outreach worker at the MS Centre, said the group of 25 made contact with Bell, who

previously lived in one of the buildings, using a ouija board.

'She was telling us she was not a witch, but a herbal healer,' Claire said. 'We asked her lots of questions. It was really interesting I think everyone left 100 per cent believers.'

Saturday night also saw Mid Argyll folk attempting to make contact with former inmates at Inveraray Jail.

The volunteers have so far raised more than £3,000 for the centre and the Gala-we'en Day on Saturday afternoon raised £506. The money will be put towards the running costs of the centre.

Wake-up call for council

URGENT action has been called for to resolve political instability and inadequate leadership at Argyll and Bute Council by the local authorities watchdog.

The Accounts Commission says it is 'seriously concerned about substantial risks to Argyll and Bute Council caused by instability in its political leadership since last year's elections' - and has demanded a progress report in six months.

The criticism comes after an Audit Scotland report concluded a 'cul-

ture of mistrust' at Kilmory was hampering progress.

Echoing the report's findings, the Accounts Commission stated the role the full council plays is unsustainable and progress in securing effective scrutiny has also been inadequate.

In a hard-hitting assessment published on Tuesday, the commission said: 'The council's ability to set and maintain a clear strategic direction is at risk of being compromised and the commission is concerned that this will,

in time, negatively affect the services that the council provides for the people of Argyll and Bute.'

However, the commission said it was encouraged the council was seeking expert help from the Improvement Service and COSLA.

Chairman of the Accounts Commission John Baillie said: 'There is now some evidence that lessons have been learned and measures are being taken to develop new political management arrangements, training and develop-

ment support for councillors. All of this is encouraging. However, we urge the elected members and the corporate management team to work together to provide stronger and more effective leadership for the council, to ensure urgent progress is made.'

Dick Walsh, the new leader of the council, said: 'We take seriously the comments made by the commission and we are aware of what needs to be done. The people of Argyll and Bute can be assured that we are getting on with the job.'

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Appeal for castle garden volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to work in the community garden at Tarbert Castle tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

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Coffee morning boosts Age Concern funds by £400

GENEROUS Lochgilphead residents helped to raise almost £400 for Age Concern, which will be used to fund entertainment and day trips for older people.

Volunteers from the charity served up tea, cakes and coffee to residents on a miserable Saturday at a coffee morning in the Red Cross Centre.

The charity helps more than 400 elderly people in the area by providing evenings of entertainment and social events.

Thank you

Margaret MacDougall, president of Age Concern, said: 'We would like to say thank you to everyone who came along and showed their support and made a donation.'

'It makes a huge difference to the lives of elderly people within the community.'

She added: 'We are also looking for volunteers and people to help at events whether it is at a coffee morning or at a function.'

'Any help people can give is greatly appreciated.'



Margaret MacDougall, president of Age Concern, served up tea to Ardrishaig's Agnes-Jane Jilchrist at a fundraising coffee morning. 06_a44coffee01

Road upgrade plan revealed days after teenager dies in crash

TRANSPORT Scotland has revealed plans to make the A83 between Inveraray and Cairndow safer days after a girl died on her 16th birthday in a tragic road accident.

Caitlin Thaxter from West Yorkshire was travelling with her family in a silver Toyota Rav4 when it went off the road approximately half a mile north of Strone Point, 3.5 miles north of Inveraray, on Saturday morning.

The 16-year-old was pronounced dead at the scene, while two other women – the driver and a second passenger – suffered minor injuries

when the car left the road and struck a tree near Dunderave Castle.

The accident marks the sixth fatality on the Inveraray to Cairndow stretch this year alone, some having taken place at Strone Point. Now Transport Scotland has confirmed it hopes to realign the A83 around Strone Point.

A spokeswoman for the national authority said: 'The topographic survey, land searches and preliminary design options for Strone Point realignment have been completed. Preliminary design options are currently

being discussed with Transport Scotland.

'The schemes will only progress if funding is made available.'

Asked what Transport Scotland would do to reduce the number of accidents on the road, the spokeswoman added: 'As police investigations into these accidents are on-going it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time, however, as part of standard policy officials will meet with the police and our operating company for the north west unit to obtain more detailed information on these accidents.'

Sudden death of well-known Tarbert man

TARBERT was rocked this week by news of the sudden death of John Hunt who collapsed and died while walking his dogs in Tarbert Forest on Sunday.

Mr Hunt, who was 65, had run the village's

Kintyre Electrical shop with his wife, Jeanette, for the past 40 years.

They also owned the village petrol station which is now closed.

Mr Hunt grew up in Skipness and for many years his name has

been synonymous with running the regular fundraising ceilidhs in Skipness Village Hall.

The annual ceilidh due to take place tonight (Friday) in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution has now been

postponed to a date yet to be decided.

However, it is the family's wishes that the children's Hallowe'en party which usually precedes it in Skipness Hall should go ahead. It will start at 8pm.

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Steven wins drumming solo title for the fourth time

THE LEAD drummer of Inveraray and District Pipe Band (IDPB) has won the World Solo Drumming Championship for the fourth time.

Steven McWhirter, who has led the IDPB drumming core since 2009, finished first in five of the six events at the competition in Glasgow Caledonian University last weekend.

IDPB's juvenile drummer Grant Cassidy won his eighth consecutive world solo title at the competition, which is the last event in The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association calendar.

Steven, a new father, first won the title in 2006. He said: 'I'm absolutely delighted to have won again. I never thought I would have won four times.'

'It was a very difficult contest and there is some great young players coming through, while there was also the old favourites. I never take the competition for granted.'

He added: 'It is fantastic Grant won the title again particularly as it is his last year in the juvenile competition - next year he will compete in the adult section.'

The victories mark the end of an incredible season for the Grade 1 drumming core which won its first major title at this year's Cowal Games.

'Winning the Cowal Games was a bit of surprise, but it was testament to the hard work of the drumming core. They have gone above and beyond for myself in what has been a hectic season,' he said.



Steven McWhirter, lead drummer of Inveraray and District Pipe Band, with his wife Grace and four-week-old son Harry, after he won the World Solo Drumming Championship for the fourth time.

Second Mid Argyll community windfarm to be operational by autumn 2015

A SECOND community owned windfarm in Mid Argyll is expected to be operational by autumn 2015 with two communities set to cash in on the development.

Argyll and Bute councillors unanimously passed a proposal for Srondoire Community Windfarm at last week's meeting of the planning committee.

Partnership

The project is a partnership between Srondoire Wind Farmers LLP, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust and Tighnabruich District Development Trust.

Each community group will own a 12th of the windfarm.

Construction on the three turbines, which will sit adjacent to Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, is expected to begin in spring 2014 after the project has secured funding.

The windfarm, which will consist of two turbines measuring 110 metres to blade tip and one 100-metre turbine, is expected to cost in the region of £10 million.

Duncan Broadfoot, from Srondoire Wind Farmers LLP, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to get the go ahead. The

next stage will be to fully cost the project and secure funding.

'We are happy councillors showed their support and hope they recognised the social and economic benefits Allt Dearg has brought to Ardrishaig in their decision.'

Generated

Part owned by Ardrishaig Community Trust, Allt Dearg has generated £130,000 for the community since it began operating last December.

It is hoped Srondoire will bring similar benefits to Tarbert, Skipness and Tighnabruich.

Bob Chicken, from Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, said there was a real need for the community to generate its own income.

He said: 'There are many hurdles and commercial variables to be discussed before the final agreements are complete.'

'We are convinced Skipness and Tarbert will benefit from a share of profit generated by the community trust's investment in Srondoire. The trust directors intend to make every effort to bring this generous offer to a successful conclusion.'

Stay away from the water's edge this winter

THE TEAM that maintains the Crinan Canal has urged people to stay away from the water's edge this winter.

Scottish Canals has said towpaths, bridges and lock-sides can be particularly slippery during the winter

months, while snow can hide trip hazards such as boat mooring rings. Residents have also been warned off walking on the canal if it freezes.

Joe Murphy, Crinan Canal waterway manager, said: 'Winter is coming and it won't be long before frost, ice and snow make an appearance on the canals. While this makes it a particularly beautiful time to visit the waterway, it is vital people recognise the need to take extra care.'



The snow has not put joggers off in the past but all walkers, joggers and cyclists are this winter being urged to stay away from the water's edge.

Mod returns to Fort William in 2017

THE ROYAL National Mòd will be heading back to Fort William in 2017, An Comunn Gàidhealach has announced. Fort William last hosted the Mòd in 2007, and Lochaber Area Committee leader Thomas MacLennan said it was great news the event was returning.

The Mòd is set to be held in Inverness next year, Oban in 2015 and the Western Isles in 2016.

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More netting and drainage work needed along the A83

PROTECTIVE netting and drainage work may be needed on the Glen Kinglas hillside, a few miles north of the Rest and Be Thankful, to prevent further landslides closing the A83.

But any actual remedial works will be 'subject to the availability of funding', the minister for transport Keith Brown has said.

Speaking in Holyrood this week, Mr Brown said a study was currently underway to ascertain the threat of landslides on the A83 between the Rest and Be Thankful

and Cairndow. The announcement comes four weeks after a landslide closed the A83 near the Dunoon road junction - an area not previously affected by landslides.

Prioritised

Answering a parliamentary question raised by Jamie McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, Mr Brown said: 'Studies are underway on the section of the A83 through Glen Kinglas to Cairndow. If these identify additional locations for debris netting or drainage work, these will be prioritised

subject to the availability of funding.

'In the meantime, measures are being taken to ensure that any clear up can be as fast as possible and to ensure communications are strengthened further.'

Mr McGrigor said: 'I hope these assessments can be completed as quickly as possible so that any necessary actions can be taken forward without delay. The Argyll and Bute economy must not be put at risk by repeated closures of this vital trunk road.'

