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Health staff protest against pension cuts



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'Make it better not cheaper'

MAKE IT better not cheaper – that was the message that came from nurses picketing the entrance to the Mid Argyll Community Hospital on Wednesday.

Protesting about the UK Government's planned cuts to pensions, the nurses said they did not want to be the vulnerable people of the future, struggling to make ends meet.

Nurses, estates staff and caterers protesting outside the hospital were amongst thousands of public sector workers who went on strike in Argyll and Bute on Wednesday.

Explaining the decision to go on strike is difficult for any public sector worker, Jimmy

McCallum, a staff nurse at the Mid Argyll hospital, said it was about 'trying to make things better'.

'It is a very difficult decision to make because, as a nurse, your main concern is the patients but we don't want to be the vulnerable patients in the future without financial security,' he said.

The UK government is asking public sector workers to pay an additional 3.5 per cent into their pension fund and receive less than previously agreed.

Jimmy, from Lochgilphead, is 50 years old and has been paying into his pension for 27

years. In theory he could retire in five years but no longer sees that as a possibility.

Explaining that his pension is money that he has effectively been saving, Jimmy said many people choose a career in the NHS with a view to creating a secure future in their later years.

'A lot of people made their career decisions based on their pension,' Jimmy said.

Derek Leslie, general manager of Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP), addressed the people picketing the Lochgilphead hospital. He said: 'I understand that this protest is against the govern-

ment and not Argyll and Bute CHP. I am glad to see that you have a good turnout, but hope you understand why some of us went into work this morning.'

Mid Argyll Community Hospital remained open on Wednesday, whilst NHS Highland said contingency plans would ensure core services, like cancer treatment and maternity, would be provided and emergency cover would be unaffected.

But the strike action, involving 30 unions, did cause disruption to most public services with schools, street cleaning, libraries and day care centres affected.

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Clarification Fiona runs to raise cash for chemo fund

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to point out that Fiona Corner did not receive chemotherapy treatment at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, as suggested in last week's edition of the paper.

Fiona, who raised more than £1,700 for the new chemotherapy service at the hospital, did so because she was keen to see an oncology service developed in Mid Argyll.

Explaining that she had excellent care in the Vale of Leven Hospital, Fiona said: 'I am passionate about others being able to receive treatment closer to home when possible, and the accessibility of expertise in the oncology field close at hand.'

Car ends up in ditch

HEAVY rain saw a car skid and land in a ditch on the A83, near Minard, on Saturday afternoon. No one was injured in the accident.

Relief as MS service is saved

A TREATMENT that brings physical and emotional relief to Mid Argyll people suffering the effects of Multiple Sclerosis has been secured, thanks to a funding boost.

The physiotherapy service at Lochgilphead's MS Centre has been saved for another year after the centre won an RBS Community Force Award.

One of three organisations in the West of Scotland to receive the £6,000 grant, the money will be used to fund weekly physiotherapy sessions for people suffering the symptoms of MS such as muscle spasms and fatigue.

Fiona MacInnes, who regularly attends for treatment, said physiotherapy is invaluable. 'It loosens up the body and takes spasms away,' Fiona said. 'I think it is a preventative treatment too as it tackles a flare-up before it progresses into a much bigger problem.'

'I think it improves my mood and helps me relax,' she added. 'It definitely has emotional and physical benefits.'



It was all smiles at the MS Centre on Wednesday as it was announced that the charity had won the RBS CommunityForce Award. Dianne Frame, Leanne Currie and Fiona MacInnes celebrate the news with MS Centre manager Karen McCurry and physiotherapist Yvonne McNiven.

The MS Centre won the RBS award after gaining the support of the local community.

The charity was one of hundreds of organisations that applied for an award and won when it was polled in the top

three organisations with the most online votes in the area.

Speaking to the Advertiser on Wednesday, Karen McCurry, MS Centre manager said: 'We are thrilled that we can continue all our

much needed physiotherapy sessions for people with MS and delighted with the support given to us by everyone who voted.'

She added: 'Once again we have been overwhelmed with the sup-

port we have received from our community who have been behind us giving their support, financial donations and their time in valuable voluntary hours since the building of the MS Centre.'

Police files

Man taken to hospital with burns

A 47-YEAR-old man is being treated for minor burns in Royal Alexandra Hospital after the gas canister he was cooking with malfunctioned.

The man was camping along the A819 Dalmally Road, just outside Inveraray, when the accident happened on Saturday afternoon.

The man was airlifted to the hospital in Paisley for treatment.

Optician's window broken

POLICE are appealing for information after a window was broken at the Lekalake Opticians on Union Street, Lochgilphead.

The window was broken over the weekend, between 7.30pm on Friday evening and 8.30am on Monday morning.

Anyone who may have seen people acting suspiciously in the area are asked to contact Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

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Islands welcome ferry discounts

THE ECONOMIC future of Argyll islands looks a lot brighter this week after the Scottish Government announced an extension of the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET).

The government announced on Tuesday

that it would roll out the reduced ferry fares scheme to west coast islands including Islay, Colonsay and Gigha. The scheme is an extension to a pilot scheme, which reduced the cost of travelling to Coll and Tiree.

Welcoming the news, MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell said: 'For the first time the regular van going, for example, to Colonsay, will be able to reduce prices for something as basic as bringing the shopping.'

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Police files Woman and children injured

A WOMAN and three children were left shaken with minor injuries after the car they were travelling in plummeted down an embankment off the A83.

The car was travelling along the Lochgilphead to Tarbert Road when it veered off the road and down an embankment, north of Stonefield.

Emergency services attended the scene soon after the accident at 2.15pm on Monday.

The woman was taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital and treated for whiplash.

Man airlifted to hospital

MOUNTAIN rescue teams descended on the banks of River Douglas, near Inveraray, on Saturday in a bid to help a man who had injured his knee.

The man, who had been canoeing in the river with friends, had hurt his knee at 12.45pm and was unable to make it back to the main road.

Rescue teams from Oban and Arrochar located the 24-year-old and he was later airlifted to Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock.

Donation box stolen

A DONATION box for a sick children's charity has been stolen from Furnace Village Store.

The CLIC Sargent collection box is believed to have been taken at about 5.20pm last Wednesday evening.

Contact the police on 01546 702200.



Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell, accompanied by Jim Paterson, Tarbert Academy pupils and headteacher Rev. Catriona Hood, plants the first community orchard tree in Tarbert.

MSP plants first fruit tree

Report by
Colin Hunter

FRUIT will be in abundance in Kintyre next year as a programme of tree planting gets underway.

Organised as part of the Entire Kintyre Orchard (EKO) Project, hundreds of trees will be planted between Campbeltown and Tarbert in the coming months, forming a community orchard.

The first tree was planted by Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell and Tarbert Academy pupils at Tarbert Harbour on Monday.

Speaking at the event Mr Russell praised the EKO Project, run by Tarbert and Skipness

Community Trust, for its vision and ability to enlist support.

The project, which was awarded an Awards for All Grant by the Big Lottery, is now set to plant a thousand fruit trees across Kintyre, Islay and Gigha, providing apples, pears, plums and cherries for community use.

Provide

Speaking at the planting ceremony, project co-ordinator Jim Paterson, said: 'We can provide trees to schools,

community groups, youth groups, and tenants' associations, as well as to individuals.'

He added: 'Growing the trees will increase community awareness of fruit as a local food, and will get people talking to other members of their community. Any trees remaining, after we honour our commitments to organisations, will be available to individuals, who can contact me on 07500 677651 or via jphpaterson@gmail.com.'

Three-year wait for new homes

Church of Scotland rejects plan for houses on Ardfern land

RESIDENTS of Ardfern have been told that it could be another three years before affordable housing is built in the village.

The announcement comes after the Church of Scotland rejected a proposal to build houses on its land in the Lower Glebe.

The church recently rejected a building proposal submitted by Craignish Community Company (C3) because it left the church with no access road to the Upper Glebe, land that it also owns. With C3 unable to identify an access point that meets the requirements of planning criteria and the Church of Scotland unwilling to accept a planning proposal without suitable access, stalemate has ensued. This, C3 says, will delay any development by years.

In a statement published on the company website, the C3 housing committee said: 'We are very disappointed by the Church's stance which

means that if the development goes ahead at all, it is unlikely to do so for another three or four years.'

But the Church of Scotland continues to embark on a study of its own in a bid to address the problem of access to the Upper Glebe.

Ishbel MacNicol, session clerk for Craignish Parish Church, said: 'The General Trustees, who own the land, are doing everything in their power to make this housing development happen. There are still things going on to see if we can make this happen and happen as

soon as possible. But the reason the trustees can't accept this is because it would leave them with land that they would have no access to. Until they can get access I can not see the development happening in the foreseeable future.'

Hoping the situation is resolved soon, Jan Brown, secretary of C3, said there is currently no other land in Craignish suitable for a housing development.

She said: 'There is nothing else C3 can do at the present time, everything is in the hands of the Church's consultants and the planners.'

Bid to cut waiting list

ARGYLL and Bute Council this week passed its housing strategy and set up a rural housing fund of £750,000 as councillors vowed to take action to cut a waiting list of almost 4,000 people.

The new rural housing fund will initially target six communities – Ardfern, Strachur, Succoth, Tieve, Port Ellen and Iona, whilst a ban on the right to buy has been introduced for most Mid Argyll communities.

This will affect tenants who took out a new tenancy on or after September 30, 2002, who will no longer be entitled to buy their home.

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Castle sale welcomed by tourism chiefs

THE decision to sell an Argyll estate to a major holiday firm has been welcomed by tourism and business chiefs, as further details of the deal emerged.

Argyll and Bute Council chose Seasons Holidays as their preferred bidder for the 142-acre Castle Toward site in Cowal last month.

