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Tarbert artist who lost eye is set for Paris

'I'm showing a lot in
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A RENOWNED Argyll artist who recently had his eye removed after a DIY accident has set his sights on conquering the Parisian art scene.

Stuart Herd from Tarbert had his left eye removed two weeks ago after he stabbed himself in the eye with a screwdriver whilst building a wardrobe at home in July last year.

The accident caused serious damage to his eye, ripping put the lense. Despite undergoing three operations Stuart's eye did not improve and he was in constant pain.

A decision was made in the last few months to remove it.

But, having thrown himself back into painting only days after the accident, Stuart has gone on to have his work displayed in galleries in England, Corfu, Venice and Lake Garda, and hopes to extend his work to Paris in 2013.

Demand

Explaining the accident has 'not held him back', Stuart said demand for his work as a landscape painter continues to grow.

'It seems to get bigger and bigger every year,' he said. 'I just had a show in Oxford and sent



Stuart paints in his art studio on the quayside in Tarbert and this year opened the Harbour Gallery in the heart of the Loch Fyne village. 06_a46stuart01

work to the Windsor Art Centre, so I'm showing a lot in England as well as 20 galleries in Scotland.

'I am looking to go across to Paris in February or March to have discussions with gallery owners out there and do

a range of French pieces for 2013. I like the European city scenes, the bustle, the detail you get in the buildings - it feels different when you paint them. Part of it is exploring and photographing the area, meeting people, getting into the

culture, meeting gallery owners and hopefully they will show your work.'

Looking to the future Stuart, will receive a glass eye and lose his 'pirate's patch' once and for all.

He said: 'The artificial

eyes are hand painted so from a vanity point of view that's okay.

'Hopefully, as I have been told numerous times, these days you won't be able to tell the difference unless you are told. So no more pirate jokes.'

Lantern parade to be held in Inveraray

THE ROYAL Burgh will become aglow at the end of the month as schoolchildren parade through the streets of Inveraray with lanterns to mark the start of the festive season.

Youngsters from Inveraray Primary will soon begin work to create their own Christmas themed lanterns ahead of the event on November 30.

Inspired by Lochgilphead Lantern Parade, the burgh's Christmas Lights Committee has organised the parade to coincide with the Christmas Light Switch on.

Argyll artist and mastermind behind some of Lochgilphead's jaw-dropping lanterns, Jane Walker, will work with the Inveraray pupils to create a wealth of fun lanterns.

Kicking off at 6.30pm the children will carry their lanterns from The Avenue car park near Semple's Garage, through Main Street to the front green, where the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on.

Jock Munro, who

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Civil servants' war effort recognised

THE LAIRD of Lunga Estate who lost both his father and two grandfathers to world war one and two has attended a special Remembrance Day event at the Scottish Parliament.

Colin Lindsay MacDougall, the grandson of Francis Howard Lindsay, who was killed on the first day of the Somme, attended the event that recognised the contribution civil servants made to the war effort.

The event marked the launch of book *The Scottish Office: Those who fell in the Great War* which features Mr Lindsay, an examiner with the Scotch Education Department, who became a captain and temporary major in the 14th battalion London Scottish.

He is one of many men to feature in the book, written by civil servant Neil MacLennan. It tells the stories of the 85 men listed on four First World War memorials at St Andrew's House, Edinburgh.

Francis was 40-years-

old when he was killed and was survived by his wife, Helen Margaret MacDougall, who lived in South Kensington with their two children, John, five, and Katherine, six months.

John, Colin's father, went on to serve in the Second World War and died. Colin was just four the one and only time he ever saw his father - almost the same age as John when Francis died.

Speaking after the book launch, Mr Lindsay MacDougall said: 'It was nice to have it recorded and nice for my aunt Katherine, who is now 98. Her father and brother were killed in the wars and for my mother who is 100; both her father and husband were killed in the first and second world wars.'

Explaining war affected his family for a very long time, he added: 'It is the tragedy of a whole generation of Scots in two world wars. There were so many Scots around here involved in these wars, we are not unique.'



Members of the Inveraray and District Royal British Legion honour the fallen soldiers at the United Services Monument at Inveraray Caravan Park. 06_a46remembrance10

Mid Argyll falls silent to remember the fallen

PEOPLE across Mid Argyll fell silent on Sunday to pay their respects to those who have fallen in battle.

A massive crowd gathered at Colchester Square in Lochgilphead

as Reverend Hilda Smith, of Lochgilphead Parish Church, led a Remembrance Day service at the town's war memorial.

Councillors, members of Lochgilphead Armed

Forces Association and police officers were among those who laid wreaths during the service. Meanwhile, members of Inveraray and District Branch of the Royal British

Legion paid tribute with a service in the burgh's parish church, followed by a march to the war memorial.

Members also gathered at Argyll Caravan Park by the United Services Monument, where Reverend Louis Bezuidenhout led a service and two minute silence.

The community came out in Ardrishaig to attend a service in the parish church on Sunday and later laid wreaths at their village memorial.

Argyll still free from ash tree disease

AN INITIAL investigation into the spread of ash tree disease Chalara has shown that the rapidly spreading disease has not reached Argyll.

The action Chalara survey, carried out recently by Forestry Commission Scotland, confirmed seven sites in Scotland had been affected by the killer disease.

But the survey, which covered 80,000 kmsq and lasted five days, states five per cent of the sites investigated showed potential symptoms of the disease.

They will now be revisited for further inspection and where necessary samples taken for testing.

The commission is also working to trace the destination of plants sent out from potentially infected nurseries.

Lantern parade

Continued from page 1 recently retired from Inveraray Fire Station after 25 years service, has been awarded the honour of switching on the lights.

Santa will again be flying in for the celebrations and will be speaking to children when he parks his sleigh up on the front green.

Some businesses in the burgh will also be open late on the night to keep local revellers fed, watered and entertained.

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Married recently in the Crichton Memorial Church, Dumfries were Julie McConnachie and Andrew Tyson. Julie is the granddaughter of the late John and Helen McConnachie, Longrow and Nancy and the late Gordon MacPherson, Lorne Campbell Court.

Police files

A DISTURBANCE that broke out in the Oakfield area of Tarbert in the early hours of Friday morning led to a man being charged with possessing a knife.

The 43-year-old was also arrested for a causing a breach of the peace when police were called to the scene at 4am.

☐☐☐ POLICE are investigating an assault on two men in Tarbert in the early hours of last Friday morning.

The men were attacked by another two men on Harbour Street at about 1am. Police are investigating a positive line of enquiry but are also appealing for any witnesses to call 01546 702200.

☐☐☐ TWO MEN have been reported to the procurator fiscal after allegedly causing a disturbance in a Mid Argyll pub.

Police were called to the bar after the men, aged 40 and 42, refused to leave at 1am last Friday.

☐☐☐ A MOBILE phone was stolen from a woman in Tesco, Lochgilphead, at 6pm last Saturday.

The phone was an iPhone 4S with a Leopard Skin coloured case. Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 01546 702200.

☐☐☐ TWO MOTORISTS escaped serious injury after a car crash on the A83 near West Loch Tarbert on Monday.

A lorry and car collided at the West Loch Shores Caravan Park at 11.05am but neither driver was hurt.



Maggie Young with the silver medal she won for her skimming efforts at the inaugural European Stone Skimming Championships at Scharendijke.

Kilmartin's Maggie skims her way to Euro glory

WITH its roots firmly bedded in Argyll, the European Stone Skimming Championships in the Netherlands celebrated its inauguration with a winner from Kilmartin.

Replicating the format of the World Stone Skimming Championships in Easdale, the Dutch event, organised by Coerd de Heer, welcomed participants from across Europe, including Argyll, to Scharendijke, near Rotterdam.

Maggie demonstrated her puddle-pounding pedigree by skimming her way to the woman's silver medal.

Travelling to the event with her partner, Easdale's own master of stones, Donald Melville, the duo took a selection of stones from Eilean Eisdale to officially endorse the event.

Donald, who helped organise the inauguration of the event, said: 'We had a ball and were welcomed like long lost

family by the Dutch who were running the event. They have been over at our event the last two years, eight strong, and joined in on the craic.

'They 'get' the event and run theirs in the same vane of humour as we do. We were delighted to be able to help them by donating some stones - they are in very short supply over there - from the land Eilean Eisdale owns to strengthen the links between the two events.'

Rest and Be Thankful work delayed again

Legal wrangle stalls progress on landslide diversion route

CONTINUED delays to securing the Old Military Road at the Rest and Be Thankful mean a landslide diversion route won't be ready until at least February.

Legal complications over the purchase of the road from a private landlord mean completion of the A83 bypass is now nearly four months behind schedule. Once a deal is agreed, construction is anticipated to take nine weeks.

When he announced the formation of the Task Force comprising government officials and local stakeholders in August, then infrastructure minister Alex Neil said the diversion would be open 'by November at the latest'. But as landslide warning lights were switched on again

on Tuesday, fresh fears were expressed the work will take even longer in the winter weather.

Now members of the Scottish Government's A83 Task Force have warned confidence in its ability is at risk over limited progress and a lack of communication from officials.

Describing Mr Neil's initial statement as 'optimistic', Jane MacLeod, secretary of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said: 'There's been a lot of frustration, although much of the problem is outwith the control of the Task Force or Transport Scotland. There appears to be a lack of communication. I've sent two or three emails about the diversion route since the Task Force's October meeting and didn't find

out anything. I ended up having to phone. They are forgetting to communicate with the Task Force.'

