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# christmas pull out

## Anger as road havoc leaves Lochgilphead marooned

### Another landslip closes A83 route

HEAVY rainfall caused chaos in Mid Argyll this week when road closures in and out of the region led to Lochgilphead becoming 'an island' on Monday.

Jane MacLeod, secretary of Lochgilphead Chamber of Commerce, said the town had been left isolated, as the A83 closed because of another landslip at the Rest and Be Thankful and flooding on the A816 as far away as Cairnbaan meant roads in and out of Lochgilphead were closed for hours.

There was outrage from Mid Argyll communities this week at yet another closure of the A83.

**REPORT BY  
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At a meeting of the Lochgilphead Chamber of Commerce members said continued road closures were having a devastating impact on the economy of Mid Argyll.

Mrs MacLeod said: 'The closure of the A83 has had a huge impact on the area, particularly now shops are expecting deliveries for Christmas. Businesses are suffering.'

The latest landslip, which saw 150 tonnes of debris fall onto the road, came as a formal agreement between the landowner of the private

section of land and Transport Scotland was made. But with work not due to be completed until February next year it is feared there will be more disruptions in the coming months.

'It is frustrating there is light at the end of tunnel now the agreement has been signed but there are still nine weeks worth of work that needs to be carried out,' added Mrs MacLeod.

A spokesman for Transport Scotland said it was aware of the views of the communities in Mid Argyll to keep the A83 open for business but the absolute priority was the safety of motorists.



## Bush tucker bugs on lunch menu

Creepy crawlies were on the lunch menu for Chris Dalgarno-Platt this week as he took on his very own bush tucker trial to raise money for charity. See page three for full story.

## Tayvallich pupils win cash to turn back time

PUPILS at a Mid Argyll primary school will share in an adventurous historical project with pupils from Northern Ireland, thanks to a £8,400 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

An archaeological dig and a view across the sea to Ireland has inspired the children of Tayvallich Primary School to join forces with Mill Strand Integrated Primary School, Portrush, Northern Ireland, to research the story of their shared Iron Age and medieval heritage. Once a strong sea trading route, the connection between the two places has long been lost.

On Wednesday the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) announced the funding for Tayvallich Primary School to carry out the project through its All Our Stories programme.

The children will be researching local archives, taking part in workshops run by Kilmartin Museum, investigating a medieval fort and taking to canoes to experience the land from the sea.

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# Castle project receives £6,500

A PROJECT to discover more about Tarbert Castle has received £6,500 from the Heritage Lottery fund, which means a study can begin to look at excavating the site.

The Explore Tarbert Castle project can now move into the next stage with a study being carried out on the site to determine the feasibility of a further archaeological excavation or possible conservation of the ruins.

It is hoped the project, which is led by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, will

turn the castle into a valuable learning, volunteering and visitor resource in the town.

Now, the trust is working with Roddy Reggan an archaeologist from Kilmartin House and Bidy Simpson of Archaeology Scotland's Adopt a Monument Scheme to carry out the survey.

People in Mid Argyll are being invited to the first public meeting on December 11, to help determine the priorities and assist with the work being carried out.

There will also be a workshop for less able groups to discuss how

access to the castle can be improved to meet their needs.

Robert McPail, the trust director who manages the project, said: 'I am delighted this vital element in the project has now been funded. We hope the study will determine where we can or can't dig and we really want people to come along and get involved.'

Along with the Heritage Lottery Fund the project has also been match funded by Argyll and Bute Council, Historic Scotland and in-kind resources from Adopt a Monument.



Nine-week-old puppy Josie's life has been saved thanks to big-hearted readers donating more than £2,000 for life saving treatment. 06\_a47josie01

## Public donations mean Josie can have life-saving surgery

THE OWNER of a cute puppy has spoken of her delight that it can now get life saving surgery as more than £2,000 in donations has been made since an appeal in the Advertiser.

Earlier this month Eliz-

abeth Tinney, from Tarbert, appealed for someone with a big heart to come forward and pay for the £3,000 microsurgery treatment, which would save nine-week-old Josie's life.

Elizabeth could not

afford the treatment, which was needed to fix a leak in the pup's bladder, and the thought of putting Josie to sleep broke her heart.

After the appeal Elizabeth received a flood of donations from gener-

ous people who wanted to do their bit to help.

Thanks to all the donations the golden retriever can now get the surgery and Elizabeth can keep Josie.

'We are absolutely delighted. Josie is an absolute darling and we can keep her, which is fantastic,' said Elizabeth.

'We would just like to say thank you to everyone who has made a donation and sent well wishes. There have been so many phone calls. We even received a get well soon card which was lovely.'

The surgery will now go ahead at Glasgow Vets Direct on December 11 and hopefully Josie will go on to live a happy, healthy life.

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## Police files

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy was allegedly struck in the back with a pellet from an air gun on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead.

The boy suffered a minor injury when the incident happened on Sunday, November 18. Police are continuing to investigate the incident after recovering an air gun.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 01546 702200.

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A MAN was arrested for allegedly assaulting another man on Oakfield, Tarbert on Wednesday, November 14. The 22 year old has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal following the incident, which occurred at 3.30pm.

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VANDALS scratched the passenger's side of a car door, which was parked at the Co-op in Lochgilphead on November 14. Police are urging anyone who saw anyone in the area between 5.15pm and 5.45pm to contact them on 01546 702200.

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THE BOOT and passenger door of vehicle parked on Harbour Street, Tarbert was dented between Sunday, November 11 and November 18. Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 01546 702200.

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POLICE are investigating a reported incident of dangerous driving when a vehicle failed to stop for road-closed signs on the Lochgilphead to Cairbaan road.

The driver allegedly drove past council workers and police are persuing a line of enquiry.

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A MAN has been arrested after allegedly stealing a jacket from a shop on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

When police recovered the jacket the 22-year-old was also alleged to be in possession of a quantity of cannabis.

# Jolomo work boosts church group



Jamie MacFarlane and Mary Scott, members of the Tarbert Church of Scotland Restoration Appeal, with the JoLoMo print which will be raffled off to raise money for the church roof. 06\_a47tarbertchurch01

## Roof repairs a step closer

THE RESTORATION of Tarbert Parish Church has taken a major step forward as tender documents are prepared for work on the damaged roof.

And renowned Argyll artist John Lowrie Morrison (JoLoMo) has also added his support to the project by donating two copyright-free images to generate funds.

Tarbert Church of Scotland Restoration Appeal Committee is hoping to secure funding from Historic Scotland to allow repair work on the roof to begin. The entire roof is to be replaced, following severe damage caused during the January storms.

The group is also

keen to raise money within the community to help with other repair projects within the church grounds and is organising a number of events in the coming months. JoLoMo has given his support to the project by donating a print of Tarbert Parish Church, which will be raffled off.

'I am delighted to be involved,' said the artist. 'I completed two paintings of Tarbert Church so that prints could be made to sell, either framed or unframed. The sooner the group raises enough money the better, as the congregation will be missing their beautiful worship space.' The restoration

appeal committee has 95 copies of the painting and print number one is framed and will be raffled off.

The artist has also given the group copyright to the image so they have reproduced the image on cards, which are being sold in Tarbert.

Lisa Macfarlane, a member of the restoration appeal committee, said: 'We would like to thank John for giving the church the copyright of the print and thank Wilma and Ian at the Archway Gallery, Lochgilphead for all their help in getting the print available to the public where we can hopefully sell many of them for the church funds.'

## Bush tucker trial raises charity cash

SILK worms, ants, locusts and spiders were on the lunch menu this week as one man took on his own bush tucker trial to raise money for charity.

Chris Dalgarno-Platt, of Lochgilphead, had lunch with a twist when he munched on the creatures to raise money for Fyne Families.

Inspired by *I'm A Celebrity Get*

*Me Out of Here*, Chris brought the jungle to Lochgilphead Community Centre and faced the daunting challenge of eating ten bugs in ten minutes.

As Chris chewed on the dead bugs, his face said it all to the audience of children and parents watching.