Marie Curie Field of Hope

PEOPLE who have lost a loved one to cancer may have one of the 3,000 daffodils planted at Mid Argyll Hospital dedicated to their memory.

The daffodil bulbs were planted by volunteers at the weekend to create a Marie Curie Field of Hope within the grounds of the Lochgilphead hospital.

The daffodil is the symbol of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Recorded

People who sponsor a bulb in memory of a loved one will have their name and the name of their loved one recorded in the 'field of hope book' which will accompany the Lochgilphead project.

Frances Fleming, treasurer of the Mid Argyll Marie Curie fundraising group, said: 'We would like the field to be a place of remembrance and people who would like



Jane McArthur, president of Rotary Club of Mid Argyll, left, helped plant 3,000 bulbs in the Marie Curie Field of Hope with Frances Fleming, treasurer of the Mid Argyll Marie Curie Fundraising team and other volunteers. 06_a44mariecurie01

to sponsor a bulb can contact anyone who is involved with the fundraising group. We would like to say thank

you to the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll for helping us plant the bulbs. We could not have done it without them.'

Runner-up spot for Inveraray piper Stuart

INVERARAY'S Stuart Liddell finished runner-up at this year's Glenfiddich Piping Championship, an invitational competition for the world's 10 best pipers.

The championship, held last Saturday, was won by Edinburgh's Iain Spiers and Campbelltown native Willie McCallum was third.

Stuart and Willie were tied after the piobaireachd and the march, Strathspey and reel disciplines, with the former being awarded overall runner-up on piobaireachd preference. Benderloch's Angus MacColl did not place.

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The energy provider is preparing to talk to local companies about how they can help with the development of the Kintyre to Hunterston sub-sea cable and Cour Windfarm.

SSE is searching for sub contractors and local people to service these major developments, which can be anything from hoteliers to quarry owners. Multi-billion pound developments and companies do not set up shop in Mid Argyll very often, businesses need to grab this opportunity with both hands.

This is exactly the kind of community benefit that Mid Argyll needs from major energy providers.

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SSE must stick to its promise to help local businesses through the tendering process and offer work to locals wherever it possibly can.

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Well done to Argyll and Bute Mod winners

Sir,
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The Mod is a great way to spread the national language and to celebrate both our culture and heritage.

I applaud all those who have participated and who give their time teaching the young competitors of the future.

Michael Russell MSP.

Report a complete condemnation of SNP

Sir,
Commenting on the recent Accounts Commission report that investigated the political instability at Argyll and Bute Council since last year's elections the report is complete condemnation of the SNP.

The SNP won the council election last year and have proved to be totally incapable of running the council.

I've never heard of anything like this utter shambles happening anywhere else in the country.

The lesson for the electorate is clear - if you vote SNP at a council election in Argyll and Bute you will end up with a shambles. The strings were being pulled from Holyrood.

SNP headquarters and Scottish cabinet minister Mike

Russell MSP were constantly interfering and blocked a stable coalition administration being formed six months ago. I'm disappointed that the Accounts Commission has failed to investigate the string pulling from Holyrood, which was a major contribution to the problem.

SNP councillors were doing what they were told by SNP headquarters so there should be an investigation into this by a truly independent body.

I'm pleased the Liberal Democrat, Conservative and independent councillors have picked up the pieces after the SNP walked away from the mess they caused.

The new administration have a tough job on their hands and I will offer them constructive support.

Alan Reid MP, Liberal Democrat for Argyll and Bute.

Veterans urged to tell their stories

Sir,
Veterans in Argyll and Bute are being urged to tell their story in new campaign to salute ex-servicemen and women.

The Royal British Legion Scotland is launching Voices of Veterans to help commemorate veterans who served in World War One in the countdown to the centenary. The campaign will also pay tribute to brave veterans of all ages who have served in conflicts past and present.

The Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP, the First Minister of Scotland, is backing the campaign, after he announced a special programme of World War One commemorations for Scotland at the Royal

British Legion Scotland's annual conference.

The Royal British Legion Scotland plays a lead role in Remembrance in Scotland. Members work with schools and young people, support other veterans' charities to fundraise for veterans' causes including the Scottish Poppy Appeal and help to organise a year round calendar of Remembrance events.

The Royal British Legion Scotland was formed at the end of the First World War after ex-servicemen returned to a land allegedly 'fit for heroes to live in'. In reality they faced unemployment, starvation, and widespread misery in a country struggling to rehabilitate four million soldiers, many suffering from physical injury and trauma.

Today it is the largest ex-service membership charity in Scotland with 176 branches, 75 clubs, and a membership of more than 40,000. The charity provides a range of specialist services, including free welfare and disablement pension advice and funding to families in Scotland of servicemen severely injured in the course of military service to visit them in hospital.

During the one-year campaign the charity aims to hold special events including local exhibitions of veteran's stories, letters, photos and memorabilia as part of the Legion's commemoration of World War One. The Voices of Veterans will also be showcased on the charity's website at www.rblscotland.com

Kevin Gray MM, Chief executive officer, The Royal British Legion Scotland.

Benefits calculator

Sir,
With colder weather around the corner and further gas and electricity price rises predicted, millions of people across the UK will be extremely concerned about how they'll pay their fuel bills this winter.

We know that this issue is widespread amongst the people we help, and our research last winter found that almost two-thirds of people on low incomes were not sure if they could meet their fuel costs without experiencing financial hardship.

In addition to rising energy prices, the costs of other everyday essentials are on the increase.

With personal finances being increasingly stretched and in response to the largest shake-up of the UK benefits system, Turn2us has launched a new, free and easy-to-use online Benefits Calculator at benefits.turn2us.org.uk.

The new calculator is a vital tool to help more people access the financial support they may be entitled to. The calculator helps individuals to find out what welfare benefits they are entitled to, how much they should receive and how to make a claim. It also links to our grants search tool to help people find other sources of support from charitable funds.

We urge anyone who is struggling to check their eligibility for financial help now - it could make all the difference this winter and beyond.

Alison Taylor, Director, Turn2us.

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Online delivery charges plan blocked by MPs

A PLAN to force on-line businesses to detail their delivery charges to rural areas has been blocked by MPs at Westminster.

The bill, put forward by Sir Robert Smith MP, aimed to give consumers upfront information when ordering goods online, including surcharges for delivery to rural areas.

But his Delivery Surcharges (Transparency for Consumers) Bill was blocked in the House of Commons, despite being supported by most Scottish MPs.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said many of the UK politicians showed 'both arrogance and a complete lack of understanding of the issues faced by consumers in rural areas,' by thwarting the bill.

He said. 'I am disappointed that this bill has been blocked, my constituents raise this matter with me often.'

Search is on for Scotland's 'Real Heroes'

THE YOUNG man who credits two Tarbert fishermen with saving his life is asking locals to help in his quest to have the duo crowned 'Real Heroes'.

Sean Taylor was pulled overboard by an automatic creel shooter when fishing aboard the Blue Angel near Gigha on January 8, 2011.

But thanks to the quick thinking of skipper Mark Sheldrick and fellow crewman Darroch Fulton, Sean was winched back to the boat and the Royal Navy was on scene within minutes.

Searching

Tonight (Friday) a STV programme, which is searching for Scotland's real heroes, will recount their story.

It comes after Sean nominated his two friends for the courage award category of the

national awards - which received 800 nominations - and the pair were picked as finalists by a judging panel.

Their story will be aired tonight alongside that of Lynn Murray from Drymen and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

At the end of the programme the public will be invited to vote for the person or people they feel is most deserving of the award.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Sean said: 'I would ask everyone to please, please vote for Darroch and Mark, I can't think of anyone more deserving of the award. They genuinely are my heroes, without them I simply would not be here today.'

Sean, who had been under water for eight minutes, made a miraculous



Mark Sheldrick, left, and Darroch Fulton, right, are credited with saving Sean's life. 20_c34fish02

recovery from his ordeal and was out of hospital less than a week after the accident - in time

to see his daughter Corrin born.

The overall winners of each category will

be revealed at a celebrity-packed, televised awards ceremony later this year.

Tarbert fisherman is a big hit on YouTube

A TARBERT fisherman has become a hit online after mimicking the video shot for Miley Cyrus's infamous Wrecking Ball song.

The video sees the pop star wearing very little while sitting on a demolition ball and swinging a sledge hammer.

Frank Ronald however, swapped the demolition ball for a buoy and sang the number one hit while aboard a Loch Fyne fishing boat.

His unique version of the video, posted on YouTube, has seen almost 1,500 hits.

Reckless driving

A 27-year-old man has been charged with careless and reckless driving on the A83 near Stonefield Castle.

Police traced the driver of a black Audi after they received a complaint about an alleged dangerous overtake last Wednesday.



Elements & West Kintyre Stargazers



Scary Science

at Victoria Hall, Campbeltown

Saturday 2nd November

join us from 11am to 4pm

- Planetarium – Think Science**
- Science Fun with Dundee Science Centre**
- Zombie Science Show**
- The Science of Circus with James Soper**
- Scary Art Crafts from Rustle Way Studio**
- Astro-photography with Douglas Cooper**
- Spooky Brain Training**

This will be the science event of the year!



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Christmas Fair to be held at Bishopton House

THE FIRST Christmas fair of the year will get underway next week at Bishopton House in Lochgilphead.

Organised by West Coast Events, the fair will help people enter the festive spirit as it begins with a performance from Bar None Community Choir. The choral group will be singing next Friday, when the fair opens between 4pm and 8pm.

The musical theme will continue on Saturday as Argyll Brass will entertain shoppers with more festive tunes.

People keen to start their Christmas shopping will be able to browse a wealth of presents and gifts on offer at the 30 stalls that will be setting up shop within Christ Church, the adjoining Bishopton House and a marquee in the grounds.