While the second Task Force meeting on October 15 was seen to be positive, no date has yet been set for the November meeting. Jane added: 'If the next meeting is organised quickly and we get good news on the diversion, it will be okay. If it drags on beyond the next meeting we will lose confidence.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland told the *Advertiser* it was hopeful of concluding the deal to purchase the Old Military Road in the near future, adding the delay has allowed extensive survey work to be carried out to aid construction.

Tarbert Youth Group minibus bid

AN ISLAND adventure has inspired a Mid Argyll youth group to raise money for a community minibus.

Youngsters from Tarbert Youth Group, who recently witnessed first hand how a lack of public transport on Islay restricted the activities of its young people, are hoping to get their own minibus to tackle the lack of transport for community groups.

Commenting on the proposal, Heather Bellshaw, project co-ordinator at the youth group, said: 'The bus would make such a huge difference to people in the community and it would be a lifeline for older people so they could go to more events and feel less isolated,' she said. 'The bus would have access for people with disabilities, it really will be for everyone to use.'

With plans still in the early stages, the cost of the mini bus is not yet known but it is hoped money will be raised through grants or fundraising activities.

'We are not sure how much the bus will cost as we have only begun looking into it,' Heather said. 'We have applied to the Santander Community Plus Fund for a grant and are looking into other funding options.'

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Shock as poppy cash is stolen

RESIDENTS in Ardfern have been left disgusted after a Poppy Appeal charity box was stolen from Craignish Parish Church.

The community has been left in disbelief after the box was stolen from the church at some point between Tuesday, November 4 and Remembrance Sunday.

The poppy box, which had around £30 in it, is left in the church unattended in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day for people to make donations.

Parish church elder Chris Phornhill blasted the person who would

stoop so low. 'It's a shame someone would fall so low when the community has supported the fund for years and years,' he said.

'I wish they had knocked on my door and came to me and asked for the money instead.'

Stolen

This is the second time a collection box has been stolen from the church and Mr Phornhill said it would be a shame if the church had to lock its doors.

'We had a theft of a Mary's Meals collection box and it would be with great regret if we could not leave the church

doors open when it's such an important part of the community.

'There has been a long-held tradition that the church is open for people to visit and for people who live locally to have time when they need to.'

Liz MacInally, co-ordinator of the Craignish Church Restoration Appeal Group said it was appalling and absolutely dreadful that someone would steal the collection box.

The theft of the poppy box will deprive the Royal British Legion of vital money, which is used to help those who have fought for the country.

A spokesman for the organisation said: 'We are saddened to hear of the theft of a poppy collecting tin.

'This loss will deprive those in the service and ex-service community and their families of much needed assistance and support from the legion.'



Sandra Robertson with the Duke of Cambridge at St James' Palace. a46s-andra01

Royal seal of approval for Sandra's business skills

A FORMER pupil of Lochgilphead High School was recognised for her work in business and investment when Prince William presented her with a top award.

Sandra Robertson, who was a pupil at the high school in the 1980s, was presented with the 2012 European Industry Leadership Award for her work with investment at the 100 Women in Hedge Fund (100WHF) at a London Gala in St James's Palace.

The 43 year old currently works as the Chief Investment Officer and Chief Executive Officer

of the Oxford University Endowment Management Limited (OUEM) and oversees their financial investments.

Impact

Sandra was recognised by the 100WHF, which promotes investment in charitable organisations, for the impact she has had on the university and the influence she has had on her peers in the investment industry.

Sandra is the daughter of Bruce and the late Sarah Robertson.

Her job takes her around the world and she has little time to return to Lochgilphead

but her father still lives in the town. Talking about his daughter's recent achievement Bruce said: 'I'm really proud of what she has done.'

'She has done so well and it is a fantastic achievement.'

Sandra graduated from Napier University with an Honours Degree in Business Management and then spent 14 years at investment firm Wellcome Trust managing an investment portfolio of £14.5 billion.

Sandra was in Hong Kong as the *Advertiser* went to print so was unavailable for comment.

MSP's praise for work done by Mary's Meals

THE WORK being done by people in Mid Argyll to help the charity Mary's Meals has been praised by an MSP.

Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute's MSP, visited Malawi this week to see the work being done by the charity. Mr Russell said it had been wonderful to see the difference Scottish support had made to the lives of people in Malawi.

Ardrishaig parents organise bring and buy sale

PARENTS at Ardrishaig Toddler Group have organised a bring-and-buy sale which will have an array of toys, clothes, maternity wear and baby equipment on sale.

Jo Bowden and Natalie MacEachern organised the event after a number of parents said it would be a shame to throw out children's items that were in good condition.

They said: 'It's a chance for parents to have a good clearout of items which are still in great condition and for other parents to come along and buy something at half the retail price.'

It is hoped the event, on November 24, will be a massive success and can continue on a more regular basis.

On the day there will be a raffle, which has top prizes from businesses in Lochgilphead, with all the money going to the toddler group.

The sale will be held at the Mid Argyll Youth Centre between 1pm and 3pm.

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To avoid disappointment please book in the branch or on 01631 571444.

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 Date: Wednesday 28th November
 Time: 7.30pm

To avoid disappointment please book in the branch or on 01700 503266.

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Restoration of Lochgilphead's Clock Lodge under review

THE AMOUNT of money needed to restore Lochgilphead's Clock Lodge into a useable space will be known in the coming weeks as specialists are drafted in to survey the building.

A team of architects and surveyors have been employed to assess the condition of the Grade B-listed building and provide costs for the repair and adaptation of the building for a number of potential uses.

Overall options

The assessment is part of an overall options appraisal being carried out by Lochgilphead Phoenix Project and Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust.

It aims to find ways in which the building could be used in the future.

The Phoenix Project, which aims to improve

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Lochgilphead for the people that live and work there, has launched a consultation asking locals what they would like to do with the building.

The survey asks people what services and facilities they feel are lacking in the town and if they know of local organisations that may benefit from using the space in the iconic building.

Malcolm Sinclair, secretary of Lochgilphead Phoenix Project, said the feedback from the community would be collated and a public workshop held to identify the top four most popular options. These options will be passed to the architect team to cost.

'The options appraisal will allow us to establish which options are physically best suited and financially viable for the adaptive reuse of the building,' Mr Sinclair said.

Lain dormant

Lochgilphead Phoenix Project expressed an interest in taking ownership of the Clock Lodge from Argyll and Bute Council last year and it was formally put up for sale in October 2011. Built in the 1830s, the lodge has lain dormant for almost 30 years.

The survey can be downloaded from www.lochgilpheadphoenix.org and <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WHJ53YC>. Completed surveys can be left at the Barber Shop, Lochnell Street and the Lochgilphead Co-op.



A mother and daughter crafts team, known as Liz Lai and Rosebox, sold homemade Christmas gifts at the fair. 06_a46craft01

£1,500 raised at craft market

THE CONGREGATION of Lochgilphead Christ Church is one step closer to repairing Bishopton House after raising £1,500 at a craft market.

Organised by the Christ Church Craft Guild, the Christmas Market showcased the beauty of the Grade B-listed building to local shoppers but highlighted it was in need of £70,000 worth of repairs.

The house, which is attached to the church on Bishopton Road, needs central heating installed, roof repairs and extensive works to the interior of the building.

Alexander Hamilton of Christ Church Vestry said: 'There have been on-going problems with the roof and the interior has just been painted over and over. For it to be habitable it needs a complete refit.

'The whole thing is shabby; it needs more than a spring clean.'

The money raised by the market will go some way to paying for the repairs, whilst the church continues to seek funding from Historic Scotland and other agencies.

Incredible

Commenting on the money raised, Mr Hamilton added: 'It is most incredible, we were delighted. You just fly blind with these things and pray people come. We were astonished with the amount of people that turned up.'

When Bishopton House is repaired it will become home to the new 'priest in charge' – a minister that will be based in Lochgilphead but travel to Campbeltown, Inveraray, Pultalloch and other areas that are without a Christ Church minister at the moment.

Emergency services sent to wrong location

EMERGENCY service vehicles attending a road crash, at which a woman suffered spinal injuries, were delayed after being sent to the wrong location.

The road crash, involving one car, happened at around 10.40am on Monday at Barbreck Farm Shop on the A816.

But the Scottish Ambulance Service, which received the initial call, mobilised an ambulance, police, and fire services to Barbreck Farm Bungalow, in Kilchrenan – the opposite direction of the crash.

The mistake was only realised when a community safety officer for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue passed the crash near Ardfern and phoned the emergency services.

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue mobilised the Ardfern volunteer firefighters – the first on the scene at 11.15am – and appliances from Lochgilphead and Tarbert.

The vehicles that had gone to Kilchrenan arrived on scene one hour late. The 65-year-old casualty was taken to Crosshouse Hospital.

Inveraray residents praise their locum GPs

RESIDENTS in Inveraray have praised the level of service they are currently receiving from their locum GPs.

Last week *The Argyllshire Advertiser* reported the Royal Burgh was struggling to attract a GP to work in the area permanently, as they would be responsible for providing out of hours cover when the surgery is closed.

Garret Corner, chairman of Inveraray Com-

munity Council said: 'We have always maintained that the locums we have had up until now have been great. Hopefully the NHS will continue to provide the same level of cover.'