Speaking after the challenge

Chris said: 'I definitely won't be doing it on a regular basis, that's for sure. The scorpion was easy to eat but the silk worm was the worst as it was squishy.'

But Chris was more than happy to complete the challenge for a great cause and hopes it inspires other groups to come up with unusual ways to raise money.

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Seven year old Calum Paterson, left, with his brother Innes at the annual St Margaret's Sale of Works. 06\_a47churchfair01

## Sale of Work raises £1,000

RESIDENTS in Lochgilphead came out to support St. Margaret's Parish Church with almost £1,000 raised at the annual Sale of Work.

Lochgilphead Community Centre was as busy as ever on Saturday as people had a go on the tombola, bottle raffle and put their bids in for the silent auction.

The refreshment stand also proved

popular with home baking, tea and coffee on sale.

Antoinette Dalglish, who is a member of the parish church council, said they were delighted with the support they had received.

'We always hold the sale at this time of year and we get a great response, thank you to everyone who came along.'

# Salmon farming boosts local economy by four million pounds a year

THE SALMON farming industry is boosting the Mid Argyll economy by four million pounds a year, new figures have revealed.

For the first time the Meridian Salmon Group, which has sites at Craobh Haven, Loch Craignish and Furnace, carried out a local economic impact report to see how important the industry is to rural communities.

The company employs 35 people in Mid Argyll across its three sites, which includes a new three million pound hatchery at Furnace,

contributing more than one million pounds in salaries each year.

Mark Warrington, managing director of Meridian Salmon Group hopes people in Mid Argyll will now embrace the industry and recognise it as a key sector.

Businesses and communities across Mid Argyll have spoken out in favour of the industry as they see the direct contribution being made to the area.

Mike Master, chairman of Furnace Community Council, said: 'They provide employment and help keep the

village shop running and they do use local companies. We have also found they contribute to various events that happen in the village'

In Kilmartin the village shop has seen its business boosted as the employees at the farms buy their tea, milk and coffee there on a regular basis.

Archie McGilp who owns Fyne Tackle in Lochgilphead said the industry was extremely important as it brought employment to the area.

But, the idea the salmon farming industry improves the local econo-

my has been dismissed by Don Staniford of the Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture who said the industry in fact creates a false economy.

'If you factor in job losses to the crayfish and wild salmon industry there is a net loss, not a net gain in jobs,' he said.

He also added it was important to look at the impact the industry was having on tourism with the 'negative effects' it was having on wild salmon and trout fishing which was a huge source of revenue for the area.

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## Rotary Club Christmas Fayre

SANTA Claus will be making an early stop in Lochgilphead when he comes to visit boys and girls at the annual Rotary Club of Mid Argyll Christmas Fayre.

He will be handing out gifts in his specially built grotto on Saturday, December 1 and each child will get a present and their photo taken with him.

But there will be much more for everyone to enjoy with various stalls, exciting games, teas, coffee and a magnificent hamper to be won in the raffle. Tickets to win the hamper are currently on sale around the town.

The event will start at 1pm in Lochgilphead Community Centre with all the proceeds from the fundraiser will go to local good causes.

## MSP backs Inveraray campaign

THE CAMPAIGN to secure funding for Inveraray's historic buildings has been backed by Jaime McGrigor, Highland and Islands Conservative MSP.

Mr McGrigor was making the case for the Royal Burgh at Culture Question Time in the Scottish Parliament.

He spoke about Argyll and Bute Council's recent bid for almost £1 million of support from Historic Scotland for the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, to improve town buildings.

## Broadband boost

MID ARGYLL will benefit from high speed broadband as the EU has given the green light to the UK government's plans to introduce broadband in rural areas.

The news has been welcomed by MP Alan Reid.

Scotland is set to benefit from a £100 million investment in broadband service as part of the rural broadband scheme and it is now hoped small towns and businesses will receive broadband of up to 24MBps.

## £10,000 grant for family centre

FAMILIES in South Cowal are to benefit from a £10,000 grant, which will allow The Innellan and Toward Family Centre to improve its services.

The grant, from the Communities and Families Fund, means the centre can improve its childcare facilities, introduce an early bird club and fund more staff.

It is hoped the new resources will go towards making life a bit easier for parents and children in South Cowal.

The centre is one of 20 groups across Scotland to share the grant worth £182,595, which is a joint venture from the Big Lottery Fund and the Scottish Government.

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# One hundred miles in three days for charity

'Whether they live or die, every single person who steps foot in the Beatson is fighting for their life'

REPORT BY KALI LINDSAY

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A TARBERT woman, who wants to give back to a cancer centre that treated her dad and auntie, will take on the ultimate marathon when she runs 100 miles in three days.

Carolyn McAlpine will be putting on her running shoes to raise money for the Friends of the Beatson, which works in parallel with The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre in Glasgow.

In 2010 Carolyn lost her father to Hodgkins Lymphoma and earlier this year her auntie lost her fight with ovarian cancer.

They were both treated at the Beatson Centre and the family often made the journey from Tarbert to Glasgow for treatments, visits or appointments.

### Treatment

Impressed with the treatment and care they both received Carolyn decided to complete the 100-mile journey one

more time, on foot.

Carolyn will be joined on the run by Dougie Moore from Ardrishaig who heard about the challenge and, after fundraising for Maggie's Cancer Centres, also wanted to get involved.

The duo will set off from the centre in Glasgow on May 15 and finish outside Carolyn's dad's house in Tarbert.

Although some people may think they are crazy for taking on the challenge Carolyn said it was for a great cause.

### Provide

'The point of this run is to make sure the Friends of the Beatson can continue to provide other families with the facilities that make life that little bit easier for them while they continue with their battle,' she said. 'Whether they live or die, every single person who steps foot in the Beatson is fighting the fight of their life.'

Carolyn and Dougie hope to raise thousands of pounds for the charity and will be holding a

number of fundraisers in the coming months.

### Accommodation

The George Hotel at Inveraray has kindly agreed to provide the runners with one night's accommodation free of charge.

Donations can also be made at <http://www.justgiving.com/beatson100>.



Carolyn McAlpine and Dougie Moore are preparing to run 100 miles in three days to raise money for the Friends of the Beatson charity.

## Mid Argyll children could win ultimate science lesson

SCHOOL children in Mid Argyll could be in with the chance of winning the ultimate science lesson with TV scientist professor Brian Cox.

The professor is on a mission to get more young people involved in the world of science and has launched his search for The Big Bang Class of 2013.

Organised by The Big Bang Fair parents, teachers and school children can nominate their classes to have the TV scientist come and give them a special science lesson.

The event hopes to inspire more young people to get involved with science and learn about possible career opportunities within the field.

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The charity WRVS is encouraging older people to prepare for winter by checking on forecasts, getting their annual flu jab and keeping in close contact with friends and family.

Margaret Paterson, WRVS head of operations in Scotland said it was vital older people took all the necessary steps to make the colder months as stress free as possible.

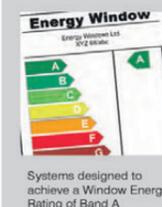
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## Those Were The Days

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### Wallet appears after 55 years

A WOMAN from Kilmichael Glassary received a bolt from the blue recently when her late father's wallet turned up after 55 years.

Duncan Campbell, who died 14 years ago aged 64, saw active service with the Eighth Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in World War Two. Having been a member of the Territorials since he became an adult, Duncan went to France to fight the Nazis at the age of 19. In 1940, Duncan was extremely lucky to survive when he was shot in the head in St Valery, France, and was saved by Crae MacIntyre of Lochgilhead.

Amidst all the chaos of battle, he lost his wallet which contained photographs and letters from relatives and friends. His daughter, Jane, received a letter in October from a Dr Campbell of Lincolnshire, who had been on holiday at a caravan park in Sallenelle, near St Valery.

The caravan park was owned by a French couple who had been clearing out the cupboards of their late aunt. Dr Campbell saw the wallet and tried to trace Duncan Campbell through directory enquiries. Fortunately, Duncan's sister, Bessie Wilson, still lives in his former address.