Barry Hurley, chairman of Seasons, said his firm first visited the site in 2006 and has been working closely with the council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Scottish Development International (SDI), a government agency encouraging investment in Scotland.

He added: 'We will now endeavour to work closely with the local planning authority, Historic Scotland and all the associated bodies to achieve a deliverable mixed use resort development, whilst retaining the important historical heritage of the site.'

As well as a hotel, conference centre and spa, a family-focussed fractional ownership resort is planned.

Anne MacColl, head of SDI, said the announcement was 'excellent news' for Argyll and Scotland as a whole.

A council spokesperson said Seasons had not received any assurances about planning applica-

tions and would involve the community through the planning process.

Meanwhile, South Cowal Community Council has made a plea for a voice in discussions about the future of the site. The developments were discussed at its recent meeting and they agreed to write to Seasons to open up discussions about their plans.

Alan Stewart, community councillor, said: 'It is accepted that things are going to change, and we would like to be involved at an early stage.'

'Some members of the public who were at the meeting had grave concerns as to the type of

development that may be planned, and it is difficult to allay their fears without more information.

'There was general agreement at the meeting that there was potential for this to be a very good thing for the area, and for some very positive outcomes, that the Ardyne basin could finally be developed if this was as good a plan as Seasons say, and perhaps a ferry link to Bute.

'But we also felt that the wrong type of development could be a disaster, hence our desire for involvement from the beginning. There is no need for secrecy.'



MSP celebrates St Andrew's Day

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell joined Inveraray Burns Club last week to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. The MSP, who attended the event with his wife Cathleen, made a toast to St. Andrew and Scotland, whilst club member Kenneth McKellar raised a toast to Inveraray and Argyll. International folk group On the Wagon provided the music for the night's celebration. Pictured are Inveraray Burns Club President, Michael Kidd with guests of honour Mr and Mrs Russell.

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Students work hard to make the perfect gift for Christmas

ENTERPRISING students at Lochgilphead High School have been working hard to make the perfect gifts for Christmas.

Showing both artistic skill and an eye for business, pupils at the school are making household and decorative merchandise to sell at a special Christmas craft sale this month.

Featuring works by pupils across the whole school, the sale will of-

fer merchandise that has been made in home economics, art, pottery and woodwork classes.

Hosted by the S6 Young Enterprise Group, the sale will be the first of many pop-up shops the group will launch ahead of Christmas.

The group, made up of 11 senior students, will sell a host of goods throughout December at shops that will 'pop-up' at various locations across Mid Argyll. Sell-

ing festive decorations and stocking fillers, the teenagers will also offer a gift-wrapping service for their merchandise and presents purchased elsewhere.

The Christmas Fayre will take place at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on December 9 between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Landslide headache

THE A83 Inveraray to Arrochar road was closed as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press on Thursday, following a landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful.

The landslide happened at 7.30 in the morning, with more rocks falling at 9.20am.

The latest of many landslides, the road closure has again caused disruption to small business in the Inveraray and Mid Argyll area.

Commenting on the landslide, Virginia Sum-

Cut in fuel duty for islands

ISLANDERS are celebrating after the UK Government confirmed it would cut fuel duty by five pence a litre.

The government last week announced it would cut duty for all Scottish Islands from March 2012.

Welcoming the news MSP for Argyll and Bute Alan Reid said it was great news for islanders. He added: 'If this pilot scheme is a success, and I'm sure it will be, I will campaign for it to be extended to remote parts of the mainland.'

Summation from Loch Fyne Oysters in Cairndow, said: 'We are very concerned. In terms of the shop and the Oyster bar business falls away to nothing, so it's a huge issue for us. We have paid staff here but no customers. From a delivery point of view we have added journeys, with vans going via Crianlarich and it is getting worse and worse with the increasing cost of fuel.'

She added: 'We need a long-term solution to the problem; things are hard enough as it is.'

With the A83 closed at the Rest, traffic was being diverted in both directions, via the A819 Inveraray to Dalmally road and the A85/A82 Tyndrum to Tarbet road.

GRADUATIONS



Lisa Quinn Rae, daughter of Tommy and Catherine Rae, graduated from University of West of Scotland with a B.A. in Criminal Justice.

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Vital talks on Jura passenger ferry next year

VITAL discussions to decide the future of the Jura Passenger Ferry will take place next year, the Scottish Government has confirmed.

The announcement comes after Argyll and Bute Council urged the government to fulfil its promise to support the struggling ferry service, which has been described as a 'lifeline' to islanders.

The service, which runs between Jura and Tayvallich throughout the summer is the only direct link between the island and the mainland.

Argyll and Bute Council gave the Jura Passenger Ferry Service a one-off payment of £24,000 in June to safeguard the passenger only service this summer. There is currently no confirmed funding to operate the

ferry in summer 2012.

But, referring to a meeting held earlier this year, the council said MSPs had suggested the government would fund the service in 2012.

Strong Message

'At that meeting, there was a very strong message given from the MSPs that if the council funded the operation of the Jura Passenger Ferry in 2011, the Scottish Government would help with the funding in future years,' Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for island affairs, said.

'The council kept its side of the bargain and identified money to ensure that the ferry could continue to operate in summer 2011 - despite the fact that all those involved acknowledge that funding this service

is not a matter for the council.'

Refusing to confirm funding for the service, Keith Brown, Minister for Housing and Transport, said: 'I am sympathetic to strengthening Jura's ferry service and I plan to discuss this with Argyll and Bute Council. Proposals regarding this service and others will be clear in the draft Ferries Plan which is due for publication before Christmas.'

Welcoming the news, Rob Darroch of Jura Development Trust said he was hopeful the minister would find the money needed to sustain the service for the next three years - until the ferries review is implemented.

'It is the only strategic route that we have between Jura and the mainland,' he said.



Caitlin Fowler, Maxine Renfrew and Josie Rogers painted a range of moustaches on the faces of pupils at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. 06_a48movember01

Movember moustaches

MOUSTACHES were back in fashion at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Tuesday as students did their bit to support Movember.

Youngsters in the primary school sported a variety of styles including the connoisseur, the abracadabra, the rock star and the trucker in a bid to raise awareness of the charity that promotes health and wellbeing amongst men.

Students in S6 offered to paint moustaches for pupils in the primary school, pre five unit and assisted learning centre, whilst secondary school students opted for the stick-on variety.

Teachers also got in on the act, with

males growing a moustache for Movember and ladies painting a range of styles over their top lip.

With pupils donating money to have their faces painted, the school will make a donation to the charity, which works to help men with prostate cancer.

November 2011 marks the first time the school has supported the Movember campaign, which is growing in popularity. Men across Mid Argyll have been growing their facial hair all month to show their support. For more pictures see next week's Advertiser.

Blue badge fee increase

THE fee for a blue badge disabled parking permit is to increase from £2.50 to £20 on January 1, 2012.

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Christmas at the Kilmartin Hotel

A FAMILIAR face will greet customers of Kilmartin Hotel this Christmas as the hotel comes under new management.

Richard Pate, former manager of the hotel, has taken over the lease of the popular Mid Argyll hotel and is looking forward to feeding local families in the run up to the festive season.

'This is quite an exciting time for me, Richard said. 'I feel there are many things we do well here, we are a tra-



Local man Richard Pate is ready and waiting to serve locals at Kilmartin Hotel. 06_a48kilmartin01

ditional rural Scottish pub and that's not about to change.'

But building on the success of the hotel, renowned for its warm welcome, is key for Richard and his hospitality team.

'I want to develop the food menu as well as host events with music and bands,' Richard explained. 'I think we have a good reputation for delivering quality food, with good serv-

ice and we're going to keep that and build the business on that.'

Urging locals to get in touch via facebook, Richard said the hotel would post updates online and urged customers to get in touch with ideas and feedback on the hotel.

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Those Were The Days

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Safety fears on school road

SAFETY fears are growing over congestion on a busy school road in Tarbert. Residents and worried mums have expressed concern over the increase in traffic in School Road since building work started on Tarbert Academy.

The situation is at its worst at 3.30pm every weekday when school buses and parents stop outside the school to pick up the children. Locals are worried that there's an accident just waiting to happen.

'It's a miracle no-one has been killed,' said Marg Leitch, whose 10-year-old son George attends the primary school.

'The road is packed full of cars,' she added, 'I think everybody has tried contacting people like the police, the community council and so on but it's just a 'wait and see' situation.'

Building work at the school meant that areas previously used for parking have been taken up by contractors' supplies.

Cash crisis at wildlife park

ONE of Argyll's key tourist attractions is facing a crisis situation. Restoration work at the Argyll Wildlife Park, which was severely damaged in last month's gale, is running into major problems.

Owners Brian and Catriona Cocker warned this week their deadline for an Easter re-opening is being placed at risk due to cash difficulties.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shelden



THERE was just a glimmer of light left in the late afternoon sky as we drove along Loch Long. The loch was glass flat and the lights of Arrochar reflected across the water in absolute perfection. It was so still that the lights almost reached from one side of the loch to the other. The lights lit up the darkness and even highlighted the swirl of mist that settled on top of the Cobbler. Smoke rose vertically from the chimneys and drifted noiselessly into a starry sky. Soon we left the lights behind and drove into the darkening night.

The hills folded into the blackness and merged with the sky.

Suddenly the whole landscape was bathed in light and, glancing in the rear view mirror, I saw it.

The moon had risen over the hills and was brighter than any spotlight or beacon. It danced softly on the water and lit up sky and sea and land.

It was a wondrous sight and its light really did banish the darkness.

At this wintering time, we spend a lot of time in the dark as the days are shortening.

How lovely to see this moonlight embrace us and remind us that darkness is powerless when light appears.

Darkness is powerless when light appears.