Confirmed

NHS Highland has confirmed it will continue to provide locum cover, nurse and clerical staff for the Inveraray and Furnace surgeries whilst it reviews the situation.

Fuel duty increase will be 'carefully considered'

THE UK Government will 'carefully consider all submissions' made about its planned increase in fuel duty in the coming weeks, an MP from the treasury has said.

Sajid Javid MP, economic secretary to the treasury, told the Commons this week that all

submissions from stakeholders, including the FairFuelUK campaign, would be heard before the 3p increase is implemented in January.

FairFuelUK has suggested that with oil prices already high a 3p fuel duty increase would be bad for business and jobs.

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Ford wind farm plans

SCOTTISH Power was due to submit a planning application for 22 wind turbines near Loch Avich at Inverliever, Ford this week.

At an open day in Ford Village Hall on Monday, November 18, the company revealed details of the proposed wind farm.

Fiona MacGregor, environmental planning officer with Scottish Power, said it could produce the equivalent of two full time jobs, and possibly work for Vestas, the wind turbine manufacturer, in Campbeltown.

If planning permission is granted, the wind farm will service 17,500 houses. This works by the turbines harvesting wind, which makes electricity.

The electricity is then transferred to a sub station at Loch Nant further up Lochaweside, before being transferred to the National Grid.

Ardrishaig skate park condemned

THE ARDRISHAIG skate park was taken away this week after it was condemned by insurers.

The park at the old Shell Garage site was extremely popular with young people, and two Ardrishaig adults have contacted the *Advertiser* to say they are disappointed to see it go.

Robert Fowler said: 'It was one of the only things that was left in Ardrishaig. I hope the council will do something positive to replace this for these boys.'

'They did it on their own to get something done. It saddens me to see it go.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



The first snow of winter had settled on the tops of the hills above Crianlarich, and we had the feeling it wouldn't be the last.

I sometimes have the privilege of leading worship at Dalmally, St Conan's, Bridge of Orchy and Crianlarich and what a delight that is.

These lovely wee churches are nestled amidst some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland, and this autumn the colours are sensational.

Even in the rain, driving through Glen Orchy was a delight. The trees cascaded red and orange and the hills seemed ablaze with their carpet of gold.

It is quite a tight schedule to get from one church to the other on time, especially when each welcome is so warm and the coffee tastes so good after the service.

However, no one minds if there are few moments adrift and worship has really begun already in the fellowship within.

I looked at the hills again as we drove from Dalmally to Crianlarich and as I noticed the pockets of snow in the gullies I thought of all the pockets of Christians gathered throughout our land.

I thought of all the wee churches scattered throughout the country where the faithful come together as they have done for centuries to worship their God.

I love the variety and diversity within them, and I smiled when I heard the sounds of the accordion as Alistair led the singing at Crianlarich.

I also loved the fact that it's the local policeman who brings the water up the hill for the tea and coffee served after worship.

I thought of the lovely country roads that connect these wee churches and of their own minister who looks after the folks in hill and glen, and I prayed that these wee churches would last, and unlike the snow in the gullies, would not melt away.



THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by K.Mair from Tarbert. The picture is of the prefabricated affordable housing on School Road in Tarbert. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

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Lanterns@10

Sir,
Once again the Lanterns@10 Committee would like to thank all those who made this year's workshops and parade a great success. And once again thank you to whoever got the rain to stop at 6pm on the night.

The committee is always amazed at the number of people who agree to give their time and services for free to help us stage this fantastic event. Special thanks this year go to our funders, Creative Scotland, Infinis and Argyll and Bute Council; to local businesses – The Square Peg, Danny's, Dalriada Signs, Jewsons and the Co-op; to our drivers – Robert Kilgour and Keith Rowe; to the High School teachers and students; the Scouts and Cubs; the Army Cadets; Red Cross; nurseries and after school clubs and all the staff at the community centre.

Congratulations to the SNH Snapberry project who produced a wonderful display and to the Mid Argyll Round Ta-

ble for a great bonfire and fireworks display yet again. And finally thanks to Kirsty Brady, Jane Walker and their great team of artists who inspire us all every year.
The Lanterns@10 Committee, Lochgilphead, By email.

Christmas Market thanks

Sir,
May we use your columns to express our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed items for the Christmas Market at Christ Church on Saturday, November 10.

We were particularly moved by the generosity of local business people in these financially difficult times.

The event was a huge success, raising nearly £1,500 for the Church restoration fund.

We would also like to thank the hundreds of people who came and enjoyed the event, and the opportunity to see round the church and the rectory.

We extend a warm

welcome to all who would like to come to weekly services in the 'church behind the wall' at 11am every Sunday, and please note our Christmas Eve service is at 11.30 pm and our special Christmas Day anthology of readings and carols will be at 11 am.
Alexander Hamilton, Christ Church Vestry, Christ Church Episcopal Church, Bishopton Rd, Lochgilphead.

Rest and Be Thankful saga continues

Sir,
Work on the emergency relief road at the Rest & Be Thankful has been stopped for weeks. It's now obvious that this work won't be completed this winter and another landslide will force drivers to take the long detour via Crianlarich.

The SNP Government originally promised this road would be open last summer, then it was to be November, now they won't even give us an estimate of the date.

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HOW MANY more times will the Scottish Government delay its promise to build a diversion route on the A83 to carry traffic when landslides close the Rest and Be Thankful?



The government said the diversion along the Old Military Road would be complete by November. It is November 16 and work on the road has not even started.

Mid Argyll people will be questioning the integrity of the transport minister as yet another deadline passes without result.

If Transport Minister Keith Brown and Transport Scotland feel there is uncertainty about the project shouldn't they tell us? Or do they think it wise to tell people what they want to hear without regard for the inevitable disappointment in a few months time?

As the winter continues the chance of yet another landslide at the Rest increases. Every downpour of rain ignites worry in the minds of local businesses that their vital transport route will close once again.

Meet your own deadlines, Mr Brown, and Fix the Rest!

I have written yet again to the SNP Government urging speedy completion of the work.

I can assure your readers that I will keep up the pressure on the SNP for work to be completed quickly on the emergency relief road.
Alan Reid MP, 95 Alexandra Parade, Dunoon.

Make a Difference Day

Sir,
It is such an honour to say thank you to the tens-of-thousands of people in the UK who took part in this year's CSV Make a Difference Day at the end of October.

Although we are still doing the number crunching, it looks like we have beaten the 70,000 who took part last year to strengthen communities and share their skills and passions to benefit others.

Activities were both large and small from litter picking parks, riv-

ers and streets and talking about sexual health to young people through to the world's biggest magic show and packing shoeboxes filled with presents for children.

Elsewhere more than 100 MPs and MSPs showed support, many inspiring volunteers in their own constituencies or volunteering at local charity shops.

If you have caught the volunteering bug and want to continue benefiting others then there are lots of other ideas for people of all ages to volunteer all year round at www.csv.org.uk/difference. Hopefully we will be welcoming you to the 18th Make a Difference Day next year.

Pete Waterman, CSV Make a Difference Day, 237 Pentonville Road, London.

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Pollphail sits on the picturesque Cowal Peninsula, across from Tarbert.

Regeneration plans for Argyll's 'ghost village'

REPORT BY EDEL KENEALY
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A DISTILLERY, brewery and residential development are amongst plans to regenerate Argyll's 'ghost village', its new owners have confirmed.

Portavadie Forestry Limited bought Pollphail village, which has lain derelict for the last 35 years, for more than £250,000 last week.

The business, a sister company of Argyll Forest Products Ltd, hopes to revive the 25-acre site with a micro distillery or brewery, visitor centre and housing.

Speaking to the Advertiser this week, Alan Pryde, manager of the Pollphail Project, said the initial focus would be on business, with the residential development to follow.

Mr Pryde said the company would seek to create its own alcohol brand and capitalise on the growth in the Scottish food and drink industry.

Very bright

'My employer Sandy Bulloch is a director with Loch Lomond Distillery,' Mr Pryde said. 'The alcohol industry worldwide at the moment is excellent. The future is very bright and

obviously with Sandy's experience it is the perfect industry for us to be in.'

With architects currently drawing up a masterplan for the site, Mr Pryde said it would be available for the public to view as part of the planning process.

'There has been a lot of speculation about what we are doing but nothing has been set in stone,' Mr Pryde said. 'We have ideas that we want to achieve and I think the local community will be behind us.'

'This has been a long time coming, Pollphail has been in a complete state of disrepair for 35

years. I would expect and hope they would be behind us given that we will take an eyesore away and create employment. It will also help put Portavadie on the map as the marina has done.'

Oil industry

Widely referred to as the 'ghost village', Pollphail was built 1970 to house workers due to work at the nearby construction site, building concrete platforms for the oil industry.

However the oil industry sought steel structures and the site was abandoned. The Pollphail houses were never occupied.

Youngsters in the swim

YOUNGSTERS from Tarbert Youth Group were hoping to make a splash in the pool as they did a sponsored swim to raise money for charity, as *The Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press on Thursday.

Ten young people from the youth group were to swim as far as they could to raise money for Children In Need as a way of saying thank you to the charity, which has done so much for them in the past.

Speaking before the challenge, Heather Bellshaw, project co-ordinator at the

youth group, said: 'The charity has helped us so many times in the past so we decided to give back, the children enjoy swimming and are looking forward to it.'

Challenge

Heather will also be in the pool and planned to swim a mile. Confident of completing the challenge, Heather said she has put in a lot of training.