It was in October that Jane received a letter from Dr Campbell with her late father's wallet. 'He was just a boy when he left Lochgilhead, about 19 or 20,' said Jane. 'But he never talked about the war I wish he had talked about it.'

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT WAS just the most glorious morning. Amidst the rain and the wind and the onset of winter weariness we were treated to a peach of a day.

We had made two new friends in the shape of a rather square Labrador and a very bouncy Retriever, and we were looking after them for a few days.

What a joy this turned out to be! They were delightful guests and kept us greatly entertained with their affectionate and enchanting personalities.

This was a morning not to be wasted, so we headed for the beach at A'Chleit, and it was absolute perfection.

The sea was calm and the waves ambled to the shore as if they had all the time in the world to reach their destination.

The dogs bounced and paddled and rolled on the sand with sheer happiness.

We spent a couple of hours in this idyllic state till coffee and cake called.

We put the dogs in the car and headed for the Ferry Farm Coffee Shop at Tayinloan, where the scones are often just coming out of the oven and are tantalisingly wonderful!

It was so warm that even though it was November, we were able to sit outside.

Coffee and scones were served and as the dogs settled by our feet, we enjoyed chat and laughter with Alistair and Lorraine.

The time rolled on, as did the conversation, and I thought once again what a wonderful place this is to live.

We just had one wee problem – we had no money with us!

We needn't have worried as we were taken on trust to pay next time we called.

I thought about this trust folk put in us.

I thought about the trust we put in one another.

I thought about the trust Jesus puts in us.

What a risk it is to trust.

## Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the *Argyllshire Advertiser* archives.

The picture is of Ardrishaig Lighthouse and was taken in August 1994.

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



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### Christmas lights switch on

Sir,  
Once again the festive season is fast approaching and the Lights Switch on will be on Saturday, December 1 at 7pm.

The Lochgilhead Christmas Lights Committee would like to invite you to decorate your frontages and/or windows for Saturday, December 1 bringing the town together as one.

We also invite you to open your business up to the switch on at 7pm.

**E.M. Rhodick**  
Lochgilhead  
Christmas Lights 2012 Committee

### Fuel increase should be cancelled

Sir,  
As you reported last week, the Government are carefully considering all submissions made about the 3p fuel duty increase planned for the New Year.

This was announced to Parliament by Economic Secretary to the Treasury Sajid Javid MP in response to a question from me.

I told the Commons that the Government should cancel this increase with fuel prices already so high it would not be sensible for the Government to go ahead with the increase.

The Chancellor will announce his decision in his Autumn Statement on 5 December.

**Alan Reid MP**  
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### Help adults with autism get back into work

Sir,  
I want to encourage our MP to support the National Autistic Society's (NAS) Undiscovered Workforce campaign to help adults with autism into employment.

The campaign is calling upon MPs across the UK to work together

with local authority services, as well as local businesses and employment providers to improve job opportunities for people with autism in their own constituencies.

Research with university leavers has shown that two percent of graduates with autism are unemployed, by far the highest rate of any disability group.

One in 100 people living in our area has autism and it is therefore vital more is done locally to support these adults into work. With the right support, people with autism can overcome the barriers to work that they often face.

I hope the local MP will agree to work with other organisations in our constituency so that adults with autism living in the area have access to the same employment opportunities as others.

**James Bates**  
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### Marooned on the mainland?

IT WASN'T the first time and it probably won't be the last.

But it was still a frightening realisation on Monday to know that there was no way out of Argyll by road for people in and around Lochgilhead.

With the A816 blocked by flooding to the north and the landslide on the A83 blocking the south route towards the central belt, Lochgilhead became an 'island', as Jane MacLeod of the chamber of commerce so accurately observed.

Those who would shrug their shoulders and accept that is how it has always been are missing the point: this issue is far more than simply an inconvenience. It is a threat to Mid Argyll's very survival. Delivery and emergency service vehicles are prevented from completing important journeys and Mid Argyll residents have to delay hospital appointments and work commitments because of a seriously fragile roads network.

Transport Scotland has told The Argyllshire Advertiser it is aware of residents' concerns but the drawn out nature of the Rest and Be Thankful diversion route would suggest otherwise. Perhaps it is time for everyone in Mid Argyll to put restraint and well-mannered debate aside and make a lot more noise until a realistic solution is found.

### Not getting shovels in the ground

Sir,  
The latest UK job figures bring home the impact of the country's continuing economic woes on employment in the UK construction industry.

UK-wide, they show the building sector having shed 57,000 jobs in the past year and 219,000 jobs over the past four years.

I applaud the Scottish Government's efforts in seeking to prioritise direct capital investment to boost the construction industry and would give full backing to the First Minister's calls on the UK Government to release additional funds to bolster Scotland's capital budget.

At the same time, the Scottish Government's £2.5 billion non-profit distribution infrastructure programme is still not getting shovels in the ground quickly enough with many projects not

scheduled to start until late 2013. At Westminster and Holyrood, our politicians need to match words with action to show they understand that recovery in the construction industry is critical.

**Michael Levack**  
Chief Executive  
Scottish Building Federation

### A83 closed again

ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser readers took to Facebook to express their views on the closure of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful again because of a landslide.

**Lorna Adamson:** What a farce that road is.

**Phyllis Cameron:** Again. Another long trek for travellers heading toward Glasgow.

**Pat Butler:** Here we go again...like it wasn't predictable at all. Also heard there was bad flooding on the Lochgilhead to Oban road.

**Karen Cameron:** Its meant to be our main road!!

**Nicola Johnston:** They should have sorted it years ago.....

**Yvonne Mcghe:** It really is becoming a joke now u can guarantee that when there is heavy rain the rest and be thankful will be closed

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# Top London chef visits Loch Fyne

The group said they were bowled over by the quality of seafood produced at Loch Fyne

THE HEAD chef of a prestigious London restaurant swapped his whites for a lifejacket on a trip to Mid Argyll this week to find out more about the seafood he cooks with.

Andre Garrett, head chef of Michelin starred restaurant Galvin At Windows, left his kitchen on the top floor of the London Hilton Hotel with restaurant general manager Fred Siriex to visit Loch Fyne.

Top food journalists Sudi Pigott and Rose Bartlett joined them on their quest to find out

more about the seafood used in the restaurant, which serves French cuisine. During their two-day visit the group, which was hosted by Loch Fyne Oysters, visited a number of places to see how seafood was produced in the area.

They met with local langoustine farmer Donald Clark to talk about his business and visited the Scottish Salmon Company's fish farm at Loch Fyne.

The trip also involved a visit to the smokery at Loch Fyne Oysters and a full tour of a

mussel farm at the loch. Speaking about their trip the group said they were bowled over by the quality of seafood produced at Loch Fyne and how interesting the people they met on the journey were.

Fred Siriex said: 'Andre Garrett and I learned so much about the wonderful products from Loch Fyne. We have taken a lot of inspiration from the trip and can't wait to get back to Galvin at Windows so that we can share our experience with our guests.'



Fred Siriex, head chef Andre Garrett and journalist Rose Bartlett on the shore of Loch Fyne. a47oysters01

## Drive with caution

PEOPLE are being asked to drive with caution on rural roads as the number of accidents occurring between 3pm and 6pm peak.

The warning comes from the Scottish Government and Road Safety Scotland ahead of Road Safety week.

## Check your oil levels now

RESIDENTS in Mid Argyll who use oil for heating are being asked to prepare for winter now.

Oil distribution trade association Federation of Petroleum Suppliers, are urging customers to check their oil levels and oil tanks so they are not caught out by the weather.

The big freeze is expected to hit in early December.

## Essential repairs for Crinan Canal

A CANAL in Mid Argyll will be closed to transiting craft until January so essential repair work can be carried out.

The Crinan Canal, which runs from Ardrishaig to the Sound of Jura, will be closed at loch Dunardry for cill

work to be carried out.