We are an Advent people walking in the darkness waiting for the light.

We are an Advent people, pregnant with hope waiting for the Light of the World to come to us once again.

We are an Advent people expecting the rebirth of love.

We are an Advent people lingering in the night, but anticipating the dawn.

We are an Advent people waiting for the mid-wife of the world to come.

The labour pangs have started; so let's put aside the shopping, and the rushing and the grumbling.... and get ready for a birth.



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane photograph was submitted by Violet MacKenzie. It shows girls and boys at the schools sports at Lochgilhead High School more than 40 years ago. 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, Lochgilhead.

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The Royal Navy is looking for any reader who has served in the electrical, radio, radar, weapons, warfare or control branch of the Royal Navy and who is willing to assist in a small way in training tomorrow's sailors in the skills and way of life they learnt in the Royal Navy.

The Royal Naval Electrical Branch Association is working in conjunction with H.M.S Collingwood at Fareham in Hampshire, to bring the sailors of tomorrow, the experience of yesterday.

The function of the Royal Navy Electrical Branch Association is to reunite those who have served together through newsletters and reunions.

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In the words of the Kitchener poster 'Your association needs you' to help with the training of tomorrow's sailor.

Have a look at what we do at www.rneba.org.uk and download an application form, or write to Mike Crowe, RNEBA, 7 Heath Road, Lake, Snowdon, Isle of Wight, or send an email to mike@rneba.org.uk.
Mike Crowe,
Royal Naval Electrical Branch Association.

Are you registered to vote?

Sir,
Local government elections are scheduled to take place in all councils across Scotland on May 3, 2012.

By making sure they have returned their annual registration form your readers can make sure they are registered to vote and can have a say in electing their councillors.

I encourage all households in Scotland to ensure they have filled in and returned the annual canvass form they will have received through the post.

If anyone has lost their form they should get in touch with their local electoral registration office. Readers can find the contact details for their local office on www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

Andy O'Neill,
Head of Electoral Commission in Scotland,
Lothian Chambers,
Edinburgh.

Tin Farm 5 thanks

Sir,
The organisers of the Tin Farm 5 would like to thank Sir William and Lady Lithgow for their continued and enthusiastic support of the event. Also thanks to our sponsors, Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm, for their generous and continued sponsorship.

A big thank you to the Riverside Garage, Lochgilhead, and Engineering Hire Systems for providing the contents of the goody bags for the runners.

Thanks also to all those who helped put on a great spread of soup, sandwiches, cakes, teas and coffees which raised £250 and will be donated

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to the new chemotherapy unit at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Lastly, thanks to all the marshals, helpers and runners without whom the event could not have gone ahead.

Full results and photos can be found on our facebook page www.facebook.com/tinfarm5

Kirsty Young,
Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club,
Lochgilhead.

Why are our roads so narrow?

Sir,
It was disturbing to see in last week's *Squeak*, November 25 edition, the huge lorry lying on its back on the public road side. At first I read Dalavich, and thought maybe that's not surprising such a big load went off that road. But then I looked again and saw Dalmally - yes the main A road.

I was prompted to write as I have thought for many years that it is poor design to make our main roads so narrow that lorries can only just pass each other safely, and often have to slow down to do so. But worse, there is no room for error - if a wheel goes off the tarmac the verges are soft, muddy or grassy and have no strength, and the vehicle can be dragged down into the ditch, regardless of speed, as seems to have happened in this case.

I noticed a few years ago that in Ireland the main roads often have wide and hard stone verges, which would prevent such disasters.

At the same time the hard verges have many other benefits such as allowing slow moving farm tractors to keep off the main road, and for use in breakdowns and emergencies, in a similar way to the hard verges we have on motorways in UK. Services can be laid under the verges instead of digging up the main carriageways to fix water pipes or whatever. Why are our rural roads so narrow? There is no shortage of roadstone in the Highlands! It seems to me they are neither suitable nor safe for modern traffic.

Peter Quelch
6 Glengilp,
Ardrihaig.

Busy weekend for Santa Claus



Torrential rain did not stop Issie Crawford, aged 6, from enjoying her time with Santa. 06_a48invsanta01



Seven-year-old Holly Broadford tucks into one of the many delicious homemade buns at the Inveraray Christmas Fayre. 06_a48invsale01



Inveraray youngsters Jody Lockhart, Shira MacAskill and Angus MacAskill were excited to meet Santa at the Inveraray Christmas Craft Fayre on Sunday. 06_a48invsale02

SANTA CLAUS was incredibly busy last weekend, as he made no fewer than three appearances in Mid Argyll.

Stopping off overnight in Inveraray on Friday, Santa flew into the Royal Burgh as the Christmas Lights were switched on. Meeting children in his sleigh, parked on Inveraray Front Street, Santa met a host of youngsters who queued up to tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

Torrential rain failed to dampen the spirits of families who turned out to see the Christmas tree and festive

streetlights turned on, courtesy of the Royal Burgh's community council.

Thank

Davie Scott, member of the community council, said: 'I would like to thank Argyll and Bute Council, D.A. MacDonald, Mid Argyll Round Table, Inveraray Pipe Band, Alex Blyth and Gregor Cameron for making the night a success.'

Also greeting children on Saturday, Santa paid a visit to Inveraray Church Hall to celebrate with locals at the Christmas Craft Fayre.

New arts ambassador

A BUTE artist has been appointed the new voluntary arts ambassador for Argyll and Bute.

Nicola Jones, an art tutor at Argyll College's Bute campus was awarded the position by Voluntary Arts Scotland in a bid to boost arts and crafts in the area.

Hoping to bring art groups together, Nicola wants to give artists and volunteers a voice within the community.

'With so many layers of bureaucracy lying between ordinary people and the decision makers, we all need somebody to speak up for us,' Nicola said.

Nicola is encouraging all those with an interest in the arts and crafts sector to contact her at vaa-argylland-bute@vascotland.org.uk or via the Facebook page.

Wild Biscuit's MOVE to open the 2011 Scots Trad Music Awards

WILD BISCUIT, Mid Argyll's most innovative musical performance company, will tomorrow (Saturday) launch the Scots Trad Music Awards.

The company's production MOVE, featuring Mid Argyll pipers, drummers and Hip Hop Crew Random Aspekts, will open the 2011 MG Alba awards ceremony in Glasgow.

Travis' Neil Primrose, Fraser Fifield, and John Saich will again join the MOVE cast for the performance, which is an exclusive preview of the production currently in rehearsals for Celtic Connections 2012.

'The core of the production sees a line up of mostly Mid Argyll pipers and drummers combined with the awesome moves of Scotland's number one Hip Hop Boy Crew Random Aspekts,' John Saich, MOVE's musical director said. 'This contemporary show draws on the roots of traditional Scots piping, funk and jazz, creating a unique and exhilarating audience experience.'

Described as the 'Oscars' of the folk music scene, the awards ceremony will see the Mid Argyll musicians share

the stage with some of Scotland's most revered artists including Barbara Dickson, The Peatbog Faeries and Salsa Celtica.

Commenting on the awards ceremony, hosted by Mary Ann Kennedy

and Tony Kearney, trad awards founder and promoter Simon Thoumire said: 'This year's ceremony will be our biggest and best yet. As well as honouring some fantastic musicians, it will be a fun

packed night of performances including the incredible MOVE who will no doubt be a real highlight.'

The awards ceremony will be filmed by BBC ALBA and broadcast on Sunday, December 4.



Mid Argyll pipers and drummers are to open the Scots Trad Music Awards, as part of Wild Biscuit's MOVE production.



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Perfect gifts at Mid Argyll Craft Fayres

CHRISTMAS shoppers got 'crafty' last weekend as they snapped up hand crafted goods and unique presents at fayres held across Mid Argyll.

Marking the start of

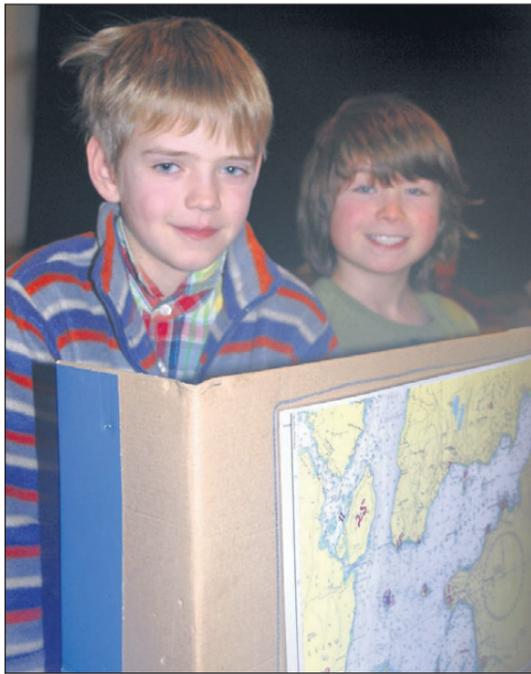
the peak shopping season, both Craignish Village Hall and Ardrishaig Public Hall were jam-packed on Sunday as people treated themselves and loved ones to

the perfect gift. Giving shoppers lots of reasons to 'buy local' this Christmas, crafts men and women showcased a wealth of talent and merchandise at both events.

A range of soaps, jewellery, purses, luxury Christmas hampers, decorative glass works, felt products, mirrors, vases, jewellery boxes, photographic art and occasion cards were available across the two venues.

Full of young people turning their hobbies into growing businesses, the sales featured Kilmartin based business Tilly and Rose, which displayed its renowned cushions and country-chic household goods. Christen MacKinnon of FeltLikeThis showcased a range of felt wrapped natural soaps, whilst Grant Logan exhibited a range of handmade gold and diamond jewellery.