Anyone who would like to sponsor the youth group can find sponsor forms in businesses around Tarbert and Lochgilphead.

Rural skills summit in Oban

A NATIONAL summit in Oban on rural skills and youth employment this week heard a hand-in-hand approach between business and local authority will help drive the local economy.

Rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead said the example set by the Chambers of Commerce in Moray, following news of RAF closures, to drive development and recruitment should be used as a template for economic recovery.

Youth employment minister, Angela Constance, meanwhile, said local government procurement reform will mean more money spent in their region, helping preserve local jobs and develop training programmes.

Online survey

AN ENERGY provider is inviting customers and stakeholders to share their views on how the business is run over the next decade.

Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSEPD) is asking customers and stakeholders to fill in an online survey before November 16.

Lochgilphead minister retires

A MINISTER who has said it was a privilege to serve the Lord has retired after more than 11 years service in Mid Argyll.

Reverend Donald Morrison retired from the Lochgilphead Free Church last week after joining the church in January 2001.

Great experience

Speaking about his time serving the Lochgilphead community Rev Morrison said it was a great experience serving in the town.

He said: 'I have been asked into people's homes and have been able to speak free-

ly about the gospel, but the greatest privilege of all was serving the Lord and preaching about Christ.'

To mark his retirement, the congregation presented the minister with a Jolomo print, which featured Lochgilphead Free Church, whilst his wife Margaret was given a willow basket, handmade by Jane Allan.

Now the minister has retired he hopes to move back to Inverness with his wife where they lived for many years.

He added: 'I hope to still get used by the church there as well.'



Reverend Donald Morrison, who has retired from Lochgilphead Free Church, and his wife Margaret. a45_church01



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Eirich concert sells out

A CEILIDH rock band marked their official launch by performing a sold-out concert that paid tribute to Tarbert man Bill Murdoch.

Eirich had the crowd up dancing as they performed a host of traditional Scots songs with a twist of rock at the

gig in the Anchor Hotel, Tarbert.

Band members David Hunt, Michael Sheridan, Arthur Cross and Alan Brown organised the evening as a way of saying thank you to Bill, who they credit with helping develop the band and its music.

Bill, who passed away suddenly last year, was a renowned actor, appearing in *Taggart* and blockbuster *Braveheart*, but was always passionate about music.

Supported

More than £500 was raised at the gig for the Anthony Nolan Trust, a

charity Bill supported over the years.

David Hunt, who founded Eirich, said everyone had a great night.

'This was the type of night Bill would have loved,' he said, 'Caroline, Bill's wife, was there and she said he would have enjoyed it. I hope he was looking down and saw what a great night we had.'

'Caroline has been a great support and we could not have done it without her encouragement,' he added.

Bookings

The band hopes the charity gig will be the first of many performances, with bookings to perform at other events already coming in.

David said: 'I'm really optimistic about our future and want to say thank you to everyone who has supported us.'



Eirich band members Alan Brown, Arthur Cross, David Hunt and Michael Sheridan mark their official launch at a sold out gig in Tarbert.

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Anne, Robert and Erin McGlynn, Jacqui and Niamh Middleton, and Lynn and Cameron Garrett visit the Blue Dot Shop to view all the work created as part of the Colouring Ardrishaig project. 06_a46artmap01

Colouring Ardrishaig exhibition

AN ART workshop where people can 'be creative' and learn more about art should become a permanent feature in Ardrishaig, Mid Argyll residents have said.

Speaking at the Colouring Ardrishaig exhibition, which showcased public art made with the assistance of four Artmap Argyll artists, locals said they would like to take part in more art workshops.

The exhibition, which took place in the Blue Dot Shop on Chalmers Street over the weekend, is part of the Colouring Ardrishaig initiative, which

aims to brighten up the village with public art.

Now the people who took part in the project would like a permanent art outlet in the village.

'Mess space'

Sian MacQueen, one of four Artmap Argyll artists involved in the project, said people would like a 'mess space'.

'People want somewhere they can come have some fun and be creative,' Sian said. 'It would be somewhere they could enjoy when the weather is bad. They would like to see it run by artists so they can learn as well.'

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Snapberry Project

THEY SAY beauty is in the eye of the beholder and at Lochgilphead High School it was clear to see when pupils involved in the Snapberry project put their work on display.

After the successful projection of their images into the town as part of the lantern parade, the students held a smaller exhibit in the high school on Monday night.

Now, in its fourth year the Snapberry project has gone from strength to strength and one of the highlights of this year's project was the addition of the student's

voices on the main display.

Caroline Anderson of Scottish Natural Heritage works with the students throughout the year and said the adding the pupils' voices was a natural progression for the project.

She said: 'I personally think it worked really well and the addition of sound really helped lift the whole display.'

Fourteen year-old Ellie Donald and Morgan Curtis, said the project had been a fantastic experience and seeing their work on Saturday night made it all seem worthwhile.

Ellie said: 'I feel quite proud though it was slightly embarrassing to physically see the pictures on the wall but it was good seeing all our work.'

Morgan added: 'It has been a great experience and has put things into a different perspective I am going to carry my camera with me all the time.'



Photographers Ellie Donald and Morgan Curtis with one the pictures taken as part of the Snapberry project. 06_a45snapberry01

Bird's-eye view of Inveraray

CHILDREN from Inveraray Primary School have contributed to a major national exhibi-

tion of aerial photography which opened recently in Glasgow.

Above Scotland is

a new exhibition that gives people a unique bird's-eye view of Scotland through stunning aerial photography.

Created by Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS) in partnership with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, the exhibition saw the youngsters put their mark on Inveraray's front green.

Working with the A+DS Education team on the project, pupils at the school were shown aerial views of the Loch Fyne burgh and encouraged to dream up a way of 'making their mark'.

Inspired by their surroundings the pupils used fabric to create images that reflected the life and times of the area including shinty sticks, birds and Inveraray Castle.

The images were captured on film and now form a central part of the exhibition on display at the Lighthouse in Glasgow.

The cross-curricular workshop, facilitated by the A+DS education team, targeted curriculum for excellence outcomes in language, expressive arts, social studies and technologies.



Inveraray Primary School students used material to inscribe the name of the school on to the front green alongside other images that reflect life in the Royal Burgh.

Heron Valley at Cairndow

UP AND coming band Heron Valley will perform in Cairndow tomorrow (Saturday) evening as the village hosts a ceilidh for charity.

The band - brother and sister Alex and Arlene MacKechnie, Iain Wilson and Euan MacNab - will play a lively set of traditional Scots music at the ceilidh, organised

to raise funds for Cairndow Community Child-care.

The foursome, with an average age of 15, can play a wealth of instruments, with Alex on accordion, fiddle and guitar, Arlene keyboard and accordion, Iain small pipes and cajon drum and Euan the guitar and banjo.

All musicians in their

own right, the MacKechnie siblings have won a number of awards at the Mid Argyll Music Festival, with Arlene named the overall winner in 2010.

The ceilidh at Cairndow Village Hall begins at 7.30pm. All proceeds from the event will help pay the running costs of the lifeline childcare centre.

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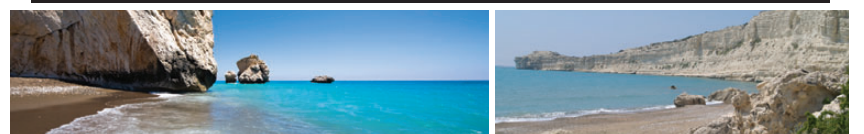
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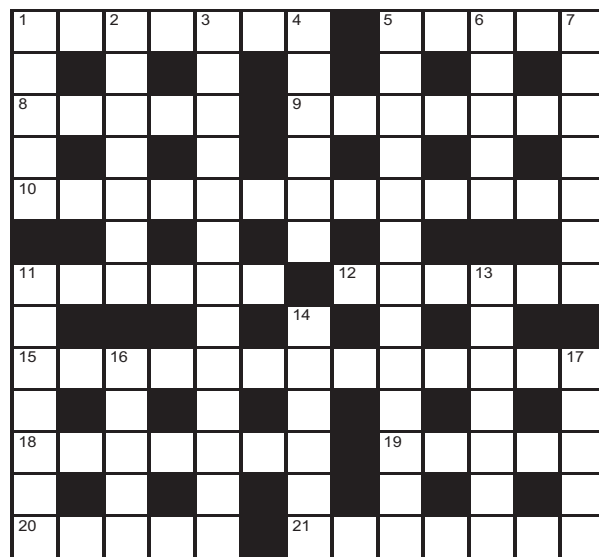
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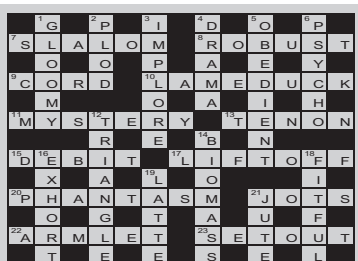
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INSIGHTS into the genetic code of pigs that reveal how the species evolved could improve the health of animals and humans in future.

Researchers compared the genome or genetic make-up of domestic pigs with those of wild boars – from which domestic pigs are descended.

The scientists identified about 21,000 genes in the pig genome and compared these genes to their counterparts in people, mice, dogs, horses and cows.

These comparisons revealed that the immune response genes associated with fighting infection are evolving rapidly. Their findings also revealed several instances where pig genes resembled a human gene associated with disease, such as diabetes, obesity and Alzheimer's. These discoveries extend the potential of pigs to shed light on human diseases.