The section of loch will be drained today (Friday) and remain closed until January 3 next year although the canal will remain open at either end for people who do not wish to travel its full length.



Winner of the annual Argyll Collection Writing Competition Sylvie Lawson with her six books. 06\_a47prizewinner01

## Sylvie wins top writing prize

AN ARDRISHAIG Primary School pupil has beat off competition from across Argyll to win a top writing prize for her quirky story about a special pear.

Nine-year-old Sylvie Lawson won the annual Argyll Collection Writing Competition, for her story the Famous Pear.

### Imaginative

More than 20 schools in Argyll took part in the competition, which was run by CAST, with pupils asked to write an imaginative story inspired from one of six pieces of art.

Inspired by a painting, which had two pears on it, Sylvie wrote a story about a pear that was chased by a hungry dog named Jip.

Sylvie said she could not believe she had won the competition and would enjoy reading the six books she won.

Speaking about Sylvie's win, head teacher Robina Millar said: 'We

are extremely proud of Sylvie it's a great achievement.'

The school received £250 of books from CAST and the Scottish Book Trust that supports the competition.

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**TOKEN FOUR**

# Child 31 documentary shown in Lochgilphead

AS MARY'S Meals celebrates its tenth anniversary people in Lochgilphead have been thanked for their incredible support over the years.

Julie MacFarlane-Barrow, wife of the charity's founder Magnus, was speaking to the audience at the Lochgilphead screening of the Child 31, documentary which has been shown at venues around the world.

The documentary was screened to a packed out audience in the Stag Hotel with people of all

ages watching the incredible story of Mary's Meals.

It is so easy to think 'out of sight out of mind' but the 30-minute documentary, by Grassroots Films, brought to the forefront the extent of child poverty around the world and showed the difference one charity is making.

Speaking after the screening Julie said: 'We would never have been able to have done what we have without the help of everyone and the incredible support

we received from Lochgilphead all those years ago.

'All those little acts of love we talk about there are no more than those which come from Lochgilphead and we are so very grateful.'

As Mary's Meals marks one milestone Julie said the future of the charity looks good and they hope to keep helping children around the world.

She added: 'I hope we start to see the impact we have made on the children's lives. Hope-

fully they will have gone through education and we will see good things,' she said.

'I think the future looks really good and I hope we are still helping children, even if its just one child we make a difference too.'

The film came to Lochgilphead the week David Payne released his book Never Seconds: The Incredible Story of Martha Payne.

Every book sold will contribute the equivalent of 25 school meals to Mary's Meals.



Mary-Anne MacFarlane-Barrow, with Dee Carrick, Julie and Ben MacFarlane-Barrow at the screening of Child 31 in Lochgilphead. 06\_a47child01



John, Euan and Christopher McCarthan show their support to the RNLN coffee morning in Ardrishaig North hall. 06\_a47RNLN01

## £800 raised for RNLN funds

PEOPLE poured into Ardrishaig North Hall to show their support for the RNLN at the weekend.

More than £800 was raised for the charity through tea, cake and coffee sales, which were put on by the Mid Argyll RNLN Branch.

Maggie Donaldson, president of the branch, said she was amazed by the

support they continually received at their fundraising events.

'We are always amazed at how kind people are. It may be because we are surrounded by people who fish or are involved with the sea but we always get a great support,' she said.

'We would like to say thank you to everyone for their wonderful support.'

# Community Noticeboard

<p><b>CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR</b> Public Hall, Ardrishaig, <b>Sunday 25th November</b> 10.30am - 4pm Lots of local crafts, tea, coffee, baking, soup, rolls, raffle, Door collection for Charity</p>	<p>Salvation Army Burnside Street, Campbeltown <b>COFFEE MORNING</b> <b>Saturday 24th November 2012</b> 10.00am to 12 noon Fresh hot pancakes available Also home baking.</p>	<p>Campbeltown Cat Rescue <b>ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING</b> <b>Saturday 1st December</b> Victoria Hall, Campbeltown 10am - 12 noon Usual stalls and Raffle (First prize £100) All donations gratefully received Everyone most welcome.</p>	<p><b>NHASMA</b> Thursday 29th November St Kilda - Richard Luxmore, National Trust for Scotland All meetings are on Thursday evenings at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and commence at 7.00pm Attendance free to members, visitors £1 per head Any queries to membership Secretary Phil Holt on 01546 810205 or e-mail glasvaar@btinternet.com</p>	<p>British Red Cross <b>EDWARDIAN TEA PARTY</b> in The Red Cross Centre, Kirk St, Campbeltown on Saturday 24th November 2-4pm Come and celebrate our centenary in Edwardian style and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea with home baking. Proceeds to mini bus fund Entrance £3 - Raffle</p>
<p>Carradale Village Hall <b>TABLE SALE EVENT</b> <b>Saturday 24th November</b> 10.00am till 3.30pm Jewellery, Arts &amp; Crafts, Knitwear Home Baking &amp; Preserves Garden Plants, Bric-a-Brac Christmas Gifts &amp; Cards <b>REFRESHMENTS</b></p>	<p>LORNE &amp; LOWLAND CHURCH GUILD <b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Church Hall <b>Wednesday 28th November</b> 10am - 12 noon Usual Stalls Admission £1.50</p>	<p>Saddell &amp; Carradale Parish Church Guild <b>SILENT AUCTION</b> with soup &amp; sandwiches <b>Carradale Village Hall</b> <b>Saturday, 1st December at 12 noon</b> Last bids 2.15pm Baking &amp; produce stalls Entry £3 adult, £1.50 child.</p>	<p><b>Tonight!</b> Cumloddan Lochfyneside &amp; Lochgair <b>PRE-CHRISTMAS FAIR</b> Furnace Village Hall <b>Friday 23rd November</b> 7 pm All the usual stalls!</p>	<p> The quality craft group from Kintyre <b>KINTYRE CRAFTERS LIGHTS ON CHRISTMAS FOOD &amp; CRAFT FAIR</b> Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown Friday 30th November 7pm - 9pm Saturday 1st December 10am - 4pm</p>
<p>Glenbarr Abbey Charitable Trust <b>CHRISTMAS OPEN DAYS</b> <b>Sundays 2nd &amp; 9th December</b> 12.30pm to 4.00pm Soup &amp; teas in aid of Mairi Semple Fund Music with Gus MacAlister</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP SALE</b> * Tayinloan Village Hall <b>Saturday 1st December</b> 1pm till 4pm * Gifts • Crafts • Raffle • Bottle Stall • Kids Lucky Dips • Refreshments * Tables £7 each * * Set up from 12 noon * To book phone 01583 441329 or 01583 441219 * Email: tayinloanvillagehall@hotmail.com</p>	<p><b>GIRL GUIDES CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b> <b>Saturday 1st December</b> <b>2 - 4pm</b> <b>Kinloch Hall</b> Usual stalls - Bottle, Baking, Craft Santa's Grotto, Raffle. Tea and Coffee</p>	<p><b>Christmas Fair</b> Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern <b>Saturday 24th November</b> 12 til 3pm 'Crafts, produce and goods designed to inspire your Christmas Shopping'</p>	<p><b>Four out of five adults use their local paper to find out what's on</b> ★★★★★ "Your local paper - a must-see" Source: Consumers' Choice V, The Newspaper Society  <b>Regional Press</b> closer to home</p>

# Amici Cello Trio go down a treat with Mid Argyll Arts Association audience

**Review by: John Holt**  
The number of cello trios in the UK can probably be counted on one hand. It was therefore with an eager sense of expectation that the visit of the Amici Cello Trio - Sonia Cromarty, Fiona Dippie, Helen McVey - was welcomed last Saturday by the audience in Ardrishaig.

The Trio did not disappoint, presenting a generous, well-balanced programme covering four centuries from Pachelbel to Pärt.

The concert opened appropriately with items from Handel's *Royal Fireworks Suite* (1749), and the rich mellow sounds of the three cellos were immediately heard in the opening Minuet.