Exhibiting work for



Johnnie Neville and Thom Catterwell, from Craignish Primary School, hosted a treasure hunt at the Christmas Fayre on Sunday.

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An explosion of colour and design, Sally Weaser, owner of Kilmelford's Boafrosh - Handmade Jewellery and Accessories, showcased a host of beautiful earrings and necklaces. 06_a48craignish03

the first time was Kilmichael photographer Duncan Hopkinson. The 17-year-old graphic designer sold landscape, wildlife and portrait photographs on canvases at the Ardrishaig Fayre.

Shoppers who missed last weekend's sale bonanza will be able to attend other crafts fayres, scheduled to take place at venues across Argyll in the run up to Christmas.

Kilmichael teenager Duncan Hopkinson displayed his photographs for the first time at the Ardrishaig Christmas Craft Fayre on Sunday. 06_a48ardsale01



Christmas lights big switch on

LOCHGILPHEAD will dazzle on Saturday night as the town's Christmas lights are switched on.

Local woman Cathy Mitchell has been chosen to turn the lights on. She will take part in the Santa parade through Argyll Street before turning the lights on in Colchester Square.

Cathy, Santa and the Mid Argyll Pipe Band will march from the Church of Scotland, through Argyll Street at 6.45pm before the lights are turned on at 7pm.

The celebrations will begin with entertainment at 6pm with live music and carousels.

Loch Fyne Gallery open

ONE OF Mid Argyll's most loved art galleries is opening its doors this week to celebrate Christmas with friends and customers.

Loch Fyne Gallery in Tarbert is hosting a Christmas Evening on Thursday, December 8, urging art lovers and Christmas shoppers to enjoy a glass of wine whilst they browse. The event takes place between 6pm and 9pm.

Community Noticeboard

ROTARY CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE

(Formerly Scout Post)

Posting boxes in shops until Saturday December 17th

Caravan on Main Street, Campbeltown Saturday December 10th
Saturday December 17th.

Delivery December 18th onwards

Kintyre north to Tayinloan and Carradale

60p for 3 cards
Parcels - £1.50

KINTYRE MUSIC CLUB CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Lorne & Lowland Church Hall
Campbeltown
Tuesday 6th December 2011. 7.30 p.m.
All welcome
Admission £5.00

COFFEE MORNING & Usual Stalls
Templars Hall
Sat. 3rd December
10am - 12pm
In aid of Tarbert After School Care.

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society

'Baligrundle: The Life, Death and Rebirth of an Island Township'
an illustrated talk by Robert Hay
Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 7.30 p.m.
in Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
All welcome
(Non-members £2.50p at door)

Rotary Club of Mid Argyll
ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT
Saturday December 3rd at 7.30pm
in Lochgilphead Parish Church
The Carol Concert will take place after the Christmas Lights switch on.
Everyone welcome
There will be a collection in aid of Water Aid.

Highland Parish Church Christmas Lunches

Thur 8th, Fri 9th & Sat 10th December
In Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown
Lunches from 12pm - 2pm
Adults £3, Children £2
Baking Stall Saturday only.

RENT A STALL
Ardrishaig Public Hall
Sunday 4th December
1 - 3pm
Do your Christmas shopping here
Great bargains
Please confirm your stall by Friday night.

EXHIBITION OF FABRIC COLLAGE

by Julia Love Griffiths

Fri. 2nd - Thurs. 22nd December 2011

The Dochas Centre, Lochgilphead

30% of sales & all donations to be given to the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association
Weekdays 10am - 4pm & Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Sunday, 4th December - 7pm

The Salvation Army presents
An evening of traditional Christmas carol singing

Campbeltown Christmas Carol Service
Lorne and Lowland Church
Featuring local school choirs, Campbeltown Brass and participation by a cross section of the community (Offering will be uplifted to aid in the community services fund of The Salvation Army).

NHASMA

Friday 9th December 2011

Effects of the 23rd May storms in our forests and woodlands

TBA Forestry Commission
All meetings, unless otherwise stated are at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and commence at 7.30pm
Attendance free to members, visitors £1 per head
Any queries to membership Secretary Phil Holt on 01546 810205 or e-mail glasvaar@btinternet.com

British Red Cross
Christmas Coffee Morning
Saturday 3rd December 2011
10am - 12noon
Red Cross Centre, Union Street, Lochgilphead

Christ Church Night Market
6.30 - 8.30pm
Friday 9th December 2011
Bishopton House, Lochgilphead
Entry £3

Glenbarr Abbey Charitable Trust
CHRISTMAS OPEN DAYS
Sunday 4th & 11th December
12.30pm to 4pm
Gus MacAlister Band
Mairi Semple Cancer Fund
Soups, teas, home-baking
Christmas Gift Shop
Visit from Santa
Mrs MacAlister 01583 421247

Christmas Craft Fair
Kilmartin House Museum
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December
11am to 4pm
Local crafts
Children's activities
Lunches and refreshments
www.kilmartin.org for details

Ardrishaig Craft Club Annual sale of crafts and coffee morning
At North Church hall, Ardrishaig
Saturday 3rd December 2011
10am - 12noon
Admission £2 Children £1.50
All proceeds to chosen charities

Rotary Club's Christmas Fayre draws in the crowds



Rotary men Tom Kilcolm, Sandy Taylor and Karl Olivarius donned moustaches and goatees at the fayre in aid of Movember. 06_a48rotary06



Members of the 19th Argyll Scout Group sold rice from Malawi at the Christmas Fayre in a bid to raise money to fund education in the African country. Scouts: Rory Davidson, Lorne Barrie, Pierce Gritten, Cameron Kidd and James Urquhart. 06_a48rotary04

THERE was a stampede into Lochgilphead Community Centre last Saturday as families rushed to see Santa and escape the torrential rain.

Hordes of people queued outside the centre as the town's Christmas Fayre got underway.

The annual event, organised by the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll, saw Santa hand out some early Christmas presents to well-behaved children, whilst families enjoyed good food and games.

Youngsters took part in a host of fun games including bowling, higher or lower and hook the

duck, whilst adults searched desperately to find the key to unlock a bottle of whisky.

One of two key fundraising events on the rotary calendar, the Christmas Fayre raises money which the rotary club invests in local projects throughout the year.

Speaking at the event, Sandy Taylor said: 'This is a major fundraiser each year and we want to thank people who support us year in year out.' Explaining the majority of the community go along to the event, Sandy added, 'It is a great way of bringing people together'.



Lochgilphead's Euan Ferguson was delighted to meet Santa on Saturday. 06_a48rotary01



Councillor Donnie MacMillan enjoys a game of higher or lower with Karl Olivarius. 06_a48rotary07



Three-year-old Brodie was thrilled to receive an early present from Santa. He visited Santa with his older brother Aidan. 06_a48rotary03

Exhibition of S6 Art advanced higher work so far
Tuesday 6th December 2011 5 - 7pm
Lochgilphead Joint Campus
Refreshments will be served
All welcome

The friends of Craae present
a Carol Concert
The Corran Singers
Furnace Village Hall
Thursday 8th December 7.30pm
Seasonal punch and mince pies; raffle
Tickets £5 at the door
Children free if accompanied by an adult

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THE PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday 3 December for 5 days at 8pm (Not Monday)
Tower Heist (12A)
It's not just a robbery. It's payback. Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Casey Affleck and Matthew Broderick
Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years or over
First Monday Presentation Sponsored by West Coast Motors
Monday 5 December for 1 day only at 8pm
The Help (12A)
Change begins with a whisper. Emma Stone, Bryce Dallas Howard and Sissy Spacek
Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years or over
Coming Next
The Adventures Of TinTin: The Secret Of The Unicorn (PG)
Doors open thirty minutes before showing
Audio Reinforcement Available
All programmes subject to change without prior notice
Telephone Bookings 01586 553899
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Synopsis: Tower Heist Josh Kovaks has managed one of the most luxurious and well-secured residences in New York City for more than a decade. In the swankiest unit atop Josh's building, Wall Street titan Arthur Shaw is under house arrest after being caught stealing two billion from his investors. The hardest hit among those he defrauded? The tower staffers whose pensions he was entrusted to manage.
Synopsis: The Help Based on one of the most talked about books in years and a #1 New York Times best-selling phenomenon, "The Help" stars Emma Stone ("Easy A") as Skeeter, Academy Award®-nominated Viola Davis ("Doubt") as Aibileen and Octavia Spencer as Minny—three very different, extraordinary women in Mississippi during the 1960s, who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project that breaks societal rules and puts them all at risk. From their improbable alliance a remarkable sisterhood emerges, instilling all of them with the courage to transcend the lines that define them, and the realization that sometimes those lines are made to be crossed—even if it means bringing everyone in town face-to-face with the changing times.

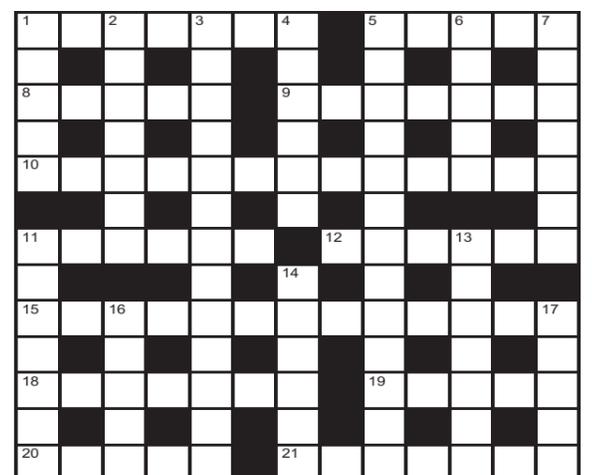
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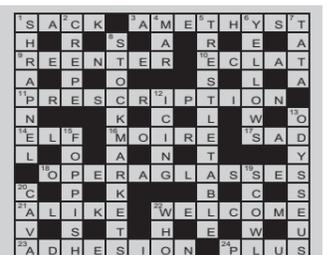
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- 20 Assniation (5)
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- 6 Cool Indian condiment (5)
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- 13 Paper fun (7)
- 14 Land on Lake Victoria (6)
- 16 Carelessly (5)
- 17 Final putt (5)



Last week's solution



Drive SAFE

this winter



DRIVING IN WINTER

Whenever possible avoid driving on snow or ice. However, if you really must make the journey

- tell someone where you are going and when you hope to arrive
- listen to news and weather broadcasts
- reduce your speed
- increase the gap between you and the vehicle in front
- Use dipped headlights when visibility is reduced
- avoid harsh braking and acceleration
- keep your vehicle well ventilated to avoid feeling drowsy
- if caught in a snowdrift remain in vehicle unless shelter is nearby - let help come to you. Do not run your engine to keep warm unless you are sure the exhaust can vent.

PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE

- have a full service before winter starts - have anti-freeze tested
- check tyres regularly - tread condition & inflation pressures
- check lights regularly - must be working and clean, consider fitting fog lights
- windscreen - keep clean and washer bottle filled with screenwash

Always carry emergency equipment during the winter months.

In the Boot: Tow rope, spare bulbs, spare fuel, shovel, spare wheel, jack & tools, hazard warning triangle

In the Car: de-icing can, first aid kit, torch, car blanket, wellington boots, phone, hi-vis jacket

SNOW CLEARING

During the winter period Argyll and Bute Council will endeavour to keep our roads and footways free of snow and ice. Trained operatives and managers from Development and Infrastructure Services will be on standby from the beginning of November until the middle of April.

This workforce can be backed up by an additional eighty operatives with further resources capable of being called upon when necessary. There are over 17,000 tonnes of rock salt, an increase of 70% over previous years, held in stores located around Argyll and Bute together with thirty three gritting and ploughing vehicles. Senior employees monitor weather reports which are regularly updated by the Weather Service Provider, Meteogroup UK and any relevant information on road and weather conditions is passed to Strathclyde Police and Traffic Scotland control rooms.

On Priority 1 routes gritting operations will normally be carried between 6am and 10pm but additional treatments will be made during the overnight period as required.

Priority 2 routes will also be treated between 6am and 5pm with additional reactive treatments as required until 10pm but overnight treatments will only be made when conditions are extreme.

Priority 3 School or Service Bus routes will be treated similar to Priority 2 but only in advance of scheduled journey days and times.

Priority 4 routes will normally only be treated during normal working hours as resources become available from other routes and only when hazards persist.

DRIVING IN WINTER ALWAYS INVOLVES THE RISK OF AN ICY ROAD SURFACE - EVEN AFTER GRITTING OR SNOW PLOUGHING YOU MUST TAKE GREAT CARE AT ALL TIMES - DRIVE SENSIBLY



ENSURE ALL ICE IS CLEARED FROM ALL GLASS BEFORE DRIVING, YOU WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE IF YOU DON'T.

Drive Safe is a Community Planning Partnership initiative

The coming of winter always brings bad news for motorists in Argyll and the west Highlands with traditionally some of the worst driving conditions experienced anywhere in the UK. It can hit us first and leave us last, meaning month after month of mounting misery on the roads with unpredictable traffic delays and unforeseen dangers lurking around every corner. Argyll and Bute Council's road safety department have offered seasonal advice on staying safe behind the wheel and how to be properly prepared for whatever hazards the winter ahead might have in store.

Driving in Fog

Fog is the most dangerous of all winter weather conditions for motorists – especially freezing fog which can make the road surface wet and slippery. Drive very slowly with dipped headlights. Use front and rear fog lamps if visibility is seriously impaired – generally when you cannot see for more than 100 metres (328 feet) – remembering to turn them off if visibility improves. Don't rely on the rear lights of the vehicle in front to lead the way. This can cause you to travel too close and not be able to stop in time if the vehicle in front brakes. Fog can be patchy, so don't speed up if it appears to clear as you could suddenly find yourself back in the thick of it!

Low winter sun

The angle of the sun during winter is often too low for your visor to be of any help. If you are temporarily blinded by glare, it would be advisable to put on a pair of polarised sunglasses. Make sure you keep your windscreen clean both

inside and out, to reduce the effects of glare.

Rain and flooding

Rain and spray from other vehicles can make it difficult to see and be seen so slow down and always drive with dipped headlights. If steering becomes unresponsive, this could be because water is preventing the tyres gripping the road. Ease off the accelerator and slow down gradually. Never attempt to drive through floodwater if you are unsure how deep it is, and don't drive through any kind of floodwater if a vehicle is coming the other way. Keep towards the middle of the road to avoid deeper water at the side of the road. Always test your brakes after driving through a flooded area as soon as you can be sure it is safe to do so by checking the traffic behind in your rear view mirrors.

TOP TIP

Keep well topped up on fuel during the winter months as you never know when you might get caught up in a traffic jam or unexpected weather conditions that could leave you stranded

PEUGEOT WINTER CHECKS

Bring in any make of car for a winter check for just £19.99.

Stay safe this Christmas and Don't Drink and Drive.

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Watch out for gritters and snowploughs



Take extra care when traveling behind winter maintenance vehicles.

Salting vehicles can travel at speeds up to 40mph, spraying salt and grit across the road. This can be a hazardous operation and remember ... it takes time for the road salt to take effect!

Watch out for the hazard of irregular amounts of snow thrown up by snowploughs. Avoid the temptation to overtake snowploughs by squeezing past into partially cleared lanes

Argyll and Bute Council have reserves of over 17,000 tonnes of rock salt, a 70 % increase on previous years, held in stores strategically located around Argyll and Bute together with thirty three gritting and ploughing vehicles.

High winds

Take extra care when driving over bridges or open stretches of road exposed to strong winds. Keep your distance from motorcycles and make sure there is always sufficient space for you to pass high sided vehicles as they could suddenly swerve or even topple over – better to be late than never arrive at all!

Winter driving in snow and ice

The first thing to do is ask yourself ... is this journey really necessary? Make sure you fully understand the hazards and risks of possible weather conditions you might meet along the way – especially ice, snow and fog – before you venture out. The Highway Code is a great source for valuable information on this and other key winter driving issues. To view online, go to www.direct.gov.uk then type 'winter driving' in the search box provided. Check the weather forecast for your intended route online (e.g. www.trafficscotland.org) together with broadcast weather updates and travel information on local and national radio.

Plan your journey so you can stick to major roads as these routes are more likely to have been treated for snow and ice. Allow extra time for your journey, and tell someone about your route and estimated time of arrival. Give your car time to fully defrost before your set off, and make sure the heater is blowing hot air to help keep the windscreen clear.

Take warm clothing, boots, a high visibility jacket, a torch and a map to help identify your location if you get into trouble unless, of course, you have a satellite navigation system in your car or a GPS facility on your mobile. Make sure your mobile phone is fully charged in case you have to call for help.

Always carry a scraper and a plentiful supply of de-icer. In snowy conditions, stash a shovel and a tow-rope in the boot. You should also consider taking a thermos flask with a hot drink or soup to warm you up if you find yourself stranded.

TOP TIP
Never use water to defrost your windscreen. Warm water can crack the glass and damage the rubber wipers, whereas cold water will quickly freeze over again

Cameron Auto Repairs

FINLAY Cameron is Loch Fyne born and bred and he has returned to the Royal Burgh and started up a new business.

A qualified specialist in his field, he has opened Cameron Auto Repairs at Upper Riochan, Inveraray, for all types of bodywork and paint spraying on cars, vans, and plant and commercial vehicles of all sizes.

A former pupil of Dunoon Grammar School, Finlay trained in Oban before going to work with Volvo and in their factories in both Holland and Sweden as a panel beater and paint sprayer. He then returned to work at a company in Oban before setting up his own business.

He has installed a state-of-the-art spray booth and oven at the premises.

The present economic outlook has not deterred him; far from it.

Business is good for bodywork repairers who are not tied to massive insurance company contracts.

'Customers who are now facing high insurance premiums and insurance excesses are thinking twice about claiming on their insurance; it now makes sound financial sense for motorists and plant companies to deal directly with specialists like myself,' said Finlay.

Finlay and partner Kirstie have two children and many people will know his mother Greta who was manager at the Loch Fyne Oyster restaurant.



Finlay Cameron in his new premises at Upper Riochan.

TOP TIP
If you get stuck in a snowdrift, try to manoeuvre yourself out by moving slowly backwards and forwards using the highest gear you can.

Don't drink and drive

ALCOHOL in the blood stream depresses the nervous system and as a result it slows down the body's reflexes. The more alcohol consumed, the more the depressant effect. This, however, is not the whole picture. Alcohol also affects a number of other abilities.

Firstly, it affects judgement, making a person's ability to judge speed, distance and angle, very distorted. This can be lethal in heavy or fast traffic where you must judge the speed and possible manoeuvres of other road users.

Secondly, there is its effect on co-ordination. It seriously impairs the actions of hands, arms, legs and eyes. Under the influence of alcohol, simply controlling the car accurately can become very difficult. Unfortunately, it also impairs the ability to realise these shortcomings so someone under the influence is never aware of their danger.

There is nothing you can consume that will alleviate the effect of alcohol until the body has processed it, so this Christmas, be sensible. Don't drink and drive!



Look after your car and it will look after you

Before winter bites, have your car professionally serviced so it can be checked for such things as antifreeze, tyre pressures and tread depth which should be at least 3mm for winter driving compared to the minimum legal limit of 1.6mm.

Have your battery tested to make sure it won't let you down with all the extra hard work it has to do during the winter months.