The study, published in the journal *Nature*, was led by scientists at The Roslin Institute at the University of Edinburgh and the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Wageningen University and the University of Illinois.

Professor Alan

Archibald, of The Roslin Institute at the University of Edinburgh, said: 'Pork is the most popular of all meats to eat and with a growing

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ARDRISHAIG

Craft club's annual sale

PEOPLE looking to buy a special Christmas gift can pop along to the Ardrishaig Craft Club's annual sale on November 24.

The 20 members have been making various crafts over the past year and will be selling their work at Ardrishaig North Hall.

Tea, cakes and coffee will also be on sale, between 10am and 2pm, with all the money made on the day donated to various charities across Mid Argyll.

PORTAVADIE

Marina hosts charity dinner and auction

FIZZ and canapés will be greeting people at Portavadie Marina when it hosts a charity dinner dance and auction on November 24.

Fishing trips, a three night stay a marina apartment and a 1985 BMW 320i Baur convertible are all up for grabs. All the money made on the night will be donated to the RNLI.

The night starts at 7pm with tables of up to 10 people available.

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Tarbert SWRI members June Macintyre, president Betty Rinpoul, Iris Kerr and Janette Macpherson celebrate the institute's 85th anniversary on Monday. 06_a46swri01

SWRI celebrates 85 years

AFTERNOON tea was being served up this week to celebrate Tarbert SWRI's 85th anniversary.

The 11 members celebrated the milestone with afternoon tea in the Templars Hall with members of other SWRI groups, the federation and Mid Argyll Group.

Betty Rinpoul, president of the Tarbert

TARBERT

SWRI, said it was a fantastic achievement.

'We are really proud we are celebrating 85 years, particularly when so many big SWRIs are closing down,' she said.

'I think the key to our success is the support we have received from the community.'

The institute hopes to celebrate many more anniversaries and is keen for new members to join to ensure its success. Betty, who has been a member for nine years, added: 'We would really like more people in the area to join.'

'It really is a fantastic instite and everybody can join. There are no age restrictions.'

Soup group treated to lunch

TARBERT Music Centre said thanks this week to the ladies of the Tarbert Soup Group by providing them with a musical lunch courtesy of fiddle student Struan West.

The ladies had very kindly made a donation to music centre and rather than send a thank you card the centre decided to show their appreciation in the best way they could.

The ladies all enjoyed



The ladies of Tarbert Soup Group listen to a special performance by fiddle player Struan West of Tarbert Music Centre.

the musical accompaniment, which brightened up a dreary November Monday.

Tarbert Music Centre

would also like to thank Tarbert Youth Group, which donated the proceeds of this year's fireworks display to them.

INVERARAY

PEOPLE are being invited to put on their dancing shoes tomorrow night as the Inveraray and District Branch of the Royal British Legion lays on a buffet and entertainment.

The night kicks off at 8pm with Dennys Docherty providing the music.

Runners glowed in the dark in Inveraray last Friday as the local running club invited friends and neighbours to don their fluorescent clothing and get running for charity.

Hosting a Glow in the Dark event, Invera-



People of all ages took part in a fundraising run for the chemotherapy service at Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

ray JogScotland invited people to don headlamps and bright clothes to run around the Royal Burgh in the dark, raising cash for the chemotherapy service at Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Runners circumnavigated the Royal Burgh whilst walkers did a fantastic job on their two-mile route, raising spirits and donations as they rattled collection buckets. The group was joined by club mem-

bers from Islay, Tarbert, Ormsary and Mid Argyll, as well as members of the local community.

After the exercise came soup, cake and chat at the primary school.

Event organiser Fee Corner said: 'We would like to thank all the participants with their culinary and monetary donations, the run/walk leaders, sweepers, the good folk in the pubs who donated generously and those who stayed behind to serve the soup and cakes. Special thanks to Jacquie Patrick and Inveraray Primary School. More than £325 was raised.'

Cadets in the swim for new club

CRAIGNISH Boat Club (CBC) cadets took part in a sponsored swim at Mid Argyll Swimming Pool to help raise funds for their new boat club site.

Twenty cadets, aged six to 16, took to the water and swam an astonishing 1,324 lengths of the pool, an impressive 16 miles.

So far they have raised more than £1,300, with more sponsorship to come, which will go towards getting a permanent home for the boat club. For the past

CRAIGNISH



Cadets from Craignish Boat Club take to the water in a sponsored swim.

three years the club has been at temporary sites and it is hoped in the near future they will have a secure home at Eilean Traighte.

It is thought the project will cost an estimated

£128,916 and the money raised by the cadets puts them one step closer to the target. The next fundraiser - a family ceilidh and silent auction of art - will be held on November 23.

FORD

JEWELLERY, handmade soaps and bath oils, woodcarvings, luxury homemade Christmas cakes and puddings, jams and chutneys can all be enjoyed at the Annual Craft Fair in Ford Village hall.

There will also be a tombola with

lots of prizes and all the money raised will be shared between the SWRI and Ford Village hall.

Tea, coffee and other refreshments will be on sale, between 11am and 3pm, with all the money made being donated to Mary's Meals.

WYVEX MEDIA

Photo of the Year competition

AMATEUR photographers across the West Highlands and Islands are being urged to get snapping with the launch of Wyvex Media's Photo of the Year competition.

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Each week, we'll run a selection of the best photographs and even if you're not taking part, you can vote for your favourite.

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Apprentice Josh Parr carrying out some work at the Dalaraun Street redevelopment. 20_c-61app02

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

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IT IS promising to see that Kintyre and Mid Argyll are doing well as a number of local companies have taken on apprentices to work with them. Over the last six months three large companies have taken on a total of nine young, local people.

Each of the companies has found that the applicants have been strong and keen to get into the industry.

MacLeod's Construction, McKinven and Colville and Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited have all been given contracts recently allowing them to be more confident for the future and give young people key opportunities.

The renowned businesses have been working hard to implement the apprenticeship schemes, with the applicants going through a rigorous interview process.

Left to right: Muirto Macleod, Director Macleod Construction Ltd; Roddy McAllister, apprentice bricklayer; Jamie Cameron, trainee scaffolder; James Speed, trainee groundworker; Calum Wishart, apprentice joiner; and Alistair MacGregor, ACHA chief executive at the Park Square redevelopment in Campbelltown. 20_c-51app01



McKinven and Colville

TAKING on two apprentices has been a key move for Campbelltown-based McKinven and Colville. The company was recently awarded the £1million contract to refurbish and remodel a terraced block of flats at Dalaraun Street, Campbelltown.

This allocation of the contract by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has helped to give directors Barry Colville and Callum McKinven the confidence to take on two young boys through the Modern Apprenticeship schemes.

Barry explained they took on Josh Parr, 17, and Craig McKillop, 18, as an electrician and joiner, respectively, through the apprenticeship scheme.

Craig is training through Construction Skills with the aim of achieving a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) level three in joinery. He attends Argyll College in Lochgilphead.

Josh is carrying out his apprenticeship to become a qualified electrician through The Scottish Electrical Charitable Training Trust (SECTT) and is aiming also for an SVQ level three, however Josh must go to Reid Kerr College near Glasgow. Both apprenticeships are for four years.

In response to the company advertising for the two apprentice posts, they had 42 applications, which was then reduced to eight suitable applicants for interviews.

'I got the feeling everyone was doing their best in the interviews,' said Barry. 'It was really pleasing to see.'

There is around 30 staff at McKinven and Colville, which has expanded in recent years since the take over of McEachran and Robertson and Archie Smith Electrical.

'Josh and Craig started in the middle of June with the company and started attending college in August; it is quite an intense training programme,' explained Barry.

He said they got grant assistance from Construction Skills and the SECTT, which has helped to make the posts financially viable.

Chief executive of ACHA, Alistair MacGregor said they are delighted that McKinven and Colville has taken on two apprentices on the basis of the contract at Dalaraun with ACHA.

'Housing investment is more than bricks and mortar, it is about people, training and communities,' said Mr MacGregor.

M&K MacLeod Ltd

WITH A strong reputation for training its staff to a high standard, Macleods Construction recognises the importance of taking on local people.

Ten per cent of the Lochgilphead firm's workforce is currently going through training. The company, founded as M&K MacLeod Ltd in 1975, currently has projects across Argyll and Bute.

It was awarded the Argyll Community Housing



Apprentices Alan McCormick and Callum Craig. 20_c-61wind2

Callum will be going through a four-year welding apprenticeship whereas Alan will be training to become a qualified electrician.

The Modern Apprenticeship scheme is through Anniesland College, with WTSL working closely with Argyll College.

Earlier this year Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) became the majority shareholder in WTSL, and David explained this gave the management team impetus to take on the apprentices.

'As a management team when the company formed as WTSL, we wanted to get into a position to hire apprentices,' explained David. Human resources administrator Ian Docherty said they had help from SSE and Job Centre Plus during the whole process.

'We interviewed eight people in total,' said Ian. 'They were put through a round of psychometric tests in conjunction with SSE.'

'We had good candidates, we were very impressed with them. The psychometric testing can be very difficult but all the candidates took to it no problem and scored well in it.'

David said the books are now full until summer next year. 'We would like to thank everybody who applied and showed interest in the posts as well as the Job Centre and SSE for their support,' said David.

'If it hadn't been for them we wouldn't have been able to get the posts up and running so quickly.'