The interplay between the three artists was constantly fascinating to watch, and the selection finished with a lively outburst of joy in *la Réjouissance*.

Sonia explained that whilst music written specifically for three cellos did exist, most of their repertoire consisted of arrangements of music for more conventional instrumental groups.

So the Adagio Cantabile, which followed, had been adapted from a Beethoven Wind Trio, and it was performed with warmth and sensitivity.

Two delightful pieces by Gabriel Fauré followed, before the first half ended with three traditional Scots songs from Ayrshire, Aberdeen and Edinburgh - like the three guest artists.

### Imaginative

The next item - five short trio pieces by Zoltan Kodaly - were mainly based on Hungarian folk tunes and they had actually been written specifically for three cellos. Lively, imaginative, picaresque music, reaching a climax in the final Trio with its Arabic overtones.

There were many more delights in store, as the second half began with a four movement Trio by Cervetto.

This piece was beautifully written for this combination and finished with a striking, lively theme and variations.

Going backwards 100 years, we next heard Pachelbel's *Canon* and then bang into the 20th century with Arvo Pärt's *Spiegel im Spiegel*.

This was a fascinating piece, with Helen and Fiona, indulging in beautiful harmonies on top of Sonia's constant gentle pizzicato bass, taking the music to interesting places, and resulting in a performance, which gained many new friends for this minimalist composer.

No enigmas with the final three composers, as they were all immediately recognisable. Piazzolla wrote *Libertango* in 1974 - to underline his clean break from classical in favour of Tango Nuevo.

The three cellos each took on the role of another instrument - bandoneon, violin and double bass - result, an authentic tango sound and a total success.

Again, an instantly recognisable Baroque style with Vivaldi's three movement Concerto for 2 Celli - played with energy and precision and highly enjoyable as a result.

And so to the final item - Aram Khachaturian's breathtaking *Sa-*

*bre Dance* (1942) from his ballet, *Gayane*. This showstopper involved trick effects and truly virtuoso playing from all three artists, and provided an exciting conclusion. This really had been a team effort making it impossible to single out any one cellist.

Fiona, Helen and Sonia - the Amici Cello Trio - had created a total rapport with their audience and they fully deserved the long and loud appreciation at the end.



The Amici Cello Trio of Helen McVey, Fiona Dippie and Sonia Cromarty performed in Ardrishaig on Saturday evening as part of their Mid Argyll tour. 06\_a47cello01



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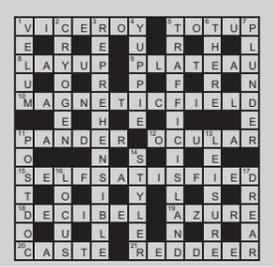
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Last week's solution



**ARDRISHAIG**

**Substance abuse group arranges music event**

ALCOHOL free beer and wine are going to be served up in the Slainte bar on Sunday night as folk band *Sanctuary* perform.

The unusual twist for a licensed bar has been organised by the Mid Argyll Substance Abuse Group as part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

It is the first of a series of events in the area, which have been organised to raise awareness about the issues of alcohol and drug misuse.

**Bargains galore at toddlers group sale**

CHILDREN'S toys, baby clothes and maternity wear will be

amongst a host of things been sold by parents from Ardrishaig Toddlers Group in the Mid Argyll Youth Centre tomorrow afternoon.

Parents have come up with a great way to sell baby and toddler items which are still in great condition by holding a sale between 1pm and 3pm.

It will be the perfect opportunity for parents to buy toys and clothes at far less of the price than if they went to the shops.

There will be some fantastic raffle prizes up for grabs, which have been donated from shops around the area.

Jo Bowden and Natalie MacEachern organised the event and said thank you to everyone who had helped organise the day and donated raffle prizes.

If the event is a success they hope to make it happen on a more regular basis.



**Karen Henderson and Laura Mackay were both selling gifts at the annual craft fair in Ford Village Hall. 06\_a47ford01**

**Ford Village Craft Fair**

THE ANNUAL Ford Village Craft Fair was held on Sunday afternoon with home made soup on offer on a chilly afternoon.

This year all the money raised will be split between a number of charities with money from the refreshment stall going to Mary's Meals. All the money made on the tombola was split be-

tween the SWRI and Ford Community Hall.

St. Matthew's Possilpark in Glasgow, which is an area of deprivation, was also going to benefit from money made at the fair.

Andrew Morgan, a member of Ford Village Hall Committee, was delighted with the turnout and thanked everyone who came along.

**CRAIGNISH**

LOCAL produce, crafts, baking, preserves, jewellery, woodwork, cards and children's toys will be on sale at the annual Craignish Christmas Fair.

Now in its fourth year, local charities will have stalls and there will be a raffle, tea or coffee and homemade filled rolls. The fair is in Craignish Village Hall on Saturday November 24 from noon until 3pm.

**INVERARAY**

THE NEWLY established Lochfyneside football team will be holding its first major fundraiser in The George Hotel on November 25.

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**DALTOTE**



**A young rider takes her first jump with a little help from her friends at the Children in Need fundraising event. Photo: Bill Baillie, Rainy Cloud Images**

**Children in Need fundraising fun**

THERE was fun and games all the way on Saturday for the riders at Daltote who raised £350 for Children in Need.

The fun started with

noughts and crosses on a horse's back, followed by blindfolded riding and finally challenges for everyone to raise funds along the way.

**FURNACE**

**Primary pupils dig deep for Pudsey Bear**

THE CHILDREN of Furnace Primary School P5-7 class organised a Children in Need Fundraiser on Thursday.

Helped by their teacher, Miss Miller, they organised a mixture of games, which included Pin the Eyepatch on Pudsey and Guess Pudsey's Birthday.

Home baking, a selection of beautiful cakes and snacks, were also made by the youngsters.

The children designed posters to advertise the event with a great turnout by parents and community members along with staff and pupils from Minard Primary School.

They raised £117 in little over an hour and the money will be put to good use Children in Need. The staff and pupils are very grateful to all those who helped out and attended.



**Pupils and teachers at Furnace Primary School organised a Children in Need Fundraiser.**

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**WEDDING**



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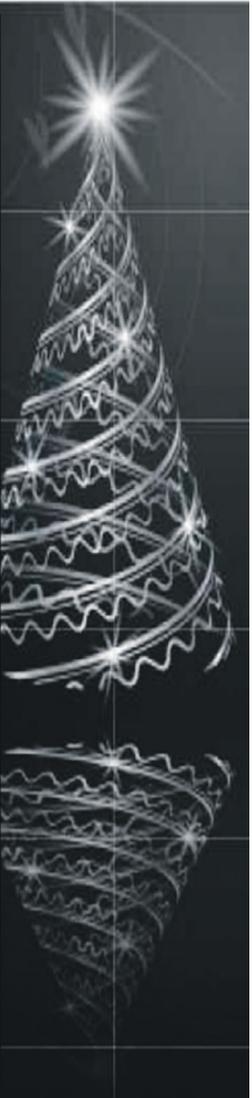


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If you want to have yourself a profitable Christmas, the quality and variety of food and drink you offer is paramount.

Across the world attitudes towards Christmas dinner vary and many believe that serving a turkey dinner as part of your set Christmas menu is essential.

Why not try something a bit different this year, a new starter, or trying fish or beef instead of the traditional turkey.

Christmas orders are being taken across butchers and fishmongers, and each local company will be able to give you hints and tips to make sure you cook your produce in the right way.

They will also be able to advise you what vegetables would complement it and what sauces to use, making it easier for you to plan your dinner.

You want to provide a meal not only your family will enjoy, but that you will take pride in yourself.

From starter to dessert to the nibbles on the tables and after dinner coffees, you should provide home-cooked quality that many people look for at this time of year – a

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Whether you cook for just a few of you, or a larger number, make sure you are prepared.

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Keep a closer watch on ewe condition score, says animal nutritionist Dr Colin Morgan

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Difficult weather has led to variable ewe condition scores and low quality/low intake forages. This means farmers may need to modify sheep diets and keep a closer watch on ewe condition score, says animal nutritionist Dr Colin Morgan.