Nicole Bridgewater and Eilish Malcolm served up delicious sweet treats at the Kilmartin Museum Chocolate Day. 06_a44hall14



Pam Gregory organised the Chocolate Day at Kilmartin Museum. People had the chance to win this cake if they guessed the number of calories in it, which was a whopping 9,437. 06_a44hall13

Chocolate Day at Kilmartin

SWEET-TOOTHED Mid Argyll residents had the chance to win a beautiful chocolate cake that contained a massive 9,437 calories at Kilmartin Museum's Chocolate Day.

People could win the calorific masterpiece by Pam Gregory if they could correctly guess how many calories were in the chocolate creation at the event on Saturday.

With most people guessing 2,000 calories - the average daily intake for a woman - it was Phil Hemmings, from Ford, that won the chocolate masterpiece.

Throughout the day people had the chance to feast on tasty cupcakes, brownies and chocolate soup.

A first for the museum the event proved to be a hit with youngsters who could make their very own chocolate cupcakes and there were quizzes, face painting and other activities throughout the day.

Tim Kliphuis Trio impress in Ardrishaig

'One of the best jazz concerts to have been heard in years'

MID ARGYLL Arts Association excelled on Saturday when it hosted an evening with the Tim Kliphuis Trio - Tim Kliphuis on fiddle, Nigel Clark on guitar and Roy Percy, bass.

The group had just been awarded the International Jazz Award by the Scottish Jazz Federation and it showed.

The winning combination of live musicians playing to an audience in a hall that was laid out like a Jazz Club left everyone clamouring for more.

The innovative improvisatory abilities of the three musicians had everyone spellbound as they were treated to variations on works from Vivaldi to Britten, with a little Grapelli and Pia-

azzolla thrown in.

The Gypsy influence, interwoven with traditional jazz styles, applied to well-known classical works such as parts of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Pachelbel's Cannon gave a new twist to these well-loved repertory works.

And it wasn't just the music that enthralled. Each of the players demonstrated fantastic technique and speed fingering that would leave any musician, whether classical, jazz or folk, in awe.

The compatibility within the group was obvious too, reading each other and joining in with smooth improvisation as demonstrated, for example, in the Copland based Hoedown, mov-

ing effortlessly from the Hoedown to Speed Bonny Boat and back again to Hoedown.

CDs of previous and new recordings were available to buy but as every rendition is unique by virtue of the improvisatory skills applied, no tune or piece will ever be heard the same twice.

The evening was brought to a close with an encore that calmed the enthusiastic, foot-stamping audience.

A serenely beautiful rendering of Richard Strauss' Morgen was almost a lullaby and the audience went home happy and content, knowing that they had been present at one of the best jazz concerts to have been heard in years.

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Kintyre U3A General Meeting
to be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on Thursday 7th November 2013 at 10.45am
Speaker: Prof. Ronnie Roberts
Talk: The Kintyre Effect on a Fish Vet
All retired and semi-retired welcome
Refreshments available
Contact Rose Marie Bennett on 01586 810383

MS Society Campbeltown PRIZE BINGO
Thursday 7th November
Argyll Bowling Club
Eyes Down 8pm
Doors open 7pm
Entry £5

Macmillan Cancer Support THOUGHTS OF CHRISTMAS
Stronvaar Bowling Club
Monday 11th November 2013
Start 7.30 - 7.45pm
Cookery demo by Tesco
Christmas Raffle
Tickets from G McMillan Paper Shop
Ticket price £8, includes finger buffet with glass of wine/juice

HOME-START MAJIK Volunteer Preparation Course
Mid-Argyll - November 2013
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CATHERINE NARDIELLO Tarbert Village Hall Sat 9th November 7.30pm
This internationally acclaimed concert pianist will include in her programme Christmas Carols arranged in the Baroque, Classical, Celtic and Jazz styles.
Come & bring all the family and get into the Christmas Spirit!

Campbeltown Brass Band PANCAKE TEA
on Saturday 2nd November
in Stronvaar Bowling Club at 2pm
Usual stalls
Band performance

Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown Branch CEILIDH DANCE
Saturday 2nd November
8 till late at the St Johns Lodge
£10 entry (includes buffet)
Tickets available from D M Browns and A P Taylors
Entertainment by the Ballochmyle Band
Everyone welcome

RNLI FANCY DRESS PARTY
on Friday 1st November
at Skipness Village Hall
From 8pm
Adults £6, Children £2
Teas & raffle
RNLI Souvenir Stall
Dance postponed until a later date

Scottish Community Drama Association Family Quiz Night
Friday 1st November
Stronvaar Bowling Club at 7.30pm
£10 per team of 4
Raffle, Nibbles, Prizes.
All proceeds to Youth Amateur Drama

Thursday 7th November DAVID HUGHES DANCE presents SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern 7.30pm start.
Tickets 01852 500746
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DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesday 5th November
Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead
6.30pm
Speaker: Education Officer (Glasgow)
Diabetes UK Scotland

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Over 30 stalls selling art, crafts, gifts and food
Vintage & Country Christmas Shop
Friday 8th Nov 4pm - 8pm
Saturday 9th Nov 10am - 4pm
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10wk Drawing Course
Starts Tues 12th Nov.
7.30pm to 9 pm
At MS Centre, Lochgilphead
For further details and to book contact Lesley Burr on 07917-567268 or artistlesleyburr@gmail.com

Cancer Research UK COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 2 November 2013
Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown
10am - 12 noon
Usual stalls & sale of Christmas cards
Admission £2
Charity No. 1089464

Wear It Pink Day in Mid Argyll

MEN, women and children were a vision in pink last Friday as Wear It Pink Day got underway. The event, which encourages people to dress pink, eat pink, party pink and work pink, saw a series of fundraising ventures across Mid Argyll. Staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, along with friends and family, held their annual Pink Coffee Morning. The event, supported by the Mid Argyll

fundraising branch of Macmillan Cancer Support, raised more than £2,000. The money will be split between Wear It Pink Day and the new chemotherapy unit at the hospital. Booklovers also joined in the fun and tucked into tea and cake at a coffee morning in Lochgilphead Library. Carol Lawson and Sylvia Bolwell served up treats with a smile and the latest must-have novels at the event.



Diana Willcock, Sylvia Bolwell, Sue Allen, Carol Lawson Lydia MacBrayne and Jean MacGilp enjoyed homemade cake and good conversation at the Lochgilphead Library coffee morning. 06_a44pink01



Kirsty Miles, Tom Prendergast and Caroline Cowan showed dedication to the cause with pink hair, pink clothes and pink cake. 06_a44pink02



Carys MacFarlane and Tamsyn Taylor 'Wore It Pink' on Friday. 06_a44pink04



Kirsty McCuaig shows her support for Wear It Pink Day at the hospital event. 06_a44pink03



Kenny Rowan looked pretty in pink as he turned out to support the event in the hospital. 06_a44pink05

Eilidh raises cash for Breast Cancer Care

A TEENAGER, who was devastated to find out her sister had been diagnosed with breast cancer, this week donned her finest pink t-shirt to raise cash for Breast Cancer Care. Eilidh Hunter, from Oban, found out earlier this year that her sister was one of the 54,600 women in the UK that get diagnosed with breast cancer every year. **Fundraising** With Breast Cancer Care's Wear it Pink Day last Friday, Eilidh turned her thoughts to fundraising and decided to walk two laps of the Crinan Canal.

Not put off by torrential rain, Eilidh and her eight friends set off from Ardrishaig at 10am and finished their 18-mile challenge seven hours later. **Diagnosed** She said: 'My sister got diagnosed with breast cancer recently and I wanted to do it in recognition of her. I know she has received a lot of support from people and cancer support agencies. 'We have been fundraising in the Co-op in Oban. They let us put a table up to help us get sponsorship. We were in there for four hours and raised £200 so obviously

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Pretty in Pink Eilidh Hunter and her friends walked two laps of the Crinan Canal to raise funds during Breast Cancer Awareness month.

PICTURE HOUSE

HISTORIC CINEMA

Saturday 2 November for 5 days at 8pm (Not Monday)
Justin And The Knights Of Valour (PG)
 Every kingdom needs a hero! The voice talents of Charles Dance, Saoirse Ronan, Freddie Highmore and Antonio Banderas. Showing 2D Sat, Tue & Thu. 3D Sun & Wed
 Please note children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years or over

First Monday Presentation
Monday 4 November for 1 day only at 8pm
In The House (15)
 There's always a way in.
 Fabrice Luchini, Ernst Umhauer and Kristin Scott Thomas

Coming Next
Sunshine on Leith (PG)

SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Justin & The Knights of Valour
 JUSTIN lives in a kingdom where bureaucrats rule and knights have been ousted. His dream is to be become one of the Knights of Valour, like his grandfather was, but his father REGINALD, the chief counsel to the QUEEN, wants his son to follow in his footsteps and become a lawyer. After an inspiring visit to his beloved GRANDMOTHER and bidding farewell to his supposed lady-love LARA, JUSTIN leaves home and embarks on a quest to become a knight.

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10 When the night light can be seen in totality (4,4)

11 Horse hair (7)

13 Speak out loud (5)

15 Hiding place (5)

17 Charcoal brazier (7)

20 Be heavier than (8)

21 Jumping amphibian (4)

22 Turban cloth (6)

23 Underwater craft (1-5)

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1 Current amount (6)

2 Vegetable of the Mallow family (4)

3 Large building (7)

4 Unable to contain it all (5)

5 Liqueur (3,5)

6 Large animal driver (6)

12 Definitive statement (4,4)

14 What dreams are made of (7)

16 Colorful bird (6)

18 Robust (6)

19 Slightly worse for wear at the bar (5)

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TARBERT

Tarbert Harbour Authority AGM

THE Tarbert Harbour Authority will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, November 14. The meeting will be held in the Templars Hall at 7.30pm.

TAYVALLICH

Bonfire Night and Hallowe'en

BONFIRE night and Hallowe'en celebrations will take place in Tayvallich Village Hall tonight (Friday).