Association's (ACHA) contract for the redevelopment of Park Square, Campbelltown last year.

The £5.2million development has allowed MacLeods to take on five new apprentices as well as helping to make jobs secure in the company.

'It is important that we balance the way we train our staff,' explained Ian Macaskill, contracts manager for MacLeods.

'We have a variety of different jobs including joiners and bricklayers, who are currently going through training.'

'We try to get our workforce to progress and give them something to work towards.'

He said developments like Park Square are responsible for the apprentices being taken on and for further recruitment within the company.

There are currently around 20 staff working for MacLeods on the Park Square site, with five of these currently going through apprenticeships. 'Our aim is to train and develop our employee's skills,' said Ian. 'We want to give them the skills that will allow them to go into the world of work.'

Iain explained they work closely with Argyll College providing placements on site for some of their students.

'For the Access to Construction course, the students have three days in college and then do two days on placement with us for six months,' said Iain.

'This also allows us to decide whether or not they will be good candidates for jobs. We have employed people from this in the past.'

'We are able to work closely with Argyll College's Lochgilphead campus which means we don't need to send them away to Glasgow to study.'

'Taking on local people is a priority for MacLeods Construction. By taking on local people to train, it means they are more likely to stay in the local area, with the company benefiting in the long run.'

'We have found there has been a lot of redundant apprentices who have been paid off by some companies half way through their apprenticeships. We have helped and taken them on,' explained Iain.

Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd

IT IS A promising sight at Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited (WTSL) - two apprentices have just been taken on and the order books are full until summer next year.

This is the first time WTSL has had any apprentices on offer, with plans for a third person to be taken on in the coming months.

Head of business development at WTSL David Steele reassured The Courier and Advertiser this week they are trying to push ahead with new contracts, with three in the pipeline.

Two local boys took up apprenticeships this week at the factory based at Machrihanish, Kintyre. Callum Craig, 18 from Peninver and Alan McCormick, 18, of Campbelltown, were two of the 13 applicants who applied for the posts.

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Apprentices Josh Parr and Craig McKillop with Barry Colville, director of McKinven and Colville. 20_c-61app01

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QUEUES snaked around Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday afternoon as local families lined up to see Lochgilphead Drama Club's pantomime *The Magic Well at the World's End* at

the World's End. With a sell-out matinee on Saturday the audience was asked to come back for the final evening performance, whilst the Friday night

show also played to a jam-packed hall.

The 19th annual pantomime performed by the drama club, *The Magic Well at the World's End*, entertained young and old when it was performed at three shows over the weekend.

Cloottie

Written by the drama club's Jim Morrison, the panto was staged in the ancient land of Cloottie and followed the journey of two princesses in search of life-saving water from the Well at the World's End to save their mother, poisoned by evil villains.

Following princesses Verity and Veracity trudging through the

dark forest of Bleakwood, fending off goblins, the youngsters shouted 'he's behind you', in typical panto style.

More audience participation was required when children were asked to help keep Queen Brillianteen the Bright's royal courtier awake. Helping to stop the most hard working royal herald in all the land from falling asleep members of the audience splashed him with water as he nodded off.

The first time on stage for many of the young people in the show, the panto received great acclaim over the three performances.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* after the show, Jim said: 'Forty people, of all ages, produced this show. Many supported in other ways especially the Book Shop by selling all those tickets. Audiences roared their approval at each performance, especially at the matinee, and made this year's pantomime so



The young cast members impressed with their performances. 06_a46panto06



Joe Redman as Prince Bonnyparts with Christopher Fairman, who played the prime minister in *The Magic Well at the World's End*. 06_a46panto02



Wicked witch Amanda Fern, Duke of Odium Trevor Cole and Lord Vile Jim Innes had the audience roaring with laughter. 06_a46panto05

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Traffic to the trial's website has boosted in the last few days after it was mentioned on the BBC's Autumnwatch programme and a link to the SBT website was added to the Autumnwatch web page.

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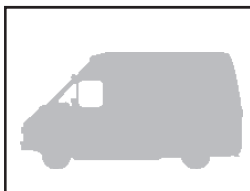


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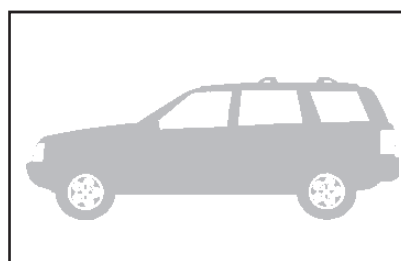
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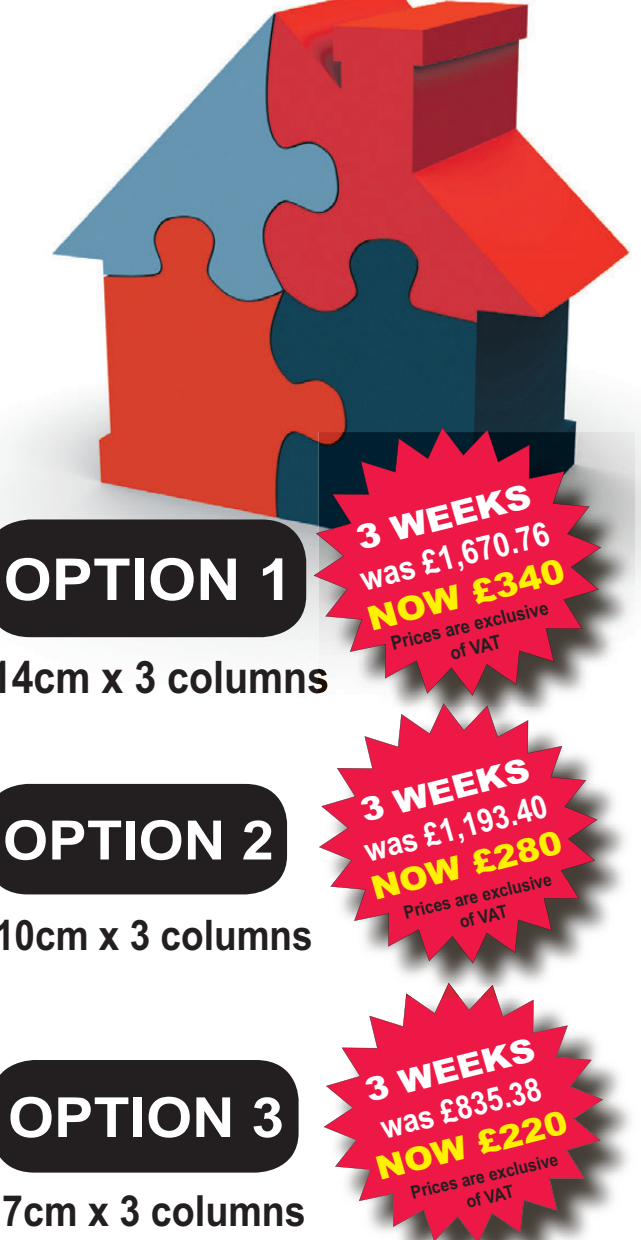


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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone' (Romans 12:18).

BIRTHS



CARR – DOYLE

David and Lauren would like to announce the safe arrival of Aoife Rose, on October 25, 2012. First granddaughter for Barbara, Campbeltown and Lynne and Andy, Glasgow. Both families delighted.

ENGAGEMENTS



REID – THOMPSON

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Alan and Helen. Alan is the youngest son of John and Pamela Reid, Lochgilphead and Helen is the eldest daughter of Steve and Joan Thompson of Warrington.

DEATHS

HENDERSON – Mrs Margaret (known as Marjorie) Henderson died peacefully at her home in Furnace, on November 10, 2012, at the age of 97. Marjorie is the widow of the Reverend A V Henderson and the mother of Lynda and Andrea. Her funeral service will be held in Furnace Village Hall at 11.00am on Monday, November 19. Family flowers only. Everyone wishing to attend will be very welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall.

HOLLINGSWORTH – Suddenly at home, 3 St Andrews Square, Campbeltown, on November 2, 2012, Catherine Hollingsworth (Reenee), in her 67th year, much loved daughter of the late Alfred and Molly Hollingsworth and a loving aunt and friend.

LOVE – Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on November 10, 2012, in his 80th year, Robert, (Bob), beloved husband of Anne Campbell, Ballygown Farm, Oban and Aucharua Cottage, Southend, Campbeltown, much loved father of Elizabeth and father-in-law of David, devoted grandpa of Ruairi and Emma and brother of Janet, Willie and the late Jimmy. Will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service will take place at The Church of Scotland, Glencruitten Road, Oban, on Monday, November 19, at 1.30 p.m. All family

and friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only. Retiral collection/donations will be taken for Ward 'B', Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban and Southend Surgery.

MCCALLUM – Peacefully at her home, 5 Riochan, Inveraray, on November 11, 2012, Isabella (Isabel) McCallum, aged 90 years, beloved daughter of the late John and Margaret (Meg) McCallum, and loving sister of the late Archibald. A dear cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held today, Friday, November 16, at Inveraray Parish Church at 12 noon, thereafter to Glenshira Cemetery.

MCCONNACHIE – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 10, 2012, Walter McConnachie, in his 77th year, Springwell, Torrisdale, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Nancy MacAlpine, much loved father of Karen, Florence and John and dear papa of Gregor and Ciara.