'Silage composition has suffered badly in some areas as a result of the weather conditions. It is essential that silages are analysed so that they can be supplemented appropriately.'

In meeting the nutritional needs of the ewe, energy and protein requirements will be determined by her weight, condition score and numbers of lambs carried.

Colin said: 'With poor quality forages ewes may need more supplementary feed but it is important to manage

this to avoid overfeeding starchy cereals or sudden dietary changes that can cause metabolic upsets.

'Manage the use of body reserves to ensure ewes lamb in condition score 2 1/2 - 3 when lambing in March or condition score 2 - 2 1/2 for ewes lambing at grass.'

The stressful weather combined with an increase in sheep diseases caused by parasites has meant a difficult year for ewes, so their condition scores may be lower than usual. For thin ewes, feeding should start earlier at nine weeks pre-lambing.

Supplementary feeding levels by lambing will need to be higher at around 0.75kg compound /cereal per day split into two feeds.

'Do not leave it too late, score your ewes now and make planned changes to rations,' said Colin.

It is also advisable to supplement thin twin-bearing ewes in mid- to late-pregnancy.

Immediately after scanning separate thin

'Do not leave it too late, score your ewes now and make planned changes to rations'

ewes out for extra feeding.

Supplement with cereal at 0.5 kg per day if the ewes are on low quality silage. Try to

at least maintain or improve condition score by up to half a score between scanning and the last three weeks of pregnancy.

### Eorrabus Suffolks lead Islay UA sale

UNITED Auctions held a sale of 2147 head of lambs and sheep at Islay Auction Mart last Friday.

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Breeding cattle sold to £910 at Oban on Tuesday

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Limousin bullocks from Balnagown, Isle of Lismore sold to £740.

In the OTM class, Balnagown sold a British

Blue to £800 with Tyree, Benderloch selling Limousins to £860.

Store lambs sold to a top of £61 for Texels from E McGilvary, Barcaldine Home Farm, Barcaldine, Suffolks from the same home sold to £56 with Beltex from Gordon Brechin,

Upper Largie, Kilmartin selling to £55.

Ewes sold to a top of £48 for Cheviots from M McFarlane, Hillview, Kilchoan with Cross ewes from Achnacree-more, North Connel to £40. Blackfaces from Clachan Farm, Kilnilver sold to £36.

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The Scottish Salmon Company is a leading producer of high quality Scottish salmon. We are committed to high standards of animal welfare, sustainable operations and promoting a responsible environmental policy.

Due to Expansion of the Company and Internal Promotion we are pleased to announce that we are seeking the following staff to work at our new site in Loch Tuath off Gometra and our current site at Inch Kenneth, both on the Isle of Mull.

Preference will be given to candidates who live on the Isle of Mull.

**Marine Site(s) Manager**  
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(Ref MSM/GO/11/12)

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**Senior Marine Operative**  
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Working hours are normally 40hrs per week Monday to Friday, with weekend working required on a rota basis. Overtime is paid at enhanced rates.

**Marine Operatives x 3**  
(Salary: Grade 1 £16,284.30 - £19,961.40)  
2 x Gometra (Ref MO/GO/11/12)  
1 x Inch Kenneth (Ref MO/IK/11/12)

Duties will involve all the day to day operations including fish welfare, sampling, grading and weighing of fish along with site maintenance, net changing and boat handling.

Applicants should be enthusiastic, outgoing, highly motivated, and dedicated individuals with good communication and IT skills. They should enjoy working in an outdoor environment which at times can be challenging. They should be able to operate well as part of a small focused team and work flexibly to meet the demands of this role. Previous Aquaculture and Boat Handling experience is desirable but not essential, as the company will also offer further development opportunities through in-house and external training providers.

A Full clean driving licence is essential.

Working hours are normally 40hrs per week Monday to Friday, with weekend working required on a rota basis. Overtime is paid at enhanced rates.

In return, the Company offers a comprehensive pay and benefits package including entry into the Company Pension Scheme.

For an application form and job description, please contact:  
Suzanne Mawer, HR Department,  
The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd,  
Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll PA26 8BH  
Tel: +44 (0) 1499 600 435 / 415  
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### PLANNING

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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
12/02259/PP	Replacement boiler house (demolish existing), associated fuelstore, flues and fuel storage tank; new reverse-osmosis plant, associated silos (4 no.) and replacement chilled water plant; extension of, and re-cladding of store building for new cheese room, associated silo (1 no.) and associated plant	Campbeltown Creamery Witchburn Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/02383/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank (retrospective)	Liever View Ford Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RH	Ardrishaig Area Office

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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

### DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (ROUTE A83 KENNACRAIG TO CAMPBELTOWN ROAD AND UC59 MACHRIHANISH ROAD) (CONTROLLED PARKING WITHIN LAY BYS) ORDER 2012**

On Monday 19th November 2012, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order, which becomes effective on the 4th January 2013, restricts the parking within the new lay bys along the A83 Kennacraig to Campbeltown Road and the UC59 Machrihanish Road north of Campbeltown. The permitted period of parking will be limited to one hour, no return within two hours. The restrictions will prevent the likelihood of stationary or abandoned vehicles being left unaccompanied.

A copy of the Order and plan relative thereto are available for inspection during normal working hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the following offices:-

- (i) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Burnet Building, Campbeltown;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 23rd November 2012, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (COLCHESTER SQUARE AND ARGYLL STREET, LOCHGILPHEAD)(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012**

On Monday 19th November 201, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 16(A) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, (with the consent of the Scottish Ministers as required under Section 16B (6) of the said Act), made the above named Order the effect of which will be that for a temporary period, on the occasion of the switching on of the Christmas lights, no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle through the lengths of road indicated in the Schedule hereto.

Exceptions will apply to emergency services vehicles and vehicles being driven upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform. The Order, which is necessary to facilitate the holding of the event, shall have effect when indicated by signs between 1400 hours and 2200 hours on Saturday 1st December.

**SCHEDULE - PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC**

Name of Road in Lochgilphead	Extent of Restriction
Colchester Square	From its junction with the Tarbet- Lochgilphead -Kennacraig Trunk Road (A83) extending northwards to its junction with Argyll Street a distance of 40 metres or thereby.
Argyll Street	That section of Argyll Street extending from its junction with the north side of Colchester Square northwards to its junction with Union Street a distance of 72 metres or thereby.
Alternative Route:	Via adjacent streets.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD PA31 8RD

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005**

Notice is hereby given that Archibald Gillies McKellar (Junior) of 15 Kilkerran Park, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6UG, is applying for a betting office premises licence under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The application relates to the following premises:  
3 Longrow, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6JA  
A. McKellar Bookmakers

The application has been made to Argyll and Bute Licensing Board.

Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the application:

- A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities
- A person who had business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities
- A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories.

Any representations must be made by the following date: December 21, 2012.

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## Scottish Canals

### Notice to Mariners

#### Crinan Canal – Closure to Transiting Vessels Monday 26th November 2012 - Thursday 3rd January 2013

The Crinan Canal will be closed to transiting vessels between Monday 26th November and Thursday 3rd January 2013 whilst we undertake urgent repairs to the timber and concrete cills at Lock 9 which is situated at the midway point on the waterway.

Following operational issues experienced over the summer, we carried out a dive survey. This survey, which has just been completed, confirmed that the cill is in very poor condition and in need of immediate attention.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this unplanned closure may cause some customers but acting swiftly to effect a lasting repair will ensure continued operation during future years and give us the added benefit of making lock operation easier.

Those who wish to make passage before the closure must arrive at the Sea Locks at Crinan and Ardrishaig no later than 10 am on Friday 23rd November 2012. We intend to begin drain down later that day so any vessel not clear of the summit will remain in the system until Thursday 3rd January 2013.