Youngsters can dress as witches and ghouls for the children's party, which will feature spooky games and kicks off at 5pm.

The event will be followed by a fireworks

display to celebrate Guy Fawkes' night.

KILBERRY

Congregation travels to caravan park

THE CONGREGATION of Lochgilphead Baptist Church travelled to Port Bann Caravan Park for its service on Sunday.

The group of 30 travelled to the caravan park for the morning service, which was followed by a light lunch and an afternoon of activities.

Members have been left without a regular meeting spot as renovation works are carried out to the church on the corner of Union Street and Argyll Street.

Reverend David Gibson said: 'We have been meeting at Lochgilphead Community Centre, but

the lantern workshops were taking place at the weekend.

'We had a lovely service at the caravan park and are grateful to staff for having us.'

TIGHNABRUAICH

Charity fashion show for cancer support

LADIES can shop and help to raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support at a charity fashion show.

Portavadie Marina and White Rabbits' Boutique, Dunoon have joined forces once again to host the fashion show, which starts at 12pm at the marina.

The event, which will take place on Thursday, will include lunch and a raffle with all the money raised donated to Mac-

millan. Since November last year the fashion show has raised £1,300 for the charity.

CAIRNDOW

Milk monitor

CHILDREN at Cairndow Community Childcare will welcome Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, today (Friday) when he will act as milk monitor.

The MSP will visit the childcare centre to encourage children to drink milk and understand the nutritional benefits it provides.

The centre has milk delivered fresh and it is enjoyed by the children as a group giving important social interaction alongside the health benefits such as healthy bones.

The event has been organised by leading milk supplier Cool Milk.

ARDRISHAIG



Kerrie Noor who is to raise cash for Alzheimer's Scotland.

Author to write 50,000 word novel in one month

AN AUTHOR from Ardrishaig will write a 50,000 word novel in one month to raise cash for Alzheimer's Scotland.

Kerrie Noor, who works for Alzheimer's Scotland, will start the epic challenge today (Friday) as it coincides with National Novel Writing Month.

The aspiring writer will have to scribe an average of 12,500 words a week in the next four weeks to complete the task. People can follow Kerrie's progress through a blog she has set up where she will share the agonis-

ing process of being a writer.

Kerrie, whose book will be titled *Never on a Monday*, said: 'My family like many families have been affected by dementia. At present there is no cure, but research goes on; not only to find a cure, but to find more ways to improve the quality of life for people with dementia and their families.'

Follow Kerrie's progress at www.justgiving.com/owner-email/please-sponsor/kerrie-noor where a donation can also be made. Donations can be made via text by putting the KNOO53 and the amount then TXT to 70070.

CRAOBH HAVEN

New light to be shed on Ardrishaig

Spooky goes on at the Lord of the Isles

THERE will be spooky goings on at the Lord of the Isles tonight (Friday) when the pub hosts a Hallowe'en bash.

Prizes will be handed out to the best Hallowe'en costumes and live music will be performed by Argyll band Mudslide.

A NEW set of Christmas lights is to be unveiled on Ardrishaig's Chalmers Street at a special festive lights switch on next month.

Residents will see six new lights turned on, which will hang from lamp posts between Ardrishaig Public Hall and The Rumblin' Tum.

Prominent

The Christmas tree has also been moved from beside the North Church Hall to a more prom-

inent position on the front green. Arthur Barclay, from the Christmas lights group, said: 'The lights in the past have been really pathetic so we wanted to do something to brighten the place up a bit. We hope to build up the lights in years to come.'

The switch-on will take place on Friday, December 6 at 6pm. The project has been funded by the Ardrishaig Action Fund.

SSE Engagement Event

Argyll and Bute Communities and Business

10:00 to 16:00, Tarbert Village Hall, Wednesday 6 November

Over the next decade it is likely that SSE will be investing between £5 - 10bn solely in the Highlands and Islands, in areas ranging from renewable generation and energy infrastructure to energy services and large scale construction projects.

We have a significant pipeline of projects in planning, construction and operation throughout Argyll & Bute and are committed to involving the local supply chain.

Our project teams for the consented Cour wind farm which is due to go into construction late 2014 and the Kintyre-Hunterston Link which is already under construction will also be available on the day to answer any questions you might have.

Our engagement event is an information day to meet local businesses of all sizes and understand the services that they can offer. Our 'Open4Business' team will be present to answer queries, discuss opportunities, and introduce local suppliers and service providers to our new online business portal: www.sseopen4business-highlands.com

There will be a drop in session throughout the day with the additional opportunity for one to one discussion with representatives from key areas of the business. This will provide a great opportunity to meet SSE and find out how your business can benefit. To make a 1 to 1 appointment please email the "Open4Business" team at sse.open4business.highland@sse.com



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Agricultural minister Richard Lochhead is urging farmers to get their applications in for funding for drainage projects.

Deadline looming for drainage project funding

CROFTERS seeking Scottish Government funding for drainage projects are being urged to submit their applications by November 15, 2013.

It follows last month's announcement that the Scottish Government would continue rural support schemes – including the £2 million Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme (CCAGS) - in the 2014 gap year for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

Regulations

However, current European transition regulations do not permit funding for capital projects such as the CCAGS drainage option.

Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'The CCAGS scheme provides important support to Scotland's crofting communities. That is why we have protected its funding in the face of an 11 per cent real terms cut to the Scottish Government's budget imposed by Westminster.'

'Although CCAGS will continue in 2014, rural development funding for drainage projects is not allowed under the current transition regulations.'

'The Scottish Government and other governments across Europe are continuing to press hard for a full roll over of the Rural Development programme in 2014, but it

is still not clear whether we will be able to continue to fund CCAGS drainage projects next year.

Strongly encourage

'Therefore we strongly encourage anyone wishing to undertake this kind of drainage work to submit their application before November 15, 2013 to allow any appropriate approvals to be issued before the current CAP period finishes at the end of this year.'

He added: 'Our intention would be – subject to the results of our forthcoming consultations on CAP implementation - to reinstate this option in 2015 when the new rural development programme starts.'

Islay Beef Herd competition

THE ISLAY Beef Herd Competition was held on September 28, with 23 herds entered to give judge, Mr John Semple, Ellary, a hard task.

The results are as follows: Individual Cow: 1 I Torrance Starchmill; 2 R Cunningham Neriby; 3 R Fletcher Keills.

Team of cows: 1 I Torrance Starchmill; 2 RSPB Aoradh; 3 R Cunningham Neriby.

Team of Autumn Calves: 1 I Torrance Starchmill; 2 C MacTaggart Uiskentuie.

Team of spring calves: 1 R Epps Ardnave; 2 R Cunningham Neriby; 3 I Torrance Starchmill.

Team of native calves: 1 W Angus Ballymeanach; 2 J MacHarrie Ballinaby.

Best overall team of calves: 1 I Torrance Starchmill.

Highland Herd: 1 H Porter Carrabus; 2 H Porter Carrabus; 3 A Wiggins Portnahaven.

Native Team Of Cows: 1 H Porter Carrabus; 2 J MacHarrie Ballinaby.

Small herd, 15 or less:

1 N MacDoanld Gartbreck; 2 N MacLellan Torrandarroch; 3 W Angus Ballymeanach.

Individual Autumn Calf: 1 I Torrance Starchmill; 2 C MacTaggart Uiskentuie.

Individual Spring Calf: 1 R Epps Ardnave; 2 R Cunningham Neriby; 3 E Brown Cruach.

Best Overall Calf: 1 I Torrance Starchmill.

Best Overall Herd: 1 I Torrance Starchmill; 2 R Cunningham Neriby; 3 RSPB Aoradh.

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Prices up at Dalmally sale

UNITED Auctions held a special sale of 2,787 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart last Friday, where all classes sold at enhanced values.

Lambs, mainly smaller and longer keeping types, recorded a rise of £11.97 on the last year and sold to £65 per head for Texel Crosses from Glenshellach and to 198pence per kilo for Suffolk Crosses from Couston Farming Co.

Lambs: SUFFx: £64.00 – Glenshellach: £59.50 – Knock-Dhu. TEXx: £65.00 – Glenshellach & Barguillean Farm: £58.50 – Barguillean Farm. CHEV: £46.00 – Maam Farm. CROSS: £61.00 – Dunach Estate

: £57.50 – Knock-Dhu : £57.00, £56.00 & £53.50 – Barguillean Farm: £50.00 – Lochdochart. BF: £54.50 – Duncroisk: £53.50 – Rera: £51.50 – Duncroisk: £49.00 – Glenshellach: £48.50 – Brenchoille: £47.00 – Castles Estate: £46.00 – Auchreoch, Dunans & Brackley: £45.00 – Craigmore.

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Lochgilphead lad raises a glass to new business

The return of an independent wine merchant to Mid Argyll

THIS weekend sees the return of an independent wine and whisky merchant to Lochgilphead and the homecoming of a local lad.

Fyne Wines, opened in the former premises of Winehouse on Lochnell Street, is a new venture by Stuart Campbell from Inverneill.

Support

Stuart, 29, has opened the business with the support of his father Colin Campbell after carving out a career in Scotland's thriving drinks industry.

'My background is in

the hospitality trade, working in hotels, bars and restaurants,' Stuart said. 'I have worked in Canada, New Zealand and Scotland and really picked up the interest through selling. I wanted to know what I was selling and so when I was travelling to these places I wanted to visit as many vineyards as possible and get that experience.'

It is this experience that Stuart hopes will draw customers from across Argyll into his Fyne Wines store.

He said: 'Locally



Stuart Campbell from Inverneill has launched Fyne Wines in Lochgilphead. 06_a44wine01

there is the Co-op, Tesco and RS MacColls and broadly we stock the same wines but their staff won't have the same knowledge.

'People will be able to come in here and ask questions and I can

point them in the right direction.

'I will be supporting local producers as much as possible, both in whisky and beers, Fyne Ales for example, Oban Bay Brewery, Tobermory, Colonsay and Islay

distilleries.'