MCQUARRIE – On November 8, 2012, peacefully at the Beatson Centre, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow, Rhoda, aged 51 years, beloved daughter of Donnie and Marjorie, dearly loved sister of Donna, loving girlfriend of Peter and a much loved cousin, niece and friend to many. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on November 15, followed by a cremation service at Cardross Crematorium.

SMITH – Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on November 7, 2012, Gladys Mary Taylor, in her 81st year, formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Leslie Smith, much loved mother of Pam and Libby, mother-in-law of Jim and Gordon and a loving grandma and geegee. Service in Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 1.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

STONE – Peacefully, at Crosshill Hospital, Kilmarnock, on November 7, 2012, after a long illness, fought with great courage and dignity, Major John McLellan Stone (Rolc), eldest son of the late Tommy and Catherine Stone (née McLellan), formerly of 92 Roading, Campbeltown, dearly loved husband of Lynne, a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a great friend to many.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FERGUSON – A memorial service for the late Allison Barbara Douglas Ferguson, formerly of Royal Mews, Ardrishaig, will take place at Christ Church, Lochgilphead, (tomorrow) Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 11.00am. All friends are respectfully invited.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ARKELL – Maggie and family would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the passing of Alex (Eck). A special thanks to Dr Lazarus and all the staff at Acute Ward, Campbeltown, the Rev Burroughs for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements and to the Argyll Hotel for the excellent purvey. Thanks to everyone who attended the church and graveside. A retiral collection in aid of the Acute Ward raised £420.63.

KERR – Janet. The family of the late Janet Kerr wish to thank all who attended the funeral of Janet and sent kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers on their sad loss. Grateful thanks to all home and hospital carers, during her long incapacity and illness. Thanks to the Rev Hilda Smith for conducting the service celebrating Janet's life and paying tribute to her selfless loving care and devotion to all her family. Thanks also to funeral directors D MacDonald and staff and to the registrar, Lorna Wilson, for their helpful assistance during a difficult time. All donations to The British Heart Foundation were greatly appreciated. An interment of ashes will take place at Achinbreac Cemetery, on Saturday, November 17, 2012, at 10.30am. All friends and family are respectfully invited to attend.

MITCHELL – Jessie and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind sympathy and support after their sad loss of Bill. Special thanks to Dr Elder and all at Carradale Surgery, Campbeltown Hospital nurses, Jackie McGougan, Kitty Millar and Matthew Ramsay for a very comforting service celebrating the life of Bill. Thanks also to the Carradale Hotel for catering and to all who paid their respects at church and graveside.

MURRAY – Don and the family of the late Gwen Murray, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received and for the wonderful support. Special thanks to Macmillan nurses and district nurses, Diane and Sarah, for the kind care and attention received and to Pascal and Jackie for all their kindness. Thanks to Rev Tommy Bryson for his services at Cardross Crematorium and Tarbert Free Church, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Victoria Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at crematorium and church. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Care raised £975.

NICHOLSON – The family of the late Agnes Stewart Nicholson (née Galbraith) would like to thank all friends and relations for love and kindness shown. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay for a lovely service, also to A Blair Funeral Directors for all arrangements and to all who attended at the church and graveside and helped to raise £275 for the Macmillan Nurses Kintyre Locality. Forever in our thoughts.

SOUDAN – The family of the late Jean Soudan (Sheena) would like to thank all family and friends who telephoned, visited and sent cards to express sympathy for our sad loss. Special thanks to Jim Clark, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and caring arrangements, to Andrew Wallace for his exemplary piping and to Anne Marie and Chelsea for their "amazing" singing. Grateful thanks to the Rev P Burroughs for his comforting words and service, to the Ardsheel Hotel for providing an exceptional reception and to the Ugadale Hotel - we will never forget your hospitality, to CrossRoads for their care and support and to the nurses at Nairn County Hospital for looking after our mum so well. Sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAM

GALBRAITH – Willie, died November 13, 1996, dearly loved dad and grampa.

- Maureen and Jamie.
MCGOUGAN – In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, James, died November 21, 1986. Sadly missed.

- Stewart, Heather, Kerry and Louise.
MCLELLAN – In loving memory of our dear mother, Jenny, passed away on November 16, 1982. Memories are a golden chain that bind us all together.

- Neil, Margaret and families.

MCSPORRAN (ADAIR) – In loving memory of Connie-marie, died November 18, 2009 in her 7th year.

We mention your name, We speak of you often, God bless you dear Connie-marie, You will never be forgotten.

- Inserted by Auntie Susie and Janice, Uncle Roy, Nigel and cousins Lewis and Scott.

MITCHELL – In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother (Jeannie), died November 15, 1996.

Forever in our hearts.

- From all the family.
WATSON – Precious memories of Janet, a dearly loved wife and mother, who died November 19, 2007. Sadly missed.

- Robin and Jim.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 18th November, 2012
Family Service
Ford 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
SC002121



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 18th November
11 a.m. Morning Worship (Dr. John Morrison)
3 p.m. Songs of Praise (125th Anniversary of The Guild)

Sunday 25th November
3 p.m. Blue Christmas Service
All welcome
Further information (01546) 606218
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 18 November 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Stan Holloway
"Our inheritance"
Thursday 22 November 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 18th November 2012
Tarbert Service 11.45am
Sunday School 11.45am
James McLennan
Guild meets Monday 19th November
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services 18 November - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Furnace Hall at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 18 November
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Morning Worship
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 18th November 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr R H Craig
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Crèche
Mr Gordon Cosgrove
7.00pm - Youth Group
Wednesday 21st November 2012
10.00am Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
01586 551237
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For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547
SC014646



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 18th November 2012
Pentecost 25
10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
4.00pm Evening Worship
Please note change of time
Both meetings will be led by Majors Russell and Catherine Wyles
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible study & Prayer Meeting

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 18th November 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Wednesday 21st November
Messy Church
From 4.30pm
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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All Welcome (SC002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Taste and see that the Lord is good"
Sunday Services
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achaohish at 12:30pm
Registered Scottish Charities
SC010713 and SC010782

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11:00 am
with Sunday School
Tea & coffee after the service
Youth Group
7:30 – 9:00 pm
every Sunday (term-time)
at The Old Manse
Baby & Toddler Group
10:00 – 11:45 am
every Thursday (term-time)
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 18th November
12.45pm Worship Service
Mr Duncan Murchison
11.30am Sunday School (for 5-8 years old)
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 18th November 2012
11.15am Morning Service
Mr. Jim Campbell
6.30pm Evening Service
Stewarton Village hall
Mr. Matthew Ramsay
Fun Day Club & JAM in Hall
Tuesday 20th November 2012
Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1 – 5 6pm – 7pm
Primary 6 & 7 7pm – 8pm
Wednesday 21st November 2012
Bible Study Fellowship
Ballywilline Farm 7.30pm
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 18th November
Morning Worship - 11:40 a.m.
(Crèche, Bible Class and Triple C) BOYS' BRIGADE DEDICATION (Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Monday, 19th November
Kirk Session meets - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 20th November
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 22nd November
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 23rd November
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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Lee Hardman avoiding wooden spoon tactics

Report by David Sinclair

LEE HARDMAN came up with a cunning plan to avoid winning the mat of shame for the player with the worst score – he didn't play.

This we feel is taking things a little bit far however if Alec MacAulay were to miss a few weeks then the rest of the players might have a chance of winning the nearest the pin prize. Alec has now won this for six consecutive weeks, hitting good shot after good shot and was this week's best player as well.

Sometimes the younger players assume the more mature players-old farts - are past it but you get a week like this when Alec, Tommy and Keith are in the top four. They may be past their

prime but their competitive spirit is alive and well.

Tommy Angus birdied the first two holes which is impressive considering how tired he must have been after practising for several hours in his bath for a synchronised swimming event. Everything had been going well until he became tangled in the shower hose and it was left to Phylis to save the day as usual.

Ross Sinclair had the flu and was feeling below par but as a result his golf was above par and he came in fourth.

Simon Taylor played half of the holes very well but there was to be no middle ground as he played the other nine very badly. He needs to slow down his swing and his tongue or he will

end up like John Downie.

Kenny Cameron predicted that Ross would not win this week and for once he was correct. He had been sticking pins in a voodoo doll that was supposed to look like Ross but which bore a remarkable likeness to John Downie who did not play this week – I hope he is alright.

Keith Cowan was second and very nearly won. His timing has improved dramatically since he took up the ballroom dancing, prompting him to consider writing a combination Golf/Ballroom dancing book entitled *Ballroom on the fairway*, which would encourage readers to hit the ball straighter.

Results: 10. A Macaulay, 9. K Cowan, 8. R Sinclair, 7. T Angus, 6. K. Cameron, 5. R Kennedy, 4. D Carmichael, 3. D Sinclair, 2. G MacDougall, 1. J Hunter.



The Lochgilphead Golf Club competition winners at the annual prize winning ceremony.

Lochgilphead Golf Club hand out the prizes

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club held its annual prize giving ceremony last Saturday evening with 45 members and guests being wined and dined before dancing the night away to the Ryan McGlynn Ceilidh Band.

Captain Stewart Litster welcomed everyone to the club and invited his lovely wife, Norma, to present the trophies to the gathered winners.

He also paid tribute to Colin Penman and Stuart Watson who whilst not winning anything in this, their first full competitive season, have become valued players with the club.

Golfers won a host of awards throughout 2012.