Whilst vessels will not be able to transit the canal during this period, the Sea Locks at Crinan and Ardrishaig will remain operational, Monday to Friday, by appointment, between the hours of 9am and 3pm. The canal on either side of the works area at Lock 9 will also remain operational.

Customers wishing to lock in or out of Crinan or Ardrishaig should contact the Canal Office by telephone on 01546 603210.

Once again, we apologise for any inconvenience caused. Customers requiring any further information on the above, should contact the Canal Office.

Alex Hurst, Waterway Area Manager, Crinan Canal

**EXPLORE**  
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Tuesday 11th December  
Templar Arts & Leisure Centre  
7.00pm

Roddy Regan, Archaeologist, Kilmartin House Museum and Biddy Simpson of Archaeology Scotland's Adopt a Monument will introduce our new project at 8pm. We will have tea and coffee break followed by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust AGM.

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The post is based at SAMS and would suit someone who is pro-active, with the ability to multi-task and who enjoys a challenge.

For further information and to apply for this position online, go to: [www.sams.ac.uk](http://www.sams.ac.uk). Alternatively, please write to: Human Resources, Business Development Assistant, (Job Ref D19/12.TS), The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Scottish Marine Institute, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1QA or e-mail [recruitment@sams.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@sams.ac.uk)

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 30th November 2012**

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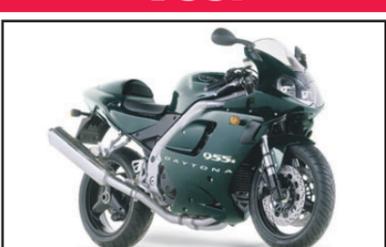


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**THANK YOU**

Ian and Ina MacDonald wish to thank their family and friends for the cards, gifts, flowers and phone calls they received for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.  
*All are much appreciated.*

**FLORA WILSON** would like to thank family and friends for cards, gifts and flowers received for her 90th Birthday.

Mr&Mrs W.A.Mair, would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all of the wonderful cards and gifts they received on the occasion of their wedding.  
Thank you all.

I would like to say thank you to my family at home and away, friends, neighbours and district nurses for all the lovely cards, flowers, baking and visits since my return from hospital. Thank you all so much.  
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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice' (Psalm 97:1).

**BIRTHS**

**CURTIS** - Charles, Kirsty nee Stewart and proud big brother Jake are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful girl Holly Joan, born November 15, 2012. Granddaughter for Brian and Mary Ann and Alan and Joan. Special thanks to the midwives at Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Royal Alexandra Hospital.



**MAILER** - Nick and Lisa (nee Fletcher) are delighted to announce the birth of Sam Andrew on November 9, 2012, a little brother for Ben and another lovely grandson for Susan and Blair, Ardrishaig, and Alison and John, Perth.

**DEATHS**

**COLVILLE** - Suddenly at Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow, on November 17, 2012 Rosmarie Jeanette McKerral, in her 68th year, 13 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Peter Colville, much loved mother of Tracy, Paul and the late Michelle, loving gran of Eilidh, Rhona, Andrew and Emma and great gran of Ryan.

**CUPPLES** - On November 16, 2012, peacefully at home, Robert (Bobby) Cupples, in his 80th year, beloved husband of Christine McDougall, much loved father of Peter and Robert, dear father in law of Morag and Eleanor, dearly loved Pappy of Stephen, Fiona, Andrew, Patrick and Alastair. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on November 21, 2012, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

**MORRISON** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 18, 2012, Isabella Galbraith Mauchline (Belle), in her 75th year, 8 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Morrison, much loved mother of John and Peter, loving granny of John and Scott and a dear sister and aunt.

**McARTHUR** - Peacefully at Lorn & Islands Hospital, Oban, on November 15, 2012, Neil McArthur, aged 85 years, of 47 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, and formerly of Kilmory Home Farm, Lochgilphead. Much loved husband of Avril, and loving and much loved father of Jean, Caroline, Catherine, Neil and Fiona. An adored grandpa. A much respected father-in-law. A dear brother, brother-in-law, cousin and uncle

to all the family. A good friend and dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, November 22, followed by interment at Achhabreac Cemetery. Sadly Missed.

**MCKERRAL** - Peacefully at home, 15 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, on November 17, 2012 Agnes Reid Blair Cunningham, in her 80th year, dearly beloved wife of the late John McKerral, much loved mother of James, Wilma, Ian, Shona and Senga and a loving and much loved nana and other nana and a dear sister and aunt.

**MACLEAN** - Peacefully after a short illness, on Saturday, November 17, 2012, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Hector MacLean (ex Ambulance Driver), aged 86 years. Loving husband of Mary, Campbell Street, Lochgilphead. Loving father of Lorna and Eileen, respected father-in-law of Allan and Walter. Much loved papa to Iain, Linsey, Alister and Jennifer, and great papa to Joe and Connie. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, November 21, 2012, followed by interment at Achhabreac Cemetery.

**MACRAILD** - nee McSparran. Formerly Glenside. Mary, beloved wife of the late Ian, died peacefully at the home of her daughter on November 3, 2012 in her 67th year, much loved mother, granny, sister, sister in law and aunt. Will be sadly missed.

**OGILVIE** - Peacefully at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, on Saturday, November 17, 2012. James Robb Ogilvie (Hamish), of Tayport, formerly of Carradale, a loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service in Dundee Crematorium on Friday, November 23, 2012 at 9.30am.

**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 the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital, 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

**HOLLINGSWORTH** - The family of the late Renee wish to thank friends and neighbours for their lovely flowers and cards. Also grateful thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for all the help and support given to us all at such a sad time. Our thanks also go to the Salvation Army for

a lovely service and to Dr Norrie, Ambulance crew, police and The Argyll Hotel.

**MCCONNACHIE** - Nancy and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the lovely flowers, cards, letters and visits which were greatly appreciated after the sad loss of Walter. Grateful thanks to Dr Elder, Nurse Jacqui McGougan and all staff at Carradale Surgery. Thanks also to staff in the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital for their excellent care and to all staff in the Social services team. Special thanks to the Carradale and Campbeltown Home Care Team, the ICT team and Elaine from Crossroads whose excellent care allowed Walter to remain in his own home. Our thanks to Matthew Ramsay for all his visits and for a comforting and uplifting service. To Alasdair Blair for excellent professional services and also to Carradale Hotel for warm hospitality. Thanks also to all who paid their respects at church and graveside. A retiring collection for the Fisherman's Mission raised £703.05

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of our son and brother, Dugald John, who sadly lost his life aboard "Antares" Nov 22, 1990. Always in our thoughts. Mum, Dad and Donald

**MCGOUGAN** - In loving memory of our son, James, who died November 21, 1986. As we loved him, so we miss him.

In our memories he is dear. Loved, remembered, thought of always. Bringing many a silent tear. -Sadly missed. Mum, Dad and sister, Heather.

**MACDOUGALL** - Anne In loving memory of my dear wife Anne, who passed away on November 25, 2010. Sadly missed, Bill, Brian, Kirsteen, Oliver and Paige and extended family.

**MACKAY** - In loving memory of Sheena, our dear mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, who passed away November 26, 2005.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, memories keep us near to you.

From all at Lilybank XXX **STEWART** - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978.

A heart of gold stopped beating Two willing hands lie still The one who did so much for me Is resting at God's will. Remembering not just today but every day. - Johnnie.

**TODD** - George, In loving memory of George who died November 25, 2000. Forever in our hearts, Lorraine and family.

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**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
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Sunday 25th November 2012  
10.00am Breaking of Bread  
Mr Rod Sharp (USA)  
10.50am Coffee  
11.15am Family Service with Crèche  
Mr Rod Sharp (USA)  
7.00pm - Youth Group  
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10.00am Parent and Toddler Group  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
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Mr Peter Morrison  
11.30am Sunday School (for 5-8 years old)  
Scottish Charity Number: SCO03847

**Highland Parish Church**  
SC002493  
Sunday 25th November 2012  
11.15am Morning Service  
Rev. Catriona Hood  
Fun Day Club & JAM in Hall  
Tuesday 27th November 2012  
Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall  
Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm  
Primary 6 & 7 7pm - 8pm  
Wednesday 28th November 2012  
Bible Study Fellowship  
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Tuesday, 27th 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.  
Wednesday, 28th November  
Guild Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy Sale 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Thursday, 29th November  
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, 30th November  
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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6.30pm Evening Worship  
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Thursday  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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# Ross the boss of winter golf

DESPITE being annoyed at a whole list of things and people, Ross Sinclair put together his finest ever winter league round.