Having worked with the award-winning Royal Mile Whiskies for several years, Stuart helped to open the company's Drinkmonger wine shop in Pitlochry.

But the young entrepreneur

added: 'I have always had my eye on this one, even before Winehouse took over. When they were starting out I was saying to my mum and dad that I wanted to take it on. It has been a long-term goal.'

Business Gateway launch new mobile phone app

A NEW mobile phone app that offers budding entrepreneurs and existing business owners tips and advice has been launched by Business Gateway.

MyBusiness app uses video tutorials and case studies to cover topics such as business plans, finance, marketing, branding, social media and VAT.

The iPhone app, which will be available on Android later this year, also allows people to submit questions to the business advice team.

SSE urges Argyll businesses to 'get in on the action' of billion pound projects in the area

BUSINESSES have been told they will be able to 'get in on the action' as Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) prepares to invest millions of pounds in two major Argyll projects.

The energy company is hosting an Open4Business event in Tarbert next week to speak to local businesses about opportunities within the Kintyre to Hunterston sub-sea cable development and Cour Windfarm.

SEE recently embarked on the two-year sub-sea cable development and is scheduled to begin

constructing its 10-turbine windfarm at Cour, 21km south of Tarbert, late next year.

The company wants to know more about Argyll businesses as it prepares to appoint subcontractors and employ people.

Neil Anderson from SSE said: 'There are a lot of opportunities for businesses where they can get in on the action. That's people who can provide fencing and accommodation, through to people that have quarries, the right equipment such as HGVs, through to hopefully employing people that have the

right skill set.

'The event is really SSE setting up shop and inviting everyone to tell us what they can offer. It is an exciting time.'

Staff from the company's Open4Business team will be at the event to meet business people and explain SSE's tendering process. People will be introduced to the company's web portal which allows businesses to register their interest in SSE projects.

Neil added: 'There are one-to-one sessions if businesses want to speak to someone about a specific project. These con-

versations can be held in private if businesses want to discuss prices and we can ensure confidentiality.'

SSE is hoping to greet

100 businesses and individuals at the open event, which will be at Tarbert Village Hall on Wednesday, between 10am and 4pm.

Business start-up workshop

PEOPLE thinking about taking the leap into self employment and starting their own business are being urged to gain advice from Business Gateway.

The Mid Argyll team will be hosting a business start-up workshop next month. The workshop will cover things such as business structure, start-up costs, how the business will be run and how it will attract customers.

The free workshop will be held in Lochgilphead on December 4 and 5. For more information call 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Maximise your tender score

BUSINESSES hoping to secure more contracts with the public sector are invited to two Argyll events that will help them maximise their tender score.

Run by the Supplier Development Programme, the first event will show businesses how to evaluate their current approach to tendering and identify best practice.

The second event, the Value Add and Innovation Workshop, will explain how businesses can use innovation to stand out from their competitors when bidding for contracts.

For more information on both events, held in Inveraray on November 14, call 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Wind Towers production doubles

PRODUCTION at Wind Towers Ltd's plant in Kintyre has doubled in the last few months.

The Machrihanish-based company has drastically cut the assembly time of the towers by 10 hours, with one now made within four weeks.

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Jewel Logan, 4, and Fergus MacInnes, 4, delved into the witches cauldron at Achnabreac Forest Park to search for an eyeball to win a prize. 06_a44hall02

Wicked witches, ghosts and ghouls out in their hundreds for Hallowe'en

WICKED witches, ghosts and ghouls could be seen creeping around forests and venues in Mid Argyll as hundreds of families came out to celebrate Hallowe'en at the weekend.

Families headed into Achnabreac Forest Park on Friday night where they bobbed for apples, made spooky crafts and delved into the witches cauldron to win

prizes. Organised by Forestry Commission Scotland and Kilmartin Museum, the heavy rain did not stop youngsters from braving the spooky trail.

Screams

Screams could be heard coming from the forest as members of the 19th Argyll Scouts jumped out scaring parents and children.

On Saturday Lochgilphead

was bursting with activity as the MS Centre's annual Gala-we'en event got underway with children enjoying creepy crafts, nail painting and eating Hallowe'en themed cakes.

Around the corner in the Argyll Inn pirates, princesses, pumpkins and superheroes took to the dance floor for the Fyne Families children disco.



Right: Twins Sandra Small, left, and Julie Ann, right, dressed up as witches with friend Yasmine Bowden, while their brother Gavin run around Achnabreac forest as spider man. 06_a44hall01



Eight-year-old Finlay Kerr, left, partied at the Fyne Families children disco with brothers Che and Zach Campbell. 06_a44hall18



Keri McDougall, from Ardrishaig, enjoyed the fun and games in Achnabreac forest. 06_a44hall08



Lochgilphead's Olivia Veitch, 5, joined dozens of youngsters at the Fyne Families disco. 06_a44hall25



One-year-old Ethan Bowden won the best dressed Halloween costume at the Fyne Families disco for his Dalmatian outfit. He was joined at the event by his sisters, Mirrin, 4, centre, and Neve, who were princesses for the afternoon. 06_a44hall23

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David Hubbard, left, Mary Moir, Ethan Gascoigne and Cameron Garret, from the 19th Argyll Scouts were lurking in Achhabreac forest to scare families on the spooky ghost trail. 06_a44hall12



Molly Wither, 9, with her brother Jaime, 4, partied at the Fyne Families disco. 06_a44hall24



Lochgilhead gangster Kayden Chamberlaine, right, with Dracula Innes Cameron, 6, at the MS Centre's Gala - we'en Day. 06_a44hall30



Left: Four-year-old Martha Moir, left, with her sister Mary, 10, at the MS Centre craft table. 06_a44hall33



Katherine Hambly, right, was out in Achhabreac forest with her two-year-old daughter Eilidh Shannon. 06_a44hall11



Eight-year-old Hollie Devine, left, with Tayvallich's Megan Davies, 10, at the Fyne Families disco. 06_a44hall20



Claire Cameron, the MS Centre's outreach worker, sold tickets for people to win the spooky ginger bread house, which was made by Caroline Anderson. 06_a44hall29

Two-year-old Jessica McCrae, from Lochgilhead, enjoyed the spooky Hallowe'en games and activities at the MS Centre. 06_a44hall28

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Four-year-old Cole Houston and his little sister Nell, 3, hard at work in the lantern workshop.

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Parade to release the Wild of Argyll on to the streets

Donation ensures lanterns stay lit in Lochgilphead

PREPARATIONS for tomorrow's (Saturday) Lantern Parade are almost complete as dozens of Mid Argyll families have been going 'wild' making lanterns. Lochgilphead Community Centre is currently brimming with dozens of wild animals that are waiting to be released on to streets tomorrow evening (Saturday). Birds, fish, deer and

otters are amongst the wildlife that will light up Lochgilphead under the Wild Argyll theme. Marking the Year of Natural Scotland, the parade will see no less than 150 lanterns carried along Manse Brae, Argyll Street and Lochgilphead Front Green. The highlight of the Lochgilphead Social Calendar, the parade has been sponsored by Infnis for the fifth consecutive year.

Jamie Grant from Infnis - the company behind the proposed A' Chruach Windfarm in Minard - attended a lantern workshop on Monday.

He said: 'We are delighted that we are able



Jamie Grant from Infnis met artists Jane Walker and Kirsty Brady and volunteer Rebecca Foster at Monday's workshop. They were helping Don, Eileen and Amy Anderson create their mammoth lantern.

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to continue our support for the Lantern Parade.

'The enthusiastic turnout at the workshops demonstrates that the theme of Wild Argyll really has illuminated the community. Having attended the parade for the last two years and seen it first hand I know it will

be a fabulous community occasion.'

Ailsa Raeburn, treasurer of Lanterns@10, said: 'We are really grateful for the investment that Infnis, and our other sponsors, have made in the Lantern Parade. 'With their continued support the annual event

has gone from strength to strength, allowing this year's parade to be the biggest yet. We look forward to welcoming everyone down on the night to witness wild Argyll in all its glory.'

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Alix Nelson, left, and Rachel Coll, both 13, created a giant swan that will light up the Lochgilphead skyline in the parade. 06_a44lantern03



Best friends Zander MacKenzie, left, and Kyle Danson were hard at work in the lantern workshop making a giant whale. 06_a44lantern04



Lochgilphead's Jagoda Chmielewska was inspired by this year's lantern theme of Wild Argyll and made her very own owl at Sunday's workshop. 06_a44lantern02



Paula Morses, back left, Suzanne Morses, back right, helped Hollie Devine, 9, Molly Wither, 9, and Leon Donaghy make their lady bird lantern. 06_a44lantern01



Grace Clark, 4, made a beaver to light up tomorrow (Saturday) night's lantern parade. 06_a44lantern06



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IT IS never too early to start your Christmas preparations – even if the big day seems like a while away – and with food and drink such a big part of the celebrations, what better way to kick off your plans.

Make a Christmas pudding

If you're going down the traditional route and making your own Christmas pudding now is the time to get baking. Giving the cake around two months to mature will allow the flavours to deepen and intensify.

Just more than a week after you've baked the Christmas dessert be sure to soak it in brandy, repeating this process about three weeks later.

With the shops selling out quickly, it is also a good idea to grab advent calendars when you see them to avoid the wee ones (and the big kids) being disappointed.



Start shopping in advance

When in the shops you could start stocking up on non-perishable essentials for the festive period like crackers, napkins and

chutneys – but remember to also check local markets in the run up to Christmas, you'll find many culinary delights as well as novel gift ideas.

Plan ahead

About half way through December write your Christmas day cooking plan. You can even plan in what the rest of the family can do to help, just don't let them accuse you of being a dictator in the kitchen.

Don't forget your pet this Christmas, be sure and pick up a treat or present to involve them in the celebrations.