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Craignish draws up grassroots plan

AN ARGYLL community has drawn up a vision for their local area in a bid to influence decisions about housing, land and services.

Craignish Community Council hope their grassroots plan will be adopted by Argyll and Bute Council after it was handed in to officials last week.

After holding an open day and carrying out a survey of residents, housing came out as a top concern. Mary Smyth, secretary of the community council explained: 'The need to resolve the lack of affordable housing remains a key priority, and innovative ideas such as self-build, local letting initiatives, community ownership and forest crofts need to be explored.'

Other priorities include protecting existing services, such as the village school, bus service and shops; establishing a permanent population in the

holiday village of Craobh Haven; protecting the shoreline and providing more of the community's energy needs from local, renewable sources.

Community councillors have been working with Argyll and Bute's development policy manager Fergus Murray to produce the document, which may provide a model for other communities.

Mary added: 'Everybody involved in producing the Community Plan appreciates that this is just the beginning, and it is important that the plan is not put on a shelf to gather dust.'

The community is now waiting for a formal response from the council and hope their work will underpin any future plans and decisions for their area.

The full plan is available on the community council's website at www.craignishcommunitycouncil.org.uk.

Good turnout of blood donors

THE SCOTTISH National Blood Transfusion Service team came to Lochgilphead last week and there was a great turn out of donors to support the mobile donating team.

The transfusion service took over the Community Centre on Manse Brae for two sessions, from 2.30pm to 3.45pm and 5.15pm to 7.30pm.



Lynsey Whyte of Lochgilphead makes her 12th donation of blood with donor carer Moira Stewart. 06_a47blood02



Kenneth Johnston, Eric MacDonald and Michael Harvey, all of Lochgilphead, enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit and a chat with donor carer Garry Scott after donating blood. Kenneth has his bronze award and Eric his silver and bronze for 25 and 10 donations respectively. 06_a47blood01

Trust delight at Tarbert Castle progress

THE SECOND year of Tarbert Castle's £750,000 stone consolidation contract has now been completed.

The scaffold on the north side of the castle has been stripped, the floodlights have been switched on and ivy has been removed from the repaired and strengthened façade.

By this time next year the third and final stage of the contract will also be complete, together with the new Heritage Lottery Funded interpretation panels.

The panels, which will be mounted on recently built stone cairns on the site, are being prepared by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust with the help of Tarbert Academy pupils.

Volunteers continue to work to clear the site, with work parties on the first Saturday of each month throughout the

winter, weather permitting. Anyone in search of some fresh air and exercise is welcome to attend the sessions, which begin at 10am and last for one to two hours.

Robert McPhail, trust director, said that the trust is delighted with the progress and hopes that by next year, it will have achieved its aims to: clear the site, repair and save what remains of the ruins and improve public access to the scheduled monument.

Visitor surveys carried out again this year suggest that the number of people accessing the castle have doubled to some 5,000 on a conservative estimate.

It is believed the castle conservation has also provided a boost for other tourist attractions in the area such as the Kintyre Way, which starts at the castle.

Always looking to the future, the trust is also hopeful of developing the site further once the current works are completed.

For further information on Adopt a Monument visit www.scottisharchaeology.org.uk.

Nursery celebrates gaining second green flag

CHILDREN, staff and parents from Badden Farm Nursery are delighted to have been awarded their second Eco Green Flag.

The 'green' achievement comes after much hard work from everyone involved with the nursery. Jennifer Campbell, from the nursery, particularly wished to thank all the eco committee members for their continued enthusiasm and support, and offered a huge thank you to all the staff for their ongoing hard work in introducing the Forest Schools Initiative along side the Eco Project.



Families at Badden Farm Nursery wave their Eco Green Flag with pride.

Something for everyone at Kilmartin craft fayre

MID ARGYLL shoppers will have another opportunity to buy Christmas presents at Kilmartin Craft Fayre this weekend.

Stalls will include Kirsty Brady's glassware, Karen Henderson's hand made soaps,

Alice Strange's beautiful handcrafted wall hangings, Sue Hillman beanies, fused glass from Lucinda Hopkinson, Tara Coia's willow work, handcrafted felted goods, delicious chocolates from the

Oban Chocolate Company, pictures, cards and more.

Children

There will be activities for children too as Kilmartin House Museum will be offering workshops teaching children

how to decorate glass jars with medieval style painting to make festive decorations.

The sessions will run from 2pm onwards. The fayre will run from 11am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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KILMARTIN

Glen back in TV spotlight

THE FAMOUS Kilmartin Glen will once again feature on TV screens this month as explorer and TV personality Paul Murton tours his homeland of Argyll.

The Dunoon-born travel expert will visit the Mid Argyll village as part of the BBC's Grand Tours Series.

Speaking ahead of his adventure that saw him visit Kilmartin, Loch Awe, Inveraray, Loch Eck and Islay, Paul said: 'I've always said that if you want to experience the real Scotland – the spiritual heart of Scotland, then you have to come here to Argyll – and even on a grey day, it has a magic all of its own. But then I would say that. It's where I grew up!'

In his 'Grand Tour', Paul explores Argyll, following a network of now-forgotten steamer routes from loch to loch. But as the steamers left the lochs years ago,

Paul has had to resort to an alternative waterborne conveyance and is – literally – 'paddling his own canoe' – a beautiful replica that recaptures the spirit of an original Rob Roy canoe from the 1890s.

Kilmartin folk can catch a glimpse of their historic village on Wednesday night, December 7, on BBC one Scotland at 8.30pm.

Youth club boosts charity

MEMBERS of Kilmartin Youth Club have raised £62 for Children in Need.

Six boys from the youth club made 'Smartie' cookies and sold them around the village during the Children In Need celebrations.

Looking very much like the spotted bandage on Pudsey's head the cookies were still warm when they were delivered door-to-door. The asking price was 50p each but due to the generosity of villagers they raised a total of £62.50.



Francis met Peter Andre after the star performed at East Kilbride Shopping Centre.

Family's delight as star singer Peter joins birthday treat

A DAYTRIP to an East Kilbride Shopping Centre turned into a celebrity encounter for one Lochgilphead family.

Bernie Redman and her son Francis went to East Kilbride Shopping Centre to see the Christmas lights turned on, only to meet Peter Andre.

The pair travelled to the event to see Britain's Got Talent Star Edward Reid perform his charity single in aid of Scots

charity Aberlour, which helps care for disabled children.

Following Edward and Peter's performance, the Auzzie singer left the stage and went to meet children in wheelchairs, which included Francis.

'He seemed to make a beeline for Francis, who has special needs, Bernie said. 'He had a few minutes for photographs and he was very nice. He asked Francis

his name and spoke for a few minutes; he had plenty of time for people. It made my day.'

Describing it as a great day out for both herself and Lochgilphead High School pupil Francis, Bernie said it had been a special treat for his 15th birthday.

Proving to be a day to remember, Bernie said: 'He was clapping away to the music; I could tell he loved it.'



Paul Murton paddling his own canoe.

Loch Fyne Oyster bar installs electric car charge point

THE WEST coast will be within reach of electric car drivers thanks to a new charging point on a major route.

Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, in Cairndow on A83, has put in the plug, allowing diners to charge up for free while they enjoy a meal.

John Meaney, facilities

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manager, said it showed the firm's commitment to the environment. It is only the second charging point in Argyll, after one was installed in Ford, Mid Argyll, earlier this year.

Adrian Loening, from Carbon Trade Ltd based

in Edinburgh has already used the service.

He said: 'I travelled up to Argyll in my Nissan Leaf electric car and Loch Fyne Oysters were kind enough to provide charging. With the addition of this permanent facility this journey becomes a practical reality.'

ARDRISHAIG

Fine warning to dog owners

DOG OWNERS in Ardrishaig are being reminded that they face a hefty fine if they fail to pick up their animals' dirt.

The warning comes after an increase in complaints about dog fouling in the area – in particular on the grassy area next to Ardrishaig's waterfront car parks.

Councillor Bruce Marshall, Argyll and Bute's environment spokesman

reminded people that it is illegal to allow your dog to foul in a public area and not dispose of it properly.

'Leaving your dog's mess behind you shows a total disregard for other people using the area and poses a health risk to the public especially in areas where children play,' Councillor Walsh said. 'Irresponsible dog owners should be in no doubt that they will be fined if they are caught breaking the law. In fact, one such owner was fined just last Thursday for allowing his dog to foul in Ardrishaig.'

The council said dog wardens will be stepping up patrols in Mid Argyll, as the colder weather and dark evenings seem to increase the occurrence of people not picking up after their dogs.

Dog owners can be fined £40 on the spot if they fail to deal with their dog's mess.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Christmas celebrations

LOCHGILPHEAD folk can enjoy an entire day of Christmas celebrations tomorrow, Saturday.

The festivities begin with a coffee morning, when people can escape the cold and retreat to the Red Cross Centre for a warm cuppa and some homebaking.

In the evening there will be fun for all the family as the town's Christmas Lights are turned on.

Santa will parade

through the street, accompanied by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band before meeting children in Colchester Square, where bands will perform live music from 6pm.

There will again be a haven of warmth and comfort in the evening as both Artlines and Lochgilphead Parish Church open their doors for more festive cheer.

The church will be hosting a special carol service, featuring local choirs and school children, whilst Artlines will be serving mulled wine and mince pies to friends and customers.

LOCHGOILHEAD

Lodges win top award

AN ARGYLL holiday park has won a national award from its parent company.

Lochgoilhead Lodges is one of 470 Hosesasons centres and won the Relax and Explore award in Scotland.

Owner Alan Campbell said: 'This award recognises the effort and

hard work put in by every member of the team.'

The Lochgoilhead park was also praised by Geoff Cowley, managing director of The Hosesasons Group. He said the award 'means Lochgoilhead Lodges is one of the UK's most popular and successful locations in our portfolio.'