With five birdies and a net seven under par he was just unbeatable. He always plays his best when he has a grump going and with more than enough reasons to moan, he took it out on the golf course.

Just to rub it in, he won both the nearest the pin prizes which, he donated to the Christmas party fund which might be being held for the first time in his garden shed.

Raymond Flanagan was second with what would normally be a winning score as he had been getting lessons from Grant MacDougall who had been getting lessons from Keith. This is a case of the blind, leading the blind, leading the clueless.

David Sinclair moved into second place overall despite missing several putts.

Playing round with John Downie is not easy

By DAVID SINCLAIR

as he hoovers up all the lucky bounces and breaks and is by far the luckiest golfer alive.

His memory is suspect however as he kept the players waiting at the start as he returned to his house to fetch his golf shoes only to find them in his golf bag after he had played 12 holes in his Trainers. What a duffer!

Tommy Angus takes the winter league very seriously and has been acclimatising for the frozen conditions by practising his putting in his chest freezer.

This should have been an advantage but putting around frozen pees and fish fingers is actually easier than putting on the winter greens.

He needs to leave in the onion rings and the potato crochets to get the right balance.

Donald Carmichael is getting very excited about the prospect of all the new golfing equipment he might get for Christmas. We will not

have to ask him what he is getting as we will be picking them up on the fairway as he drops them during the rest of the year.

Jim Hunter also likes Christmas as he usually finds enough bubble-wrap to cover most of his clubs, which protects them when they re-enter the atmosphere after he has lobbed them skywards during one of his outbursts.

Andy Law made a rare appearance and played well but had to run, he just had to. Simon Taylor cannot wait for Lee Hardman to return as he is fed up coming in last.

Colin Rowan played so well that I suspect we will be seeing more off him, he was a pleasure to play with, unlike John and Ross who just whinge and moan even when they are playing well.

Results: 10. R Sinclair, 9. R Flanagan, 8.D Sinclair, 7. A Law, 6.J Hunter, 5. D Carmichael, 4. J Downie, 3. G MacDougall, 2. T Angus, 1. S Taylor.



This years prizewinners at Inveraray Golf Club at the annual prizegiving dinner.

## Club celebrates fantastic season

TO CELEBRATE the end of a fantastic season Inveraray Golf Club held its annual prize giving dinner with new and familiar faces enjoying the evening.

The prestigious prizes were the Club Championship, which was won by George Morrison and the Singles Matchplay, which Derek Robertson won, with Jimmy Kerr winning the Senior Championship.

Chris Crawford picked up four prizes, the Sta-

bleford League, Stewart Scott Shield, the April and July medals.

Taking home the Bank of Scotland Trophy this year was Derek McCulloch who also won the Master and March Medal.

Picking up the winter league title this year was Paul Armstrong, with Donald Cameron winning the net competitions in both the Club and Senior Club Championships.

Rory Campbell had

an excellent first season as an individual in the gent's competitions and managed to go home with the Summer League, the August and Club Championship Medals.

Winner of the October Medal and Inverdell Cup was Lorne Campbell who also collected the Hydro Claret Jug with his son Rory.

George Morrison won the Marie Curie Stableford and was victorious in The Fraser Quaichs

Pairs with Dougie Fraser. John Smylie was winner of the May Medal and Jimmy Kerr picked up the June Medal.

The club would like to thank the George Hotel for their continued support and for hosting the prize giving.

Many a laugh was shared during the evening and the banter should ensure a good turnout for next season as the runners up this year look to outdo the current prize holders.



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The under 13s squad line up before their home league fixture against Kilpatrick Reds.

## Tarbert AFC back on league duty

THE DOOKERS are back in league action tomorrow after a series of cup-ties and hope to turn around their season after a disappointing start.

After last weekend's match falling foul to the adverse weather, Tarbert AFC face a trip to sixth placed Millbeg AFC, who completed a league double last season over the Argyll side.

The Dookers will be looking for revenge against their opponents as they look to turn their season around.

Manager James Prentice said it was vital the team, which is almost injury and suspension free, get a positive result so they can start moving up the table.

Speaking about the side's start in the SAFL Division 1A, he said: 'It's been a slow start to the season after losing the five experienced players in the summer.'

'However we have managed to blood some

young players, which will give them invaluable experience at this level.'

Now the side has a full squad to choose from on the trip to the East end of Glasgow, which includes player/manager Prentice who is returning from suspension.

### Top form

He hopes to return in top form after scoring 12 goals in nine games but is looking to the rest of the players to start chipping in a few more goals.

'I'm looking for a reaction from the boys after our last two cup games, where I felt we deserved better,' he said.

Saturday's game is the first of three against Millbeg after drawing them at home in this season's Coronation Cup.

A win in this match would give the side a big boost in confidence going into the second round tie which is due to be played in January.

## Newly formed Red Star 13s off to a great start

RED STAR under 13s have got off to a great start and currently sit mid table after playing only one match at home this season.

This squad was only formed in the summer

and brought together 18 boys from Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

Despite many of the boys not having played together they have adapted quickly, managing three wins, one draw

and one defeat in the opening matches of the Dunbartonshire Football Development League.

### Leap

The boys made the massive leap from short duration seven a side

games to competitive 11 a side matches played over 70 minutes on full sized parks.

Gordon Munro, Head Coach is delighted at the early season progress made by the team and

the commitment and enthusiasm shown by the boys and their parents.

The Star sides are supported throughout the year with the help of the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services.

## Young side push for top spot

JUST A few months ago the Red Star Under 14's faced an uncertain future but the side has left it behind them as they compete for the top of the league table.

The under 14s have gone through a lot of changes this season but this has not unsettled the squad which has shown great team spirit for the first part of the season.

The side is now under new management, which has worked hard at building up the squad, with the addition of six new players, securing vital sponsorship and bringing in new coaches.

The under 14s currently sit fourth in the DF DL 2012/2013 league after a great start to the season which has seen them win five of their seven matches, dropping

three points to the Oban Saints Youths 99's and drawing with top of the table Drumchapel United 99's.

With two games in hand and only a few point separating the top four teams the side will be hoping to clinch the top spot.

### Regional cup

This weekend the boys hope to progress to the next round of the Regional cup when they travel to Cumbernauld to take on Carbrain Skys B C 99s

The boys have taken all the changes in their stride showing great enthusiasm and gelling well as a team, which is further encouraged by the support they have received from local businesses and Mid Argyll Youth Development Services.

## Red Star hit the road in bid to stay in title race

RED STAR are travelling to Glasgow Green tomorrow to face Kings Park Rangers (B) where they hope to clinch another three points to stay at the top of the table.

The first few months of the season have been particularly exciting for the Lochgilphead side as they find themselves involved in a title race.

Manager Allan Weir said he was happy with his side's start to the season and particularly with their away form.

'It's been pleasing to get off to a good start this season as in previous years we've been left ruing our slow starts,' he said.

'Our form away from home has been

excellent this season so far. The boys know they have to keep working hard in training to guarantee a place in the squad as we've had more than 20 players at training most Wednesday nights.'

### Experience

The side have also been performing well in cup ties and this has given some of the younger players a chance to gain experience with a game against Giffnock North coming up in the West Cup.

Star hope to repeat their Coronation Cup victory from last season but their main priority is to gain promotion to Premier 2.

## Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 2, 8 and 10. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £600 next week.



THERE were no winners of this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club Lottery draw this with numbers 9, 14, 25 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £300.

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#### Coronation Cup second round

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