Make a shopping list

About a week beforehand make up a shopping list – you'll need ham, cheese, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, stuffing, sausages, bacon, cream and sauces to name but a few items. Leave the purchasing of the fresh vegetables until a couple of days beforehand though.

Be sure to also pick up the ingredients for mulled wine and mince pies to get into the swing of the Christmas spirit.

Chill your bottles

Don't forget to chill your bottles on December 23 and 30 – and stock up on party food for Hogmanay and visitors in the New Year.

Socialise!

Of course if entertaining all sounds like a bit too much hard work for what is supposed to be the best time of the year why not head out and meet family and friends.

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Have a great time

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Argyll Bute COUNCIL

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01146/PP	Erection of two wind turbines (77 metres to blade tip), with associated control building and formation of access track and hardstanding areas	Land North West of Low Ugadale Farm Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/02164/PP	Erection of 2 wind turbines (34.5 metres to blade tip) with associated electrical cabinets and formation of access track	Land North East of Arivore Farm Whitehouse Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XR	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/02230/PP	Change of use of redundant church to form single dwellinghouse (amendments to planning permission 03/01713/COU)	Claonaig Old Church Claonaig Skipness Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YG	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

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BY-ELECTION DAY - 19 DECEMBER 2013

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3. Nomination papers must be lodged with the Depute Returning Officer, Kilmory Headquarters, Lochgilphead PA31 8RT on any day except a Saturday or Sunday after the date of this notice, but not later than 4.00pm on Monday 18 November 2013 and withdrawals of persons nominated must be intimated at the same address not later than 4.00pm on Monday 18 November 2013.

4. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Depute Returning Officer at the addresses below or can be downloaded from the Councils website, www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections or e-mail elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

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Morag & Jim's Golden Wedding Surprise



Organised by our loving family we would like to thank all our family and friends, from near and far, who made the effort to join in the fun, by dressing in glam outfits in keeping with the special effects in the hall. It was the springboard for a wonderful evening. Thanks also to the kids of Footnotes dance group, who kicked the party off to a great start. Also the Twisted Melons who kept it going with great music. All in all it was a wonderful and worthwhile night, as £1,565 was donated, to be divided between British Heart Foundation and MS Society. Once again, heartfelt thanks. Love is all. God bless.

Happy 50th Birthday



Archie Brochan on 06/11/2013 with love from all the family

Alan McMillan would like to thank everyone for their calls and cards while in hospital and since coming home. Thanks to Tony for all the help.

Donnie and Irene Black wish to acknowledge the care and concern shown to them by family and friends while Irene was a patient in the Southern General Hospital. They say thank you very much indeed.

William Christopher Harrison will be 30 years old on 3/11/13

Happy Birthday William Have a great day, Son Miss & love you lots, Mum & Dad xxxx Have a mad barking birthday, Bruv! Love & hugs, Alba xx



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Understanding your grief

CRUSE Bereavement Care Scotland is a charity which exists to support bereaved people who are struggling to cope with their loss.

The death of someone we love, someone who matters to us, is a shattering experience and it feels like an emotional rollercoaster. It is one of the most difficult things in life that we have to face. Each individual manages as best they can, but that does not mean having to cope alone or without help. Cruse offers free support to adults and children struggling to come to terms with the loss of a loved one, regardless of age, sex, religion or beliefs.

The way we react is unique to each and every grieving person. Even among close family who have shared the same loss, each person may well respond differently, but there may be some common experiences and to know others have shared these can be helpful.

Many people talk of feelings of numbness, shock and being overwhelmed, making the most ordinary daily tasks a challenge. While some people may immerse themselves more deeply in work or some other aspect of their lives, others may find it difficult to

maintain any kind of routine. There is no one right way of grieving.

We may have feelings such as longing, helplessness, sadness, anger and guilt. We need to know that it is alright to experience - and to express - these thoughts whatever other people may say.

Others may feel as though there is a weight dragging them down, which is a way of saying how low, sad, or depressed they are feeling; still others talk about the knot in the pit of their stomach.

In addition to all of this, illness and physical symptoms are common after the death of someone close. Often people find difficulties in sleeping, their appetite may change and they may experience difficulty in concentrating and feel a lack of energy.

Again, while these feelings are normal, if you are concerned about any continuing illness, physical pain or change in behaviour, it is best to have this checked out by your doctor.

An essential part of working through grief is being able to share that important relationship with others - and sometimes we will need to do that over and again. Some friends avoid us because they feel they don't know the right thing to say or that they want to make it better for us and don't know how. It can help to let them know that

there is nothing they can say - just being there is enough. There is no magic to make it better.

With time and the support of friends, families and other groups, the pain will normally become less intense, but there may be times which connect us more closely to the person who has died which seem to increase or reawaken feelings that we thought we had already been through.

When we feel this way it may seem as if we have become stuck or are grieving in the wrong way, but this is simply part of our own safety system. We can only allow ourselves to deal with so much emotion at a time and then we have to stop. That does not mean that we have necessarily completed our grief. It is normal both to grieve and live.

For further information, contact Cruse Highland and Moray region on 07592 040498, email

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For an appointment to receive support please call Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland's National Helpline on 0845 600 2227.

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Will Aid supports a host of charities across the UK, including ActionAid, AgeUK, British Red Cross, NSPCC, Save the Children and Sightsavers.



Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE wind screamed across Westport bay as the Atlantic breakers drove the beach back almost to the sand dunes.

Our words were carried with the spray and disappeared unheard into the wind.

The waves were like white mountains with snow flying off them and the rain drove horizontally at us. It was invigorating to say the least.

The Mull was disappearing into a blur of grey. Whipped so hard by the wind, the sea had become foam, and the pups had great fun chasing it along the beach – never winning, but always trying.

We met one or two of the regular dog-walkers, but their words never reached us.

We decided that things were getting a bit crazy and decided to turn and have the wind at our back. Soaked, but happy, we reached the shelter of the car and headed for home.

We soon discarded our wet clothes and got the pups and ourselves dried out. Coffee and chocolate worked its magic and warmed us through.

With the thought of the fire crackling later on, we began to count our blessings.

I just cannot imagine what it must be like to be homeless or hungry, yet so many in our own country will go to bed wet and cold tonight.

There will be no warm car or fireside – no hot coffee and chocolate – just the endless struggle to get through another day on the streets.

We read in scripture that Jesus had nowhere to lay his head.

We are also urged in Proverbs to ‘speak up for the rights of those who are destitute’.

In our own comfort, maybe we need to think about this and find a voice for those who need our help.

Let’s hope that in their storms, our words are not lost to the winds of our comfortable complacency.

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The Lochgilphead Rainbows raised £600 for the unit when they walked from Lochgilphead to Ardrishaig.

Young Rainbows step out to raise group funds

YOUNGSTERS from the Lochgilphead Rainbows raised more than £600 for the unit when they completed a sponsored walk from Lochgilphead to Ardrishaig.

The girls, who were

aged between 5 and 6, were accompanied on the walk by parents, brothers, sisters and Rainbow leaders Samantha Quarton and Jenny Pendreigh.

When they complet-

ed the walk earlier this month the girls were rewarded with juice and home made cakes by the Trefoil Guild, which is made up of women who were girl guiding leaders.

Samantha said: ‘We would like to thank the Co-op for donating the juice and the community for its generosity as we are really touched by how much we have raised.’

Australian woman’s spotlight on Lochgilphead family link

A WOMAN from Australia is searching for information about her ancestors who lived in Lochgilphead in the 1880s.

Jennifer Catalano, whose maiden name is Mackay, hopes to find out more about the family who lived in the area before they migrated to Australia.

Jennifer can trace her roots back to former chief constable Colin Mackay, who died in 1889 and is buried in Achnabreac Cemetery.

The chief constable had two daughters, Susannah and Louise Mackay, who were born in Lochgilphead and two sons John White Mackay and Colin William Mackay.

The father had six siblings who Jennifer believes were from the Lochgilphead area too.

Jennifer, who lives in Queensland, said: ‘Any information however small would be great. I



Susannah and Louise Mackay were born in Lochgilphead and were the daughters of chief constable Colin Mackay who died in 1889.

may have some relation to one of Colin’s brothers Robert Mackay who was born in 1837.

‘I would like to find out if the types of dress they

are wearing would have been normal for that era or if they were well off. I visited Lochgilphead two years ago to visit archives on Manse

Brae and hope to return again.’

People who have any information can contact Jennifer on mackaycat@bigpond.com.

Jolomo’s support for MALI

A RENOWNED local artist has supported the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI) to bring a social worker from Zambia to Scotland.

John Lowrie Morrison, or Jolomo, has helped fund the arrival of Chakwe Daka who will work with Scottish charity Fischy Music for three weeks.

Chakwe will work in schools with the charity, which helps young people overcome their problems through music.

The social worker is a musician himself and has worked with the Mthunzi Children’s Programme in Lusaka, a project run by Mid Argyll-based charity MALI. Chakwe will share his own expertise during his trip and hopes to pick up techniques that he can use to help children in Zambia.

He said: ‘The children I work with in Zambia are emotionally damaged.

‘I hope my time with Fischy Music will give me some strategies to help them. I am very grateful to Stephen Fischbacher, creative director of Fischy Music, and to MALI for giving me this opportunity.’

A former street child himself, Chakwe now helps turn around the lives of youngsters, as young as eight, who have been rescued from the city streets.

Many of the children he works with are orphaned or their families are unable to care for them because of poverty or illness.

Marian Pallister, founder of MALI, which supports the education of vulnerable young people in Zambia, said: ‘Chakwe is dedicated to enabling the children in his care to reach their full potential. With unaddressed emotional baggage, that is sometimes very difficult. Our links with Stephen Fischbacher and Fischy Music can help put young lives back together. We are grateful for their time and to Jolomo for helping to fund the project.’

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse' (Romans 12:14).