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Green light for homes

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Farmers meet politicians over EID scheme



Each year around 660 farm inspections are carried out. With over half of this year's inspections complete, 90 per cent of sheep farms have passed without penalty.

Rules still too complex to be practical

KEY farming industry representatives will meet Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead next week to discuss the electronic identification of sheep.

The meeting on Wednesday, December 7, will consider lessons to be learned from this year's implementation of electronic identification (EID) and cross-compliance, with a view to gathering evidence from a Scottish perspective to feed into any future review.

This would ensure that data from the ScotEID pilot, farmers' experiences and views on practicalities and evidence from cross-compliance inspections are reflected when either the cross compliance or the sheep EID regulations are put forward for renegotiation.

Mr Lochhead will also reassure the meeting that the Scottish Government will continue to implement cross compliance penalties in a proportionate manner.

He told the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'We have always acknowledged that the EID rules were more complex than we - or farmers - would like. That's why we worked tirelessly in Europe to ensure we achieved a workable solution which took into account Scotland's unique circumstances.'

'We achieved concessions that delayed implementation dates and an agreement on the use of critical control points (CCPs), without which farmers would have to read and record tags themselves.'

'We did secure valuable flexibility which recognised that 100 per cent read rates of sheep tags was simply not achievable every time - this is why inspectors will accept read rates that are close to the national average or where only one or two missed reads have occurred in a smaller batch.'

'In addition all moves off the farm have been removed from the cross compliance regime

leaving farmers to concentrate on the relatively few batches of fully double tagged breeding sheep which they have bought. Because we can use CCPs the vast majority of batches that keepers buy-in have been read at 100 per cent and there is no need for farmers to check them.'

'So, the evidence is that this appears to be paying off, with 90 per cent of those sheep farmers who have already been inspected passing without penalties. Of the 20,000 farmers who are about to receive their single farm payments, the number who will receive sheep cross compliance penalties is not expected to exceed double figures.'

'I have asked officials to ensure that we are taking a proportionate approach - all breaches will be reviewed when all inspections are complete to investigate whether penalties have been applied proportionately. But, in the meantime, our approach ensures that farmers who are penalised will receive at least 95 per cent of their single farm payment as quickly as possible, which is an important message'

'However, I believe now is the right time to gather evidence and information on how EID is working and what useful lessons can be learned.'

'As part of this work I have asked the EPIC Centre of Expertise in Animal Disease Outbreaks to analyse sheep EID movement data with a view to moving towards a risk based approach to cross-compliance penalties.'

'I hope this meeting will allow us to reach a consensus about the range of evidence that Scotland can offer any future review, ensuring we are well placed to influence decision makers.'

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Claimants will be able to view payment information online, up to seven days in advance of it going into their bank accounts.

Scottish Beef Calf Scheme claimants will be able to view their payments online from next year and it will be rolled out to all schemes in the near future.

Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'We will start to pay Single Farm Payment scheme claims - which I know are so important for farmers - this week and 70 per cent of payments will be made within the first 15 days.'



Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead

'And claimants who register online will be able to view their payment information up to a week in advance of the cash hitting their accounts.'

'Signing up for Rural Payments Online also allows claimants to ap-

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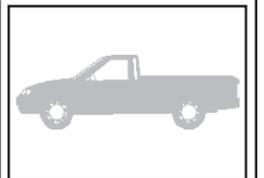


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PERSONALS

The Christmas Lights Group would very much like to thank everyone who took part, donated to, and helped with the switch-on ceremony. They are too numerous to mention, but are very much appreciated. A huge thank you to the thousands of people who lined the streets to support us and who made the night such fun!

Special thanks to Marjorie and Marie for the past 14 years. If it wasn't for them there would be no Christmas Lights. They are passing the reins onto the new committee but I'm sure we'll be calling on them for help at times!!

Thank you to my friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and good wishes received on my eightieth birthday. Special thanks to Isobel and Janette and to the O'May family at home and away, through great sadness made it a day to remember.

Aunt Jenny

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY AL



LOVE PAULA & AIDEN WILLIAM

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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
11/02084/MIN	Application for extension and continuation of operations at existing hard rock quarry.	Corran Farm Quarry Clachan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XN	Sub Post Office Tarbert
11/02279/PP	Erection of dwelling house and installation of septic tank (renewal of planning permission 07/00264/DET)	Land North of Ferry Farm Tayinloan Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
11/02280/PP	Change of use from Ambulance depot to Class 6 (Storage or Distribution).	Former Ambulance Station Manse Brae Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8LE	Mid Argyll Area Office,
11/02331/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and formation of new access.	Land North West of Woodbank Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
11/02177/LIB	External and internal alterations	Former Council Offices Dell Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JQ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. 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.

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS, 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the Audited Financial Statements of Argyll and Bute Council for the year to 31st March 2011 together with the Audit Certificate, is available for public inspection during ordinary business hours at the undernoted main offices and libraries of the Council.

The annual accounts can also be viewed on the Argyll & Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Copies of the Financial Statements will be available to any interested persons on application to the Head of Strategic Finance, Argyll & Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Colville will NOT be holding surgeries during the month of December. Councillor Colville can be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by email - rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391/07977327751 or by email donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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

Councillor Semple can be contacted on Tel: 01586 555 765 or by email - john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor MacMillan can be contacted on Tel: 07979 086093 or an appointment can be made by phoning Members Services on Tel: 01546 604209. Councillor MacMillan can also be contacted by email - donald.macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Alison Hay (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Hay can be contacted on Tel: 01546 604209 or by email - alison.hay@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Douglas Philand (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

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Councillor Currie can be contacted by email - robin.currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone - 07795 222 849

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Councillor Horn can be contacted by email - anne.horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone - 01880 820496

HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED)

THE CAMPBELTOWN HARBOUR REVISION ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Campbeltown Harbour Revision Order 2011 was made by the Scottish Ministers on 24 November 2011 and came into force on 25 November 2011.

Any person who desires to question the making of the Order on the ground that there was no power to make the Order or that a requirement of the Harbours Act 1964 was not complied with in relation to the Order, may within six weeks from the date on which the Order became operative make an application for that purpose to the Court of Session.

A copy of the Order, together with the deposited plan and sections referred to therein, may be inspected between the hours of 9am and 5pm at:

- The Offices of the Scottish Government, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ;
- The Harbour Master's Office, Old Quay, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6EF; and
- The Offices of the Council at Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT.

Dated this 2nd day of Dec 2011.

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Area Committee for Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands will be held in Town Hall, Campbeltown on Wednesday 7th December 2011 at 10.30a.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will be invited to have informal discussions with members and officers at the end of the meeting.

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

Lochgilphead Community Council

AGM

Monday 12th December

2011

7.30pm

Community Centre, Lochgilphead

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Email: violet.mcdougall@meridiansalmon.com

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If you are interested in either of the above posts please contact Human Resources on 01631 559000 or email recruitment@sams.ac.uk

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Full information of this position, job description and application form are available on our website. Please visit www.hostellingscotland.com and forward your application form, noting your current salary/salary expectation, with covering letter to Argyll Group Manager, Corran Esplanade, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5AF or argyllgroupmanager@syha.org.uk. Closing date is 12/Dec/11.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God ...' (James 1:5).

BIRTHS

GRAHAM - Ann **MCLELLAN** - Ann Graham is delighted to announce the birth of her gorgeous granddaughter, Layla, to Pauline and partner, Robert. Proud, blessed Grandma.

HOUSTON - Walter and Maureen Bell are delighted to announce the birth of their third grandchild, Isla Belle, to Mark and Hilary, on November 23, 2011 at Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Thanks to all staff at SGH for special care.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

ANDERSON - BRODIE - At Lorne Street Church, Campbeltown on December 1, 1961, by the Rev Hood, Alasdair to Janice.

DEATHS

CRAIG - Peacefully at her home, 3 Baddens Park, Lochgilphead, on November 24, 2011, Eileen Margaret Craig, née Turnbull, aged 76 years, eldest daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Turnbull, loving mother of Maureen and Allan; adored gran of Emma, Donald, Rory, Craig, Calum and Alasdair and much loved sister of Ian, Fiona and Jeanette. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral Service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

GEMMELL - Peacefully at home, 23 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on November 26, 2011, Mary Anderson, in her 84th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Jack Gemmell, much loved mother of Jimmy and Moira, loving mother-in-law and a much loved and loving grandmother and great grandmother.

MACMILLAN - Janet (née King). Peacefully at Lizdean Nursing Home, Kilmarnock on November 25, 2011, Netta (formerly of Tarbert, Loch Fyne), in her 90th year, beloved wife of the late Hector MacMillan, dear mother to Anne and Robbie, grandmother to Katie and Kirsty and great grandmother to Lewis and Farrah.

THOMSON - Peacefully at North Tyneside Hospital, Newcastle, on November 22, 2011, William (Billy) Thomson, aged 58 years. Will be missed by his children, Debbie, Julie, Laura and Billy. Service and cremation was held on December 1.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

MACDONALD - Betty and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and

telephone calls after the sad loss of James. Thanks also to Dr Anderson and staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service, Matthew Ramsay RNMSDF for the eulogy, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements and also Seafeld Hotel for catering. Finally thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiring collection raised £947.34 for The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Thank you all.

MCPHAIL - The family of the late Annie McPhail would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all their expressions of sympathy, visits, flowers, cards and support during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Norrie and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital Acute Ward, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their kind and efficient handling of all the funeral arrangements, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and the Argyll Hotel for an excellent purvey. Finally thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The collection made £474 for the Acute Ward.