David Litster: Marie Curie Trophy, RNLI Medal, Macaulay Cup, Nett

Champions Trophy and MacKenzie Cup, which was won with P.Sinclair. Ryan McGlynn: Nicholas Ciarella Memorial Trophy, July Trophy, Ann Williams Shield and Open Trophy. Simon Taylor: Sargent Cancer Trophy. Jimmy Litster: Centenary Cup, Charity Cup, Burgh Cup and Club Championship Trophy. Kenny Crawford: Help For Heroes Trophy. Roddy MacDonald: Captain Champion Trophy. David Litster: September Trophy and Miss Campbell Decanter. Alex MacAulay: Jubilee Plate and Downhill Trophy. Stewart Litster: August Trophy.

Tom Campbell won the award for best suggestion at an open meeting with Andrew Kennedy winning best dancer of the evening award.

Red Star begin Coronation Cup defence

RED STAR will play host to Millerston Thistle in the first round of the Coronation Cup tomorrow (Saturday).

The Lochgilphead side will be looking to go all the way and lift the trophy again but will have to be at their best to see off the Millerston side.

The winners of the tie face a tough trip to meet East Kilbride AFC in the second round.

Tomorrow's game kicks off at 2pm, with Jimmy Litster the referee.

These sides were due to meet in league action last weekend but the game was called off due to a waterlogged park.

New Clans Golf tournament to coincide with 2014 Ryder Cup

AN EXCITING new golf tournament, which will coincide with the build up to the 2014 Ryder Cup, is set to take place in Scotland next summer.

The first Scottish Clans Golf World Championship will be played on some of Scotland's finest golf courses, including the Open Championship venue at Carnoustie, in July and August 2013.

Organised by Platinum Golf Scotland it is hoped the event will attract golfers and visitors from around the world and become an annual tournament.

No winners in the lotteries last week

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 8, 16 and 20.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

There were no winners of this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club Lottery draw this with numbers 10, 16, 18 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £200.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club Lottery draw were 8, 15 and 16. There were no winners next weeks jackpot will be £200.



The Fun Fours football team selling cakes at a fundraising coffee morning on Saturday.

Coffee morning raises £400 for Fun Fours football

MORE THAN £400 was raised to support the development of football for under eights in Lochgilphead at a recent coffee morning.

Youngsters involved in the Fun Fours football coaching sessions held the event with the help of parents and could be seen serving up sweet treats, tea and coffee to punters.

Local families turned out to show their sup-

port for the coffee morning, held at Lochgilphead Baptist Church.

Expenses

All the money raised will be used to pay travel expenses when the youngsters play at other Argyll towns and pay entry fees to tournaments.

The children would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and showed their support.

Tarbert Gun Club winter league

THE SOUND of gunfire around Stonefield on Sunday signalled the start of Tarbert Gun Club's winter league.

Already proving popular, the club has attracted 55 competitors and 11 teams to compete in weekly shoots at the Barmore ground.

The club had set up a fine mixture of down the line (DTL) and sporting targets to test the

skills of the shooters, returning to form after the summer break.

The scores, as to be expected, were close - with the odd surprise too.

The fishing tackle boys were in top form. Archie Junior was top shot whilst his dad won his class and Akram Kham was the DTL winner.

The sporting section was won by Lynn. Starting the season with an

exciting performance Lynn beat not only her dad but all the top shots as well. The boys will be seeking revenge next month.

The top team for the day was Andrew McDonald's lads.

Two youngsters - Donald Ferguson from Kilmichael Glen and Oban's James McLean - shot their first competition on Sunday, impressing

their instructor and finishing second and third in their class.

Results: Class A: 1. Brian Baird, 2. Ivor Ferguson, 3. Ally McDonnell. Class B: 1. Akram Kham. Class C: 1. Archie MacGillp Jnr, 2. Craig Samborek, 3. Nicol Ferguson. Class D: 1. Archie MacGillp Snr, 2. Bill Bidmead, 3. Malcolm Holder. Class E: 1. David Johnson, 2. Donald Ferguson, 3. James McLean and Archie Currie. Teams: 1. Andrew McDonald, Akram Kham, Ian Wimmerd, M Holder and D Johnson, 2. John Paton, Lynn, Craig Samborek, M Harvey Snr and Donald Ferguson.

Annual fundraiser for Dunadd Camanachd

SHINTY sticks were put to one side when Dunadd Camanachd held their annual fundraising coffee morning.

Nearly £300 was raised for the team when they sold raffle tickets, delicious homebaking along with tea and coffee in the MS Centre in Lochgilphead on Saturday.

All the money raised will be used to fund the women's winter training programme.

The team have would like to say a thank you to everyone who came along and supported them on the day.



The Dunadd Camanachd women's shinty team held their annual coffee morning to raise funds for the team.

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Dookers lose to Cardross in West of Scotland Cup

West of Scotland Cup
2nd Round
**Cardross 3
Tarbert 1**

TARBERT failed to continue their impressive form in the West Cup when Cardross AFC knocked them out in the second round tie last Saturday.

Tarbert travelled to Cardross and were in a confident mood after their win against Campsie AFC in first round.

Manager Prentice had a strong squad to choose from but could not play himself as a fifth yellow card this season saw him suspended for the crucial game.

Lone striker

The Dooker's adopted a four-five-one formation, with Nikki MacDougall playing as a lone striker. The forward was involved in the action early on, linking up with Stuart and Ronald only for some last ditch defending to thwart his attack.

Cardross then had a chance of their own af-

ter a slip from a Tarbert defender but the striker's effort cannoned back off the post.

The Tarbert lads thought they had taken the lead when Stuart's cross broke to MacDougall in the box and the striker finished low past the keeper. But, as the team celebrated the goal was disallowed as the referee awarded a free kick to Cardross for a handball offence to the dismay of Prentice and his team.

Half time 0 - 0

A breakthrough finally came in the second half when Ronald fed MacDougall the ball, who hit a low shot past the keeper from 20 yards.

This should have been the catalyst for Tarbert to go on and see the game out however signs of sloppiness appeared in their play as Cardross started to impose themselves in the match.

Their possession increased without really troubling Martin in the Tarbert goal, until

a goalmouth scramble gave their striker a tap in from two yards to level the match.

The home side continued to attack and Prentice freshened things up, bringing on Doull in place of Johnson.

Slipped

But Cardross were soon in the lead, when a shot from the edge of the box somehow slipped through the grasp of the Tarbert keeper, giving them the advantage.

Things were to get worse for the away side when defender Smyth attempted to divert a dangerous ball away from the goal but inadvertently shot it past the keeper for an own-goal.

The game had become scrappy towards the end as the condition of the pitch deteriorated, and Tarbert could not find a way back into the match.

They are back on league duty this weekend when they play East Kilbride AFC at Cil Andreis.



Tarbert crashed out of the West Cup after a hard-fought match against Cardross. 15_t36tarbert01

Unlucky Red Star Under-16s suffer first league defeat of the season

Dunbartonshire
Football Development
League Under-16s
**Kilpatrick 2
Lochgilhead Red
Star YFC 1**

RED STAR suffered their first league defeat of the season when they took on Kilpatrick in Clydebank on Saturday.

Kilpatrick were favouring the long ball from the start, with the keeper launching long kicks from hand deep into Star's half with the wind and slope benefiting the home team.

McCallum and Galbraith were dealing well with this threat with McCulloch in goal showing good handling and awareness when the ball fell his way.

Hendry's running power up front was being used to full effect and Coach Lindsay moved to a five-man midfield to

try and get some possession in the centre which worked as Star restricted Kilpatrick to a few half chances.

Half Time 0-0

Kilpatrick started the second half on top as they upped the pace and went looking for the winning goal but Star's McCulloch kept the Kilpatrick boys at bay with some great saves.

Moore was starting to dominate the midfield and he fed the ball to Deans who sent the ball to Hendry who was brought down by the defender right on the 18 yard line left of the goal.

McCulloch took responsibility for the free kick and he made no mistake in firing the ball up and over the wall and into the top of the net to open the scoring. It was a magnificent strike

showing great technical ability.

The lead only lasted a few minutes as the Kilpatrick midfielder found space on the right to fire in a cross that the striker despatched into the goal.

Coates narrowly missed a cross to the back post and then Moore fired in a great low cross to the back post that was met by Coates outstretched leg, but again went agonisingly past the target.

The winning goal came after play was stopped to treat an injured Mc-

Culloch. Red Star were sleeping from the restart when again the midfielder crossed from his right to allow the striker an easy chance to shoot the ball past McCulloch.

A harsh defeat for Star but if the team shows the same commitment for the rest of the season they will win more than they lose.

A special mention to the three subs, who although did not get the opportunity to play, travelled and supported the team, and are a vital part of Red Star.

Scottish Amateur football results and fixtures

LAST weekend's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, 3rd round - Campbeltown Pupils 1, Rossvale 0; Hamilton FP 3, Oban Saints 5; Dunoon 1, Corkerhill 2; West of Scotland Cup, 2nd round - Cardross 3, Tarbert 1; Division 1B - Millerston Thistle v Lochgilhead Red Star, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 3rd round - Du-

noon Athletic v Star Hearts; West of Scotland Cup, 1st round - Mauchline United v Oban Saints; West of Scotland Cup, 3rd round - Harmony Row v Dunoon; Coronation Cup, 1st round - Lochgilhead Red Star v Millerston Thistle; Premier Division Two - Glencastle Sparta v Campbeltown Pupils; Division 1A - Tarbert v East Kilbride.

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