BIRTHS



GILMOUR

Uel and Ailsa are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Uel Ross, born October 5, 2013. A wee brother for Beth and another grandson for Ronnie and Valerie Gilmour, New Peninver, and Marlene and the late James McLean, Tober-an-Righ, Kilmahoy. Many thanks to everyone at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.



LITSTER

Stewart and Norma are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Murray Stewart Litster, on October 22, 2013. A wee brother for Ashley and Emma.

MARRIAGES



MCCALLUM - WALKER

At the Highland Parish Church, on October 12, 2013 by the Rev Catriona Hood, Christine, daughter of Raymond and Elizabeth, Campbeltown, to Kevin, eldest son of Liz Glover and the late Basil Walker, Helensburgh. A wonderful, happy day.

RUBY WEDDINGS

MACKINNON - CHRISTIE - On November 3, 1973 at Ardrishaig Parish Church, by the Rev Harry Donaldson, Brian to Margaret, Dunmore Avenue, Lochgilphead.

DEATHS

BINNIE - Peacefully, at West Darlochan Farm, Campbeltown, on October 26, 2013, Samuel Smith Binnie (Sam), in his 100th year, formerly of Gilston Farm, Polmont and Larbert, dearly beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Kerr Steven and a much loved uncle, great uncle and cousin. Funeral private.

COOK - Passed away, on Saturday, October 26, 2013, Christina MacDougall (Chris), beloved wife of the late William Cook and a loving and deeply loved mum and grandma. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Saturday, November 2, 2013 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 Cancer Research and The Leprosy Mission.

HUNT - Suddenly, on October 27, 2013, John, in his 66th year, beloved husband of Janette Smith, much loved father of John and David, dearly loved grandfather of Robert, Benjamin and Leigha, dear brother of Irene, Selena and the late Bobby. Funeral ceremony in Tarbert Village Hall, on Monday, November 4 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Skipness Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, for RNLI.

MCARTHUR - Sadly, at Bowmore Hospital, on October 24, 2013, Jean, aged 77 years, beloved daughter of the late Neil and Minnie and a dear sister of the late Neil. Funeral service was held at Bowmore Church on Tuesday, October 29, interred in Bowmore Cemetery.

MCCALLUM - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on October 22, 2013, Archie, formerly of Tomaig Road, a loving father, grampa and great grampa.

MCKERRAL - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Campbeltown Hospital on October 25, 2013, Jean Montrose McKerral, in her 79th year, 132 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late John and Flora McKerral and a much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt.

STEWART - On October 27, 2013, peacefully at home, Davy, in his 66th year, beloved husband of Annie and much loved dad of Marion, Laura and Christine, a dear brother-in-law, son-in-law and uncle, sadly missed by all. A private cremation will take place, followed by a memorial service at Lochgilphead Parish Church (today), Friday, November 1 at 1.30 pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
COPPING - The family of Isobel Copping wish to thank all friends for their kind support following Isobel's passing. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and all staff in the Acute Ward. Thanks also to Mr Crossan for a lovely service and Alasdair Blair Funeral Directors.

DUNCAN - The family of the late Neil Duncan, Stonefield Farm would like to thank everyone for their many kind expressions of sympathy received on their recent bereavement. Thanks to the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban and the Tarbert district nurses for their care over Neil's recent illness, also to the Rev David Thom for his fitting service and Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for their professional services. Thanks also to all family and friends for their attendance and support. The joint collection for the Macmillan Cancer Support and the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution raised a total of £830.

RENNIE - Gail and families would like to thank family, friends and work colleagues for all the lovely flowers, cards, phone calls and gifts received following the sad loss of Andy. A big thank you to all doctors and emergency services who did their best in terrible circumstances. Thank you to Rev Philip Burroughs for a lovely service and special thanks to Kenneth Blair for caring, patient and professional funeral arrangements. Finally, an overwhelming thank you to all who attended the church and graveside. The collection raised the fantastic sum of £3,714.18.

IN MEMORIAM

HOLLINGSWORTH - In loving memory of our Renee, who died November 1, 2012. Always remembered and miss you.

- From family at home and away.
MACKINNON - In loving memory of our dear sister, Morag, who died October 30, 2002.

Loved and remembered every day.
- Patsy and Margaret.
MACKINNON - In loving memory of our dear Auntie Morag, who died October 30, 2002.

Loved and missed so very much.
- Annamarie, Allan and John.
MACKINNON - In loving memory of our dear Auntie Momo, who died October 30, 2002.

Night-night Auntie.
- Love, Jacqueline, John, Kyle, Joanna and Fraser.
MACQUARIE - In loving memory of Christine, a dearly loved wife, mum and gran, who died November 5, 2005.

God saw you getting tired, You closed your eyes and slipped away, You went so quietly, without goodbye, But you will remain in our hearts forever.

- Inserted by Willie, Kenny, Alexis, James and Charlie.
MCNAUGHTON - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and grandad, Neil, who died November 2, 2012.

A year gone but not forgotten Always in our thoughts.
- Elizabeth and family, at home and away.

MCNAUGHTON - In loving memory of my dad, Neil, who died November 2, 2012. There is a hole in my heart which will never be filled. Miss you always.

- Lindsay.
MCNAUGHTON - In loving memory of Neil McNaughton, who passed away November 2, 2012.

In my heart your memory lingers Always tender fond and true There is not a day, dear Father I do not think of you Always loved, always missed In my heart forever.
- All my love, Elaine.

MURRAY - In loving memory of my wife, Gwen, who passed away on November 2, 2012.

It doesn't take a special day To bring you to my mind For days without a thought of you Are very hard to find.

- Loved and remembered always, Don x.
MURRAY - In memory of Gwen, who passed away November 2, 2012.

It isn't what we write, it isn't what we say It's how we feel deep inside as we think of you today.

- Love, Hayley, Jonathan and Sonny x.
MURRAY - Gwen, November 2, 2012.

No words can tell, no flowers repay The loss we had one year today Till memories fail and life departs

You will live forever in our hearts. Miss you.

- Margaret and Mike xx.
STEWART - In loving memory of my husband and our father, Charles McNaughton Stewart, who died November 1, 1990.

Always in our hearts.
- Wife May, sons Derek and Nigel, 16A Calton Avenue. Son Douglas and Karen.

CHURCH NOTICES

THE SALVATION ARMY
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Sunday Services
No morning service this week
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouling

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 3rd November, 2013
Tarbert Service 11.45am
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Guild meets
Monday 4th November
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
2.30pm

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Sunday 3 November 2013
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Thursday 7 November 2013
7.30pm

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3rd November
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Morning worship
Rev. Cliff Acklam

Tuesday 5 November
Congregational Board
Tayvallich Church 7:30 pm

Thursday 7 November
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Sunday 3rd November
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All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 3rd November 2013
11.00am Morning Service
Family Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae

Monday 21st October 2013
Ladies Meeting
2.30pm, Free Church Hall
Mrs Heather Ritchie
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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 3rd November
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service led by Rev Finlay Mackenzie

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Thursday 7th November
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
All Welcome

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Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 3rd November
11.15am Communion Sunday
Rev C Hood

Tuesday 5th November
Badminton
P1-5 - 6-7pm
P6-7 - 7-8pm

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Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 3rd November
Session Meeting 10.55am
Morning Worship - 11.15am
(Creche, Holiday Club for P1-7)
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Rev. P Burroughs

Monday 4th November
Guild 7.30pm

Tuesday 5th November
Parents and Toddlers
9.45am - New Hall
BB Anchor Section
6-7pm in Church Hall
BB Junior Section
7.15-8.30pm in Church Hall

Thursday 7th November
Prayer Meeting - 4.00pm
Choir Practice - 7.30pm

Friday 8th November
Lunch Club - 12 noon - New Hall

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 3rd November 2013
11.15am Family Communion with crèche

Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
7.00pm Youth Group

Wednesday 6th November 2013
10am Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study

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SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2013
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Wet weather wonderland for Sinclair and MacAulay

By David Sinclair

IT WAS far too wet for playing golf on Sunday but such is the level of competition that all 13 starting players went on to finish despite the downpour.

Ross Sinclair and Alec MacAulay were so disobedient as children that their mothers made them go out and play in the rain rather than suffer them in the house. This gave them a distinct advantage and they proved to be much better than the rest of the field, with Ross winning this week on a countback.

Ronnie Kennedy was third and should have been the winner as he spent most of his childhood playing in the rain.

Jim Hunter made a welcome return to the winter game. He had two umbrellas and still got soaked but managed to keep calm.

Keith Cowan never gets annoyed and he is a beacon of positive thinking but even he thought that it was very nearly unplayable on Sunday. He drew on his experiences in the tropical rain forest to

GOLF

enable him to win some points.

Lee Hardman is from Yorkshire and even though his colleagues cannot understand a single word he says he was able, using a form of sign language, to indicate that it also rains a lot in Yorkshire.

Ross also uses sign language but his colleagues try to ignore him as he can be off-putting.

Dougie Moore is in the points and was nearest the pin; he should have been playing this game ages ago. Tommy Angus was not singing in the rain and old twinkle-toes will show his class when the frost appears. This week's winner of the mat of shame was John Downie and, as greenkeeper, he only has himself to blame.

Results: 10. R Sinclair, 9. A MacAulay, 8. R Kennedy, 7. D Moore, 6. J Hunter, 5. D Sinclair, 4. K Cowan, 3. L Hardman, 2. G MacDougall, 1. S Taylor. Nearest the pin: D Moore and G MacDougall.



Under 12s in action

On Sunday Lochgilphead Red Star Under 12s played a friendly against Rothesay at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. This is the first time the teams have met and, despite the poor weather, both sets of players enjoyed two very competitive games. Lochgilphead are pictured with Bob Finlay from RM Finlay and Sons Haulage, which has kindly sponsored the team for this season.



Star striker Angus Morrison attempts to outmanoeuvre two Carradale defenders. 06_a44star05

Star win on penalties after thrilling derby

A PENALTY shootout finally saw Red Star overcome Argyll rivals Carradale on Saturday after a frantic 120 minutes of football.