RALSTON - The family of the late Thomas Millar Ralston would like to express their sincere thanks to all who sent cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy. Thanks to all the staff of Ward 1, Southern General Hospital for excellent care and to Rev Philip Burroughs for comforting service. Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient arrangements, the Argyll Hotel for catering and to all who paid their respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection in aid of Lorne and Lowland Church amounted to £1298.

WOODIER - The family of the late Mrs Joyse Woodier wish to express their thanks to the doctors and nursing staff who attended Mother during her stay in the Acute Ward of Campbeltown Hospital. Also to the ICT and District Nurses who diligently and caringly attended her when she returned home to "Tom Dhu". Thanks to all those friends and acquaintances of Mother who had known her over the past forty years, for their cards and warm messages of sympathy. Special thanks to David McEwan for his very comforting and wonderful service at "Tom Dhu" and the committal at Kilkerran. Also to Alasdair Blair and Son for their sensitivities with the funeral arrangements. Thanks to all.

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IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007.

Always in our thoughts Sadly missed. - Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

CURRAN - Jean, passed away December 2, 2006. Sadly missed but never forgotten.

Always in our thoughts - Francis, Sean, Michelle and the late Patrick.

- Grandsons, Lewis, George and Jamie.

- Daughter-in-law, Mina.

JOHNSON - In loving memory of Elizabeth Williamson, a dear daughter, sister, mum and gran, died December 6, 2001.

Always in our thoughts.

MARTIN - Treasured memories of Marion (Stewart), died December 2, 1997. Always in our thoughts.

- Mum and family, at home and away.

MARTIN - Precious memories of a special mum and granny, Marion, died December 2, 1997.

Love and miss always.

- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

MCDUGALL - In loving memory of my dear brother James (Jimmy Quinn), died December 2, 2010.

Always remembered.

- Mhairi.

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.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services 4 December - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church (Furnace) at 10 am (Louis Bezuidenthout) Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 11.30 am (Louis Bezuidenthout)

Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am (Margaret Sinclair) Sunday Club

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002 Sunday 4 December Inverlussa Church 10 am Morning Worship Rev. Cliff Acklam

All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 SC001002

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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 4th Dec Advent 2

"What Shall I Cry" (Isaiah Ch40 v6)

Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm (including communion)

Saturday 3rd Dec Ardrishaig Craft Club's Annual Sale and Coffee Morning North Church Hall 10:00 till 12noon

Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4th December 2011 Glassary 11.30am Rev Cliff Acklam All welcome SC002121

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on Friday 2nd December at 7.30pm

in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown Panel Night - "Any questions".

Musical items Tea/coffee served after meeting Everyone welcome.



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2011

11.00 am Worship Service, followed by Christmas Lunch

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

10.00-12.00 Coffee and Crafts

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

7.30 pm Meeting of The Guild, in the Church

Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome

Further information (01546) 606218 www.lpchurch.co.uk

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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

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Sunday 4 December 2011 11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean "A new dimension of prayer"

Thursday 8 December 2011 7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4th December 2011 Tarbert Church 11.30am Sunday School 11.20am Rev Tommy Bryson

Guild meets Monday 5th December

Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre 2.30pm

School Musical Evening Tuesday 6th December 7pm

Tarbert Church For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012

Everyone very welcome SC002622

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

George Street Campbeltown

Sunday 4th December 12.45pm

Communion Service Rev Chris MacRae

All Welcome Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday, 4th December Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.

(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)

Mr William Crossan Town Carol Service - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, 5th December The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 6th December Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 8th December Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 9th December Lunch Club Christmas Lunch - 12:00 noon.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services 10.30am

Morning Worship 5.45pm Prayer Meeting

6.30pm Evening Worship 7.00pm Town Carol Service

- Lorne and Lowland Church

Tuesday 12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club

1.30pm Adult Home League

Thursday 11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café

New to you Stall 7.00pm Bible Study

Major Dolores Thomson

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown Sunday 4th December 2011

10.00am Breaking of Bread

Mr Ian Clark 10.50am Coffee

11.15am Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche

Mr John Wright 7.00 Youth Group

Wednesday 7th December 10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group

7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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Highland Parish Church



SC002493 Sunday 4th December 2011

11.15am Morning Worship with Thanksgiving and Blessing

FunDay Club(3yrs - P5): Kirk St Hall

JaM (P6 +): Church Tea following service 7.00pm

Town Carol Service - Lorne & Lowland Church

Tuesday 6th December Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall

6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5 7.30pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7

Wednesday 7th December 7.15pm

Bible Studies for Advent: 3 Manse

Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th December

12 Noon - 2.00pm Christmas Lunches in Kirk St Hall

Rev Michael J Lind

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St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown

Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 4th December 2011

The Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Prayer

11.30am Annual Meeting

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All Welcome

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Sunday 4th December 2011

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Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 4, 8 and 14. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £700 next week

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THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 1, 2 and 19 drawn. The jackpot will be £800 next week.

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THE JACKPOT for next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery is £200 after a second week passed with no winner. The numbers this week were 1, 14, and 18.

Entries flood in for Mull of Kintyre event

ON MONDAY there were fewer than 50 spaces left for next year's Mull of Kintyre Run.

Entries have been coming in fast and furiously for the 10k and half marathon races on June 3, 2012.

The entries, via Runners World, opened just over a month ago and have disappeared in record time. As usual there will be no reserve list.

The event has grown year on year and as usual the pre-race pasta party and post race ceilidh will go ahead as well as other events for children over the course of the weekend.

A number of runners have travelled down to Campbeltown for the event over the last few years with some great times returned.

For more information visit www.mokrun.com.

Date set for next year's Crinan Puffer race

THE date for next year's Crinan Puffer 8.5-mile race has been set as Sunday April 29.

There are 175 places and entries will open around Christmas.

The race involves an 8.5-mile flat run along the banks of the Crinan Canal from Ardrishaig to Crinan. Every year runners from Kintyre travel up to take part with good results.

Inveraray player in spotlight as new show looks at sport of shinty



Inveraray's David MacPherson stars in new shinty programme.

A NEW shinty series graced our screens last night giving shinty fans exclusive access to the stars of the sport such as Inveraray's David MacPherson.

The six-part series, broadcast on BBC ALBA, introduces shinty's most dedicated characters and engaging personalities, all of whom invoke a determination to unite and succeed.

Last night's episode introduced David, highlighting the player's battle with testicular cancer. The programme traced David's battle with the disease, explaining that he was diagnosed with testicular cancer when he visited a doctor after sustaining a groin injury during a shinty match.

Following his diag-

nosis, support from David's family and the shinty community was pivotal in getting the fitness instructor back to good health, and in the third episode David MacPherson's dad speaks candidly about his son's illness.

Marathon

In the final show, episode six, the cameras follow David as he runs a marathon to raise funds for Friends of the Beatson Charity.

The Glasgow Mid Argyll team also gets a mention in the series, appearing in the fifth episode.

The show highlights the success of the club, which is thriving thanks to the youths coming up through the ranks in Milngavie and Bearsden.

Manager George Hay believes it's probably the healthiest state it's been in, certainly since his involvement in shinty, with six potential teams in the Glasgow/Lanarkshire area that could feed into Mid Argyll.

Other shinty players featured in the series include Fort William's Niall McPhee and Duncan Rodger, Eddie Tembo, a key player with Glen Urquhart and cousins Thomas and Ryan Borthwick, who play for Kingussie.

The six half-hour programmes, which provide a fascinating insight into the captivating Scottish shinty network, will be shown on consecutive Thursdays, with the final show airing on January 5.

Bruce's birdie blitz at Tarbert club's winter league

THE WEATHER took its toll on week five of the winter league at Tarbert Golf Club with no golf being played on Saturday.

It was going to take more than windy conditions to stop the hardy Sunday crew from teeing it up however and straight from the get go Pele was hot carding birdies on one and two.

He wasn't finished there either, the putter got hot again on holes six and eight making it four birdies in eight holes that was some

great golfing considering the conditions.

Total for his round was 22 points. In a post match interview he admitted the other holes were a bit of a mixed bag.

Second was Jackie, straight down the middle, Cupples who signed for 15 points. There were no magic twos.

Result: 1 Bruce MacLean 22 points, 2 Jackie Cupples 15 points.

The winter outing to the dunes was cancelled and now will be rescheduled for early next year.

Sinclair watches his back as Hardman attacks

ROSS Sinclair won again this week but he is feeling the heat from the most unlikely of sources.

Lee Hardman has won enough plastic mats of shame to cover a small country but out of the blue he has discovered his golfing mojo and with 37 points he very nearly beat old grumpy drawers. If he can sustain this form he could yet be a contender.

Donald Carmichael is a riddle inside an enigma wearing a lumberjack shirt, a daft woolly hat and gaiters but as he is in second place in the league he does not care.

David Innes works with water and has such a fluid golf swing that he is able to tap into the necessary reservoir of skill to cope with the

Frontman feels the heat from an unlikely source

damp conditions. Dave Pearson has been to the same self help guru as Keith and is full of confidence. I hope that this lasts as the frozen conditions which are yet to come will test him to the maximum. David Sinclair is keeping count of the number of times that Ross has changed the rules and the length of the course and, after only seven weeks, he is onto the second page of his notepad.

Keith Cowan has won the Knockout cup for the last two years and is going for the hat trick.

He beat Alec MacAulay today and that is never easy. Alec did have the conciliation of a free

guided tour of Barcelona, as described by Keith, during his round which must have been nice!

Neil Russell was not in the mood today as he is practising being grumpy in preparation for his

match with Ross. He found that his ear plugs were ineffective against Donald and he will have to up the quality before he plays Ross.

Results: 10. R Sinclair; 9. D Carmichael; 8. L Hardman; 7. D Innes; 6. D Pearson; 5. D Sinclair; 4. A MacAulay; 3. N Russell; 2. K Cowan; 1. R Flanagan.

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