The opening exchanges at Ropework Park saw plenty of end to end action but clear chances at goal were limited.

Star worked their way into the game as the first half wore on and put the Carradale defence under pressure by forcing a succession of corners.

However the 'Dale defence marshalled by McIlroy were keeping the Star forwards at bay and the sides went in at half time 0-0.

Into the second half and Carradale finally opened the scoring with 20 minutes remaining. A quick free kick was met by a good run from Johnstone who poked the ball past Kalache in goals.

Star did not give up and soon found themselves level when Weir's

Red Star	2
Carradale	2
West of Scotland Cup Second Round	

Red Star Win 4-3 on penalties

corner found its way to the feet of Docherty who finished into the bottom corner to make it 1-1. Neither side could find a winner and the match went into extra time.

Star got themselves in front when Keen sprung the offside trap and got clear of the Carradale defence before finishing well to keep his scoring run going and put Star 2-1 up.

Pressure

Carradale showed their character in the second period of extra time, putting pressure on the Star backline and this told with 10 minutes to go when Johnstone popped up at the back post, after Star failed to clear a cross, and finished well for his second of the afternoon and made it 2-2.

The final 2-2 score forced the dreaded penalty shootout, which after five penalties saw both sides level at 3-3.

It went to sudden death and after Carradale missed their shot Star's youngest player, Lee MacLean scored the winning spot kick and sparked celebrations amongst the Red Star players.

Man of the match went to Robert Docherty for his energetic performance up front, which was capped by a well taken goal.

League

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star return to league action and will be looking for more fireworks as they take on Glencastle Sparta at the Ropework, kick off 2pm.

Under 17s dazzle Dalziel to progress in Scottish cup

Red Star	3
Dalziel	2
Under 17 Scottish Cup	

RED STAR under 17s welcomed Dalziel from the Lanarkshire League to Ropework Park on Saturday for the third round meeting in this year's Scottish Cup.

Both teams performed well in the opening stages but it was Star that would get the first goal. It came when McCulloch, who received the ball from a throw in, took one touch and then let fly from 30 yards. Swerving over the outstretched arms of the keeper, the shot is now an early contender for goal of the season.

After a near miss Hendry went on a run down the right and into the box, where he powered a shot into the net to double the lead.

Into the second half and Hendry had the ball in the net again when he lashed the ball home from a Moore pass. However it was disallowed, the referee judging him to be offside.

Dalziel pulled a goal back when a cross from the right was headed home by the striker. This gave the away side hope

and they surged forward looking for the equaliser. It eventually came when a shot from the edge of the box came through a ruck of players and settled in the back of the net.

The final minutes of the match were frantic as both teams searched for the winning goal. The chaos saw Deans was brought down near the penalty spot as he was about to shoot but the referee waived away the penalty claim, while a goal from Dudding was adjudged offside.

Coates was to prove the match winner when his shot from just inside the penalty box found the corner of the net.

Coach Dougie Moore said: 'We let Dalziel back into the game with some poor defending at set pieces. However we managed to assert ourselves again, creating a number of chances which led to the winning goal.'

The under 17s play Dalziel again tomorrow in a regional cup tie. Kick off is midday at Ropework Park.

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Get on the move to support Mid Argyll Hospital

A LONG time supporter of the chemotherapy service at Mid Argyll Community Hospital is this week organising a Glow in the Dark run and walk to raise money for the cause.

Fiona Corner, who received chemotherapy for breast cancer in early 2011, is hosting the community walk and run on Friday, November 8.

People are invited to don their head torches and glow in the

dark while taking part in a two-mile walk, or three-mile or four-mile run.

The event is not a race but an informal and social fun run, led by jogscotland leaders.

Fee, as she is affectionately known to friends, has already raised a considerable amount of money for cancer charities by matching her love of running with charity challenges.

The Inveraray jogscotland

leader said: 'Mid Argyll Chemotherapy Unit is very close to my heart. I had to travel to Glasgow for my treatment and whilst I received supportive care it would have made things so much easier and more acceptable to have received the necessary support here in the heart of Argyll.'

'I really believe that care should be kept as local as possible and was delighted to

hear of the opening of the unit in Lochgilphead although it was too late for me.'

The fun run will begin at Inveraray Primary School at 6.30pm and will be followed by a whisky raffle, donated by Islay jogscotland, and curry generously provided by The George Hotel.

To register for the event call Fee on 01499302160 or email fiona.corner@icloud.com.

Lochgilthead senior boys win school league title

THE SENIOR boys football team of Lochgilthead High School ran out the winners of the first tournament in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) School League.

The competition, between Lochgilthead High, Campbeltown Grammar, Islay High and Tarbert Academy, took place on Campbeltown's 3G pitch in glorious sunshine last week.

The Lochgilthead boys, from S4 to S6, comfortably won their competition, while Tarbert's senior girls also won their category with a 100 per cent winning record.

Level

Lochgilthead junior boys, S1-S3, team were unfortunate runners up as a strong Campbeltown team pipped them to the title by one goal, after both teams finished level on points.

Lochgilthead senior girls also earned a runners-up spot and the junior girls team, made up mainly of second year pupils, performed admirably to finish in third place.

The next MAKI league tournament takes place in January when Lochgilthead High School hosts the badminton competition.

Olympic coaching boost for Dalriada Dolphins



October swimmers of the month junior Jura Mac-Millan and senior Ruby Bosomworth were awarded their trophies by pool manager Stuart Owen.

MID ARGYLL could be home to future Olympic swimming stars.

That's the hope of Arlene Green, new swimming coach at Mid Argyll Community Pool, who has taken over the coaching of Dalriada Dolphins swim team.

Arlene has returned to Tayvallich after running a successful swimming school in Doha, Qatar, where she coached the country's first and only female swimmer to compete in the Olympics.

She will be using her insight to give Mid Argyll dolphins a competitive edge.

Aimed at competent junior swimmers, from age eight, dolphins receive one hour of swim coaching and training each week and also get free access to all public swimming sessions so they can practise their skills.

Next year Arlene hopes

to develop swimming teams so any competitive dolphins can pit themselves against others at swimming galas. And young swimmers who just want to improve their technique or fitness will also benefit from Arlene's expertise – even if they do not want to compete.

Meanwhile each month two dolphins are named 'swimmer of the month'. A trophy is awarded to one junior and one senior squad member, who have made a big commitment to their training or shown significant improvement.

This month's prize winners are junior Jura MacMillan, from Tayvallich, and senior Ruby Bosomworth from Ormsary.

Dalriada Dolphins train every Thursday - juniors and 5pm and seniors at 6pm. For more information contact Stuart or Kirsty at the pool 01546 606676.



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Young keeper tops incredible season with national award

INVERARAY under 14s' goalkeeper has finished an incredible season by being named the shinty's National Young Player of the Year.

Scott MacLachlan will be presented with the prize for the under 14 category at the Marine Harvest National Shinty

Awards ceremony in Inverness tonight (Friday).

The award recognises the hard work the 15-year-old has done in goal this season, which helped the squad finish the season undefeated.

The teenager was put forward for the award by public nomination

and was chosen as the winner by the Camanachd Association Awards Committee.

Scott, who has been selected for the South of Scotland squad for the last three years, said: 'I'm delighted to have won. It is quite unusual for a goalkeeper to win an award as it is normally strikers that are recognised.'

He added: 'It really is a great way to finish the season, particularly as it is my last season with the under 14 team. We conceded a lot fewer goals this year, which is great.'

'Next season I will play in goals for the second senior Inveraray side and have already played a few matches with them.'

The Lochgilphead High School pupil is currently out on work experience with Euan McMurdo, shinty development officer for Argyll and Bute.

'I have had a great time teaching the children how to play the sport. I first picked up a shinty stick in P5 and I just loved the game,' he said.

'I think I would like to work somewhere in sport in the future or possibly become a fireman. I haven't decided yet.'

Euan, who also plays for the senior Inveraray side, said: 'Scott's achievement will have a significance within the community as it will help with the resurgence in the sport. When young people see success they have more belief they will have it as well.'



Scott MacLachlan, right, will receive his award as National Young Player of the Year at the Marine Harvest National Shinty Awards tonight (Friday). He is pictured with Euan McMurdo, shinty development officer for Argyll and Bute. 06!a44scott01

Scotland team still confident of victory in international

SCOTLAND'S Liam MacDonald reckons the nation's top shinty players can haul back Ireland's advantage tomorrow (Saturday) despite the hurlers having a six point lead from leg one.

The Kilmallie forward was excellent at Croke Park in the first match of the Marine Harvest Shinty/Hurling Series on Saturday, which saw Ireland defeat the Scots 24-18.

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Liam said: 'I felt it was a good result. The goals we lost were mistakes by us and I think that, if we can tighten up in Inverness, we still have a real chance because six points is not a lot in Shinty/Hurling.'

Scotland will welcome Ireland to Inverness' Bught Park for the final game tomorrow.

Scottish Amateur Football League results and fixtures

SATURDAY'S results: Scottish Amateur Cup, 1st round - Tarbert v Yoker, postponed 2nd round - Bearsden 5, Dunoon Athletic 2; 2nd round replays - Independent 2, Oban Saints 8; Campbeltown Pupils 4, Uddingston Anvil 3; West of Scotland Cup, 2nd round - Lochgilphead Red Star 2, Carradale 2. Red Star won the penalty shoot-out 4-3. This Saturday's

FOOTBALL

fixtures: - Scottish Amateur Cup 1st round - Tarbert v Yoker; West of Scotland Cup, 2nd round - Colville Park v Dunoon Athletic; Dunoon v Maryhill Black Sar; Premier Division - Castlemilk v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Paisley; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v Glencastle Sparta

Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery, with numbers 3, 4 and 14 drawn. The jackpot will be £500 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 2, 3 and 15.

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

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